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Three Maine institutions launch program in functional genomics

With a \$2.6 million five-year grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), three Maine research organizations are poised to take a major step in genomics research and graduate education. The grant will allow the University of Maine, The Jackson Laboratory, and Maine Medical Center Research Institute to establish an interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in functional genomics.

"Maine's academic and nonprofit research institutions are working together in some very progressive and innovative ways," said Governor John Baldacci '86 in congratulating the three institutions. "This grant builds on that success and will result in retaining and attracting some of the country's finest students to study in Maine."

The program is offered under UMaine's interdisciplinary Ph.D. umbrella and increases the level of interaction and cross-disciplinary collaboration among faculty members in the three institutions.

The training program will support up to 14 students per year. A stipend of \$21,500 per year plus tuition will help the program compete for the very best graduate students in the country.

Anyone interested can contact Keith Hutchison at: keithh@maine.edu, or 207-581-2827.



UMaine Jazz Ensemble members with Dennis Wilson (right).

Renowned jazzman shares his knowledge with UMaine students

Dennis Wilson, Ph.D., who has been associated with the legendary Count Basie Orchestra since 1977, and currently serves as an assistant professor of music at the University of Michigan, made a whirlwind two-day visit to UMaine in February. He led a jam session with students, performed to a standing-room-only, lunchtime audience in the Memorial Union, gave some pointers to the UMaine Jazz Ensemble, and was the featured speaker at the Black History Month Banquet sponsored by the Black Student Union.

Instrumental in bringing Wilson to campus was his longtime friend, UMaine associate music professor and master jazz saxophonist Karel Lidral.

Advising centers might help with student retention

A motion passed by the faculty senate and supported by university administration would develop advising centers within each of UMaine's colleges in an attempt to boost retention rates. The senate also encouraged faculty members to have more personal contact with their students.

Admissions statistics indicate that about 79 percent of UMaine freshmen continue in their second year. That figure is the best among the University of Maine System campuses, but not as good as most of the other New England land grant universities. The University of New Hampshire, for example, has a retention rate of 84 percent. The University of Connecticut has the highest of the New England land grants with 88 percent. Only the University of Rhode Island had a rate as low as UMaine's.

The goal of the advising centers is to raise the university's retention by three to five percent in the coming years.

A model for the new centers might come from the college of education and human development which has had a staffed advising center since 1998. Since that time the college's retention rate has increased by about six percentage points. In its centers, advisors help students choose classes, set up tutoring help, and refer them to campus services.

The initiatives were led by chemistry professor Howard Patterson.

Pat's Pizza owner will be remembered

Pat Farnsworth, owner of Orono's most well-known landmark, Pat's Pizza, died on February 13. Generations of UMaine alumni fondly remember the ever-present cigar smoking man in the red suspenders. He and his restaurant are a huge part of the history and tradition of the University of Maine.

Farnsworth started the restaurant in 1931. In the beginning it was an ice cream parlor, then a lunch counter. It wasn't until the 1950s that he turned it into a pizza parlor. Since that transition it has been the "place to be" for UMaine students and returning alumni. Today there are 13 Pat's Pizza franchises around the state.

Pat's will, of course, continue under the management of his son Bruce '67 and the help of other family members. And the long-term future should be in good hands—all of his 12 grandchildren have worked at the restaurant.

New master's program is growing fast

Approved by the University of Maine System Board of Trustees in January, the Master of Science in Teaching (MST) program already has six students. And enrollment is expected to grow substantially next fall. Susan McKay '79G, chairperson and professor of physics and director of the Center for Science and Mathematics Education Research at UMaine, says that she has received many inquiries from current university students and practicing teachers about the program. She anticipates that 35 to 40 students will be in the program in September. UMaine science and math departments and the college of education and human development cooperatively run the program.

Students are based in science departments where they regularly interact with scientists doing research. And they do their own research on teaching methods to help elementary, middle school, and high school students grasp the principles of science.

An expected result of the program is an increase in the pool of qualified science educators that will be available to all Maine school districts. Currently, more than half of the state's 4,131 science and math teachers are within 10 years of retirement, and 75 to 100 new teachers will be needed annually to replace them. Anyone interested in the program can contact Susan McKay at susan_mckay@umit.maine.edu.

Support for Alfond Arena expansion

The foundation of UMaine benefactor Harold Alfond recently pledged \$1.25 million to help a major expansion of the UMaine athletic arena that bears his name. The money will be used to help fund the Shawn Walsh Hockey Center at Harold Alfond Arena. The center will cost a total of \$3.5 million and will create space for locker rooms, hockey staff offices, a weight room, and a meeting /lounge space.

UMaine vice president for advancement Jeff Mills '82 said that the initial reaction to the fundraising initiative has been positive. "We're enthusiastic about the project and look forward to working with our friends and supporters to make the Shawn Walsh Hockey Center at Harold Alfond Arena a reality."

Not long after Alfond's pledge, former Black Bear hockey player Art Demoulas '81 returned to campus with a check for \$50,000 for the Walsh center. He also presented a \$50,000 check for the Wes Jordan Training Facility. Demoulas made the presentations between periods of a February hockey game at Alfond Arena. He and other former Black Bears were back on campus for a mini-reunion to honor the late/great UMaine hockey star, Andre Aubut '82. Aubut was the Black Bears' first hockey All-American.



Presenting a \$50,000 check to President Peter Hoff (far right) for the new Shawn Walsh Hockey Center is former hockey player Art Demoulas '81. The gift was made in memory of the late Andre Aubut '82. Next to Art are Roxanne Aubut, Manon Audet, and Max Aubut.

Women's basketball team ends record-breaking season

In spite of a disappointing ending, the 2002-2003 Black Bear women's basketball team had one of the best regular seasons in UMaine history. Most notably, in cruising to the America East regular season championship, the team won a school-record 25 games—including 21 in a row.

Unfortunately, a very hot-shooting Boston University team beat the Black Bears in the championship game of the America East Conference, eliminating UMaine's chances of going to the NCAA Tournament. The team did get a bid to host a Women's National Invitational Tournament game which they lost to Creighton.

Heather Ernest was named the America East Player of the Year and coach Sharon Versyp was chosen Coach of the Year.



Heather Ernest in action.

Lobster College is back

Registrations are now being accepted for Lobster College 2003, an educational adventure designed for people interested in enjoying a fun extended weekend on the Maine coast. It's a chance to learn everything there is to know about Maine's premier crustacean. The event is sponsored by the UMaine Alumni Association and Bar Harbor Banking and Trust. It is scheduled for September 4-7 at the Asticou Inn, Northeast Harbor. Contact the Lobster Institute at: www.lobsterinstitute.org.

University Singers to celebrate 25th anniversary

The University Singers' 25th Anniversary Weekend is being planned for May 23-25, 2003. The focus of the weekend will be a concert featuring current and alumni Singers celebrating Dr. Dennis "DC" Cox's 25th year as the group's conductor and 25 years of bringing choral music to the UMaine community, Northeastern United States, and Europe. Weekend festivities will include time for rehearsals and socializing. On-campus housing and meals will be available to visiting Singers.

The reunion concert is planned for 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 25, followed by a formal reception and dinner.

Interested former Singers can contact Emily Cain '02 at: emily.cain@umit.maine.edu or by phone at (207) 581-3285.

Top student/athletes honored

Hockey player Martin Kariya '03 and track and field team member Viktoriya Rybalko '03 were recently honored as UMaine's 2003 Dean Smith Award recipients. The award recognizes academic and athletic achievement as well as leadership and character.

Kariya, who earned his second consecutive Dean Smith Award, is a math major with a 3.78 GPA. Rybalko, who is from the Ukraine, is a microbiology major with a 3.65 GPA.

Sister Act

It's rare enough to have three sisters attending the University of Maine at the same time. How about three sisters from Nigeria?

Ukeme, Ntiense, and Inyene Awakessien had gone all through school together as kids, so they thought, why not college too?

The first Awakessien sister to arrive on the UMaine campus was Ukeme, now a third year mechanical engineering student. Outgoing by nature, she immediately got involved in campus life, working with the Student Alumni Association, as a resident assistant, and also as a student helper during reunion weekend. More recently she joined the track team, competing in the 100 and 200 meters.

Ukeme became interested in the university with the help of her father, who graduated from Bowdoin in 1977. Her UMaine experience was so positive that her sister Ntiense decided to give the university a try. She's now in her second year in civil engineering. As with Ukeme she immediately got involved, working as a resident assistant, serving as secretary of the International Student Association, and also being active in the Black Student Union.

Last year, the youngest Awakessien sister, Inyene, arrived at UMaine to study geology. She spent her first semester adjusting to the academics and American life, but already has plans to help with new student programs next year.

The sisters now live together off-campus. They say they're very drawn to American culture and, although they are active in international student organizations, most of their social life centers around American friends.

In spite of the many adjustments, the Awakessien sisters give their UMaine experience high marks. They all plan to go on to graduate school and are unsure if they will settle in the United States or return to Nigeria.



The Awakessien sisters, left to right: Inyene, Ukeme, and Ntiense. (Photo by Michael York.)

Biotech businesses are becoming a force in Maine's economy

Biotechnology businesses are becoming a major force in Maine's economy, according to a new University of Maine report. The industry generated nearly \$432 million in sales and employed about 3,690 people in 2002. Because money spent by companies generates additional economic activity throughout the economy, the report estimates the industry's total economic contribution at \$685 million in Maine with direct and indirect support for 7,135 jobs.

Authors are Todd Gabe and Tom Allen '80, '84G, assistant professor and associate scientist respectively in the department of resource economics and policy. They received support from the Maine Technology Institute, the Biotechnology Association of Maine, the Maine Center for Innovation in Biotechnology, and the Maine Agriculture and Forest Experiment Station.

The report is the first part of a larger study that will focus on the business climate for biotechnology in Maine. For more information contact Gabe at: todd.m.gabe@umit.maine.edu.

UMaine research leads to new potato variety

Maine potato farmers will have a new variety available for planting this spring as a result of research by the University of Maine and Cornell University. The new potato is known as Monticello and will be particularly useful for farmers who sell to potato chip processors, says Gregory Porter '80, '82G, professor of agronomy at UMaine.

"There are few varieties that can be held in long-term storage and still produce a good quality chipping potato. This variety does that. It also has a good appearance and will do well in the market for fresh potatoes," says Porter.

Monticello, also known as NY102, was developed by plant breeders at Cornell and selected for testing in Maine. It has been field tested in Maine since 1996 to determine how well it would grow in Maine's soil and climate. Consumer tests have been conducted by the UMaine department of food science and human nutrition. More than 80 and 140 acres of Monticello potatoes were grown on commercial farms in Maine during 2001 and 2002 respectively.

Yields of high quality tubers have been very good with adequate rainfall or when irrigation has been used. Tuber quality and storage results have been excellent.

Consumer tests show that in addition to having an appealing appearance, Monticello did well when boiled and baked.

The Boardwalk on the Bog

There's a genuine natural treasure just a few miles from the University of Maine campus—but not many people have seen it or even know it exists. Starting this summer, that is likely to change.

