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Mail-order church goods—
big business for Michael Fendler '74
Have you met your alumni president?

Bill Johnson '56
UMO's Supersalesman

BILL JOHNSON '56 is one of the University of Maine at Orono's top salesmen. When he is at the University, which isn't often, the president of the Alumni Council bounds up the steps of Crossland Alumni Center and reaches the administrative offices of the Alumni Association by 7 a.m. When he is traveling, which is often, Johnson is "up and cracking early," relating the University's fundraising needs to alumni and friends. He usually finds a receptive audience.

"The University has contributed a lot to experiences that have helped me in the business world," said Johnson, district sales manager for Mobil Oil Corporation.

"I want to return a small portion of what UMO has done for me." By that standard, Johnson may be a consummate "UMO man." He describes himself as enthusiastic and competitive. His favorite adjective is "great" and in Johnson's world, a few things rank as great: his family, his job, his church, and the University of Maine at Orono.

His family ranks first. Johnson is married to the former Mary Atkinson '55 and two of their sons graduated from UMO. Their daughter is a first-year student at the University of New Hampshire.

As an undergraduate, Johnson was captain of two track teams, sang bass in the Glee Club, and was elected vice president of his junior class.

To this Sigma Chi brother, UMO has ranked high for years. Because Johnson has convinced more than 100 Boston area youngsters to attend UMO, his home in Topsfield, Massachusetts is affectionately called "the UMO Admissions Annex."

"I'll do the best I can to help UMO grow and to encourage alumni to become more active," said Johnson, who will serve a two-year term as council president. He seeks a record $1 million from 13,500 contributors during the coming fiscal year.

"I have great pride in our University at Orono," he said, "and I want to elicit the same pride in my fellow alumni."

Johnson joined the council in 1977 and was named national campaign chairman in 1979. He served an unusual second term as fund chairman and vice president until he was elected president this year.

Announcing! At press time, Johnson announced the highest giving club ever instituted within the Annual Alumni Fund—$5,000 contributors will now go on record as members of the new Raymond H. Fogler Society, named for an honored alumnus from the Class of 1915. At the same time, the GAA announced the opening of an Alumni Endowment Fund, which will provide unrestricted funds for future GAA operating expenses, UMO President Paul Silverman's discretionary fund and Reunion and Homecoming activities.
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Cover: The majesty of the church is expressed in this model religious vestment and altar frontal of the "tree of life." Michael Fendler '74 has hundreds more just like it in his Pittsfield, Maine showroom. C.M. Almy and Son, Inc. catalog photograph courtesy of Jon Evans.
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Alumni office welcomes two new employees

In an effort to meet the challenge of increased computer programming demands and to answer an overwhelming alumni response to fundraising appeals, the General Alumni Association has hired two new employees.

Ken Bubar, 22, of Plymouth, Maine, was named Data Processing Manager, succeeding Joseph Lloyd, who joined the University's Office of Institutional Research. Bubar, an early graduate in his Class of 1983, joined the GAA in June after working as a student programmer and achieving graduating honors 3 1/2 years after he entered UMO. He also worked as a technician for the Computing and Data Processing Services and the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences.

Kathy E. Littlefield, 24, of Old Town, Maine, was named Assistant Director for the Annual Alumni Fund in September. Littlefield earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education, with honors, in 1981. While an undergraduate, she served on the Inauguration Committee for Paul Silverman, named Resident Assistant at Hart Hall, president of her Chi Omega Sorority, and in her senior year was chosen an All Maine Woman. She went to work for the UMO admissions office shortly after graduation and became assistant director of admissions in 1983.

In her new capacity at Crossland Alumni Center, Littlefield will assist the director of the Annual Alumni Fund, coordinate phonathon activities, class reunion giving, off-to-Maine receptions and will draw up annual fund appeals.

She succeeds Michael Crowley '81, who joined the development staff of Quincy College in Quincy, Illinois.

Bill Johnson '56, president of the General Alumni Association, cheerfully hands UMO President Paul Silverman a check in the amount of $25,000 during halftime ceremonies Oct. 1 while GAA national fund chairman Hank Schmelzer '65 looks on.

Technologists/alumni meet

More than 56 UMO alumni attended a reunion dinner for graduates of the Eastern Maine Medical Center's (EMMC) Medical Technology Program, according to program director, Martha Fogler Wiebe '76.

Graduates of the EMMC technology program are affiliated with UMO's medical technology curriculum. Students spend their senior year at the hospital for a clinical laboratory internship. Nearly all of the hospital's 139 graduates have been UMO students.

A survey of graduates showed that about 75 percent of UMO/EMMC alumni are still working in the field and most of them live in Maine.

According to Jane McGlaflin '51, a Wadsworth Scholarship for the highest ranking junior in the Medical Technology Program is just shy of the $3,000 needed for an endowed grant. Checks made payable to the General Alumni Association for the Richard Wadsworth Scholarship are welcomed.

Addresses are missing for five graduates from this program. Wiebe asks readers to notify her at EMMC if you can provide an address for: Roberta Finnemore '62, Beth Jayne Ellis Obenchain '65, Jean Miller MacDougal '64, Joanne Baily '74 or Lynn MacMillian DiRenzo '79.
Private group seeks aid for UMO

A CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE concerned about "a declining level of education" at the University of Maine is studying reforms, the committee's organizer revealed in September.

In one possible area of change, the privately organized Committee for Academic Excellence is working on a proposal to create separate boards of overseers for graduate centers at Orono and Portland-Gorham "to pursue academic excellence and private funds."

Portland attorney Owen D. Wells, who convened the private group, said September 27 its members had been at work for two months, reviewing studies and discussing their concerns with current and former state government and university officials.

Wells, a University of Maine alumnus, said the committee was created "out of a sense that the emphasis in Maine has been on access and opportunity to the detriment of academic excellence and quality."

The committee so far has focused on the University's graduate programs in looking for ways to raise the quality of education.

A policy of easy access to graduate training may be popular, Wells said, but it stretches university resources thin and erodes the significance of the graduate degrees.

"Almost without exception," Wells said, "there is a consensus (on the committee) that a level of mediocrity has been reached that is intolerable" for the graduate programs.

Members of the committee so far are Roger F. Woodman of the Campbell, Payson & Noyes Insurance firm; Edward T. Bryant of Biddeford's Honeycomb Systems Inc.; Galen L. Cole of Coles Express; Charles E. Stickney Jr. of Deering Ice Cream; Carlton D. McGary of Depositors Trust Co.; and consultant John E. Menario of Governmental Services Inc.

A six-page draft report says the university system concept enacted by the Legislature in 1967 has strengthened and streamlined public higher education, but adds, "Even its strongest supporters concede there are many problems."

In particular, the draft states, "It seems clear . . . the University system has operated to the detriment of the University of Maine at Orono, formerly the state's premiere institution," and has retarded the development of a second major research and graduate center at the University of Southern Maine.

"Many fine instructors have gone to other schools for more money, courses have been dropped and facilities have become less than adequate for want of money," the draft says.

Separate boards of overseers, while still reporting to university trustees, could devote special attention to the quality, standards and direction of the two graduate centers, Wells said, and secure "multi-million-dollar gifts" from benefactors who would hesitate to make general gifts to the university at large.

The draft document claims creating two "actively involved advocate boards" would give the graduate centers "the means to compete on a substantially equal footing with private schools for those funds available in the private sector—for those industry/university partnerships that such schools as Columbia, MIT and the North Carolina state universities have parlayed into multi-million dollar research endowments."

They could also, Wells said, help insulate presidents from "the screams of protest" that would greet efforts to shift resources among programs and tighten standards of admission and work in graduate study.

The draft suggests the governor appoint a board of five overseers for each of the two graduate centers. Each board would select two of its members to sit on the university board of trustees.

The draft also argues that the proposed change would benefit undergraduate education.

"An imposition of high academic standards and the support of excellence rather than adequacy in the graduate and research levels of the university system," it says, "will promote undergraduates to rise to that challenge and to meet those expectations."

The University of Maine system operates seven campuses (Augusta, Farmington, Fort Kent, Machias, Orono, Portland-Gorham and Presque Isle) with about 8,500 part-time undergraduates, 17,500 full-time undergraduates and 1,700 graduate students.

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Alumni, Winkin honored for service

The General Alumni Association of the University of Maine at Orono recognized students and alumni for their dedication and service to the university community during annual Homecoming festivities in October.

The Steve Gould Memorial Award was given to two UMO service organizations, Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity and Gamma Sigma Sigma Sorority. The two organizations shared $500 prize money for their "tireless . . . dedication to both community and university service."

UMO President Paul Silverman, who presented the Steve Gould Award, cited the two student organizations for some of their more recent projects, including $2,800 in donations to local philanthropies and weekly campus blood drives.

Four alumni and Black Bear baseball coach John Winkin were also honored for leadership and service.

GAA President, William D. Johnson '56 of Topsfield, Massachusetts, presented Black Bear Awards to Ralph A. Martin, Class of 1952, of Bristol, Rhode Island and to coach John Winkin for "outstanding service and loyalty."

Martin, an electrical engineering graduate of UMO is a Maine native who grew up in the rural town of Olamon. Now a high-tech expert and president of Raytheon Services, he is also vice president of the parent company, Raytheon, Inc. of Burlington, Mass.

Winkin's Black Bear Award was scheduled to be presented in June at the annual Reunion luncheon, but Winkin was in Omaha, Nebraska at the College World Series, where the UMO baseball Bears were competing for the third consecutive year, breaking all New England records.

In 1979 Winkin, the only non-alumnus to receive the Black Bear Award this year, became one of the few active coaches to be inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. This year he was named head coach for the 1983 USA College All Star team.

Block M Awards, presented for the first time this year during half-time of the football game, were awarded for outstanding leadership in local alumni club and class activities and for support of GAA programs. Recipients were Dorothy Brewer Erikson, president of her Class of 1942, of Bar Harbor and Naples, Florida; Thomas L. Sezak, Class of 1959, of Boston and George E. Lovett, Class of 1959, of Orono.

Chancellor will resign

University of Maine trustees in October rejected the concept of an independent Lewiston campus and accepted Chancellor Patrick E. McCarthy's request to step down in July 1985 as the university's top administrator and become a professor of public policy. The 53-year-old McCarthy has administered since 1975.

"I've done most of the things I wanted to do as chancellor, and the remaining year and a half should be enough time to finish," said McCarthy.
Scarlet red and sky blue banners adorn the walls and altar. The priest is draped in new gold and white vestments. Everything is sparkling for the joyful Christmas season.

You assume the ladies guild labored for many hours sewing the garments and hangings. But they may have ordered them from Church Goods Manufacturing Co., the L.L. Bean of the clerical world.

The business operates along the same lines as L.L. Bean, Inc. Most sales are by catalog under the name of C.M. Almy & Son, Inc. However, unlike Bean's free catalog, the Almy books cost two dollars.

Michael Fendler '74, vice president of manufacturing conducts a tour of the Pittsfield, Maine company. But first, discard your images of nuns and monks diligently piecing together liturgical vestments. This is a big business with computers for ordering and embroidery. Almy's will sell an estimated $6.5 million worth of goods in 1983.

The large, one-story, vinyl-clad (actually metal siding) building sits on the banks of the Sebasticook River. A large gold cross hangs in the reception area. The first doorway leads into a small showroom where a dozen eucharistic vestments hang on the clothing rack, gold and silver chalices, baptismal ewers and basins reflect in a large mirror. This display is for the one or two walk-in customers daily. Almy's primary showroom is set up in Rye, New York, where order processing, sales, marketing, and financial support are located. There are no retail outlets.

Through another doorway and into a room of secretaries, desks and computers. Fendler's office and those of several other company officers encircle this area.

A warehouse-sized sewing room is next. Here, many of the plant's 100 employees stitch altar clothes, banners and apparel such as chasubles (knee-length, outer vestments worn by priests), stoles and clergy haberdashery such as shirts and black cassocks. Contemporary and traditional symbols are sewn on garments and an embroidery computer can inscribe memorials.

Patterns are made and cut on long tables in the next room and each drawing is preserved in miniature in a paper file. There are patterns for cherub gowns, choir robes, cassocks and surplices, among many others. The company also files the designs and fabric swatches of special order items such as banners. In the event of a fire or a burglary at a church these items could be duplicated, Fendler says. He estimates that 30 man-hours go into making an average three-foot by five-foot banner.

In the raw material warehouse, hundreds of rolls of heavy brocade and silken fabric stacked like carpeting reach almost to the ceiling.

Back through the sewing room and into a mini-storage area, ready-made "quick ship" items are stacked side by side with metalware—gold, silver, brass and pewter candlesticks, basins and cruets.

Brasswork and silver and gold plating are done in the next room, with many of the products' parts cast in Lewiston and Gardiner foundries. Near the lacquer room, Fendler's brother Don, production manager of metalware, carefully packages a sanctuary lamp and bronze tabernacle doors which have been restored for the 150th anniversary of St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church in Benedicta, Maine. The Rev. George Hickey is waiting to collect them.

The 92-year-old company began operating in Maine in 1952 when Ryan Fendler began manufacturing religious goods from a farm house in Palmyra with a crew of about 12.

In the mid 50's Fendler's uncle published a catalog, bought a directory of churches, and hand-addressed the envelopes, the beginning of a mail-order business. Ten years ago, the firm took in $2.5 million. "There's been a lot of inflation and a lot of real growth since that time," Michael Fendler says.

"We compete with nuns and monasteries and some small businesses which operate in the urban areas," he says. "There's competition in every one of our lines. But we're the only company that manufactures a complete line in the United States that markets with a catalog coast to coast.

Most of Almy's sales come from suburban and rural churches. The largest customers are Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Methodist and United Church of Christ denominations, in that order, he says.

Fendler's father is president, brother Donald is production manager in the metalware department and brother Steve is marketing director in New York.

Fendler didn't intend to work in his family's business. He said when he left Orono in 1974 with a degree in history, he thought he would coach skiing and
teach history. He was co-captain of the ski team at UMO during his senior year.

"But I got an interesting proposal from a fellow from Hathaway Shirt Company," Fendler says. The man talked Fendler into taking management training at C.F. Hathaway Co. in Waterville with an eventual goal of joining his family's business.

"I couldn't imagine working for my father and always being one step behind," Fendler says. But he accepted the challenge and worked with the shirt company for two years. "I was taught how to sew, to cut, and all the aspects of the apparel manufacturing business. It was an invaluable experience for me."

He joined Church Goods Manufacturing Co. in July 1976 as production and manufacturing director. Since that time, the business has doubled in size, he says. The current physical plant has been expanded three times since it was built in 1968. The company produces 95 percent of the items listed in the 200-page catalog.

"The basic sales effort is done in the seminaries around the country in the fall and spring," Fendler says, especially for personal items for the clergy, like cassocks, collars, shirts and chalices. The company stages a display in the seminary—with mannequins instead of live models. Displays are promoted and sales are encouraged by selected representatives at the seminary. The representative receives a commission on all sales by students at his or her seminary."

Although the goods are made in Maine, many of the fabrics are imported from Japan, India and England, particularly the tapestries, brocades and silks. Some hand embroidery is done in Madeira on linen woven in Ireland.

There's even an economy line. "One hundred percent polyester and wool make good vestment fabrics that are much less expensive than silk damasks or tapestries," Fendler says. Although many customers are reluctant to use 100 percent polyester, it makes an excellent fabric for contemporary vestments and hangings.

The company is introducing its line to Canadian clergy. Last June, salespeople went to a large Episcopal convention in Fredericton, New Brunswick. However, Fendler says currency exchange rates and customs duty can mean that "Canadians are paying 20 to 30 percent more than someone from the United States."

Almy's occasionally introduces a new product in the catalog which is published each September. Although no clergy members are involved in the company, Fendler says a new article is sent to several respected members of the clergy for their opinion prior to its introduction into the catalog. "Some people representing their church ask us if certain things are liturgically correct," he adds.

