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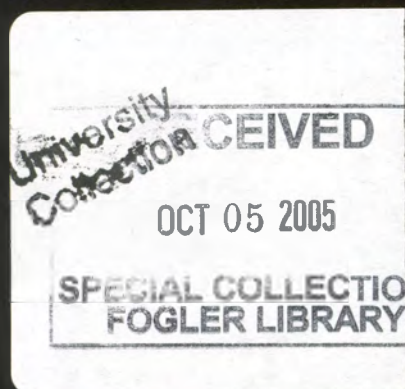
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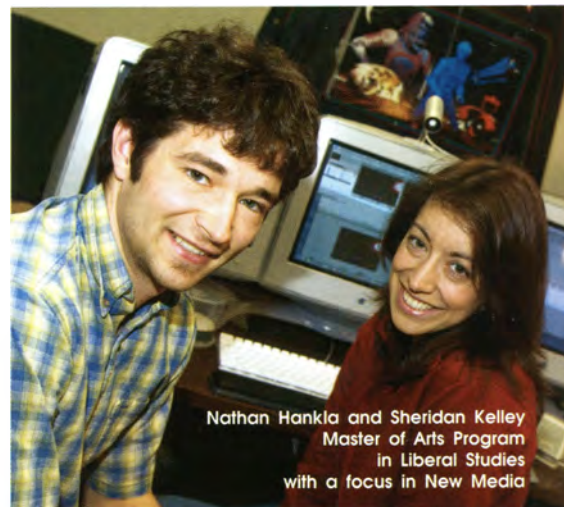
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"There are wonderful labs at UMaine where you can do a lot of research and testing. The faculty are focused on making a difference."

—Carmen Cherry



Carmen Cherry
PhD Candidate
Civil and
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Engineering

Carmen Cherry graduated from Stanford and received a master's from Columbia University in 2000. Before coming to UMaine, she worked for a New York engineering firm developing specifications for the renovation of Penn Station. She has returned to her home state to get a Ph.D., doing research in UMaine's Advanced Engineered Wood Composites (AEWC) Center.

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Cover Photograph: Producer Lawrence Bender '79 holding the Stanley Kramer Award for *Innocent Voices* at the annual Producers Guild Awards in California on January 22, 2005. Copyright: 2005 Getty Images.

University Helps Katrina Victims

The University of Maine moved quickly in September to be part of the effort to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Just days after it became clear that New Orleans and other Gulf Coast areas would be out of commission for some time, the University of Maine System announced a plan to open its doors to college students from the area. That plan allowed students to enroll as visiting students. At the end of the first week of September, several dislocated students had enrolled at UMaine.

The university has also set up collection points where employees, students, and visitors can make cash contributions to the hurricane relief effort. In addition, UMaine athletes collected donations at a UMaine football game and other student groups organized fundraising efforts.

Maine Campus Earns Honors

The *Maine Campus*, UMaine's student newspaper, collected a first place and two second place awards in a regional collegiate competition last spring.

The first place award was for the best nondaily newspaper. The second place awards were for stories by Rick Redmond ("Bumstock Security Investigation") and by writers Tracy Collins, Jackie Farwell, Redmond, and Matt Shaer ("Race and Diversity at UMaine").

UMaine's Entering Class Largest in 15 Years

On a beautiful early September day, the Class of 2009 was warmly welcomed to campus by some 200 University of Maine faculty and staff. As part of the Maine Hello program, the university community greeted new students and their parents at the entrances and even helped them move into their dormitories.

With the largest class of first-year students in 15 years, that meant a lot of unpacking. The Class of 2009 numbers 1,823 students, about three percent more than last year. The increase is attributable to a 20 percent increase in out-of-state students. With the increase, residence halls are at capacity.

And there was also a very slight increase in



UMaine president Robert Kennedy and Bananas help new students move into Somerset Hall.

the academic level of the new students, with the average SAT score at 1,084, or one percent higher than the Class of 2008.

The overall UMaine student population remained constant at about 11,400 students.

Danny Williams is 2005 Hartgen Award Recipient

Danny Williams '91, '94G, a familiar face on the University of Maine campus and to the greater Bangor arts community, is the recipient of the 2005 Vincent A. Hartgen Award. The award is presented annually by the Patrons of the Arts to individuals who distinguish themselves in advancing the community of the arts on campus.

Williams, a Bangor native, is currently director of annual and reunion giving at the UMaine Alumni Association. He also generously contributes his many performing skills at events around campus.

Danny is an original member of the advisory board of the Maine Center for the Arts. He has directed several UMaine performing arts productions and was a founder of the Black Bear Men's Chorus. He also directs The Landlords, a men's glee club, and sings with the St. John's Chamber Choir. As a student, Williams helped reestablish the Maine Steiners.



\$6.2 Million for Wood Composite Research

Increased opportunities for Maine businesses, as well as for UMaine students and faculty, will result from a \$6.2 million U.S. Army research program at the UMaine Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center (AEWC).

The research focus will be on studies of high strength structures for military applications, including advanced materials, tent protective structures, airbeams, inflatable structures, rapidly deployable bridges, and ballistic modular building components. AEWC researchers will work with the Army's Natick Soldier Center and the Corps of Engineers.

Exciting Season Underway at the MCA

The Maine Center for the Arts kicked off its 2005/2006 season in grand style on September 24 with a gala that featured the great Bill Cosby. If you weren't able to make it to one of Cosby's two performances, the MCA has plenty of exciting events ahead that should stir your interest.

On Sunday, October 9, the smash Broadway hit musical *Jekyll & Hyde* will come to Orono in the form of a concert with accompaniment from the Bangor Symphony Orchestra.

Then on Friday, November 4, the Grammy Award-winning a cappella vocal group Sweet Honey in the Rock will bring their voices of hope, love, justice, and inspiration to the MCA stage.

John Mayall, the "Godfather of Brit-



The a cappella group Sweet Honey in the Rock will appear at the MCA on November 4.

ish Blues," will appear on November 15. He will be followed by a frequent visitor to the UMaine campus, Arlo Guthrie, on November 18.

For classical music fans, one of the supreme chamber ensembles in the world, the Tokyo String Quartet, will perform on September 25. And, among the numerous other classical performances scheduled,

the Canadian Brass will return to the MCA on February 26.

There are also several Broadway shows, Shakespeare, jazz, acrobatics, dance, and even a performance by the Beach Boys.

For ticket information on all MCA events call (207) 581-1755 or log on to: MaineCenterfortheArts.org.

John D. Buckley '49 Recognized for Career Achievement

Engineer John D. Buckley '49 was this year's recipient of the prestigious Alumni Career Award during a Reunion 2005 ceremony in early June. The award is presented once a year to a University of Maine graduate whose life's work is marked by outstanding achievement and dedication.

Buckley first entered the university in 1941 with the Class of 1945, but left to serve the country after the United States entered World War II. After serving four years in Europe, he returned to campus and completed his engineering degree in 1949. Buckley then went on to Harvard where he earned a master's degree in engineering.

Some years later, in the early 1960s, Buckley became one of the founders of Post, Buckley, Mooney, & Schuh. (In 1970 the name was changed to PBS&J.) The firm was created when these four engineers collaborated on the develop-



Alumni association interim president Donna Keirstead Thornton '78, '79G presents the Alumni Career Award clock to John Buckley.

ment of Miami Lakes, Florida's first planned community. From that pioneering effort, PBS&J grew into one of the largest privately owned engineering firms in the country, with 60 branches in 16 states and offices in Argentina and Venezuela. All together, PBS&J now employs 3,600 people and ranks 21st overall in *Engineering News-Record's* list of the top 500 engineering firms.

An employee-owned company, it also ranks as one of the ten best engineering firms to work for.

During Buckley's time as chairman of PBS&J, the firm was involved in numerous major projects, including the Port of Miami's cruise ship facility, the Florida Turnpike, and the innovative wastewater

treatment facility in Orlando.

In addition to serving as PBS&J chairman, Buckley has held leadership roles in virtually every major engineering society.

Interim AD Oversees Black Bear Coaching Changes

Blake James didn't have a whole lot of time to ease into his job as University of Maine interim athletic director. After starting the position in early May, he immediately took over the searches for new Black Bear baseball (page 12) and softball (page 7) coaches.

James, who previously served as UMaine's senior associate athletic director, took over the AD responsibilities from Patrick Nero, who moved on to the job of commissioner of America East Conference. Nero is credited with having a big impact on Black Bear athletics in his brief two years in the AD position.

James came to the university in October 2003 from Providence College where he worked in athletic development. Prior to that he was in corporate sales at the University of Miami.

James earned a bachelor's degree from Minnesota State University and also has a master's degree from St. Thomas University in Miami. He currently lives in Veazie with his wife, Kelly, and their two children.



Hauck Auditorium Gets a Facelift

After 43 years of service, Hauck Auditorium has received a much-needed facelift.

Built in 1962, the auditorium was one of the state's premier auditoriums—the place that university and community music and theater groups called home. It also served as a site for lectures, ceremonies, and movies.

When Hauck opened, it had 600 plush seats and a deep red stage curtain. But more than four decades of steady use took its toll. At the end of the last academic year, Hauck had only 510 usable seats and the overall appearance was run-down.

Following this summer's renovations, Hauck now has new ergonomically designed seats, new carpeting, and new paint inside and out. There is also a new cobalt blue stage curtain.

Organic Dairy Research Gets Boost

University of Maine researchers have received an \$829,000 four-year grant to develop ways to reduce costs and increase the quality of feed for organic dairy farms.

The grant is part of a new emphasis on organic dairy research that UMaine is pursuing in conjunction with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), the University of New Hampshire, and the Maine Organic Milk Producers (MOMP).

Ornament Will Benefit Service Organizations

The third annual UMaine bookstore commemorative ornament, to be unveiled in October, will once again benefit a university organization that exemplifies the spirit of the holiday season.

The proceeds from this year's ornament sales will go to two student service organizations, Alpha Phi Omega and Gamma Sigma Sigma.

The bookstore ornament designs change every year. Last year's ornament celebrated the design of the Fogler Library.

You can order the ornament by either calling the bookstore at 888-863-4438 or by logging on to the bookstore's web site: bookstore.umaine.edu.

Ansel Adams Celebrated at UMMA

In December 1955, University of Maine Museum of Art founder, Vincent Hartgen had the vision to exhibit the works of Ansel Adams—long before Adams became one of America's most admired and respected photographers.

Now, 50 years later, the museum is again presenting Adams' photographs to the public. Ansel Adams: Celebration of Genius is on exhibit at the UMMA gallery at Norumbega Hall in Bangor until October 8. The exhibition consists of over 100 works, including Adams's lush early photographs of Yosemite, many of his most famous images, portraits, still lifes, and a portfolio of rarely seen Parmelian prints.



Canyon de Chelly, Arizona by Ansel Adams

Former Team Captain Picked to Head UMaine Softball

She's only 27, but newly appointed UMaine softball coach Stacey Sullivan '00 brings some pretty impressive experience to her new job.

Last year, as head coach at Merrimack College, Sullivan led the Warriors to a 16-12 record in the Northeast-10 Conference. Prior to that she served as the head coach at Simmons College in Boston where she led the team to its first 20-win season.

Sullivan will replace her former Black Bear teammate, Michelle Puls '98, who served as interim coach for a year and has now moved on to become an assistant at Indiana University.

Interim athletic director Blake James noted that the university had identified Sullivan as a potential candidate and



head coach."

Sullivan, who says she wants to build a well-rounded, aggressive team at UMaine, was "amazed" at the opportunity to return and coach at her alma mater. She noted that it was something she did not expect to get this early in her

coaching career. asked her to apply for the head coaching job after Puls withdrew. He said other candidates were looked at but it quickly became obvious that Sullivan was the right person for the job.

"We looked at a number of people, but she was the one that really stood out," James said. "As a former captain of the Black Bears, she has a great understanding of what it takes to be a student/athlete at Maine. She brings solid experience as a

coaching career.

"Maine has been very special to me and I have many fond memories from my playing days. Personally this is huge for me to return to Maine as the head coach."

As a four-year starter (catcher and outfielder) at Maine, Sullivan helped lead the Black Bears to four consecutive conference playoff appearances. She was twice named to the America East Academic Honor Roll.

New Hockey Center Honors Former Coach Shawn Walsh



Above: Front view of the new Shawn Walsh Hockey Center.

Left: Philanthropist Harold Alfond, Lynne Vickery Walsh, and Coach Tim Whitehead '92G at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"It's awesome. It's exactly what we needed," Lynne Walsh '03G said after seeing the Shawn Walsh Hockey Center for the first time at the building's dedication.

Lynne is the widow of the late Black Bear hockey coach for whom the new center is named. Coach Walsh led UMaine to 11 NCAA appearances, seven Frozen Four appearances, and two national championships. He died from cancer on September 24, 2001.

The dedication was held during Maine alumni hockey weekend in late July. This year's special event brought out a large contingent of Walsh's former players. Many former players made contributions to the project.

The addition includes new locker rooms for the men's and women's teams, a weight room, training room, equipment room, players' lounge, coaches' offices, and a Hall of Fame room.

Speed of Glacier Movement Raises Questions and Concerns

Work by UMaine researchers Gordon Hamilton and Leigh Stearns may change the thinking about how quickly Greenland's ice sheet is disappearing.

By Jim Frick

University of Maine researcher Gordon Hamilton has studied the ice sheets of Greenland and Antarctica since the early 1990s. From those studies he knew that Greenland was changing quite rapidly, in ways that really couldn't be explained.

One change was the speed at which certain southern Greenland glaciers were moving—an indicator of the rate of melting. Satellite imagery studies undertaken by Hamilton and UMaine doctoral student Leigh Stearns showed increasing speeds in the movement of those glaciers.

But neither Hamilton nor Stearns was prepared for what they found when they actually visited the Greenland ice sheet and measured glacier movement on site.

At least two large glaciers had tripled their normal speed.

"We almost fell off our chairs, we were so shocked," Stearns said in a recent Associated Press interview. "The first thing you do as a scientist when you get a result like that is to recheck it and recheck it. I thought I had made a mistake."

Hamilton and Stearns had chosen glaciers with the longest historical records. All were close to the same size—about five miles wide, 30 miles long, and half a mile thick. The records indicated that there were no large changes in those glaciers' speed through 2001.

One of the glaciers, named Kangerdlugssuaq, had an average speed of about 3.5 miles per year in the late 1990s.



But when the UMaine team measured it this summer it was moving at an amazing 8.7 miles per year, or about 50 yards a day.

"The surprise was not just that the speed had increased," Hamilton notes, "but that it happened in such a short period of time. Something very dramatic has occurred in just a few years. Normally we expect such a change to take hundreds or thousands of years."

Hamilton says that such a surprising increase in glacier speed could well be an indicator that unexpectedly rapid changes are taking place in Greenland as a result of a warming climate. Those changes could eventually have dramatic consequences.

"If more of the glaciers begin to move very fast, you will get more and more ice removed from the center of the ice sheet," Hamilton explains. "Glaciers transport ice to the ocean. As a result, ocean and sea lev-

els could rise dramatically—in ways that current models don't take into account."

Those models assume that ice sheets respond slowly to climate warming and that resulting sea level changes would also be slow in coming.

"What we found this summer brings that assumption into question," Hamilton says. "This shows that a warming trend can cause glaciers to accelerate at three times their speed within a ten-year period."

Hamilton explains that having a few glaciers increase speed would not cause a big impact on sea level. But if significant portions of the ice sheet were to melt and cause other glaciers to move faster, the impact would be dramatic. If the entire Greenland ice sheet melted, the sea level would rise 21 feet. Such an occurrence would cause major dislocation and disruption.

"Since most of the world's population lives near coastlines, there's a great need to understand what is really happening to the ice sheets," Hamilton says.

Increased speed for a glacier relates directly to warmer temperatures. As ice on the surface melts, water trickles in various ways to the bottom where it acts as a lubricant between the glacier and the bedrock on which the glacier slides.

Hamilton believes that a pronounced rise in temperatures in the Greenland region in the past 10 years has increased the intensity of the ice sheet melt as well as the time period over which melting occurs.

Hamilton and Stearns got the opportunity to do on-site research of the Greenland glaciers courtesy of Greenpeace, whose ice



All photographs courtesy of Greenpeace.

breaker *Arctic Sunrise* was traveling to the region for a separate climate change-related mission. Hamilton stresses that he and Stearns operated completely as independent scientists, under no obligation to the environmental group. They both have no doubt that humans are contributing to climate change, but they don't believe in mixing science with politics.

No one had ever actually been on the glaciers which Greenpeace took Hamilton and Stearns to this summer. They were flown from the ship by helicopter to several suitable sites on each glacier (not an easy task on the jagged hills of ice and snow) where they used an auger to drill a hole in the ice surface. In the hole they placed Global Positioning System (GPS) devices to find their exact point.

"We then left the equipment there for about an hour so it could collect satellite data," Stearns explains. "Then we took the

equipment and flew back to the ship and let the glacier move for 24 to 48 hours. When we returned with the GPS equipment, we'd again find our exact position. That gave us two points, so we could figure exactly how much it moved in a specific amount of time."

The UMaine team landed four times at each site. They later matched their findings to velocities measured from satellite imagery.

"It was a great opportunity to actually get to these glaciers that we had been looking at so long from space," Hamilton says. "It was important because with the satellite imagery we couldn't get good data on the fast-moving glaciers. By being there and using GPS and traditional surveying techniques we could."

Hamilton and Stearns' findings have received a good deal of media coverage, although Hamilton is quick to point out

that most of it has come from outside the United States.

"Yes, it got a lot of foreign press coverage and was on Danish, Pakistani, and Russian television," Hamilton notes. "But as far as we know, there hasn't been any coverage on American networks."

The findings are also likely to foster other research interests, perhaps even among Hamilton's colleagues in UMaine's highly respected Climate Change Institute, where he says he regularly collaborates with other scientists.

As far as going back to Greenland, both researchers would jump at the opportunity, whether with Greenpeace or another group or agency.

"We both like working in the field and would welcome more first-hand study," Hamilton says. "But we need a small ice breaker and a helicopter, and those aren't easy to come by."

Turning Adversity Into Opportunity

Mustering the courage to start college as a 39-year-old is challenging enough. Carmen Detour also had to work her way through abuse, poverty, multiple sclerosis, a broken marriage, and the tragic loss of her son.



Every spring, Senior Alumni gather at the Buchanan Alumni House to present scholarships to deserving UMaine students. One of the highlights of the ceremony is recognizing the nontraditional students who will receive the Donald V. Taverner Scholarships.

At last spring's event, Carmen Detour was asked to address the Senior Alumni. But Carmen has multiple sclerosis, and at the time was hospitalized with a bad flare-up of the disease.

In her place, Onward Program director Gerry Ellis read a letter from Carmen. It told a story that was heart wrenching—of a woman who had dealt with an unfair amount of tragedy and hardship. At the same time it was uplifting—a 40-something nontraditional student, who inspired by her children, and with support from the university and many of its senior graduates, had developed skills, self-esteem, and was looking ahead to a new and better life.

At several points of the reading, Ellis seemed close to tears. When he finished with Carmen's heartfelt thank you to the

Senior Alumni, the room erupted in applause.

Carmen was 35 when she was first diagnosed with MS. She was able to continue working for another two years, until the severity of the disease forced her to leave her job. At the same time, her 18-year marriage was falling apart.

"My husband was unable to handle the pressure my illness was bringing into our lives," she said. "He left, leaving me alone with four children, a huge house payment, and my illness. I was thrown into a world of complete insecurity, complete despair."

Carmen lost her home and her car and was forced to apply for public housing. There she met a woman whose advice would eventually turn her life around.

"She mentioned that I should think about going back to school," she remembers. "That was something that had never crossed my mind. I just thought I was too old. She gave me some pamphlets on the Onward Program and I put them away."

Just when Carmen thought things couldn't get any worse she received a call "that forever changed my life." Her 17-

year-old son, Ryan, suffered a massive heart attack and was dead. He was a senior in high school, with plans to enter the University of Maine the next year.

"I was never able to tell him good-bye or hug him one last time," she says. "After that, getting out of bed hardly seemed worth the effort. But I had to think of my other three children and my love for them. Giving up was not an option."

One day when she was cleaning house, Carmen's oldest daughter (who graduates from UMaine next May) came across the UMaine Onward Program pamphlet.

"She asked me why I hadn't checked the program out," Carmen remembers. "I gave her a list of reasons: too sick, too poor, not smart enough, still in mourning. Now I had always instilled in my kids that they needed to get a college education. She looked me straight in the eye and said, 'Are you telling me that you expect more from your children than you do from yourself?' I didn't have an answer. Then came the real kicker. She told me I should go to the university in Ryan's place."

Six months later, in September 2003, feeling scared and insecure, Carmen enrolled as a first-year UMaine student. Despite regular flare-ups from MS, she has made the dean's list every semester but one, and currently works at Onward as a peer advisor and a math tutor. She has slowly gained self-esteem and self-confidence and is looking forward to a career helping others as a social worker.

She says the Onward Program has been a huge blessing for her. The thought of her going to college for her late son has provided inspiration. And the Senior Alumni scholarships have not only helped her with finances, but also with her self-esteem.

"It made me feel as though I mattered to these great people," she says. "To have Senior Alumni say 'we think you count, you are worthy of our support'—it made me want to try that much harder."

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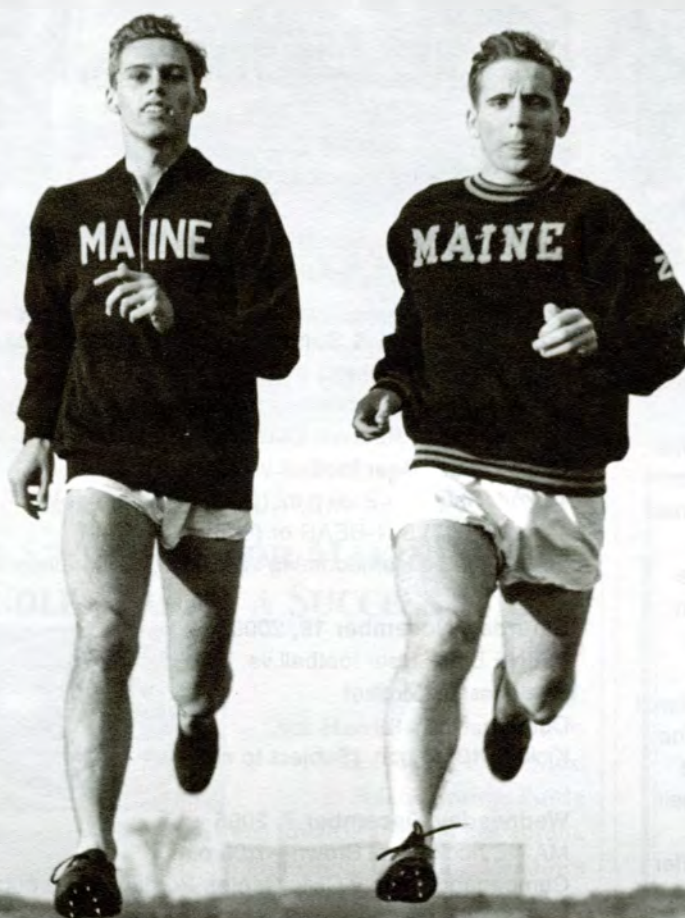
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Priscilla Pfeiffer Wonkka '58 at work in 2005.

Still in Top Form

When we chose a photo (below) from the '56 yearbook for our spring *Mainely People* cover, the young student sawing wood was not identified. We asked alumni to write or email us if they knew who the woodswoman

was and we quickly got responses from Connie Brow Day '58 and Cynthia Rockwell Wright '58. The person in the photo was their classmate Priscilla Pfeiffer Wonkka.

Priscilla proceeded to send us a photo (top



of page) of her sawing wood 50 years later.

Priscilla and her husband currently spend winters in Florida and the rest of the year in Massachusetts. She is a church organist and also leads a writing class when she is in Florida. At her home in Massachusetts, she enjoys working on her house and watching the grandchildren.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 25, 2005

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Who are Those Runners on the Cover?

This quarter's *Mainely People* cover is a photograph that appeared in the 1955 *Prism*. The two UMaine runners are not identified. Do you know who they are? If so, please write us at: Alumni Publications, One Alumni Place, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469. Or email us at: abigail.zelz@umit.maine.edu. We'll print the runners' names in the next issue.



There was a great turnout of Senior Alumni for the Penobscot Repertory Theater's production of *Noises Off* on April 27 in Bangor. Prior to attending the play, the group had lunch at Montes Catering. This was just one of several events that the Senior Alumni activities committee has planned for the year. Any member of a UMaine class that has celebrated its 50th reunion is automatically a member of Senior Alumni and welcome to participate in all its activities.

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Sat. Sept. 10	6:00 pm	William Penn
Sat. Sept. 17	6:00 pm	Richmond
Sat. Oct. 1	6:00 pm	Albany (at Portland)
Sat. Oct. 8	1:30 pm	at James Madison
Sat. Oct. 15	1:30 pm	at Hofstra
Sat. Oct. 22	2:00 pm	Massachusetts
Sat. Oct. 29	noon	Delaware
Sat. Nov. 5	12:30 pm	at Northeastern
Sat. Nov. 12	2:00 pm	Rhode Island
Sat. Nov. 19	noon	at New Hampshire



Junior quarterback Ron Whitcomb will lead the 2005-06 football team.

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Be sure to get tickets now for the two big Black Bear sports events in your area: Maine football on October 1 and Maine hockey on December 7. Visit goblackbears.com for more information.

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Fri. Oct. 7	7:07 pm	Air Force
(Icebreaker Tournament at Colorado College)		
Sat. Oct. 8	10:07 pm	Colorado College
(Icebreaker Tournament at Colorado College)		
Fri. Oct. 14	8:00 pm	Denver (CSTV)
Sat. Oct. 15	7:00 pm	Denver (WABI)
Fri. Oct. 21	7:00 pm	Alabama - Huntsville (WABI)
Sat. Oct. 22	7:00 pm	Alabama - Huntsville
Fri. Oct. 28	7:00 pm	at Boston College
Sat. Oct. 29	7:00 pm	at Massachusetts
Fri. Nov. 4	7:00 pm	Merrimack (WABI)
Sun. Nov. 6	2:00 pm	Boston University
Fri. Nov. 11	7:00 pm	at UMass Lowell
Sat. Nov. 12	7:00 pm	at New Hampshire
Sat. Nov. 19	7:00 pm	USA Under-18 (exhibition)
Sun. Nov. 27	2:00 pm	Vermont

Fri. Dec. 2	7:00 pm	at Providence
Wed. Dec. 7	7:00 pm	Brown (at Portland)
Sat. Dec. 10	7:00 pm	Northeastern (WABI)
Tues. Dec. 27	TBA	Minnesota-Duluth
(Florida College Classic)		
Wed. Dec. 28	TBA	Cornell or Northeastern
(Florida College Classic)		
Fri. Jan. 6	7:00 pm	UMass Lowell
Sat. Jan. 7	7:00 pm	UMass Lowell (WABI)
Fri. Jan. 13	7:00 pm	at Boston University (NESN)
Sat. Jan. 14	7:00 pm	at Boston University
Fri. Jan. 20	7:00 pm	Providence (NESN)
Sat. Jan. 21	7:00 pm	Providence (WABI)
Fri. Jan. 27	7:00 pm	at Northeastern
Sat. Jan. 28	7:00 pm	at Northeastern
Fri. Feb. 3	8:00 pm	New Hampshire (CSTV)
Sat. Feb. 4	7:00 pm	New Hampshire (WABI)
Fri. Feb. 10	8:00 pm	at Vermont
Sat. Feb. 11	7:00 pm	at Vermont
Fri. Feb. 17	7:00 pm	Boston College
Sat. Feb. 18	7:00 pm	Boston College (WABI)
Fri. Feb. 24	7:00 pm	at Merrimack
Sat. Feb. 25	7:00 pm	at Merrimack
Fri. March 3	7:00 pm	Massachusetts
Sat. March 4	7:00 pm	Massachusetts (WABI)



Senior Greg Moore will captain the 2005-06 hockey team. (Photo by Michael York.)

Note:

Unfortunately, men's and women's basketball schedules were not released when *Mainly People* went to press. We will print the remaining games in those schedules in the winter 2006 issue. For schedules of all UMaine sports visit goblackbears.com.

Classnotes



Senior Alumni

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The Senior Alumni activities committee continues to be a busy group. The group has been affectionately renamed the "Golden Girls." On Wednesday, April 27th, the group organized a luncheon in downtown Bangor and then headed for the Penobscot Theater (former Bangor Opera House) for a matinee performance of *Noises Off*. Thirty-eight senior alums attended the event. They had a great time. Thanks to our "Golden Girls"—**Jean Grindle Carville '54**, **Ruth Folger Goff '48**, **Thelma Crossland Robie '49**, and president **Jayne Hanson Barley '49**, the event was a huge success. The committee is now working on other possible activities for this fall and next spring. The committee welcomes all thoughts regarding future events.

Several Senior Alumni activities took place during Reunion 2005 weekend. At the senior council meeting **Dick Sprague '50**, chair of the fund raising and allocation committee, reported that his committee recommended to the council that scholarship awards in the amount of \$82,620 be approved for the 2005-2006 academic year. This year there were 39 Don Taverner Nontraditional Scholarship Award recipients. Additionally, awards were granted to: three distinguished students in the visual and performing arts, to four distinguished scholar scholar-

ships, and to three students who were top scholars. Congratulations to these outstanding and worthy students. Dick also reported that work has begun to update the video that was used to tell the Senior Alumni story. He expects to have it ready for a preview and distribution this fall.

Also at the council meeting officers were elected for the coming year. Leadership roles will remain essentially the same for the upcoming year. The following was approved: Jayne Bartley was elected for a second year as president. **Bill Currie '52** and **Ruth Fogler Goff** swapped roles, with Bill becoming first vice president and Ruth second vice president for the coming year. **Mary-Jane Hoyt Pierce '46** and **Thelma Crossland Robie** will continue as secretary and treasurer respectively. **Don Stimpson '55**, representing his class, was welcomed as an incoming council member. **Alice Smith '41** elected to retire as an active council member. We are fortunate that Alice will

continue to take an active role on the scholarship review committee.

During the senior luncheon president Bartley welcomed the Class of 1955 into the Senior Alumni. The class presented a gift of \$5,000 to the Senior Alumni for our scholarship program. Thank you, '55ers.

It was a great weekend. This is the first time during a reunion that only those reunion classes having graduated more than 50 years ago gather at one time. Other classes scheduled for reunions this year will celebrate them during Family and Friends Weekend (September 16th and 17th) and during Homecoming Weekend set for October 21, 22, and 23rd. Our annual senior luncheon will also be held during Homecoming. Make plans to attend this special event.

Now for news about our Senior Alumni: Congratulations to **Thelma "Bing" Crossland Robie**, our treasurer, who was presented the Block "M" Award at Sunday's all alumni breakfast.

1935

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Six stalwart classmates made it to Orono for our 70th Reunion. It was a wonderful Reunion. The weather was perfect, the food was delicious, and the accommodations were adequate.

Arnold Kaplan came up from Florida and brought wife, Bobby, two daughters, and a son-in-law. **George Carlisle** brought dancing partner, **Barbara MacKenzie Giddings '37**, from Bangor; **Dick Bucknam** and wife, Jean, came from Sturbridge, Massachusetts; **Hockey Field** brought wife, Pat, from Cumberland, Maine; and **Ruth Harding Brookes**, our valedictorian, and current class secretary, came up from Pemaquid Point.

At our business meeting, it was decided to disband our individual



Class of 1935 Celebrates its 70th Reunion

Six members of the Class of 1935 returned to the UMaine campus to celebrate their 70th Reunion in June. Left to right are: Basil Staples, Ruth Harding Brookes, Dick Bucknam, Horace "Hockey" Field, and Arnold Kaplan. Not in photo is classmate George Carlisle.

reunions and join the Senior Alumni because of poor attendance. The column in *Mainely People* will be continued provided the class members supply news and other facts which would be of interest to the membership. While the attendance was somewhat disappointing, the entire weekend was most enjoyable and we were treated royally. To those members who did not attend, we missed you and you missed a wonderful weekend.

Now, if everyone who reads this column would send me a short note telling me what he or she is doing, we will continue to have something about the Class of 1935 in *Mainely People*. Son John drove me to Orono from Rochester, New York, and we were able to attend a wonderful family reunion in Tamworth, New Hampshire, on the way home. Since this is being written for the fall issue of the magazine, let me wish you a Merry Christmas and I look forward to receiving your cards.

1936

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Dana Sidelinger gave me a very pleasant surprise by attaching a long, newsy note to his Christmas card. Dana was my first roommate during our freshman year and my fraternity brother for three years at Phi Kappa Sigma.

Dana now lives in Limerick with a friend, Eleanor Watson, in an old colonial home of eight rooms and two baths, with a fireplace in every room. Dana says that it was pretty down-hill when they bought it, but they lovingly restored it. They now enjoy it very much.

Dana has three daughters, two sons-in-law, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He celebrated his 91st birthday on January 14th.

I recall one event of our freshman year during those last few years of Prohibition. Dana had found out the address of a speakeasy in Old Town. Later, when Dana's football season was over, and my cross-country running was done, we decided to have a couple of beers before the winter track season began. We had to climb an outdoor staircase in back of an ordinary house in order to get to this one

small room where illegal beer was sold. The place was not exactly buzzing with activity, as only one or two other customers appeared during our half hour there.

Whether we thumbed a ride or rode the ancient electric trolley car in getting to Old Town remains a mystery to me, but I remember very well our return to Orono. We jogged all the three miles mostly right in the center of the macadam road.

On a sadder note I report the death of two members of our class who were also residents of the fourth floor of the old Oak Hall during our freshman year.

Kenneth Horace Johnstone of Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, died January 11, 2004, at age 89. At six feet five inches, Ken was the center on the freshman basketball team.

Grenville "Grennie" Jordan of Scarborough, Maine, died July 22, 2004, at age 91. He was a pitcher on the freshman baseball team. As far as I know, he spent only one year at Orono.

Also, **Alice Campbell Wakefield** from East Sandwich, Cape Cod, died on July 17, 2004, at age 88. Alice recognized me a few years ago while driving around a huge traffic circle in one of the Sandwiches. She stopped and gave me directions to the boyhood home of Thornton W. Burgess so that my grandchildren could learn more about Peter Rabbit and Reddy Fox.

1937

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Hope Wing Weston punctuated her Florida winter with a cruise on the *Queen Mary II*, accompanied by her son, Bob, and his wife. And what a punctuation this was! The *Queen Mary II* is the largest cruise ship afloat and a trip on her is a really comfortable adventure. Hope planned to remain in Florida until May 21, when spring should have sprung in Maine, and then return to East Winthrop.

**Don't forget to renew
your alumni association
membership!**

1939

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First of all, I am certain that you all will want to join me in sending sincere and heartfelt condolences to **Ellie Crockett Hutchinson** upon the death of her husband, John "Cotton" Hutchinson (Bates '38) recently.

An article in the *Ellsworth American* paints a picture of the late Lieutenant Colonel **Tedford Blaisdell** as having led a charmed and exciting life during his 26 years as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps, spanning three wars—World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He flew 62 different types of aircraft during this time. In '42 he came directly from his job flying for Pan American World Airways. He flew over the Normandy beaches on D-Day so that the press and generals could observe, gaining 32 bullet holes before landing.

The nearly four years he spent in Europe during World War II began in Scotland. Here he met Bob Hope, one of the many VIPs he was to meet in World War II. He rode on a train with Bob due to bad weather, playing poker with him and his crew late into the night. He frequently encountered General Eisenhower and others, including having lunch with General Patton during a time when he flew Edith Nourse Rogers, Massachusetts Congresswoman, to the front lines in France.

After the Germans ceased occupying Norway, Blaisdell ferried a large cargo of champagne to Oslo. He was accompanied by the Norwegian-born figure skater Sonja Henie, who had become a famous movie star. There is a picture of the two accompanying this article. Blaisdell was asked to her party which lasted three days. (Their plane had been met by the King of Norway, among others.)

He said these exciting times balanced the sad and terrible times when soldiers returned from combat severely wounded.

After leaving the Air Force in 1970, Blaisdell returned to Hancock County to live in the West Gouldsboro home that had been the birthplace of his wife, Margaret Homer Blaisdell '36. She passed away in

2001 at the age of 85.

Qualified to fly commercial planes as a captain, Blaisdell decided to play golf instead. A wise choice made by a man who had certainly had a most amazing time flying for the Air Force.

Continuing with the life of **Harry Halliday**, we will learn that his goal in life was to pursue a career in a type of sales that would require problem solving. General Foods, Raytheon, and Meinecke helped him in this regard. At Raytheon, Harry invented a fuse clip still used by the Navy. At Meinecke, he pioneered the development and sales of material used in the medical industry. He became involved with the material and technique used in creating a sterile field for surgical procedures. The first was called "Sterilwraps," a material replacing muslin in wrapping surgical instruments. All hospital personnel had to be educated in the use of this material. In 1967 Harry and his family formed Halliday Hospital Supply. Emulating the Meinecke Company, sales reached 4.5 million and employed 27 people. Eventually, the company was replaced by Halliday Medical Marketing with Tom Halliday being responsible for several inventions in the health care field. This included a mattress designed to prevent decubitus body ulcers and a lock to prevent wheelchair theft called the "Loon Lock."

Upon retiring in 1987, Harry remained as an advisor of the company located in Walpole, Massachusetts.

Harry concludes that the years spent studying chemistry at Maine contributed much to his lifestyle in the area of selling and developing products used in hospitals. He definitely exhibited a strong creative bent, which, combined with his sales ability, enabled him to have a satisfying and worthwhile career.