The Orono Bog, a wild land of dwarfed spruce and flowering shrubs, tufted cotton grass, and insect eating plants, will now have a 4,200-foot boardwalk over it—a boardwalk which will allow visitors to explore the important role of a northern peatland—this one set in a beautiful Maine landscape.

The bog, which is designated as a National Natural Landmark by the National Park Service, is located off Stillwater Avenue near the Orono/Bangor line. In fact, although the majority of the bog is located on University of Maine land, the boardwalk crosses property owned by both Orono and Bangor.

The driving force behind the Orono Bog Boardwalk is UMaine biology professor, Ronald Davis. For 30 years Davis took his students to the bog on field trips. Toward the end of that time, he realized that a boardwalk could help both preserve and educate.

"I started to notice that the trail in from Stillwater Avenue was getting in pretty bad shape," Davis explains. "When I retired from teaching a few years ago, I thought the least I could do was to protect that peatland, which is such an important resource for the university and the surrounding communities. The other reason was I realized that very few people ever really get out in an environment like this, because bogs are difficult to walk in. I realized a boardwalk would encourage people to go out and learn what wetlands are all about."

Davis spent several months drafting and getting approval of an agreement with the city of Bangor, the Orono Land Trust, the university, and himself as a fourth party. It was a lot of work, but not much of a struggle. Almost everyone involved thought it was a great idea. He also had to get permits from the state and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Currently the project is almost out of money and Davis is spearheading a fundraising effort so the final part of the boardwalk can get completed this spring. He's also now working on the signage for the site. That will include some 40 illustrations to help people identify and understand what they are looking at on the bog. Those illustrations will be part of displays at seven octagonal interpretive stations along the walk. There will also be a large information display at the beginning of the walk which will orient visitors to everything they are going to see.

Davis and the Orono Bog Steering Committee are looking to have the dedication and official opening of the boardwalk in June. Anyone interested in supporting the project can make a gift to the Orono Bog Boardwalk at the University of Maine Foundation, Two Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04469-5792. Telephone: 207-581-5100.



Bringing Real World Experience to the Classroom

Assistant professor Harold Daniel's marketing class gains valuable experience by helping a California construction materials company decide whether to enter a new market.

By Susan Young

Photo by Toby Hollis



It's one thing to study and analyze business decisions in a textbook. It's quite another to actually have a hand in making such decisions. But that's just what two classes of University of Maine undergraduate business students are doing.

The students, all in marketing classes taught by assistant professor of marketing Harold Daniel, are helping the Henry Company decide whether to enter a new market. Based in California, the company is a major manufacturer of construction materials, including roofing systems, sealants, and industrial coatings. It sought out the University of Maine because of its experience in the forest products industry.

"I was overwhelmed and scared when I was told of it," senior Carly Wiggin recalls of hearing about the project last fall which culminated in the students presenting their findings to a team of Henry executives.

"This was not pretend," she says. "They were going to use this information to make real decisions. We triple checked the numbers because we wanted to be totally

accurate."

It was a new experience for Wiggin and most of the students in the class.

"This was the first time I got to use what I had been learning in my classes over all these years," says Wiggin, who is from Benton, Maine.

In addition to gaining real-world business experience, the project taught her the importance—and potential pitfalls—of working as a team. She learned to build on the strengths each team member brought to the table while compensating for weaknesses.

The other advantage to working with a real-life company on a real-time issue is learning to deal with surprises that can throw you off track. Wiggin's team, for example, received some fax questionnaires that were not complete. The team had to decide whether to use the incomplete data or to go back and try to get further information.

Her experiences on the project caught the eye of a recruiter and helped Wiggin land an internship with the Pine Tree

Chapter of the Red Cross in Bangor. She has brought the insight she gained during the marketing class to the internship where she is preparing a marketing plan for the chapter's fundraising efforts.

"It taught me a lot and I'm already using what I learned," Wiggin says.

During the fall semester, Daniel's marketing research class studied the ins and outs of the Henry Company and its competitors. They determined where the companies' strengths and weaknesses lay. The students then did a fax survey of current and potential users of the company's products, as well as those made by competitors. They sought to learn why they purchased from Henry and what would cause them to buy from someone else. Based on this information, they analyzed whether it made sense for the company to begin introducing one of their products into a new market. They also pointed out pitfalls that likely awaited the company if it did expand into new markets. Most of the teams concluded that the company should undertake the new venture—but cautiously.

Many students are continuing with the project this spring in the UMaine program's capstone course, managerial marketing, a class devoted to marketing strategy and execution. Here, they will decide how the new product should be sold and to whom.

"We have not done this before with a university," says company president William Baribault. "Every presentation we heard had a nugget, a jewel."

He and the other two company officials who came to Orono in December peppered the nervous students with questions. Through these exchanges and the presentations, Baribault says the company learned things it did not know about itself and the way it is perceived by its customers.

Michael Manning, the company's vice president of administration, says the students were able to quickly gather information in a neutral way—something the company, on its own, might not have been able to do.

The Henry Company should make a decision on whether or not to enter the new

market in the first half of this year, says Manning, who met with the students again in March to discuss marketing strategy.

Because it was so impressed with the students' evaluation, the company made a small donation to the university.

Students, too, benefited from the experience.

"I love having those three sentences on my resumé that talk about it," says Derrek Smith, a senior from Parkman. He terms the project a "mini-internship."

Because there will be real consequences of their recommendations, Smith and his classmates took the assignment very seriously. "We were not just doing book work. It provided more incentive to do well," Smith says.

"I don't know too many college kids who can say they made a presentation to the president of a company."

Not only did he and his classmates learn how to speak to company executives—Smith spent a half-hour talking to Baribault at a reception after the presentations—they also learned how to work together as a team. He, for example, was able to bring his family's background in the construction business to the table. Since he works with his father, a home builder, Smith was the only one in the class who had actually worked with a Henry Company product.

"It instilled a lot of confidence in us," says Chris Muffett, also a senior business major. "I don't know too many college kids who can say they made a presentation to the president of a company."

Even the drudgery of entering survey results into a computer program was beneficial because it taught students what was involved in such a project. "It was more intense than any other class project I've ever done," Muffett says. "We really needed to

know what we were talking about."

Muffett, who is from Manchester, was also pleased that people at the career fairs he has attended were very interested to hear about his Henry experience.

"Exposure to real life problems is compelling to an employer," says their professor Daniel. "These students have had real experience with a real flesh and blood company. The fact is, they did something out of the ordinary."

The Henry Company was the perfect size for the project. It's not a Fortune 500 company with a large marketing staff of its own, so the students gathered information that Manning says it would have taken him a long time to pull together.

Although the Henry Company is located at the other end of the country, the UMaine students gained experience and knowledge that they can now put to work for Maine companies.

"This company made it possible for these students to gain knowledge and specialties that they can use to produce benefits for companies in the state," Daniel says. "This state has been touched horribly by the economic downturn with the shutdown of Great Northern Paper and the loss of manufacturing jobs in recent years. If these students can gain some business experience and go on to change that situation, it would be wonderful."

In the past, Daniel's classes have done marketing projects for Fresh Samantha, a Saco juice maker; the Bangor YWCA, Stillwater Montessori School, local veterinary clinics, and the university's food sciences department.

Daniel says he seeks out such opportunities because they help "connect the dots" between what students learn from lectures and textbooks and what they will be expected to do in the real world if they undertake marketing careers.

"Not all business schools are doing this. You can learn a lot about it through lectures and textbooks, but to really do it is an exhilarating experience that results in deeper understanding of the course material than is possible from lectures and books alone," he adds.

"The Right Guy at the Right Time"

The selection of Patrick Nero as the next University of Maine athletic director has energized Black Bear coaches.



Peter Hoff (left) welcomes new athletic director Patrick Nero to the University of Maine.

If the reaction of coaches is any indication of the future success of an athletic director, then Patrick Nero should do just fine. There were nothing but smiles and applause from the many Black Bear coaches assembled at Buchanan Alumni House when UMaine president Peter Hoff introduced the new AD on March 13.

"You know, when we're doing recruiting assessments we always ask ourselves, 'What do we need to make ourselves better?'" said head football coach Jack Cosgrove '78, '84G. "Well with Patrick Nero, we just made ourselves better."

"I think we as coaches are really thrilled with the vision that Patrick brings to Black Bear athletics," agreed head hockey coach Tim Whitehead '92G. "We share that vision with him. He has all the attributes we were looking for in an AD."

Many of the UMaine coaches formed their favorable impressions of Nero after a long meeting with him on campus. "He told us that he had never coached and that he wasn't going to try to tell us how to coach," Cosgrove noted. "He said that he would focus on providing a great experi-

ence for the student/athlete and on providing us the resources and support needed to be successful. That impressed us and energized us."

Nero currently serves as senior associate athletic director at the University of Miami where he oversees the external operations of the athletic department, including fundraising, corporate sales, marketing, sports information, ticket sales, and retail marketing. His success in fundraising at Miami includes directing a \$100 million capital campaign for new and improved athletic facilities and equipment. Before Miami, he served as an assistant AD at Marquette University.

"While we were looking for someone with a fundraising track record, that was only part of the equation," UMaine president Peter Hoff explained. "We are very pleased with all aspects of Patrick's background and experience. He has a very good sense of the position of athletics in an academic environment."

Nero is expected to begin his job on April 15. He'll replace interim athletic director Paul Bubb.

As for the dramatic change in climate,

Nero says it won't bother him, because as a native of Rhode Island, "My body is more used to New England than it is to Florida."

In fact, he was a classmate of UMaine baseball coach Paul Kostacopoulos at Providence College.

Nero left no doubt that his number one priority will be the experience of the student/athlete.

"We're here for the students," he said. "They have to be the most important thing."

Nero also said that he very much supports the idea of athletic contests in Portland as a way of getting the entire state behind Black Bear sports. He sees great opportunities for UMaine sports, but adds that it will take a lot of hard work and support to move the program forward. He will focus on getting much of that support from the Southern part of the state.

"He's the right guy at the right time," Kostacopoulos told the *Bangor Daily News*. "He has great people skills. He's engaging. People will like him immediately. People will want to listen to him. He'll roll up his sleeves and get after it..."

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Alumni News and Events



Class of '74 correspondent Diantha Hawkes Grant and her husband Donald were among the 30 or so UMaine alumni, students, and friends who attended a pregame rally at the NCAA Division 1AA football quarterfinal play-off game in Statesboro, Georgia. Everyone enjoyed the event despite the fact that the Black Bears' great season came to an end at the hands of Georgia Southern. The Grants made the trip to Statesboro from their home in Jacksonville, Florida, where Diantha works as executive director of the Alzheimer's Association.