The busy season in the church goods manufacturing business is shortly before Christmas and Easter, two of the biggest holidays in the Christian churches. And 30 percent of the orders are for kits, which parish tailors use to assemble and sew the vestments or choir robes.

Betty Adams

Mike Fendler '74, left, and Rev George Hickey look over a ewer and basin which Hickey bought for lavabo services at his church in Beneficia, Maine
"Silent Mooring"

Evelyn A. Miles '38, '63 M.Ed., '75 M.L.S.
Gone but not forgotten

For this feature, we have turned back the calendars several years to take another look at the lives of three alumni who made history. Edith Patch, who graduated in 1910, wrote 80 technical publications about insects and was nationally recognized for her contributions to children’s literature. She lived in Orono in a building now known as the “Patch House.” David O’Meara, a research professor, taught animal pathology at Orono for 25 years. Reporter Ed Lorusso discovered that O’Meara also built a 28-foot yawl and sailed to the Caribbean to shoot nature photos. Our third story, written by a graduate from the class of 1974, Jeff Hollingsworth, features John Ford, the famous film director. Ford attended UMO and received an honorary degree there in 1938.
The Edith Patch Story

Her lifelong fascination with natural history took this 1910 graduate to the frontier of the entomological sciences

The current emphasis on women filling new roles in the scientific professions makes us forget that a small but determined group of women in the 19th and early 20th century managed to overcome lack of educational and professional opportunities and create for themselves distinguished careers. The life of one of these women, Edith Marion Patch, M.S. '10, D.Sc. '37 was intimately linked with that of UMO from 1903, when she arrived in Maine at the invitation of Dr. Charles D. Woods of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station to organize a Department of Entomology, until her death in 1954.

Edith, the youngest of the six children of William Whipple Patch and Salome Jenks Patch was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on July 27, 1876 to an old New England family which had traced its ancestry back to one of the founding families of Salem, Massachusetts, who arrived in 1636 from Somerset Co. in southern England. During the early years in Worcester, Edith roamed the woods and fields about her father’s farm developing interests in plants and animals in what was to become a lifelong fascination with natural history. The family moved to Minnesota when Edith was eight and her continued interests in the out-of-doors began to focus on insects, especially the Monarch Butterfly. An essay on this insect in 1886 at South High School in Minneapolis won her a prize of $25 and showed her ability to combine her skill as a writer with her knowledge of biology. Her family agreed that she should spend part of the money on something that she really wanted and she purchased a copy of a “Manual for the Study of Insects” by J.H. Comstock, Professor of Entomology at Cornell University and illustrated by Anna Botsford Comstock, Member of the Society of American Wood Engravers. Edith dreamed of knowing the authors and Cornell University became a goal.

She entered the University of Minnesota in the fall of 1897 and for four years studied under teachers who stimulated her interest in biology and literature and developed her skills in writing and public speaking. In 1901 her first publication appeared in the form of a well written essay on the fallacy of attributing human moral judgments to the natural world. That same year she graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.S. degree. Following graduation, she taught for two years in Minnesota high schools while hoping for a chance to enter her chosen field of entomology. Applications from Florida to Alaska yielded only “no chance for a woman entomologist”, except for the one from Maine which offered a position of “voluntary assistant without compensation” from September 1903 to July 1904 when a department of entomology would be opened with her as head—if she made good. Against advice of friends she accepted this offer and her association with UMO was to prove one of the fortuitous happenings which influence the course of a lifetime. In Maine she found a supportive and encouraging environment among her male colleagues. Outcry at the fallacy of having hired a woman entomologist was firmly refuted. When a leading Bureau of Entomology scientist remarked to Dr. Wood during a visit to Washington, “I hear you have appointed a woman as entomologist—why on earth did you do that? A woman can’t catch grasshoppers,” he received a droll reply: “It will take a lively grasshopper to escape Miss Patch.”

In 1905 members of the Experiment Council were informed that “Miss Patch is proving a valuable acquisition to the Station Staff. Her work is thorough, intelligent, painstaking. She has the capacity to set herself at work on new lines as they present themselves. The newly organized department is proving a very helpful one to the agricultural interests in the state.” The early years in Maine were busy, productive ones. Her publications were frequently written in response to the needs of the state for information on particular pests and means of controlling them. Increasingly she concentrated on the aphids, the group of insects that was to be her life work. In 1910 she obtained an M.S. from the University of Maine and in 1911 a Ph.D. from Cornell where she realized her dream of working under Professor Comstock and formed associations that would last a lifetime. As head of the Department of Entomology from 1903 to 1937 Dr. Patch wrote some 80 technical and economic publications on insects. During this period, prominent entomologists from other institutions were invited to work in the department and the staff increased.

Patch was internationally known for her work on taxonomy of aphids and her extensive slide collection of these insects remains in the Department of Entomology at UMO. Her last publication, the Food-Plant Catalogue of Aphids of the World remains a standard reference work in this area.

She was a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and of the Entomological Society of America. The high regard in which her work was held by her professional colleagues is indicated by her election as the first woman president of the Entomological Society in 1930. She was a
member of many other professional societies and served as president of the American Nature Study Society in 1937 and 1938.

Patch was an early opponent of the widespread use of pesticides and spoke and wrote eloquently on the subject whenever possible including an address delivered to the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1937 in Detroit. In the 1940's she cautioned the public and the manufacturers on the possible hazards of DDT.

Paralleling her career as an entomologist was a second and equally distinguished career as an author of juvenile literature on natural history topics. Between 1915 and 1940 she wrote or co-authored 18 books, published more than 100 articles and stories in children's magazines, and contributed to 18 chapters in school readers. She was nearly 40 when she began writing for children and for the next 25 years was recognized as a prolific and highly respected author.

As a child, Patch was disturbed by the inaccuracies in nature stories and resolved, "When I grow up, I will write stories about outdoor things for children and they shall be true stories." She demonstrated a talent for writing both in high school and university. Later as a graduate student at Cornell University, she was profoundly influenced by the movement to create a public awareness of the natural world, to understand the delicate balance of nature and to exploit it thoroughly. Her friend, Anna B. Comstock, had published many stories for young people. Patch returned to Maine and in 1913 privately published her first book for very young readers, Dome Bug and Her Babies.

By 1920, major publishing companies were issuing her books. By 1926, she had published Hexapod Stories, Bird Stories and First Lessons in Nature Study. From 1929-1936 she wrote the "Holiday" series, four books dealing with the natural history and wild life of four distinct ecological settings, a pond, a meadow, a hill, and a seashore. Between 1932 and 1934, she co-edited with Harrison Howe a set of six grades "Nature and Science Readers" with the purpose of helping children develop a permanent interest in scientific topics, and to encourage them to adopt scientific attitudes and methods. Finally, between 1936 and 1940, she coauthored with Carroll Lane Fenton the "Neighbor" series, four books intended for older elementary school-aged children, and dealing with larger ecological units, the mountain, desert, forest and prairie. Fenton, a popular science writer and artist, continued to write similar books for children over the next several years.

Edith Patch's books are now out of print, but many are still found on the shelves of local Maine libraries. Her stories are interesting and relevant with themes that are "timeless."

There appears to be no accurate record of how many copies of her books were actually published, but she mentioned well over 2 million copies. Her books were used in schools throughout the United States and were familiar to readers in Canada and in some South American schools.

During her lifetime she was nationally recognized for her contributions to children's literature, and was on national advisory committees overseeing science education. As a final tribute, her autobiography was solicited for the Junior Book of Authors. Writers who have gained prominence are selected by a scholarly poll.

Patch lived with her sister Alice at "Braeside" which is now a cooperative residence of UMO known as "Patch House." Always an active member of the University and Orono community, she was known as a gracious hostess and friend to newcomers. Her garden, which at that time extended down to the Stilwater River, was the frequent site of meetings of Delta Delta Delta and the Bird Conservation Club of Bangor. Although her position at the University was that of a researcher rather than a teacher, she enjoyed contact with the students especially those interested in natural history and many remember both her moral and financial support in times of need.

Jean Adams of Fredericton, N.B., was Dr. Patch's last graduate student and she recalls the philosophy which was transmitted to students with whom she worked:

Never be afraid to admit that you are wrong.

Never confess to being ignorant the second time.

Always be conscious of the consequences of what you do.

Edith Patch died in Orono in 1954 and was buried in Worcester.

K. Elizabeth Gibbs
Mary Jo Sanger

Dr. Gibbs is associate professor of entomology at UMO and Saenger, who earned a master's degree in history at UMO, is project manager for Northeast Research in Orono.

A biography of Dr. Patch is in preparation and the authors would appreciate information in the form of personal recollections or correspondence. Please contact Mary Jo Sanger, 37 Forest Avenue, Orono, Maine 04473. Tel. 207/866-3687 home or 207/866-2454 office.
The David O'Meara Story

"Sleep was impossible . . . O'Meara subsisted on a mixture of dry cornmeal, brown sugar and peanut butter.

The Great Auk was a 2½-foot tall, flightless seabird that nested along the North American coast and offshore islands. Like other seabirds, it was clumsy on land. It was shot for its down and salted away in barrels of ships. Its eggs were destroyed; it became extinct in 1844.

In 1937 another "great auk" was seen. Its journey started in Fort Wayne, Indiana, continued through Chicago and on to the Mississippi River. This Auk was a 28-foot sea-going yawl built in Fort Wayne by David O'Meara '54G.

Claiming it to be his college education, O'Meara built the Auk himself in his back yard. Using skills gained as a boy scout along with a natural ability for carpentry, it took him two and a half years to build the vessel.

His aim was not just to build a sea-going craft, but to sail alone down the Mississippi and around the Gulf of Mexico to study bird life in remote Caribbean locations.

It took six weeks to reach St. Louis. The Auk was hauled by truck from Fort Wayne to Chicago where she was launched in the unromantically-named, yet navigable, Chicago Drainage Canal. The Auk passed her first test—she didn't sink.

O'Meara had cut and seasoned his own timbers for the 28-foot craft. He had designed the tiny galley especially to accommodate himself and his scientific equipment. When finally launched, the boat drew 42 inches of water, only ½ inch off the expected draw. (O'Meara's calculations were for salt water.)

On her radio show, broadcast from Chicago, Kate Smith wished O'Meara good luck. He set off down the Mississippi.

Since he was financing the expedition himself, O'Meara found it necessary to find temporary work along the Mississippi. He had earned and spent more than $2,000 in building the Auk. He stopped in St. Louis, finding employment as a woodworker.

By October he had reached New Orleans; he was at the mouth of the Mississippi and ready to head into open ocean. In a newspaper article O'Meara said he found the Mississippi to be unbelievably sinuous despite the nationally-funded army project to "straighten out" the river. He also commented that the river currents were much faster than he had thought they would be from his reading of Mark Twain's romantic river stories.

New Orleans provided O'Meara with work as a woodworker in the French Quarter. He stayed in that city long enough to acquire a store of provisions that would last a year. He planned not to anchor at any ports. His only landings were to be for the purpose of nature photography, or, in the event that it did not rain, for fresh water—his most precious cargo.

The Auk got her first taste of salt water on October 25, 1937. Skirting the northern edge of the Gulf of Mexico, O'Meara put his craft through her paces along the coast of Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. He landed at Key West, Florida for supplies.

Coming into Key West, O’Meara hooked a 28-pound tuna. He could not
handle the fish and the Auk in the winding channels of the keys, but he was determined not to lose his catch. He jabbed the tuna with an eel spear which promptly broke. Making a quick decision, he grabbed a pistol and pumped five shots into the tuna. He nearly ran aground doing it, but he landed the fish.

The young scientist spent three weeks in the keys studying bird life. He was surprised to find that there were no snakes or animals indigenous to the keys. He made photographic studies of pelicans, herons and man-of-war birds.

It was January before he was ready to leave the U.S.A. His next destination would be Cuba. But the Caribbean winds were fickle and O'Meara found himself becalmed. He spent two days in nearly the same spot.

He sailed along the north shore of Cuba westward to Cape Antonio from which point he would start the last leg of his journey to Cape Catoche on the Yucatan Peninsula.

But with the Yucatan in sight a sudden high wind blew in from the northeast. The entire personality of the ocean changed. O'Meara likened the water to that found inside a washing machine in operation.

The winds forced him to take in his sails, pull down the lines from the rigging and make a drag line of all his spare canvas, lines, buckets, and lifeflaket. This was the only way he could keep the boat headed into the wind and waves.

For two weeks O'Meara, alone on the ocean and cut off from all aid, fought the storm. He tied himself to the wheel and buried himself in oil skins and canvas. Sleep was impossible. The Auk had nearly rolled over so many times in the 20-foot waves that all fresh water had been lost. Cooking was out of the question and after the crackars ran out O'Meara subsisted on a mixture of "dry" corn meal, brown sugar and peanut butter.

Finally, after being blown 600 miles off course, he sighted a lighthouse. The winds still had not decreased; the sky and ocean seemed to be the same element, but he managed to land in Tampico, Mexico.

His joy was shortlived. Local officials couldn't quite believe that a young American would risk everything in a tiny boat just to photograph birds. O'Meara was suspected of smuggling and detained. After several days it was decided that he could leave—after paying a fine of $80.

With fresh water aboard, O'Meara set sail from Mexico. But after a few weeks and hundreds of miles, another storm forced him to seek refuge back in Tampico. This gale came up so quickly that most of the sails were lost before they could be taken down.

Stranded for a second time in Tampico, O'Meara was lucky enough to land a job as a diver for a Mexican salvage company. The locals refused to work because of the large number of sharks in the waters. With the prospect of salvaging valuable cargo from an English freighter, the authorities granted O'Meara a work permit for one month. He would be able to repair his sails and other storm-beaten parts of the boat.

Mexican-American relations were strained in 1938 because of oil and mining disputes. Money was very tight and the peso was highly inflated. Anti-American sentiments were running high. The sharks bothered O'Meara less than the fact that while diving he would be dependent on a Mexican crew for his air.

Suited up in a cumbersome diving outfit complete with helmet, O'Meara salvaged drums of oil and gasoline, rolls of soldering wire and lead reputed to contain smuggled gold. The ocean floor was littered with pots and pans and other galley gadgetry. Day after day O'Meara searched for the lead. He did notice that the handles of several pots were eaten away. Knowing that two dissimilar metals in salt water would act in the same way as electro-plating, he deduced that the lead was not far away. He followed the trail of corroded pots and discovered the lead.

The metal was hauled up by the Mexican crew. Excitement ran so high over the possibility of hidden gold that the air crew (air was manually pumped to the diver) forgot their jobs. The string of American expletives O'Meara shouted didn't reach the surface through 20 feet of murky water. Luckily, the crew remembered to resume their pumping.

There was no gold. The lead was hacked into mincemeat, but to no avail. The salvage job was not finished and the authorities wanted O'Meara to remain for a year. But by March 28, 1938 he managed to get free of Mexico and set sail once again. He was confident that the winter storms were over.

Within three days all wind had died. The Auk drifted with the current until O'Meara was able to anchor in shallows close to shore. On the night of the 31st the wind came up again. The Auk dragged her anchor 11 miles through the sand before those howling winds.

O'Meara was powerless. He couldn't maneuver the vessel out into deep water where it would likely have ridden out the storm. With waves again reaching 20 feet in height he knew it was only a matter of time before the yawl would be smashed against the rocky bottom.

Less than a mile from shore the expected happened. With a terrible grating jar the Auk was grounded. The twin masts shuddered violently as the relentless sea pounded the boat against the shore. O'Meara knew it was time to abandon ship.

He saved his precious film, food, the ship's log, the four books that had not floated away, and an American flag. Struggling to shore with these items, he pushed them ahead of him through the rolling surf on a makeshift skid. He had to return to the floundering boat for his supply of fresh water. Safely ashore the stunned captain watched in utter disbelief as his hand-made craft was ripped apart.