Harry married Charlotte Elkin of Bangor in 1941 and raised three children. Charlotte was an accomplished musician, majoring in piano. She often played at college reunions, preferring a Steinway instrument. Professionally, she was a public school supervisor of music. After she passed away in 1993, Harry established a scholarship in her name with the University of Maine Foundation and the Charles F. Allen Society. In July 1994, Harry married his high school sweetheart, Elizabeth Daniel, from Newton High School, and now lives in Yarmouthport, Massachusetts. Having just learned that Elizabeth died a few

months ago, we send our heartfelt thoughts and comfort along to you, Harry.

Harry's years of studying forestry at Maine helped pave the way for ownership of property on Lake Wentworth at Wolfboro, New Hampshire, and he feels that his career and civic life were much influenced by his years of study at Orono.

Thanks so very much, Harry, for sharing all these precious facts in your life with all of us. It is much appreciated.

1940

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Dear Classmates,

It is I, **Alice Ann Donovan Poeppelmeier**, back in Maine after 25 years of living in the South where the living is easy, and I enjoyed those years very much. However, comes the time, at age 86 when I need to come back to my roots and nearer family. So here I am in a retirement community in Kennebunk and feel very fortunate to have landed in such a great place even with the horrendous winter we had. I am well situated and love being here. An added benefit for me is that my brother, Jim Donovan '45, has lived in Kennebunk for 10 years.

First to report on Reunion in June. I would like to list the 14 members of our class who attended. **Robert S. Merrill, Jack Dequine, Arthur Richardson, Dick Morton, Margaret Steinmetz Mosher, Barbara Crocker Goodrich, Ruth McClelland Jewell, Maxine Robertson Furbush, June Phelps Dyson, Ruth Worcester Johnson, John Marsh, Virginia Pease Dogherty, Emily Blake McMonagle, and Alice Ann Donovan Poeppelmeier.** Ginny and I drove up together and had a great time catching up on the years between. We had lunch in the Treat Room with Bill looking down on us, regretting that he was not with us, I am sure. Dick Morton chaired the meeting in the absence of **Polly Jellison Weatherbee**, our president. We elected you again, Polly! The one business item we voted on was to dissolve as a class and become Senior Alumni. The \$14,000 we had in the class treasury is to be



Among the Class of '40 members who celebrated their 65th Reunion in June are (left to right): Emily Blake McMonagle, June Phelps Dyson, Barbara Crocker Goodrich, Ruth Worcester Johnson, and Margaret Steinmetz Mosher.

divided in half. One half is going to the endowment for the Buchanan House and the other to the Senior Alumni for their scholarship fund.

After Reunion dinner Margaret, Maxine, and Ruth drove to New Hampshire for a visit with **Peg Peaslee Danforth**. Peg called me this morning and told me how happy she was to see them and to hear about Reunion.

Betty Libbey Vernon sent greetings to the class with regrets that she was unable to attend. Betty is living back in her house in Hingham, Massachusetts. She had been living in California but after her husband, Bob, died, she returned to her home in Massachusetts.

Doc Gerrish died in September. His son, Harold Jr., called me with the news. Doc had been in declining health for several years but his son said he always loved to talk about his years in Maine although he spent most of his life in California.

Ray Palmer also died in California about a year ago. I will try to get details for a future column.

Marnie Deering Roberts died in Sanford on March 16th. Marnie had a very full and busy life in Alfred where she and Mac had a farm and raised Guernseys. When her children were older, Marnie went in to teaching. Marnie and Mac ran the Clam Shack in Kennebunkport and then built, owned, and ran Walnut Grove Campground in Alfred. After retiring, they traveled extensively in

Europe, the western USA, and Florida. Mac died several years ago. Marnie is survived by her two sisters, Mary '38 and Helen '43, and brother Robert Deering '42. Her two sons, Jim and Bill, live in Florida. Marnie was described as a dignified and gracious lady who will be sadly missed by friends and family.

When I first got to Maine I had a very pleasant get-together and luncheon at Piper Shores, a really nice retirement community in Scarborough. **Priscilla Thomas Perry** lives there as well as many other University of Maine alums. Priscilla invited Bob Parker '38, the late **Ruth Trickey Parker's** husband, and Aggie Walsh '41 as well as John '42 and Joyce Ramsay Carter '41. The setting of Piper Shores is gorgeous, looking out on the ocean in all its glory.

I know we have lost many class members. A long printed list was at our places at the luncheon. Probably about 75 have died since 2000. However I hope that those of you who are still with us will read this column and let me know how and where you are. You can contact me at the above address.

Ginny Dogherty and I are going to alternate columns so news for the next one should go to her at: 16 Walnut Drive, Granite Hills Estates, Augusta, Maine 04330 or ginnydp@adelphia.net. Phone (207) 622-2445.

1941

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Greetings, fellow '41ers!

One of the sad things about writing this column is having to report the loss of classmates, and so it is with sorrow that I have to tell you **Phyllis Meserve Strout** has passed away. Phyl was with us only her freshman year at North Hall, but she had come back for our 50th Reunion and had a great time. Her twin brother, Philmore Meserve '42, also attended the University of Maine. Our deepest sympathy goes to her family.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of **Claralyn Preble Trask**, who died in February. Claralyn had always been a loyal alumna. **Harry Trask**, Claralyn's husband, was the subject of a most interesting article in the *Advertiser-Democrat* newspaper of Norway, Maine, last August. Now a Nazarene minister, Harry had been a navigator on a B-28 bomber flying missions over Japan during World War II. Harry's account of those days, a book entitled *Harry's War*, was published in July 2003. Harry and Claralyn's two sons edited the book and tried to publish it without their father's knowledge to surprise him, but during a family reunion in July they showed him a poster

advertising *Harry's War*. After serving as a minister in several churches, Harry retired from a church in Lincoln, Maine, in 1982. That is when he began writing his book.

Condolences also to the family of **Peter Skoufis** who died in March. Peter had a most outstanding career. After serving in the Army Air Force in the Pacific during World War II, Peter worked at the Veterans' Administration in Washington and then as veterans' affairs officer at the U.S. embassy in Paris and later as veterans' affairs attaché in Rome. After joining the foreign service, he served in Pretoria, South Africa; the Hague, Paris, and London. Peter and his wife, Helen, established a scholarship at Maine for a student from Bangor.

A nice picture of the son of Hal and **Emmy Hopkins Jordan**, also named Hal, appeared in the New Hampshire *Union-Leader* newspaper on April 11. CEO of the Manchester YMCA, young Hal was guest speaker at the YMCA's Reach Out for Youth and Families 2005 dinner.

George Ellis is still leading a very active life. In January he headed for his home in Florida from Wellesley, Massachusetts, where he had been visiting his daughter Deborah and her family. He also went on a one-week cruise. "It is particularly interesting to spend time with my grandchildren who are growing and prospering in their own lives," says George.

A nice letter from **Alfred "Sam" Mann**. Sam and June have acquired a new toy poodle to replace their mini-poodle Monique, who died at the age of 13. Getting Jake used to house rules is keeping them busy, according to Sam. Sam and June have 12 great-grandchildren.

Granddaughters of **Glenna Johnson Smith**, Hillary and Jasmine, organized an 85th birthday party for Glenna in Presque Isle in June. Friends, family, and former students attended.

Vernon Johnson left his home in Massachusetts for a warmer climate in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for four months last winter. Vernon is a state representative in Massachusetts, which keeps him busy, he says.

Did you remember that our 65th Reunion is coming up in Orono next May? Hope you are already making plans to attend. It would be wonderful to have a lot of our class members there for a great reunion. Please try to come!



Mike Roy '42 was the recipient of a Block "M" Award at Reunion 2005 in June. Mike serves as Class of 1942 president and was recognized for his efforts in leading class support for the Distinguished Maine Professor Award.

1942

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Hope you all had a good summer—it was a long time coming here in Maine.

In the April 2005 issue of *Down East* magazine there was a wonderful article about East Machias, the hometown of the late **Rebecca Hill Talbot**. Becky was interviewed and had this to say: "The Hills settled in Machias in 1763. The Talbots (Bill's family) waited to see if it was really safe, and then they came to East Falls, the former village of East Machias." Then she went on to say, "I was born in Machias. I'm a flatlander here. I moved here 56 years ago when Bill finished with World War II and law school. He was set on coming back to East Machias and so we did." A lovely interview and a great article about the history of East Machias. We were sorry to learn of Becky's death, and extend our sympathy to her family.

A note from **Ed Pitts** said he is writing another book quite different

from *Long Ago and Far Away*. He is not sure when he will finish, but says it helps to keep him busy and out of mischief. Keep working on it, Ed, so we all can read it soon. Ed was named to *Who's Who in America* this past year.

A local community paper had an article about the "Dungeon Dollies" of Freeport. **Jo Blake Bail** is a member of the volunteer group that sorts, prices, and packs thousands of donated books for an annual book sale. They raise money for local youth scholarships. The sale is usually in April. Sounds like a wonderful project which has been around for eight years.

A letter from **Bette Barker Taverner** and Gil told about their youngest grandson's wedding in Northern Wisconsin in August of 2004, at the eastern end of Lake Superior's

Madeline Island. Gil suddenly realized last June that it was his 60th year in the Methodist ministry.

Our last two grandchildren graduated from high school in June and are off to their colleges. What a difference two generations make. I am amazed at all the requirements, not only to be accepted at college, but what it takes to live there as well. It will take two cars and/or a pick-up truck to take all they need. What happened to the laundry cases, trolley cars, busses and trains, pencils, notebooks, etc? We all seemed to make out all right. Different time and different generations.

At Christmas time my son, Stephen '69, gave me a lovely University Bookstore commemorative ornament. This is a program intended to celebrate those UMaine organizations which best live up to the spirit of the holiday season. The proceeds from sales are donated to the University Alternative Spring Break program. It's a wonderful commemorative gift and hangs with honor on our tree.

Stay in touch—log on to:
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1943

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Gordon Erikson was one of the Massachusetts delegation entering the University of Maine in 1939. His family had vacationed in Maine when Gordon was growing up so he was acquainted with the state. He wanted to attend either the University of New Hampshire or the University of Maine. Luckily Gordon chose the University of Maine. He has been consistently one of the most active alumni of our class, attending most class reunions and often serving on the executive committee. Gordon was president of the Maine Alumni Association for a two-year term beginning in 1973. At that time he was challenged by President Howard Neville to raise \$400,000 to build a performing arts center. Gordon accepted and met that challenge! He and his team managed to turn the association around to move forward at a rapid pace. More recently, Gordon, along with **Bert Pratt**, spearheaded the first appeal for funding the Buchanan Alumni House with the Class of 1943 making the initial pledge to the project. He received the Pine Tree Award in 1975 and this was the award that meant the most to him over the years.

You may recall that Gordon and Dorothy "Dottie" Brewer Erikson '42 presented an art collection to the University of Maine at our 50th Reunion which was held at Carnegie Hall on a sunny afternoon. Moise was a Maine painter, and the Moise paintings are found in buildings all over the campus today. An extensive exhibit of the paintings is held annually in Alumni Hall.

About 25 years ago, the Eriksons organized the University of Maine Alumni Association of Naples, Florida, featuring an annual luncheon. Also in Naples, Florida, this year the Trinity Church held a large antique show which was dedicated to the Eriksons. Dottie and Gordon were respectively the historian and photographer for the event. Another volunteer project has been the Massachusetts General Hospital annual luncheon in Naples which has grown in attendance from 20 to 200 people. Two or three top doctors, members of the visiting radiation committee at Massachusetts

General, come to speak at the luncheon about research advances.

As you can see, Dottie and Gordon have worked as a team and also individually on many projects for the university, and the alumni association has honored her by awarding the Block "M", Golden "M", and Black Bear for service to the University.

Dottie has long had an interest in genealogy (also shared by Gordon) and has just completed a 600-page text on genealogy which has been published by the New England Historical Genealogical Society of Boston.

Gordon discovered Dottie at a college stag dance. She turned him down for a dance, for all dances were committed—but he walked her home to Estabrooke Hall. Aside from Dottie, Gordon's time was spent at the *Bangor Daily News* office where he worked as photographer for sports and as a fill-in all four years.

Following matriculation from the University of Maine, Gordon applied his academic expertise by starting a finance company which he later sold and went into venture capital and fiber optics. The Eriksons are parents of three University of Maine alumni—Nancy Erikson Ladd '66, Gordon '68, and Carlton '76. They have six grandchildren. They spend summers at Bar Harbor in the first shingle style cottage built in America, dating from 1879, which has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Hazel Van Tassell Weymouth was "always there for us" said her daughter, Karen Emery. Summers were spent at Mountain View Campground at East Sullivan. We got there "just as soon as school was out!" Hazel taught in several Maine communities—Vanceboro, Bridgewater, Lagrange, Calais, Houlton High School, and Milo High School. She was librarian at Piscataquis Community High School in Guilford. She enjoyed her teaching career and was a "truly loved teacher who went the extra step" said Karen. For example, she introduced the students in one school to "grinders" and she cooked steamers in the classroom so that the students would know how they tasted. Hazel could be counted on to participate in all school activities. That she was an effective teacher was attested to by her election to Delta Kappa Gamma. She served as president of Omicron Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma.

Hazel was another Houlton native who became a member of the Class



Dick Hale '44 (left) received a Black Bear Award from alumni association chair, Bion Foster '68, '70G at Reunion 2005 for his outstanding contributions to the alumni association and the university. Dick, a retired UMaine forestry professor, conceived of the idea for the Galaxy of Stars display in Buchanan Alumni House. He also raised funds for the project, which recognizes the university's outstanding alumni.

of 1943. She later returned to the university to earn a master's degree in library science in 1974. She was truly fond of the University of Maine and attended both Bert Pratt's mini summer reunions and regular class reunions. One of her most prized possessions was the University of Maine chair which was a family gift.

Hazel was an active member of the Park Street United Methodist Church Women's Club in Milo, and a member of the choir—often as soloist. In addition, she was a member of the Daughters of Union Veterans, the Joseph P. Chaisson American Legion Post Auxiliary, and Aldworth Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, plus several retired teachers' associations.

Hazel died March 2, 2005, in Dover-Foxcroft. She will be missed. We offer condolences to her family.

Harold Joseph Lacroix lived the life of an "army brat." He toured the world, so to speak, while gaining kindergarten, grade school, and high school education sequentially in the Philippine Islands, Montana, Indiana, Hawaii, and lastly, San Antonio, Texas, where he graduated from Central Catholic High School. He then entered the University of Maine in 1939 to major in economics. Upon matriculation in 1943 Harold immediately entered the Army. He graduated from Officers Candidate School, then on to temporary duty at the Office of the Quartermaster General in Washington, D.C. He returned to Camp Lee as basic

training platoon leader, executive officer and group training aide, and information and education officer. He attained the rank of captain, separated from the Army, and joined the General Adjustment Bureau in San Antonio where he served for 33 years in various administrative capacities.

Harold was one of the organizers of the Insurance Adjustment Service of Richardson, Texas, in 1984. An active community leader, he served two terms on the city of Dallas fire code advisory board. He was youth activities chairman of the Dallas Elks Lodge for four years.

He died on August 5, 2004, in Dallas where he is survived by his wife, Mary LaCroix, and three daughters.

Note: Word of his death did not arrive until March 2005.

A brief note from the alumni office revealed that **Walter H. Foster, Jr.**, president and co-owner of Coldwell Banker/American Heritage Bangor, wrote, "I am still working full time in real estate and enjoying my great-grandchildren."

The alumni office also forwarded a news clip from the *Lewiston Sun-Journal*, April 8, 2005, showing **Bob Keniston** at work on his wood turnings. The wood turnings were on display through most of April and the first week of May 2005 in the James B. Owens Art Gallery at Gould Academy, Bethel. Bob is shown working on the lathe in his basement turning out plates, bowls, vases, and

other useful and decorative items. He uses a variety of wood for this. Sometimes he glues together several pieces of light and dark colored wood to create a unique effect. This is his second career. In 1984 he began to use this creative talent after he retired as plant engineer from Jefferson Smufit.

He has shown and sold his creations at the Fryeburg Fair for the past 12 years. Bob was a student at Gould Academy, graduating in 1938. A year later he entered the University of Maine where he majored in mechanical engineering.

1944

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Our classmate **Philip D. Spiller**, a retired colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, of Westbrook, Maine, passed away on March 6, 2005. Phil was a former mayor of Westbrook, a graduate of Westbrook High School, and a civil engineering graduate with our class in 1944. He was decorated in World War II with the Silver Star for bravery as a lieutenant with the 76th Infantry Division in Europe. After college Phil worked on construction projects in several states and Canada. In 1973 he started his own surveying and engineering business from which he retired in 2000.

Arlene Cousins Carter died March 18, 2005, at the Springbrook Center in Westbrook. Arlene was a lifelong resident of Westbrook and was very active in community affairs in that city. She co-owned and operated the Forest Wood Nursery School in Portland.

Arletta Thorpe Rice passed away March 9, 2005, at Westgate in Bangor. Arletta attended Oak Grove School in Vassalboro before coming to UMaine in Orono. She and her husband, Ken, lived in Townsend, Massachusetts, where she taught school and raised their family, a son and a daughter. They retired in 1979 to her family's home in Christmas Cove. They spent their retirement winters in Jekyll Island, Georgia. I remember "Togg" as a super field hockey player when we were in college.

Others in our class have left our ranks according to the obituary column in the most recent *MAINE*

Alumni Magazine, which arrived in our mailbox just yesterday. We will miss them all and send our condolences to their families.

On April 22 the grand opening celebration of the Advanced Manufacturing Center and virtual groundbreaking ceremony of the Innovation Center was held outside the center on the University of Maine campus. The honored guest was Maine Governor John Baldacci '86. These two facilities, made possible by the support of Maine voters in 2002 and 2003, represent important pieces of the University of Maine's efforts to promote economic development and create new jobs in the state of Maine. **Joe Ingalls** and **Charlie Stickney** attended the event and were happy to see **Russ** and **Barb Higgins Bodwell '45** and **Pat Cummings**. Yes, Pat, our honorary classmate, is back on campus, working in the Foundation office. We are really glad to welcome you back to Orono.

Joe and I have talked with **Rhoda Tolford Stone** who is on Peaks Island at her summer home as of mid June. We made plans to get together on the island. Rhoda was planning to attend her 65th Deering High School reunion, which was celebrated at the home of Anita and Charlie Stickney in Yarmouth on June 25th.

Here in Yarmouth, we see Anita and "Stick" Stickney often. They are in London right now, probably packing their suitcases to load on the *Queen Mary* for their five-day ocean voyage back to New York. What a great trip they have had! I saw **Dodie Kilburn Spach** and Bill at the local Hannaford's as well as **Dick Fuller** and Marion. We had a moment to chat and catch up on each other's news.

Our Maine Handicapped Ski Program ended in April this year with plenty of snow still on the ground. I am doing volunteer work at the Yarmouth Middle School which I love. Joe and I played golf a few times between May's rain showers. Then we left for Washington County and the lake.

Our best to all—keep those cards and letters coming!

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Enjoying the festivities at Reunion 2005 are (left to right): Carolyn Chaplin Grant '45, Connie Carter Lamprell '45, and Edie Snow Cole '53.

1945

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Many thanks go to **Jo Clark Meloon** who faithfully served as class correspondent for so many years. At the 60th Reunion in June, **Carolyn Chaplin Grant** offered to take over the job, so any news should be sent to her, care of the alumni association, for inclusion in the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*.

Have a wonderful fall, and please send in your news!



UMaine engineering alumni John Wilbur '45 (left) and Ab Mosher '55 (center) meet with professor of engineering Hemant Pendse following the deans' breakfast at Reunion 2005 on June 4.

1946

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Mary Libby Collins, Rusty Chute, Peggy Jameson Duckett, and Mary Spangler Eddy met for lunch in Damaricotta in early June. We all looked young and beautiful and had a fine time getting caught up!

Next year it will be 60 years since our graduation! Send me your remembrances as well as your current news.

1947

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The Class of '47 surely enjoyed a lovely summer visiting friends and family, basking in the sunshine, and otherwise enjoying the warmer temperatures. However, without any news, we cannot communicate what has been happening with our class. Please write with your news!

1948

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Hi, all '48ers, and other interested persons!

Spring in Maine left us shivering and huddled under ponchos and electric blankets but we've finally shed the above and are enjoying our beautiful state. My winter roosting place (Parker, Arizona) is showing day temperatures of 107 degrees so I'm really pleased to be here!

The intrepid luncheon ladies (also called the "Kitchen Cabinet"), who meet regularly to munch and reminisce, gathered at The Senator in Augusta on May 11th. We were glad to welcome **Rita Snow Keylor** to the group. Rita is a retired dental hygienist now living in Auburn.

We're so pleased when some new classmate joins us. If you're interested in attending, please email, write, or call, and we'll give you the date and place of the next happening. **Aletha Meade Blackmore** had a nice letter from **Ann Harmon Driesen** who has been living in Gastel, Netherlands, for 30 years. Since the death of her husband, she has sold her home and is returning to the United States to reside in Massachusetts to be nearer her family. Hope we can see you at one of our gatherings, Ann. **Connie Adams Coulter** writes that she's well and happy and that she and her daughters want to take a "girls' long

weekend and maybe the destination will be Maine. How we'd like to see you again, Connie. **Joanne Libby Hayes-Glover** had heart surgery and has made a wonderful recovery. She and three other women go to Boston to teach knitting to homeless women. What an unusual and rewarding project! **Barbara Sullivan Knowlton** is proud to announce that her grandson, Carlisle Knowlton '08, was tapped this spring as a member of the Sophomore Owls at the Orono campus. Barb also wishes to clarify that her trip printed in the last column was to Alaska, not Arkansas. **Lancy Carter Bradshaw** is currently chair of the Pittsfield Library trustees and is busily occupied in a \$1.3 million capital campaign for the library for restoration and expansion. Speaking of libraries, the Class of '48 pledge for the Fogler Library steps was met! We recently reached our goal, and we thank all of you for contributing to this worthwhile project.

Send notes, emails, or letters about your doings or we'll have nothing to write about except ourselves. More anon or in regular jargon, until the next column.

1949

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In my last column, I neglected to write about the wonderful day the '49ers luncheon group spent at **Babs Pulsifer Kilgore's** beautiful home on Norway Lake on October 13, 2004. She served us a delicious catered lunch and we had a great time reminiscing and enjoying the scenery. Those who attended were: **Verna Wallace Andrews, Mary Wiswell Libby, Barbara Bickford Crimp, Edith Hayford Grant '50, Priscilla Thomas Rines, Jennie Hilton '50, Louise Hilton Varnum, Lexy Carter, Marian Stanley Burns, Dorothy Averill Hawkes, Lois Nicholson Healey, Babs Pulsifer Kilgore** and husband, **Ken, Beverly Bean Strout, Elinor Wilner Goldblatt, Elizabeth Tufts Goodrich, Helen Beckler Mooers '48, Alice Raymond Coughlin, Tom**

Coughlin, Colleen Richardson Coates, Kay Kennedy Nickless, Barbara Thompson York, Julia Shores Hahnel, Louise Litchfield McIntire '50, Caroline Strong '50, Rosemarie Gagnon Hallsey, Shirley Jackson Hilton '50, Thelma Crossland Robie, Evelyn Ellsworth Dearborn, and Jayne Hanson Bartley.

Mary Libby Collins '46 sent me a note in March which read, "I know how difficult it is to scrape up news for a column. I'm sending the program for Pat—very impressive. **Doug** and I are off to the slopes of Sugarloaf for wonderful spring skiing. My best to you all." The program Mary sent was The Sixteenth Annual Induction of the Maine Women's Hall of Fame. The program honored **Patricia McGuigan Collins** on March 19, 2005, at the University of Maine at Augusta. Among the featured speakers at the ceremony was Pat's daughter, Senator Susan Collins. Pat, a former mayor of Caribou, led the Maine Committee for Judicial Responsibility and Disability and the University of Maine trustees for several years. She is now the chairwoman of the board of

Maine Catholic Charities and oversees an annual budget of \$25 million.

Marian Stanley Burns invited the '49ers to her Mira Monte Inn in Bar Harbor again this spring. This is the third year we have gathered for a retreat at Marian's beautiful Victorian Inn. Barbara Thompson York, **Polly Cheney Howard, Kay Kennedy Nickless, Dorothy Averill Hawkes, Colleen Richardson Coates, Rosemarie Gagnon Hallsey, Lois Nicholson Healey, Marian Stanley Burns, Caroline Strong '50, Joan Wiswell Beach '50, Mary Wiswell Libby, Thelma Crossland Robie, Fred Robie '53, Evelyn Ellsworth Dearborn, Vance Dearborn, Babs Pulsifer Kilgore, and Ken Kilgore, all enjoyed lunch at Galyn's Galley, a wine and cheese party in the evening and a potluck supper. Marian sent us on our way the following morning with a hearty breakfast. The Maine Innkeepers and Mira Monte participate in the Hospitality for Habitat Program to which we all contributed.**

Colleen "Sparky" Coates and I went to the University of Maine Reunion in Orono in June. Although it



The Bodwell family was honored with the 2005 Fogler Legacy Award at Reunion in early June. Among those attending were four senior members of the family: front row (third from left): Russ Bodwell '44, Barbara Higgins Bodwell '45, Jan Marston Bodwell '55, and "Brother" Bill Bodwell '50. The award is given annually to a family with a long tradition of attending the University of Maine. Some 25 members of the Bodwell family have attended the university over four generations.

was not our reunion year, being Senior Alums (after the 50th reunion year), we get to go every year. On Friday we attended the Senior Alumni lunch and annual meeting. Jayne Hanson Bartley, Senior Alumni president, inducted the Class of 1955 into the ranks of Senior Alums. At the alumni awards breakfast on Sunday, Thelma "Bing" Crossland Robie was presented with the Block "M" Award for her outstanding leadership and participation in local alumni events, class activities, and programs sponsored by the alumni association. As a student she was a member of All Maine Women, the Women's Athletic Association Council, Home Economics Club, Maine Christian Association, and the University Orchestra. In addition she served as the *Prism* assistant editor and as class secretary on the class executive committee. Since graduation she has remained as active as in her student days. She currently serves on the executive committee for the Class of '49. She continues to keep in close touch with class members, having planned and coordinated numerous mini reunions and luncheons. She also served as reunion chair for her 45th and 50th Reunions. She serves as treasurer of the Senior Alumni and helps plan events as a member of the Senior Alumni activities committee. She can also be found tending the flower beds around the Buchanan Alumni House. Her faithful, dedicated service is an inspiration to all who see her strong commitment to her alma mater.

Another member of our class, **John D. Buckley**, was presented with the 2005 Alumni Career Award, the most prestigious recognition given by the University of Maine Alumni Association. It is presented annually to a UMaine graduate whose life's work is marked by outstanding achievement and dedication.

John entered the University of Maine in 1941 but left to serve his country shortly after the United States entered World War II. After serving four years in Europe, he returned to UMaine and completed his B.S. in engineering in 1949. He then went on to Harvard where he earned a master's degree in engineering. After a number of years in the engineering field, he became one of the founders of Post, Buckley, Mooney, and Schuh in the 1960s. (In 1970 the name was changed to PBS&J.) The firm was created when these four engineers collaborated on the development of Miami Lakes,



Dick and Middie Giesberg (right) with their daughter Susan.

Giesbergs honored for Humanitarian Work

Dick '48 and Middie Cohen Giesberg '47 were the recipients of the alumni association's Bernard Lown '42 Humanitarian Award at Reunion 2005 in June.

Both Dick and Middie have an impressive record of building communities, promoting tolerance, and helping those in need. Most recently they have led efforts to help over 90,000 Ethiopian Jews survive and move on to a better life in Israel. For their work they were recently awarded the International Humanitarian Award from the World Union for Progressive Judaism. (Photo by Lola Orcutt.)

Florida's first planned community. Today PBS&J is one of the largest privately owned engineering consulting firms in the United States, with 60 branches in 16 states and international offices in Argentina and Venezuela. The firm now employs 3,600 people and ranks 21st overall in the *Engineering News* record's list of the top 500 engineering firms. Early on, John and his partners also established a trust to enable employees to buy into the firm. Now as an employee-owned company, PBS&J is ranked by *CE News* as one of the 10 best engineering firms to work for and has a long-standing reputation for excellence. During John's stint as chairman, the firm was involved in numerous major, multimillion dollar projects, including the port of Miami's cruise ship facility, the Florida Turnpike, and the innovative wastewater treatment facility in Orlando. Among the company's most recent clients are the National Park Service, the City of San Diego, and the Texas Turnpike Authority. In addition to serving as

PBS&J's chairman, John has held leadership roles in virtually every major national engineering society.

Sadly, we have lost many dear classmates this past year. Among them is **Beatrice Thornton Ring**. Bea received her B.S. in engineering/physics. After graduation, she worked at Kelsey Air Force Base in Mississippi where she taught radar operations to military personnel. She worked for Westinghouse in Baltimore, Maryland, as a technical writer. She married Benjamin Ring in 1957 and they moved to Grand Forks, North Dakota, where she worked as a computer programmer and operator for the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, retiring in 1991. Her two daughters, two grandchildren, and two brothers survive her.

We felt a deep loss when **Alice Raymond Coughlin** died on January 13, 2005, after battling cancer. Alice lived in Walpole, Massachusetts, with her husband, **Tom**, and they summered on North Haven Island in Maine. Alice was born in New York

City, the daughter of the late Laforest Francis Raymond '22 and Anna Kristic Raymond. Alice grew up in Jackson Heights, New York, and graduated from Bishop McDonnell High School in Brooklyn, New York. After graduating from UMaine with a degree in zoology, she worked as a cancer research assistant for Dr. Sidney Farber in Boston. She also worked as a substitute teacher in the Walpole, Massachusetts, school system for over 25 years. Alice was a porcelain artist and the president of the Porcelain Artist Guild of New England. She and her husband, Tom, were very involved in church and community activities in both Walpole and North Haven. She was one of the pioneers in fund raising for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Alice was the mother of Eileen Coughlin St. James '77, Diane P. Mitsock, and Thomas J. Coughlin, Jr., '80. Five grandchildren and a sister, Marilyn Raymond Boss '51, also survive her. Alice was the sister of the late Florence E. "Daisy" Raymond '57. Alice's daughter, Eileen, sent me the following email, which I would like to share with you regarding the family's University of Maine tradition. "My mother was very proud to follow in her father's footsteps and graduate from the University of Maine. She met my father at the Newman Club on campus. They were married on February 14, 1953. I was raised with the expectation that I would go to college and that was how my mother and her sisters were raised. I did not realize how unusual that was until my classmates at UMaine expressed their amazement over my mother's college degree. In many cases my friends were not only the first women in their family to attend college, but the first generation. I would also like to point out that three of my cousins, Richard '74, Stephen '76, and Kathleen '77 are also graduates of UMaine along with their parents, Richard, '51G and Marilyn Boss '51. My mother, Alice, often told us the story of how her father, Laforest Francis Raymond '22 happened to attend college. He was raised on the island of North Haven, Maine, the son of a fisherman. Francis was quite bright and skipped two grades in his two-room school in the village. He was 16 when he was one of 11 students who graduated from North Haven High School in 1918. His father asked Francis what he wanted to do with his life. My grandfather replied that he planned on being a fisherman, like him. My great-grandfather, James, would have none of that and gave Francis a

month to decide on a course of study, because he was going to college. A month later, Francis told his father that he wanted to study civil engineering at the University of Maine. He graduated in 1922 shortly after his father died of exposure after falling overboard while fishing."

Our sincere condolences are sent to all our deceased classmates' families and also to Thelma Crossland Robie who lost her two brothers, Donald Crossland '47 and Elton Crossland '50, this past year.

It is the end of June here in Maine and I am off to enjoy the call of the loons at my cottage on Toddy Pond in Surry for the rest of the summer. Please write or email me your class notes. Would love to hear from all of you.

1950

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I have moved! Stone Ridge, the elegant retirement community built right in our beautiful town of Mystic, was completed late in 2004, with the first residents able to move in late last November. My particular section was completed in March—and after the house on Sloop Lane was finally sold, I prepared for the 17 May move-in. Cannot tell you how relieved I was when the move was complete; things are pretty well settled, except for making decisions on the optimum placement of the furniture, deciding what pictures I can utilize, and then getting them hung. The dog and cat (as well as mama) are accommodating to smaller quarters; it is nice not to have to contemplate mowing grass, shoveling snow, what to have for dinner, etc. I have tried to find a place for everything...and then must be very intentional in getting things back in their proper places after I use them! And the air conditioning is outstanding! Eastern Connecticut may swelter this summer, but our little section of it is comfortable! Happiness is...

It is difficult to believe that it has been 55 years since our graduation from our alma mater. Reunion 2005 was a great success, thanks to the hard work of our veep and reunion chairman **George Gray**, prexy **Maggie**, and all of the committee



Thelma Crossland Robie '49 (left) and Claire Saunders Ashworth '36 enjoying Reunion 2005 in June. Thelma received the alumni association's Block "M" Award for outstanding service to her class and the university. She is currently on the Class of '49 executive committee and also serves as Senior Alumni treasurer.

members who did a masterful job of contacting classmates and encouraging them to attend festivities at Bar Harbor and then on campus. Between all of our "venues" we were delighted to welcome some 48 classmates plus spouses and/or significant others—and a great time was had by all! We all hoped that the rain and chill of Maine in the springtime would leave us and that warmth accompanied by beautiful sunshine would return. Sure enough, it could not have been sunnier or warmer when we arrived at the Bar Harbor Inn on the first of June. The Inn, nestled on the shores of Frenchman's Bay, afforded us a superior view of Bar Island, Porcupine Islands, Cranberry Island, lighthouses, starlight skies, and a crystal clear and very tranquil ocean. The sunrises were breathtaking as dawn broke in the east and sunsets were just as magnificent. We had such a fun time of it—what with trips to Cadillac Mountain and environs, popovers with strawberry jam and tea at the Jordan Pond House, walking around the town and the shore path, a voyage on a four-masted windjammer named the *Margaret Todd*, talking non-stop and "comparing notes," plus a lobster feast and an elegant dinner at the Mary Roberts Rinehart Restaurant high at the top of a hill affording a spectacular view that just wouldn't stop!

We had hoped that Mitch and **Sue Dartnell Hadge** would be there, but graduations of grandchildren precluded their attendance. Ditto for **Cliff Manchester** who sent greetings from Waterville. **Irv** and **Dottie Butler Marsden** were planning to join us, but wrote that between Dottie's schedule associated with the recently published assessment for infants birth to three years—which instrument is being utilized in Early Head Start Programs across the country—and juggling schedules while trying to figure how best to manage traveling/maintaining two homes et al, they decided it was the better part of valor to stay in Florida and prepare to move into their newly constructed home in Deland, which was to have been ready for a move-in shortly after we gathered. Dottie noted they would be more than occupied moving out of two homes, one in Massachusetts and the other in Florida, and settling into one abode! We did miss them and shall take them up on their promise to come to Orono for a reunion very soon. **Chester** and **Patricia Kennedy** wrote that they would not be able to be with us, but sent regards from their home at 331 Sheep Pond Drive, Brewster, Massachusetts 02631. Janet and **Frank Higgins** notified us that they would not be able to be in Orono because of the effects of Frank's MS and other health issues. Janet said that they have moved to a retire-

ment community (226 Brittany Point, Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446 (215) 412-3636) and are doing very well. They have joined a toning class that meets several times a week as well as doing woodworking and playing bridge. They sent their love to all.

Bill Farnsworth sent his best regards to all but said that he had a long standing "date" with his four grandchildren to go fishing in Canada—and fish they did! **Carolyn Moores March** had anticipated being with us for at least the Bar Harbor segment of reunion festivities, as she and Jack celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renting a cottage on Sebago Lake for the month of June. They provided "Maine experiences" for each of their three North Carolinian children and families so that they "could taste Maine lobster right off of the fishing boat, smell the resin of the pine and spruce trees, see the clear water and sandy bottom of Sebago, learn how to row a boat, and do all manner of other things 'Maine-ish.'" There was a family emergency that didn't permit their coming to Bar Harbor and we were all mighty disappointed, though we know they have had a marvelous family time of it! We did see Carolyn and Jack briefly on June 18th at the Coles' summer home—and were overjoyed that we could see one another, albeit very briefly. **"Marty" Ernest Martikainen** had hoped to join the happy throng, but had a prior commitment at Bridgton Academy at the same time; he was a 2004 inductee into the Bridgton Academy Hall of Fame. **Don Waring** was recovering from heart surgery and so "was on the mend." We hope he will join us at the 4 August meeting in Portland.

Though we missed many classmates, we appreciate their being in touch with us and hope that they can get to a meeting soon. We rejoiced with those who could come. **Al** and **Joye Levesque** were in Bar Harbor for those festivities. They are in Maine during the summer months and spend the winters in Fort Pierce, Florida, and thoroughly enjoy golfing in both locations.