About the Cover

This is a photograph of one of the earliest Black Bear baseball teams in the 1880s, before the school changed its name from Maine State College to the University of Maine. Baseball is the oldest sport to be played at the university. Competition began in 1875, and Maine played its first official game in 1881. Interestingly, in 1886 the faculty tried to put an end to the sport on campus. They thought it was taking students' attention away from academics.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 30	Sanford, ME	UMaine men's baseball game in southern Maine. UMaine vs Holy Cross—3:30 p.m. Reception to follow.
May 8	Princeton, NJ	New Jersey Alumni Chapter Scholarship Fund Golf Outing at Bunker Hill Golf Course. Contact Ron Sheay '55 at 609-397-7886.
May 30- June 1	Orono	Reunion 2003 at The University of Maine. Honored classes include '43, '48, '58, '63, & '68, plus our golden anniversary Class of 1953!
June 8	Oceanport, NJ	Alumni outing at Monmouth Park Raceway. Contact Baron Hicken '63 at 732-650-0699.
August 11	Gray, ME	Cumberland County Alumni Chapter Annual Golf Classic at Spring Meadows Golf Club. Contact Barrett Taylor at UMaine's southern Maine office at 207-828-2327.
September 29	Denville, NJ	New Jersey Alumni Chapter Annual Lobster Maine-ia Dinner at Lake Arrowhead. Contact Carl Kruse '54 at 973-625-4526.
October 3-5	Orono	Homecoming Weekend at UMaine.

Area mailings will be sent prior to each event. You can call 800-934-2586 or log on to: www.mainealumni.com for updated information.

Attention Alumni

The University of Maine Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, June 1, 2003, at 10:45 a.m., in the McIntire Room of Buchanan Alumni House on the UMaine campus.

All University of Maine alumni are welcome.



Alumni in the West Show Their Black Bear Pride



Left: Some 20 alumni and friends turned out at the Mountain Oyster Club in Tucson on February 19 for an alumni gathering hosted by Robert '68 and Cynthia Gray Cobb '69 and attended by alumni association president Jeff Mills '82.

Below: Gil '52 (left) and Carole LeClair (center) enjoy the company of Olivia Mills, daughter of Jeff Mills '82.



TUCSON, ARIZONA



COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA



Above: There was a strong turnout for the alumni gathering at El Torito restaurant in Costa Mesa.

Middle left: Steve '82 and Mary Cowett

Left: Vincent '80 and Therese DiMillo

Alumni Volunteer Profile

Woody Carville '53

The Hard-working Retiree

Retirement for Linwood "Woody" Carville '53, '54G doesn't mean not getting up and going to work—just that he no longer gets paid for it. But that's all right with him. For this super volunteer, helping out brings its own rewards, not to mention great benefits to the University of Maine and Orono communities.

A former Black Bear athlete and longtime athletic department staff member, Woody's first love remains with UMaine sports. For years he's greeted fans as a volunteer usher at Black Bear football, basketball, and hockey games. More recently, as the usher jobs have become more popular, Woody has been able to enjoy the games from a seat.

"The fact that they now get more volunteers to usher doesn't bother me, because I've always had two season tickets to all the games anyway," Woody says. "Now, I get to sit and enjoy more of the games with my wife (Jean Grindle Carville '54)."

Woody is also the treasurer of the "M" Club—the association of former UMaine varsity athletes. The group supports current Black Bear athletes by raising money for new equipment, helping with team banquets, and providing food and services when teams have tournaments on campus. Right now the group is working to raise money for the Wes Jordan Physical Training Center.

Woody's devotion to the university stems from what he feels was an exceptional experience as both a student and an employee. He played varsity football and baseball at UMaine. Then, after earning a master's degree from the university, he worked as a coach and teacher in New Hampshire for several years. He returned to work at



UMaine in 1960.

"I'm very fortunate. I had the chance to be associated with great people," Woody says. "This is the best place in the world to go to school and to work."

"He was born with an 'M' in his heart," says "M" Club president and fellow super volunteer, Nonni Hilchey Daly '59. "He really does a great job," she says. "Not just with the finances as treasurer of the 'M'—but with everything he does. He has an excellent sense of the right thing to do in all matters."

And Woody's volunteer efforts for the university extend beyond athletics.

When the alumni association realized it would need volunteers to help out with the large number of people who are utilizing and visiting the new Buchanan Alumni House, it turned to Woody for help. He got right on the phone and called over 80 people to enlist volunteers. The result was a list of 30 alumni that the Association could call upon to help.

In the past 18 months, much of Woody's energy has been devoted to his upcoming Class of 1953 50th year reunion. In an effort to bring as many of his classmates back to campus as possible, he's made over 350 phone calls.

He's also helped send out hundreds of letters, all with a personal note. And having

worked at the university for 30 years, he also had some insight into an effective way of mailing those letters out.

"I sent them out on regular stationery and envelopes," he says smiling. "No university logo anywhere. I knew when some people get something in a university envelope, they throw it out because they think they are going to be asked for money."

His efforts produced impressive results—230 classmates saying either yes or maybe. As you might guess, Woody is still working on the maybes.

Woody will be recognized for all his hard work for the university and its alumni this June when he is presented with the prestigious Pine Tree Emblem Service Award.

It's not just the university that benefits from Woody's volunteer efforts. Any time of year you're likely to see his truck on the roads around Orono doing pickups for the annual Kiwanis Club auction.

He also does a great deal for his church, the Church of Universal Fellowship. Most recently he and Jean organized a fundraising dinner for over 200 people.

"I never did anything like that before," Woody admits. "But I did what I do best—I found people to help who are good at different jobs and it all came together."

Woody's volunteer efforts have extended beyond the university/Orono communities.

After his sister-in-law got involved in the renovation of Fort Knox in Bucksport, she called on Woody for assistance. She needed drinks and snacks for a fundraising event for 1,800 kids at the fort. Woody promptly went out and convinced a local Wal-Mart to donate the drinks.

Later, when he learned the fort needed a small structure for information, he went right to work. He got local businesses to donate all the needed materials and then approached the United Technologies Center about building it.

"The building got built and transported to Bucksport for no cost," Woody says. "Everyone wanted to help out."

When asked why he devotes so much of his life to volunteering, Woody has a characteristically straightforward answer.

"I just do it because it fills in the day and somebody gets some good out of it."

Class Notes

Golden Bears

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We hope all you Golden Bears are enjoying the first signs of spring.

Thanks to **Melvin McKenzie '39** who wrote in from Shalimar, Florida. Melvin wrote that he has a great-granddaughter and twin grandsons. He has written a short story "The B-17 Flying Fortress and Me."

In Newport, Vermont, **Edward S. Doubleday '38** commissioned a memorial tree planting. Three sugar maples were planted in honor of the past mayor of Newport, his wife, and their daughter. Edward was a forestry major at the University of Maine, and has lived in Newport for 50 years. He worked with the Vermont State Highway Department supervising the planting of roadside trees. He sells and ships maple syrup, and in 1992 he was inducted into the American Maple Museum Hall of Fame.

1935

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Since my column for the winter issue was due in Orono in September, I neglected to wish you all Merry Christmas. I apologize for the oversight and now in November 2002 may you all have a Happy Easter in 2003.

A most interesting and informative letter was received from **Arthur Otis**. Arthur was **Elmer Randall's** roommate across the hall from my room in the original Oak Hall way back in 1931. After graduating from UMaine, Arthur continued his education with an M.Ed. degree from Springfield College in 1937 and a Ph.D. from Brown University in 1939. He taught physiology at several universities and became First



Ralph Higgins '39 (left) thoroughly enjoys his lobster dinner with friends at the annual New Jersey Alumni Chapter Lobster Maine-ia last September.

Professor and chairman of the physiology department of the newly established college of medicine at the University of Florida in 1956 where he remained until his retirement in 1986. Raising vegetables in his back yard, playing golf two or three times a week, and volunteer work at the library keeps him from becoming bored. Arthur has one son but no grandchildren. His wife, Eileen, died 12 years ago of Alzheimer's. Arthur is listed in *Who's Who*, another illustrious member of our University of Maine Class of 1935. His address is 2123 NW 4th Pl., Gainesville, Florida, 32603.

George Carlisle recently had a letter published in the *Bangor Daily News* complaining about high taxes in the state of Maine. He is thinking of changing his residence to Florida where he spends six months of the year. Those '35 alumni continue to take an interest in politics and the welfare of the state of Maine. George is well qualified to comment being a past mayor of the city of Bangor.

Bobbie Lewis Kimball writes from Florida: "As a resident of Westminster Shores, a retirement community on beautiful Tampa Bay in Florida, I make use of the lovely landscaped gardens by picking and pressing the flowers for greeting

cards, which are sold for the benefit of the service club here. My other volunteer work includes manning the coffee cart in the Health Center (the hospital area) to deliver coffee, tea, cappuccino, juices, and snacks to the residents—pushing the invalids in wheelchairs along the mile-long waterfront sidewalk, and shelving the returned library books. I try to keep fit by walking a couple of miles a day and take "personal training" (which involves chest pressing—leg extension and curls), AB crutches, etc., for two hours a week. On the negative side, I'm deaf as a haddock in spite of spending thousands of dollars on hearing aids. My daughter, Candy '67, with husband come to Florida for six months to keep me in line. My other daughter, Nicole '62, just retired from teaching Russian and French in Pennsylvania. I have three wonderful grands (the oldest lives and teaches English in Japan)—but no great grands."

Bobbie was awarded third place in the Eighth Annual Westminster Retirement Community Art Show for her wildflowers. Thank you, Bobbie, for making my column writing much easier for this issue.

Arnold Kaplan writes from Palm Beach, Florida, that he keeps in shape by playing tennis (doubles) for one and a half hours, three times

a week, and walking three miles on the other days both winter and summer. He is active in environmental problems and is constantly making sure that his Congressman is aware of this thoughts and ideas on the subject. He is also involved with the AARP program for teaching senior drivers how to adjust their driving habits to the physical changes that come with aging. Arnold spends summers in Connecticut and winters in Florida, and teaches driving at both locations. He and wife Bobby recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. They have two daughters, four grandchildren, and so far five great grands. When someone asks him how he keeps busy, he tells them that he is retired with nothing to do and no time to do it.

Keep those letters coming and I will try to keep you all informed about the activities of our classmates.

1936

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Gerry Beverage reported on his Christmas card that he and his wife were flying to California to spend Christmas with their daughter. They were not stopping off at a dude ranch in Arizona this time as they do not have as much enthusiasm for horseback riding as when they were younger.

Dorothy Cann Bennett sent me a Christmas card telling about our last reunion. I recall that it was a special reunion, but I do not remember the date. Dot and **Peg Hall Hook** were the only ladies present along with Gerry Beverage and two other men of our class. At dinner Dot sat with Smith McIntire '32 and his wife, Charlene '32. They invited Dot to visit them at their home in Perham near Caribou. As she had never been that far north Dot was glad to accept. Dot soon found out how far above Mount Katahdin (which she once climbed) is the long drive to Perham. While in Aroostook

County, Dot found out more about potato growing than she ever knew before.

I was very pleased to get a Christmas card from Solveig Heistad Hennings of the Class of 1938. She and Porter always stopped to see us on their trips to the South. Lee and I went overnight with them on their boat to Boothbay Harbor one Labor Day weekend in the early 1970s. The trip was even more exciting because a hurricane was in the offing.