O'Meara took pictures of the seasheatered yawl before he began his search for the nearest town. The Auk remained behind, joining her namesakes in extinction.

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After attending Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio and serving in the U.S. Army, David O'Meara graduated from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine and earned his master's degree from the University of Maine at Orono in 1954. He was a research professor and taught animal pathology at UMO from 1954 until his retirement as Associate Professor Emeritus in 1979. He died in March 1980.
The John Ford Story

This former UMO student was called the greatest film director Hollywood ever knew


These are a few of the more than 130 motion pictures directed or produced by John Ford. A six-time winner of the Academy Award for direction (The Informer, Grapes of Wrath, How Green Was My Valley, The Quiet Man, and two documentaries, The Battle of Midway and December 7th), John Ford is among the all-time great figures in the history of film. He was the only director ever cited for excellence four times by the New York Film Critics. In 1973, the year of his death, he was honored with the American Film Institute's first-ever Life Achievement Award. In attendance that night was President Richard Nixon. He capped the ceremonies by awarding Ford the Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor which the United States can bestow. In a word, "excellence" summarizes the 52-year career of John Ford, master movie-maker from Maine.

According to most accounts, Ford was born Sean Aloysius O'Fearna in Cape Elizabeth, Maine on February 1, 1895. His parents were Sean A. O'Fearna, an Irish immigrant seaman, and Barbara Curran O'Fearna, also an Irish native. The family later changed the surname to O'Feeney, in keeping with the way it was pronounced by their Maine neighbors.

One biography asserts that Ford was actually born in Ireland about 1890, and took February 1895 as his birthdate, which the biographers claim was the probable date when his parents became naturalized citizens. Unfortunately, town records from the period raise more questions than they settle on this point. Cape Elizabeth town statistics record the birth of John Martin Feeney on February 1, 1894, to John A. and Barbara Curran Feeney, both parents born in Ireland. Was this John Ford? Probably. Although he changed his name to John Ford soon after moving to Hollywood in 1914, his legal name remained Sean O'Feeney throughout his life, and February 1, 1895 stood firm as his birthdate.

The O'Feeneys moved to Portland not long after young Sean's birth and was the city where he grew up. There were 13 children in the family, and he was the youngest. As a youth, he worked aboard freighters during school vacations, and acquired a life-long love of the sea from his Maine days. He also got his first taste of Hollywood, after a fashion, by working as an usher in a movie theater on Peaks Island. Sean O'Feeney was a formidable football star at Portland High School. His pugnacious determination in those days earned him the nickname "Bull." Upon graduation in 1914, he sought appointment, unsuccessfully, to the U.S. Naval Academy. Conse-
quently, according to most accounts, he enrolled at UMO. But here again, questions are raised.

According to UMO Registrar John F. Collins, Jr., there are regular requests to confirm Ford's attendance at UMO. Just as regularly, his office states it is unable to provide it, even using several possible variations of the names "O'Feeney" and "O'Fearna." Nevertheless, in Ford's own biographical sketch for Who's Who in America, he lists himself as the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree from UMO in 1938. Newspaper clippings confirm that he attended UMO in 1914 and came back to campus in 1938 to receive his honorary degree.

Ford's attendance at Orono was brief, in any event. In 1914, he decided to head for Hollywood "to sponge off my older brother Francis," as Ford later said. Francis was already a successful director and star of silent movies, and would later be cast in kid brother John's own movies. He put John to work as everything from stuntman to cameraman, enabling him to learn the business of making movies from every perspective.

The Tornado (1917) was John Ford's first movie. He wrote the screenplay, starred in the leading role, directed it, and even performed his own stunt work. In 1919, he went to work for Fox Studios, grinding out a series of forgettable pictures until Iron Horse in 1924, a drama still considered a classic American silent film. From there, Ford's career took a steady turn upward.

John Ford "almost singlehandedly made the sound motion picture come of age," says New York Times writer Albin Krebs. Yet his 1928 Four Sons is among his best silent classics. Another silent released the same year, called Hangman's House, brought to the screen one Marion Michael Morrison. He was much better known later as John Wayne, a stage name given to him by Ford, according to Krebs.

Some of Ford's finest early "talkies" included Arrowsmith, The Lost Patrol, and The Informer. The latter, usually found on every major list of all-time great movies, won Ford his first Oscar in 1935. He called it the easiest film he ever directed.

Ford's long, productive collaboration with John Wayne commenced in earnest with 1939's Stagecoach, often termed the greatest Western ever made. Ford demanded loyalty from his stars, and they received it in return. Wayne was among the most prominent of what became known as John Ford's "stock company," a group of favorites whom Ford liked to cast as often as possible. Another member of Ford's mutual admiration society was veteran actor Victor Mature. In a telephone interview expressly for this article, Mature recounted life with "Pappy," as Ford was nicknamed, in terms of both boss and personal friend.

"He was one of the greatest directors in the business, period," Mature declared. He characterized Ford as strict and firm on the set, but by no means a martinet, as are many today. "Off the job, he was extremely 'liveable,' " Mature added. "He was warm, hospitable, and very low-key." Mature is in a fine position to know, having lived as a guest in Ford's home for 21 days when his fortunes were bleak and work was scarce.

Mature recalls that whenever Ford spoke of Maine, it was always with "very enthusiastic, very 'positive'" feelings. "There was a New England flavor" to his speech, he added.

Hallmarks of Ford's work were an emphasis on strong characters and stunning scenery. "He could draw pictures with that damned camera," Mature stated in awe. Ford, with his peculiar dress and rangy build, was a personification of his own professional attributes.

Johnny Campbell is a retired publicist who spent many years with 20th Century-Fox. He recalled that each year, Ford would purchase a new blazer, then proceed to shred it, and tear the sleeves and wear it to work. Ford was indeed a real character and a sight to behold. He was noteworthy in beat-up sneakers with holes at the toes, a worn-out hat, an ever-present pipe or cigar, and always a coffee cup said to contain liquid considerably stronger than coffee.

"He was a handkerchief chewer," Campbell says, "always tugging or chewing on it, the same way other people have worry beads, you know?" For all his idiosyncrasies, Ford commanded respect. Mature says Ford always got the undivided attention of everyone on a noisy, crowded set merely through a couple of short, soft whistles through the teeth, or a quick "shh-shh-shh."

A wry sense of humor and a penchant for deflating the nervous egos of top studio executives were also facets of Ford's stock in trade. Campbell and Mature both tell the story of when My Darling Clementine was being filmed on location in the desert, and delays were besetting production. Darryl Zanuck dispatched his chief aide to the scene. Rushing up to Ford on the set, he loudly complained that filming was six days behind schedule. A boisterous debate ensued. Finally, with a wave, Ford called out, "Bring me the script!" Ripping off several sheets and thrusting it toward Zanuck's man, Ford declared, "There, now we're on schedule again." And that was that.

When World War II broke out, Ford signed up with the Navy and headed its film documentary unit. He was at Midway Island in June 1942, when the famous battle occurred. His resultant 20-minute film of the fight, The Battle of Midway, won the Oscar as best short subject of the year. For his efforts, he also sustained a machine gun slug in his left arm, acquired while he was filming a Japanese aerial attack. He remained in the Naval Reserve after the war and held the rank of rear admiral at his death. He was decorated with the Legion of Merit, Air Medal, Purple Heart, and several foreign decorations.

The early postwar years saw Ford at the height of his career, with an established reputation so highly respected that just the name "John Ford" on a motion picture guaranteed its distribution even un-previewed.

Ford, in those years, directed some of Hollywood's most memorable Westerns. Among them was My Darling Clementine, a masterpiece of realism and vivid scenery. It was a film in which Victor Mature was cast, helping revive his career in a lean period. How he got the part was an amusing story in itself.

Mature recounts how he had taken to living in his dressing room for want of a fixed abode. One day, the phone rang. A young woman said, "Mr. John Ford would like to speak with Mr. Mature." Thinking it a joke that so illustrious a man would want him, Mature said he wasn't there.

A few minutes later, the phone rang again. It was Ford himself.

"Is this Victor Mature? It's John Ford calling."

Again suspecting a prank, Mature said "No, he's out, but this is Clark Gable."

Quit horsing around, Ford said, in a more colorful way. To prove it, he told Mature to look out his window. There, across the way, was Ford, waving at him while he was on the phone. They met, and Mature, whom Ford took to calling "Junior," was cast.

When the film was concluded, and Mature had just wrapped up his final scene, Ford came over and said "Junior, you've gotta stop bursting paper bags in front of your face. I want you to go out

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Alumni fund chairman, Hank Schmelzer '65, gets a wink from former Homecoming queen Mary Cornish '83 of Bath, who is now on assignment for the UMO admissions office.

Former homecoming queen, Karen Ross-Bouchard '79 and her daughter, Megan, both of Belfast, Maine, returned to UMO in October for fellowship, fun and a Homecoming snapshot.

The faces of fall at UMO

Nancy Morse Dysart '60, Director of Alumni Activities, left, and members of the Student Alumni Association show off their goods during the Organizational Fair. From left, Pat Dunn, Sue Hall and Cheryl Fletcher, all seniors, and Susan Johnson, a junior.
Greetings to all members of the Class and special thanks to those who sent me news.

A letter from Dorothy Mercier Furbish has both good and bad news—last summer while she was preparing to go south she became really blind, a terrible experience. However, in St. Petersburg she was referred to a surgeon who did a most successful replant on her right eye and she can now read Congratulations, Dot

In August I spent a day with Phyllis Young, wife of our former University president, who had just returned from Europe. She took me, also her sister and mother, for a delightful trip to Hancock Point where we picnicked on the beach, then to West Gouldsboro where we called on France Wood. She was home for the summer and happy to see friends. We went on to Schoodic and other scenic areas, then home for lobster roll supper.

Noel Godfrey spent the summer improving the grounds and trees on his place on the St. Croix River. Some of his pines are eight to ten feet in circumference. George Sweet and wife spent the summer at their cottage at Yarmouth Loea Chaplin Ellis has been busy since she and her sister completed and published a history of Cornish, answering many questions about early families of the town. She was able to take a couple from Salem, N. H. to a cemetery deep in the woods of South Cornish where their forebears are buried. A woman from Illinois was directed to the graves of her Revolutionary ancestor and to the home of one of them “Fascinating work,” says Leola.

Charles Goddard and wife and former president Haack attended the funeral of Mabel Fogler. We extend our deep sympathy to the Fogler family. They also called on Claire Partridge Shannon and her husband on Pemaquid Trail. We were grieved to hear of the death of Helen Greesley Libbey, widow of Seth. The class extends its sympathy to the family. We also extend our sympathy to the family of David Graham Ljungborg of the Class of 1916.

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Freddie Haines, visiting in nearby Sheffield, phoned in September. He lives next to his son near Silver Springs, Maryland. His wife has recently gone into a nursing home and he has been in a car accident. When he uses one eye at a time and does not drive a car it bothers him, at his age, to be told “Be good!” He advises me to be good, even if I have to lie about it a bit. I wonder how Bob Hawthorne connects his cataract eyes with a golf ball.

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Win MacBride writes from Tucson, Ariz. “Just noted that you were 87 two days ago. Many happy returns—delayed but best of health! As I read the Alumnus, I realize that all of us are singing the same song—not ‘how dry I am’ but ‘How old I feel!’ Had a hot summer and most of the rest of the States, but we have a drier atmosphere and thus it isn’t so bad. It was down to 3% one day last spring. I still manage to get out a monthly bulletin to the Barracks, including typing, adding mailing labels and delivery to the Post Office. In 1976 we had 332 members and now we are down to 119. We are lucky if we have 15 or 17 at the meetings. On this I have a slogan—’Praise the Lord and pass the liquid paper.’ My eyes haven’t improved but seem to be slipping a bit more slowly. Since my hip job I haven’t had to use a cane around the house but carry it when I go out. I live alone but my daughter takes me out to lunch and to do my shopping once a week. Preparing meals isn’t my pleasure. I will be 89 in November. Good luck and good health, and keep up the good work.”

From Katherine M. Lloyd, Pasadena, Calif. “I was a commuter from Brewer studying in the English Department and even working in the library. After I earned my A. in English my first teaching adventure was at East Coast Academy. After two years in Rhode Island, I joined relatives who were moving to California. We acquired acreage newly opened to irrigation and development in northern San Diego County. From then until my retirement I was in the English Department at Hoover, in Glendale, a town where most teachers had homes and actively participated in the community. During this time I visited much of the Pacific Coast area, also Canada and east to Quebec. I regret that I did not get back ‘home’ I surely thank you for ‘19 Class Notes and want you to keep checking on searching out news for us. My best wishes that your eye implant will be a wonderful success.” Katherine’s address, 852 Chapman Street. She signs her name K. Marie Lloyd.

From Clemson, S. C. Ralph V. Sinnett writes “Your welcome letter came today. I was lucky to get it as it looked like it had been through a war and there was an apology stamped on the outside from the postal service saying that it had been damaged in handling. As usual my quiet life does not produce much news. My daughter and son-in-law spent two months in Maine this summer and I looked after their garden. I raise cannas, and catnapers, for fun and family use. Have been experimenting to find good varieties and have found some that are excellent.”

August 25th was Stacy Bragdon’s 87th birthday. It found him nearly recovered from a successful colon transplant (“done with a laser beam”)

Stacy spent 38 years as an educator in the Wellesley school system. After retirement in 1966 he promptly went to work again with a camera, as a free lance photographer, during the 1970’s. He and his wife have traveled widely and in 1981 spent April in Paris. Between trips, the Bragdons maintain their house and garden while Stacy remains an active member of several education associations. His personal philosophy is lived through the following excerpts from Editor B. C. Forbes of Forbes Magazine: “I resolve to strive to contribute something to the world, its work and the people in it, to spend and be spent in worthy service, to adhere, the best I can, to the Golden Rule, to philosophy more, recalling always, when things go awry, ‘this too, will pass.’

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A welcome note from our class president, George Ginsberg, reports: “Lee and I stay pretty close to home nowadays. I don’t drive any more, don’t plan to go back to Florida this season after twenty years, and am preparing to get accustomed to Maine winters again. Our daughter with her three children and our son (not married) continue to give us pleasure”

From K. Stewart: “I am one of the lucky ones who own a cottage on Phillips Lake in the good old Pine Tree State, where I spent last summer, surrounded by young cousins and friends. Tourists have flocked to Maine this year—even a bus load of Australians! Winter activities go on as usual—Bangor Symphony concerts, W. Y. A., and Southern Penobscot Alumnae meetings.”

What a pleasure to have Roger Castle drop in to see me at Mebec Lake in August, when he had lunch with Larry and Peggy Dansh, who spent last summer on Mebec, and then came over to the Blethen camp. Roger looked fine and keeps in touch with other classmates and U. of M donors.

Appreciated hearing from Mary Bragg, Roanoke, Va., on her personally illustrated note paper, this one of Humpback Bridge, the only one of its kind in the country, is located in a state park west of Covington, part of the Virginian and the New River. A copy must be a cookbook collector, for she now has some 300 cookbooks, yet she and her brother Herbert go out to lunch nearly every day. Your class secretary is still writing to hear from you “silent” members. How about a few reminiscences? Remember when we 1921 girls were freshmen and forced to wear green bibs bearing the name “Baby” appliqued in white, and we had to make them ourselves? How we hated those bibs!

Anyway, enjoy the winter, wherever you spend it.

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Ethel Packard Harkness says she is “very slowed down,” but lives in her own home and drives a car. Her son, U. S. Navy Captain V O Harkness, Jr (Ret.), lives in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Her older granddaughters, who is married, lives and works there also, and her younger granddaughter is in a management training program in a bank. All have graduated from college, though none from the University of Maine.