Frank J. Smith was also able to join us in Bar Harbor. He lives at: 1 Anthony Avenue, Manchester by Sea, Massachusetts 01944 and is retired from AT&T. He thoroughly enjoys skiing and other activities with his grandchildren, playing golf, sailing, and all. (It was interesting to be around Frank and Floyd Smith when they met up with one another in Bar Harbor—and found that they had been roommates in Brunswick

during our freshman year!) **Gerry** and **Jeanne Mayberry** were in Bar Harbor; he said that it was a trip down memory lane as he remembered back to 1947 when he joined firefighters to extinguish that devastating fire. He and Jeanne, who continue to delight in polka and ballroom dancing, were able to "trip the light fantastic" at the breakfast buffet on campus. I was so enthralled to witness their intricate dance steps as we saw true "poetry in motion"—and I pray they will continue dancing for years to come! **Bill '49** and **Polly Clement Barron** joined the group from their home in Hampden. They both look wonderful and continue to ski during the winter months and participate in swimming and other water sports during the summer months. Am sure the water around Sand Beach in Bar Harbor was mighty cold—so we just looked! Brother **Bill Bodwell** was there for events both in Bar Harbor and in Orono; wife Janet Marston Bodwell '55 was celebrating her class's 50th—so there was much activity for them both. Bill continues to operate the automobile dealership in Brunswick—and doesn't plan to retire anytime soon! The Bodwell family received the Fogler Legacy Award at the Sunday morning awards breakfast—citing the family who not only have more than three generations of graduates, but all have also demonstrated outstanding service to the university as well as their communities. Mighty proud we were! We were delighted that **Edie Snow Cole** '53 was with us for reunion activities; we are all still reeling from **Sherm's** very sudden death in March after surgery—and were so pleased she could come; Sperm's funeral was held in New Jersey in early March, and then the interment was in West Paris on the 18th of June. Many friends, classmates, and relatives were in attendance to bid adieu to our gallant friend who was an exemplary classmate and Maine alum. It was also the wish of the class executive board that Edie be named an honorary member of the Class of 1950—in appreciation of her love and support of us all through the years. You can be sure there wasn't a dry eye in the house as we officially made her "one of us." **Henry** and **Marjorie Saunders** brought Edie to Bar Harbor and then to Orono from their summer homes in Sebago Lake—and squired us all around for sightseeing during the course of our reunion; Henry used his digital camera to the max as he snapped superb pictures from

Northeast Harbor to Wells Commons—and everything in between! We shall look forward to seeing them all! **Betsey** and **Dick Hewes** were able to spend the long weekend both at Bar Harbor and then in Orono; know they got in a round or two of golf in between all that was scheduled for us. They look terrific—and when I last saw them they were making ready for the trip back to Portland. Never could understand how, what was purported to be a long weekend, could turn out to be so short!

Gerry Lamb Kenneally traveled up to Maine from Florida for Reunion activities. We were happy to meet and greet a good friend, **Gene Miller** from Avon Park, who seemed to thoroughly enjoy all of the sights and sounds during the course of the long weekend. **Floyd** and **Dot Smith** drove over from their home in Pembroke, New Hampshire; he is still heavily involved in his town government as well as with the Scottish Rite Masons and thoroughly enjoys a good game of golf! Many thanks to **Dick** and **Flo Maddocks Fairfield** who tucked us all under their wings in Bar Harbor as they saw to all of our informal gatherings for talk and.....as well as to the lobster bake—and kept us informed as to activities available to us for those all too short days. Many thanks for all, **Flo** and **Dick!** **Walter** and **Bertha Clark Allen** '51 were with us both in Bar Harbor as well as on campus; they are thoroughly enjoying their home in Ellsworth and look so great! **Len Minsky** and **Renee** came down from Bangor to the coast for the lobster bake and also joined us at the Friday night dinner.

"In the blink of an eye" our stay at Bar Harbor was concluded and we made our way to campus for the Senior Alumni luncheon as well as activities at the Buchanan Alumni House. We spotted **Bob Elliott** and "Boo" Upton who came over from Bucksport, **John Fogler** from Exeter, **Deane** and **Ginny Hutchins** from Veazie as well as **Dave** and **Laura Hale** from Lisbon Falls. Spotted at our class dinner were **Willard** and **Edith Sawyer** from Stonington. Was fascinated to learn that they are both competent carpenters and painters, and work "in concert" on their home, car, and boat projects, in addition to being doting grandparents! It was almost an SRO crowd at our dinner Friday evening. **George Gonyar** was the master of ceremonies and kept us "groaning" and laughing at his good humored banter; know he was a superior radio

commentator and he did a great job guiding us through the informal program of the evening—and we all had a cordial time of it! One of the highlights of the evening was a concert by The Landlords—a group of men, led by **Danny Williams** '91, '94G from the alumni office, who sing "oldies and goodies" so beautifully—such songs as "Coney Island Baby," "Life Could be a Dream," and "Goodnight, Sweetheart." They ended the concert with a rousing version of "The Stein Song"—we all sang away with them and truly sounded terrific! Founder of the group was classmate **Clif Eames** from Bangor who assembled truly a group of fine voices. **Danny** and his troupe left everyone smiling and wanting more! I could see that **Al Prince** and **Phyllis** were enjoying the presentation, and then some! **Justin** '48 and **Louise Litchfield McIntire** and **Richard Marston** (who came up to Maine from Winter Haven, Florida) seemed to thoroughly enjoy all of the great music as well. **Boyd Fuller** was at the dinner, and stayed with **John Fogler** in Exeter. They were seated with **Kitty** and **John Gee**, and had a superb time of it catching up the years since they had seen one another. A high point in the evening was the presentation of an enlarged picture of the Chemical Engineering Club of 1950 to classmate **Larry Thompson** from Lititz, Pennsylvania, by **Dr. Hermant Pendse**, chairman of the chemical and biological engineering department. **Larry** was so pleased with the presentation, as were we all! **Maggie** presented a certificate to **Esther Caldwell** acknowledging the fact that her late husband **Bob**, a son and daughter, as well as a grandson are all mechanical engineering graduates of the University of Maine. A scholarship in **Bob's** name has been established with the Foundation. Back in 2000, **Bob** admonished us all to, "keep healthy, have fun, and be brave." He reminded us of **Betty Davis'** observation that, "Old age isn't for sissies!" True! I was honored to be awarded our class's Distinguished Alumni Service Award in recognition of hours of service and generosity over the years since our graduation. Working with and for our class has been a pure pleasure for me—and that is an understatement! Several awards were made at the Friday dinner—one to **Pete** and **Sue Harris** for traveling the furthest to the reunion, and another to **Al** and **Phyllis Prince** for being grandparents 16 times over!

Saturday morning we assembled at the Buchanan Alumni House for the short walk to our 1950 Flag Plaza and the memorial service honoring some 184 classmates who have died since 2000. Interesting that of those 184, 78 percent (circa 143 classmates) were veterans of the wars. Chairmen of the service, **Al** and **Dottie Lord Hopkins** did a superb job of orchestrating the service at our flag plaza. If you haven't seen the flag plaza, please do, for the plaza is such a welcoming sight to people coming into the campus, and is truly moving and "a class act." **Ellie Hansen Brockway**, **Marilyn Seavey Reilly**, and **Caroline Strong** joined in the march behind a piper, **Elwood "Woody" Beach** from the Class of '51. **Kathleen Heald** traveled to us from LaMesa, California, and was in the line of march with **Floriece Pratt Kennedy** from Farmington. We were honored that the Color Guard for the service consisted of members of the United States Marine Corps, while members of the American Legion Post #3 in Ellsworth and the VFW Post #109 in Ellsworth paid homage to our deceased via the gun salute. "Taps" was played by a member of the Maine National Guard. The tribute was very moving—music by **Pat Cummings** '89 and **Alison Moore** was beautiful; our hearts were full—with eyes overflowing—at the conclusion of the service. **Boyd Fuller**, who traveled from Waseca, Minnesota, and **Charles Treworgy** from Milo were in the audience and shared our thoughts. **Maitland Richardson** and his wife, **Sylvia** '53, were in Orono for all of the reunion activities. **Maitland** is serving a second term as a representative in the Maine State Legislature, and is a member of the standing committee on utilities and energy. He is active with the Skowhegan Rotary Club as well as the Masons and Shriners. Thanks again, Hoppy, for all!

When the service was concluded, we all went back to the Buchanan House for a champagne toast, provided by our veep **George Gray**. He offered a toast to deceased class members, to our veterans—both living and deceased—and to the University of Maine. Lifting high their glasses were **Doug** and **Joyce Wilson Morton** from Rocky Hill, Connecticut, and **Pat Ward Kilpatrick** who joined us from Limestone. **Pat** and **Joyce** were roommates during our undergraduate years and had much fun catching up on events during the past few years! **Dave** and **Laura Hale** joined in the

toast – remembering back fondly to “the good ole days!” **Gerald** and **Mary Davis MacLean** from Brownville were on hand for Orono activities; it was so great to see them after just “a few” years since we last saw one another. **Earl** and **Hazel Dawley** came up from Oak Island, North Carolina, to be with us—and we were also delighted to welcome **Colby** and **Marilyn Walker** from Rochester, New Hampshire.

We then retired to the McIntire Room at Buchanan for our class meeting and luncheon. Prexy Maggie presided as we conducted the business of the Class of 1950—including approval of the budget and election of officers. Re-elected were: **Margaret Mollison McIntosh**, president; **George R. Gray**, vice president; **Ruth Holland Walsh**, secretary; **Alton M. Hopkins**, treasurer; **William E. Bodwell** and **Henry W. Saunders**, class agents. **Edith “Edie” Snow Cole**, widow of **Sherman L. Cole**, was named an honorary member of the class in recognition of her loyalty, love, and support of the class through the years.

Vice president **George R. Gray** made a special presentation to **John E. Gee** of Chesterville in recognition of his service and valor in World War II as a member of the Naval Combat Demolition Unit that cleared obstacles on Utah Beach in Normandy on D-Day 1944. He also participated in the southern invasion of Italy in August of 1944, and then in Borneo where he was awarded a Bronze Star medal for his work during pre-assault operations against Japanese-held beaches at Balikpapan, Southeast Borneo. John was a member of the Tokyo Bay Occupation Force that was present at the surrender of the Japanese Navy on the 30th of August 1945. We were mighty proud to acknowledge his service to our nation—and hope in the months and years to come that we may salute the many members of the Class of 1950 who served our nation—over and above the call of duty! We are so very proud of you all!

We gathered for the alumni awards breakfast on Sunday morning before one and all headed for our respective homes. It was at that breakfast that our vice president **George** received a Block “M” Award for his outstanding service to the university through “multiple endeavors, participation in local alumni events, class activities, and leadership.” Everyone then departed for homes near and far, with determination to meet one another soon!

Class of 1950 Celebrates its 55th

Some 40 members of the Class of 1950 returned to the UMaine campus to celebrate their 55th Reunion on a warm, sunny weekend in early June. Among the highlights of the weekend was the class luncheon at Buchanan Alumni House.

Right: Class president Maggie Mollison McIntosh (left) and class agent Henry Saunders presented Edie Snow Cole '53 with an honorary membership in the Class of 1950. Edie's husband, Sherm Cole, a loyal '50 alumnus, died this past March.



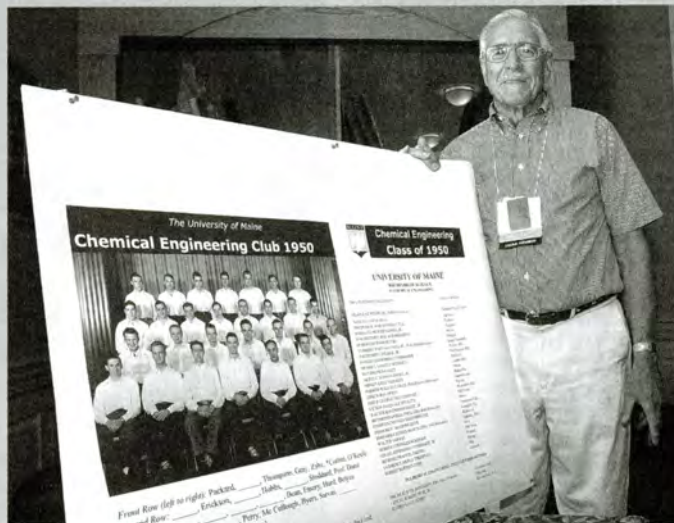
Class of '50 members Joyce Wilson Morton (left) and Doug Morton with Stella Borkowski Patten '47, '69G.



John Gee (right) was presented with a special plaque in recognition of service in World War II.



Class vice president George Gray received a Block “M” Award for his service to his class and UMaine.



Larry Thompson put together this memory board for the many Class of 1950 chemical engineering graduates.

The class held its annual mini-meeting in August at the Cumberland Club in Portland. One of the items on the agenda was a report of the status of the 1950 Scholarship Fund, which is designed to be awarded to relatives of the class who attend the University in Orono.

As a reminder to you, first preference for the award shall be given to students who are descendants of members of the Class of 1950. It is the responsibility of the descendant scholarship applicant to make his/her relationship known to the Office of Student Financial Aid at the time of application. Please urge your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to apply for this scholarship. The amount of the award is dependent upon how many applicants there are as well as monies that are available from the fund for disbursement. Keep those donations to the scholarship fund coming in! The more we have in the account, the more we can distribute!

We were saddened to read of the death of **Helen "Holly" McCuin Parker**, of Springvale, Maine. Helen passed away peacefully on March 11, 2005. She received her nursing degree from the University of Maine after affiliating with the Boston Lying-in Hospital and Children's Hospital. She married **John Parker** in December 1949. After raising her family, Holly returned to the nursing profession as a staff nurse at Goodall Hospital. Upon retiring, Holly and John enjoyed traveling in their RV throughout the U.S. and Canada. She is survived by her husband of 55 years and their four children.

The next column will be the winter issue, published circa the beginning of 2006. If you have news items, please let me know and we shall add your news to the column.

Hope your fall is grand and glorious! My best—Ruthie

1951

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Hilda "Jinx" Livingston Miller writes that she and her husband, Stan '49, met **MaryDean Yates Floyd** and **Wendell and Claire Levasseur Hodgkins** for lunch at Clyde's Restaurant in Rockville,



Jazz clarinetist Stan Catell '51 (far right) performs with his band Sunday evenings at the Samoset Resort in Rockport. Stan, who is 79, says performing keeps him young. "There's nothing like being out in front of the public doing something you love." (Bangor Daily News photo by John Clarke Russ.)

Maryland, in April. They topped off the meal with strawberry rhubarb pie which reminded them of Maine. MaryDean and Wendell reminisced about their school days at Bar Harbor High. **Wini Ramsdell Macfarlan** and her husband, Greg '52, were invited, but couldn't make it due to other commitments. Jinx and Stan, who live in Tustin, California, came east to spend Passover with Stan's brother and also their eldest son Scott, his wife Lisa, and their granddaughter.

Your correspondent has been busy with art shows this year. Since retiring from teaching at Southern Maine Technical College, I have attended continuing education classes at Maine College of Art in Portland. In April and May my paintings were exhibited in Brunswick at Thornton Oaks Retirement Community and also at the 11 Pleasant Street Gallery juried show. From June through September, 30 of my oils and watercolors were shown in a solo show at Mae's Café in Bath.



Four 1951 UMaine graduates got together for dinner at Clyde's Restaurant in Rockville, Maryland, in April. Sitting, left to right are: MaryDean Yates Floyd from Silver Spring, Maryland; Claire Levasseur Hodgkins from Kensington, Maryland; and Hilda "Jinx" Livingston Miller from Tustin, California. Standing is Wendell Hodgkins. Stan Miller, Class of 1949, took the photo.

As I write, plans are going forward for our annual class summer picnic to be held in August at the home of **Woody** and **Ginny Norton Beach '52** in Raymond, Maine. News of that event will appear in the next issue. If you couldn't make the picnic, how about sending me an item for our column?

1952

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Cheers from the cupola. In early March, **Anthony P. Mezoian** sent this letter from 8 Woodbury Street, South Portland, Maine, 04106.

"Dear Fran, I have just finished writing and publishing an Armenian cookbook and my good friend and Delta Tau Delta frat brother, **Dave Fox**, suggested I alert you of my endeavors. The book is unusual as I have included stories to go along with some of the old country recipes. Tennis partner and good friend, Peter Petros Panagokos wrote a great 'About the Author' biography for the book, and frat brother, good friend, and roommate, Peter Drivas '53, offered me much assistance. I have a feature in the book about roasting lamb the Drivas way and for years our families had Easter dinner at the Drivas' home. Fran, one recipe and story you will like is on page 58. Promise me you will read it! Remember Brownie Schrupf '25? I am not a gourmet cook, but as I mentioned in my book, my father owned a bakery for over 50 years in Portland and I was always involved in making dough—thus my interest in baking. Many of my recipes come from my grandparents who brought them to America when they escaped the Armenian genocide in Turkey in the early 1900s. The book sells for \$15.95, has over 30 color photos, and some step-by-step directions. Enclosed please find a copy with my compliments. Enjoy at your leisure. I call it a literary cookbook. Sincerely, Andy, Anthony P. Mezoian."

Andy's book was published by Franklin Printing Company, Farmington, Maine, and can be ordered from Andy at: 8 Woodbury Street, South Portland, Maine 04106. His phone number is (207) 799-1401. I needed to call him with a question,

and I got his wife.

And now, I shall continue writing while my Armenian flat bread rises. (page 41 in Andy's cookbook). A number of Andy's father's neighbors often came into his bakery shop to ask for his flat bread, which they jokingly dubbed snowshoe bread. When Andy was at the university, his fraternity advisor at Delta Tau had complained about his bad stomach ulcers. So one weekend while at home in Portland, Andy told his mother about the advisor's problem. Andy's mother gave him a quart of madzoon to take back along with the directions for his wife to make more. Bill Schrupf '12 was Andy's fraternity advisor, and Bill's wife, Mildred Brown "Brownie" Schrupf '25 was a home economics professor at the university. Bill swore he never had any more stomach pains after eating a dish of madzoon (yogurt) each night before retiring. He also said he even passed the recipe on to his mailman. Buy a copy of Andy's cookbook and you will absolutely never suffer from any stomach discomfort again in your lifetime. In your letter you refer to yours as a literary cookbook, and how true that is, Andy. I learned so much about the Armenians who settled in Portland, that now I must read your *The Armenian People of Portland, Maine*. Andy has also written a novel, *Run With Patience*. Now my flat bread, Lavish Hatz, has the most beautiful crust and tastes as good as any bread I have ever baked. The combination of egg brushed on top and the pan of boiling water under the baking bread really does wonders.

In the April issue of the *Houlton Pioneer Times*, a staff writer, Scott Mitchell Johnson, wrote about **Laurance "Larry" Park**, who at 75, gets his physical activity pushing logs through a sawmill that he built. Larry grew potatoes for 40 years, and was ready for a change. Larry took over the family's Echo Lake Road farm in 1954. He was 24 at the time, and has been harvesting trees on the property for 48 years. In the early 1950s, the farm was only 150 acres and featured potatoes, oats, and hay. From 1957 to 1980, Larry planted 20 acres of red pine, Norway spruce, and white spruce on non-tillable or poor potato land. In 1982, his woodland was recognized for management for continuous production and scientific forestry practices. It was also designated a tree farm under the Maine Tree Farm Committee and the



For their many contributions to their classes and the university, Milton '51 and Joan Vachon Victor '52 received the Block "M" Award at Reunion 2005.

American Forest Institute. Park estimates that he has planted 27,000 trees on the now 320-acre farm. Some of the logging roads are now used for cross-country skiing, and the property abuts Aroostook State Park. Larry Park received the Central Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District's Farmer of the Year Award in 1973, as well as a Goodyear Conservation Award, which included a trip to Florida from conservation tours with winners from other states. He was asked to be on the Rural American Bicentennial Planning Committee, where he experienced his first walking interview with an agricultural reporter. Next came a recording session with a professor emeritus of rural sociology from Penn State, and a past U.S. deputy secretary of agriculture. Larry has been supervisor of the Conservation District for 30 years. He also coordinates meetings for the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine, which will be celebrating its 30th anniversary. Larry has built a log trailer from a potato harvester and notes how much money he saves by building his own equipment. His roommate at UMaine taught him to tune a banjo. Now he plays nearly every Wednesday night with the Wednesday Night Fiddlers in Andover, New Brunswick. Larry and his wife, Edith, have been married for 48 years. They have five children and 12 grandchildren.

I was excited to see the February 20 article from the *Kennebec*

Journal about **Ruth Lippmann Bookey** and her husband, Ted.

They are both professional educators and have been married 23 years. Ruth taught kindergarten in West Gardiner for 24 years, and Ted taught English in the public schools in the Bronx, New York, for 24 years. Now they are both volunteer instructors at Senior College at the University of Maine in Augusta. Ted teaches Joy of Poetry, and Ruth teaches Hands-On Art for Beginners and Beyond for people who always wanted to do art, but never did. Ted has taught his poetry course for six years, and has no desire to teach anyone younger than 50 or 60 ever again. He says it has turned his head around what real creativity means. Most of his students have never written a word of poetry prior to taking his course. As his class focuses on a whole range of modern poetry, the students wonder why this free verse is indeed poetry because they grew up when poems rhymed. Ruth's art class instructs students how to work with watercolor, pastels, charcoal, markers, and other basic materials. Ruth says she teaches the students the joy of art, allowing them to explore the medium while doing still lifes and portraits. The Bookeys live in Readfield on Lake Maranacook. I too lived in Readfield for 10 years from 1965 to 1975, Ruth, and just last year I took Dwane Prugh's wonderful Senior College course on lighthouses in Downeast Maine. I have been on

the Downeast College board for four and a-half years, and cannot praise Maine Senior Colleges enough for what they have provided to each of us. The annual membership fee is \$25.00 and each course costs \$25.00. The Bookeys also lead a poetry reading series in collaboration with Maine Poet Laureate, Baron Wormser '72 at Harlow Gallery in Hallowell. The Bookeys have also translated into English the works of German poet, Erich Kaestner, who fled Germany during the Nazi regime. The Class of '52 raises its steins to all three of you classmates for your great accomplishments.

Mary Snyder Dow and Stewart Coffin sent a postcard last week from Prague saying that this is their best Elderhostel trip yet. They biked to Prague via Dessau and Dresden, Germany. Mary said they would be seeing the Prague Tower the night she wrote the card. When I looked for the Prague Tower on the computer, the picture showed many towers, and each with a different Czech name. Perhaps Mary and Stewart's Christmas message will show us the one particular tower that I tried to locate. Your new knees must be working superbly, Mary.

On June 4, an envelope was postmarked from **David Wentworth**, who lives at: 167 West Street, Granby, Massachusetts 10133. David told us that he had never before sent any of his life's happenings to the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* since his graduation. He decided to write in order to overcome his guilt after reading what so many other classmates had been doing. Thank you so much, David. When he came to 2003 Homecoming, he visited the college of natural science building where the Maine forestry program was celebrating its 100th anniversary. They urged him to write an article about "How it Used To Be in the Forestry Program." His article was published in the 100th anniversary issue of *The Maine Forestry Magazine*. His piece entitled "Memories" is beautifully written and really takes one back 50 years. He explained that 1952 was such a long time ago compared to today's students in both years and level of technology. To him it seems like yesterday. His fiancée graduated that year from Simmons College on June 6. They were married on the 14th, and on the 15th, David graduated from the University of Maine Forestry School. He remembers that the forest management program was so intense with both physical and natural sciences and tons of lab hours to go

with them. At times he felt like transferring to liberal arts so he could go to Pat's Pizza more often. The faculty urged the students to seek summer work closely allied to forestry so the first summer he worked for a tree surgeon company. Following his sophomore year, two classmates accompanied him driving cross-country to work for the National Forest Service in the Deschute National Forest in Sisters, Oregon. Those were great and valuable experiences. For the details, so vividly explained by David, each of you should locate the magazine and read the whole piece. David later got his M.S. in wood technology from North Carolina State College. During his second semester at NC State, a UMaine fraternity brother from Alpha Gamma Phi, and also a forestry graduate, Leroy Rand '50, lived with David and his wife in their two-bedroom apartment. Now with his M.S. in woodtech, he began working for the wood adhesive division of Monsanto Chemical Company. Monsanto shared his costs for an MBA degree on which David worked for six years. Knowledge in people management, financial management, and all disciplines of marketing management prepared him for broader horizons. He later became a project manager for American Optical, vice president of Springborn World Consulting Company, president of Varilux Company, and the last 10 years were spent with his own worldwide consulting business. He says he has been blessed with education, opportunities, a superb wife/partner, six educated children (one deceased); and nine light-of-his-life grandchildren. The thoughts he wanted to share with forestry students are so great that I want to share them with all of you: "Love, commitment, and respect will hold on to a great partner for life. Recognize and take advantage of opportunities that can enhance your future. Avoid obsolescence by continuing to educate yourself. It's up to you. Get a good grasp on economics, marketing, business disciplines, and business tax code. Time flies. Take time to smell the roses." You may not have written to the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* before, David, but I know we have all benefited. Thank you so much for sharing what you wrote filled with humility and thanksgiving.

Copresident **William "Bill" Currie** sent news via email: **Joan Vachon Victor** and husband Milton '51 received the Block "M" Award at reunion breakfast. Congratulations, guys. Bill Currie was named first vice

president of the Senior Alumni Council at its annual meeting held during Reunion and Bill was also elected president of the University of Maine Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine. We are so fortunate to have you doing all of these jobs so well, Bill. Thanks. That chapter was formerly known as the Cumberland County Alumni Chapter. **Perry Hunter** is recuperating from back surgery and as always is in good spirits. The class trip leaves for Norway and Iceland on September 15th and returns on the 28th. Twenty-two from our class are going, along with two from the Class of '51, one from the Class of '49, and two of Bill and **Harriet Johnson Currie's** neighbors. **Arthur "Art" R. McAlister** was at his wife's reunion on campus. The McAlisters are one couple taking the trip to Norway. Bill saw **Virginia Norton Beach** at Reunion, where Woody Beach '51 again played the bagpipes at the memorial services. They are now back at their Raymond residence for the summer.

I saw **Jean McIntire White** and her husband, Linwood '54, dining at Governor's in Orono not too many weeks ago. Lin is making great progress after quadruple by-pass surgery last winter. Bill Currie reported that Jean is on the Senior Alumni Council and also a member of the finance committee. They are both looking forward to the Norway trip. Thanks for so many news items, Bill.

The following were recipients of Class of '52 scholarships during the 2004-2005 academic year: Peter Buchanan, son of **James Buchanan**, mechanical engineering major, a senior from Old Town; Sarah Bullard, granddaughter of the late **Wesley Bullard**, counseling major, a graduate student from Lyman; William Gove, Jr., grandson of **Roy L. Gove**, information systems engineering major, a senior from Auburn; Michael Healy, grandson of **Osmond Bonsey**, a liberal arts major who is a first-year student from Litchfield; Brian Knowles, grandson of the late **June Gumprecht Knowles**, a business administration sophomore from Bass Harbor; Amy Smart, granddaughter of **Laurence E. Smart**, an engineering major, sophomore from Lincoln; Alyson Wintle, granddaughter of **Farwell L. Sawin**, nursing major, a first-year student from Belgrade; and Caroline Woodworth, granddaughter of **Donald E. Smith**, engineering major, sophomore from Bar Harbor. We are pleased to see such an increase in the number of Class of '52 applicants over the past two years. "Thank you for your diligent

effort spreading the word to your fellow class members" was the message that came along with the list of recipients.

A lovely invitation arrived in the mail to an exhibit of oils and woodcuts by **Sally Arseneault Delorme Pedrick**. The exhibit was to open on January 30, and run through March at the Library Art Studio at: 1467 Route 32 in Round Pond. Sally was hoping some of us from the class could stop by and view her works. I never did get there, and unless others of you had a different source of information you may have also missed seeing *Printed Words and Painted Worlds*. Thanks, Sally, and try again. I know many would like to see your pieces and partake of your Sunday Conversations, Soups and Breads between 1 and 4 p.m.

Even though he was in the Class of '51, I did see Jack Farrar and his wife, Barbara Downs Farrar '53, shopping in Hannaford grocery yesterday. Jack has nearly complete recovery from a stroke and skied a total of 42 times during the winter. I should have written the exact number when we were talking because I have a tendency to exaggerate. If you never tell, Jack, I won't either.

Soon after Easter, I learned from my dear roommate, **Adelaide "Gump" Grant Ruby**, that her husband, William Stephen Ruby, had died on March 28, 2005. I did write in the last issue that Bill had been hospitalized since January 3. He had been taken from the hospital to a rehabilitation center where doctors decided he needed surgery to repair what seemed to be a hernia. That turned out to be a five-hour surgery for a ruptured colon instead. We are all thinking of your whole family, Gump. Please accept sincere sympathy from the Class of '52. I remember once when Gump and Bill were visiting us in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Bill went to bed that night leaving Gump armed with his alarm wristwatch so she would know precisely when to go to bed. He knew how much Gump and I enjoyed talking.

I have spoken with **Mary-Ellen Chalmers Weldon** today. She is in the midst of doing work on the interior of her camp at Holbrook Pond in Holden. The recently refinished floors are drying while she and her daughter, Ann Weldon Blanke '76, '84G, come to an agreement about what to put on the walls.

Keep the news coming, and thanks to those who sent so much.

1953

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Here we are again in print. I just love this publication, don't you? I say, let's thank all those great people who make it possible for so many of us to enjoy. I can't wait to read it each time it arrives in the mail. I can forget the other magazines, catalogs, etc., that appear in my mailbox, but not this one. I read it, and reread it, and the photos—they mean so much—words just aren't enough, are they? Thanks!

But on with my column. I have so many scraps of paper that I scribbled on (not too legibly) when I went to our Senior Alumni Reunion June 3, 4, and 5, you'd think I never went to college. So I'll start with those crumpled bits that I stuffed into one envelope (thank goodness).

Isn't the Buchanan Alumni House something to be proud of?! I wanted everything to be held there. It's magnificent! It's "home" when you're on campus — just like the bookstore and all the other buildings we came to know. I love the fraternity houses, too, and as I drove by I thought, which one would I like to live in? Delta Tau? Kappa Sig? Phi Kapp? Sigma Chi? I couldn't afford to heat any one of them!

Well, my weekend was great in Orono. I booked a room early at the University Inn (where "The Elms" used to be) and saw a number of classmates at different times—**Frank** and **Clara Pickering**, **Woody** and **Jean Grindle Carville** '54, **Carol Prentiss Mower**, **Ann Twombly Bonang**, **Edith Snow Cole**, **Helen Strong Hamilton**, **Fred** and **Dione Williams Hutchinson** '54, **Doug** and **Barbara Kneeland**, **Peggy Given White**, **Hank Woodbrey** (**Dawn Miller Woodbrey** was there but I didn't see her), and **Fred** and **Thelma Crossland Robie** '49. **Margaret Libby Standley** had signed in, but I didn't see her, and **Sylvia Richardson** and **Ron Bishop** had signed up, but bear paws (meaning they were there) were not beside their names.

I saw **Edie Snow Cole**, of Wyck-off, New Jersey, and **Sebago**, Maine, coming back (or going) on one of the campus buses and we chatted for a few minutes. She was made an honorary member of the Class of 1950. (Her late husband, Sherman,

Go Blue!

was a class agent and a member of that class.) Edie, who said she couldn't get any of her three daughters to come to Maine, also has four grandchildren and said "They're all wonderful." And thanks to that bus driver who went out of her way to pick me up. Above the front window was this big sign (in red, with capital letters) "Danger: After every route please check for sleeping children on and underneath the seats." (Good idea. It could have been me!)

As always, Danny Williams '91, '94G gave a humorous intro, as "Hubert," at Friday's lunch. It takes practice, practice, practice, he said. (I can believe that. A great memory, too.) Thanks, Danny. (And Jean Carville poured water. Had to fit that in, Jean.) I also walked right by Mark Cohen '54, a Lewiston High classmate of mine, and his wife, Jane, of Armonk, New York, but he stopped me and introduced himself. Sorry, Mark, my memory, where has it gone?

Friday night's dinner (with the best cheesecake ever!), "Dining With Distinction," had quite a crew at the table: Barbara Potts (who made another quilt for the Black Bear raffle, which I didn't win again) and her son, Bob; Kari Wells '04G of the advancement office (going for her Ph.D. and off to London and Ireland), and here again, I must bring a notebook to reunions. Names and notes jumbled together, but I must say the alumni staff was just great! We talked of everything from age to weight and back again. People are delightful and UMaine is lucky to have such a great crew working for/with them.

I went to all the meals, wonderful meals, and people, again of the alumni staff—Nancy Verrill, Chris Corro (who keeps money in her shoe), Rebecca Brunton (with a stay-cool Heloise hint, push-up pops), and Ken Bubar '83 (and I know all your ages, but I won't tell). And somewhere along the way (at this table or another) someone said a secret to a happy marriage was just being "lucky," it's "tough," "You've got to work at it very hard."

Boy, Saturday night your hands just stuck together when you clapped (the air-conditioning decided not to work), but we had fun just the same. At our table that night were Joan Vachon Victor '52 (Tri Delt), and her husband, Milton '51 (Kappa Sig), who received the Block "M" Award. Congratulations! Both active in athletics at Thornton Academy and UMaine, Joan majored in psychology and Milt in history and government. Parents of three and grandparents of



Four Sigma Chi brothers met in Newburyport, Massachusetts, in March to discuss the fraternity's funds in the University of Maine Foundation. Left to right are: Frank Pickering '53, Elisha Perkins Gould '52, Russell Meade '51, and John Quinn '49.

eight, their secret to a happy marriage (having celebrated 50)? "Being kind to one another, having a sense of humor, and having a lot of laughs. We like the same things." They live in Englewood, Florida, two months of the year and the other 10 in Saco. Milt, who played left tackle in '49 and '50, spoke of the UMaine coaches, "All four were great teachers: Dave Nelson, Westy, Milo Lude, and John Cuddeback."

Also, another '49 Lewiston High classmate of mine, Fred "Ted" Maher '55, and his wife, of Marlborough, Connecticut, sat opposite me. "Teddy," as he was called back then, was into sports at LHS and had this under his name in our yearbook: "All tongues speak of him." Bert Daniels '55, who said his roommates were "Seventeen girls and me," (in reality it was Ted), and his wife, of Houlton and Fort Myers, also made for a lively table.

I've got to thank Edie McVay King '67, of Waterville, a UMaine Alumni Association volunteer, who took the time and graciously showed me the beautiful steins (large and small) she had collected throughout the years and donated to the university. They were displayed throughout the Buchanan House. Thanks again, Edie.

And classmates, you've got to come to Orono for next year's Senior Alumni Reunion. We're not getting any younger! And it is a lot of fun. And thanks, Carol (Prentiss Mower) for showing me sights I never saw when I was in college: the horse barn, Old Town (I can't believe I'd

never seen the town in all these years) and the Indian reservation. Carol's a great chauffeur! (And I've got to visit McDonald's in Old Town. My son stopped there on his way to buy an Old Town kayak, and said they have a conference-type area, a place where you can relax, real nice.)

In my emailing and calling classmates to come to Senior Alumni Reunion, and our August 20 get-together in Bass Harbor (Maine), I received replies from a number of people. (I also wasn't able to email a lot of people due to "permanent fatal errors.")

Harold Eames, of North Hampton, New Hampshire, wrote: "Feel bad we can't make it. We will be just home from Florida and will be at an event for our granddaughter." From Dr. **Gaylen "Gay" Kelley**: "Sorry that we will not be able to make it. We moved into a new condo development in Middleton, Massachusetts, last January 7th. We are awaiting lawns and landscaping and some odds and ends of interior completion so expect that we will be late in leaving for our summer and fall at our cottage on Madawaska Lake in northern Maine. We were so fortunate to have been able to sell our home in Lynnfield, Massachusetts, in one day. This move seems to have been the right move at the right time. Our new address is: 10 Lebeau Drive, Middleton, Massachusetts 01949. Our phone number is: (978) 750-8280.

"I am not sure that I told you that the new Gaylen Kelley Distance Education Laboratory was dedicated

in April 2002 at Boston University, School of Education. It was very special as it was funded by my doctoral students. I still have contacts at the university and recently served as the president of the retired faculty and staff society of the university. Having been president, I continue to serve on the board of directors. Glenice and I also participate in chapel services and attend many student musical presentations while we are in the Boston area."

From **Bob Ward**, of Savannah, Georgia, and Cullowhee, North Carolina: "Thanks for the info. Had not been aware of any of the possibilities. As usual, you are sure the reliable resource! Sure wish I could join you, but we at last are getting our last child off to college—Columbia—and settling three home sales/builds, in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Best to you and all those lucky enough to get there!"

From **Milt Leighton**, of Florham Park, New Jersey: "Barbara and I will not be attending these events this year. We just returned from two weeks in Maine. One of my sisters died, so we had to go up early for her funeral.

"We have to get out of New Jersey each spring when the oak tree pollen starts to drop and have to get back from Maine before it starts up there. My asthma and allergies really cannot tolerate the oak tree pollen."

From **Don Stevens**, of Chatham, Massachusetts: "Thanks for your email and news. I'm sorry that I won't be able to attend the Reunion in June. We have some family coming to visit us on Cape Cod at that time.

"This is a big family year for Betsey and me. We are celebrating our 50th anniversary and our kids are having an 'event' for us this summer. Our actual anniversary isn't until September 24th but in order to get the kids and the grandchildren all together from around the country it had to be in the summer to avoid problems with school. Have fun at the Reunion."

From **Cindy Cowan Dunlap**, of Orono: "I checked my calendar and that is the same time that my high school (Deering) class is having a reunion which I thought that I should try to go to."

From **Duncan Cameron**, of Thornhill, Ontario, Canada: "Thanks for the email. I can't make it this year. Too much family stuff going on in June—college graduations, weddings, etc."

From **Eleanor Zehner Hibben**, of Yorktown Heights, New York:

"Thanks for the reunion info. We will be in Maryland for our grandson's graduation that week and also the ballet recital for our granddaughter. Maybe another year."

From **Leo and Joan LaChance**, of Fargo, North Dakota: "Thanks so much for the invite and for keeping us posted. We certainly enjoyed the 2003 Reunion. So well planned and so much to do. I am afraid that distance will keep us from being there this year. Thanks for thinking of us. Have fun!"

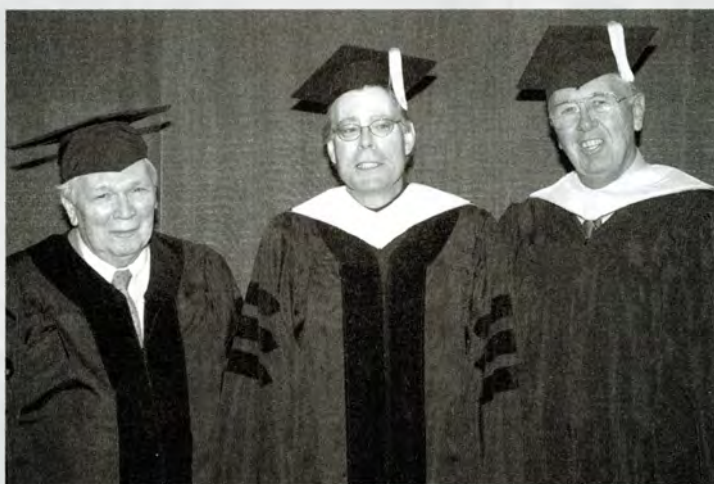
From **Bob Ehrlich**, of North Hollywood, California: "Thanks for the invitation. I will not be coming to Maine until early July this year. Two of my grandsons will be graduating this June—one from middle school and one from high school—and I will be attending. Regards to all."