Jim Haggett mentioned on his Christmas card that they would cancel plans to spend the winter in Naples, Florida, as Fran could no longer endure the long flight. Jim himself had a valve replacement in his heart which so far was doing very well. In a recent phone conversation Jim said the valve was doing very well, and he would be out on the golf course on Cape Cod as soon as spring showed up.

1937

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Only a little news this time but it's all good news.

Jeannette MacKenzie Wilson reports a much-traveled life, having lived in seven countries before retiring. Can anyone match this count?

Ralph Palmer reports in from Tenants Harbor, Maine, where he is enjoying the retired life, after having edited and authored several books. He sent along some handsome pictures of flowers and birds. Still the sensitive nature photographer.

For Black Bear sports,
UMaine news, and news
of upcoming alumni
events, log on to:

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1938

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Spring greetings to you all. A little news would be most welcome, Please write and tell everyone what you're doing. Your classmates would like to know.

1939

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Ralph Higgins has sent more facts and figures concerning the 16th annual New Jersey Alumni Association Lobster Maine-ia. Sounds as though it was a fun time with much delicious food being served. (Ralph admitted to having two lobsters and six bodies!) Also, as this was being written, Ralph was rehearsing for two *Nutcrackers* and scheduled to do two more performances of *Cinderella*. Also, our ever busy classmate has continued to chair the book tables at the Princeton Hospital fall rummage sale. This entails setting up big tents and tables and organizing hundreds of books. Fortunately for Ralph, his friends help him to make this event a big success. The emergency room at the Princeton Hospital is the fortunate beneficiary of this effort.

John Holyoke's entertaining article in the October 12-13 weekend edition of the *Bangor Daily News* strongly implies that **Dr. Charles Kimball, Sr.** is a cat with nine lives! Eight years ago, two heart attacks (one very serious) and two years later, a life threatening aneurysm failed to do him in. Then last fall, deep in the woods of Piscataquis County, the avid hunter and fisherman could easily have come to the end of the road. Not aware that a serious storm was brewing, he was directly struck by a bolt of lightning that shattered his eardrum, burned much of his body, and left his clothes in tatters. He resembled a character in a Stephen King novel. His hat had a two-inch

hole in it, his shirt was torn, his left pant leg was decimated, and his left shoe exploded along the stitching. Also, his other clothing was almost totally scorched black. Superb care at EMMC has made the difference. Telling the doctor that he had to be ready to go deer hunting the first of November shows what this 85-year-old retired dentist is made of. He attended Maine and Harvard and served with the Air Force in World War II. The doctor said he would do the best that he could. Charles, among other things, said, "There's no sense laying back and feeling sorry for yourself." Good advice for all of us octogenarians.

A long letter from **Evangeline "Vangie" Anderson Jackson**

describing her summer in Maine was most welcome. The calendar in the summer edition of *Mainely People* sent them to the Blueberry Festival at the home of Peter and Gail McLean Berry '61. Here, in a delightful home overlooking the ocean in Roque Bluffs, Maine, they enjoyed a delicious meal of barbecued ribs and more. They enjoyed hearing from Jeffery Mills '82 who made them, as alumni, feel a part of a family. Also present was Diana Richardson '93, assistant to Jeff Mills, and her husband, David '90G, who helped park cars. University of Maine basketball coach Dr. John Giannini talked the same language as her husband who had been a basketball coach in Brewer, Maine. Patricia Cummings '89, '44H of the development staff exchanged name tags with them and will escort them through Buchanan House next year. Vangie urges all who can to join the Berrys next year at their home in Roque Bluffs. During their October visit to Maine, they attended the Fall Festival in their home town of Monson. After a parade in the morning, they were awed by the "Elvis guy" singing for more than two hours.

The entire program was planned by Annalee Libby '85. They found out that the Elvis guy could sing the "Maine Stein Song." He was well qualified as a Maine graduate (with a B.S. degree, Class of '72). He is Bruce Nye. He may be performing in Hilton Head next March for an alumni group. His wife is Darleen McGeoghegan Nye '90G.

Vangie's winter home is in North Carolina, in an active golf resort. College Club members meet regularly. Panhellenic meets twice a year. The spring of 2001 luncheon at the Pinehurst Country Club featured Gabriel Smith from the Raleigh Art Museum. She announced that she

was holding a prize to be given out later. Coming from Maine, Ms. Smith said that her mother was a Maine graduate and that her brother was now attending the university. (She had attended college in North Carolina to escape the cold winters.) During a lull, Vangie asked where in Maine Ms. Smith came from and was told that she had won the prize. It turned out that she won a one-year admission to the Raleigh Art Museum because she came from Maine.

Vangie said she was going to wave to me as they traveled Route 301 through this area en route from New England to North Carolina in late fall. She also thanked me for doing the column.

Thank you, Vangie, Ralph, and all of the others who help keep this column going.

All for now,
ELD

1940

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Please send in your news! We know the Class of '40 is doing interesting volunteer work, has family to be proud of, and some classmates are in touch with each other. Please let us know what's happening—we'd love to hear from you.

1941

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Welcome, '41ers, and as 2002 has faded into the past, I hope that 2003 is a good year for each of you. And among your New Year's resolutions, please resolve you'll send Agnes or me a letter telling us what you are doing. We'd both appreciate it so much!

According to the University of Maine Foundation's annual report for 2002, a fund has been established to honor the memory of **Cecil S. Woodbrey**. Award recipients are to be public high school graduates without regard to physical ability or activity who reside in Standish at the time of graduation and who are

planning to major in physics engineering or physics.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Corinne Comstock Weston** who died last November in Manhattan. Corinne had a very outstanding and impressive career. She has authored or contributed to eight books and over 100 articles relating to English history and has been recognized in *International Authors and Writers' Who's Who*. In 1999 she was awarded the International Order of Merit Medal from Cambridge University, England, an award which recognizes 50 years of teaching, research, and publishing on the history of England.

Cody received her B.A. in history and political science from the University of Maine, her M.A. from Columbia in 1950, and her Ph.D. in British and European history in 1951. She was on the faculty at Brooklyn College, University of Texas, Hunter College, and Lehman College of the City University of New York, department of history, in a teaching career spanning 38 years.

Corinne is survived by her husband, Dr. Arthur Weston '49 of New York City, a brother, a sister, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by three brothers and a sister.

In commemoration of Veterans Day the Hendersonville (North Carolina) *Times-News* of October 3, 2002, ran a very interesting feature story on the World War II experiences of our class president, **George Nystrom**, who served 13 years in the Navy. George was involved in some of the most famous battles of World War II including the invasion of Normandy and Okinawa.

George entered the service shortly after graduation from Maine in June 1941. In September he was assigned to the Naval Inspector of Ordnance at Schenectady, New York, where he was responsible for the quality of gunfire control and searchlight equipment that came from the naval production plant. He stayed there until 1944 when he was sent back to the Washington Navy Yard for anti-aircraft gunnery instruction. In March 1944 he became an assistant gunnery officer on the staff of the 11th Amphibious Force on board the USS *Bayfield*. Once in Plymouth, England, George began briefing allied combat ships about specific targets for the upcoming assault on Utah Beach during the Normandy invasion. Poor communication during this time of practice enabled German U-boats to slip into the practice area and ambush eight



Among the Senior Alumni Council members who attended a meeting at the Buchanan Alumni House last fall were (left to right): Jayne Hanson Bartley '49, Thelma Crossland Robie '49, Bob Patten '47, and Bill Currie '52. The Senior Alumni, which classes join after their 50th Reunion, does an outstanding job of raising money for scholarships for nontraditional students at the university.

American ships, killing 198 American sailors and 559 soldiers.

In the June 1944 Normandy invasion George's job was to get the troops safely ashore and a few days later to go back to pick up the wounded with two landing ships.

After a month the *Bayfield* returned to England to plan for the invasion of southern France. Following the invasion of southern France, George was assigned to the Amphibious Group Seven and the USS *Mount McKinley* which took him into battle in the invasion of the Philippine Island of Luzon in January 1945 and the invasion of Okinawa, Japan, a few months later. His duties again involved briefing combat ships on their targets. Some of his most memorable experiences, he said, were riding out several typhoons while aboard the *McKinley*.

At the end of the war, George returned home to Maine and his wife Dottie. After earning a master's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Maine he went to work for the Eastern Corporation paper company and became commanding officer of the U.S. Navy Reserve Surface Division in Bangor, which provided training for the Navy. He was again called to active duty in the Korean War. After retiring from the service in 1956, he went to work at Great Northern Nekoosa Paper

Company where he worked 23 years in their research, product development, sales, and technical service divisions. He and Dottie moved from Connecticut to Hendersonville, North Carolina, in October 1987. What a great record of accomplishments, George!

Harry and Claralyn Preble Trask celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last August. They met in their senior year at Orono and were married in 1942 in Santa Ana, California. Harry served in the Pacific Theater during World War II where he flew over 30 combat missions against the Japanese as a navigator on a B-29. Claralyn returned to Maine where she had taught previously at Jay High School. She later taught in several other Maine communities including Union and Dixfield. The couple has four children, two sons, and two daughters, 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. They have resided in South Paris for the past 20 years. Congratulations, Claralyn and Harry, for reaching such a wonderful milestone.

The alumni office sent a newspaper clipping of two alumni, **Charlene Perkins Strang** and Dan Hatch '49, who co-hosted a summer reunion for University of Maine alumni in the area of the Highlands, a senior residence at Topsham. Nearly 50

alumni attended.

"We were very pleased with the turnout," said Charlene. The dining service of the Highlands prepared a delicious lunch, which took place a little later than planned because, as Charlene and Don report, no one wanted to take a break from the conversation.

Following lunch, Charlene, Don, and other alumni residents opened their homes in the estate and the Maine Lodge for classmates to visit.

"Everyone I've talked with is hoping we can have another reunion here," Charlene says. "This makes sense because we're centrally located for so many of the alumni."

Well, that's it for this issue, friends. Stay well, have a great spring, and please drop a line to Agnes or me.

Thanks for your membership support. Why not consider becoming a lifetime member? For more information see page 40 of *Mainly People*.

1942

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Our column seems to roll around so often I wonder where the months have gone. A great picture of **Nat Crowley** was in the *Waldo Independent* as he was inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame and also a picture of Nat accepting the Gold Ball for his team from Governor John Reed when his Lewiston team won the 1960 State Basketball Championship. He and his wife, Esther Whitman Crowley '43, have nine children, one foster child, 25 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Priscilla Thurlow Anderson's husband Marshall died this fall in Phoenix, Arizona, where they have lived for the past several years.

Richard "Dick" Day presented a slide presentation "Food of our Fathers" in early June at the Nobleboro Historical Center. Dick is retired from a career as county agent in Washington County and Franklin County and serves as the historian of the Damariscotta Historical Society.