We are saddened to learn of the death of Kay Marston, although no details have reached us. Your correspondent visited Maine in August but did not visit Orono Why? He usually drives, but flew to Presque Isle this year and missed visits along the way.

Parker W. Patterson updates us on his activities since 1922. He went to Tulsa, Okla. in September 1922 and worked for the Panther Oil Co. organized by his two brothers, Alfred ‘09 and Nathan ‘11. The company furnished steel for many large buildings, including three downtown churches, schools, armories and large bridges.

Parker was married in 1924 to Ruth West and they have two children, both college graduates, seven grandchildren and three great-grandsons. As president of the local Rotary Club, Parker visited other clubs around the world including those in India, Paris, Rome, Cairo, Thailand and Tokyo. He retired in Tulsa and he and Ruth live in a “retirement home” they built. Come to Orono sometime, Parker.

23 Ted Curtis has been inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. Ted was involved with Maine high school and college sports for 60 of his 82 years. Congratulations, Ted Stuart Johnson is still working as property manager for the Stuart Corporation in Honolulu. He finds time to go fishing on the beach. Dr. Arthur “Pete” Wilson and wife Mabel are living in North Scituate, R. I. where Pete is a Congregational minister, his profession for the past 45 years. He has received 3 honorary degrees, the most prized, an LHD from UMO in 1969.

The sympathy of the class is extended to the families of Ceylon Archer, Elbridge Colbath who died July 28 and Luman Mulhern who died July 19.

This will be the last column by Ruth Rich. She has been a dedicated reporter for the Class of ‘23 for 16 years. She needs a rest!

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If you don't send us any news you'll just have to read about all the fun we have had in the birthday-go-round! When we call classmates for news and find them busy at work or at meetings, then we ask for the summer's fun. This time it's birthday celebrations. Is there magic in the age 80? There must be, for those reporting were either not quite or one up on us. ‘Bob’ Haskell helped Fred Southwick celebrate from Sept. 13 and Fred helped Bob on Aug. 24. When I called Chet Baker for news, and to wish him a happy birthday on Sept. 6, he was just hurrying off to a meeting. On the same day that Bill Darsey had her day which we celebrated with a picnic at our home. We are looking forward to 1985 for our 60th class reunion. Will you join us?

It is with sorrow that we report the death of Frank Hussey’s wife, Ruth, this past summer. Our sympathy to you, Frank.

Velma Oliver, another one of the busy classmates, reported that she and Harriet Page Hume attended the summer outing of Delta Zeta Sorority Alumnae, at the home of Thelma (Ham ‘29) Hayward, in Belfast.

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A few items are my only offering for this issue. While the children and grandchildren flock to Maine I have no time for news gathering. Now, tell me what you haven’t heard from you.

Sally Palmer Bogan has devoted her summer to trying to get rid of a recurring flu bug. She says “no Florida!” for her; she will winter in Maine and love it. Our sincere sympathy to the family of classmate Arthur E. Johnson, who died this summer. Doris Rideout Huestis had hoped to have a fourth generation student at UMO this fall but the young man was too long. Danny and I toured the Gaspe 49 years ago and decided to make a return trip. We expected changes but aside from Perce Rock we wouldn’t have known we were there before. No more neat little cabins with their wood stoves and homeside puff blankets; no more outdoor ovens with that tantalizing aroma of fresh baked bread; no racks of fish drying at every home. Now it is super-highways, mobile homes, big fish factories, gift shops and motels. Menus thankfully are now, in most places, printed in both French and English. So much for progress in an area of never ending beauty. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year.

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Emma Thompson Ledger writes from St. Petersburg where she and husband Bill reside winters (summering in Maine) that her professional career took her to Guilford and Norway (in Maine) as a home economics teacher. Then she traveled extensively throughout the United Kingdom while working for a bottled-gas company, now Suburban Propane. This was followed by a stint as an Extension Agent for UMO and finally doing a stint in the Job Corps in charge of several cottages, cooking and sewing. Bill and Emma have one son and two daughters, four grandchildren, and five granddaughters, along with one great grandson. Emma wants us all to know that “women have acted some themselves.”

Adrion Lofde writes from Weston, Conn. that he and his wife have two sons and two daughters, working variously as an artist, electronics engineer, homemaker, and experimental physicist. He is publishing a book at his own expense which is a graphic analysis of what aids the economy and contains his recommendations for monetary reform. Says he hopes to sell a few copies. More power to you, Adrion!

Kenneth C. Lovejoy writes from Vezzie that in between his bouts with booze and dissipation (his very own words) he spends much of his time raising money for the Proctor Foundation, etc. Mabel Kirkpatrick Lovejoy writes from Vezzie, where she lives with “K.C.,” that after 18 years as a home demonstration agent she now works in her garden, does sewing, rug and quilt making, and works extensively in the church. Her two sons live in Connecticut where one is engaged as a political writer in Bridgeport and the other is busy with engineering programs at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in Hartford.

Harry Hartman writes from San Diego that he has been retired for 12 years, is busy with personal projects, but finds golf. Harry would be happy to see any of his college mates who happen to be in the vicinity.

Nelson Manter now lives in Wayne where he is a part-time real estate broker. He and his wife have no children. They spend winters in Zephyrhills, Fl. Delbert L. Moody writes from Pearce, Ariz. He worked for 31 years as a soil conservationist for the Federal government. He did a stretch in the Peace Corps in Micronesia. His son is working as a plastics engineer and his daughter as an x-ray technician. He is doing some volunteer work in the community and rides his bike half an hour daily. Mercy me! Frederick L. Moulton, Ducky to most of us, worked for 35 years as a salesman, is now enjoying travel, gardening and loaﬁng! His son is a supervisor and his two daughters are a housewife and a catalog librarian. At our reunion Ducky told me about the handicaps that the librarian works under, such as blindness, but she is a plucky one.

OK, folks, this is it for this issue. I have only a few more names to go to ﬁnish the list. How about some news, laggards?

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This summer I received a call from our president, Frank Bostrome, asking me to serve with George Desjardins on our 55th reunion committee. By the time you receive this column, you should have received a letter from George urging you to think June 1984. If not received, write the alumni ofﬁce. Many of you will be interested to hear that Alice Webster Sinclair was elected to the Maine Central Institute Hall of Fame in recognition of her service to the school. She taught there for many years and was Dean of Girls. After her retirement, she served with distinction on the board of trustees and is currently a trustee emerita. She continues to keep her home in Pittsfield in the summer months and winters in Florida.

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We had a most pleasant day on July 16 when we gathered to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Horace and Isabelle Robinson ‘32 Croxford at their daughter’s home in South Portland. The class was well represented and it was especially nice to see them. Syl Pratt and his wife Peg Merrill ‘32, Paul Wadsworth and Ada, Frank Goodwin and Ruth ‘35, Madeline Bates, my husband and I were among the 150 there.

I was happy to meet Katherine Vezzie on the street in Rockland. She keeps busy with all her activities. In conversation with our president, Ken Haskell, I learned of the death of Lyman Abbott. He had returned to Old Orchard when he retired.

Arthur M. Gilpin is a Center of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies last June at Oregon State University. His areas of study were political science, sociology and geology. As if they were not enough to keep him busy, he was elected for another two-year term as city councilman in Corvallis, Oregon, and spent two weeks in Ireland this past summer with his wife, Mary. Their address is 439 N.W. 18th Street, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season. We will be in Florida and look forward to hearing from you. Our address after November 1, is 107 North Hill Road, Zephyr Shores Estates, Zephyrhills, Fl. 33599.

31 Linwood S. Elliott
85 Leighton Road
Falmouth, Maine 04105

From Edith Talbot Ness comes the following: July last, she attended the Keith and Gilbert Waters Per- cent’s 50th wedding anniversary held at New Har- bor. They live at Round Pond. Twelve days later she was at another 50th, Horace ‘30 and Isabella Robin- son Croxford in S. Portland. The celebration was held at their daughter’s Abby some were Ray and Jo Wendell whom she hadn’t seen for some time. Edith then called my attention to the fact that Bob Zottoli ‘31, honorary member of ‘32, had died suddenly of a heart attack a few days after our last mini-reunion. He will be sadly missed at every future one.

From the Machias Valley News, July 30, 1963, this item: Una (Mrs. Wm. Fowler) of Cape Split and Ellen Frame (Mrs. Clair Wright) of Englewood, Fl. were brought together by Mrs. Julian Merrill, a mutual friend at the Congregational Church, Machias. They had not seen each other since 1936 at Quoddy Village. All three couples had a most delightful picnic at Una’s cottage.

Another news clipping from the Fort Fairfield Press praised ex-UMO President Winthrop Libby for having the booklet marking the occasion of the 36th annual Maine Potato Blossom Festival dedicated to him. The news clipping noted that throughout his career both as assistant professor of agronomy and as president of UMO he had vigorously supported Maine agriculture and the potato industry.

Of the 271 surviving members of our class I have only written up thirty in my notes, so while you are reading this, I hope this will give me a brief summary of your past fifty years. Then I can put YOU in the notes!

33 Marij Moulton Murphy
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It seems to be unanimous—reunion was just great from beginning to end. Friends, not seen since that graduation 50 years ago, slipped right back into place. The ‘spirit of ‘33” is alive and well! In fact, we all agree that campus has changed. She found herself lost! Art Forrestall’s biographical booklet is particularly fine for class members who were unable to attend reunion.

Weave’. Barreth has those. Illness made reunion impossible but he requested his certificate, booklet, etc. They will give him many enjoyable hours. Tom Desmond met the Allan Hamilton in a Boston restaurant. Tom’s “Cape All Star” team had just defeated the Atlantic Collegiate All Stars. The Hamiltons summer at Squirrel Island, Maine. Tom also reported that John Wilson was busy as president of the golf club in Marion, Mass. Betty and Bob Pendleton trekked down to spend a few days with Ev and Bart Rawson at their family cottage. Betty and Ev were roommates on 1st floor Baileant for three years.

The Bangor Daily News on June 18th featured a brain surgery operation done with the help of ultra sound. One of the participating doctors was Dr. Jonathan Rubin, son of our “Max”.

20 MAINE ALUMNUS
A limited number of '33 Fiftieth Reunion Class Directories is still available. Make your check for $5.95 payable to the Class of 1933 Fund (includes postage). Mail to Art Forrestall, 45 Montrose Avenue, Portland, Maine 04103.

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50th Reunion, June 1984
34 Fern Allen Turbyne
70 Boston Avenue
Winslow, Maine 04902

Joe Massaro would like to hear from all of you, especially those to whom he wrote personal letters about reunion. President Stan Searles reports that reunion plans are shaping up beautifully and the gift fund is at the 74% mark. All that is needed now is the presence of every classmate who can possibly come to Orono in June for our golden anniversary. The committee is working hard, and this should be the best time we have had in 50 years.

Jo Burrell Kiah and Maxine Harding Goode have been appointed to chair the local arrangements with the help of all of us.

John and I were in Scotland last summer which was the warmest in Scottish history. The highlights of our trip were our visits with John's relatives, a tour through the highlands and finally the Edinburgh Festival and the spectacular Tattoo, the pageant by the castle.

Do plan to join us in June and greet your old friends of '34.

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season

36 Dorothy Jones Smith
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Portsmouth, N.H. 03801

My only help for this column comes from Solveig Hennings '38, wife of Porter, who writes they had a very enjoyable trip to Switzerland in April where they visited Lolly, Porter, daughter of Lyn and Adolphine Vogelin. Lolly teaches at the International School in Berne. In July the Hennings took their two-week cruise along the Maine coast with Peg and Roy as their hosts. We crew the same week and their son, Pete, as crew for the second week. En route they visited three '36ers, Lyn Keller in Isleboro, Frances MacAlary in Rockland and Fred Bred in Southwest Harbor. Porter continues as executive secretary of Water Utilities Assoc.

We visited Jim and Dorothy Packard Hall at their Hope Pond cottage. Bob Packard has changed jobs from a utility in Hartford to head of the graduate program at Norwich College. Had a mini-mini reunion in August at the new Centerville, Mass. home of Fred and Betty Dill Parsons '37, with Bob Burns and Alice (Manhattanville) joining us. They asked us to join them at the October 6th Cape Cod University of Maine alumni dinner, so am hoping some '36 news will develop from this event. If not, our class will draw a blank in the class notes column of the next Alumnus. HEI.

37 Emery N. Wescott
16 Alderbrook Road
Andover, Mass. 01810

MEMO: To Mrs. Hope Wing Weston. You may now write to me and say, "I told you so!"—please! All my news notes have been used up as quickly as they came; now there is little to make a column with. The editor sent a sheet listing names of alumni whose deaths were not reported in the usual manner; our classmate Woodford Bradbury Brown was among them.

The font of most '37 news has advised me that he is now the owner of the well-known portrait, "The Old Salt," and that it will become part of the University's art collection as soon as he is through looking at it. Let me remind you, Emery—we loved you. He also mentioned running into Gardner Grant on the golf course in early August. There was no mention of any injuries.

As I write this you have not read the September column in which I wrote that failure to procure news items would bring a travelogue down upon you. It wouldn't be fair to punish you if you didn't know about it. Besides, Barbara said you certainly wouldn't want to repay us for the help you had probably taken yourselves. So, I won't waste your time with descriptions of the ancient Indian settlement at Cahokia, III, with the huge ceremonial mound, or the vist to the estate where Daniel Boone spent his last years, near St. Louis. Nor will I go into detail about the two-day ride from Macomb, III, through Iowa and Nebraska which, we were told, would be the best ride of our lives. I suppose it was but we didn't notice, being distracted by miles of young corn, and big black storm clouds.

There is little need to describe the deep ruts worn by the wagons of the Oregon Trail pioneers or Hell's Half Acre or the petroglyphs at Castle Gardens in Central Wyoming. Everybody has seen pictures at least of the Grand Tetons, so what can I add—especially when our first view was through clouds. We even had to wait until morning for the clouds to quit horsing around before we got the whole scene. It was pretty rough at Yellowstone Old Faithful popped off the minute we hit the parking area and we had to chance to sit around and wait the way you'd expect. And the weather—cool, almost comfortable, and on July 3, snow. That's not fair when you've driven so far. Several people explained that the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone doesn't amount to much compared to the real one in Arizona, but we made up the difference by stopping there the next day.

Thirty thousand foot mountains look like foothills until you realize that you are almost two miles up yourself. I was impressed by this until a chap from Colorado mentioned that down his way they would be foothills. My self-esteem was somewhat renewed when another gentleman, obviously a tourist, thought he was looking at El Capitan.

Wyoming wild life differs from that in Andover, we had never seen pronghorn antelope grazing with cattle and never, in my experience, an unman- nerly herd of buffalo paraded down our highways piling up traffic in both directions. Well, as Barb said, you want to read news about our classmates—DO! We'll postpone the travelogue for one more issue, but if there is no response by Christmas I will be reduced to recounting our trip to Yellowstone. One bit of trivia to fill out this short column—did you know that the lowest point in Wyoming is 3,125 feet above sea level?

38 Miss Jo Proffita
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Hollywood, Fla. 33021

Inasmuch as I completed my last column by asking God to love all of you who attended our 45th reunion, it follows that this column must be opened with the supplication that God also love those of you who wished to attend but couldn't and to forgive those of you who could have but didn't! The fact that I may have made a similar statement in the past does not wholly discourage me from repeating it. It says it all for me.

If you have an alert eye, you will have noticed that my permanent address has changed. This past summer, we sold our home in Bangor, Maine and hauled bag and baggage (my Gwad, how much baggage!) to the above address where we'll headquarter. We have not forsaken Maine, we simply chose not to have residencies there. "US KIDS" want to be foot loose and fancy free!

Lists of names, as a rule, do not make for interesting reading. However, boredom has a tendency to disappear when that last tells us which classmates attended our 45th. Some came with husbands, some with wives and still others came solo or with friends. All were listed in your post reunion report which was sent to classmates in July. If you did not receive a report and would like one, notify the alumni office.