You never know when you'll meet people from our alma mater and my UMO 53 license plate did it. A woman stopped my daughter Traci in the parking lot of New England Pizza in Stratham, New Hampshire, when she saw the plate. Traci introduced her to me and of course I had to take notes. She was Christine St. Laurent Allwarden '85. If you'd like to read all I found out about her you can turn to the '85 class column.

In case any people at the 2005 Reunion lost the class photograph order form, here's how to order an 8x10 color photo, \$15. Send your name, mailing address, daytime telephone, and email if you wish, and make checks (or money orders) payable to: The University of Maine. Mail to: Cynthia Grove, Marketing Department, 5761 Keyo Building, Orono, ME 04469, or call 207-581-3759.

In my last class notes I wrote about some of the '53 football team and cheerleaders, but I forgot about one cheerleader in particular: **Brant Frost**, of Macon, Georgia, a Sigma Chi guy who chewed vodka-injected oranges. We had a nice long chat over the phone a few weeks back. Brant was a cheerleader all four years at Deering High and four years at UMaine. (In between, he spent one year at Northwestern, cheerleading his spring and fall semesters, and entered UMaine in December of '49.) He said it took him five years for a four-year degree.

He talked of the cheers at Orono. "We tried to replicate what the big colleges did, but it was disaster!" Something about turning the cards, changing the letters and it would spell something. He said he painted posterboard cards in the basement of Sigma Chi, working at it at least



Doug Kneeland '53 (left) with commencement speaker Stephen King '70 and University of Maine System trustee Bill Johnson '56.

Doug Kneeland Honored at UMaine Graduation

Retired journalist Doug Kneeland '53 was presented with an honorary doctorate degree at the 2005 University of Maine graduation ceremonies. It was one of just two honorary degrees handed out by the university this year. The presentation was made by University of Maine System trustee Bill Johnson '56.

Doug was recognized for his long and distinguished career as a reporter and editor with the *New York Times* and the *Chicago Tribune*. Since retiring to Lincoln in 1993, he has also been very involved with the university—teaching journalism classes and serving on the alumni association's board of directors and publications committee.

two months, and at game time, guess what? It poured (and you know the rest of the story!).

Brant also loves theater. "You can get outside of yourself," he said. "If you're someone else, you don't mind making a fool of yourself." He was shy, he said, and people don't like being around a shy person. Brant, shy! He talked of actors, how some great ones are shy, and he talked of his 38 years in community theater, of playing the role of Norman in *On Golden Pond*. "My third time, a lot of fun," he said. (He had bought a Maine cheerleading sweatshirt at our 50th and wore it in the scene where Norman was going fishing with his grandson in the movie.)

Brant and Jan celebrated their 50th anniversary and his 75th birthday on July 23. "I had to get to 75 before she could celebrate 50 years," he said. (It seems longevity isn't something that runs in the family.) He said now that he is 75 ("Don't tell me there isn't help from above."), he can live a long time, and "my wife is in great shape." He

and Jan, who was "the most beautiful girl I'd ever seen, and a friend of all the girls I dated," are putting on the event, because "the kids threw us a 40th, so it's not fair for them to do it again." He talked of their four sons, Brant, 48; Fred, 46; Benjamin, 43; and Christopher, 38; their nine grandchildren "so far," and their cocker spaniel who was chasing a squirrel or something else as we talked. As to marriage: "One of you learns to say 'I'm sorry' and one of you learns something else," he said. "It's 60 percent each, 120 percent of understanding, 120 percent to work with. You can make it." Thanks, Brant!

I attended a memorial service recently for classmate **Lida Maxim Muench's** mother, my Aunt Marge, who lived to be 99, and died in March. Our condolences go out to Lida, her sisters, Connie and Joyce, and their families.

I met Ed Plossay '54 there, and he spoke of how reverent my sister, Lida, and I looked at the gathering held after the service. As we walked into the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn,

someone asked us if we were sisters. We said yes. (We do look alike, so everyone tells us, and we dress alike, sort of, so naturally we said we were sisters.) But this man mistook us for nuns, and asked us our names and what Order we were in. I can see why. We both had on black jackets, skirts and stockings, and white blouses.

There always seems to be sad news to report in class columns. And this particular classmate, **John Webb**, died this past February. He majored in mechanical engineering and was originally from Newport. He and his wife, Connie, of Lincoln, Rhode Island, were at our 50th. I called Connie recently and we talked of John, a 1944 grad of the high school in Newport (Maine) who went to Dartmouth for two years (V12 program), and two years at UMaine, '51-'53. He was in the Navy between high school and working, and then back to Maine. After working for Polaroid, John received his master's at Northeastern University. They were married in 1953, one week after college, and John worked for Kodak six years in Rochester, New York, and 14 years at Polaroid in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

John was a runner, and a Mason for 50 years, and his first great-grandchild, a girl, is due October 1, on his birthday. John and Connie, married 53 years, have four children and 10 grandchildren.

Connie, who attended the University of Maine at Farmington, taught in West Newton and Acton, Massachusetts, and Falmouth, Maine. She's now retired, but keeping active swimming (Aquasize), and busy with her grandchildren. She mentioned four wonderful cruises with John, two Caribbean, one Alaska, and one Bermuda and said they also toured New Zealand.

Connie, who has relatives in Maine, plans to move this winter to a condominium (not even built yet) in North Smithfield, Rhode Island, some 15 minutes away. The week I called she had bought a new green Grand Cherokee Jeep. She'll make it. She sounds great.

Homecoming weekend will be coming up soon after you read this, so please set aside the dates of October 21, 22, and 23, with the game on Saturday (I don't know what team we're playing, but we'll win, I hope). We had a nice time last year (even though it was bitter cold and windy). We tailgated right by the stands, thanks to Woody, and he said he'd do it again. Last year he brought his truck with a sailboat on

top, along with his grill, baked beans, (and was it hot dogs or hamburgers?), etc. We had a number of classmates there, so please try and come—and bring along a little something to eat and/or drink. Hope to see a lot of you there! Woody and Jean's new email: jcarville@ghi.net. And Ron Bishop's email: ronbish@adelphia.net.

The university sent me a copy of a *Penobscot Times* article dated December 9, 2004, with the caption: "Local resident honored for work with local AARP chapter." And a photo of our classmate Carol Prentiss Mower with AARP Maine state president Les Lafond. Carol was honored for her commitment in two areas of volunteer work with AARP. Since being trained as a fraud fighter in June, Carol has done more than a dozen presentations for seniors in the greater Bangor area.

Carol was also recognized for her tremendous and ongoing contribution to the Penobscot County Chapter of AARP (Chapter 374) as one of three recipients of the Belle Rush Award this year. The award is given to volunteers who participate in community activities and projects sponsored by an AARP chapter or RTA unit.

Carol is also a member of the communications team for AARP Maine with which she plays an active role in planning and facilitating AARP Universities that are held biannually throughout the state. Congratulations, Carol!

As usual, I do receive a few emails from time to time (and I'd like a lot more). This one (May 11) from **Zeke Mavodones**: "Greetings—here are some more of my doings. I was president of a 20-group continuing education consortium for three years and stepped back at nomination time last year—hooray someone else was elected for a two-year term. This person had all kinds of secretarial help, etc. now this year she is unable to manage this group—soooo they came back to me to be re-elected and manage it again—I did say O.K. but with the required assistance from all. I am active in the Freemason fraternity and have been elected as master of the lodge here in Poughkeepsie, New York. I see there has been a lot more interest in Freemasons as a result of *The Da Vinci Code* book and the movie *The National Treasure*. Both have a good blend of myth, legend, and fact. I am still doing the continuing education locally. Family-wise we are looking forward to a first birthday of a grand-

Mark Cohen '54 recognized for service to his alma mater

Mark Cohen '54 was the recipient of the alumni association's prestigious Pine Tree Emblem Service Award at Reunion 2005 in June. Mark has a long record of support to the university, including serving as vice chair for the Campaign for Maine, as a member of the alumni association board and the development council, as a member of the UMaine arts committee, and as a member of the Class of 1954 executive committee.

Mark has also been a generous donor to his alma mater. His many gifts have earned him membership in the Stillwater Society, and in 1996 he made the naming gift for the Mark and Mary Jane Cohen Music Studio in Class of 1944 Hall.

Mark retired in 1995 from a successful career as an executive with Capital Cities/ABC. He began that career in broadcasting at radio stations in Bangor and Portland after graduating from UMaine. He joined ABC in the late 1950s. Mark worked his way up to numerous high level positions with ABC and in 1984, was elected president of the International Council of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.



daughter. This coincides with the birthday of our daughter number two. Hoping all goes well. I am thinking Maine vacation time in August. Hope all is well with you."

And another from Zeke (June 28): "Greetings. We will be in Maine at Higgins Beach August 6 to August 20 with an overnight stay in Westbrook on the 21st—that blocks out Bass Harbor—but '53s are welcome to stop by on Pearl Street at Higgins Beach in Scarborough to say hello. We have a small house for the time and there will be 10 of us in and out—just like Kennebunk Square! All is well except that I really strained the devil out of a hip muscle and hamstring and am now going to physical therapy twice a week to make it "wiggle and jiggle" as it used to—I did it by tossing my youngest granddaughter around (27 pounds!)—the joy of being a granddad! We are having a heat wave here—90 last week and 90 this week. That is all for now."

And Zeke's June 30 email: "Jeez—if I send you anymore emails to read you will never get to Casco!" (our camp there) "If you know some of the birds who are going to be at Bass Harbor that live near the Portland area I will track them down and exchange greetings—now here is my ending greeting 'Yiasou' (Greek for here is to your health)—when you use it, say it with a loud oomph—it can also be used to greet someone as well." Thanks, Zeke.

Thanks, also, to classmate **Ray Robbins** for sending me a map (and directions) to Bass Harbor for our August 20 get-together. I'll write all about it in my next column. Hope quite a few of you were able to make it.

Lloyd Oakes sent along a couple of emails: (June 13) "We are back in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, after a very long trip out to San Francisco and then on to Reno, Nevada. Trip to San Fran was to a conference on credit unions (I am on

the board of directors of a local one.). San Fran was nice but cold and windy—what else—but the food and sights were just great. Gloria and I then drove from San Fran to Reno to visit with daughter and son-in-law. The trip over the mountains was just full of view-taking—plenty of snow above 6,000 feet. What a great area. Toured Tahoe, Truckee City, Lake Tahoe, Virginia City, etc., and even came back with some green stuff \$ compliments of the casinos."

And Lloyd's June 20th: "New news! We're celebrating our 52nd wedding anniversary today—we will be meeting with Skip '54 and Rosemary Carlin Hall '54 later this week to celebrate ours and their 51st—we try to get together for this annual celebration. Had a great Father's Day gift from daughter Ellen—tickets to Red Sox game yesterday—and she drove us to Boston—great game as Red Sox won—she is a big Red Sox fan—even has one of the special Red Sox license plates #10 for her SUV." Congratulations to the four of you!

Another of our classmates has died—**Dorothy Babson Allen Warner**, of Kennebunkport. A photo on the obituary page of the *Portland Press Herald*, June 22, caught my eye. She looked so familiar, and yes, I knew before I read it that she was a classmate of ours. There was also a nice write-up about her, with the heading "Dorothy Warner, 73, bookkeeper, Braille translator, mother of six." Dot studied premed, but set aside her dreams of becoming a doctor to marry Joseph Warner in December 1951. Our condolences go out to her family.

And this is it for another four months. Hope your summer was great and I'll see you when the snow flies. Take good care of yourself.

P.S. I have a new grandson, Luke.

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Well, at last, it's the first day of summer and after having to replant parts of my garden due to too much rain, I am gathering the usual stuff and heading for a couple of relaxing weeks on Singing Beach at Manchester-by-the-Sea. This will be

our 33rd year there and we love it.

I received a newsy letter from **Jim Holland** last April. Jim and Claudette celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last November by renewing their vows at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Delmar, New York. Their children attended and then surprised them with an anniversary party at the Freehold Inn in Freehold, New York, and tickets to the Army-Navy game. In 1954 they also saw the Army-Navy game. Jim described it all as an enjoyable trip down memory lane. Jim and Claudette gave each other a trip to the Caribbean in February on the Celebrity Cruise Line—their first cruise and they had a wonderful time. Later in October Jim was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame at a school where he had taught in Orange County which was an unexpected honor. Both Jim and Claudette plan to attend football and hockey in Orono at Homecoming.

Mary MacKinnon Nelson says she's out on the greens, weather permitting, every day. Her game is improving. She sees Barbara and **Tim McManus** from time to time. They all had a great visit at the 50th wedding anniversary party for **Lefty** and **Peggy Thompson Homans**.

Skip and Rosemary Carlin Hall returned from winter in Florida by way of a visit to **Anne Austin Plaster** in Virginia. Anne's home in Falmouth Foreside, Maine, suffered some damage from a tree which fell on it during one of those memorable winter storms. While in Florida, Skip and Rosie had a visit with Larry '52 and **Barbara Wigger Carville**. The Carvilles have moved from Connecticut to a condo in Rhode Island. Rosie is hoping to get Wig and Anne to come for a visit—a mini reunion so to speak. Skip is playing tennis, golf, and as we talked on the phone, Rosemary said he was off playing bridge while she was finishing her latest novel.

Bob '55 and **Elizabeth "Lou" Leighton Davis** had a Christmas gathering attended by Skip and Rosemary and **Bob and Marty Jean Wyman Weatherbee** who dropped by on their way to Arizona for the winter months.

Our class copresidents, **Harmon** and **Jane Stevens Harvey**, had a wonderful trip to Guam to visit their daughter, Merry Jane, and her family. The flight took 17 hours and was very crowded as it was around the time when veterans and their families were going back to Guam for reunions. Merry Jane's husband is base commander. They have two

children, a third grader and a sixth grader, who had a great time snorkeling and sailing with their grandparents.

Nancy Schott Plaisted '53 recently saw **Ed Plossay** and his wife, Sylvia, of Lewiston and reported:

"Ed has retired from Hartford Insurance, and he and Sylvia, a retired nurse, spend summers on Wilson Pond in North Monmouth. They have a daughter, Deborah, a son, Michael, and six grandchildren.

"Ed spoke of his two years at UMaine, '51 and '52, and service in Europe, two and one-half years in the Army. Ed was with the 7th Army Ski Team, temporary duty representing the 7th Army in Switzerland, Austria, and Bavaria, competing against other Army teams and German teams. He spoke of Berchtesgaden in Austria, the place where Adolph Hitler had a retreat called the 'Eagles Nest' during the war. He said the Army team was stationed and lived at the recreation center at the General Walker Hotel (which used to be Goering's home), and then he went to Garmisch. He talked of the beauty of Berchtesgaden, the guest houses there, the beauty of the Catholic churches, 'Unbelievable,' he said. He also took Sylvia in 1985 to revisit it, a place the size of Lewiston, a three or four-hour train ride from Munich, overlooking the Alps into Austria, 'breathtaking!' Ed hopes to visit again."

The Camden Rockport Lincolnville Chamber of Commerce's 2004 Townsperson of the Year is our own classmate **H. Allen Fernald**. Allen was given this honor at the chamber's annual dinner at the Samoset Resort. In addition to his successes as a publisher, marketer, and entrepreneur, Allen has served three terms as director of the Maine Community Foundation, which established the Knox County Fund. He has worked as cochair of the Penobscot Bay YMCA's capital campaign. Last year at our Reunion we got to see first-hand the wonderful exhibits at the Farnsworth Museum where Allen is currently president emeritus after serving as board president for six years.

Since you'll be seeing this in the fall, I hope you enjoyed family and fun throughout the summer.

How about sending on your news?!

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Wow! Stupendous! Great! Those are some of the adjectives I can use to describe what a wonderful time we all had June 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. It all began in Bar Harbor where **Liz Pierce Cross** planned our two-day stay there. The Atlantic Eyrie Lodge was an ideal place to start our festivities with the panoramic view of the harbor from the balcony of each room. Also, many conversations were held on the balconies where we could converse from floor to floor as well as take pictures. And who could have asked for anything better than to have the sun come out a half-hour after we arrived in Bar Harbor and to remain out the entire weekend. After 26 days of rain, we all were elated not to have to adorn raincoats and put up umbrellas.

Almost everyone arrived in time to attend happy hour at the lodge which was set up by reunion committee members. The stories were abounding, and I only wish I could remember half of the sagas that I heard, many of which were new to me. One of the first couples I met (on the balcony) were Cynthia and **Dick Vaux**. Dick reminded me of the time that he and some fraternity brothers went to East Hall (now Chadbourne Hall where all of us freshmen girls lived). They tried to get some liquid refreshments into the dorm by having the girls tie sheets together and pull up the liquid containers. Having just begun their adventure, they saw the campus police coming and they in turn began dispersing. Dick crossed the street and ran through another fraternity's front door and out their back door to make the campus police think it was that fraternity's member. Dick got safely back to his fraternity without getting caught. Thanks, Dick, for this very amusing story.

That evening we all went to different places to eat. The Pi Beta Phi, led by president **Barbara Knox Frederick**, went as a group, and I hear they had a wonderful time. I really enjoyed my time talking with Barbara when we chatted later in the week at the ice cream social.

Thursday morning, we went on a bus trip of Acadia, and wasn't it great once again to view the ocean and surroundings from Cadillac Mountain and to have those yummy popovers at the Jordan Pond House. Thursday evening, what a lobster feed we had! The clam chowder, mussels, lobsters, and blueberry cake were so good. Before the dinner, we had another social hour and were joined by more people when our classmates soared in numbers from 90 (on Wednesday) to 96 (on Thursday).

Friday, we all left for Orono where the weather was starting to get even warmer. We registered and put our bear paw sticker by our name, so that we could see who had arrived on campus. Some classmates went to the Senior Alumni luncheon, where we were officially designated as the "freshmen" of that group. By the time of our Friday night class dinner at the Buchanan Alumni House, an additional 90 people arrived, to make a total of 189 present. After dinner, we all went to the large reception room where **Sylvia Farris Keene**, co-reunion chairperson with Wes, presided as mistress of ceremonies and our class president, **Marion Bugbee Mannheim**, welcomed everyone. We thank the University of Maine Foundation for the lovely glasses that were given to each classmate and to the horticulture department of the university for the beautiful pot of flowers. The culmination of this evening occurred when **Reg Bowden** was presented with the alumni association's Golden "M" Award which is presented to honor a member of the 50-year reunion class for outstanding class service and leadership and is given to honor the individual who has done the most to unify and strengthen the class since graduation. Reg is certainly most deserving of this award, and your classmates salute you for all that you have done. Reg did a fabulous job on our Memory Book which you each should have received and was ably assisted by **Mary Litchfield Whitworth**.

The Class of 1955 met the new president of the University of Maine, Robert Kennedy, at a cocktail reception for our class. **Paul** and I first met Dr. Kennedy this past March in Sarasota, Florida, at a luncheon during his spring tour. Upon entering the room where the luncheon was being held, a man approached us, and I said, "How do you do and what class were you at the university?" This was not an unusual question since this person had no name tag. He very graciously said, "I am the

Celebrating 50 with Style and Spirit

Golden Reunion for the Class of 1955

The sun was bright, the campus was lovely, and spirits were high for the Class of 1955's 50th Reunion in early June. For the more than 100 class members who attended, it was a weekend filled with fun events, good food, and, best of all, warm reunions with old friends and classmates.



Sylvia Farris Keene led the class in singing the "Stein Song."



It was a joyous greeting for Charles Norburg '57 (right) and Father Donald McAllister '55. Charles is the husband of '55 class member Mary Hatch Norburg.



Reg Bowden was presented with the Golden "M" Award for all of his hard work in helping make the 50th a success.



Left to right: Wendy Dow Ricker, Doris Martel Piatak, and Faith Wixson Varney '56, '65G.



UMAA chair Bion Foster '68, '70G presented a Block "M" Award to Mary Atkinson Johnson.



Old friends and classmates, left to right: Bert Daniels, Keith Mahaney, and Sal Scarpato.



Esther Babb Colby (left) with classmate Barbara Knox Frederick and Barbara's husband, Les.

interim president of the University of Maine." We all laughed, although I really was feeling extremely dumb at the time. The Class of 1955 wishes you, Dr. Kennedy, many happy and rewarding years at the university.

The Alpha Omicron Pi contingency met for breakfast on Saturday morning at the Union Building. President **Nancy Caton Dean** I imagine couldn't believe that 50 years had passed since she led her sorority during our senior year.

Saturday morning also found us at the Newman Center for our memorial service which was directed by **Father Don McAllister**. I was deeply moved by this service especially when the list of each of the deceased members of our class was read. This event certainly brought back many, many memories of our four years at Orono.

President Marion conducted our class meeting following our class luncheon on Saturday. **Mary Atkinson Johnson**, our class agent, announced that we had raised \$93,000, although this figure kept going up and might not be a correct figure by the time this campaign for our class ended on June 30. Good job, Mary, and to **Ron Sheay** whom Mary said did a lot of work contacting people. Our original goal was \$75,000. Thank you, everyone, for making this part of our reunion such a success. We had a lot of fun, as all of the Class of 1955 All Maine Women were present at the luncheon. Liz Pierce Cross, our president, got her troops together, and a picture was taken in exactly the same pose as it was taken for the *Prism* during our senior year. I hope someone will send me a picture of this, as my camera failed to work at the appropriate time.

There were many prizes given out at the luncheon, one of which was to the person who had traveled the furthest. And yes, that person was **Cynthia Nelson** who came all the way from Cairo, Egypt, to be with us. Cyn, it was great to see you. Another award was given to **Jan Marston Bodwell** who was the one who had attended every class reunion, and I bet also the Class of 1950 reunions as well with Bill. Liz Pierce Cross' boys were on the dean's list every semester of their years at Maine, an award for which she should be very proud of for her boys.

The Saturday night all alumni reunion banquet found our class getting several awards. They are:

The Attendance Cup for the class with the most number of classmates attending reunion; the Century Cup

for the class with the highest percentage of their class registered for reunion; and the Memorial Fund Bowl for the class with the largest percentage of participation in their class gift. It was noted that the Class of 1955 presented its contribution to the endowment supporting the alumni home, Buchanan Alumni House, and to Senior Alumni scholarships. To all areas of campus since 2000, our class provided \$1,695,240 for UMaine. That's quite a record, don't you think? Congratulations to every class member for participation in these class awards.

Sunday morning we all were together for a final time at the alumni association awards breakfast, and what a wonderful way to end our glorious weekend. We were so excited and proud when Mary Atkinson Johnson received the coveted Black Bear Award for which we all congratulate you, Mary, for a job well done. Bill '56 and Mary are so supportive of the university and are involved in so many ways in alumni matters. Also, we were all so pleased that Jody Owen Bingham, Class of 1956, received our classmate **Hilda A. Sterling** '55 Class Correspondent Award. That was special for us as well as Jody whom I know knew Hilda.

Following this event, we returned to the motel to change our clothes, as it was now 88 degrees, up from 55 degrees the previous week and packed the car for our ride to Samoset, where we spent a week with Carol and **Bill Butler**, our usual stop after every reunion. Bill and Carol are still busy traveling and are looking forward to going on a tour of Italy in October in observance of their 50th anniversary.

On behalf of our class, I thank the university, Paula Sheehan Paradis '71, Val Mitchell, Danny Williams '91, '94G, and all the alumni staff for the superb time that we all had. Their cordiality and their desire to please us all and especially focusing on the 50th reunion class was amazing. All those Hartgen pine trees, the idea of which, as all of you know, was taken from the cover of our *Prism*, were seen on campus everywhere we went. Those classmates who had not been to the Buchanan Alumni House before were extremely impressed by that facility. The Class of 1955 thanks each one of you who did so much to make our weekend so memorable.

To re-enforce what I have previously said, the following are only a few of the comments I heard:

Sally Carroll Fernald said: "Reunion was such fun. It was like

being back at college again."

"After 20 years, it was nice to see a few of my college friends. The place has changed so much—haven't we all. We were treated royally. We felt honored and proud to be UMO grads." This was uttered by Eva and **Harry Harmon** who came from Jericho, Vermont.

Harva Young Sheeler, who now resides in Vienna, Virginia, says that she enjoyed four wonderful years at UMaine—between Stevens Hall (classes) and the library (her student job). Harva really enjoyed her undergraduate years and living at the Elms and Balentine Hall. "It was a wonderful 50th Reunion."

I really enjoyed seeing **Charlie Hussey** and meeting his lovely wife, Babs, a Mount Holyoke graduate. Charlie said: "This is a great Saturday of the 50th Reunion weekend, and we are all enjoying the spirit and livelihood of this great celebration from moments and events during our four years at UMaine and to enjoy our stored memories—now to these weekend celebrations in which we re-live with gratitude. The participants including all of us give thanks and more thanks to those who made it all happen. God bless all of us and this fine institution and let's make this happen again with gusto!"

George Palmer, who was the official photographer for our time together, was taking pictures every time we turned around. You'd better send me some of them, George. He said: "What a great weekend! Betty and I appreciate all the efforts of the UMaine staff et al who made this a wonderful experience. We look forward to another similar experience at our 55th. Keep up the wonderful work and go Black Bears!"

Dottie St. Onge Alford who now resides in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, loved being at Acadia with lots of memories of summers there at the Seaside Inn in Seal Harbor and the Asticou Inn in Northeast Harbor. When she was at the university, she enjoyed the talk by the dean of the college of arts and sciences explaining the purpose of education as—not to "train" but "educate."

It was nice to see **Esther Babb Colby** who thanked all for the planning, etc. She said it was a wonderful time—well planned and just enough time to renew and visit old friends. We remember that Esther was on campus only three years, as she did medical technology at Eastern Maine in Bangor. She has wonderful memories and was pleased to get a good education and a great husband, Emerson Colby '54.

Alma Merrill Otto said: "This has been a wonderful Reunion. Thanks to the committee for the great plans and careful attention to details and arranging for dry weather! This reunion brought back many happy memories of the college where I got an education and my husband."

Bruce and Carol Langlois Corwin, "We have been looking forward to this reunion for a long time, but never anticipated having such a magical time with all our friends. It seems like we just took up where we left off 50 years ago. Maine is special to us because it is where we met (February 6, 1956), and as Robert Frost said, 'That has made all the difference.' Thanks to all who had a hand in planning all the activities."

David '62 and **Doris Martel Piatak** came to Orono from Prescott, Arizona. Doris writes, "We met so many people I wish I'd gotten to know as an undergrad. The highlight, though, was spending quality time with all four of my dear roommates. My husband and I have also been able to revisit the places we met and courted. Thanks to the outstanding committee for all the detailed work."

Sylvia Farris Keene comments as follows: "Thanks to all you wonderful classmates who came back for our 50th. Your presence here is what has made reunion so special."

Mary Laflamme Jordan said: "UMAA did a wonderful job in planning our big 50th Reunion. It meant so much to see all of our old friends after all these years. The Buchanan House is indeed impressive! I'm looking forward to being here again next year as a senior alumna!"

These are only a few of the many comments I wanted to share with you, and I will be including many more comments about classmates which I will save for the next issue.

Kudos and thanks to the Manheims, the Keenes, Mary Litchfield Whitworth, Reg Bowden, the **Pulsifers**, **Nancy Cameron DeWilde**, **Dick Eustis**, Mary Atkinson Johnson, Jan Marston Bodwell, Don McAlister, Liz Pierce Cross, and the **Butlers** for all of the hard work each one of them did in making our 50th Reunion a huge success. We all do look forward to our 55th and once again seeing our many friends.

Yes, we did "Return, Reunion, ReMaine...Connected." How wonderful it was to sing the "Maine Stein Song" at every event. We all remembered the middle part of that

song as well and everyone did a fine job. Thank you, University of Maine—you are the “college of our hearts always.”

1956

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Classmates:
June 1, 2005. This next weekend Bing and I will be headed up to Orono to the Class of 1955's 50th Reunion. Remember, next year it is our turn!

By the time you read this, the 2005 celebration will be over and I will have received the Hilda Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award. I was flabbergasted when I got word that I was receiving it. I guess the past 14 years of writing about your news was more than just fun for me. I thank you for letting me do it.

Betty Kononen Berry sent the alumni office a note saying that she has taken the position of development director for Midcoast Children's Services in Rockland.

The Framingham *Metro West Daily News* published an article in February on **Bernie Freedlander**. Bernie, as did some of the rest of us, worked in several jobs before deciding that the only way to anywhere in life was “to be my own boss.” In the past 30-plus years he has started eight businesses, all in Framingham. He sold two of them, but his son currently runs the remaining six. As he became less involved in running the businesses he turned to teaching. That involved teaching a business course at Keefe Technical School Continuing Education, that led to a book compiled from handouts from his class, *A Road Map on How to Start and Succeed in Business: A Guidebook for Beginners and the Inexperienced*.

“I wrote the book primarily as a fun project and for my students, and it kind of got out of hand,” said Freedlander. “My ego has been satisfied; the response has been so positive.”

The committee for our big day has been very busy. One of the areas discussed at the last meeting was the compilation of a Memory Book which will be coordinated by **Faith Wixson Varney** and **Betty Brookway Nevers**, so if any of you

UMaine Sigma Chi brothers pay tribute to the late Brian Simm '54

Friends Forever

In the fall of 1950, Brian Simm, Lew Clark, Al Bingham, and Gerry Smith arrived on the University of Maine campus to start their college careers. Living in the old North Dorms, the four freshmen quickly became friends and decided to pledge to Sigma Chi fraternity.

The four UMaine students formed a bond that remained through their UMaine experience and for 51 years after they graduated. Although they all married and had their own careers, they always stayed in touch and got together regularly through the years for picnics, camping, canoeing, and skiing.

“We have been and will be friends forever,” said Al Bingham. “In our later years, we’ve become even closer.”

The close bond was evident this past year, following the death of Brian Simm after his courageous battle with cancer. Al, Lew, and Gerry, along with fellow UMaine alumnus Pete Wilson '55, raised money for, and built a screened hut in honor of Brian for bird and nature watchers at the Brian Simm Walkway in Hillsboro, New Hampshire's, Fox State Forest.

The walkway (a boardwalk built over a bog) was named for Brian, a retired state forester, in recognition of the invaluable contributions he made to the Fox Forest, both while he was employed there and as a volunteer after he retired.



The assembly crew was '54 Sigma Chi brothers Al Bingham, Al Bancroft, Lew Clark, and state foresters.

A viewing hut for the walkway was planned for, and Lew suggested that the friends take on the project. Brian's fraternity brothers from 1953, 1954, 1955, and 1956 contributed generously to the project.

The work began on a cold February day when Lew, Al, Gerry, and Pete met at the Fox Forest. Several state foresters, who had worked with Brian over the years, provided plans for the hut.

The group proceeded to build a prefabricated hut, but had to leave it at the Fox Forest barn because the snow was too deep for transport and assembly.

During the construction, Brian's widow, Priscilla, provided breakfasts and lunches for the workers. Before departing, the old friends serenaded Priscilla with a rendition of “The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi.”

“There wasn't a dry eye in the barn,” Al noted.

In May, Al and Lew were joined at Fox Forest by Al Bancroft '54. The three men, with the assistance of state foresters, trucked the prefab building through the woods to Mud Pond, and assembled it on the boardwalk. Once again, Priscilla Simm provided the meals.

Brian will now be remembered by all those who visit the Fox Forest. And, of course, he'll never be forgotten by the close-knit brothers of Sigma Chi.



The construction crew (left to right) was: Al Bingham '54, Pete Wilson '55, Lew Clark '54, '56G, and Gerry Smith '54, '55G.

have any ideas, pass them along to Faith and Betty. There will also be a pre-reunion gathering in Bar Harbor that **Rick Starbird** is putting together. You will hear more about this as time goes on.

Another reminder is of the scholarship that is available to eligible descendants of class members. If you have a member of your family who is thinking of attending the University, keep that in mind.

We also are probably all eligible for the 70+ lifetime membership discount when we join the alumni association, so take that into consideration the next time you pay your alumni dues.

An article in the *Portland Press Herald* on May 16th gave a rave review of Ellis Paul, a young singer who just happens to be the son of our own **Ed Plissey**. There is the possibility that he might perform at one of our functions.

That is all I have for now. Keep us posted on your doings, whether they be mundane or fantastic!

Jody

1957

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In Waldoboro permanently since retiring from teaching at The Fenn School in Concord, Massachusetts, in 1995, **Mark Biscoe** has written about local history for newspapers and in book form. *No Pluckier Set of Men Anywhere* is a story of ships and shipbuilding in the Damariscotta and Newcastle area. *Merchant of The Medomack* similarly tells about life in Waldoboro, vessels, shipyards, and the village during the last half of the 19th century. These two books may be purchased from bookstores in Damariscotta, Thomaston, Rockland, Bangor, Belfast, at the University of Maine, Bath, and Brunswick. Also they are available on the web at: www.waldoborohistory.org/ or by contacting the author at either: mb81036@midcoast.com or: (207) 832-7961.

Judy Pendleton Coffin wrote, "Jack and I have almost completely renovated our house on the shore while living in my mother's house across the road. Everything in the house (also) has been painted—in-



Joanne "Jody" Owen Bingham '56 received the 2005 Hilda A. Sterling '55 Award from alumni association chair Bion Foster '68, '70G for her outstanding work as 1956 class correspondent.

cluding the bed! Looks like it will be a summer project just to get everything straightened out. Lots of fun though. So this has occupied most of our time this past winter and spring, if you could call the weather spring. Sogg, sogg, and more sogg." That is a more pleasant way to do renovations and I think summer did arrive.

William R. "Bill" Donnell '53 called and invited us to the open house for the Donnell House at the Maine Maritime Museum. The house is to be furnished as it was at the turn of the century. Coming over from Salisbury, Vermont, for the occasion were **Mary "Sis" Donnell Burchard**, her husband, Don, who received his B.S. in '57, and their daughters. It was nice to see her again, not wearing the green food service uniform that I recall from Balentine days! In a follow-up phone call, she said that primarily she has worked with Don in his land surveying business after the girls went away to school, and they're still at it. She was active in Girl Scouts, directing the day camp for three years and the resident camp for five years, no doubt using her training as the second female wildlife management major. Now she is on the board of trustees for the Salisbury Library, writes a column of Salisbury news for the local paper, and she and Don raise Labrador puppies for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. In the last few years they have been pleased to reconnect in the summer with the first

female wildlife management major, Marty Burow Norgren '56, and husband, Joel, in Wilmington, Vermont, with **John** and **Donna Chadbourne Standerwick** '59 at their summer place in Ontario, Canada, and with **Betty McKusick Plummer** and Philip at her summer place south of Moosehead on Piper Pond.

Persis Messier '60 was a founding member of the Bangor area Bear Paws Quilters Club. She wrote of the social significance of quilting while studying for her master's degree in education and continued to collect material for a book. **Sally Bransford Irons** and her husband, Fred, a retired UMO electrical engineering professor, took on the task of editing the collection of quilting stories from an old typed rough draft. Fred designed the unique chapter numbers using the nine patch pattern. *Quilts Have a Story to Tell: A Social Studies Anthology* is available at University Bookstore in Orono and Book Marc's in Bangor.

John Bridge, his brother, and their wives have kicked off the fundraising campaign for the new Augusta Y to be constructed near the state house with a donation of \$1.25 million, continuing his family history of supporting the community. He said, "We needed some sizable contributions. I wanted to set the pace."

Please locate your favorite snapshot taken during your days at the University of Maine.

1958

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As I write this, spring has sprung and around this area we were concerned that maybe it had sprung a leak. I haven't seen so much rain in years. Although now that our lawn has just had new sod put down, I can't buy a drop of water. We also have had three 90 degree days plus humidity before summer officially arrives, and as you read this, the leaves are turning color. Oh well, we all know what New England weather is like!

Four members of the state of Maine were honored by the Russian Embassy for their establishment of a fund for a Russian orphanage which helps the hearing and speech impaired. Our own **Jim Gorman** and his wife, Maureen, were two of the honorees. They have helped spearhead efforts to support the Sophia Fund which has raised thousands for beds, a kitchen makeover, and sports equipment for the orphanage which is located in Novozybkov. Jim and Maureen saw a photo from the Associated Press of a young deaf girl who had been abandoned by her mother. With help from Mary Dinan and Greg Foltz, director of St. Andre's Home in Biddeford, (the other two honorees) they were able to locate the child in the picture and since Sophia cannot be adopted, a decision was made to establish a fund to help to improve the living conditions at the orphanage.

Senator **Arthur F. Mayo**, of Bath, surprised his colleagues when shortly after his reelection to the Maine Senate, Art changed his party affiliation from Republican to Democrat. Art, who always considered himself as a "liberal Republican," said, "It has been increasingly difficult in the Senate Republican caucus" for someone of his political persuasion. He says that his support for the Dirigo Health program "which is not a Republican position" is an example of some of the problems he has faced. Art says he has no plans to change his approach to matters which come before the Legislature. Art has served four terms in the House of Representatives and is now on his second term as a member of the Senate. **Mary Elizabeth Maher McCarthy** passed away just prior to Christmas '04. "Hully" was

president of the Kennebec Historical Society, a trustee and former president of Old Fort Western, and was involved with St. Mary's Home for the Aged Fund, the U of M Foundation, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, and the Maine State Museum. Actively involved in preservation efforts, she hosted and chaired many fund raisers. Also interested in music, she hosted George Shearing, famed jazz pianist, at her home. Following graduation, Hully worked as a newspaper reporter at the *Kennebec Journal* and the *Portland Telegram*. During the '80s, she was involved with the peace movement, participating in protests and worked as a political activist. Hully also was very interested in film, theatre, books, flowers, gardening, animals, travel, classes at UM Augusta, and promoting programs at the university. While at UM, she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, the Maine Masque, and was a reporter for the *Maine Campus* and editor in chief for the *Prism*. A note from **Will**

Atwell says he is planning to be at our 50th. He says he has been up and down the eastern seaboard with jobs from Delaware to Florida. Retiring as an engineer in the textile business in 2000, Will relocated to Aberdeen, North Carolina. He is currently working two days a week at the local golf course which allows him playing privileges. We should all be so lucky!