The university has announced the 2002-2003 recipients of the Class of 1942 Distinguished Student Award. Three outstanding juniors received awards totaling \$4350. Recipients were: George P. Dumont, Jr. who is majoring in chemical engineering; Briana A. Hayes, a double major in biology and mathematics; and Sarah E. Walsh, who is majoring in nursing. Our scholarships are very important to students and to the university as we continue our generous support.

We send words of encouragement to **Paul Knaut** who was critically injured in an auto accident in September. Keep that Maine spirit, Paul. **Bette Barker Taverner** and Gil's lovely picture was in the New England Deaconess Association History publication. They have served as co-historians of the NEDA which is a nonprofit, interdenominational organization that provides a continuum of healthcare in Massachusetts.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Harold Blood**, our class treasurer, on the death of his wife, Betty Brown Blood '45.

I have included the poem I read at our 60th Reunion class meeting. I hope you all enjoy it. A close friend of mine wrote it for me.

Enjoy and don't forget to write.

60th College Reunion

So much has happened these past sixty years since we left the campus that day—We've all seen amazing discoveries as life's brought many changes our way.

Our world has appeared to be smaller by far since technology increased and grew. With computers and TVs and cell phones around we have learned and discovered what's new.

The old years seem ancient and distant somehow yet bring memories that still linger on—Of the friendships we've shared and have treasured with those three hundred classmates now gone.

'Tis a time for remembering and honoring them reaffirming their hopes and each dream of a future that still holds old values though the new world appears more extreme.

We reflect on the work we've accomplished plus the joys that we've shared through the years. As we honor those classmates departed knowing justice and faith help quell fears.

Elizabeth H. Sawtelle

1943

60th Reunion
May 30-June 1, 2003

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Thanks to the University of Maine alumni association we have a variety of information including a *Bangor Daily News* clipping and University of Maine Class of 1943 Reunion

update forms!

A clipping from the *Bangor Daily News*, October 14, 2002, described the dedication of the new W. Tom and Bonny Sawyer Library at Husson College. This has two implications for the Class of '43, namely, **Berneice "Bunny" Thompson**, the former library director, and **Winona Cole Sawyer**, mother of Tom Sawyer '70.

"Bunny" Thompson had worked in cramped quarters in the old business library for 18 years. She was right on hand for the ribbon cutting. Library space has now increased by 25 percent. It features high technology computers, gleaming bookshelves, and a pleasant environment; also, students can access the library from dorm computers. The renovation was made possible with \$600,000 in donations and gifts—the lead donation being given by Tom '70 and Bonny Prince Sawyer '70. Tom Sawyer is vice chairman of the Husson College board of trustees. He is also the state senator from District 9, Bangor.

News comes from classmates coast to coast and begins with **Dorothy "Dot" Hodgkins Anderson** of Walla Walla, Washington. She has a new address since she sold her home this summer and is trying to fit self and possessions into a two bedroom apartment with limited storage. Doesn't that struggle have a familiar ring to it! Dot, along with brother, Earl '42, was at the dedication of the Buchanan Alumni House last year and will be there again in 2003.

Helen Hauck Bartley continues to maintain her home in Scottsdale, Arizona, with a June to September interlude at Carlsbad, California.

Barbara Cole Bear is now a retired teacher residing in Sun City, Florida, where volunteer work with the ambulance squad and as a teacher assistant keeps her active with some time left for tennis, bridge, and Elderhostels and RVing.

Harriet Ordway Belz notes that she is a homemaker and mother of three. One son is a software engineer, another is a lawyer/engineer, while her daughter is a respiratory therapist.

Delta Nu Chapter of Sigma Nu fraternity, Phi Delta Sigma, and chairman of the Winter Carnival and Ball, 1942, are the favorite memories which **Donald Brown** of Knoxville, Tennessee, harbors. He is a retired professor of technology from the University of Tennessee. He serves on the board of trustees for the Goodwill-Hinkley School.

Financial positions for various corporations make up the career profile of **Talbot "Ick" Crane**. Maybe that's why he served effectively as a member of the 1943 Class executive committee? He is now retired from E. I. duPont de Nemours & Company. Back on campus he served as sports editor on the staff of *The Maine Campus* and was a Kappa Sigma fraternity man.

Lewis Emery of Westbrook and Sarasota, Florida, is a retired valuation engineer and retired also from the merchant marine. Lew Emery was a member of Phi Eta Kappa.

"Four years at Maine were the best" and new friendships are favorite memories of two Phi Mu Delta members **Eugene Hussey** and **Grant "Bud" Leonard**. Eugene has enjoyed a career as veterinarian and dairy farmer who now enjoys raising draft horses, attending draft horse shows, church, Rotary, and working with animal welfare. He's remembered for intramural sports and honorary Alpha Zeta membership.

Bud Leonard presents a varied career including that of nationwide tour bus operator; retail coal, oil and lumber owner; Army infantry officer, ex POW, wounded ETO, now retired. He is especially interested in community service and food service. On campus, interests were intramural baseball and Scabbard and Blade.

Another active sports participant was **Richard Martinez** who was inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame as a member of the 1939 IC4A National Cross-Country Championship.

Eileen Butler Lind as you may remember, majored in nursing and was with the United States Naval Reserve—WAVES—from 1942-1944. Following an earned MS in education in 1967 she taught in S.A.D. 4 for 20 years. Living at Maples dorm is a favorite memory of UMaine days.

Annie Dowling Mawhinney majored in math and taught math at the University of Maine from 1946 to 1949. From then on she has been a homemaker interested in church activities, visiting shut-ins, and formerly a volunteer at Eastern Maine Medical Center.

Church activities also utilize **Charles "Laurie" Parker's** time now along with skiing, sailing, and reading. Career-wise he was a mediator with the American Arbitration Association and also a national panel member of that organization; an oil and gas lease broker at Anchorage, Alaska, and Saratoga,

Wyoming; consultant to International Business Development (PIBA, Inc.) and a retired professor of law, Economics Institute, University of Colorado at Boulder. A favorite University of Maine memory is "studying in an empty library at 6 a.m. to class time!"—also great dancing and music at proms.

Pi Beta Phi sorority has real significance for **Jane Rand Pendleton** in regard to campus life and now her continuing interests are church work and historical societies.

Elizabeth Ryan Pickett notes a favorite memory as "working as a volunteer student nurse in the infirmary during a college flu epidemic." She served as a U.S. nurse from February 1944 to December 1945. As a student she was honored by election to Sophomore Eagles and All Maine Women.

Our class president, **Preston Rand**, played the piano for "The Maine Bears," a dance band during college days and was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and Contributors Club (a writing club). In 1954 he became the first person to utilize the stenograph machine in the Maine Superior and Supreme Court to record verbatim testimony. He was secretary of the Maine Court Reporters' Association for 19 years. Preston has held offices in the Class of 1943 since graduation.

Richard "Sink" Sinkinson of Industry, Maine, was first selectman for 12 years for the town of Industry and still is an avid snowmobiler.

The favorite memory of **Olive Rowell Taverner** was the mayor's campaign when "my Bucket" won. Olive also enjoyed Chi Omega sorority, Glee Club, and the Maine Christian Association. She now loves entertaining with the help of "my friends."

Eleanor Swanson Thornton, a Phi Mu alum, is retired from the Maine General Hospital at Augusta and finds time well spent at church and sailing, as well as cross-country and downhill skiing.

The most remarkable change since graduation for **Helen "Sitta" Mullen Varnum** is described as living in five states and two foreign countries—some good and some bad. "Moving seven children to different schools was the biggest challenge—I think 13 times." Sitta was Delta Delta Delta president, dorm president, member of student government and senate, and an All Maine Woman. She was an engineer aide for five years. Sitta now lives in Edmonds, Washington—"a hop, skip, and jump north of Seat-



Pat Cummings '89, 44H of the UMaine development office recently visited Fran Donovan '43 at her home in Greenwich, Connecticut.

tle." Sitta, **Jeanne Patten Whitten**, **Mary Moynihan Fogler**, **Dottie Moran Hall**, and **Willa Dudley Taylor** highly recommend Elderhostel to classmates.

Hazel Van Tassell Weymouth of Sangerville recalls fond memories of Pi Beta Phi sorority, chorus, and other musical activities, and the off-campus group—especially trying to learn to play bridge at the off-campus building. Hazel taught school in many towns, though primarily at Piscataquis Community High School. Now retired, she is active in church work and as a volunteer at Mayo Regional Hospital in Dover.

Jeanne Patten Whitten shares, "the University of Maine gave me the means for a career and many good years of retirement with more to come!"—a fine tribute.

Evelyn Grecni Wing states a favorite memory to be Freshmen Week, "meeting all new people, making life-long friends."

Elinor "Coke" Crowell Winslow's career was an interesting blend of academic and business. She was assistant professor of biology at Mercer County Community College and then provider representative at Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Maine. Coke had a variety of interests at Maine including Chi Omega sorority, Women's Student Government Association, Women's Forum, *Prism*, Commencement Pageant, and last, but not least, girls' hockey! Remember Coke on the hockey field charging ahead! She is now a docent at the Portland Museum of Art, and otherwise enjoys sailing, skiing, and tennis.

Now isn't that a remarkable class! Come and learn more at Reunion, May 2003.

1944

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A dearth of news will make our column shorter this time. So I've been soliciting help through e-mail and postcards. Specifically, I wondered if anyone had been to Homecoming and if so, who from our class attended and what was happening at this time of the year?

Jean Hufnagel sent a couple of e-mails. He had not attended Homecoming, but had attended a press conference in Bangor on October 14th kicking off a new company called Engineered Materials of Maine. The company will produce wooden beams based on research done in the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center at the University in Orono. Huff says that for any of us visiting the campus, a tour though this research center is a must. The center has been strongly supported by classmate **Al Crockett** as we've mentioned in previous columns.

Recently, I was having one of my periodic visits for physical therapy at Healthsouth in Falmouth. In the waiting room who should I see but **Martha Allen Irvine**. We had a nice visit though it was brief. It was lovely to see you, Martha. My thoughts went back to 1940 when we were freshmen. What a great four years we all had together!

An e-mail arrived from **Al Hutchinson** telling us that he has a daughter, Becky Joyce, living on Cousins Island here in Yarmouth.

And we have a daughter, Jane Clabby, on Little John Island, Yarmouth. We hope they'll get together. When Al and Edie visit, perhaps we can get together too.

A phone call from **Al McNeilly** did not relay a lot of news but it was very nice to hear Al's voice and to know he is fine. Al is following the future 1944 Bear's Den in the Memorial Union very closely. He says it is still on track but moving slowly.

Anita and **Charlie Stickney** have returned from their trips to England and China. We talked to them recently about the China trip which started with the long 15-hour flight from Chicago to Beijing. While staying in Beijing they visited the Great Wall and the Ming tomb. From there they went to Xian to see the Terra Cotta Warriors. Next stop was Chengxian where the highlight was the Zoological Research Park where pandas are being studied. On to Lhasa, Tibet, Holy Land of the Buddhist religion, where the Dalai Llama is in exile. Later in Chongqing, their party boarded a boat for a three-day trip down the Yangtze River. This trip, seeing the three gorges and the progress being made on the massive hydroelectric project, was another highlight. Off the boat in Wuhan and finally to Shanghai and Hong Kong. What a wonderful trip and very interesting to hear about.