It was a great disappointment to us that Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Hauck were unable to join us in Orono. We understand, of course, what an effort the entire weekend would have been. It's just that the Hackus are at the top of the 1938 totem pole and they were missed. Believe me, they were missed! By the way, I was able to visit with the Haucks on July 10 when we met in West Rockport to attend funeral services for Mabel Fogler, beloved wife of Raymond Fogler '15, another of UMO's giants, and I do mean GIANTS.

In retrospect, speaking generally, our 45th was memorable. More specifically, if I had had a "drummer," it would be that I had not been GAA president the same year as our 45th. My many duties as president placed me in the position of missing many happy moments with my classmates. Yet, by the same token, it was a real high for me to be surrounded by fellow thirty-eighters as the curtain of the presidency descended on my presidency. It was "famous" sharing a special experience. Now I shall set my sights on our 50th and I hope you will do likewise.

Together, we'll pray to God that we all make it PEACE AND LOVE!

June 7-10
39 Polly Davey Hitchings
3 Half Mile Road
Darren, Conn. 06820

John P. Harriman has joined Century 21, Springer Associates of Easton, Conn. All house-hunters in eastern Maine, let him know.

Spide Leonard called to say that Harry Holliday will be our fund chairman for the 45th reunion in June and Dana Drew will be attendance chairman. Other volunteers will be listed in the spring issue.

Spide and Eleanor enjoyed attending the 40th wedding anniversary of Ewan and Judy Reed in September. The party was given in Cape Elizabeth by their three daughters. Susan M '68, Lisa '79 and Judy Reed O'Brien.

40 Alice Ann Donovan Poeppelmeier
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Marietta, Ga. 30067

First off our sincere sympathy to John Maines and his wife Julia '45 on the loss of their daughter Susan Maines Good '71, who died in July at the age of 33.

Susan was a very active young lady both in college and in her community, where she was instrumental in starting the Re-Evaluation Counseling Program in Maine and was the leader of the Casco Bay Area Co-Counseling Community. She leaves her husband, James G Good, and two children in Yarmouth.

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For this month's column I have only news from my two faithful correspondents, Peggy Ladd and Polly Compney. Peggy sent me the above item and a note telling of a visit she had from Ray Palmer and Norm Faye and Norm's wife Barbara. Ray was visiting from California and he and Norm took out old classmate Sig roommantee, Ted Ladd '39. All three are retired. Polly wrote from Okla- homa where she and Art were visiting (she said the wind really does come sweeping o'er the plain and both are enjoying their return to Florida and then on a golfing tour of Scotland. A card from Scotland later assured us that they made all com- mitments! All the travel meant that they would be late arriving in Maine for their summer in Ken- nebunk. We are lucky they could fit us in for an overnight visit.

I can also report a nice visit with Marion Murphy in Newburgh in July. My daughters Anne and Fran and grandson Tim, who lived in Iowa, visited and told Jake and I how far we live from Armonk, N.Y., to have lunch with Fitzie and her daughter, Pat, who was visiting her from California. Fitzie and Pat had just returned from a trip to England, Scotland. Ireland and Wales and Fitzie was already planning a trip to Greece in October. She has been bitten by the travel bug, too. In the middle of a fierce heat wave in Georgia, I must think Christmas again. I send greetings. My summer visit to New York and New England and the too infrequent appraisals of grandchildren all living so far away is over but we will have another opportunity in October. We have no plans to see everyone before we leave for a tour of Italy. If you are tired of hearing about me and mine, please help out by sending a bit of information about you and yours!

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM HOTLANTA.

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Holiday Greetings and a very happy and healthy new year.

My very sincere thanks goes to all of you who have sent news during the year and I look forward to hearing from more of you in 1984.

42 Marion Libby Broadus
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Westbrook, Maine 04092

We had a wonderful summer in Maine and the fall harvest appears to be plentiful.

Irwin Honey, 113 Clarion Road, Oak Ridge, Tennessee has a fine career as technical director of Chemicals Separations Corp. He writes that he finds time to raise trees on 350 acres at Mapleton, Maine. It is hard to take Maine out of any Mainer, isn't it, Irwin? Helen MeHann Miller works for New Hampshire Division of Welfare as a senior and her address is P.O. Box 139 West Campmont, N.H. 03228. Robertine (Bobby) Theriault Gray and Al '48 spent most of last winter in Woodstock, Vt. with daughter Mary who is recovering from surgery. They make their home on Cranberry Island, Maine 04625 after many years in Massachusetts and Connecticut. All you classmates who have also moved to an island should be as lucky as Bobby and Al.

Many past memories are lost when members of our class have died. Edward Robertson died March 1, 1978 in Kingfield, Maine. Ed was president of Kingfield Wood Products. A letter from Ruth Her- rick told of the death of her husband, Dr. Carleton Herrick on June 29, 1983. She mentioned how much he had enjoyed his 40th reunion. Carleton was medical director at Cedarbrook, Allentown, Penn. Our class extends sympathy to Barbara Thompson Willets upon the death of her husband Robert (Bob) Willets. In Aug., 1951, Barbara's address is R.R. 1, Box 472, Brownfield, Maine.

Floyd Bull, Princeton Arms N., Apt. 150, Cran- bury, N.J. 08512, is account manager for American Cyanamid. Floyd's three children are scat- tered from Maine to California. Floyd has entered the great era of retirement and hopes to find a house in or near Brunswick, Maine by the fall. Bette is on road to recovery after serious surgery. Daughter Ellen works in Portland. It will be great to

43 Betty Beece Harrison
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Margaret June Williams Wells lives in Snug Harbor, R.I. She has worked in the extension service in Maine and Massachusetts. A former teacher in Maine, New Jersey and Rhode Island. She enjoys sewing for her family as well as for church fairs. Oh, for a 36-hour day says Betty Knight Webber. She still enjoys her teaching as she keeps busy raising a garden, taking care of a 92-year-old mother, and working on mords of wood to heat her home. Betty has two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren. Ruth Bain tells us that her heart is still in Maine. She likes to get back from San Ber- nardino, Calif. for fishing and hunting. She teaches in the school system out there and keeps in touch with Maine through Velma Oliver '25 and her niece, Catherine Palmany of the Maine Alum- nus. When she gets to Maine she visits her brother Gerald '61 in Bangor.

Ed Duckworth is an attorney admitted to the bar in Colorado and Wyoming. For several years he has been working on a computerized legal information system called FLITE for the Department of Defense. Ed and his family live in Denver. Helena Jensen lives in Scarborough and has been nutrition instruc- tor in the nursing program at USM for a number of years. She is active in the Altrusa Club of Portland. In the spring some of her Danish cousins spent a weekend with her. A great time was had by all.

From Exeter, N.H. we learn of the retirement of Roy A. Ladder as an active officer and chairman of the board of the Exeter Banking Company. He will continue his presidency of the Mer- rill Trust in Bangor after being discharged from the army in 1946. From there he went to Exeter. He is a corporator of Exeter hospital and a director of the Exeter Development Corp. He and his wife, Elizabeth reside in the north where he has become a computer communications security consultant since his retirement. He also has taken up photography and took many pictures at our reunion in June. He and his wife Patsy live in Dayton, Md.

Preston Rand retired as official court reporter for the State of Maine in 1947, but is busy with an active free-lance reporting business. He is scribe for the Penobscot-Piscataquis Association of Congrega- tional churches state convention and has been the host of public radio shows. Preston and Debbie '44 live in Brewer. Their children are all UMO graduates—Lindsay '77, Linda '69 married to Roger Clark '68, and Tommany '71 married to Larry Wilk '67. Preston has been active in the church, having held the offices of president, vice president and secretary-treasurer.

Ohio is the home state of many classmates. Don Innes is one of them. He resides in Delaware.

Though retired, he is still working as a consultant on a limited basis. "I've had 10 bridges to design and am doing a few tripping fabrication shops and one contractor. This retirement?" Bob Jenkins is another Ohio resident, but plans to return to Maine soon. He retired after 33 years as manager for Proctor-Vance as this company is building a home in St. George and plans to move there when it is fin- ished. Welcome back to Maine, Bob! He has two daughters, a son and two grandchildren. Winston Ireland is retired after 36 years with the Farm Credit

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A personal note before I concentrate on the big item for this issue—our Fortieth Reunion. If you noticed the change of address it's the result of phase two of our move back to Maine; we bought a home in Yarmouth and are happy and grateful to own a small bit of our favorite state. We also have new jobs, so it has been a busy time since last column.

Now to the important news. By now you will have had a letter outlining the plans by the reunion committee at a get-together in August. Attending were chairman Charlie Stickney and wife Anita, Russ Bodwell and wife Barbara Higgins '45, Al McNeilly, Dinny Pressnell and my husband, Bill, and me. Ruth and Bruce were driving back that night to their home in New York after spending August at Highland Lake in Falmouth. We are lucky to have such active and loyal alumni helping to spearhead plans for the reunion and class gift. Other class- mates actively participating in plans for the June 8, 9, 10 '84 weekend include Les Brewer, financial chairman, and 'Toggi' Alerita Thorpe Rice who is class recording secretary. If you read this we hope to have many more recruits from all sec- tions of the country. We have scheduled a meeting during Homecoming Weekend and I'll report on that in March, by which time plans will be pretty well finalized.

I don't have a great deal of news: Dinny Pressnell has retired from Equitable Life Insurance Company and is living in South Portland. He has seen AI and Ed Schroeder and '44 Hutchinson and they were vacationing in Maine and reports that AI is retiring. The Hutchinsons live in Danvers, Mass. where they were both in education. I had a note from Ruth Bunker Ellis, widow of Ed Ellis who died suddenly while cruising during the summer of 1982. Ruth enclosed a notice pertaining to a Town of York (Maine) Memorial Concert for Ed; she also said they are complicating the Shawnee area, of which he was a trustee, to Ellis Park. While working at the library in Poland I talked to Oscar Hahnle, Jr., president of Hahnle Brothers in Lewiston and lives in that area.

22 MAINE ALUMNUS
Cecily Johnson Griffin, one of the Colvin Hall Girls back in the days when Colvin was a dorm for freshmen girls, lives on the Pond Road, Box 670, Manchester, Maine 04351 where she is chairman of Literacy Volunteers of the Augusta Area. She has three children and now teaches at the University of New England—and two grandchildren, 11 months and 20 months. Johnny says she is a golfer, a gardener and a birdwatcher.

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47 Barbara Mills Browne
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We didn’t bump into a single ‘47er on land or on sea this summer. Fortunately, however, there is some evidence that we’re on the map.

The University and the Class of ’47 is pleased to learn that Curt E. Beal of Hallowell has been elected president of the Class of ’47 Engineers. Curt, who holds degrees in engineering and geology from UMO, is the founder and president of C.E. Beal Associates, an Augusta-based firm with 14 years of environmental engineering experience. Its record in structural engineering includes the Augusta Civic Center. Curt’s professional affiliations include a seat on the board of directors of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He is also chairman of the Architects/Engineers Task Force.

For his service, he has been a member of the American Concrete Institute, the N.E. Water Pollution Control Assoc., and the Maine Society of Land Surveyors. We raise the steins to you, Curt!

It was pleasant hearing from Muriel Polley Kegun who has been living in Florida for 10 years. She would appreciate hearing from Florida alumni. Can they contact her at 33, 5th Ave., New Smyrna Beach, Fla. 32069. Muriel is charge nurse at the Oceanview Nursing Home and has three children, all residing in Florida. David is a soil conservationist for the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Sandra is an intensive care nurse at Halifax Medical Center; and Nancy is a junior at the University of Florida. You will recall Muriel as a petite brunette who majored in German and was a "senior resident" at the Elms. The senior residents are now called ‘resident advisors.’

It is with sadness that we learn of the passing of Marian Price Bess on March 1, 1983. Marian lived in Sunnyvale, Calif. Our sympathies to her family and friends.

48 Mrs. Gloria MacKenzie Ferland
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Millinocket, Maine 04462

Many thanks to those who have responded to my plea for news. It might be fitting to give an update on our class president, Frank Haines, 16 Kenney Drive, Trenton, N.J. Frank is executive director of the New Jersey Taxpayers’ Association, and wife, Alice Fonseca, is an education research specialist for the New Jersey Department of Education. Daughter Nancy works as a credit manager for Houghton-Mifflin Co. and lives in Newton, Bucks County, Penn. Frank III is with the department of community affairs in Trenton, N.J., married and the father of their granddaughter, Amanda Jean Bill ’80, a civil engineer with AECOM, lives in Monterey Park, Calif. A trip to California and Hawaii in August combined both business and pleasure—professional conferences and a 35th wedding anniversary celebration. Another 35th wedding anniversary was celebrated by Ruth Preble Finney and husband Bob ’50, 70 Broadway, Westfield, Mass. 01085—a future trip of their choice, probably to England and Scotland. Another trip was given by their daughters, Patricia, Carole, Debra and Paul. Ruth is a part-time salesperson at Stieger’s Department Store. Both are active in church related activities, having received the distinction of "church family of the year" from the First Congregational Church in Westfield.

Family news from some of our classmates Betty Pelletier Albaire, 335 Main St., Canobou 04736 writes that she is "pretty active in community affairs of living." Having raised three and five daughters and now enjoying her eleven grandchildren, Marie Cranwell Harrington, Outer Elm Street, Machias 04654 reports on her three sons’ Tom, a physician in Virginia; Allan, in his second year at Dartmouth; and Stephen in his last year at UMO Margaret Sebastins Bordinone, 99 Liam Lane, Centerville, Mass. 02632, whose six children are scattered from Montana, Tennessee, New Hampshire, and New Hampshire, writes that one daughter, Suzanne ’76, graduated from UMO. Husband Pierre is a consultant in international marketing. Although she finds Cape Cod three times a year, she has traveled at home and abroad extensively, she declares she will “always and forever be a Mamac.” Ada Marsh Henderson and husband Bob, 6388 Pilmore Drive, Rome, N.Y. 13440, spent several days with us in August. Ada and I started our first teaching assignment together here in Millinocket 35 years ago, so we had many wondrous memories to recall. Ada is a teacher of the speech, language and hearing handicapped in the Rome City Schools. Both daughters are in Baltimore, Md.—Robin, a psychologist and Ruthie, a cost accountant for Martin-Marietta. One son, Hugh, manages a Nichols Dusscott City in Annville, Penn. and the other, David, manages a Kay Bee Toy & Hobby Shop in New Hartford, N.Y.

We have other classmates in education Joan Frye Rese, Frye Street Box 78, Harrington 04637, a librarian at Narraguagus High School in Harrington, Jan Scales Cates, 1442 West Laurel, Visalia, Calif. 93277, also a school librarian; Polly Marcus Kelley, 31 Kentworth Rd., Shrewsbury, Mass. 01545, a home economics teacher in Southborough, Mary Hollingdale Proulx, 8 Grove St., Belfast 04915, an English teacher and coordinator/instructor for the gifted and talented at Crosby Jr High in Belfast. Jean Look Remig, 11809 Canfield Court, Cincinnat i, Ohio 43240, an elementary teacher in the same school for 19 years, Pauline Parent Jeness, 908 Golview Place, Mt. Prospect, Ill. 60056, formerly teacher at elementary and secondary levels, now teaching the entry math program at Harper College, Palatine, Ill., and I’m director of reading for the Millinocket schools after teaching twelve years at UMO.

More news next time. Until then, may the spirit of Christmas be with you throughout the new year!

50 Ruth Holland Walsh
4 Sloop Lane
Mystic, Conn. 06355

Ruth Holland Walsh ’50

Colby Chandler, President of Eastman Kodak Company, has been elected to the board of trustees of the National 4-H Council. He is reported to have been a "super-terrific" 4-H member in Franklin County when he was a kid. Kenneth Y. Hodson has been promoted to the position of general manager of Pinkham Lumber Company in Nashville Plantation, Maine. Richard G. Bachelder (11 Mayflower Road, Hallowell, Maine 04347) has won the 1983 Major Achievements in Construction award from the Associated General Contractors of Maine. He retired in 1980 as director of the State Bureau of Public Improvements and is now an independent consultant in the area of construction contracts.