David Peakes of New Ipswich, New Hampshire, received the TAPPI Distinguished Service Award at the annual meeting in Tampa, Florida. TAPPI is the leading technical association for the worldwide pulp, paper, and converting industry. His career has included industrial experience with several companies including 24 years with Boise Cascade. He has had consulting assignments in 33 states, three Canadian provinces, and in Australia, Argentina, Sweden, and Germany. His 43 years of experience have included environmental and technical work.

Received a note from Daniel Williams '91, '94G, the director of annual and alumni giving including a letter from Charlie Slavin, dean of the Honors College. They have succeeded in binding some 851 theses beginning with Honors theses from 1937. Dean Slavin expressed his thanks to the members of the Class of '58 for our generous gift at our 45th Reunion. These monies enabled them to furnish the theses/reading room with a bookcase and the matching 12-person



Phi Mu Delta brothers keep in touch in Portland

Every month (except December) members of UMaine's Phi Mu Delta fraternity get together for lunch at the Village Café in Portland. This get-together from last April included, front row (left to right): Jere Davis '58, Jan Saleeby '56, Mert Brackett '50, John Caminiti '51, Al Card '53, and Al Hopkins '50. Back row (left to right): Paul McCourt '58, Ben Thomas '56, Alan Lewis '59, Don Crandlemire '55, Bill Bryant '60, Vic Woodbrey '52, John Hewitt '54, and Bob Mortimer '55.

conference table. Our gift also helped with the cost of archival paper and the binding of these theses.

Hope you all have paid your alumni dues, and that you are putting on your thinking caps and letting our class president, **Judy Demercham Cohen**, know what you would like to see happen for our 50th Reunion which is getting closer by the minute.

1959

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Hi, everyone—hope you all had a great summer. As always we spent time on Cape Cod plus a trip to England and Italy. And we finally became grandparents for the first time. Sara Catherine Munson was born to son Steve and wife Catherine in Atlanta.

In Florida last winter we got together several times with classmate **Paul Odegard** and wife Polly. They purchased a condo near us and escaped the snow in New England. Summer finds them at their home in Leete's Island, Connecticut. Paul keeps busy with competitive

sailboat racing and they both are involved in their business of boat delivery. They will pick up your boat in Florida or elsewhere south and sail or motor it to New England and vice versa.

A summer event was the marriage of **Judy Adams Gardiner's** son Ed to Tracey Stallwood which took place in Rhode Island. Ed is a lieutenant colonel stationed at the Pentagon.

Earl Ramsdell and wife have moved back to their home on Sebago Lake after spending 15 years of retirement in Arizona. They have 17 grandchildren, six of whom are presently in college.

Eben Dewitt of Milo has spent 46 years in public service. For the last 20 years he has served as Piscataquis County commissioner. He was feted at a recent retirement party. He also served as an educator and principal in S.A.D. 68 for 14 years as well as serving as superintendent for 12 years.

That's all the news this time. Hope to have more next issue if you will send me yours!

For UMaine news, Black Bear sports, alumni events, and more, log on to:
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1960

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Forrest Meader lives in Poolesville, Maryland, with his wife, Judy Ohr Meader '61. He is an artist and he lists the Maine State Society of Washington, D.C., (president 1999-2001) and Hyattstown Mill Arts Project board of directors as some of his professional activities.

Nancy Morse Dysart is the director of Children's Miracle Network of Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems. Nancy traveled to Sweden the summer of 2004 with 35 cousins from the USA and Mexico to meet 20-plus Swedish cousins. Nancy says it was one of the most emotional, rewarding experiences of her life.

Janice Wilcox Burby Heath lives in East Millinocket, Maine, with her husband, Ivory Brown Heath. She has a daughter, Catherine Leavitt, son, Karl Burby, and granddaughter, Jennifer Waltz.

Rick Lloyd writes an interesting letter letting us all know that he's still in Honolulu, Hawaii (since December 1961). He retired in 1994 from the design division of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. He writes that he'd love to hear from his classmates. He'd also like to show them his paradise should they be coming this way. Rick can be reached at:

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Gail Mallett Rae—Gail has retired from the bed and breakfast business since March of 2005. She was the owner of Dunloggin' Bed and Breakfast in Lee, Maine.

Madalyn Jordan lives in Ellsworth, Maine. She is a retired professor and taught for 28 years at Husson College.

Nancy Small Russell lives in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. She is a part-time children's librarian. She and her husband, James '69, have nine grandchildren.

David Trefethen and his wife, Janice, live in Hampden, Maine. David retired from UMaine in May 2002.

1961

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Etta Libby Davenport was in a quandary. She was doing her spring cleaning and came upon a stash of *Campus* newspapers from the late 1950s. She offered them to me. Well, fortunately, when I worked on the *Campus* the management staff had the forethought to bind the copies for the staff so I have a nice collection. I suggested to Etta that she contact the university library or alumni association. Sure enough, the special collections department at the library was delighted to get such a historical treasure. During her cleaning, Etta also uncovered a skunk family. Neither she nor the university wanted them!

Received an email from **Bud Welch** that he continues to serve on active duty with the U.S. Navy as a Roman Catholic chaplain. Father Bud is stationed at the Naval Air Station in Brunswick and can be reached at the CMD Chapel.

The *Bangor Daily News* did a delightful story on the home of **Gingee Buckley Franco** and her husband Vince '62. They live in the Zebulon Smith home which was built in 1832. Gingee's grandparents bought the home in 1919 and it has been occupied by one or more Buckleys ever since. The Bangor Historical Society declared the home a "community treasure."

Don Sturgeon was selected the Old Town Rotarian of the Week this past March. Don is retired from public education. He says that the

highlight of Rotary service is the joy of contributing to the many service projects that the club undertakes.

Governor John Baldacci '86 nominated four people to serve on the board of trustees of the university system and one of them is **Charles O'Leary**, former president of the Maine AFL-CIO.

Would love a summer email from you for our winter issue.

1962

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Hello, everyone. I hope your summer was fantastic. Drop me a line to tell us all about it.

I got a nice email from **Will Farrington**. Will wrote that after graduation he served in the U.S. Navy as an engineer officer on the U.S.S. *Sierra*, and then taught at Thornton Academy in Saco for 29 years. While at Thornton, he took a two-year sabbatical to serve in the 105th Maine Legislature. He is now "retired" to a life of leisure—cycling 25 miles a day. Fully active retirement seems to be a pattern with our class. Will has a daughter living in my home town, so I hope we'll be able to get together one of these days. I also received a note from **Mitch Cohen**. He and his wife recently moved back to Rancho Santa Fe, California (near San Diego). They love to travel and have just finished their third cruise of 2005 and the year is barely half over!

Tom and Linda Gillies Patrick were honored in December as they received UMaine's Advanced Engineered Wood Composite Center Director's Award. When Habib Dagher, the center's director, presented the couple with the award, he cited Tom and Linda's extraordinary efforts in fund raising. Their support was instrumental in acquiring five million dollars for an initiative between the center and the U.S. Navy, Maine Marine Manufacturing, and Hodgdon Yachts of East Boothbay. This project will develop the Mark V.1, a special operations craft. The Patricks, strong, supportive alumni, are also on the University of Maine President's Development Council.

Well, that's it for this column. Remember to send me your news.

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Thanks, **Irv Marsters**, for suggesting that **Perry Clough** let me know what he is doing these days. Perry started the year out right and sent a letter in January. He retired eight years ago as CEO of an orthopedic implant company, then ran a management consulting company for a couple of years. Since then he has spent his time developing commercial real estate around Rhode Island and southern Massachusetts. In his spare time, he restores cars from the '60s and wooden boats from the '40s. He has joined the Maine Alumni Association board, so he is traveling to Orono about six times a year. He writes, "everything has changed—except Pat's. I swear that the Formica on the counter top hasn't been changed since we were there!"

Congratulations to **Baron Hicken** who received a Block "M" Award for alumni support and activities for the UMaine New Jersey Alumni group at Reunion weekend. Baron writes that he will teach physics one more year before moving to Alfred, Maine, for retirement. Again this year, Baron and Chubb Michaud '65 and their sons traveled to Lake Tahoe for their annual Father's Day get-together.

Stan and **Sondra Holmes Hill** have two new homes. The primary one is in Reno, Nevada, and it is the one that Stan designed himself. The winter home is in Surprise, Arizona. Both are on a golf course. Stan and Sondra relocated from California when Kaiser Electronics was bought by Rockwell International. Their daughter has her Dad's job (when it was Kaiser) with Rockwell now. Their son works in California for Duke Energy as an energy engineer. There are four grandchildren. If you find yourself in the Phoenix area next winter, let them know. They "love Maine folks" to visit. The number is (623) 556-2460.

"When Two Voices are Better Than One" (*Bangor Daily News*) is what the people in Belfast are saying these days. The Reverends Ken and Pat Parker became co-pastors of First Baptist Church in 2004. That would be **Pat Waugh Parker**, to us. As a husband and wife team at the church, they are

able to fulfill the needs of the congregation, each bringing his/her own strengths to the job. "It's a good match," says Pat.

For information on General Oliver Otis Howard, we need to listen to **Rodney Abbott**. Since retirement from Telstar High School, Rodney has taught U.S. history for the University of Maine at Augusta. For many years he has also lectured at Elderhostel programs at Sunday River Inn.

While I was in Fort Myers, Florida, this winter, I was able to enjoy Cynthia Huston Srebnick '64, **Judy Shaw Furlotte, Elaine Farashian, and Marcia Roak Fitzgerald**. We all had a wonderful weekend together.

Again, I would like to encourage you to send along information about yourself and the classmates you encounter. As we all begin to travel about in these retirement years, please try to look up old friends and visit them. It is very rewarding to renew those friendships.

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How nice to be sending you a big Maine Hello from the Left Coast branch of the University of Maine alumni/ae! I recently noticed at the big UMaine alum party in San Diego that, although 1964 seems a long time ago, none of our classmates has aged in spirit, vitality, or love for our alma mater! And the Maine Hello, indoctrinated on day one of our freshman orientation week, has served me so well over all these years, whether I lived on campus, in New York City, Phoenix, or now San Diego. Almost everyone is brightened by a big smile and greeting. Please send me your news, because we all would love to know how you are doing!

Classmate **Robert E. Perkins** is joining the swelling ranks of retirees. He is retiring after 36 years of teaching French, first at renowned Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, Massachusetts, (where my good friend Ted Leonard '66, now living in Bangor with his gorgeous wife, Sandra Moores Leonard '65, also taught briefly) and later at the Flint Hill School in Oakton, Virginia. Robert

and his partner are moving to Palm Harbor, Florida, this fall and would love to hear from any new UMaine neighbors! Another retiree is unbending her kindergarten knees and wiping away her tears to say goodbye to the kids at Pemetic Elementary School after almost 30 years—**Ellen Winn Mercer**. Ellen and her husband did try Cape Cod for two years, but quickly moved back to the Southwest Harbor school where she has been a leading example of the great inspiration a teacher can be in the lives of her students.

Our classmates are being recognized for their exceptional selves.

Clayton A. Rogers, of Brewer, was nominated by the Penobscot County Chapter of the Maine Education Association—Retired for its Leadership Award. Clayton is also an organist for the Columbia Street Baptist Church in Bangor for 50 (talk about commitment!) years and shares his musical gifts by performing at care centers and senior venues. **Robert McCully** is receiving the Award for Teaching Excellence from the Maine Education Association, and qualifies him to receive the National Education Association's Award for Teaching Excellent which will be given at a banquet in Washington, D.C. Robert has taught high school math and undergraduate college courses for 34 years, and made time to coach boys' and girls' basketball, track, and tennis. Classmate **Norm Dineen** and his family are working to put the "memorial" back in Memorial Day. Norm's father was one of the veritable heroes of World War II, and brought his intense courage and patriotism back to his sons. Norm encourages everyone to march in a parade and take time to remember those who gave their very best in their country's service.

And we have many in public service. **Ernest Harvey** of Millinocket won confirmation for re-appointment to the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission. State Representative **Bill Browne** from District 58 that includes Vassalboro, Windsor, and the northeast part of Augusta, wants to be effective as your voice in the state legislature and asks that you keep his email:

wbrowne@gwi.net handy and let him know what you want addressed! I'm way out west, but it seems that Bill is a true Maine thinker: besides focusing on jobs and education, he wants to get government spending under control and promote the Maine way of life. He voted against requiring helmets for motorcyclists,



Baron Hicken '63 received a Block "M" Award at Reunion 2005 in June for his support of the university and commitment to local alumni events. Baron is a member of the Charles F. Allen Society, the "M" Club (he was recently inducted into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame), and has been an active leader in the New Jersey Alumni Chapter.

because he felt just riding was dangerous enough that the rider should be alert and safety-conscious at all times and should be able to make his own helmet decision. Another Maine treasure, **Sanford "Sandy" Phippen**, columnist, author, and PBS host, member of the Maine Humanities Council and Maine Arts Commission, presented the 2005 commencement address at the University of Maine in Machias. You can find Sandy's writings in the *New York Times*, *Down East*, and *Bangor Daily News*, see him on Maine Public Television's "The Best of RFD Maine," or pick up one of his books: *Kitchen Boy*, *The Police Know Everything*, and *People Trying to be Good*, among others.

Richard Kaplan and his wife, Celia, proudly announced the arrival of their first grandchild, Anna Madeline Kaplan, on May 29, 2005. The parents are James Kaplan and Erica Streit-Kaplan. Also, Richard retired in February as an archivist for the Massachusetts Secretary of State. He is still working part-time.

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As our president, **Horace Horton**, recently wrote, "Where, oh where, has the time gone?" It has been 40 years since our University of Maine graduation! Unlike previous years, our Reunion is being held in the fall on September 16 and 17, even though the info forms gave a June date.

For me, the enjoyable part of pre-Reunion activities is receiving copies of all the reunion information forms. Here is what I have found out.

John Bonello is a practicing trial attorney with offices at Long Branch, (Monmouth County) New Jersey. He received a JD degree from Rutgers University. John is active in the Monmouth Bar Association, recently completing a one-year term as president, and continuing to serve as trustee. John and his wife, Debbie, have four children.

Retired since 2002 from Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York, **Lori Brower McCarron** volunteers at the Nature Conservancy and the Saratoga Springs Public Library. She also enjoys cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, hiking, and flying gliders (sail planes).

From 1995 to the present, **Bill Buckley** has been president of Coffee News USA and assistant director of Business Network International. He enjoys golf, tennis, and antique cars. While a member of the Rotary, he was chosen a Paul Harris Fellow.

Dayton Cannan retired two years ago as senior project engineer at Fraser Papers in Madawaska. He now works part-time as a sales engineer and plays golf. He and his wife, Priscilla, have three children. Their granddaughter Anna Maria Cannan will be a student at UMaine in the fall. Dayton wrote that his "favorite memory of UM days" was when he was a sophomore and the UM team won the softball championship.

Richard Dickson is employed at Bar Harbor Bank and Trust, Ellsworth. He and his wife, Karen, live in Hancock.

David and Martha Hunt Dinsmore are retired in Ford's Colony in

Williamsburg, Virginia. They enjoy volunteer work at the College of William and Mary and visiting their grandchildren in the Boston area.

I don't recall hearing from **Rod Durgin** before. He earned a Ph.D. at Ohio State University and is president and CEO of COIN Educational Products in Toledo, Ohio. He is the father of five children and grandfather of four.

Caroline Burton Floyd-Wiles retired from 28 years teaching as a physical education specialist. She and her husband, Garl, moved last fall from Winston-Salem to a golf community called Sea Trail Plantation. They have a blended family of 12 children and 23 grandchildren. Besides golf, Carrie enjoys yard work, reading, and the loggerhead turtle watch brigade which helps protect their nests along the North Carolina coastline. Her "favorite memory of UMaine" is loving freshman dorm days. Do you women remember lights out at 8:30 p.m. and trying to read your next day's assignments in the closet with a flashlight?

Bruce '66 and Caroline Fuller Hutchinson were proud parents when their oldest son, Art, married Stacy Heinrich on April 23rd in an early evening ceremony in Golden, Colorado. The newlyweds are now living in Lakewood, outside Denver.

Another golfer is **Douglas Hall**, who retired in 2002 as director, global logistics purchasing for The Dow Chemical Company. He and his wife, Bonita, live in Sanford, Michigan. They also enjoy photography and boating.

Pat Hayden Herrick spent a weekend in July with Caroline Fuller Hutchinson and 18 other women on an annual kayaking trip in the wilderness of northern Maine.

Dorothy Clark Jordan taught school for 30 years and retired in 1984. She received the Teacher of the Year Award for Maine S.A.D. 40 in 1976. Over the years she has enjoyed doing oil paintings of homes of people in the Warren area.

More "favorite memories" of the UMaine baseball team were also expressed by **Tom Murphy**. "Murph" pitched the final game of the New England Championships in Fenway Park and then played in Omaha. Tom now enjoys playing golf and continues working at TSM Investments while his son Bill takes over the business. They are involved in real estate development in California, primarily medical office buildings and golf courses. He and his wife, Sharon Taylor Murphy '64, have four children and four grandchildren. They enjoy

family and old friends from California to Maine, especially Higgins Beach, Maine.

Jane Tompkins Miller is the special education coordinator and teacher at the Indian Island School, Indian Island, Maine. She and her husband, Robert '63, live in Orono.

Linda Kay Waterhouse Lawton received a M.Ed. from the University of Hartford and a Ed.D. from Nova Southeastern University. She retired in 2000 after 35 years as an educator in Hartford, Connecticut.

News clippings brought the following information:

At the end of the school year, **Lyford Beverage** retired as superintendent of schools of Windsor-based School Union 133.

Joseph Westphal, the UMaine System chancellor, announced in February that **Richard Randall** would be assuming the post of interim associate provost at UM Augusta. Richard worked 34 years there before retiring in 2001. He joined UMA in 1967 as an instructor and retired as a full professor. He has also been dean of student and educational services, and spent 13 years as provost and vice president of academic affairs. Richard also served as acting president for several months.

Among the 11 new members inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame in July was **David Thompson**. David, formerly of Belfast, now resides in Wayne, Pennsylvania. He led the Black Bears to a College World Series appearance in 1964, where UM won three games and he made the Series' all-star team.

I read numerous newspaper reports about **Robert Spear**, who was seriously ill this spring. While on a Maine trade mission to Cuba, Bob, who is the Maine agriculture commissioner, caught a dangerous "superbug" infection and experienced a near-death bout with septic shock. After five days in Cuban hospitals, Bob was airlifted to Jackson Memorial Hospital at U Miami. Later, he was rehospitalized at Miles Memorial Hospital in Damariscotta.

I spoke with Bob today and he said that while it was a long road back, he is doing fine—99 percent.

Nothing exciting to report about myself, **Sylvia Tapley**. I have had three hospitalizations and rehab which kept me away from my home most of the time from January 4th until June 13th. I'm in my own space now so I am trying to best deal with these major neurological losses and other concerns. My recovery to

complete independence will take a while. I need to keep busy, so email me some news or give me a call!

The 1965 Reunion class fund, co-chaired by **Stephanie Barry Brown** and **Hank Schmelzer**, hopes our class will leave a \$50,000 legacy to UMaine. This class gift will include \$37,500 for our remaining pledge to the Buchanan Alumni House. (Just a reminder: for our 35th Reunion, our Class of 1965 pledged \$100,000 to name the Buchanan Alumni House Courtyard.) And \$12,500 will be equally distributed between our 1965 Class Scholarship Fund, which is designated for descendants of class members, and the Buchanan Alumni House endowment. The endowment will ensure that this beautiful building remains a signature facility on campus.

I hope a lot of you planned a trip to Maine in September which included attending our 40th 1965 Class Reunion. Please let me know who you saw and any class news you want to share.

1966

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Wind, snow, sleet, and freezing rain are now but a memory, gratefully replaced with the colors of spring and the prospect of the summer to come. But, as you read this, school is once again back in session, flip flops, shorts, and bathing suits once again stored away. And I must admit that I won't be half as happy then as I am now. And actually I'm happier than ever right now, not just because school will be letting out in a few weeks, but because I am now a grandma. Asher Ben was born on April 10th—the most beautiful baby ever born!

Now for your news: On May 31, everything changed for **Sarge Means**. That's because, after 39 years of active duty, he retired from the Army. As you can well imagine, I have a hard time putting the words Sarge and retirement in the same sentence, but there it is. After the ceremony, family and friends gathered and celebrated him and his remarkable military career, and I toasted him from afar, since I couldn't get down there to join in the festivities.

And speaking militarily, word comes that Brigadier General **John "Bill" Libby**, commander of the Maine National Guard, is now sporting an extra star on each shoulder. Bill has been a one-star general in the Guard since 1996. His promotion to major general came by an act of Congress, and there was a public ceremony in the State House Hall of Flags. Talk about remarkable careers!

Meanwhile, I have recently learned that **Steve Maines**, who spent a month in Sumatra to help give aid to victims of the December 26th tsunami, found appalling destruction and said, "The smell of death was heavy in the air, and, as far as the eye could see, there were red and white Indonesian flags tied up on sticks marking bodies yet to be recovered." Steve has devoted his life to traveling to developing countries as a photographer for such organizations as CARE, UNICEF, and the Christian Children's Fund and felt he needed to help in the recovery effort, and I applaud him.

Closer to home, **James H. White**, principal for 20 years at the Center Drive School, has been named Maine's 2005 Middle Level Principal of the Year. He says, "I've always felt it was important to make learning fun and have fun while learning." What an accomplishment! Also making news is **Dale L. Worthen**, who will leave Hale & Hamlin where he has practiced law since 1977 to head Eaton Peabody's Ellsworth office. There he'll focus on real estate, environmental, and municipal law, as well as estate and business planning. What makes this news even better is that Dale will be working with his son!

And finally, **Joseph Murray** wrote sharing his decision to retire after a 37-year career in the college publishing industry with Prentice-Hall. His plans, though nebulous, will definitely include travel, and I'm hoping that Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, will be on his itinerary. He, like so many of us, is looking forward to our next reunion just one year from now, and, like Joe, I'm hoping that lots of you will join us. I can't tell you how wonderful it is to gather with old friends, sharing memories, catching up with each other, and in every way having a wonderful time in each other's company. And, on that note, I will say good-bye once again, wishing you and your loved ones good health and good times. Please keep writing to me.

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Summer was late arriving—then came all-of-a-sudden!

Joyce and **Jerry Perkins** flew to Beijing to visit their son, Jon, in his capacity with the U.S. Department of State. The 25-hour flight and sight-seeing last October highlighted their fall. They saw antiquities from the 1420 Temple of Heaven to a modern government park.

Janet Gardner Parker has been town clerk in Seekonk, Massachusetts, for a decade now. She and her husband have three grown children: Jonathan, Scott, and Rachel—plus a couple of grandkids of course. She prides herself on community service and also started Save a Pet in her area 15 years ago. Fund and supply auctions have grown to over \$30,000 a year, not to mention the volunteer group.

Susan and **Art Nicholson** are both high school principals. Art is still at Methuen High in Massachusetts, where 16-year-old daughter, Courtney, and 15-year-old son, Patrick, attend.

No doubt **Bob Baldwin** and wife, Margie, of Damariscotta are up at Damariscotta Lake at their camp. Bob owns Eastern Construction. Founded in '94, the company provides construction services in the Thomaston area. Bob has served on the curriculum committee for Mid-coast School of Technology in Rockland as well as various Homebuilder Association positions. He was elected to the Lincoln Academy board of trustees last fall.

Kenneth Priest of Kenway Corporation, in Augusta, was the recipient of the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce's President's Award. The company was founded in '47 by Priest's father who made small fiberglass boats. In March of 2004 Kenway returned to its roots of building boats, yet plans to continue the manufacture of fiberglass industrial equipment for the pulp and paper industry.

Schoolboy basketball coaches were honored by the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches at Husson College. Coaches of the Year included the Western D coach **Dwight Littlefield** of Upper Kennebec Valley High School in Bangor.



John Rohman '68 (far left), CEO of WBRC Architects/Engineers, was the guest speaker at an Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine event on April 21 in Portland. To John's left are: alumni association chair Bion Foster '68, '70G, Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine president Bill Currie '52, UMaine president Bob Kennedy, and Bangor Savings Bank CEO Jim Dowe '72. Bangor Savings Bank hosted the event.

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Jim Farr writes, "I graduated with a B.A. in French and education in 1968 and returned to Orono to get my M.A.T. in French in 1970. After one year at Bangor High School, I started at Marshwood High School (South Berwick-Eliot) in the fall of 1971. I retired on June 22nd. During that period of 35 years I've taken many groups of students to France, beginning in 1976, and in 1979 even started working part-time at a travel agency. I earned my CTC in 2002 and continue to work, especially with cruises and tour packages. From 1980 to 2000, I was assistant director of adult education for our school district. I guess you could say that's kept me busy. After 'retiring' I plan to continue with the travel work and have also co-founded a photocard company with a friend in Seattle. We've 'existed' since Friday, May 13th, so we have a bit of organizing to do this summer. We will be using our photography from our world travels

to hand make blank greeting cards. With a little luck and a LOT of collaboration, we hope to have a web site up and running by the end of the summer. I'm in continuous contact with **Linda E. Cote** and **Lourdes Roy** who are now both retired French teachers. Additionally, I occasionally have been in touch with some buddies from the old Cumberland Hall days—**Arthur Webster, Steve Dore, Phil Sturke,** and **Al Carlson**. Perhaps now that I'll have all that 'free time,' I'll be getting in touch with these folks again and even make the 40th Reunion in 2008!"

Jim and Sue Greenleaf Flynn are still living in the Washington, D.C. area with Jim working in the field of counter terrorism. They try to spend six to eight weeks in Maine during the summer in the Moosehead Lake area. Frequently they see Craig and **Betty Giusani Wotton**, who has retired from teaching and enjoying traveling, and Steve and **Connie Felch Wood**. Connie still has an amazing amount of physical and energy and is teaching physical education.

Bob Toothaker writes he graduated from Maine with an M.S. in economics and is now a senior vice president of sales at VoltDelta. They are a \$2 billion dollar company and sell large information systems to the

telecommunications industry. His father, Carl '39, and brother Barry '72 are UMaine grads. They have a summer home in Pemaquid and were there the first week in August. They have a Tartan 30 in Connecticut and he has been a sailor of 30 years.

George Chappell writes that he is a reporter for the *Journal Tribune* in Biddeford, where he regularly runs into **Tom Farrell** who is S.A.D. 71 superintendent in Kennebunk.

Michael Roberge writes that he consults for IBM and has traveled extensively to China, Japan, South Korea, and Indonesia explaining IBM software.

In addition to his eight companies in Maine, **Bion Foster** updates me that he and his wife, Dorain, are spending more time in Hilton Head while he manages his real estate business there. Check out his website: www.premierbeachhouses.com.

Tom Obey is the development director of the Bangor Baptist Ministry as well as the softball coach.

Rupert Neily of Hallowell has been named the new executive director of Medomak Valley Land Trust. Rupert comes to MVLVT with extensive experience gained through his work at the Maine Coast Heritage Trust, where during his

tenure, he was involved with activities ranging from land acquisition and project management to directing the Maine Land Trust Network.

Thomas College has featured the work of **Jeri Miles Holt**. Jeri works with oil, watercolors, acrylics, metal sculpture, wood carving, and digital imagery. For 20 years she has been a teacher at Erskine Academy in South China. She left teaching seven years ago and began working more in web design and digital information management for the Maine Municipal Association.

Carli Burke, Sue Adamski Samoriski, and I met at Susan's home in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, in early June and I got a chance to see her lovely historic home and meet Sue's new husband. Carli planned to join us in Boothbay in August as my husband, Peter, and I sailed the Maine coast this summer aboard *Pemaguid*.

Douglas Hancock is retiring after 33 years of practicing optometry in Damariscotta, Maine. He owned his own practice there until 2000 and after selling his shares, stayed on as an employee until now. We wish him and his wife, Claire, a happy retirement.

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After a long, rainy spring, summer has arrived with its beautiful colors in yards and gardens. Do you remember how beautiful the UMaine campus is? Stop by campus and see its beauty in any season, and remember that there are only four more years until our next reunion. U.S. Senator **Olympia J. Snowe** addressed the University of Maine's sixth annual Technology Forum in Washington, D.C. in April. In a news article published after the forum, Senator Snowe stated, "All Mainers can be proud of our exceptional University System. Its reputation as a world-class organization, its steady stream of technological advances, the incredible faculty and students, and its continued service to the public make it one of the state's most valuable assets. I am proud to be an alumna of the University of Maine...."

We were sorry to learn that

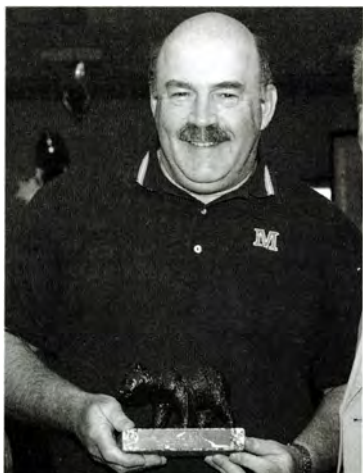
Suzanne M. Smith died last June. Suzanne worked for more than 40 years as an educator and principal at Levant Elementary School.

William Sawtelle, who has been principal of Atwood Primary School in Oakland, recently retired. **Frank Stewart** is CEO of the Burlington, Massachusetts-based Northland Residential Corporation, which specializes in low-density development on large tracts of land. The corporation buys large pieces of land in New England to build houses, turns part of the land into conservation space, and puts deed restrictions on the developable lots. Frank's first job at Northland was as a land use planner after studying forestry at UMaine where he earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees. **Tom Ackley** teaches math at Fryeburg Academy but for more than 30 years he has been the statistician for the Penobscot Valley Conference, Eastern Maine Class B, and state championship wrestling meets. After 36 years, Tom has given up his wrestling duties to spend some time with his wife. Since April 1998 **Terrence St. Peter** has been the city manager of Belfast.

We received an email from **Michele Geaney Perry** who informed us that **Martha Fairbanks Normand** of Sandy, Oregon, died on October 27, 2004. Martha had been very active in Maine Masque productions. Michele's favorite had been Martha's portrayal of the queen in *Once Upon a Mattress*. Do you remember that Martha had composed her own version (set to "The Song of Hiawatha") of our UMaine experiences which she read at our graduation? Our condolences are sent to Martha's family and friends.

Please send any of your news to us or to the alumni office. Many classmates are waiting to hear updates about friends from long ago. Send your news and make someone smile as he remembers you in the '60s and connects those memories to your current news.

**Thanks for your
support of the
alumni association
and the
University of Maine.**



Longtime alumni association board member and UMaine volunteer, Greg Jamison '72, '98G received a Black Bear Award at Reunion 2005 in June. Greg is a former Association board chair, vice president of his class, a member of the UMaine Development Council, and a member of the Black Bear Club advisory board. He also gives many hours of his time running the 50-50 raffle for Friends of Maine Hockey and Friends of Maine Football.

1970

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What is with the Class of 1970? Not much news this time! Are we tiring out? I certainly hope not! **Robert F. Pollis, Jr.** has joined the board of trustees of Unity College and will serve a four-year term. Robert is a senior vice president with Key Corporate Capital. His interests are working with Camp Fire, coaching softball, and acting as treasurer of Toe of the Boot Landowners Association.

Andre Lacasse had a close call last December when the tsunami struck Thailand and Malaysia. He and his wife, Jackie, were visiting family and were in Malacca, Malaysia, when an earthquake caused the tsunami which killed thousands—but they were not injured.

Hope everyone has a great fall—don't forget to come back to campus for Homecoming in October. And be sure to send me an email with your news.

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Greetings, everyone! Do leaves crunching underfoot remind you of walking across campus on the way to class? Renew those memories and college friendships and write! We'd love to know what you're doing, even if it's just the same thing you've been doing for the last 34 years. Enjoy the last warm days of summer!

1972

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Hope you all had a good summer, though I'm convinced that summers are shorter every year! I'll jump right in with a couple of news items sent directly to the alumni association by classmates **Rico Arnold** and **Duane Nadeau**.

Richard "Rico" Arnold writes that he and his wife, Barbara, retired from education in June '05 and have purchased a winter home in West Melbourne, Florida. They would love to hear from old friends at their email address: barbarnold@adelphia.net. Their son Rick (UMaine '95) is working for Keiwi in Omaha, Nebraska; their son Ryan (UMF '00) is teaching math at Madison High School, where he is also the head basketball coach.

Congratulations to Duane Nadeau who writes, "We have a granddaughter! Our first. She was born June 24, 2004. Her name is Margarita Isabelle Nadeau. She lives in Hampton, Virginia, with her parents Anna (Marnik) Nadeau and Shannon James Nadeau. She's absolutely wonderful!"

An interesting article was sent to me about Bangor resident **Ruth Fernald Shook** and her lifelong involvement in United Cerebral Palsy. As executive director of UCP of Maine from 1958 to 1992, she was one of Maine's first disability civil rights activists. Ruth has been involved since UCP's inception and "has helped to initiate historical

change. She has played a specific role in enhancing disability rights in Maine."

Dennis Beaulieu of Presque Isle has been appointed USDA rural development specialist in the Lewiston area office. Dennis serves as a technical expert on processing and servicing community program loans, loan guarantees, and grants.

Bill Curtis, a Latin teacher at Camden Hills Regional High School, received a teaching award—his fifth—from Amherst College last spring. The award "recognizes teachers who have been important in the careers of Amherst students." Bill was nominated for the award by one of his former Latin students who now attends Amherst.

Norman Thidemann of Greenfield, Massachusetts, filled the position of interim town administrator in Ashburnham early this year while the town looked for a permanent administrator. The selectmen were glad to have him; the chairman was quoted as saying, "Norman brings a tremendous amount of experience to the town, and we'll take advantage of that experience."

Tom Girard has moved to Newport, Vermont, to wear many hats. His official title is vice president of human resources for North Country Hospital and Health System; "in addition to overseeing the operation of the human resources department, he also provides oversight for the hospital's library, the volunteer program, the Wellness Center, the chaplain's program, and staff education....In the 10 years before coming to North Country he worked as operations director for the human resources department at Northeast Health, an integrated healthcare system based in Rockport, Maine."

Ron Beard was inducted as a new trustee of the College of the Atlantic (COA) in Bar Harbor, Maine. Ron's UMaine degree was in wildlife management. He also has "a master's degree in agricultural resource economics with a focus on rural sociology and community development. He has long been connected to the COA, helping to run some outdoor orientation programs and teaching courses in community development, community planning, and collaborative leadership. He is also deeply involved with MDI Tomorrow and the Union River Watershed Coalition, two organizations to which the college has a strong commitment. Ron served as a member of the Bar Harbor planning board and as a member of the town council. He also served on the board

of the Mount Desert Island Hospital. (His) daughter, Alana...is a 2003 COA graduate. His son, Chris, is an undergraduate at the University of Maine."

The first time he won the job of Millinocket town manager, **Eugene Conlogue** was selected from among 22 candidates. Last December he was awarded his third contract with the town.

Send me your thoughts or your news! I'd love to hear from you!

1973

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Sue Blaisdell Martin, associate director of the Center for Service Learning at Bates College, has joined Auburn's Charter Commission. **Ned Berce**, president of Berce Potato Company in St. Agatha, has been named a director of First Citizen's Bank in Presque Isle. **Dana Folsom** has made the move south to Fort Myers, Florida, to be the new principal of San Carlos Park Elementary after stepping down from his principalship in Hampden. Welcome to Florida, Dana. You will love it.

Bob and **Leslie Wight Grenier** '71 had some excitement in their lives in December when a sand truck lost control on ice-covered roads and plowed into their store in Mount Vernon. **John Hedman** is the new superintendent of S.A.D. 122 in Woodland. **Robert "Bob" Chaplin**, science teacher at Conners Emerson School in Bar Harbor, was honored with a 2004 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Congratulations to **Trish Riley**, named one of the top 25 women in healthcare nationally for her work as the architect of Dirigo Health.

Morrill R. Worcester was awarded the 2004 Big "M" Award by the Maine State Society of Washington, D.C. It is awarded to Mainers in recognition of accomplishments and achievements in their profession or for their service to Maine and its citizens. One of the most publicized and (I think) most generous acts that Morrill is known for, is the placing of wreaths, made by his company, Worcester Wreath Company, on the graves of veterans of every war and from every state at Arlington Nation-

Trish Riley '73 among top 25 women in health care

Trish Riley '73, '78G, the architect of Maine's Dirigo Health Reform Act, was recently named as one of the top 25 women in health care by *Modern Health Care* magazine.

In a story in the *Lewiston Sun-Journal*, Trish said she was surprised to see her name on the list, noting that many of the others were health care pioneers.

"They're all people who have started new things," she said. "I'm honored to be part of it."

Trish is currently director of Maine's Office of Health Policy and Finance. She previously served as executive director of the National Academy for State Health Policy.

Trish is a former chair of the University of Maine Alumni Association board of directors.



al Cemetery each Christmas for the last 12 years. This has entailed donating nearly 5,000 wreaths annually and transporting them to Arlington. Morrill and his wife, Karen, are the parents of six children and live in Columbia Falls, Maine.