Joe and I have taken a trip or two this fall but nothing to compare with the Stickneys. The furthest we went was to San Francisco. But that was great fun visiting with son, Rob, and Karen.

Keep those cards and letters coming. I'm hoping that Christmas cards and the Christmas spirit will generate all kinds of news for our next column. All the best in 2003!

1945

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Please write and tell me about your lives, Class of '45. Without news, we cannot have a column. Happy spring!

Go Black Bears!

1946

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Still no calls, e-mails, or letters from any of you, so I presume you are all well, happy, and feeling younger everyday! Bob and I have moved into our new "cottage" at Quarry Hill, a retirement/health new community here in Camden. We love it here and our new address is: 10 Bryant Park Drive, Camden, Maine, 04843.

Come see us or call 230-6624 or e-mail: maryeddy@webtv.net. We hope to hear from some of you!

1947

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News from **Lala Jones Dinsmore** described her Elderhostel bike trip through Italy and Austria last May. Her daughter Sally and friend John were with her and they all had a wonderful time. Beautiful scenery! In April she had directed a play for the North Country Theatre—Theatre North. (Lala is also a board member.) Reminds me of the Maine Masque days! Lala has five grandchildren; three in college, Hope Dinsmore and Sam Baldwin at Dartmouth and Tod Dinsmore at Fort Lewis College in Colorado. "Life is full," she says. And how marvelous I think. Incidentally, Lala used the class notes department postcard to send us her news. Thanks, Lala, the postcards are the best idea—easy to dash off a few lines and mail to the UMaine Alumni Association—and what a blessing for class secretaries.

There was a wonderful write-up and photo in the *Bangor Daily News* in July of **Frank** and **Helen True's** 60th wedding anniversary celebration. It makes you proud of our generation. After graduation, Frank served four years in the Air Force, returned to teach at UMaine, joined Wirthmore Feeds as a salesman, then bought a dairy and poultry farm in the '50s.

Of course he didn't do this alone. Kudos to Helen for sharing farm work, family life, church, school, and community activities—and square dancing too. "Life is full" certainly applies at the True farms. They have two sons, Gordon '66 and his wife Barbara Biggane True '64, Robert and his wife Deborah, plus seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Happy celebration and congratulations.

One fine day in September **Joan Ambrose Shaw** and I headed to Kittery Point and a reunion with **Hazel "Billy" Starrett Cutts**. It had been 50 years plus since we had seen each other and that meant lots of catching up. Her home, which she designed herself, overlooks the river—absolutely perfect. We had lunch by the Kittery Point Yacht Club then a tour of the old and the new with Billy filling in the local history—names, places. This is really Cutts country—we even drove onto Cutts Island! Richard '48 had done a complete Cutts genealogy—then he did one for Billy. She had not had the time or the interest to do it herself and she was thoroughly surprised to learn she had two ancestors aboard the *Mayflower*! And the reaction was typical Richard—"We came over two years later—in our own boat!" They have four children and six grandchildren—and they had 50 wonderful years together before his death four years ago. Now Billy divides her time between the grandchildren and the golf course—Maine and Florida. Can't wait to see her next summer.

It will be 2003 by the time this column is printed. Hardly seems possible. We wish you all a happy new year—health, prosperity, and peace. I shall try to keep up but I need more facts and figures from all you heroes.

1948

55th Reunion
May 30-June 1, 2003

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Greetings from Massachusetts! Is it really spring? As I am writing, we are experiencing a real blizzard in the Northeast.

I'm looking forward to our 55th Reunion and hope to see you all in

Orono in late May. Many of our classmates, whom I have not heard from, have returned the update form which accompanied the first Reunion communication.

As I have been reading these mini biographies, I have been excited by the variety of interests and activities we seniors from the Class of '48 are involved in.

Jay Calkins still spends his winters in Cortez, Florida, and is actively researching his genealogy and that of his wife, Betty Brown Calkins '50. One of his nostalgic memories is the time spent in the trailer colony and the friendships he and Betty made there. Thirty-two families were in residence at the time.

Glenna Spofford Aldrich, formerly Glenna Gross, of Stonington, spends her winters in Punta Gorda, Florida, and wonders if there are any Mainers around her area.

Jackie Springer Sprague lives in Ormond Beach, Florida. She retired in 1995 from her position as a nursing instructor. She is the proud grandmother of seven, enjoying playing golf.

James Garvin, the photographic editor of our '48 *Prism*, lives in Palmetto, Florida, except for summers when he returns to Stillwater. Having worked for the university for 40 years in the field of photography, he is right at home there. Jim has been singing in barbershop style with groups for over 25 years. Wouldn't it be fun to hear him?

Leonard Harlow now lives in Brewer. For many years (24) he was the sports information director for the *Bangor Daily News*. He now is the publicist for the New England School of Communications.

During the time I spent gathering news for this spring column, I received two packets of Reunion updates from the alumni office. So here is more!

Bill Rice, who lives near me in Amherst, regrets that he can't celebrate with us this year. We are sorry that his wife, Katherine, is not well. Bill enjoys weaving, still.

Lancy Carter Bradshaw, always an enthusiastic alumna, wrote of the death of her husband, Peter '47, '56G last March in Florida. Peter would attend alumni functions with Lancy and was well known to us all. We send our love and sympathy to Lancy who now, after a vacation with her daughter at Grand Cayman Island, is returning to volunteer work—particularly at the library in Pittsfield. She says that volunteering helps her forget her sorrow.

Richard Giesberg of Los Angeles, California, wrote of his years as a business executive and of his interest in rescue and repatriation of Ethiopian Jews and those from the former Soviet Union to the homeland in Israel. Dick still is involved in community service with the interfaith groups in his area. More power to you, Dick, and "hi" to your good wife **Middie Cohen Giesberg** '47.

Joyce Emery Kinney, whose maritime books we have spoken of, tells how she has enjoyed writing weekly articles for the *Down East Times* of Calais. For her recent book *Real People Down East* she used the pen name Amos Boyd as she narrated local history of the Washington County area.

June Swanton Johnson looks forward to attending the Reunion with her husband Evan '49, always a loyal supporter of our class.

Henry Plate, who summers in Waterford, has been a rescue worker with the Stoneham Rescue Team. He and Joy will be with us in June.

Elaine Luce Leadbetter now lives in Zephyrhills, Florida. She and George '56 still come back to Newport, Maine, summers. Elaine taught school for 26 years. Always enthusiastic about music, I remember her in chorus with Jimmy Selwood.

In an early Christmas greeting, **Margaret "Scuffie" Gorham Murray** updated me on her youngest son, James. He graduated from the University of Louisville with a Doctor of Philosophy degree in biochemistry and molecular biology in August, and is now working at the Medical College of Georgia. Understandably, his mother, who is now enjoying retirement, is quite proud of James' accomplishments.

Ann Harmon Driesen, who has lived for many years in the Netherlands and raised her three children there, plans to return to the states before long. She may not make Reunion in 2003 but hopes to be living in northeastern Massachusetts soon. Our best wishes for a healthy and happy transition!

Olive Coffin Hart of Nobleboro is still volunteering at Miles Hospital. Her granddaughter will graduate from the University of Maine this year.

Bob Varnum wrote from Edmonds, Washington, that he and Helen Mullen Varnum '43 have 13 grandchildren!

Chet Darling writes of his college memories and the birth of his son during his junior year. Now living in Broomfield, Colorado, he volunteers as a reader to the visual-

ly impaired and teaches Braille.

Una Jean Dene MacDonald Mead wrote from Greensboro, North Carolina, that she plans to be in attendance for the 55th. Her son, Andrew Mead '73 was the commencement speaker in 2001!

Roger Thurrell, who volunteers to drive people needing transportation for medical appointments in the area of Conway, New Hampshire, expects to be at the Reunion.

John Chapman, of Hampden, also expects to be at our 55th with his wife Betsy Perry Chapman '73.

Connie Adams Coulter of Wausau, Wisconsin, pursued a career following her major—medical technician—in Maine, Vermont, Georgia, and Wisconsin and enjoyed her work in each different area very much. An outdoor girl, she has taken up golf and skiing and always loved camping. I look forward to seeing Connie in June if she can come back to Maine then. **Mildred Morris Stengel** and **Pauline Parent Jenness** will also be on campus to celebrate with us. Millie's daughter and family have recently moved to Sedgewick on the Blue Hill peninsula and she will be visiting that beautiful area more often.

Harriette Watson Litchfield wrote of the joy she has experienced in singing, dancing, acting, and directing. A music major, she has guided her daughter, son-in-law, and grandson into theatrical careers. We all can remember Harriet's beautiful voice in concerts way back when. It was great to read her Reunion update.

Marilyn Buckley Coombs still lives in Winter Harbor, where she was a bank manager before retiring. Continuing to volunteer at the Winter Harbor Public Library, Marilyn recalls the lasting friendships she made in her two years on campus. **Mary Gray Cranker** was one of her closest friends.

Speaking of friendships, **Marie Crane Harrington** wrote me from Melbourne, Florida, that she had been chatting this last fall with **Peggy Cates Carleton** of Squantum, Massachusetts, after she learned Peg had recently lost her husband, Harry '45. Marie and Peg were roommates in Estabrooke and have enjoyed "catching up." We send our sympathy and love to Peg.

Please do come to our 55th if you can and renew old friendships—and perhaps make some new ones. Until then, keep well and pray for peace.

1949

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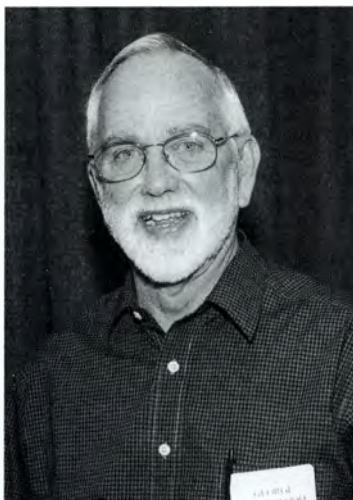
"No news is good news," as the old saying goes, but I don't think that applies to this column. Where have all our classmates gone? I really need to know so I can make this column more informative for all who read it.

Congratulations are extended to **Robinson Spiers** who was honored recently for his service to the community by the Bangor Rotary Club. He was named a Paul Harris Fellow and presented the club's Vocation and Community Service Award. In his name the club makes a \$1,000 contribution to the Rotary Foundation to help support educational and humanitarian work throughout the world.

Dozens of friends and family members gathered at Marden's Furniture store in Waterville in November to remember **Harold "Mickey" Marden**, the former rural mailman from Albion, Maine, who built a \$70 million liquidation business. Mickey died November 4, 2002, from complications from emphysema, a disease he battled for decades. The 10 Marden's Surplus and Salvage stores were closed for the day in memory of the founder. Employees and business associates spoke briefly about a man they obviously revered. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his wife, Catherine Moses Marden '47, and their five children.