Pauline Davis Lofrano (402 Old Courthouse Road, Vinna, Va. 21180) was appointed National Art Chairperson of the National League of American Pen Women. She teaches in Great Falls and Arlington, exhibits her work in local and national juried shows, and has won many awards. Maine National Bank announced the promotion of Muriel Kenderine Krupa to assistant vice president of its Money Desk Department. Muriel is a member of the American Guild of Organists and is active in local theater groups both as a performer and as music director.

Dennis Alinau has been promoted to manager of the Bangor Mail office of the Merrill Trust Company.

J. Palmer Libby had a very successful exhibit at the Bangor Historical Museum last spring. The exhibit, entitled "Bangor Remembered—People and
Places, `two featured paintings of old Bangor, as well as portraits of notable residents. He has been retired since 1976, and is a full-time artist, Harold Willey, retired as a clinical psychologist in the Brockton, Mass. area, has a new career as a weight lifting instructor at the Camden YMCA. He has an outstanding free weight program, which designs programs to meet individual needs. Anyone for firming up some of our shifting and/or retired muscles? Barbara Burrows and John Hill (45 Dean Street, Beloit, Mass. 02178), with their three sons aged 12, 14, and 16, were on hand last summer for the induction ceremony for the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., and then drove on to Mexico for an extended vacation. She mentioned that she was looking forward to attending our reunion in ’85. We hope that YOU are making plans to attend our 35th also! PLEASE write! Ruth Walsh ’50 has been elected Northeast Regional grand vice-president of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary sorority for outstanding women educators. Ruth will coordinate all activities of the 196 chapters.

Ruth received her M.A. degree from the University of Connecticut and is currently teaching in the Stonington, Conn. public schools. She helped facilitate an alcohol and drug education curriculum for the Stonington schools and implemented the town’s Head Start, Day Care and Neighborhood programming.

52 Harriet Johnson Currie Somewhere in Delaware To be announced Spring issue

An article from the St. John Valley Times, Madawaska, Maine reports that in March Joan Blanchette Sylvain was elected along with seven others to the Northern Maine Medical Center Board of Trustees. She taught fifth, sixth and eighth grade English at Madawaska. She also has held the position of curriculum coordinator in that district. Joan is a lecturer at University of Maine Fort Kent. Also in a March issue of the Kennebec Happenings was a picture of Richard Ayotte. In the picture Dick is directing part of an annual show put on by Cony High School in Augusta. He is the assistant academic principal of that school. Since gradutation has come through following the ‘83 reunion, we refer back to the forms of ‘82. Bruce W. McEwen, from Lisbon Falls, is a soil conservationist for U.S.D.A. He is a scoutmaster of the local troop, a member of Lisbon Rotary Club, and financial secretary of the Court Street Baptist Church. He has one son at University of Maine and two daughters; hair stylist Susan is married and lives in Lisbon, and who works as a physical therapist, lives in Wisconsin. Harrison “Lefty” Homans, a salesmen for Brockway Smith Co., has lived in Bath since October ’81. He and wife Peg ’54 have two children. Son Mark is a salesmen in North Carolina. Daughter Amy, working for the D.A. in Portland, planned on entering law school in ’82. From the State of Maryland we heard that Roy Schutt from Chelmsford was attending his oldest son’s high school graduation in June of ’82 so was unable to return to the reunion. Preston F. Webb, Jr., from New Carrollton is an analyst for the Department of Defense. His son is a high school student. In 1971-75 the family lived in Stuttgart, Germany, and during that time they managed to visit almost every country in Western Europe. Medway claims Reno ’57 and Patricia Coyne Roy for the past 16 years. Reno is guidance counselor at Maine High School. They have three children, Harry Henderson and wife Faye Irish ’54 have had a busy life in Glenwood with their three sons. Harry has been claims examiner and manager for the Social Security Administration. He also has been an assistant scoutmaster and active in the Episcopal church. Faye received her M.A. at Johns Hopkins. They have taken trips to the Smokies, Niagara Falls, Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota. The boys ages 22, 22, and 17 have been in college—special studies in English, graduate work in International Studies and College Art in Md. Institute. Graduations may have kept Harry away from the ’82 reunion. Victor Christensen, living in Frederick, has worked many years as an engineer for several companies. He enjoys chess and rebuilding houses. He has six children—data processor, lab assistant, computer operator, cook, forester, and high school student. After all this he says his wife has aged and not him! Willis Johnson and wife Marion from Aberdeen will have a son, Donald, graduate from UMO in ’85. Will is an Engineer Physicist with the U.S. Government at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Marion is a registered nurse clinical instructor.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

55 Hilda Sterling 472 Apple Valley Drive Belford, NJ 07718

The Construction Specifications Institute, a national technical society, headquartered in Alexandria, Va. has named Dick Eustis Director, Northeast Region. He assumed office July 1. A member of CSI for 13 years, he has served the Maine chapter as board member, vice president, advisor to the board, presid­ent and chairman of several committees. On the regional level, Dick has been active as a member and chairman of several committees and treasurer as well as a member at workshops and conferences. Numerous CSI awards and certificates of appreciation decorate the walls of his office in the Depart­ment of Physical Facilities, UMO, Bangor, where he is staff engineer. Dick is also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, National Socie­ty of Professional Engineers and the Association of Physical Plant Administrators. He is a registered professional engineer in Maine.

End the year in the spirit of the holiday season—remember your class secretary with a cheery note!

56 Ann Lounsbury 128 Bennoch Road Orono, Maine 04473

Start saving your pennies now for our 30th picnic at Islesboro because the 27th was the best yet and imagine what future events will be like. We hope Nancy and Don Pendleton will have recovered by ’86. What fun—the darn “barn party”! I’ve ever been too: adjustment drinks served by Ken Kirkland, lobster picnic right on the Maine coast, Nancy’s gracious hospitality, Don P. and Jack Coffins’s super band, tent camping on the rock Maine soil, blasted out of bed by an ancient shot gun for one famous breakfasts. A special thanks go to the Vaughn Volokove family for setup and cleanup duties. But best of all, friendships renewed: The Paul Cyrs, Foster Shibles, the Fred Ottos, Donak Clark, Anil Ramsdell, the Sumner Richar­dsones, the Paul Hansons, Art and Fritzie Thompson family and guests from California, the Richard Bjorns from Farmington, the George Joneses, Dick Andrews of Fryeburgh, the “Barney” Oldfield clan and the above mentioned.

Let’s all give some financial support to the Alum­ni Association, especially since one of our own ’54ers, Bill, is a seriously eligible patient. Let’s show Bill we’re behind his “Million for Maine” campaign.

57 R. "Jiggs" Cecchini 4 Heath Lane East Granby, Conn. 06026

David Ward is an electronics engineer in the Advanced Progressive Office in Rockville, Md. where he has worked for about a year. Previously he was self-employed. Dave has been on successful expeditions to the North Pole and South Pole. Because he was the first person to reach both poles, and survive, he was awarded the title and membership grade of Fellow by the Explorer’s Club. He was Captain of the China Lake Mountain Rescue team (near Mountain Lake in the U.S. except for Mount McKinley) during 26 rescues, and leader on their assault on Mount McKinley in Alaska in 1967. Because he held the team for nine days at 14,000 feet and then ordered a retreat from the mountain, he was proclaimed a coward. In leaving the mountain, he cleared the way for the Wilcox party and they lost 11 men in a storm. He then led the same 1967 team to the summit of McKinley in August of 1975. He was also Captain during their assault on Mexico’s Big Three Mountains (Popo­catépetl, Iztaccíhuatl, and Citlaltépetl) when they were first ascended in the winter in a total time of 16 days. His six Himalayan expeditions have included three first ascents. He has climbed in the U.S., Mexico, Canada, Nepal, Tibet, Iran, Turkey, England and New Zealand. In 32 rescues and all the expeditions he has led, his record is unique. No loss of life or serious injury has occurred to any expedition member. Dave was awarded membership in the Royal Geographical Society and titled a Fellow in 1979. He has also received the Order of the British Empire in 1979 for his role as Captain of the legendary Kamet Expedition in 1978. He is Captain of the 1983 Everest Expedition and was the Captain of the 1980 Ararat Expedition.

Orrville A. Yoder is a senior extension agent with Penn State University and lives at RD #5, Box 251 in Towanda, Pa. 18848. Since his wife is a native of Maine and they own a house on Kezar Lake, they keep in close touch. They get back to UMO for reunions and some homecomings. Their three children are all married and they have three grandchildren. The last issue of “Maine Progress,” which featured the department’s new sheep, reminded Orrville of the lab in a livestock course where he learned shearing techniques on the old Oxford sheep flock.

Mike “Bullet” Pelletier was selected as the new athletic director for Madawaska H.S. Pelletier, physical education instructor and a member of Madawaska’s faculty for twenty-six years, succeeds Don Arnold, Sr. He has had much success as a coach and has coached the baseball, cross-country, basketball and track teams and is currently coaching the boys’ ski team. Mike is past president of the Jaycees (1969), was grand knight of the Madawaska K of C Council in 1971 and served on the state level as membership and youth chairman. He is married to the former Rinet Levesque of Frenchville and they have three daughters and one son. Ed Damon, Jr. was reelected to his fourth term on Ipswich, Mass. board of selectmen by nearly a four to one margin. He was first elected to the school board in 1964 and served three three-year terms. Ed has been in office for nineteen years with three left in his board of selectmen position.

Bev and Jiggs Cecchini traveled to Las Vegas and Albuquerque this past summer. Don’t worry—I wasn’t that lucky and left a little money for you if you gamble. Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Make a New Year’s resolution to drop me a line.
58 Mrs. Leo M. Lazo (Jane Ledyard) 48 Martin Street West Roxbury, Mass. 02132

Bobbi Berglund Bosse and her husband, John, are now living at 1 Main St., Monroe Bridge, Mass. 01350. John has a new position traveling to the mills in Quebec, Georgia, and Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. L. Herbert York of Farmington were honored by their family and friends at an open house in recognition of their 25th anniversary. Owners of Sandy River Farm, breeders and raisers of registered milking Shorthorn and Holstein cattle, the Yorks are also producers of a large crop and operate a lumbering business. Active in many organizations, he is currently president of the Maine Association of Conservation Districts and a member of the Farmington budget committee.

Connie Eno Tryon writes that she is a grandmother three times over courtesy of her oldest daughter, Jeanne. Diane is a student at Hyles-Anderson College in Indiana. Philipp is a graduate of Central Maine Vocational Institute and Andrew is a sophomore at Jay H.S. Connie is now establishing her own bookkeeping business, her husband, Ken, is a senior area engineer at International Paper's Androscoggin mill. L. Daniel Dearth lives at 79 Ferry Rd., Saco, and as vice president of Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Dan's daughter, Lyn, is a member of the Class of '84 while Steve and Jenni are students at Thornton Academy. Arriving just in time for our class photos were John and Charlotte Riedell Shaver. Residing at 69 Rice Rd., Wayland, Mass., John is with the physics department at UMass/Boston while Charlotte is a day care provider. Mountain climbing, running, and caring for two sons round out the Shaves' days. Still keeping us laughing was Cathy Mellen Culymore. Cathy and youngest son, Mark, took a scenic tour from 3972 Delva Ct., Panama City, Fla to UMO arriving in time for reunion. The Culymores are back in the states after five years in the Midlands of England with the Air Force. Cathy says husband, Chuck, retired from the service just in time for son, Jerry, to join.

More to come next time. HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

59 Nancy Roberts Munson 30 Tanglewood Drive Glastonbury, Conn. 06033

John R. Benoit, UMO's director of Conferences and Institutes Division, is serving a two-year stint in Senegal as an education adviser at the USAID Mission. John is an alumnus from UMO and an expert from UMO to participate in a new arrangement between UMO and the Joint Career Corps program of AID.

William Bridges, of Yarmouth, was a candidate for the town school committee. He is a teacher and coach in South Portland. Al Packard, of South Harpswell, appeared in the lead role in the Waterville's Summer Music Theatre's production of the Pirates of Penzance. A more than 60 character roles in his 18-year career in professional summer stock and is well-known throughout the area for his theatrical and choral appearances. Dr. Beatrice C. Kickham has been president of the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on "The Teaching of Medieval Civilization" held at Mount Holyoke College.

That's all the news I have for this issue. It's almost reunion time! June '84 is almost here—can you believe it! Plan to be there—and don't forget that class gift contribution.

60 Judy Ward Lessard 542 Mitchell Road Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107

Education: Paul Jackson begins his 22nd year at Cape Elizabeth H.S. teaching physics and chemistry and coaching cross-country, basketball and track. His son, Jeff, is a freshman at UMO, majoring in survey engineering. Wiscasset H.S. principal for 13 years, William Cumming was elected second vice president of the Maine Secondary Principals' Assoc. Cumming and his wife, Joan, have four children and reside in Wiscasset. Gary Kent was named assistant director of adult education at Presque Isle. Gary is currently working towards a master's degree in business administration at UM in Presque Isle.

Promotions: Angela Kickham, president of InDesign, Inc., a company specializing in residential and commercial design and of the Manchester, N.H. Institute of Arts and Sciences. Walter R. Heald was named manager of the Millinocket pulp and paper mill. Walter has been with Great Northern since 1961.


As the column depends pretty much on your input, grab a pen and drop a line to insure a newsy column.

61 Judy Ohr Guillemart 15430 Baybrook Drive Houston, Texas 77062

As I sat staring bewilderingly at the mounds of debris left from Hurricane Alicia the mailman cheered me up with a letter from Kay Allen. Kay has been in Texas for 14 years but recently moved from Austin to ten acres north of Dripping Springs. Can you believe that name? Kay wrote that she "always wanted plenty of elbow and breathing room and it's peaceful and picturesque in Dripping Springs." Kay is with the division of continuing education at the University of Texas at Mexico. She mentioned that she visited with Meg Thompson Villareal this summer and that Meg is interested in drumming up support for the 25th reunion. Inverchapel Rd., Springfield, Va 22151. Kay's address is P.O. Box 251, Dripping Springs, Texas 78621.

Terry Horn, president of the Pfister and Vogel Tanning Co. of Milwaukee, has been appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to the industry policy advisory committee for trade policy matters. Hal Laskey has purchased the 75-year-old Atlantic Insurance Co. of Old Town. The company was opened in 1908 by Judge Albert Averill as an independent insurance agency. Hal previously worked in Massachusetts and Connecticut with the General Adjustment Bureau. Pat Ames (M.A., '61), a history teacher at Morse H.S., Bath, utilizes her experiences from foreign travel to enlighten her students to the "sociological and humanitarian side of other countries." Pat taught in England and toured North Africa, the Middle East, and Russia.

Our sympathy to the family of David Jackson who passed away in July.

62 Diane Ingalls Zito 24 South Hill Drive Bedford, N.H. 03102

A Distinguished Service Award was presented to John E. Collins by the American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers. John, who is vice president of the association, was one of only two people to receive the award at the annual meeting in Boston. Registration at UMO since 1974 David Lyons has taken over as superintendent of schools in Patten, Mt. Chase, Sherman and Hershey, Maine. David served as principal in the Glenburn and Carmel schools and assistant principal in Dover-Foxcroft. Before becoming an administrator he taught English and social studies for several years. George Brooks has been named senior marketing consultant of the Hartford Specialty Co. George joined the Hartford in 1963 and played a major role in the development of casualty pricing programs and policies.