Alice Greene '74 writes that **Rick Greene** has been a resident of St. Mary's Holston Rehabilitation Center, 3616 Boyds Bridge Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee 37914, since 1995. Due to Multiple Sclerosis, Rick has lost his hearing, speech, and physical abilities; however he can read in very large—36 point font type, and would appreciate hearing from old friends and classmates.

1974

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Congratulations to Maine's outstanding varsity athletics and to the great goblackbears.com website for keeping us informed and up-to-date.

I had a note a while back from

Jan Reid Willis. Jan and husband, Paul '73, have their own real estate company in Gorham. Their son David is majoring in business at UMaine and also has his real estate license. Daughter Jennifer attends Davidson College in North Carolina and plays on their Division 1 field hockey team.

James Collins is the new town manager in Carmel, Maine. He has also served as town manager in Fayette, Jay, Ashland, Bridgton, Mapleton, Castle Hill, and Chapman. Best wishes on your latest venture.

Congratulations to **Tony Hamlin** on his accomplishments and ability to be surprised! Last February he was honored by many of his coaching colleagues on surpassing 300 victories as a basketball coach. He's currently coaching at Penquis Valley High School. Even former Maine coach, Skip Chappelle '62, was on hand. Tony was honored and even humbled by the outpouring of support and the number of people who took time out of their schedules for him—and even managed to keep it a secret.

Jim Brown of Dover-Foxcroft is a lucky guy. About 15 years ago, his wife, Barbara, noticed a spot on the back of his leg. The spot turned out to be very early stage melanoma. It was treated and he has had no

recurrence. Today, melanoma cases are increasing in Maine and the state is offering schools grants to teach about sun safety. Jim is a teacher at Foxcroft Academy.

Michael Finnegan has taken the position of senior loan and investment officer at Coastal Enterprises in Wiscasset. He spent the past five years as director of the Maine State Housing Authority and is recognized for his work on affordable housing for the elderly, homeless people, and economically disadvantaged families. Prior to that, he worked at KeyBank for 25 years.

The new finance director of the town of Windham is **Brian Wolcott**. He left his position as director of financial services and senior accountant at Maine Municipal Association in Augusta. Brian lives in Cumberland Foreside with his wife, Vicki, and two stepdaughters, Hayley and Blair. His son, Jason, attends Penn State.

The weather is hot and humid here in Florida, but it's better than the rain and chilly weather we had on our Memorial Day weekend visit. The next column will feature a few of us from the Class of '74 who are also celebrating our 35th high school reunion at Brewer High School. Please drop me an email or a note—we'd love to hear what you are up to.

1975

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Jim Stewart has decided to retire after 33 years of combined military and civil service. He has spent most of the last 30 years as a test director at the U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground in southwest Arizona where he continues to work part-time as a consultant on air transport and airdrop systems. As a mechanical engineer, he decided nearly 10 years ago to forgo senior management in order to pursue the more interesting technical work.

Bob Miller is retired and living in Berwick. He keeps busy with his painting business. His third child will be a senior at Syracuse University. His son, Adam Miller, was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant.

Joan Adams Leavitt writes: "It is hard to believe that 30 years have gone by. I still remember that



Mark Johnston '75 recognized for community service

Mark Johnston '75, president and CEO of Kennebec Savings Bank, is the Calumet Club's Outstanding Citizen for 2005. He was presented with the award at a banquet in Augusta in April.

Mark was recognized for his long record of involvement in support of his community. Most recently, he served as campaign chair of the United Way of Kennebec Valley, which raised \$1.4 million for charity.

The bank that Mark heads gave a total of \$350,000 to charities last year.

Mark's community service dates all the way back to high school and UMaine, where, serving as president of Alpha Phi Omega he organized blood drives, among other activities. He also was traffic and continuity director and was involved in the campus radio station.

Mark has been the organist/pianist for the Bunker Hill Baptist Church (where he's played for 38 summers) and the Winthrop United Methodist Church. He's also an active member of the Kiwanis Club, a director and treasurer of Camp KV for Kids, treasurer of the Elsie and William Viles Foundation, a trustee of Thomas College, and a board member of Friends of the Cobossee Watershed. In addition, he is a past chairman of the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce and served on the board of MaineGeneral Medical Center.

A resident of East Winthrop, Mark has worked at Kennebec Savings since 1992. He's been the bank's CEO since 1999.

beautifully sunny graduation day as "clear as day"—can't always say the same about remembering other things lately!

My husband, **Dave**, and I have spent most of our 28 married years living in Maine raising a family of three children. Dave has been a civil engineer and project manager for Cianbro Corporation since he graduated. I taught English in Old Town until our first son was born. For the past 10 years I have worked for Weight Watchers of Maine as a leader. We now have two sons who are attending the University of Maine! Our oldest son, Benjamin, is a sophomore majoring in sociology, beginning school after spending three years in the Army as a combat engineer. Our son Michael is currently a senior majoring in new media. Our daughter Ann is a junior in high school and is looking forward to the college experience. Last fall we were pleased to be able to visit with another classmate who was visiting in Maine.

William Gordon is a civil engineer who lives with his family in Samoa. After graduating from UMO he joined the Peace Corps and was assigned to the small island of Ponape. He met his wife during this time and has lived in that area for the last 30 years.

In February, **Mary Reynolds Moussa**, Ellen Schoebel Hansen '74, **Nancy Simmons Dias**, and I had a reunion at Nancy's house in Ludlow, Massachusetts. Mary is a psychiatric nurse. Mary's daughter is a senior in college while her son is a senior in high school. Nancy continues with her social work. Nancy's oldest son graduated from college while her second son is a sophomore in college and her twin boys are juniors in high school. Ellen is teaching third grade. Ellen's oldest daughter graduated from Brown, her second daughter is at Boston College, her third will be a freshman in college, and her youngest daughter is a junior in high school. I just completed my 28th year of teaching! Our daughter, Lindsay, completed her first year at Syracuse University.

Larry Perry's oldest son graduated from Babson and is living in Boston. His youngest son is a sophomore at UMaine!

OK, you all, I need to hear from you so that our next class column will have some news!

You can email me at any hour! Let's hear from you.

1976

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Hello, fellow classmates. I am sure all of you are just as busy as I am. Many of us must now be seeing our own children graduating from college and some are even getting married! A few of us are becoming grandparents. We are at that next stage of our lives! This spring will mark our 30th anniversary since graduating from the university. So how about sending me an update to share with your classmates? We'd like to know what you've been up to.

Janine Roy Pierpont writes that she has completed her 26th year of teaching elementary school with the last 15 years in Saco. She and her twin 17-year-old daughters, Katie and Jenny, along with her partner, Dick Martin, live in Saco. **Calvin Deschene** has been appointed to the position of assistant manager for the Hayden/Perry Insurance Agency. He resides in Presque Isle with his wife, Susan Lauritsen Deschene '75, and children Benjamin, Natasha, and Spencer. **David Lidstone** has been appointed captain of the guard of the Kora Temple in Lewiston. David owns Drake Asset Management Company and is also a securities broker with Raymond James Financial Services. He and his wife, Jane, have three daughters, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Abigail. **David Gordon**, president of Katahdin Forest Products, was featured in the April 9th edition of the *Bangor Daily News*. USM baseball coach **Ed Flaherty** has been inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. His 19-year coaching career with the USM Huskies has included two national titles and six trips to the Division III World Series.

1977

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Greetings again, everyone! Hope you had a good summer. Hard to

Go Blue!

believe it's just about over. Maybe if we all close our eyes and wish real hard we can make it last a little longer.

I was very pleased to receive an email message from **Michael Minigell Bailey**. Michael just started a new job with Cooperative Extension as the Maine state 4-H activities and events coordinator. She and her husband also work with her sister's family to develop Tre-worgy Family Orchards. Fall is a busy time for them with pick-your-own apples and pumpkins, as well as a corn maze, petting zoo, and a dairy bar. Michael's oldest daughter graduated from college this year and her youngest from high school. Thanks for the update, Michael!

I read an interesting *Mainebiz* article featuring **Matt and Ellen Curry Libby**. Matt and Ellen married in the spring of 1977 and the day following our graduation opened up Libby Camps, the family camp near Ashland. Seems they've been there ever since. Last year over 1,000 people visited the traditional hunting, fishing, hiking, and canoeing lodge. Matt says, "If you grow up in paradise it doesn't necessarily mean you know it's paradise."

That's about all I have to share with you at this time. If you have any news please send it in. Enjoy the fall and I hope to hear from you soon!

1978

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Happy fall, everyone! I hope that you all had a great summer. I'd like to wish you a wonderful fall, enjoying the foliage and other special features of the season. Please send your news, and remember to put me on your Christmas card list so I can share your news with classmates.

1979

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They're baa-ack! The Class of 2009,

Gambling Czar

Robert Welch '76 became the state of Maine's first director of the Gambling Control Board last November. His role, along with that of his five-member board, is to regulate the Bangor racino and administer the state slot machine law authorized by Maine voters in 2003. Bob retired as deputy chief of the Bangor Police Department, where he served for 25 years. (Bangor Daily News photo by Linda Coan O'Kresik.)



along with thousands of other students, faculty, and staff, are headed to Orono for another year. And the years do fly by!

There's no better time to visit campus than while the fall foliage colors are out. If you didn't make it to our reunion last year, plan to attend Homecoming this year and recapture that "Black Bear spirit."

A few notes from classmates: **Lyonel Tracy** is the newly named commissioner of education for the state of New Hampshire. He began his career teaching in Pittsfield. He later served as an administrator in Berwick and York, Maine, and as superintendent of the Portsmouth, New Hampshire, school system. He holds a doctorate from George Washington University.

Carol-Lynn Saliba was named executive vice president for retail banking in New Hampshire and Vermont for Citizens Bank. She was previously vice president for small business lending at Key Bank. She and her family reside in Bedford, New Hampshire.

Albert Goes to Slug School, authored by **Carey Armstrong-Ellis**, should be on its way to the children's shelves at your local bookstore. The author and illustrator of *Purdy's Problem and How She Solved It* was one of a trio of children's book illustrators featured at the York Public Library. Carey has studied illustration at the University of New Hampshire.

David Halligan's work as a basketball coach in Falmouth was recognized at the all-star weekend at Husson College during a presen-

tation by the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches. Halligan has logged 300 coaching victories in his career.

Charlie Todd is Maine's eagle expert, an avocation that began as a graduate student at UMaine when he was involved in the rescue and recovery of "Bart," an injured bird who would never fly again. Charlie trained Bart to sit on his gloved hand, and visited schools to educate youngsters about the endangered species and preserving its habitat. Charlie was on staff at the university, and then in 1986 moved to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. (Bart is living out his golden years at a refuge in Calais!)

1980

*25th Reunion at Homecoming
October 21-23, 2005*

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Hi, classmates! I hope you are planning to return home to the University of Maine for our 25th Reunion over Homecoming Weekend on October 21-23. For many of us, it's been much too long since we've returned to connect with so many friends from our college

days! Please remember the University of Maine with your alumni donations, and we'll see you in October!

1981

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There's never a dull moment on a college campus! And I'm fortunate to live within a couple of miles of our alma mater and enjoy my many volunteer activities there. We're thrilled to have our new president, Bob Kennedy, in place and also welcomed our new women's basketball coach, Ann McInerney, this past spring. Just as the dust starts to settle, we find out that our baseball coach and director of athletics are moving on. Both have left their mark on UMaine and will be missed. We'll also be a stepping stone along the career path for many faculty and administrators. We accept this but find it so refreshing when someone comes along who truly loves our campus and our way of life here in eastern Maine. Sometimes, you have to "get out" before you realize what you had back here in Orono, Maine. You're always welcome to "come home to Maine!"

Not much in the mailbag this time around. I'll lead off with a couple of basketball tales. Hampden Academy girls' basketball coach, Ben Greenlaw, welcomed his dad to the bench this past year as an assistant coach. **Dick Greenlaw** coached the Fort Fairfield boys back in the '70s (how well we remember that era!). Ben says, "We don't always see eye to eye on things, but it's been great!" The second basketball tale is about **Matt Kaubris** and his daughter, Alexa, who just completed four years as a starter at Dirigo High School. Alexa and Dad were featured in an article this past winter in the *Lewiston Sun-Journal* entitled, "Like Father, Like Daughter." Matt was a player on the legendary Rumford High team back in the mid '70s and later coached Mountain Valley and Andy Bedard '00 to a state championship in '94. Alexa moved on to Bowdoin College this fall and I'm sure Dad won't miss a game! Any other two-generation sports stories out there? A few other tidbits from the clipping service—

Larry Cyr joins many other alumni in the Kittery-Portsmouth area who are hoping that the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is spared from the final base closure list. Larry has been an engineer at the shipyard since his graduation from UMaine. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel **Michael Welch** was awarded the 2005 Citation of Honor for NATO's Operation Command. He has served in numerous countries including Mexico, Korea, Afghanistan, and, at the time of this article, was in Germany. Originally from Rumford, he and his wife, Sally, have two grown children. Guess we actually had two Michael Welches in our class, as I remember the Mike that was a public management major with me. Last I knew, he was working with **Bill Fraser** in Montpelier, Vermont. Perhaps he or Bill can give us an update on their present whereabouts!

And finally, thanks to Mark '63 and **Mary Lou Chaples Drake** for being the lone emailers for this column. They wrote to announce their return to Orono as residents of Dirigo Pines (whose advertising helps support our magazine!). They are both retired federal government employees from one of the three letter organizations in Washington. We welcome them back to the university community and look forward to seeing them at campus events!

Speaking of campus events, hope to see lots of you at Homecoming '05! I'll be on the lookout for good friends from the Class of '80, who will be celebrating their 25th Reunion that weekend. That means just one more year until our 25th! If you have thoughts on how to celebrate and would like to help with the organization, please shoot me an email. Even if you're not in the area, you can help by contacting other classmates. Let's get the ball rolling!

1982

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Hi, everyone. I hope you all had a great summer.

Whether you're buried in work, scrambling with house projects before the cold weather sets in, training a puppy, or still unpacking after a summer vacation, please take a moment to write and tell me

what's going on in your lives. Your classmates would love to hear from you!

1983

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There's something about fall that brings back memories of unpacking and getting settled in the dorm after the summer. So why not reconnect with old friends from the dorm, classmates, and fellow UMaine alumni by sending a note to me so your classmates can hear from you. Thanks—we look forward to hearing your news!

1984

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Hello, classmates! I hope you are having a great fall. I love this time of year. The air smells fresh and the coolness always feels good after summer. The kids are back in school and I start to think of new projects to do. Send me your news (or new projects) and I will get them into the next issue.

I received an email from **Deb Verrill-Sapienza**. She gave birth to a girl on March 18, 2005. Baby Hannah was six pounds and 19.5 inches at birth. Deb emailed me pictures of Hannah and big sister Abby who is almost three. They are so precious! Deb went back to work at Analog Devices where she is a senior product/test engineer.

John "Jack" Turcotte is the new superintendent of Sanford public schools. He previously served as the school superintendent in Ellsworth, where he even served for a brief period as the interim town manager.

Every spring the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches presents its Coach of the Year awards for the recently completed season. **Jack "Jay" Carlsen** of Camden Hills in Rockport was named as the 2004-2005 Eastern Class B Schoolgirl



Award for research

Jeff Greenwald '82 received the Alan Yorkdale Award from ASTM International for the best paper of the year concerning clay, shale, concrete, or sand-lime masonry. He was one of three authors of the research paper. Jeff is vice president of research and development for the National Concrete Masonry Association in Herndon, Virginia. In addition to his B.S. in civil engineering from UMaine, he has a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Delaware. Jeff currently lives in Annandale, Virginia.

Basketball Coach of the Year.

Tracey Tarr, CADAC, LSW, has joined the Katahdin Valley Health Center and the Aroostook Mental Health Center as a counselor. The health centers have offices in Houlton, Patten, Island Falls, and Millinocket. Tracey provides substance abuse assessment and treatment to teen, adult, and senior populations. She is also trained in crisis intervention.

Bob McPhee is in the news again! He recently published his autobiography, *It Could Be Worse*. The book is a paperback and can be found in the UMaine bookstore. Bob is a sports writer for the *Lewiston Sun-Journal* and the *Rumford Falls Times*.

Charles Barrett has been promoted to senior vice president at The Provident Bank. In this position, Charles oversees real estate con-

struction and development within the commercial loan department. He joined the bank in 1997 as an assistant vice president in commercial lending and was promoted to vice president in 1999. He lives in Kittery Point, Maine, with his wife, Jill, and their two children.

In some older news, the Brewer school committee named **Amanda Hidu Bost** as the liaison to the Brewer High School district trustees.

That is all the news I have for this time. Send me your news and I will put it in my next column! Enjoy the fall!

1985

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I hope that your 2005 plans include a trip to UMaine in October for Homecoming. See you there!

Kevin Jordan of Dexter, Maine, is the new superintendent of schools for S.A.D. 46 in Dexter. Kevin spent 18 years working through the ranks in the Penquis (S.A.D. 4) district serving as teacher, athletic director, assistant principal, and principal.

Cynthia Heberer Macleod-Klewin has joined Williams CPA Group, LLC in Rockport, Maine, after performing individual, corporate, and estate tax work for 18 years in the Belfast area. She and her husband, Howard, live in Belfast with their four children.

Lisa Leclair Turner and her husband, Ralph '78, of Laughing Stock Farm in Freeport, Maine, have designed a heating system for their greenhouse fueled by used cooking oil from restaurants. Development of the heating system was supported by an \$18,000 competitive grant from the state of Maine for farmers who use new technologies to save money over the long term.

Glen Riley and his family have moved from the Lehigh Valley area of Pennsylvania to Hillsboro, Oregon, where Glen is the vice president for business development at TriQuint Semiconductor. He welcomes classmates who travel to or live in the Portland, Oregon, area to give him a call.

Michelle Renaud Rines and her husband, Jamie, live on the Kennebec River in Woolwich, Maine, with their three sons Andrew (11),

Nathaniel (6), and Will (4). Michelle worked several years as a geriatric clinical nurse specialist and now is an at-home mom. She loves keeping up with her boys and volunteering in the community. She'd love to have visitors!

Nancy Schott Plaisted '53, who writes the column for the Class of '53, contributed the following:

"You never know when you'll meet people from our alma mater and my UMO 53 license plate did it. A woman stopped my daughter Traci in the parking lot of New England Pizza in Stratham, New Hampshire, recently. Anyway, Traci introduced her to me and of course I had to take notes. I sat down at her booth (she was ordering take-out) and here's what I found out:

"Her name was **Christine St. Laurent Allwarden** of Stratham, who at the time she went to UMaine, lived in Standish, Maine. She majored in psychology and French, was an Alpha Phi sorority gal, and was 'into nothing' at college and lived in the dorm on the hill, Knox. She married Joe '86, who majored in civil engineering, and received his master's in '87, the first one to receive a master's degree in structural engineering at UMaine. They're the parents of three, Amelia (13), Evan (11), (who was there and wanted to be listed first. Sorry, Evan.), and Sarah (9). Christine, whose pastime is beading jewelry, is a registered nurse and works at a family practice in Exeter. Joe works on model trains (and in the yard), and is a structural engineer at the Maguire Group in Portsmouth. They haven't been to reunions, but they do get the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* and some 10 years ago Joe gave a talk at the university. Also, last summer they stayed at the Black Bear Inn going and coming from Prince Edward Island and drove through the campus."

By the time you read this, the kids will be back in school and the leaves will be turning. We'd love to know what's happening in your world—or share a favorite UMaine story with us! This time of year always brings my memories back to Cumberland Hall and York Village, the friendships I made, and the great fun we had!

**Make plans now to
attend Homecoming,
October 21- 23.**

1986

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Hi, classmates! As I write this, we are having the hottest, most humid June day yet! But, I'm not complaining. I am not too fond of the ice and snow! We hope you and yours are healthy and happy and have a fantastic summer! Here's the news for this time. **David Sullivan** continues as the town administrator for Windham, New Hampshire. He was one of the five finalists for the town manager position in Billerica, Massachusetts; but withdrew his name to stay in Windham where he has served for the last 17 years. The board gave David a real vote of confidence, saying he "is steady and well respected."

Our own Governor **John Baldacci** was recently honored by Maine's migrant workers in a state house cabinet room ceremony. He was given symbolic gifts and serenaded with Hispanic songs. He said he was "overwhelmed" by the gesture and "welcomed the diversity of the migrant workers' culture in Maine." Also, John announced in January that he will be seeking re-election.

UMaine Cooperative Extension professor **Richard Kersbergen** of Burnham was among the 10 professors recently honored by the University's Chancellor's Office for research contributions in fields that advance Maine's scientific, agricultural, and economic development. He received a University of Maine System trustee professorship. These professorships are given to recognize "significant and noteworthy contributions to academic excellence." Richard's research focus will be on forage and pasture production in Maine and New England, specifically with regard to organic crops.

Donna Loring of Richmond has been sworn in as Penobscot Nation interim tribal representative by Governor Baldacci. Donna is a former tribal representative and is filling in for her hospitalized colleague.

Jon Mahon has been appointed to the Ellsworth, Maine, school board. The former board chairman resigned from the council in 2001 when his job required him to begin working in Augusta. Jon, a 23-year Maine State Police veteran, is again



Bob McPhee '84 interviews a player after a state championship field hockey game. (Photo courtesy of the Lewiston Sun-Journal.)

It Could Be Worse tells Bob McPhee's inspiring story

Many people were skeptical when Bob McPhee '84 decided he wanted to get a college education. Many more thought his dream of being a journalist was unrealistic. How could the victim of a disabling accident, a person confined to a wheelchair without the ability to talk become a sportswriter?

Those folks clearly didn't understand Bob's courage and determination. Not only is he college-educated with a successful career, he's even rafted the rapids of the Kennebec River among many other adventures. In the coming year he has plans to try power hang gliding.

Bob finished his degree at UMaine in 1984 (before much of the campus was wheelchair accessible) and since 1987 has been a successful sports writer for the *Lewiston Sun-Journal*. Now he has published his inspiring story of life since the high school football injury in 1976 that so dramatically changed his world. The autobiography, *It Could Be Worse*, was published locally by Sun Press.

Bob McPhee's story inspires us because, in spite of getting a very bad break in life, he never allowed adversity to keep him from achieving his goals. And he never felt sorry for himself.

"The way I look at it, everybody has problems," McPhee told *MAINE Alumni Magazine* in a 1992 interview. "My problems may be at a higher level, but that's life. You get by with what you have."

working in the Ellsworth area. He and wife Michelle have two sons. The committee chairman added that Jon is "very involved in the community" and particularly has a "good knowledge of working with budgets."

Eleanor Gulick Courtemanche has been named the chief advancement officer at the Maine Maritime Academy in Castine. Eleanor has been with the Academy since the fall of 2004 and previously had been the director of development at College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor for two and a-half years.

Edward J. Keefe and Karen Boucher Romano are entered into our next class column drawing, as we received great notes from them! This time, the winner picks a prize from either a size large light blue university "Go Blue" T-shirt or a size medium dark blue "Maine Hello" polo shirt!

Any snail mail or email (with news!) that we receive within three weeks after this column is published is also automatically entered. Please don't forget to put Class of '86 or University of Maine in the subject line, so that I don't miss it while on my ever diligent anti-spam patrol.

Please write us anytime with news, questions, comments! We'd love to hear from you, even if it is to correct us; as we get most of our news from newspaper clippings and also sometimes, heaven forbid, are in a rush, ha!

Karen Boucher Romano wrote concerned about John Jansen '87. She was wondering if the John returning from Iraq with Maine's 133rd Battalion was the same guy she knew who married Rae-Lynn Austin '85 and what class they are in. Funny thing is, Rae-Lynn '85 was my apartment mate the summer right after she graduated and got married! Four girls and various boyfriends, visitors, friends, etc! Last I knew, she was an executive for KeyCorp in the Livermore Falls office, I think. She and John lived in University Park while he finished in '87. (Rae, write me if I'm mixing any of this up! Also, if I am embarrassing us all, ha!) They do have a child (more than one now ?) Rae-Lynn was very involved in the group helping the families waiting for the 133rd to return.

While we lived together, they all had day jobs and I worked until midnight. I thought nothing of coming home at 12:30 and waking poor Rae and my other roommates (who had to get up early!) to walk to the 7-Eleven for slurpees! Those were energetic days!

John very kindly took the time and helped my now retired and then unknown to him, little brother Bob, get a hat he needed to head back to his Fort Bragg MP assignment! So, Karen, that's all I know right now (more than you needed huh?!). They are dear, fun people. Thanks much for writing!

Edward J. Keefe writes that he has joined M/C Venture Partners as CFO. M/C is an early-stage venture capital firm that is focused on communications and information technology companies. Edward is in Boston, Massachusetts, and the company also has offices in San Francisco and London. Previously, he was vice president of finance at Atlas Venture for the last five years. Great to hear from you, Edward! Congrats!

Also, congrats go to **Julie-Ann Baumer** who won last column's \$20 University Bookstore gift certificate! What did you buy?! We received a sweet thank you note/email too!

Take good care! Write and let your classmates know what you're up to this summer and fall!

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1987

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I received a note from **Rick Blaisdell**. Rick is a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force and lives in Colorado Springs with his wife, Jennifer Link-Blaisdell '88, and their eight-year-old daughter, Anahid. Over the past eight years they have been stationed in Korea, Germany, and England. **Darlene Wells Paine** was selected as principal of the Wilton schools this spring. Previously Darlene had been principal at Searsport Elementary School in M.S.A.D. 56. **Tom Brennan** has retired as principal at the MacDougal School in Rockland. **Margaret Collamore Campbell** was promoted to vice president at Damariscotta Bank and Trust Company. She has been with the bank since 1992 and has served as operations officer and assistant vice president with the bank. **Matthew Dunlap** became Maine's 47th secretary of state on January 7th. This spring, Matthew was also selected to serve on the negotiated rulemaking committee that was established by the United

States Department of Transportation to develop recommendations for national minimum standards for drivers licenses and identification cards.

1988

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Happy fall, everyone! Before you have to get out a rake to deal with the falling leaves, please pick up a pen or sit down at the keyboard and send me a note. Even if you're at the same job, at the same address, and don't feel you have any news, we'd still like to hear from you. What seems like old news to you may be new material to a classmate who's been wondering about you. Please write!

1989

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Happy fall, Class of '89ers! News is almost non-existent this time and I know there is a lot going on with all of us in our 16th year since graduation! Don't be shy—share your news with our classmates! Even if nothing exciting is going on, let us know where you live, work, or what you do for fun. Someone from our class could live right around the corner from you and you don't even know it!

1990

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Our summer was wonderful and we hope your summer was the same. We are looking forward to attending some fairs this fall.

Greg Cronin is the new head hockey coach at Northeastern University. In the past, at the University of Maine, Greg was twice the assistant coach and was the interim head coach for 36 games. Prior to accepting the Northeastern position he was the coach at the Bridgeport Sound Tigers, an AHL team.

John B. Gooch was promoted to branch manager of Bangor Savings Bank, Jonesport. He is currently pursuing a master's degree at Husson College. Previously he earned a degree in branch management from The New England School of Banking.

Bill Reynolds was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame in July. Between 1983 and 1986 Bill led the Black Bears to three NCAA Regional and College World Series appearances. He was a two-time all conference player and in 1986 was named to the College World Series All-Tournament Team. Bill and his wife, Pam, have two daughters.

Daniel J. Edwards is a new associate of the law firm, Norman, Hanson, and DeTroy, LLC. Daniel is a University of Maine School of Law graduate and is working in the firm's commercial practice group.

Judson McBrine III was named Maine's 2005 High School Principal of the Year. Judson earned his master's degree in education from UMaine and is currently working on a certificate of advanced study at UMaine. He was honored at the Maine Principals Association's spring conference awards banquet held in April.

Tad Johnston was named the Maine Department of Education's employee of the year for 2004. Tad is the critical content specialist for mathematics and regional services provider for Washington County. Tad was able to adjust the federal adequate yearly progress formula of the No Child Left Behind Act so that the formula would work for smaller schools in Maine. Tad lives in Old Town with his wife, Kim.

1991

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Hope you all had a great summer and are enjoying the fall. My husband, Andy, and I certainly had an

exciting summer with the birth of our first child, Spencer Aidan Michael Bentley on Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at 5:28 PM at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

Another classmate with a new baby to report is **Kimberly Shea Berg**. Kim and her husband, Christopher, welcomed a daughter to the family, Gabriella Grace Berg, born on March 30, 2005. The family lives in Marion, Massachusetts, with big sister, Meghan, who turned three years old in August. They planned to vacation in York, Maine, over the summer.

Joanne Young-Small sent us a card with her latest news. Joanne has just been promoted to the cosmetic and fragrance coordinator for Macy's New England. Her husband, Forrest John Small '89, '91G, is working as a management consultant for Navigant Consulting in Burlington, Massachusetts. Joanne and Forrest live in Salem, New Hampshire, with their daughter, Eleanor Catherine Small, who was born on March 17, 2003.

Steven Johnson stepped down from his position as the South Portland Public Works director at the end of last year.

William Gerrish, a senior project manager in the firm of Dufresne-Henry and office manager for the company's Presque Isle office, has been named an associate. William specializes in airport design and construction projects.

Gary Myrick was selected by U.S. Senator Harry Reid of Nevada to be his deputy chief of staff. In this position, Gary is a constant presence at the senator's side as the lawmaker discusses policy issues, legislation, and procedural strategies with colleagues. Previous to joining Senator Reid's staff, he worked in the office of Senator Daschle. Gary lives in Falls Church, Virginia, with his wife, Lauren, and their three-year-old son, Henry.

Feel free to drop me a note (email, postcard, carrier pigeon) and I'll include your news in the next column. Fall reminds me of the good old days back in Orono. Your classmates would love to hear from you.

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The Traveling Chef

Hilary Rackliff '91 was featured in a February *Bangor Daily News* (BDN) article about the growing personal chef business. Hilary, who lives in Rockport, travels to her customers' homes with groceries and cooking utensils where she prepares as many as eight complete meals in a day.

"It's physically demanding," Hilary told the BDN. "But I love it. I've always been a foody. But I've found this job is not just a food thing. It's about the people. I like taking care of them."

Having a personal chef isn't cheap, but with so many families having busy lifestyles, the concept of personalized, healthful meals is becoming more and more popular.

Hilary, who previously worked for 10 years in social services, says that her food business, Entrez, allows her the flexibility to spend more time with her two sons. (Photo courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.)

1992

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Hello everyone! I hope you all had a great summer. I have been busy this summer as Andrew "Drew" Jeffrey Meader was born on Tuesday, July 12 at 10:44 a.m. at MidCoast Hospital in Brunswick, Maine. He was 18.5 inches long and seven pounds, eight ounces. He has two sisters, Sydney and Cortney, who are very

glad to have a brother. On to other news—

Carmelle Cote writes to say she was engaged to John Terborgh in October 2004. He is a graduate of Colby College and Duke University. They are planning to be married in Vermont in October 2005. Carmelle has also started a new position at the World Bank as the GIS project lead in Washington, D.C. She also serves as president of the Sterling, Virginia, Lions Club.

Paul Stearns reports that the S.A.D. 4 directors have extended his contract for school superintendent by one year.

Tracy Douglass was hired as principal of Mallett School in Farm-

ington. Tracy is a resident of Farmington and is currently working as a reading recovery teacher/leader in Jay, Augusta, and Belfast. **Bruce Lindberg** of Rumford has been named the new headmaster at Lee Academy. Currently, he is principal at Mountain Valley High School in Rumford. Lastly, **Jody Benner** has been appointed to the Indiana Hoosier's basketball staff as an assistant coach. He follows the head coach, Sharon Versyp, from our own UMaine where the pair helped guide our Black Bears to three-straight (2003-05) regular season America East titles. We will miss them both but wish them good luck.

That is all I have this time around. Please take some time to drop a note and let us know what is happening in your life! Have a great fall.

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Dear Class of '93,

I hope you all had a fun summer and are now enjoying our beautiful fall season. I am making a request—I have decided that I would like to pass along the job of writing our column to someone new. It's been fun hearing everyone's news. If you are interested, please send me an email at: jcspeicher@yahoo.com or contact Abby at the alumni publications office at: abigail_zelz@umit.maine.edu.

Well, of course we have some wonderful baby news. Ken and **Jennifer Donohue Lloyd** welcomed a beautiful little girl, Alexandra, into the world on March 16th, 2005. Congratulations to Rick and **Sharon Moore Kampersal** who are expecting their second baby in January.

Thank you for those who sent emails. It's great to hear from you. **Kristin L. Parker** got married in 1999. She has been teaching German at the Nock Middle School in Newburyport for 10 years. She and her husband welcomed their second child, Parker, in October, and she is now staying home to raise him and her three-year-old daughter, Avery. In the past few years Kristen taught in Germany on a Fulbright Teaching Exchange (2000-2001), finished her master's degree in German at Mid-

dlebury College in 2002, and started a home-based business selling Pampered Chef. She has just built a house in Groveland, Massachusetts, where she grew up. I also heard from **Darcy Fletcher Messineo** who is now a certified Baby Signs instructor, teaching parents and babies ways to communicate before they have the words to speak. She is teaching parent workshops as well as parent/baby classes and is having a blast!

Keep emailing. Have a wonderful fall season.

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Hello, classmates. It's that time again. Yes, it's time for us to fill you in on news you had no idea you needed to know about. As usual, we're going to start with our news. If you would like to read about yourself, you could always drop us a line and give us something else to talk about. It would also help settle a little wager we've got going on. One of us (not that either of us is cynical or anything) believes that no one is really reading this.

If you are reading this and were paying attention at the start of this column, you might have noticed a name change for **Beth**. Yes indeed, congratulations are in order! **Stacey** headed south to Philadelphia in May to celebrate Beth's marriage to Jason Calhoun. The ceremony was lovely and the reception (catered by Anna Bauer '90 of Museum Catering Company) was fabulous. Fellow UMainer Yolanda Sly '97 was also in attendance.

Now on to other (only slightly outdated) news—accolades abound—**Amy Sechrest Bragg** has received an award for continuing education from the American Speech Language Hearing Association. She is a lead clinician at the Warren Center for Communication and Learning in Bangor. **Sue Drake Davis** was awarded the 2004 Advocates for Children Community Service Award. Sue is a guidance counselor at Fairview Elementary



Jeff Tuttle '91 and Kristen Andresen Lainsbury '97 are the newest members of the alumni association's publications committee. Both Jeff and Kristen are UMaine journalism graduates and both now work for the *Bangor Daily News*—Jeff is special projects reporter and Kristen writes the weekly "Shop Girl" column and features.

School. **Kim Marie Oldenburgh** was a finalist for Maine Teacher of the Year. She is a teacher at Asa Adams School in Orono. **David Norwood** accepted an award from the American Heart Association on behalf of the Bryant E. Moore School in Ellsworth. David is a physical education teacher at the school. **Ryan Ellsworth** has been appointed executive vice president of the County Federal Credit Union. Ryan is based in CFCU's Caribou office. **Blake Fryer** is now a member of the Glenburn town council. Blake works as a district manager for an office supply company in Bangor. **Krystal Ash O'Sullivan** is the president of the Scarborough Education Association. She has been a teacher at Wentworth Intermediate School in Scarborough for 10 years. **Ellen Holmes** has left her job as a fourth-grade teacher at Fairmount School in Bangor to become a program manager for NASA. Her new job will entail developing materials for middle school educators to teach math and science concepts using NASA technology. **Benjamin Vail**, the current principal of A.D. Gray Middle School in Waldoboro, has been named the future principal of a new middle school to be constructed in the town. **Larry Murphy** has given up coach-

ing at Community High School at Fort Kent to race sled dogs. **Mitchell Carr** is engaged to Alina Perez. The couple resides in Portland and plans a February 2006 wedding.

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Happy fall, everyone. As I write this, summer is just getting underway. I hope that the Maine summer and fall offer up more good weather than bad after the very long and wet winter and spring that we had.

I have only a little news to report this time around—please be sure to update me on your whereabouts and goings-on so that I can fill in your classmates. We are always happy to hear from you.

I have heard from **Aaron Carlson**—he has the distinction of attending both high school (Presque Isle) and college with me—lucky guy! In any case, Aaron will have made his return to Maine by the time you read this. He is an account finance manager for IBM and will be

working most of the time out of the new home in Westbrook he has built. In his position he manages six staff members from four states and will be traveling frequently. Aaron is very happy to be returning to Maine and the many friends he has here. Welcome home, Aaron!

In other alumni news, **David Patterson** has taken the men's soccer coach position at Maine Maritime Academy in Castine. David was previously the UMaine women's soccer coach. In his new position David is also the sports information director and will be working with Jim Dyer, MMA's current athletic director, who is a former UMaine associate athletic director and men's soccer coach.

Fellow alum **Edmund Therrien, Jr.** is now serving on the Loring Development Authority Board. Governor Baldacci '86 tapped Edmund for the post, which encourages growth and economic development of the former Loring Air Force Base. Edmund is a producer at the Hayden Perry Insurance Agency in Presque Isle and also serves on the Maine Motor Transport Association board of directors.

In armed forces news, **Jeffrey Bolduc** was recently promoted to the rank of major while serving with the Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 26, Marine Air Group 26 in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

The Maine chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC Maine) has elected **Brad Moll** as its 2005 chairman. Brad is currently vice president of business development at Bancroft Contracting Corporation. Brad lives in Freeport with his wife, Melanie Newman Moll '96, daughter Emma, and infant son. ABC is a national association representing 23,000 construction firms across the United States; the Maine chapter has 179 member firms. Brad is also active in the Downeast Construction Education Foundation.

Dave Power, a fellow graduate of the natural resources program (now ecology and environmental sciences) is working as a soil conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Washington and Hancock counties. And, lastly, **Nathaniel Lord** recently wed Katherine Cummings. Nat also just finished his MBA at Northeastern University. Nat works as a commercial lender with Boston Private Bank and Trust Company in Boston, while Katherine is a lead remittance specialist for IDX Corporation. Congratulations!