I recently got in touch with **Mary Simmons Rollins** who was my roommate sophomore year at Estabrooke Hall. Mary and her husband, Norman Rollins '44, live in Ithaca, New York. Mary worked for 19 years in a pediatrician's office. Norm is retired from Cornell University and she says they manage to keep very busy. They have four children and two grandchildren and live with seven cats and two greyhounds. They hope to be in Maine this summer and it will be great to see them again.

President **Jayne Hanson Bartley** wants to let everyone know that there will be a class meeting on Saturday of Reunion weekend (May 31) at Buchanan Alumni House at 1:00. If you're planning to be in Orono, please stop in at Buchanan



George Greenwood '51, UMaine professor emeritus in civil engineering, was honored for his outstanding career at the annual engineering homecoming luncheon in October.

Alumni House. Watch for the reunion registration materials in the mail. You will have the option of buying tickets for the Saturday night dinner.

With no more news available, I just close this column and hope to hear from all of you in the future.

1950

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Our class was well represented at Homecoming 2002 and those who had not been on campus for the dedication of our Buchanan Alumni House were very impressed with the expansive facilities present in the elegant new building located at the corner of College Avenue and Munson Road on the site occupied by the home of Dean and Mrs. Murray when we were undergraduates. Prexy **Maggie Mollison McIntosh** reported that she saw **Al "Hoppy" and Dottie Lord Hopkins** and **"Brother Bill" Bodwell** who were on deck for the Hofstra football game in President Hoff's heated skybox in the new stadium that now sports artificial turf rather than grass. I do hope that the view of beautiful maple trees and evergreens was still there for the fans to gaze upon before the game began! I

still remember so fondly sitting in the stands on a superb fall afternoon looking out at the dazzling display of fall colors afforded us by those trees! Maggie said that one gets to the skybox area via an elevator and that she was delighted to join **Lenny** and **Renee Minsky**, **Bill**, the **Hopkinses**, **Norma** and **George Gray** and **George Hale** who was the voice of the Black Bears for many years on WABI in Bangor "up in the heavens" to view Maine's win! **George Gonyar** was ushering at the game in the pouring rain, and never missed a beat as he extended cordial welcomes to the fans! **Dick Sprague** was at the Senior Alumni directors' meeting, as was Maggie, both of whom will be involved in a fundraising/planning group for Senior Alumni scholarships. It is noteworthy that those scholarships amount to some \$80,000 per year and benefit many non-traditional students who matriculate at our university.

They all reported positive activity on campus such as renovations to the Fogler Library, completion of the expansion of the Student Union building, and reconditioning of Balentine Hall that is slated to be an extension of the new Honors College headquartered in Colvin Hall. The dedication of Colvin Hall as the seat of the Honors College took place on Homecoming weekend. Dr. Caroline Colvin's portrait is on display on the main floor, and Maggie recently donated a painting by professor Vincent A. Hartgen entitled *Sea Sounds at Schoodic Point* for the new Honors College. We were all saddened to read of the death of Professor Hartgen in November at the age of 88. He was responsible for acquiring more than 5,000 works of art for the university's art collection and I know you remember the energetic spring in his step, his unconventional classroom style, and his great enthusiasm as he encouraged thousands of students during his 30-year tenure to enjoy the medium of art, in its many forms.

We are still awaiting word concerning our class's proposal to erect three flag poles, accompanied by three flags (United States of America, the state of Maine, the University of Maine) close to the entrance to campus near Munson Road. The action taken at our August meeting was to have a grand array of flags highlighting the entrance to our campus. It would be a grand welcome as well as a fine show of patriotism on the part of the univer-

sity, and is consistent with President Hoff's Fifth Pillar described in a recent State of the University Address. Our class' steering committee for the project, composed of Hoppy, George Gray, and Bill Bodwell, has done a fine job of researching and monitoring the status of the proposal. We will keep you posted.

Henry and Marjorie Saunders left for Florida in mid-November after his successful back surgery. He wrote that they were looking forward to warm breezes and mild temperatures while recuperating from the surgery. Hope you are feeling 150 percent now, Henry. Norma and George Gray are in Vero Beach, Florida, for the winter after their summer in Raymond. Am sure they will meet up with **Ray** and **Gerry Lamb Kenneally** for a round of golf or two while in what George calls their "Paradise" (AKA Florida!). **Pat Ward Kilpatrick** (334 Ward Road, Limestone, ME 04750-6557) wrote that she is well and busy! She saw **Sue Dartnell Hodge** who was making an annual visit to the Presque Isle area over the 4th of July. Sue is a judge for the 4th of July parade and has a great time of it! Pat is very active in her community: chair of the Limestone planning board, chair of the board of trustees of Limestone Methodist Church, and has membership in the Loring Development Authority planning board and the Chamber of Commerce. In her "spare time" she also quilts and knits and will probably enter a quilt class over the winter for inspiration as well as socialization. Both Pat and Sue vow to attend Senior Alumni events on campus, and I hope that they can join us next August at our 2003 class meeting on Thursday, the 7th of August, at 10 a.m. at the Salmon Falls Country Club in Saco. We hope you can also plan to join us; please give Prexy Maggie a call if you can come and we will set another place for you at the table! Maggie's phone number is: 207-363-5510. Pat sent along a notice of **Bob Slosser's** death in September. He was a fine journalist, author, and educator; during our undergraduate years he was a saxophone player in Jim Sprague's oh so superior big band—the Maine Bears.

Last spring the University of Maine Symphonic Band and the Bath Municipal Band joined forces to play/sing the "Maine Stein Song" under the baton of "Brother Bill" Bodwell and what a stirring rendition it must have been! Bill has been a moving force with the band in Orono as well as with the Bath Municipal

Band—and also played for a while with the University of New Hampshire Alumni Band. It was interesting to read that prior to World War II, the university's only band was operated under the auspices of the ROTC. In 1946, when Bill was a freshman, he realized that many veterans wanted to play in a student band but not the ROTC-sponsored one. A newly established student band emerged, which had 38 veterans among its musicians. The band was "uniformal" when we were juniors, wearing those fine uniforms for the first time at a gala football game against Bates with Bill as drum major and Pat Ward Kilpatrick as one of the baton twirlers. Though we lost the game, Bill noted that the band looked so very elegant. When we were seniors, Bill conducted the 108-member band, 70 of whom were veterans. Great going, Bill!

Nicholas Smith's collection of photographs and historic postcards chronicling his years of research among the Wabanaki was recently on display at the Abbe Museum in Bar Harbor. He worked for 50 years or so to document Maliseet culture during a period of intense change in native cultures, primarily at the Maliseet First Nation Reserve at Woodstock, New Brunswick. He has compiled "Wabib," a massive bibliographic database of material pertaining to the Wabanaki.

Donn Fendler, who now hails from Tennessee during the winter months, was a participant in the Bud and Barbara Leavitt Memorial Golf Tournament at the Penobscot Valley Country Club, a fundraiser for the Jimmy Fund. Back in 1939 he was climbing Mount Katahdin when he became disoriented and wandered some nine days in the wilderness before being rescued. He wrote a book, *Lost on a Mountain in Maine*, and is active "on the circuit" talking to groups with regard to survival tips for hiking, backpacking, and mountain climbing. He chuckles at the fact that friends and colleagues always think up a few one-liners to toss his way, such as at the tournament when someone asked whether he needed a compass to get through the course! **Norman Powell** recently made a 17-day trip to Europe with 29 members of the 506th Squadron, 44th Bombardment Group, 2nd Division, 8th Air Force. Not only did they see landmarks in England and France, but they also visited historic places connected with World War II from Shipdham Base near London and the Normandy American Cemetery in

France to Hamminkein, Germany. It was there that family and friends of B-24 crews from nine bomb groups had put up a plaque thanking the town for allowing them to erect a memorial to service personnel who had died during a supply drop mission in 1945. The trip was a very moving experience for Norman and the other veterans.

I shall be heading to England for two weeks the last of April and the first of May exploring the Lake District with my English friend, Philippa Randall. This column had to be in Orono prior to the arrival of Christmas cards and newsletters, and thus I have not been able to include any of your recent news. I shall bring you up to date with all in the next column! Just keep those cards and letters coming! And don't forget to mark your calendars for the 7th of August at Salmon Falls Country Club—for soon we will be starting plans for our 55th Reunion in 2005—can you believe that one! Do hope that 2003 is a healthy and happy year for us all!

1951

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First off let me clear up some confusion. Gremlins got in the fall issue, and some important words were left out. **Joan Wiswell Beach** and Dale Beach are still happily married. **Elwood "Woody" Beach** is still happily married to Ginny Norton Beach '52. Various classmates wondered what was going on.

John Dineen has joined the Boston law firm of Nutter, McClenen, and Fish, LLP, as counsel in the real estate and finance practice. He was formerly with the law firm of Peabody and Arnold LLP. John has practiced law for nearly 50 years and concentrates in all aspects of real estate ownership, development, financing, and leasing, as well as municipal zoning, planning, and taxation. He also advises individual, family, and corporate clients on financial planning and structuring investments in business enterprises. He is a member of the American, Massachusetts, and Boston Bar Associations. Following his graduation from the University of Maine, he received a J.D. degree from Boston

University School of Law. He is a resident of Nahant.

Russ Meade reports that he had a great time at Homecoming last fall. He despaired of getting a ticket to the hockey game; but miraculously a ticket materialized, and he found himself to his amazement in the presidential box with President and Mrs. Hoff, who graciously welcomed him. He visited Sigma Chi, which now houses the development offices. Pat Cummings '89, '44H invited him up to see her new office in what had been **Bill Robertson's** room in 1951.

1952

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Greetings from The Cupola to the Class of '52!

The good news is that scholarship assistance is available to descendants of our classmates. Descendants are encouraged to apply at the Office of Student Aid. In the past 20 years, 41 descendants have received over \$34,000 in financial assistance.

By now you should have received the letter from the co-presidents of our class, **Al Cole** and **Bill Currie** explaining the 55th Reunion plans for the spring of 2007. Even though that seems far off at the moment, most of us realize that the time will speed by and it will be almost too late to reserve rooms by the time we get serious about plans to attend.

I have spoken a number of times with **Mary Ellen Chalmers Weldon** since seeing her briefly at her husband, **Scott Weldon's**, funeral service in Bangor on October 14, 2002. She is doing well back in San Mateo, California, and plans to spend some time in Maine during the summer of 2003. Her daughter Ann Weldon Blanke '76 lives in Bangor and teaches math at University College. The Weldon's son, Mark '77, spoke beautifully at his father's service. A younger son, Matthew, lives in San Mateo also.

Jean Boomer Emerson wrote that she would be returning to Florida on October 7 where she will remain until the first of May. She would enjoy seeing any of her "ole gang" from North Estabrooke Hall.