David Miles writes he is on sabatical from his teaching duties at the University of Virginia. He will be spending this year in New York City and is anxious to get together with classmates living in the "Big Apple." Raymond C. Scheppebach had a very busy summer. As the new executive director of the National Governor's Association, he originated the NGA's annual meeting which was held in Portland at the end of July. The chief executives of 47 states and several U.S. territories attended the event.

Romeo Marquis has a consulting firm that deals with school districts and human service agencies. This year he will be tackling the problems of the Augusta schools. He will be in charge of budget preparation, teacher-in-service training, hiring and personnel grievances. Romeo lives in Cape Elizabeth with his wife and two daughters.

Pictured below are many of the '62ers who attended a Bar Harbor H.S. reunion this July. Bud Wagsgatt came from Ventura, Calif. He is the head of the command and control branch of the systems test and analysis dept. of the Naval Engineering Station at Port Hueneme. Bud was this year's recipient of the Navy's prestigious Eli T. Rech Award. He was recognized for his engineering ability and technical leadership in directing the station's land-based combat systems software integration test and evaluation.

Ruth McAllian McKay lives in Hollis, Maine with husband, Jim and three sons, Chip, 20, is a senior at Kings College. Branch Manor, N.Y. Brendan is a senior in high school and loves basketball and music. Chris, a second grader, enjoys biking and helps with the McKay's animals—dogs, cats and a horse James Steenstra is headmaster of the Gilbert School in Winstead, Conn. Before coming to Gilbert in 1981, Jim was headmaster at the Foxcroft Academy in Dover-Foxcroft. He and wife, Ginny, have two daughters, Lisa, 18, a freshman at Central Conn. State, and Lori, 17, a high school senior. Joyce Higgins is teaching at Mt. Desert H.S. and is in charge of the drama dept. Under her leadership the school has won many theater awards. Joyce lives in Bar Harbor.

Have a wonderful holiday season.
to do volunteer work and play violin in a local amateur symphony orchestra. She mentions that Debbie Chapman Sprague is living in Ticonderoga, N.Y. Allyn C. Taylor and family are living in Shrewsbury, Mass. where his daughter is active in track competition at the state level.

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Reunion

64 Elsa Anderson Sanborn
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Reporting events of summer in the warmth of a glorious September day, it is a bit difficult to think that winter will be setting in here in the North Country by the time you read this. Holiday preparations (the party season must be in full swing) and waxing skis (do we have snow yet?) seem so far away. We went sailing yesterday.

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Thomas R.W. Longstaff, an Episcopal priest in Waterville, is also associate director of the evacuation of Cape Dorset, Israel, a city believed to have been the capital of Galilee during the first century A.D. Dorothy Lee Thompson Irving received a M.Ed. from the University of Delaware in June. John McGonagle took a different sort of honor in July, top prize in the North Conway, N.H. Memorial Hospital golf tournament. Whether or not to change careers, a question others of us have considered, has been prominent in Earl Pride’s thoughts of late. He has taught science at Deering H.S. for 14 years, but after a year of selling insurance part time, he has been contemplating a move to full time sales. Another educator in the near future, W.J. Webber, Jr. of Statham who has retired after 25 years as a principal in Maine’s SAD 6.

Remember, if you are sending cards this holiday season, add one to your list so I can spread your good news to others in our class. Who knows? A long lost friend may find you! Have a wonderful winter, and start thinking about reunion in June. It will be our twentieth, remember?

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News is sketchy for this issue. How about more notes and less clippings for the next one? Grab that pen and paper right now and drop me a card. Your classmates will be interested in what you did.

In the sports news John Hunter is working on a book he calls Football Aphorisms. It covers every aspect of the game from academics to conditioning, ethics to pointing. John is currently head coach at Acadia University and his coaching has won two national titles in the last four seasons. Teammate Ron Rogerson, is coach of the UMO Black Bears. Ron has had many speaking engagements with local alumni associations promoting UMO and football.

As I write this the 1983 season is about to begin. Good luck to Ron and the Bears for a successful season. An article on whitewater rafting brings news of Chuck Peerbey, my former physics teacher at Jackman, Maine and proprietor of the Crabbapple Inn at The Forks. Chuck hopes to run a small rafting business in conjunction with the Inn. Prior to returning to the Inn he was served in Vietnam and spent 10 years in Massachusetts.

Ed Tansey writes that he is athletic director at Fairfield, Maine Junior High. He also teaches social studies and a career program. Last summer he received a M.Ed. in secondary guidance from UMO after six summer sessions. He has been in Fairfield for fourteen years.

John Chandler and wife Barbara live in Newark, Maine. They have two children—Matthew, 9, and Jay, 5. John is sales manager of W.J. Wheeler and Co., Inc. in South Paris. He is the immediate past president of the Maine chapter of the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters. Barbara is an assistant supervisor and distributor for Shaklee Corp. Sidney Gates Varian and husband Ken have bought a farm in Marion, Maine. They are closing the Music Center in Machias which they have operated for the last eight years to devote full-time to the farm. Leona Scott Ulbing and her husband recently completed a three year assignment in Melbourne University for the Eastman Kodak. They are now back in Rochester, N.Y. Paul Schaefer spent the summer of 1982 in the People’s Republic of China studying enemies of the gypsy moth. As a team leader of three scientists, he visited remote areas of Jiin and Heilongjiang provinces. He is employed as a research entomologist at the USDA Beneficial Insects Research Lab in Newark, Del. where he works on the production of beneficial insects for pest control. He and his wife Jane have three children—Barbara, William, and Heidi. Nancy Erickson Ladd has been elected first vice president of the Junior League of Portland. She and husband Don live in Cumberland Foreside, Maine. How about those cards and letters?

67 Carol Heber Laughlin
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Brewer, Maine 04412

Thanks to each of you who contributed to the various anniversary causes during the ’82-’83 UMO Annual Fund. This is a reminder that each contributor automatically receives the Maine Alumnus to keep in touch and up to date on university happenings. In any correspondence with the General Alumni Association even a brief note about yourself, your situation or activities will be passed on to me to share with the class through the column. The news really depends on you.

After receiving her M.A. in criminal justice at State University of New York at Albany, Charlene Wilson has joined the juvenile and adult offenders at various correctional institutions. In 1977 she became deputy superintendent at the Connecticut Correctional Institute in Niantic, a facility housing 250 pre-trial and sentenced female offenders. Charlene lives in Old Lyme, Conn. She is a member of professional organizations and takes an active interest in animal welfare and wildlife organizations. This year, Charlene was among those chosen by Lawrence H.S. alumni assoc., Fairfield, Maine to receive their Bulldog Award. Frances Hatt (Grad) of Machias will be retiring after 38 years of teaching elementary school. She looks forward to traveling and catching up on those things she hadn’t had time for.

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68 Joyce McPherson
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New Sharon, Maine 04955

Andrew R. Buck and Elaine S. Douglas were married May 5 in a double ring ceremony at his home in New Hampshire; he is still employed. Stephen F. Putnam of Rumford and Christine Anne Raux of North Quincy, Mass. were recently married in Sacred Heart Church, North Quincy. The bride’s brother performed the Nuptial Mass. The couple is residing in Pasadena, Md. He is an electrical engineer with the Defense Department in Maryland. She is attending the School of Engineering at Johns Hopkins University. She is a computer programmer with the U.S. Department of Defense. Thomas Farrell, former principal of Dirigo H.S. in Dixfield, has been selected to serve as principal of Skowhegan Area H.S. Farrell has been in education for 15 years as teacher, coach, and administrator. Prior to serving as principal of Dirigo High, he was assistant principal at Mt. Blue Area H.S. in Farmington. William “Wild Bill” Calderwood of Warren has been elected chairman of the Time and Tide Forest Resource Committee. Calderwood is a native of Waldoboro and a graduate forestry. Joyce L. Wright writes that she graduated from the University of Maryland law School, Baltimore, in May 1982. She was admitted to the Maryland Bar in December of that year, and currently is an Assistant State’s Attorney in the Office of the State’s Attorney, Baltimore. She lives in Cumberland, Md., with her two daughters, Kristen Wright Tolffin, 11, and Jaime Bath Tolffin, 7.

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69 Bill and Andrea Hayes Lott
South West Rd., Rt. 1
Canterbury, N.H. 03224

of the League of Portland. She and husband Don live in Cumberland Foreside, Maine. How about those cards and letters?
Carolyn Johnstone Pasquilli called with a reminder that our fiftieth reunion would be held in June. Those of us who attended the tenth reunion had an enjoyable time renewing old friendships and making new acquaintances. Remember that the success of our reunion depends on us, so call or write to classmates and plan to meet at UMO in June. If you need addresses of classmates, contact Carolyn or us.

As class president, Carolyn would appreciate hearing from anyone who has ideas about ways to enhance our reunion. Write Carolyn immediately at 29 Woodhaven Dr., Kennebunk, Maine 04043.

Carolyn saw Sandy Murphy Nadeau at Kennebunk High last summer. Sandy, who lives in Grahamville, N. Y. with her husband and two children, is a nursery school teacher. Larry Littlefield is the principal of Saco Middle School. Former principal of Richmond Junior and Senior H.s., Larry completed his master's degree at USM, Gorham, and is currently working on his C.A.S.

In June 1983, William Bennett (G) resigned as principal of the University of Maine in Ogunquit. William lives in West End, New York City, and enjoys the new environment there. William has been principal of the University of Maine in Ogunquit.

John Flaherty, Portland Post-Gazette

Martha and Lance Weddell of Frankfort and their solo survival kit, packed in a sardine can

manager of Aroostook Communication, Inc. in Presque Isle. Major Charles Palian, assigned to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, earned an Expert Field Medical Badge. Robin Spiers, Jr., was honored for sales achievement by New England Telephone. Karen Haskell won the Connell Award for significant contributions to the advertising field. She is ad director for Cole-Haan Footwear of Yarmouth. President Roye of Pineland Film Company is honored with the Pineland Award.

Elaine Webster and Eric Hendrickson write from the banks of the Aroostook River in Washburn where, among other things, they are "gradually repairing" an old farm. "All of us with older homes can certainly appreciate the "gradually" part." Elaine is back teaching sixth grade in Washburn after a year's leave when Melissa was born. Eric teaches chemistry at Presque Isle H.S., guides rafting on the West Branch of the Penobscot for Unicorn Rafting Expeditions, and run a canoe/kayak business called Northern River Runners. Elaine is also active in the Aroostook Right to Read organization. In their spare time they do a lot of canoeing, kayaking, and cross-country skiing. I'm still wondering how she found time to write.

Linda Murry Murphy, another busy woman, sends word from Blue Hill. Jim is still teaching at Blue Hill and Linda is the social services director for a nursing home. Their children are Sharon, 9, Scott, 6, and Jamelyn, 3. Barbara Sirois Babkirk is the new career counselor at Bowdon College. She joins us in the College faculty-staff directory, coming from Nason College. She and Doug are also part of Babkirk-Pernia Associates, which provides career-planning workshops for business and industry. Doug is an extension agent in York County, and they have a three-year-old, Kate. Gary Schneider has joined the general dental practice of Kevorkian, Marcus in Auburn. She has been with Parke, Davis, and Co., and received her degree from Tufts in 1981. The same year she married Eric Anderson of Greene. They live in Poland Spring.

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70 Judy Taylor Williams
55 Hill Circle, Rt. 7
Evergreen, Colo. 80439

A letter from Suzanne Burge Helm lets us know of a new baby, James Aaron, who is now one! Suzanne has slowly been building a small private practice in therapy in her home. Having been with the Merrill Trust Co. since 1974, Peter K. Ptula, is now manager of the Hampden and Winterport offices. Our own Black Bear quarterback, David Wing, has been appointed assistant principal and athletic director at Noble H.S., Berwick. For seven years, Dave has been athletic director at Skowhegan, working as head football and basketball coach, as well as an assistant baseball coach.

Richard A. Palermo, a vice president and branch manager of Casco Bank and Trust of Augusta, has graduated from Streaker-Law School of Banking at Rutgers University. Driving from an apartment in Augusta to Boston (196 miles), Colleen Murphy finally got her master's degree in social work. Colleen also received the Rita Walsh Award for excellence in medical social work. Since 1970, Austin "Brut" Hodgkins has served United Way organizations in Bangor, Milwaukee, and Dutchess County, N.Y. Brut is presently chairman of the board of the Dutchess County United Way, which supports forty human service care agencies.

Thomas E. Conger is manager of the newly created loss control and claims department of the Dunlap Agency. Charles W. Carey is executive vice president of Fleet National Bank, Providence, R.I. Responsible for all the corporation's secured lending and asset-based financing activities, Charles is also a vice president of Fleet Financial Group and vice chairman of the bank's credit policy committee.

David W. Lyon is editor of The World at Boston University. David joined the public relations staff as a science writer in 1982 and his articles, fiction, and poems have appeared in a number of national magazines.

WEDDINGS David R. Hose to Joyce Kacoyannis. Dave owns the Cape Cod real estate firm of David R. Hose Assoc. in Centerville. Gail M. Cramer to Douglas R. Jones (they reside in Evansville, Ind.) Deborah A. Graves to Vernon A. Shoup. Debbie works at Coventry Village Library in Cleveland Heights and University Heights Public Library. William J. Weber, Jr., to Abbey M. Marshall. Bill is employed by the Cooperative Extension Service in Waldo County—reside in Stockton Springs. Doreen F. Doucette to Joseph A. Witt, Jr. Doreen worked at the University of Maine in Ogunquit.

Still find letters more interesting than newscaps? Please write!

71 Carolyn Stuckey Ackerman
5 Parcer Street
Ellsworth, Maine 04605

This column begins on a tragic note, as I must list the passing last July of classmate Susan Mains Good. Sue lost a short battle with cancer and leaves her husband Jim Good, Nathan, 3, and Joannna, 8 months. Many of us remember Sue's cheerful smile and genuine interest in her classmates. Our condolences to the family.

On a positive note, classmates are still getting married, moving, winning awards and changing jobs. Marriages include Robert Hammond to Valerie Whitmer. Robert is an antique dealer and auctioneer in Wells. Donald Flug to Judith Seymour in Topsham. Donald works for Prudential Insurance in Brunswick. Lois Simmons to Kenneth Ingram, Jr. The Ingrians are employed at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Virginia's House, and live in Laurel, Md. Congratulations to Jim and Suzanne Burge '70 Helms on the birth of James Aaron. Jim is a busy salesman for Tromco, an industrial flooring company. Nancy Coffin Anderson of Camden has a new son, Carney Robert, and two daughters. Mary Flaherty Eisenhard also tells me that she and John '68 have three children and started a cedar mill business. Mary's home is in LeRoy, N. Y. Sharon Sandus McCourt writes from a new location—Lake Charles, La., where she, Joe, and their twin sons now live. Joe is an attorney and lawyer. Mary enjoys teaching literature in a private school. Thanks for the letters!

Actor Wayne Cote played the role of Swedish diplomat Fjord-Olof in the Denver production of Wallenberg. He was guest artist at the Idaho Shakespeare Festival last summer. Lance Weddell and wife Martha are busy with their innovative home business—a 30-piece Solo Survival Kit packed in a sardine can. The Weddells also have employment at Bangor Mental Health Institute. Dr. Linda Luther Starbird is a clinical psychologist at the Dover psychiatric center, and she and Sherry teach literature in a private school. Thanks for the letters!

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Active duty is a good job, and Sherry teaches literature in a private school. Thanks for the letters!

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Patricia McDonough has rejoined the Attorney General's Office in the general government division. John in New York is nurturing their two children. Jeff is the executive director of Northern Aroostook Alternatives, Inc., a program providing sheltered workshops for the mentally retarded. Paul Soule is the new town manager of Wilton. He previously served in the same position in Livermore Falls, Islesboro, Greenbush, and Ashland. Jim Walsh is the new varsity football coach at Bangor.

H.S. Richard Cookson has been hired as the primary-school principal in SAD 46 (Dexter).