I hope this column finds you well and we hope to hear from you soon!

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Hi everyone—what did you do this past summer? Did you take a vacation? Whether you took time off to tackle some long-delayed projects around home or went to some exotic location for wild adventure, please let us know.

We'd love to hear what's new (or not so new) with you.

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Class of 1997—I hope this finds you well and gearing up for Homecoming! Yes, it's almost that time to hop on I-95 for the long trek to make those plane reservations. But before you plan your weekend of Pat's, tailgating, and checking out your old haunts, let's see what's new with the Class of 1997. Oh, and if you can't make it—let us know what you've been up to by dropping a line at: Yolanda_Sly@hotmail.com or contact the alumni office!

I was in Orono in April to visit my dear friend **Andrea Poole Cole** and watch Black Bear football play the first annual Jeff Cole Spring Scrimmage, named in honor of her late husband who was an assistant football coach at UMaine. I also got to see

Molly Putnam Liddell as we attended the football banquet honoring the team's accomplishments from last season prior to the preview of this season's players. Jeff's many passions included education and Black Bear football—the scrimmage was a fitting tribute and kickoff to the Jeff Cole Foundation.

Andrea is the new coordinator of academic advising and support services for the college of education and human development at UMaine.

She was also awarded the 2005 Sorority Advisor of the Year Award for her work with the Chi Omega Chapter at UMaine.

Rob Wilson was vacationing in southern Thailand when the tsunami occurred, reports the *Bangor Daily News*. Fortunately, Rob is OK. He was on a ferry heading to the Ko Phi Islands and spent seven hours on it before being able to return to the mainland. Rob has been teaching English in Hong Kong.

Ida Page was named Ellsworth's Woman of the Year by the Ellsworth Business and Professional Women's Club, reports *The Ellsworth American*. Ida is the owner of Robert and Mary's Place, a day program for older people with memory loss with locations in Ellsworth and Machias. The program also offers a caregiver's support group. Ida was inspired to work with older adults after her husband, Lee, passed away in 1994. She has two daughters, a son, and four grandchildren. Her son, Shallee Page, is a professor of biochemistry at the University of Maine-Machias.

Steve Stinson is the new head coach at South Portland High School, reported the *Falmouth, Maine, Southern Forecaster*. The former Black Bear football player led the Greely football program from being a club program into its two first varsity seasons. He is also the assistant general manager at The Bay Club in Portland.

Former Black Bear field hockey player **Amy Richendollar** has been named the new head field hockey coach at Bridgewater State College, reports the *Mansfield News* in Massachusetts. Amy was an assistant coach for the Bridgewater State College Bears for the past seven seasons. She has also been a member of the Maine Field Hockey Association and the Boston Field Hockey Association. Amy lives in Mansfield and is a math teacher at Oliver Ames High School in Easton.

Sean Currier is the new engineer technician at WBRC Architects/Engineers land use studio. Sean holds a bachelor's in environmental science and natural resources from UMaine. Previously, he was a foreman with Maine Earth.

Bonnie Levesque has been named principal of the Madison Area Junior High School, reports the *Morning Sentinel*. Bonnie previously was an administrator with S.A.D. 9 in Farmington. Bonnie holds her master's in education from UMaine and later obtained her principal's certification. Bonnie resides in

Farmington.

Robert F. Lindyberg received AEWCC Center Director's Award from UMaine's Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center, reports *The Weekly*. Robert was recognized for his work as the AEWCC manager of technical services. His work entailed securing project funding, and strengthening and expanding the center's industrial partnerships. Robert received his master's from UMaine in 1997 and obtained his Ph.D. from UMaine in 2000.

Robert Moody is the new principal at the Windsor Elementary School, reports the *South China Town Line*. Robert holds his B.S. from the University of Maine Farmington and his master's from UMaine. His 16 years in education include working as a math teacher, an assistant principal at a private school, and as a director at a private school.

Congratulations to **Scott Pangburn** and Lisa Stevens-Hutchinson who were married on May 21, 2005. Steve holds his bachelor's in agribusiness and resource economics from UMaine. He is the manager of Scott's Save-A-Lot. The couple resides in Dover-Foxcroft.

Congratulations to **Shelby Lar-gay** who was married to Charles A. Young in April. Shelby holds her bachelor of science degree from the school of nursing and is the coclinical leader of the medical unit at St. Joseph Hospital in Bangor.

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A hearty holiday Maine Hello from Gießen, Germany! Here's the latest news on our classmates: Congratulations to **Sean Murray** who married Audra Figura on May 29th at the Chase House in Meredith, New Hampshire. Sean is currently self employed and consults for H&R Block.

In November 2004, **Steve Eldridge** was named the town manager for Rumford, Maine. Steve has lots of experience to offer Rumford. Since 2001, Steve had been serving as the town manager for Greene and previously served in the same position in Etna. Rumford's board of selectmen said Steve was chosen

because of his "strong leadership, management, personnel, and financial skills."

This past spring **Beth Jones** finished her sixth year of teaching at the Rowe School in Norway, Maine. This fall she begins at the Fox School in South Paris and will continue to teach third grade. Beth continues working on her master's and in her free time, she enjoys spending time at her camp in Greene and dancing to '80s hits.

Samantha Hodson Buron wrote to us: "I was married to Dana Buron on October 3, 2004, at the Wyenmere Harbor Club in Harwich Port, Massachusetts. Maria Boyington '97 and Carrie Libby '97 were two of my bridesmaids. I was hired to teach elementary physical education for the town of Harwich shortly after the wedding and we are now living in South Harwich, Massachusetts."

I started a new position this summer as the S-4 (logistical officer) for my battalion, 2nd Battalion 3rd Field Artillery. This change comes after successfully serving a year as the fire support officer for 1st Battalion 36th Infantry, the mechanized infantry battalion in 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division. I also spent two weeks this summer touring around Germany and the Netherlands with my parents who flew over to visit from the States.

I hope everyone had a great summer! Send us a note to let us know about your summer and what is new with you!

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There isn't much news to report this quarter, but we did hear from a few classmates. With the holidays coming up, many of you will be sending cards to family and friends. Please include the alumni association in your list and send us an update!

Heidi Kelley is engaged to Robert Lanigan-Potter '01. Heidi is employed at the Maine Veterans Home in Augusta and is working on a degree in nursing at USM. The couple is planning a fall '05 wedding. **Joanna Cronkite** and Randy Houde '99 also plan to wed this fall. The couple resides in Exeter, New Hampshire. Joanna is employed by

The Timberland Company and Randy is employed by Concord Communications. **Sara Barron** is engaged to Seth Nichols. The couple lives in Augusta and both are employed by the state of Maine.

Cory Dow and wife, Mandy Stimpson Dow '00, of Standish welcomed a son, Tyler William, on January 6, 2005. He joins a sister, Elliana, who is three. Cory works at Citigroup in Portland and Mandy works for S.A.D. 6 in Durham.

Laurie Laviolette, a clinician at Mount Desert Island Hospital, recently established an anger management therapy group in Ellsworth. Her private practice was started in January and is limited to 10 people. Originally from Pennsylvania, Laurie moved to Maine 11 years ago and earned her master's degree in social work at UMaine.

I am finally settled into my new home in Henderson, Nevada. I'm slowly getting accustomed to the 105 degree heat while missing the breezy autumn days in Orono. Please note my new email address. Feel free to send me a note at my new address or email me an update. Pictures are always welcome!

2000

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As the leaves start to change and the temperatures cool, I hope it finds all of you in good health and spirits. Hopefully, you were able to get away over the summer and enjoy some relaxing time at the beach, in the mountains, on a lake, or wherever you desire to find peace with your busy lifestyle. Our fellow classmates have been busy as you will read. Remember, if you have anything to share drop me a note.

News from my fellow Black Bear soccer classmates are: **Nikki Reed** married UMaine baseball player Gregg Jarvis '99 and works at CD&M Communications and Advertising Agency in Portland, Maine. **Stephanie Theriault** married former UMaine baseball player, **Bryan Harvie**, and is working with L.L. Bean as a wellness educator and living in Portland, Maine. **Katie Destefano Loyle** is married to Paris Loyle and has two kids, Madison and Rose. She lives in Littleton, Colorado, and works in the Littleton

school system.

Mary Castonguay's family farm, Castonguay Ayrshires, won the 2004 Conservation Farm of the Year. Mary handles all the farm's calves and serves as the herd physician. The Castonguay farm operates as an organic dairy farm.

Classmate **Matthew Allen Hunter** of Bangor graduated on May 22, 2004, cum laude from the University of Maine School of Law. Matthew then passed the Maine bar exam on October 28, 2004, and was sworn in as an attorney and admitted to practice law in the state of Maine. He is now working as a law clerk for the Honorable Paul L. Rudman, associate justice of the Maine State Supreme Court. Air National Guard Airman 1st class **Benjamin Dailey** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. **Alexander Ernst** graduated with first class standing from the University of Prince Edward Island Atlantic Veterinary College with a degree of doctor of veterinary medicine. Alexander was hired as an associate veterinarian at the nationally acclaimed (and accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association) Cape May County Park and Zoo.

The Augusta law firm of Lipman, Katz, and McKee has a new associate, classmate **Benjamin J. Smith**. Benjamin is a 2004 graduate of the University of Maine School of Law. He specialized in litigation. Classmate **Betsy MacGregor Webb** had her contract as superintendent of the Brewer school systems renewed. Betsy's new contract runs until 2010. She has served as superintendent for four years already. **Christine Anuszewski** got a job with the JET program as an assistant language teacher. She will be in Matsue, Japan, teaching middle school students.

Gordon Paul ran the Boston Marathon last April as he raised funds for the American Liver Foundation, which is dedicated to preventing, treating, and curing liver disease. Gordon's goal was to raise \$2,500 for the cause. This was Gordon's first marathon. He is a physical education teacher at A.D. Gray Middle School in Waldoboro and Friendship Village School.

Two classmates were recognized publicly for their outstanding achievements. **Laura Kenefic** was recognized by the Northeastern Research Station and Northeastern Area of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service with the Multicultural Achievement Award for

2004. She was honored for her efforts to promote the involvement of women in forestry careers. Laura works for the U.S.D.A. Forest Service and also is an assistant research professor at the University of Maine, department of forest ecosystem science.

UMaine basketball star and classmate **Jamie Cassidy** had her Black Bear number 24 jersey retired to the rafters of Alfond Arena on January 20th, 2005, during a women's basketball game against Stony Brook. Jamie still holds Black Bear career records for field-goal percentage (.544) and blocked shots (231), single game marks with a 1,000 field-goal percentage (8-for-8), and a 1,000 free-throw percentage (14-for-14). She also shares the single-season blocked shots record of 79 set in 1999-2000. Jamie is currently a teacher at Methuen High School in Massachusetts and is the girls' varsity basketball coach at Salem High School in neighboring Salem, New Hampshire.

Wedding bells are ringing for several classmates. **Paul James Harold** married Erica Kelley in July on a wedding cruise. Paul is employed by Citi Group Financial in Portland and resides in Westbrook, Maine. **Heather Berry** married Derek Hussey on August 27th, 2005. Heather is employed as a registered nurse by Jackman Region Health Center. **Cortney Nicholson** is planning on marrying John Klemperer in October. Cortney is a registered nurse at Eastern Maine Medical Center and also volunteers as a nurse for the cardiac rehab program at the Bangor YMCA. She resides in Hampden. **Julie Morrison** is planning on marrying Brad McPhee this fall. Julie is employed by Washington County Children's Program in Machias. She is currently working on her master's degree in speech pathology through Western Kentucky University. Congratulations to all of these happy couples and best wishes for your future.

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Another fall is here and I'm sure many of you feel the way I do when

the crisp, cold, fall air sets in and the leaves start to fall. Memories of UMaine start creeping in with the frost of the fall and there is no better time to remember your friends and UMaine family. So many alumni are starting new jobs and new stages of their lives. Here is what some of your fellow alumni are up to.

Katrina Petersen married Paul Van Overbeke in a 2004 fall ceremony in Belfast, Maine. The couple resides in Minnetonka, Minnesota. **Matthew Porter** wed Billie Hayward in a July 30th wedding. Matthew currently works with his family at Porter Farms in Washburn. On October 8th, **Jennah Doughty** will marry Sam Iggulden. They both work summers for the Maine Teen Camp in Porter. **Joe Sampietro** and **Kimberly Breton** married this past July. Kimberly is currently working as a sixth grade teacher in Brunswick and Joe works for Cintas. **Matthew James** heard wedding bells on July 16th when he married Kylie Snowman at St. John's Episcopal Church in Bangor. **Michele Gross** and Jacob Metzler '00, two UMaine grads, will marry on October 9th.

The graduates of 2001 are moving up in the world. Here are a few of our fellow grads who are making waves in their careers. **Catherine Gordon** will take over as the new principal of Atwood Primary School. The school is part of District 47 and houses grades K-2. **Jeremy Garland** was recently promoted to account executive at Nancy Marshall Communications, a Maine-based public relations firm. Jeremy handles two of the agency's clients.

Joslyn Brenton has recently returned to Maine after a two-year Peace Corps assignment in Guinea. Joslyn traveled to Guinea as an English teacher where she taught classes with as many as 120 students. She now hopes to use her teaching skills and new cultural understanding in order to start a new career.

Although you probably couldn't see him in the pack, **Judson Cake** ran the Boston Marathon this year. The winner of three marathons, his determination helped him cross the finish line.

As always, I wish the 2001 graduates of UMaine well and ask you to keep in touch with any news you have to share.

**Thanks for being an
alumni association
member!**

2002

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I hope that everyone enjoyed his or her summer. A lot has happened to some of our classmates over the season. Many people are starting the journey with a new person in their life or a new career or promotion.

Paul Melrose and Kasey Wyman planned a July 23, 2005, wedding. Paul obtained a master's degree in mechanical engineering and is employed at the U.S. Naval Underwater Warfare Center in Newport, Rhode Island. **Carly Voyer** planned a September 24, 2005, wedding to Adam Peters. She currently works for State Farm Insurance.

Joseph Deitz and Carrie Poston got married in August. Joseph is pursuing his medical doctorate at Ross University School of Medicine in the West Indies.

Nicole Rudnicki and Cody Younger planned an August 27, 2005, wedding. **Becky Pelletier** is busy planning an October 1, 2005, wedding with Kevin Greenleaf. Becky currently works at the Warren Center in Bangor as a speech language pathologist.

Emily Cain was the youngest member sworn into the 122nd Maine Legislature. She is married to Danny Williams '91, '94G who represented Orono in the 199th Legislature.

Suzannah Hall received her master's in spatial information from the University of Maine in December 2004. She graduated cum laude with her bachelor's degree in spatial information engineering in May 2002. She is now working in an interim position at the Maine Department of Transportation in Augusta.

Marie Dubord just finished her term as the university's first Midwest regional admissions representative. She was based out of Chicago, but she traveled throughout the Midwestern states to recruit students from the Midwest to the University of Maine. In the fall, she will start the master of education program in Orono.

Kelly Michaud is the editor of *Steppin' Out* magazine and has been named editor of special publications for Courier Publications. She will oversee the editorial direction,

Making the Ultimate Sacrifice

2nd Lt. Matthew S. Coutu '04 is the first UMaine graduate killed in Iraq.

Second Lt. Matthew Coutu '04, a top academic student and the 2004 Distinguished Military Graduate in the University of Maine ROTC program, was killed in action in Baghdad on June 27. Matt, who was assigned to a military police unit, was wounded when enemy forces engaged his convoy with small arms fire. He later died in an Army hospital. He is the first UMaine graduate to die in the Iraq War.

The Army reported that Matt was shot in the lower back while investigating a burning vehicle. It was further explained that the bullet entered the back just an inch below his flak jacket.

"Matt was an exceptional young man," said Captain Jeffrey A. Weston, "the very best of the best. He was a natural leader, a mentor, and a friend to be counted on....He will be greatly missed, and never forgotten."

Matt was born in Freehold, New Jersey, and moved to Lake Forest, Illinois, in 1994. He graduated from Lake Forest High School where he was captain of the football team and also competed in track and field. Matt's mother, Donna, currently lives in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, and his father, Michael, lives in North Hampton, New Hampshire.

At the university, Matt was a history major with a 3.4 GPA. At ROTC, he became Cadet Battalion Commander in his senior year.

"He was an outstanding member of the com-



munity, and we will honor and always remember his selfless service to our country," said university president Robert Kennedy.

A service to honor Matt is planned for campus in the fall.

2003

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Well, the summer is over, it is fall once again, and a lot has been going on for the graduates of the Class of 2003.

I have four engagements to announce, including my own. I got engaged in March to Matthew Hamann from Lewiston. We will be getting married on October 7, 2006. **Nicole Phair** recently announced her engagement to Nicholas Rodway. Nicole received her degree in elementary education and is a teacher

content, and production of the company's current and planned specialty and niche publications. She will also continue with *Steppin' Out*.

Mike Morrison was named the Reebok Hockey ECHL Saver of the Week for December 13-19, 2004. He plays for the Greenville (South Carolina) Grrrowl of the ECHL, affiliates of the Edmonton Oilers and Chicago Blackhawks. **Krystal Fogler** was appointed as the girls' team swimming and diving coach for Old Town High School. Krystal had a swimming history during her UMaine days.

If you have any news to share, please feel free to contact me. I would love to hear from you!

GO BLUE!

at Troy Howard Middle School in Belfast. Their wedding is planned for November 26, 2005. **Lyndsey Melvin** is now engaged to Robert Patton. Lyndsey earned her bachelor's degree in nursing and is now a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force. She is stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, working as a registered nurse. She also works at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton. A September 9, 2006, wedding is scheduled. **Jamie Kenny** became engaged to Jason Clark. Jamie graduated with a degree in communication. She is working at BAC in Brewer as an executive assistant. The wedding took place on August 13, 2005. Congratulations to everyone!

Some graduates of the Class of

2003 have some new jobs to report. **Michelle Leclair** began her training in January for 11 months of service with the National Civilian Community Corps, an AmeriCorps program in Denver, Colorado. She will serve as one of 33 team leaders at the central region campus in Denver. As a team leader she will be responsible for managing 10 to 12 corps members. **Tracy Guerrette** is the new head girls' basketball coach at Wisdom. She is also enrolled in a teaching certification course at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. She will be doing her student teaching in the fall, most likely teaching high school science. She graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in biology. And finally, **Jeff Kobrock** has a new three-year contract as the city manager in Gardiner. He has worked for the city since 1997, first as an economic development director, and since 1999 as city manager. He graduated from the University of Maine with his graduate degree in 2003.

As always, please keep me up-to-date on any news so that it can be added to the column!

2004

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Hearty Maine Hello! Now that classes are back in session, the campus finally feels vibrant again after a rather quiet summer. I've gotten quite a bit of responses from our classmates, so I'll get right to updating all of you on how they've been doing!

Triumph has marked the basketball career of **Heather Ernest** in recent months. Heather had her career as a Black Bear honored by being only the fifth women's basketball player to have her number retired. Heather began playing professional basketball first in Luxembourg and most recently for Goettingen, a team in Germany's top professional league.

Another former Black Bear athletic standout has garnered fame after graduation. **Katie Page** is currently doing graduate work with Nobel Prize winners in advanced chemical engineering at the University of California Santa Barbara.

After a noteworthy career in track and field at UMaine, she has set her sights on weightlifting. Katie placed second at an NCAA national championship and has been named as an alternate for the United States Olympic Weightlifting Team.

We have a recent marriage in the class, with graduates **Lindsey Rendell** and Eric Dos Santos tying the knot this past August in South Berwick. Now residing in Berwick, Lindsey is a call center representative with Northeast Credit Union, and Eric is a firearms tester with

Sigarms. I know we all wish the newlyweds good luck!

Wedding bells will certainly be in the near future for many of our classmates, and as such I am happy to announce the many engagements we've had recently from the Class of '04.

All Maine Woman **Kati Richards** recently became engaged to her boyfriend of four years, Wayne Sawyer. She is living happily in Downeast Maine, and a wedding was planned for the late summer of 2005. **Amanda Smith** is now en-

gaged to Darby Higgins, and a September wedding in Orland has been planned. Amanda now works for the Dedham Elementary School.

Jessica Cote announced her engagement to fellow alum Joseph West. The couple resides in the Augusta area and the wedding date was set for the late summer of 2005. **Allyson Ashe** is pleased to announce her engagement to Ryan Barnard. Allyson is pursuing her master's degree at UMaine, and the couple resides in the Bangor area. An October wedding is planned.

Tiffany Watson has announced her engagement to Tommy Monroe. Tiffany is a self-employed real estate appraiser and her groom-to-be is a self employed real estate developer and contractor. An early summer wedding has been planned. Daughter of Wendell Bradford '58, **Jennifer Bradford** has announced her engagement to Randall Dicker. Jennifer is a registered nurse at Eastern Maine Medical Center, and Randall is finishing up his degree in business from UMaine. An early summer wedding was planned.

Jen Marshall has recently become engaged to Frank Rapp. Jen currently works for U.S. Cellular. A fall 2006 wedding is planned. **Arthur Lidral** married **Karen Johnson**, of Saco. Arthur works at the J.A. Leonard Middle School in Old Town, and Karen is finishing up her senior year at UMaine.

Jessica Stoddard recently announced her engagement to **Robert Ferry** '05. Jessica is now employed by the Varney Insurance Agency of Bangor and Robert recently graduated with his degree in mechanical engineering technology. Their wedding is coming up right around the corner in October. **Jennifer Saucier** and **Andrew Sawyer** announced their engagement recently. Jen is currently working for the Honors College at UMaine, and she plans to attend medical school in the near future. Andrew is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in chemical engineering at Yale University. A summer wedding has been planned for the recent grads.

I just started my MBA internship at the alumni association this semester, so hopefully I'll learn a thing or two about coordinating good alumni events. While I intern, please don't forget to contact me with your stories of babies, weddings, and career updates. If you happen to be in the area, stop by the Buchanan Alumni House to visit your alma mater—you might see me working!

Your Classmates Would Love to Hear From You

We know you enjoy reading news from your UMaine friends and classmates. Well, they'd love to hear from you too! Why not take a few minutes and let your class correspondent know what is happening in your life—new job, new residence, wedding, kids, anything at all.

NAME:

CLASS YEAR:

TOWN AND STATE:

OCCUPATION:

NAMES OF SPOUSE/CHILDREN:

YOUR NEWS:

Weddings

1954

Dr. Samuel Rideout to Frances Grass on May 28, 2005, in Ortonville, New Brunswick. They live in Fort Fairfield, Maine.

1990

Donald R. Mitchell to **Laura Hoovler '97** on October 10, 2004, in Orono, Maine. They honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Bangor.

1992

Todd Richard Merrill to Kerryn Elizabeth Shean on May 22, 2004, in Bethel, Maine. They honeymooned in Antigua and reside in Topsham, Maine.

Christopher Louis Marino to Catherine Janne Ackley on March 12, 2005, in Lynden, Washington. They reside in Shelburne, Vermont.

Tamara Anne Imbornone to Edward James McGowan in West Roxbury, Massachusetts. They reside in Walpole, Massachusetts.

1993

Andrew John Moore to Karen Marie Araujo on September 18, 2004, in Saco, Maine. They live in Saco.

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.

Matthew Houghton to Kate Faragher on February 19, 2005, in Nobleboro, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Greenville and live in Belgrade, Maine.

Erica L. Nardi to **Jonathan E. Humphrey '94** on May 27, 2005, in Skowhegan, Maine. They honeymooned in Yosemite National Park and live in Smithfield, Maine.

1994

Elizabeth Watson to Jason Calhoun on May 14, 2005, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They took a wedding trip to Ireland and reside in Philadelphia.

1995

Terry Ann Gay to Scott Louis Ashton on December 18, 2004, in Lewiston, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Florida.



Beth Watson '94 was married to Jason Calhoun on May 14. Among the UMaine alumni attending were (left to right): Yolanda Sly '97, Stacey Stump '94, George Jillson (the bride's stepfather), Jason and Beth, Kathleen Smith Jillson '64 (the bride's mother), and Anna Bauer '90, who catered the wedding.

Christopher Douglas Durlow to Cynthia Deanna Barrios on April 3, 2005, in New Orleans, Louisiana. They honeymooned in Riviera Maya and reside in Frisco, Colorado.

1996

Jamison G. Leavitt to Melissa Richards on October 2, 2004, in Lewiston, Maine. They traveled to Aruba and reside in Minot, Maine.

1997

Eric F. Reed to Kelly Anne Herrick on October 2, 2004, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. They honeymooned in the Bahamas and reside in Saco, Maine.

Jason Lavoie to Kristen Merrill on October 10, 2004, in Gray, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in

northern Vermont and live in Durham, Maine.

Marie Elaine Hansen to Mark David Hankinson on March 12, 2005, in Negril, Jamaica. They spent their honeymoon in Jamaica and reside in Winterport, Maine.

1998

Samantha Hodson to Dana Buron on October 3, 2004, in Harwich Port, Massachusetts. They live in South Harwich, Massachusetts.

Courtney A. Griffin to Jonathan W. Graffius in Raymond, Maine. They reside in Portland, Maine.

1999

Michael Wayne Whitcomb to **Jennifer Boyd '00** on June 26, 2004, in Mars Hill, Maine. They

spent their honeymoon on a Caribbean cruise and reside in Belfast, Maine.

Rick Cyr to Mandy Lynn Raymond on August 14, 2004, in Saco, Maine. They reside in Buxton, Maine.

Angela Howard to **Ryan Seely '00** on October 3, 2004, in Camden, Maine. They live in Connecticut.

2000

Rebecca A. Lovejoy to Jason M. Cassidy on August 14, 2004, in South Portland, Maine. They took a cruise to the eastern Caribbean and reside in Bowdoin, Maine.

Amanda June Dow to Benjamin March Goss on February 4, 2005, in York, Maine. Following a honeymoon cruise in the western Caribbean they live in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

David Stephen Smallman to **Megan Fries '02** on June 5, 2004, in Ellicottville, New York. After a honeymoon in the Southwest, they reside in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Margo Jocelyn McEwen to Curt Richard Pepper on September 18,

Recently Married?

Share the happy news with your friends and classmates. Send your information and a photo to: Alumni Publications, One Alumni Place, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469. Or email us at: abigail.zelz@umit.maine.edu.

Weddings



Arthur Lidral '04 and Karen Elizabeth Johnson '05 were married in Saco on June 25. Karen was a music education major. Arthur majored in education and played drums for the UMaine Jazz Band.

2004, in South Portland, Maine. They reside in Gorham, Maine.

2001

Nathan Libby to Melissa Waleryszak on September 12, 2004, in Kennebunk, Maine. Following a honeymoon in Banff, Alberta, Canada, they live in Kennebunk.

Julie Anne Raymond to Marc Donald Tremblay on May 22, 2005, in Lewiston, Maine. They took a wedding trip to St. Lucia and reside in Lewiston.

2002

Michael Allen Lee to **Katie Jane Jackson** '04 on November 20, 2004, in Belfast, Maine. They traveled to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, and reside in Winterport, Maine.

Betsy Marie Walls to Michael Patrick

Johnston on February 26, 2005, in Brewer, Maine. They spent their honeymoon on a Caribbean cruise and reside in Hampden, Maine.

Michele Ann Mathieu to Jason



Lindsay Thornton '05 and Andy Geaghan '04 were married in Orrington on July 9.

In the photo below, Lindsay leads a large group of UMaine alumni in a spirited version of the "Stein Song" during the wedding reception.

Dana Burgess on July 24, 2004, in Manchester, Maine. They took a wedding cruise to the Caribbean, and live in Whitefield, Maine.

Ian Matthew Hall to Amy Elizabeth Anzelc on February 10, 2005, in St. Lucia, West Indies. They live in Austin, Texas.

Lee Eadie to Brooke Roberts on October 9, 2004, in Goshen, Kentucky. They spent their honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, and reside in Colorado.

Mark Edward McAllister to **Stefanie Morgan Rogers** '04 on July 14, 2004, in Northport, Maine. They live in Lebanon, New Hampshire.

Timothy Bonenfant to **Erika Veilleux** '05 on May 21, 2005, in Oakland, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Hawaii, and live in Oakland.

2004

Arthur Lidral to **Karen Elizabeth Johnson** '05 on June 25, 2005, in Saco, Maine. They live in the greater Bangor area.

Andrew J. Geaghan to **Lindsay Thornton** '05 on July 9, 2005, in Orrington, Maine. They live in Brewer.



Deaths

1923

Margaret Alice Tibbetts, 108, from Winthrop, Maine, on April 6, 2005.

1924

Aileen Helen Bennett Tufts, 102, from Gray, Maine, on March 26, 2005.

1928

Mabel Lewen Kirkpatrick Folsom Lovejoy, 97, from North Port, Florida, on March 6, 2005.

1930

James "Jim" Peery Ashworth, 94, from Atlanta, Georgia, on April 24, 2005.

1931

Raymond "King" Kenneth Lear, 95, from Okeechobee, Florida, on July 10, 2005.

1932

Doris "Dolly" Alexina Dunphy Bassett Rumazza, 95, from Chatham, Massachusetts, on April 24, 2005.

1934

James "Mutt" Milton Attridge, 93, from York, Maine, on July 12, 2005.

Samuel "Sam" Morton Cope, D.M.D., 93, from Portland on June 15, 2005.

James "Duke" Edward DeCourcy, 93, from New London, and Newport, New Hampshire, on August 11, 2005.

Muriel Tewksbury Covell Wilson, 92, from South Freeport, Maine, on March 18, 2005.

Walter Field Sargent, 94, from Auburn, Maine, on July 16, 2005.

1935

Carl Franklin Ingraham, 92, from Portland on March 14, 2005.

Walter Allen Richardson, Jr., 91, from New Milford, Connecticut, on April 19, 2005.

Edward "Stet" Stetson, 92, from Gardiner, Maine, on April 27, 2005.

1936

Winifred "Winnie" Upton Lamb Barbour, 91, from Owl's Head, Maine, on July 17, 2005.

Nelson Sweetser Blanchard, 90, from Cumberland, Maine, on March 20, 2005.

Margaret Elizabeth Hall Hook,

90, from South Thomaston, Maine, on July 6, 2005.

1937

John Alexander Brimmer, 90, from Brewer on April 21, 2005.

Kenneth William Carr, 90, from Keene, New Hampshire, on February 18, 2004.

Ruth Edith Lewis, 91, from Springfield, Maine, on April 12, 2005.

John Campbell Nivison, 90, from China, Maine, on April 29, 2005.

Richard "Dick" Alonzo Pfuntner, 89, from Jacksonville, Florida, on March 18, 2005.

1938

James "Joe-Bug" Lyle Bean, 89, from Conway, New Hampshire, on June 24, 2005.

Ernest "Chugger" Hall Donagan, 90, from Falmouth, Maine, on March 29, 2005.

Avard Morton Dow, Sr., 88, from Lewiston, Maine, on June 24, 2005.

Robert Lendall Fuller, 89, from Yarmouth, Maine, on July 1, 2005.

Charles Kennedy McKenzie, 89, from Auburn, Maine, on June 15, 2005.

Eloise Audine Hutchinson Myers, 89, from Valrico, Florida, on March 10, 2005.

Hugh "Nubber" Ross Newcomb, 88, from Olympia, Washington, on May 14, 2004.

Arthur Irvin Read, 92, from Stillwater on April 20, 2005.

1939

Deborah "Debby" Florence Stevens Gilbert, 95, from Turner, Maine, on July 6, 2005.

Gwilym "Gwil" Roberts, 88, from Farmington, Maine, on May 10, 2005.

Edith Harriet Stevens Sallinen, 91, from Rockland on May 21, 2005.

1940

Burton Parker Clark, 90, from Lake County, Florida, on November 21, 2003.

Elizabeth Rae Armstrong Low, 88, from Tiverton, Rhode Island, on April 20, 2005.

Marjorie "Marnie" Bowman Deering Roberts, 87, from Alfred, Maine, on March 16, 2005.



Mabel Kirkpatrick Lovejoy '28

Mabel Kirkpatrick Lovejoy died on March 6, 2005, in North Port, Florida. Mabel was an active alumna of the university and Phi Mu sorority and was awarded the Black Bear Award for her outstanding service to UMaine.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth (K.C.) Lovejoy, also a member of the Class of 1928. Her daughter-in-law, Joy Bott Folsom '52, is also a University of Maine graduate.

Raymond "Ray" Jordon Palmer, 86, from Redwood City, California, on February 15, 2004.

Edward "Eddie" Ernest Ross, 88, from York and Orono, Maine, on May 26, 2005.

Howard Lewis Ruben, 86, from Stockton Springs, Maine, on June 7, 2005.

Charles "Charlie" Lancaster Weaver, 86, from Kensington, Maryland, on March 17, 2005.

1941

Eleanor "Ellie" Carolyn Look Bonzey, 86, from Framingham, Massachusetts, on May 31, 2005.

Hilda Barton Rowe Marvin, 86, from Hampden and Southwest

Harbor, Maine, on May 29, 2005.

Edith Mary Cousins Parker, 85, from Lee, Massachusetts, on February 23, 2005.

Peter "Pete" John Skoufis, 86, from Washington, D.C., on March 28, 2005.

Phyllis Merserve Strout, 86, from Lewiston, Maine, on May 9, 2005.

1942

Charles Ralph Davis, 86, from Palm Desert, California, on March 31, 2005.

Miles Boggs Mank II, 84, from Vero Beach, Florida, on November 12, 2004.

Darrell Bradford Pratt, 84, from Orono on March 23, 2005.

Rebecca "Becky" Hill Talbot, 84, from East Machias, Maine, on April 23, 2005.

Robert David Wallace, 87, from Wilmington, North Carolina, on July 7, 2005.

Charles "Chuck" Franklin Welch, 83, from New Haven, Connecticut, on January 12, 2005.

1943

Joseph "Billy" Wilfred Bourque, 86, from Falmouth, Maine, on April 1, 2005.

Rex Albert Horrocks, 84, from Ossipee, New Hampshire, on April 6, 2005.

Harold "Hal" Joseph LaCroix, Jr., 84, from Dallas, Texas, on August 5, 2004.

Frederic Adams Leonard, 84, from Melbourne, Florida, on April 16, 2005.

Paul Smith, 83, from Cambridge, Massachusetts, on December 2, 2004.

George Albert Watson, 85, from Kennebunk on June 12, 2005.

1944

Arline Heath Cousins Carter, 83, from Westbrook, Maine, on March 18, 2005.

Mary Esther Treat Clark, 81, from Belfast, Maine, on July 4, 2005.

Arabelle "Abe" Gray Barton

Hodges, 81, from Laramie, Wyoming, on May 27, 2004.

Arlotta "Togg" Nellie Thorpe Rice, 82, from Hampden, Maine, on March 9, 2005.

1945

Mildred "Mid" Bowan Marr Blan-

Deaths

James Edward DeCourcy, Class of 1934

The Consummate Newspaperman

One of the sad parts of being editor of the alumni magazine is that just about every issue the obituary of someone you have admired or befriended over the years comes across your desk.

This summer I was particularly saddened when I heard about the death of Ed DeCourcy '34 on August 11.

I first met Ed six months or so after I started working at UMaine, when he was awarded the Alumni Career Award at the 1986 Reunion. At first I was a bit surprised that the editor of a relatively small newspaper would be receiving this prestigious award. But as I researched his career and read his writings, that surprise quickly disappeared. And as I got to know Ed better over the years, my admiration and respect for him only grew.

For 20 years (1961-'81), Ed was the editor of the nationally respected *Argus-Champion* in Newport, New Hampshire. Prior to that he edited the *Milford (Connecticut) Citizen*. In those jobs he came to be regarded as the consummate newspaper man—one who earned dozens of awards, including the highly prestigious international Golden Quill Award in 1971.

Ed had great journalistic instincts and a clear concept of what made for a good paper. He had high standards, superb judgement, and was an uncompromising stickler for accuracy. And he had a writing style that was clear and straightforward, yet full of humanity and flair. One thing people appreciated about an Ed DeCourcy article was that you always knew right away what the story was about.

"If you don't tell the readers what happened right there in the first paragraph, you lose them," he often said.

And Ed never shied away from controversy. In particular, he was an outspoken advocate for First Amendment rights. For his commitment to free speech he was awarded the Bill of Rights Award by the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union Foundation. I remember him calling me in 1988, soon after the alumni magazine did a story called "Being Black at Maine." Some people had questioned why we pursued such a story, but Ed told me it was one of the most engaging pieces he had ever read in our publication. That meant a lot to me.

Of course, I also heard from Ed when we had accuracy or grammatical slips in the magazine. He read everything carefully and he was quick to let me know when something was wrong. I appreciated that too. One thing that I remember really drove him crazy was when we started using the term "UMaine" in referring to the university. Ed didn't like it, and he let me know about it.

I'll miss Ed's calls and letters. The university will miss a loyal alumnus. And the newspaper world will miss a strong spokesperson for freedom of the press and journalistic integrity.

Jim Frick



chard, 82, from Searsport, Maine, on March 31, 2005.

Elmer Howard Davis, Jr., 81, from Presque Isle, Maine, on March 9, 2005.

Marsden "Hutch" Clair Hutchins, 82, from Gilford, New Hampshire, on June 4, 2005.

Janet Agatha McFarland Law, 78, from Sanford, Florida, on March 16, 2002.

John Cleveland Marriott, 82, from Peoria, Arizona, on April 10, 2005.

1946

William "Bill" Ransom Horner, 81, from Washington, New Hampshire, on May 4, 2005.

Frederick Herbert White, Jr., 81, from Freeport, Maine, on April 29, 2005.

1947

Louise "Buzz" Lathbury Beal, 91, from Hallowell, Maine, on May 24, 2005.

Robert "Bob" Fassett Grumley, 78, from Millinocket, Maine, and Belair, Maryland, on July 2, 2005.

Morris "Moe" Golden Pilot, 79, from Greenville, North Carolina, on April 4, 2005.