Brian Dolley, an avid teaching science at Tappahannock Grammar School, Brian Dolley, Ann, and their three girls (Katie, 9, Elizabeth, 5, and Caroline, 2), live in Westbrook, Mass. He is the master of the cardiology div. of USCI in Billerica. Dick Frank is the vice president of Jimmy's Foods, Inc., in Van Buren. Steve Towle, a credit representative for the Farm Credit Service in Presque Isle, was recently elected to a three-year term on the governing council of the General Alumni Association. Donna Lindberg received a master's in human development from Salve Regina-Newport College in May. Nancy Stetson, a member of the class of 1978, is teaching science at the Portland High School.

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Hope everyone had a great time at our 5th year reunion. If you are unable to join us this year, make plans now for fall of 1988 and our 10th!
Things are still happening to us like Jon D. Pointhook writes he would love to hear from classmates and he has been working as a mycologist at the U.S. Army Lab in Natick, Mass and is traveling around preparing for entering a Ph. D program in Norway Address Box 532, RD #2, Bloomsbury, N.J. 08804. Mark E. Haskell writes he is a photographer with Jones & Pressnell, Inc. in Charlotte, N.C. He, too, would love to hear from folks.
Address PO Box 32217, Charlotte, N.C. 28223. Marie A. Eastman has been a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal where she taught English and German. She has been awarded a full tuition scholarship to pursue a Master of Arts degree in translation and interpretation at the Monterey Institute of International Studies in California.
Patricia Amoroso has been taking lots of pictures and won a local photo contest. Address RFD #1, West Peru, Maine 04290. Janet M. Benve has passed the National Grad School. She graduated from the New England School of Law. Douglas L. Grendell has been assigned to Lowry AFB, Colo. He will receive instructions in the avionics system field.
Kendall J. Farnsworth has been named the Washington correspondent of the Maine Sunday Telegram.
Marriages
Douglas L. Carville to Karen Cianchette. They work at Maine Central Institute and live in Ellsworth. Dunn Margaret has been listed in the Portland office.
Maria Gennaro to Anita Marie Williams. He is a仿佛 insurance man to Jackson County, Ore. Deborah L. Smith to Edwin Fisk, Jr. She is an English teacher at Richmond Jr./Sr. H. Scott E. Sharek (SN) to Rani Yando. He is employed by Houghton Millfin Co. They reside in Boston.
That is it for now. I have enjoyed hearing from you all over the past five years. Please do keep in touch with the alumni office and keep them informed of any address change. Thanks for all your great support. I hope you have enjoyed the columns.

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Season's Greetings! Lots of wedding clippings this time around. Are any of you still single? Laura McShooland married Mark McWan and moved to Portland. They reside at Kennebec Valley Regional Health Agency in Waterville and they reside in Augusta. Lisa Rafi married Mark Douglas; they reside in Brewer. Robin Abbott became Mrs. Rod McWen. Rod is assistant manager of F & W Woolworth in the Maine Mall and they live in Scarborough.


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Ask Bert Sanborn what year he graduated from UMO, and he'll grin and tell you, "I never graduated." But he's listed with the class of 1941. That's when he would have graduated if his desire to fly hadn't interfered.

He was 28 years old—the maximum age accepted by the Army Air Corps for pilot trainees—when he left UMO in his senior year. He became a pilot, was commissioned the week Pearl Harbor was bombed and flew combat missions in Europe after only 17 hours of practice in tactical aircraft.

Sanborn survived several near-fatal crashes and suffered a broken neck, a broken back and severe burns, among other injuries. He says he flew his Spitfire into battle with "my earphones put on with tape because my head was so tender from the burns. . . . If they'd ever have shot me down they would have thought we were scraping the barrel."

Another time he ditched his plane in the water and was rescued by a British seaplane known as a "Walrus." He described it as "a rowboat with a box kite tied on top of it."

Sanborn was the oldest pilot in his outfit. Most of the other flyers were 19 or 20, he says, adding that some of the younger pilots in his group were convinced Sanborn had flown in World War I.

In his 24 months overseas, Sanborn flew 135 missions where shooting occurred. Then he was shipped back to Punta Gorda, Florida, to train other fighter pilots.

Sanborn remained in the military after the war, becoming a member of the inspector general's staff and serving in Korea, Japan, Hawaii and finally Loring Air Force Base in Limestone. In 1961 he retired as a lieutenant colonel and came home to Bangor to start a new career—raising his three teenagers.

He enrolled again at UMO, this time to get a teaching certificate and found himself in classes with children of those in the class of '41. He said that in microbiology class he sat beside the son of Fred Hansen '41. "I never felt awkward or out of place about it," Sanborn said. He even rode to campus with his eldest son, Carl H. Sanborn '69 of Bangor who was studying engineering. Sanborn's other children also went to UMO: Don W. Sanborn '72, now of Washington, D.C.; and Janet C. (Chris) Sanborn now of St. Louis, Missouri.

Sanborn taught for the next 10 years in various high schools in the Bangor area. Now 67, and retired again, Sanborn still spends a lot of his time in the classroom as a substitute teacher at Guilford Middle School or Guilford High School.

And when he's not teaching, you may find him sitting as head of the school board or chairman of the school district in Willimantic, a town which has no store or post office. He says the district covers a large area but has relatively few students.

Sanborn and his wife, the former Mary Helen Fernald '52, '63G, live in a log cabin on 20 acres near Monson.
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Jeff Hollingsworth

He rallies conservative opinion, specializes in issues and attends Pre inaugurals

Jeffrey, Matthew, Martha, Andrew and Barbara Hollingsworth at their home in Virginia.

David Jeffrey Hollingsworth was born July 1, 1952 in Boston, Mass., the son of Beatrice W. (Sweeny) Hollingsworth and the late George F. Hollingsworth, a graduate of M.I.T.’s Class of 1933. His maternal grandfather, the late William Henry Sweeny, Jr. of Worcester, Mass., was a 1911 graduate of the University of Maine’s School of Law, which at that time was located in Bangor.

Hollingsworth and his younger sister (Lois A. Hall of Brooks, Maine) grew up in Belfast. He was graduated with honors from Belfast Area High School in 1970 and had participated in a wide range of extracurricular and athletic activities as a student.

In junior and senior high school, Hollingsworth evidenced an interest in politics and writing. At the age of 12, he was deeply influenced by the conservative views of Republican presidential candidate Barry Goldwater, in the same fashion that thousands of others who are today in the forefront of the modern conservative movement were also affected by the 1964 campaign. He became active as a volunteer in political campaigns in 1964, 1966, 1968, and 1970, founding the Belfast Area Teen-Age Republican (TAR) Club in 1968.

Hollingsworth’s dedication attracted national recognition in 1969, when the Young Republican National Federation selected him Outstanding TAR of the United States at its convention in Chicago, which was followed by selection as Outstanding Maine TAR in 1970. Also in 1969, he was elected Governor of Maine’s American Legion-sponsored Dirigo Boys’ State and was designated one of Maine’s two delegates to the national Boys’ Nation program in Washington, D.C.

As a UMO freshman in 1970, Hollingsworth enrolled in advanced political science courses and founded UMO’s first chapter of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF). Founded in 1960, YAF is the country’s leading conservative youth group, stressing leadership, activism and education to advance the ideals of the conservative philosophy. In December 1970, Hollingsworth was appointed Maine State YAF Chairman.

Although academia remains a major stronghold of liberal political opinion, Hollingsworth says the early 1970s were especially arduous years in which to be a campus conservative.

“We were often viewed with a mixture of disdain and curiosity,” he says of himself and his fellow conservatives.

Hollingsworth often crossed philosophical swords with professors and fellow students while at UMO. “We may not have won popularity contests,” he says, “but I believe we were at least respected for having the courage of our convictions.”

He recalls one episode in 1971 when he was a guest on a call-in talk show over WMEB-FM, the student-run radio station. His opponents were novelist Stephen King and his wife Tabitha, who were among his vocal critics on the left.

Hollingsworth and the Maine Campus were also frequently at odds. Yet in 1973, the paper offered him a weekly opinion column, which he called “Maine-ly Right.” His efforts as a conservative leader were recognized by YAF’s national leadership in 1973 when, at the organization’s national convention in Houston, he accepted the UMO YAF group’s award as Outstanding Small-College Chapter of the United States.

Hollingsworth served an unprecedented two years as chairman of the student government’s Distinguished Lecture Series (DLS) Committee.

At that time, The DLS had been under fire by state legislators and public citizens for its alleged bias in favor of liberal and left-wing politicians, to the exclusion of conservatives or others from outside the world of politics, Hollingsworth said. The university won national attention from several distinguished guest lecturers, such as William F. Buckley, Jr., pro football star Larry
Brown, and former Vice-President Spiro Agnew, whose 1973 visit to UMO was one of three campus appearances he made that year. No higher-ranking public official before or since, except for President John F. Kennedy in 1963, has visited UMO.

Hollingsworth was elected to the Student Senate in his senior year and was also tapped for membership in the Senior Skulls, UMO's distinctive male honor society. He was graduated with a B.A. degree in political science in May 1974. Ten days later, he was the winner of the primary election to nominate the Republican candidate for state representative from the Belfast area. He also served as chairman of the Waldo County Republican Committee, and was believed to be the youngest GOP county chairman in the country. In November, Hollingsworth lost to the Democratic incumbent by a 300-vote margin.

In 1975, Hollingsworth accepted a position as director of communications for the Medical Liability Commission in Chicago, a coalition of the nation's major health and medical organizations. He edited the MLC Commentary, and developed a widely-acclaimed index of state and federal reform laws dealing with medical malpractice. Following dissolution of the MLC in 1977, Hollingsworth joined the staff of the American Hospital Association (which had been an MLC member organization) as staff specialist in professional liability.

In June 1977, Hollingsworth returned to Maine as assistant executive director of the Maine Medical Association. He helped direct its legislative activities in Augusta and played a role in negotiations with the state over new reimbursement schedules for Maine doctors under Medicaid.

In 1979, Hollingsworth moved on to national politics by joining the staff of the American Conservative Union (ACU), which has been termed the "flagship of the conservative movement." As one of ACU's legislative assistants, he lobbied members of Congress and helped rally conservative opinion on issues ranging from foreign policy to health legislation and regulatory reform. He played a part in the successful drive by an unusual coalition of liberals and conservatives to secure trucking industry deregulation in 1980. President Carter invited him to the bill-signing ceremony at the White House in July 1980.

Hollingsworth accepted an offer in September 1980 to become assistant managing editor for Phillips Publishing, Inc., a leading newsletter publishing house based in the Washington area. There he specialized in the editing and production of the company's "consumer group" of newsletters, covering politics, health, real estate, financial planning, investment and travel.

As in 1976, Hollingsworth was a volunteer in Ronald Reagan's 1980 presidential campaign. Shortly after the Reagan-Bush victory, he was named to the staff of the Office of the President-Elect, or presidential transition team. In March 1981, he was appointed a Congressional Liaison Officer for the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS).

At present, Hollingsworth is a special assistant for Health in the HHS Office of Legislation. The job involves working with members of Congress and key Congressional committee staffs in advancing the Administration's legislative agenda, assisting in the development of policy and preparation of testimony to Congress and regular "troubleshooting" on particular health policy problems.

Hollingsworth is married to the former Barbara Fiala of Chicago, who is also active politically and was chairwoman of YAF's chapter at the University of Illinois/Chicago. Professionally, she is a free-lance writer and was Washington Correspondent for The Maine Paper, a statewide weekly, from 1979 to 1981. The couple has three children: Martha, 6, Andrew, 5, and Matthew, born in March 1982. At 12 lbs. 8 oz., Matthew was the largest baby born in recent memory at Fairfax Hospital, Virginia, where some 6,000 deliveries occur annually.

Hollingsworth is a communicant of the Episcopal Church and maintains a variety of affiliations. They include membership in the Society of Philatelic Americans, Maine Historical Society, Maine State Society of Washington, the Monday Club and the Coolidge Society. He was listed in the National Student Register (1971-75) of leading college students and in Who's Who in American Politics (1975). He has been chosen for listing in Outstanding Young Men of America for 1983 and was included in the 1980 book The Conservative Decade (Arlington House publishers), by James C. Roberts. His honors include letters of appreciation from Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan. He has attended many Maine Republican State Conventions, Republican National Conventions and three Presidential Inaugurals. In 1981, he and Barbara served as volunteer workers on the Inaugural Ball staff.


The Hollingsworths reside in North Springfield, Virginia, and Jeff maintains legal residence in Belfast, Maine.
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and start tooting your own horn." This colorful, roundabout endorsement of Mature's talents was a major boost not only to Mature's own self-esteem, but also to his later career.

What of John Ford the person? "Six-foot-two and as Irish as Paddy's pig" was the way one contemporary account described him. He was very much a family man, and thus very much the opposite of most film personalities. He married Mary McBryde Smith in 1920, and they were still husband and wife when he died on August 31, 1973. The Fords had two children, Patrick R. and Barbara N. Ford. Both are living private lives now, but for a time were involved in the movie business. Patrick had been a script writer for several studios. Barbara was a "cutter," or film editor, for MGM Studios, a fact which Mature says John Ford was very proud of. She was also married to Ken Curtis, the character actor best known for his portrayal of Pestus in TV's Gunsmoke series.

Ford was not much of a carouser, but did enjoy the company of friends and family for evenings at home. One regular ritual for members of the "stock company" was the weekly night of card-playing with the Fords.

The director was not fond of interviews, and had a habit of contradicting himself as he wished. Although some critics have tried to portray him as a "social message" director based on such powerful films as The Grapes of Wrath and Tobacco Road, Ford always denied it. "I'm thoroughly apolitical and nonideological," he once said. Though nominally a Democrat, he added, "I don't think I've ever even voted in a presidential election." He said that people came to the theater to see films, not to hear lots of talk. Accordingly, he let pictures tell the story, and is best remembered for putting on film some of the finest scenic shots ever made.

He had in his head a complete concept of how he wanted his films to turn out, says Victor Mature, and exhibited "sheer genius" in being able to "cut," or edit the film as it was being made, thus avoiding tinkering by studio higher-ups. His film panoramas were the more remarkable since he suffered from poor eyesight and lost all vision in his left eye resulting from a studio accident about 1949. When not making movies or entertaining colleagues, he would set sail on his 110-foot yacht Arana for ports around the world. On these voyages he would read voraciously, emphasizing biographies, looking for new ideas for future films.

Ford's last film, Seven Women, was released in 1966. In his career he worked for all the major studios in the industry, including Universal, 20th Century-Fox, MGM, RKO, Republic, and United Artists. A few years before his death he directed a one-hour documentary for the U.S. Information Agency entitled Vietnam! Vietnam!, but in 1971 it was announced that the film would not be released. He died of cancer at his Palm Desert, California home at an age somewhere between 78 and 83, depending upon which birthdate one accepts.

Hollywood has changed dramatically since John Ford held sway. Producers and directors are making names for themselves mostly in one of two ways: technical wizardry and special effects, or else liberal doses of sex and more sex. But Ford needed none of these. Indeed, as Mature says, "sheer genius" assures him of top billing any time that histories of filmdom's all-time greats are written.

Jeff Hollingsworth '74
(see previous page for story on this writer)

Deaths

1908 JAMES PITT FARNsworth, 97, of Port Charlotte, Fla., died June 8, 1983. B.A. electrical engineering. Sigma Nu. Teacher.

1913 WILLIAM JOSEPH MCCarthy, 92, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died May 20, 1983. B.A. chemistry. Sigma Nu.


1921 ELMER ALTON LeBLANC, 87, of Brunswick, died June 16, 1983. B.A. economics. Industrial relations, Brunswick Naval Air Station.


1922 CATHERINE SARGENT MARston, 82, of Sargentville, died August 4, 1983. B.A. mathematics. Alpha Omicron Pi. Surviving is her husband, Frederick F. '22.
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