1948

James Andrew Boyd, 88, from South Portland on May 27, 2005.

Frank Prescott Kember, 79, from Kennebunkport on February 26, 2005.

Eleanor Janet Trask Nadeau, 78, from North Jay, Maine, on July 19, 2005.

Vivian Ardell Libby Richmond, 93, from Altoona, Florida, on May 23, 2005.

1949

James Willis Ashby, 76, from Fort Fairfield, Maine, on May 15, 2005.

Arthur "Buzz" Stephen Buswell, 83, from Machias, Maine, and Fairbanks, Alaska, on May 4, 2005.

Robert Alexander Hanson, from Greensboro, North Carolina, on February 2, 2005.

Clyde Austin Hichborn, 94, from Medford, Maine, on March 31, 2005.

Alfred "Al" Justin Keith, 82, from Northport, Maine, on April 1, 2005.

Rosaire "Rosie" Joseph Ratte, 83, from Meriden, Connecticut, on November 5, 2004.

Beatrice Estelle Thornton Ring, 78, from Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, on December 31, 2004.

Martin "Marty" Charles Rissel, 79, from Florence, South Carolina, on April 16, 2005.

1950

Kenneth Arnold Cobb, 82, from Winthrop, Maine, on March 22, 2005.

Philip "Pip" Hermon Cummings, 82, from South Paris, Maine, on May 24, 2005.

Charles "Bruce" Brewster Earle, 83, from Northborough, Massachusetts, on March 10, 2005.

Howard Lawrence Jenkins, Jr., 77, from Williston, Massachusetts, on April 17, 2005.

Roderic Raymond Madore, 62, from Presque Isle, Maine, on August 7, 1987.

Toby "Tob" Falconer Nason, 78, from Naples, Florida, on June 14, 2005.

Francis Patrick Pakulski, 78, from Livermore Falls and Jay, Maine, on March 24, 2005.

Helen "Holly" Uhlaine McCuin Parker, 77, from Sanford, Maine, on March 11, 2005.

Bernard Clair Ramsdell, 80, from York, Maine, on March 31, 2005.

Frederick "Simp" Cecil Simpson, 78, from Derwood, Maryland, on March 5, 2004.

Richard "Hubie" Hubert Small, 80, from Sarasota, Florida, on February 25, 2003.

James Percy Sutherland, Jr., 83, from Bath, Maine, on May 9, 2005.

Paul Robert White, 79, from Westchester, Ohio, on June 27, 2005.

Wayne Walter Whitney, 77, from Kenduskeag, Maine, on May 28, 2005.

1951

Gerald Emerson Ames, 79, from Buxton, Maine, on January 25, 2005.

Vernon George Ames, 46, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in July 1974.

Patricia Mary Hamilton Bubier, 75, from Auburn, Maine, on July

Robert L. Fuller Class of 1938

Robert Fuller '38 died on July 1, 2005, in Yarmouth, Maine.

Bob will be remembered for his tremendous community involvement and spirit. He was very active in the Lion's Club and in 1976 was selected as that organization's Citizen of the Year. He was also awarded a Distinguished Service Award from the Town of Falmouth for his 25 years of service to the community.

Bob also provided valuable service to his alma mater. His first efforts after graduation were in helping the fund drive for the new Fogler Library. And as class president, he led his classmates in raising one million dollars for their 50th Reunion gift to the university—a first in UMaine history. He was also a big supporter of Black Bear sports (Bob was a track star at UMaine). For all he did for the university, Bob was awarded the Black Bear Award, the Golden "M" Award, and the Pine Tree Emblem Award.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Adams Fuller. Bob's daughter Judith Fuller Nappi '69 and her husband, Ben '69, are UMaine graduates as is his brother, Richard '44, and two grandchildren, Geoffrey Nappi '94 and Erica Nappi '00.



Bob Fuller with former UMaine president Dale Lick in 1988.

13, 2005.

John "Jack" Everett Chadbourne, 78, from South Portland on April 5, 2005.

Duveen "Denny" Ruth Bryant Dews, 75, from Otisfield, Maine, on June 21, 2005.

Edward Wesley Merrill, 80, from Clarence, New York, on January 27, 2005.

Durward "Jack" William Seely, 76, from Nashville, Tennessee, on April 1, 2005.

1952

Dana Wiley Bartlett, 76, from Cherryfield, Maine, on April 4, 2005.

Rhoda Kaprow Matson, 74, from Bangor, Maine, and Boca Raton, Florida, on March 31, 2005.

Marilyn Marie Maguire Zebiak Pierce, 74, from Fairfield, Maine, on April 22, 2005.

William "Bill" Stephen Ruby, 75, from Warwick, Pennsylvania, on March 28, 2005.

Carlene Ola Dunn Shaw, 75, from Willington, Connecticut, on June 30, 2005.

1953

Jack Clarke Biller, 82, from Ashland, Oregon, on April 4, 2003.

Glenn Eldred Edgerly, Jr., 74, from Meriden, Connecticut, on April 6, 2005.

Charles Edward Johnston, 73, from Littleton, Maine, on June 15, 2005.

Thomas Edgar Lindsley, 74, from Waltham, Massachusetts, on March 27, 2005.

Dorothy Babson Allen Warner, 73, from Kennebunkport on June 19, 2005.

John Howard Webb, Jr., 78, from Lincoln, Rhode Island, on February 18, 2005.

1954

Derwood Cook Bemis, 77, from Holden, Maine, on April 10, 2005.

Corice Erminie Gillis Hurd, 73, from North Haven, Maine, on June 27, 2005.

William Beverly Keswick, 73, from Waldo, Maine, on July 1, 2005.

Asher Sprague Kneeland, Jr., 76, from Allentown, New Hampshire, on March 7, 2005.

Alfred Ignatius Leo, 72, from Dunwoody, Georgia, on January 12, 2005.

Brian Kilshaw Simm, 73, from Hillsboro, New Hampshire, on September 22, 2004.

1955

Jacqueline "Meme" Ann Wardwell Lee, 72, from Glenburn, Maine, on March 12, 2005.

1956

Helen Margaret Ayer, 95, from Brewer on April 8, 2005.

William Lawrence Campbell, 68, from Flushing, New York, on January 11, 2002.

Richard Henry Gordon, Jr., 69, from Pinehurst, North Carolina, on July 26, 2004.

William "Bill" Austin Higgins, 75, from Waterville, Maine, on March 24, 2005.

Thomas Joseph Power, 75, from Waterboro, Maine, on June 9, 2005.

Jean Caroline Bopp Tannich, 70, from Tucson, Arizona, on July 18, 2004.

1957

Phyllis Evelyn Deane Lord, 89, from Presque Isle and Fort Fairfield, Maine, on April 6, 2005.

Jonathan Crabtree Robinson, 72, from Freeport, Maine, on March 6, 2005.

Richard "Russ" Elroy Russell, 72, from Nashua, New Hampshire, on May 1, 2005.

Mary Lucienne Martin Thurston, 96, from Saco, Maine, on May 13, 2005.

1958

James Aloysius Hughes, Jr., 69, from Pleasant Valley, Connecticut, on May 6, 2005.

Burton Wentworth Smith, 75, from Auburn, on May 13, 2005.

Deaths

Perley Gordon Wormell, 72, from Baileyville, Maine, on July 3, 2005.

1959

Larry Vernon Boynton, 66, from Lisbon, Maine, on September 8, 2004.

Robert "Bob" Burgess Chase, 68, from Naples, Maine, on February 19, 2005.

Marion Whittier Bailey Connors, 92, from Bath, Maine, on June 27, 2005

Peter Edwards Hanscom, 67, from North Chelmsford, Massachusetts, on May 5, 2005.

David Arthur Kelley, 66, from Albion, Maine, on June 14, 2005.

Thor Miller, Jr., 70, from Portland on June 1, 2005.

Lois "Bunny" Eileen Smith, 85, from Lewiston, Maine, on March 6, 2005.

Evelyn May Sawyer Wait, 91, from Hudson, Ohio, on July 1, 2005.

1960

Marjorie Pretsch Wood Averill, 88, from Old Town, Maine, and Delray Beach, Florida, on March 2, 2005.

Mary Weimer Barker, 87, from Ocala, Florida, on July 14, 2001.

Craig Lyman Dore, 66, from Pelham, Massachusetts, and Guilford, Maine, on July 19, 2005.

George Douglas Farnsworth, 65, from Orono on April 2, 2005.

Jeremiah "Jerry" Harvest Mulcahy, 66, from Crompond, New York, on November 21, 2004.

David Knox Patrick, 76, from Canaan, Vermont, on January 3, 2005.

Marden Stanley Radvillas, 64, from Islesboro, Maine, and Reserve, New Mexico, on March 30, 2003.

Mary Ellen Dow Raynes, 64, from Oakfield, Maine, on June 23, 2003.

Beecher Davis Whitcomb, 67, from Augusta on June 3, 2005.

Eileen Clement Williams, 100, from South China, Maine, on April 14, 2005.

1961

Harlow "Joe" Floyd, 71, from Holden, Maine, on May 11, 2005.

Marion Padbury Holbrook, 90, from Brunswick, on July 11, 2005.

Gwilym R. Roberts Class of 1939

One of the University of Maine System's best known professors, Gwilym Roberts '39, '42G died on May 10 at his home in Farmington.

A native of Brownville, Gwilym was hired as a one-year substitute at the Farmington Normal School (now the University of Maine at Farmington) in 1940. He remained at the school, teaching history for 43 years. Along the way he earned a master's degree from UMaine and did graduate work in history at Columbia University. The son of Welsh immigrants, Gwilym did extensive research on the migration of Welsh slate quarry families to America. His book on the topic, *New Lives in the Valley*, was awarded the Hopkins Medal—the highest honor of the St. David's Society of New York State. In 2001, he also received the George Jones Medal of Green Mountain College for his work in preserving the Welsh-American heritage.

Gwilym also wrote columns for the *Franklin Journal* and later the *Portland Press Herald*. In addition, he served as the moderator of the Farmington town meeting for 20 years and also served a term in the state legislature.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Patricia Roberts.



1962

Zoel Mathieu Chasse, 70, from Ellington, Connecticut, on June 9, 2005.

Gary Robert Fox, 62, from Wade, Maine, on January 8, 2005.

Ralph Wendell Prince, 75, from Houlton, Maine, on March 18, 2005.

Ruth Lowell Putney, 93, from Westbrook, Maine, on May 13, 2005.

Allen Sidney White, 68, from Stephenson, Virginia, on March 31, 2005.

1963

Herman Adrian Carlstrom, 71, from Skowhegan, Maine, on July 2, 2005.

Gerald "Gerry" Lewis Crabtree, 68, from Barboursville, Virginia, on June 1, 2005.

Harley Alfred Craig, 71, from Bangor on June 8, 2005.

Josephine Burpeau Reichel, 89, from Litchfield, Maine, on July 12, 2005.

Roberta Hathorne Stevens, 91, from Woolwich, Maine, on June 18, 2005.

1964

Edward Francis Connolly, 72, from Westbrook, Maine, on May 14, 2005.

Robert Chilcott Crockett, 67, from Monmouth, Maine, on April 2, 2005.

Mary Carol Lyford Dewey, 62, from St. Simons Island, Georgia, on June 12, 2005.

Charlotte Mariam Stuart Lovejoy, 94, from Westbrook, Maine, on May 3, 2005.

Cynthia "Cindy" Ann Mortus, 63, from Newport News, Virginia, on June 10, 2005.

Jonathan Alex Stone, 63, from Bluffton, South Carolina, on March 9, 2005.

1965

Robert Edwin Barker, 62, from Warren, Maine, on June 9, 2005.

Eleanore Frances Davis Perkins, 84, from Warren, Maine, on June 22, 2005.

Robert Mayo Robinson, 64, from Brewer on April 25, 2005.

Philip Dale Saxer, 62, from Jericho, Vermont, on March 15, 2005.

1966

Fred Everett Blanche, 61, from Whitefield, Maine, on April 13, 2005.

Raymond Dennis Foley, 62, from Napa, California, on May 28, 2005.

Richard Charles Rianhard, 70, from Celebration, Florida, on April 10, 2005.

Lorraine Yvette Thibault, 81, from Lewiston, Maine, on November 1, 2004.

1967

John Chester Crandell III, 61, from Plymouth, Vermont, on May 15, 2005.

Helen Priscilla Whitten Grafton, 60, from Sanford, Maine, on April 12, 2005.

David Fitch Hale, 59, from Barre, Vermont, and Meridian, Idaho, on May 3, 2005.

Mary "Katy" Katherine Marquez Low, 59, from Orono, Maine, and Glastonbury, Connecticut, on May 11, 2005.

Ernestine Ethel McKay, 95, from Presque Isle, Maine, on May 23, 2005.

Richard Louis Oliver, 63, from

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Richard Louis Oliver, 63, from Plymouth, Maine, on June 28, 2005.

Sumner Robert Sturtevant, 72, from Cape Coral, Florida, on June 28, 2005.

John Supranovich, Jr., 60, from Bangor on June 20, 2005.

Reverend James William Wartluft, 88, from Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, on May 27, 2005.

1968

John Edward Pomerleau, 57, from North Berwick, Maine, on July 15, 2005.

Harold Frederic Wilkins, 59, from Dexter, Maine, on July 21, 2005.

Robert "BJ" John Williams, 59, from Manchester, Maine, on May 19, 2005.

David Howard Wright, 60, from Orrs Island, Maine, on April 18, 2005.

1969

Martha Jane Fairbanks Normand, 57, from Sandy, Oregon, on October 27, 2004.

Suzanne Marguerite Smith, 62, from Newport, Maine, on June 4, 2005.

1970

Sharon Ann Banks Dawley, 56, from Lewiston, Maine, on March 11, 2005.

Robert Alden Tisdale, 57, from Sarasota, Florida, on July 2, 2005.

1971

Belinda Sewall Page Carter, 57, from Caribou, Maine, on April 15, 2005.

Larry Paul Goderre, 55, from Bristol, Maine, on April 10, 2005.

Charles Watson Lawson, Jr., 55, from Dedham, Maine, on June 27, 2005.

1972

Pauline Moore Sala, 82, from Steuben, Maine, on April 21, 2005.

1973

Donald John Anderson, 53, from Salem, New Hampshire, on March 14, 2005.

Anine Marie Edes, 54, from Guilford, Maine, on July 11, 2005.

Bruce James Hutson, 54, from San Francisco, California, on February 7, 2005.

Katherine Ellen Meixell McIntyre, 53, from Liverpool, New York, and

Peter J. Skoufis Class of 1941

Peter J. Skoufis '41 died on March 28, 2005, in Washington, D.C.

Following graduation from UMaine, Peter attended George Washington University Law School. His law studies were interrupted by World War II in which he served in the Army Air Force in the Pacific.

Following the war he worked as a veterans affairs officer in Paris. In the late 1940s he began a 20-plus-year career in the foreign service that took him around the globe. After retiring in 1971 he began working for the United Nations as assistant director of its food and agricultural organization in Rome.

Peter is survived by his wife of 55 years, Helen Skoufis.



Sidney, Maine, on May 28, 2005.

1974

Rudolph "Rudy" Cosenze, 77, from Milford, Maine, on June 28, 2005.

Frank Tirrell Knaut, 53, from Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, on June 7, 2005.

Edward Walter Pesceckis, 68,

from Lewiston, Maine, on May 3, 2005.

1975

John Charle Abbott, 52, from North Berwick, Maine, on April 20, 2005.

Kenneth Peter Allen, Sr., 53, from Augusta on August 12, 2004.

Elmer Wayne Huff, 73, from Glen-

burn, Maine, on March 24, 2005.
Michael Raymond Roussin, 50, from Newport, Maine, on March 26, 2005.

1976

Deborah Littlefield McMahon Drucker, 49, from Hampden, Maine, on April 17, 2005.

1978

Herbert Barry Shuman, 65, from Brewer on June 2, 2005.

1979

Donald P. McGlauffin, Jr., 52, from Bangor and Brewer on May 1, 2005.

Mark Bruce Stendel, 52, from Spruce Head, Maine, on April 26, 2005.

1981

Kim Carlton Blouin, 48, from Springvale, Maine, on February 9, 2005.

1982

Katherine "Katy" E. Lewis, 64, from Orono on March 1, 2005.

Cynthia Blake Mooney, 80, from Bangor, and Harborside, Maine, on April 28, 2005.

1986

John Attean Davis, Sr., 67, from Indian Island on March 8, 2005.

1988

Barbara Catherine Johnson, 65, from Orono on March 22, 2005.

Robert Ray Murchie, Sr., 66 from Ellsworth, Maine, on April 27, 2005.

1989

Barbara Swartz Work, 70, from Bernville, Pennsylvania, on July 12, 2004.

1990

Mary Anne Wishneski Hillock, 56, from Eastbrook, Maine, on June 16, 2005.

1998

Philip Jay Phelps, 30, from Valdosta, Georgia, and Waite, Maine, on May 25, 2005.

1999

Neil Frank Weston, 29, from Boston on March 10, 2005.

2000

Stephanie Burbank Hall, 35, from Rome, Maine, on April 11, 2005.

2004

Matthew S. Coutu, 23, from Lake Forest, Illinois, on June 27, 2005.

Arthur S. Buswell '49

Arthur Buswell, former president of the University of Maine at Machias (UMM), died on May 4, 2005, in Fairbanks, Alaska.

He served as president of the Machias campus from 1971 to 1981, bringing the school from a teacher preparation college into a comprehensive undergraduate institution.

Prior to coming back to Maine in 1971, Art served as a vice president at the University of Alaska. When he retired from UMM, he and his wife, Frances, returned to live in Alaska where he was very involved in community service.

After receiving his B.S. and M.S. degrees from UMaine, Art earned a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin.





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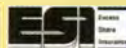
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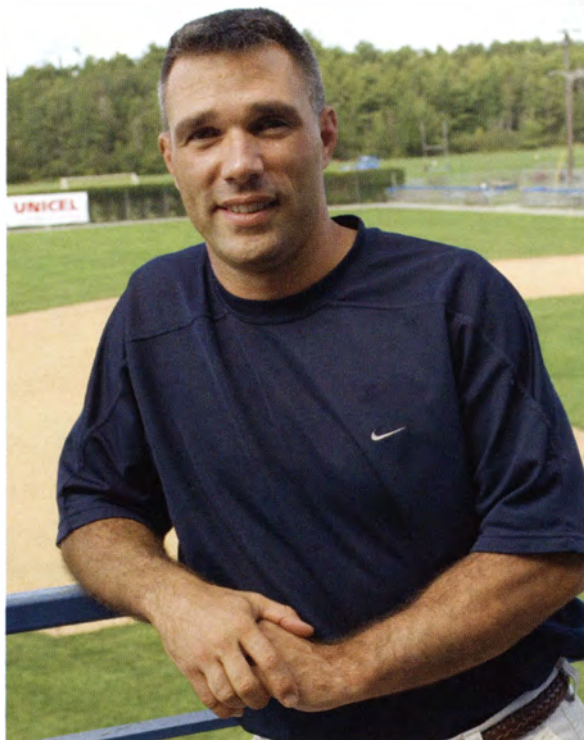
New Black Bear baseball coach Steve Trimper brings energy, enthusiasm, and experience.

When UMaine's head baseball coach, Steve Trimper, sits in his new quarters in the Mahaney Clubhouse and looks out over the ball field, he says he gets goose bumps thinking about the rich legacy of Black Bear baseball that he now inherits.

"It's just an unbelievable feeling," he says. "First, there's the tradition of the program—going back to legendary figures like Coach (Jack) Butterfield '51 and Coach (John) Winkin. Then there are all the great players who have played on that field. There's the College World Series appearances, and of course the tremendous fan support. You can go anywhere in the country and they know about Maine baseball."

And Trimper knows that UMaine's baseball reputation was only enhanced during the tenure of Paul Kostacopoulos, who left the university in June to become head coach at the United States Naval Academy. Coach Kosty, as he was affectionately known, compiled an impressive 284-195 record, including two NCAA appearances in his nine years at UMaine.

Coach Trimper comes to the Black Bears with a pretty strong coaching record of his own. As head coach at Manhattan College for seven years, his teams went 172-174-2, winning at least 20 games every season. He



says what he takes the most pride in is that his teams improved every year he was there. The other thing he feels good about is the fact that his players performed in the classroom as well as on the ball field.

"I took a lot of pride in having our kids carry great GPAs and in our very high graduation rates," he says. "That's really important to me."

In that regard, Trimper thinks of himself first and foremost as a teacher, and he believes that his biggest challenge is always to get the most out of every student/athlete.

"I have a teaching background," he notes. "And I believe in explaining why I'm doing what I'm doing to every kid I coach. When I was a student/athlete, I needed that, and I think I owe it to every one of my players. It helps them to buy into your system."

For Trimper a big part of the "system" is hustle and hard work.

"Baseball is a game where you set the tone as soon as you step off the bus," he explains. "I want our kids to play aggres-

sively—to out-hustle the other team. There are some very good teams in the Northeast and I try to get the edge any way I can."

Of course, the new coach knows he already has a big edge over most teams when it comes to fans and facilities.

"I really think we have one of the top ten facilities in the country," Trimper says. "And not just the beautiful ball field. We're really fortunate to have great indoor practice facilities—and the new dome will be unbelievable—not just for practice, but as a recruiting tool."

That dome, which is being donated by Larry Mahaney '51, '55G, will be located behind the Memorial Union where the tennis courts used to be. It's expected to be ready in November.

November.

As far as the makeup of the team, Trimper wants to continue to get the best Maine high school players to come play for their state university.

"Maine has some awesome baseball to recruit from—high school and legion ball," he says. "I'm going to get out and meet those coaches. Maine is the top priority and then we will expand out from there."

As for goals, Trimper says he believes in "shooting for the stars."

"Our goal every year will be earning the automatic bid to the NCAA tournament," he says. "Now the college baseball landscape has changed, and it's a lot more difficult to get to Omaha. But I'm going to do everything I can to get us there again."

Trimper was born and raised in New Jersey. He graduated from Eastern Connecticut State, where he played on the Division III national championship baseball team. He later earned a master's while working as an assistant coach at Vermont. He'll be moving to Maine with his wife, Lisa, and their twins, Ally and Morgan.

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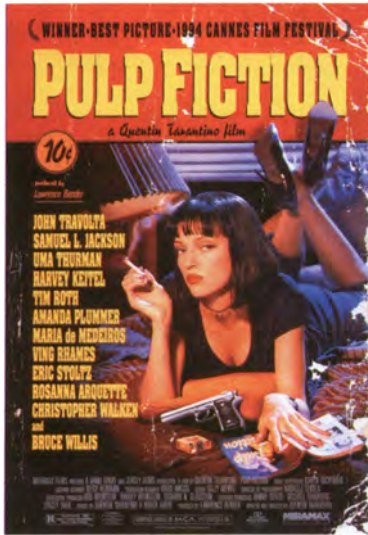
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Lawrence Bender '79 took a rather circuitous route to becoming one of America's most successful movie producers. But in a job that combines problem solving and creativity, his UMaine engineering degree and his brief career as a dancer have served him well.

By Chris Smith '89

Poster images courtesy of Miramax Films.

Engineering Hollywood Hits



When you graduate with a degree in civil engineering from the University of Maine, chances are your professional training is going to lead down a path of bridges, highways, shopping malls, and the occasional skyscraper. Since the residential housing market is hot, maybe your career ends up there.

Or not.

Lawrence Bender '79, for one, took an unlikely path that led to the building of a whole different type of infrastructure—one that supported the quantum leap from civil engineering to A-list Hollywood producer.

For Bender, whose 25 films include the Academy Award-winning *Good Will Hunting* with Robin Williams, Matt Damon, and Ben Affleck, and, most significantly, every film directed by Quentin Tarantino, from the groundbreaking *Reservoir Dogs* and *Pulp Fiction* to the recent *Kill Bill* series, the infrastructure came by way of fate.

"I was the kind of kid who never really knew what I wanted to do with his life," says the Bronx-born Bender, whose films have grossed more than \$1 billion at the worldwide box office and have scored an impressive 19 Academy Award nominations (and several wins) along the way.

"You go through life having no idea where it's going to lead you," he says from his Los Angeles office. "I was good at math and science. My grandfather was an engineer, so I thought that engineering would be a way to find a good job. It wasn't my dream, but it seemed like a good idea."

At UMaine, he realized he could find himself. "College allowed that," he says. "UMaine has a pretty rigorous engineering department, but while I was there, I also looked into the other things the school offered."

He explored karate and pottery, eventually teaching pottery classes at Somerset Hall. This was when he was living in Old Town and seeing fellow UMaine student Lisa Dombeck of Blue Hill. She mentioned to him that the dance department needed male dancers. Intrigued, Bender decided



Lawrence Bender '79 (left) and director Quentin Tarantino form one of the most influential teams in Hollywood. Bender has produced all of Tarantino's films.

to sign up for a class. In the process, he met two people who changed the course of his life—UMaine dance professor Teresa Torkanowsky, and visiting dance teacher, Arthur Hall.

"I loved Teresa," Bender says. "She was so passionate. From her I learned modern dance, ballet, flamenco. She had me doing all these flamenco solos. I also was able to choreograph. It was phenomenal."

Now living in Oregon, Torkanowsky remembers Bender as a friend and as a great asset to the UMaine dance company. "In every dance form, he was excellent," she says. "He choreographed an exceptional jazz piece for a small ensemble within our dance company, and yet he was superb as a flamenco dancer. He felt it, he lived it, he understood it, and I knew it, which made life so much

easier for me.

"Every dance faculty member wanted to use him, and they did," she says. "He was outgoing, generous, and loyal. He was always surrounded by his peers. What I remember about Larry is his mother, who would always come from afar to see him perform. At that time, she was in a period of critical health and her courage was an inspiration to me."

For Bender, working with Arthur Hall was an inspiration. "It was an eye-opening experience," he says of studying with Hall, who taught African dance. "Arthur was all about getting men to dance—and dance hooked me. It turns out it's what I was searching for in my life."

A decision was made to dance professionally, but not before finishing engineering school. Meanwhile, while at

"My relationship with Quentin has been a gift to me. I've learned an enormous amount from him. He is a visionary, an entity unto himself. There is a natural affinity between us. We both started learning together..."

UMaine, he caught the eye of Ralph Robinson of the Robinson Ballet Company, which Bender joined and toured with after passing the PE exam for civil engineering.

Eventually, he made his way back to Manhattan, where he earned a dance scholarship with the Louis Falco Dance Company. To pay the bills, he did what so many upstarts in the entertainment business do. He waited tables.

"That was my life for a while," he says. "I was broke, sometimes out of work, destitute, but only in terms of survival." Otherwise, he notes, his life was full.

"I had a complete love of life when it came to dance," he says.

But dance wouldn't sustain him. After several dance-related injuries—and the disappointment that comes from realizing he might not be able to fulfill his dreams—a new path opened for him. He decided to take it, unaware that it would prove among the most important decisions of his life.

"One of the times I got injured, a buddy of mine said I should check out acting, so I did," Bender explains. "I wound up studying with Sandra Seacat (at Lee Strasberg's Actor's Studio). All of these amazing people were there—Jessica Lange, Mickey Rourke, Francis Fisher, Marlo Thomas, Chris Reeve. It was incredible."

It ushered him into the industry. In 1985, he moved to Los Angeles to act, and learned firsthand the sort of commitment it takes to carve a niche in Hollywood.

"There is nothing worse than being an out-of-work actor in L.A.," he says. "You're the lowest person on the evolutionary scale. I had a terrible time of it for a while. So I started working on film sets to make money. I did everything."

He quickly learned that there was something to be said for working behind the scenes. It occurred to him that he might enjoy producing, so he began looking for projects. As he did, it was clear that every-



Bender with *Jackie Brown* stars Bridget Fonda and Samuel L. Jackson.

"I love making movies that deal with issues that relate to today," Bender says, underscoring his urge to produce films that can raise awareness and make a difference in the world.

thing he had done in his adult life—earning his degree in civil engineering, dancing professionally, learning the craft of acting, understanding the jigsaw puzzle of how to make a movie—would prove instrumental in his success.

"With dance and acting, I learned about the creative side of the world, the poetic, the intangible, things like character development," he says. But since producing is "part creative, part business, part managing, part problem solving, the civil engineering degree definitely gave me the con-

fidence to make decisions and come up with solutions."

The first film he produced was the low-budget, 1989 slasher movie, *The Intruder*, which featured Bender in a small role as Officer Adams, and which also featured a performance by director Sam Raimi, who had already created his popular *Evil Dead* series, and who would go on to direct such box office smashes as *Spider-Man* and *Spider-Man 2*.

As directed by Scott Spiegel from a script he co-wrote with Bender, *The Intruder* featured a bold yet

effective advertising tagline: "If this one doesn't scare you, you're already dead!"

The process of making a first movie might scare many aspiring filmmakers, but not Lawrence Bender—he was in his element.

And not long after *The Intruder's* release, Bender met the man with whom he would create one of contemporary Hollywood's most influential collaborations—director Quentin Tarantino.

That meeting occurred at a barbecue given by Spiegel. Tarantino brought a script for his movie *Reservoir Dogs*, which he wanted to crank out quickly and cheaply. Bender read the script and loved it. He urged Tarantino to give him a shot at turning it into a good movie. Money was found, the movie was made, and it turned out, to say the least, a shade better than good.

"My relationship with Quentin has been a gift to me," Bender says. "I've learned an enormous amount from him. He is a visionary, an entity unto himself. There is a natural affinity between us. We both started learning together—it's great when you learn with somebody. You grow in different ways and at different times. He is so loyal and generous."

Two years later, Bender and Tarantino collaborated on their second film—the de-

fining, 1994 movie, *Pulp Fiction*—whose raw edges and bold, fresh style would startle the film industry, film critics, and the public, while also pushing the art of film in a new direction.

It's a movie that not only reignited John Travolta's flagging film career, but which also went on to win the coveted Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival and then to score a slew of Academy Award nominations, including Best Picture, Best Director, Best Screenplay, Best Actor (for Travolta), Best Supporting Actor (for Samuel L. Jackson), Best Supporting Actress (for Uma Thurman), and Best Editing.

"The morning the nominations were announced, I was asleep," Bender says. "I got a phone call and learned that we got seven nominations. It was the first time I had received a nomination." Suddenly, he was in a horse race. "You want to win," he says. "You're all pumped up. It was just as exciting as winning the Palme d'Or."

On the evening of March 27, 1995, just 10 years after Bender arrived in Los Angeles as an out-of-work actor, he found himself in the surreal position of arriving at the Shrine Auditorium in a tuxedo, with the film he had produced being one of the evening's top contenders. Though the movie would lose most of its awards to *Forrest Gump*, it nevertheless found Tarantino and his co-writer, Roger Avary, walking away with the award for Best Screenplay.

Ten years out, *Forrest Gump* might be a fond memory for some, but it's *Pulp Fiction* that paved new ground and spawned the legion of imitators.

Now, 20 years in the business, Bender is at the point in his career where he can use his success in other ways. He's a political activist involved in Arianna Huffington's Detroit Project, which urges Detroit automakers to engineer more fuel-efficient cars; the Natural Resources Defense Council, which uses law and science to ensure a safe



With *Good Will Hunting* collaborators, Ben Affleck (left) and Matt Damon.



Producer Bender with actor Brad Pitt.

and healthy environment for all living things; the Creative Coalition, which brings together artists and entertainers to better inform the community and nation of pressing issues; and the Rock the Vote campaign, which mobilizes young people to create positive social and political change in their lives and communities.

This activist spirit is reflected in his work. "I love making movies that deal with issues that relate to today," Bender says, underscoring his urge to produce films that can raise awareness and make a difference in the world.

"Our mandate in Hollywood is to not make movies about social issues, but every once in a while you get that opportunity and it's a gift. You create a conversation on an issue that's important."

For Bender, 2005 has been just such a year.

He's recently released several movies that deal with socially relevant issues, all of which will be released within weeks of each other. Among them are *Voces inocentes*, a true story set in the mid-1980s that finds a young Salvadoran boy forced to choose between enlisting in

the army or joining the guerrillas; the World War II movie *The Great Raid*, which focuses on the 1945 extraction of 500 U.S. POWs in the Philippines three years after the Bataan Death March; and also the dark suburban satire, *The Chumscrubber*, which stars Glenn Close and Ralph Fiennes, and deals with the proliferation of prescription drug use in our country, particularly by young people.

In a career that also extends into music videos and commercials through his award-winning production company, A Band Apart Productions, taking the less attention-getting role of producer has provided its share of frustration. Bender says he wasn't long into his producer's role when it became clear to him that no one outside of Hollywood really cared who produces a film.

"Quentin says people just don't understand what the producer's contribution is," Bender notes.

True, but for those who know film it's apparent that a good number of yesterday and today's hottest, most interesting films have one common link—a UMaine civil engineering graduate whose career in dance was dashed due to injury, but whose ingenuity, creativity, confidence, and foresight are allowing him to leave a vital, enduring mark in Hollywood and on pop culture.

A Success Story for Rural Maine

JSI Store Fixtures, a family-owned business in Milo, has experienced 100 percent growth in the past two years alone. Co-owner and vice president, Mark Awalt '89, credits Maine's quality workforce and a focus on customer satisfaction.

We hear a lot these days about the economic problems of rural Maine. In recent years the less populated areas of the state have seen their traditional job base in the paper industry and other manufacturing enterprises slowly decline, move, or restructure.

But in the midst of what can seem like a steady stream of bad news, there are some encouraging success stories. One is taking place in the small community of Milo, where a fast-growing family-owned business is providing lots of quality jobs for area residents while giving a boost to the local economy.

JSI Store Fixtures, which designs and manufactures high-end merchandising displays for some of the country's leading grocery chains, now provides more than 110 jobs for Milo area residents. In the current year, the company expects to do more than \$12 million in business—a 100 percent increase in just the past two years.

One of the people responsible for that impressive growth is University of Maine graduate Mark Awalt '89, JSI's vice president for finance and operations, who in 2004 was named Maine's Small Business Person of the Year.

Mark was recruited into the family business by his brothers Terry and Barry, and his stepfather, Clayton Johndro. The three men began the operation out of the Johndro basement in 1991 and by 1997 the fledgling company employed 22 people.

The growth of the company created a need for someone with finance and person-



Photo by William Drake

nel skills and experience. That's when Barry and Terry went after Mark.

"My brothers really wanted me to come and work with them," Mark Awalt says. "And they offered to make me an equal partner. I said no a bunch of times, but my brother is a great salesman, and he convinced me that the company had a lot of potential for growth."

After serving three years in the Army, Awalt had received his undergraduate degree in business from UMaine. He had also earned an MBA from Thomas College and had spent a number of years working for Central Maine Power Company and Maine Yankee.

When Awalt joined JSI it had just shifted its operation to a manufacturing space in Howland. But it quickly outgrew that space and in 2000 moved into the old Dexter Shoe factory in Milo—the very factory where Mark began his working career while attending Penquis Valley High School.

Awalt and his family got loans for \$400,000 worth of renovations and expanded the JSI operation to 60,000 square feet.

Steadily, JSI's production expanded and became more sophisticated, with a corresponding growth in sales and profits.

Today JSI sells its products to nearly 100 customers, some as far away as western Canada. Hannaford remains an important customer, but purchasers of JSI food displays also include Shaw's, Food Lion, Price Chopper, Giant Food Stores, Stop'n Shop, Top's Markets, and Pathmark.

One big boost in sales has come from a JSI invention called the BananaBed, a curved foam cushion that rests on top of a wooden fixture. The bed keeps bananas from bruising and increases their shelf life.

Awalt believes his company has succeeded in rural Maine largely because of the tremendous work ethic of Maine workers.

"Now, I know you hear that a lot," he

says. "But it's absolutely true. You can walk out in our shop and see how hard people are working. Our people are willing to stay until eight at night to get the trucks loaded. We don't even have to ask them—they won't leave until the job is done. They know they have a stake in keeping our customers satisfied—that if we don't, it could mean lost jobs."

And JSI workers are well aware of the fact that good-paying jobs aren't easy to come by in the Milo area, especially ones

cuss problems. Awalt also uses these meetings to share information such as why the company might have had a slow quarter or when they might expect to be swamped with orders.

Management also meets with each employee once a year to discuss past performance and each individual's job goals.

"We want them to feel part of the process," Awalt says. "Our goal is to have all employees understand the importance of their job to the growth and success of JSI Store Fixtures."

The commitment to inform and communicate with workers is reflected in the results of a recent survey which showed that JSI employees give the company high scores in every area.

And JSI customers seem to be equally satisfied. A separate survey ranked the company in the 95th percentile for quality and timeliness, the 98th percentile for service, and 100 percent for responsiveness and overall satisfaction.

Those surveys, along with JSI's amazing growth, bring a big smile to Mark Awalt's face. They also seem to energize him to help move the company toward even loftier goals.

"Definitely, our plan is to continue growing," Awalt says. "We are looking at expanding to another existing facility—possibly the Dexter Shoe factory in Dexter. We are also exploring adding another 20,000 square feet of space at this facility."

One thing Awalt probably won't have to worry about is finding enough local workers to fill the new jobs. In his office is a huge pile of job applications to JSI.

"If you can offer someone in Milo a steady job with benefits and the chance to make \$10 an hour within a short time—they know that's a good opportunity," Awalt says. "You have to make money, that's the bottom line, but hiring local people and helping the local economy—that makes me feel good."



One of JSI Store Fixtures' many and varied high-end food displays.

with health and dental benefits.

But the loyalty stems from more than good pay and benefits. When you tour the plant with Awalt it becomes obvious that there is a strong line of communication between him and the workers.

"I think because I worked in a factory, I have a lot of respect for the work these people do. We want them to feel part of this company. As a result I think you see folks who are not thinking of this as an hourly job, but are thinking in terms of producing products that meet our customers' needs."

In fact every Friday morning, JSI's management and workers get together for 20-30 minutes to celebrate successes and dis-

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