Mary Snyder Dow wrote in

October to say that she had just returned from Sparks, Nevada, where her son, Richard "Rick" B. Dow, Jr., successfully completed the challenging Lake Tahoe Marathon. That was Rick's first marathon. His father, the late **Richard "Dick" B. Dow** ran track and cross-country at Maine in 1952. Rick is 36 and works for Morgan Stanley Investments. His wife, Margaret, is a medical student at the University of Nevada, in Reno. His sisters are Karen Dow, Ginny Hush, and Eileen Campbell. Mary, her companion Stewart, Rick, and Margaret entertained **Ruth Drysdale Frazier** and her husband, Vern, at dinner at Rick's home. Ruth and Vern had just returned from an Elderhostel in China, where they had many great experiences. Mary said that she and Stewart Coffin enjoyed the 50th Reunion at Orono, after which they attended Stewart's 50th at the University of Massachusetts on the following weekend. On October 2, the *Portland Press Herald* reported that **Harry Richardson's** law firm in Portland has decided to defend the two University of Maine football players who were kicked off the team and suspended from school after the university's student conduct committee investigated a rape allegation. Harry was a former Maine football player and a member of the university's board of trustees from 1980-1992. Congratulations to **George E. Guy** and his wife Thelma. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 3, 2002. The *Bangor Daily News* ran a lovely wedding picture of them taken in 1952. The Guys now live in Westfield in October, **William "Bill" Ruby** and wife **Adelaide "Gump" Grant Ruby** traveled to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to attend Bill's annual reunion with the 440th Signal Aviation Construction Battalion. They call themselves the "440th SACBn Alumni." They have reunited in Branson, Missouri; Tucson, Arizona; and Asheville, North Carolina, prior to Hot Springs. Next year they go to New Orleans. The reunion is attended by a group of from 50 to 200 members of that battalion including spouses. Bill reports that they always have a ball! Homecoming 2002 was indeed a wet affair. Before the game, I attended the Webber Tailgate party with my cousin, Priscilla LaFlamme, and a huge number of other guests in a dry tent. From there it was downpour all through the game. The excitement of the win outweighed the discomfort of the drenching. The Buchanan Alumni House was warm and wel-



Alumni association annual fund assistant Kari Wells (left) got together with Class of 1952 members Virginia "Ginny" Norton Beach (center), and Marilyn Kilpatrick Burt at Buchanan Alumni House in October.

coming. My husband's cousin, Betsy Trefts, attended the reception there with me. She too thinks we have a beautiful alumni facility, and she went to Wellseley.

Now for the sad news. Since our memorial service at our 50th Class Reunion, notices have been received that several classmates have died. They are: **Winfield O. Partridge**, on May 1, **Beth Chick Warren**, on July 17, **Howard Foley**, on September 29, and **Scott Weldon**, on October 6. The classmates of '52 want to express sincere sympathy to the families of the deceased members. The alumni office would appreciate any information regarding the deaths of the following persons considered to be members of our class: **Fred J. Bertoldo**, **John M. Blaisdell**, **John P. Kelly**, **Wesley A. Small, Jr.**, **Ola M. Smith**, and **Lawrence M. Stairs**. These persons may have died before the alumni computer database was established. Phone 1-800-934-ALUM. My husband, Hubbard Trefts, died on October 12, after fighting a courageous battle against chronic leukemia that evolved into an atypical, aggressive type. He was only in bed a couple of days, and Marcia Walden '97, our daughter who is a nurse, was here with us. That Hub rests in peace makes it somewhat less sad for those of us left to miss him. Thank you to many of our class who have expressed sympathy and/or made donations to the Mary Dow Cancer

Center at the Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth. And a special thanks goes to the alumni association for its gift. Please send some news to keep me posted on all of your travels and doings, and thanks to those who did just that. Until the next issue, live with love, hope, joy, and peace in your hearts.

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50th Reunion
May 30-June 1, 2003

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Hello to all you UMaine readers out there!

First: Please make note of my fairly new e-mail address above. There's more than a foot of snow outside my window, but when you read this, flowers should be blooming and that trusty lawnmower of yours will probably be in use.

I have some good news. As of January 3, some 120 people are planning to attend our 50th Reunion with an additional 90 "maybes" and now some of those maybes are turning into yesses. That means with additional spouses/guests our class

could have some 250-350 people or more at our 50th come May/June. What do you think about that! I think it's great and I can't wait to see everyone.

So, Bar Harbor it is (Wednesday and Thursday, May 28 and 29) at the Bar Harbor Regency—part of the Holiday Inn chain— at 1-800-23-HOTEL—closed until probably mid-May according to the chamber. The Orono Inn, less than a mile from the university, is where the 68 rooms are blocked for our class and the Class of '58. They are taking reservations now, so give them a call at (207) 866-7120. I did. Double \$89.95; single \$84.95, plus tax. Continental breakfast included. Check-in after 2:00 p.m. Checkout at 11:00 a.m. Cancellation: 4:00 p.m. the day of arrival.

You must have received your registration forms by now, but if you haven't, please call **Frank Pickering**, our class president, in Danvers, Massachusetts, at (978) 774-9524; Kari Wells at the alumni office in Orono at 1-800-934-2586; or **Woody Carville**, class vice president, also in Orono, at (207) 866-4005.

Here's a list of names the university photocopied and sent me regarding our 50th. The definites, the maybes, the nos. You have to realize this list is going to change. No doubt about it. And, as you read this list, if you know any of the nos, not sures, maybes, please try to get them to change their minds.

Those who plan to go to both Bar Harbor and Orono:

Charles Barrett, **Ron Bishop**, **Woody Carville**, **Bob Churchill**, **Faith Taylor Burton Diehl**, **Harold Eames**, **Gene Drolet**, **Robert Ehrlich**, **David Hale**, **Helen Strong Hamilton**, **Bob Hampson**, **Dennis Hawkes**, **Fred Hutchinson**, (Philip) **Ed Johnson**, **Doug Kneeland**, **Tom Laskey**, **Emery Leathers**, **Milt Leighton**, **Trudy Harriman Metzger**, **Carol Prentiss Mower**, **Lloyd Oakes**, **Frank Pickering**, **Nancy Schott Plaisted**, **Ray Robbins, Jr.**, the Reverend **Frederick "Fred" Robie**, **Dick Robinson**, **Al Smith**, **Peggy Libby Standley**, **Jeanette Hovey Wiggin**, and **Dr. Henry "Hank" Woodbrey**.

Those who plan to go to Orono, but not sure of Bar Harbor:

Duncan Cameron, **Lloyd Emery**, **Isabelle Stearns Foss**, **Philip Hall**, **Eini Riutta Johnson**, **Don LaRochelle**, **Don McGown**, **Alan Walden**, and **Robert Ward**.

Those who plan to go to Orono, but are not going to Bar Harbor:

Carroll Akeley, Pat Dionne, Lehan Edwards, David Field, Howard Hede, Donald Higgins, Harold Hutchinson, Mary Maguire Riley, and Norman Roy.

Those who won't be at Bar Harbor and aren't sure about Orono:

Ralph Baxter, Sr., Darrell Hilliker, and Gaylen Kelley.

Those not sure about both Bar Harbor and Orono:

Sarah "Sally" Brackley Breen, Alton "Al" Brown, Peter Douglas, Ralph Goodell, Lorraine "Lorrie" Skolfeld Lowell, Carlton "Beak" Lowery, and Iver "Cliff" Nielson, M.D.

And those who aren't coming to either:

Beverly Finney Aker, Stephen Bogue, Robert Bruns, Madelene Howard Colter, Gilman Dube, Sr., Glenn Folsom, Arthur Gouin, Jr., Forrest Grant, John Jewett, Garry Spencer, Gainer McGorrell Ventresco, Preston "Duke" Walters, and Robert White.

Read on about a few of your fellow classmates (and thank you for filling out those blue slips). The notes are brief and abrupt in style as I'm copying what they wrote. These bios are just a tiny sampling of what will be in the Memory Book, along with your past and recent photos, campus photos, etc. Those who attend Reunion will receive the class Memory Book, so you just have to come. Please!

Beverly Finney Aker, chemistry major, of Lexington, Massachusetts, is now "Retired and a home lady." She has two children, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Special interests: "Volunteer at church and Council on Aging. Enjoy travel, both with Elderhostel, other tour groups, and by myself. Am enjoying discovering the world, in my own fashion. Still knit, crochet, read all those books we never got to."

Most remarkable change in life since graduation: "For 45 years it was work hard to survive. Since retirement, relax, take a deep breath, and enjoy each day as it comes."

Bob Churchill, a physical education major, from Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, is married to Dorothy Leonard Churchill '54 and they have three children and five grandchildren. He had an Army career and a new car dealership before he retired.

Special interests: "Golf, hunting, fishing, taking medicine." (That's a great answer, Bob!)

Favorite memory was: "The time

in basketball practice that Coach Rome Rankin told "Bunny" Parady for the second time not to fall for the head fake and jump in the air to block the shot. The coach was sitting up in the middle of the pit seats, and after Bunny did it again—he went up over the stairs to the top—down the stairs to the basketball court where we were staring and proceeded to chase Bunny around the floor—out through the doors into the hallway—back on the court—yelling his lungs out at him all this time—we couldn't continue practice for five minutes because we were laughing so hard. (Side note): Bunny did learn not to do it."

Most remarkable change in life since graduation: Four-way by-pass (heart attack).

Madelene Howard Colter, a sociology major living in Springfield, Virginia, is married to George and they have two children. She wrote, "Retired from federal government after 15 years in 1990—last position held was computer system analyst with department of Navy. Then assisted my husband for several years in his second career as residential real estate agent."

Special interests: "Attending classes at Learning in Retirement Institute sponsored by George Mason University. Volunteer work at local elementary school and at church. Helping to organize activities for retirees' group. Traveling."

Favorite memory of university days: "Taking a break from studies and going to Carnegie Hall for coffee and conviviality on many an evening."

Most remarkable change in life since graduation: "Before graduation, my travels had been pretty much limited to New England. Since then, I have lived in New York City, Dallas, Germany for four years, and the Washington, D.C. area. And we've traveled to Africa, Asia, and South America—Europe extensively."

Madelene won't be able to attend our Reunion. "Conflict with another association meeting. (George is an officer.)" We'll miss you both.

Faith Taylor Burton Diehl, who was a speech major, lives in Annapolis, Maryland, and is married to Daniel Diehl.

Career: Librarian, retired; sailor, charter boat cook and crew; currently working part-time as a reference librarian in the same public library system from which she retired in 1999, Anne Arundel County Public Library.

Special interests: Sailing, read-

ing, cooking, Internet. Ballard Senior Health Center, volunteer; Watergate Village Yacht Club, CBYCA representative; Eastport, (Maryland) Yacht Club.

Favorite memory of university days: "Building, directing, and broadcasting from the UMaine radio station! Once I directed a radio program all dressed up for a formal dance—at its end I went right from Stevens Hall to the dance! I should have been Barbara Walters!"

Most remarkable change in life since graduation: "Probably my MLS and a career as a librarian starting at age 40. However, no truly remarkable change. Just plain life! I've had a few disappointments but I'm still the same me, always learning and growing and having good times. I've been luckier than many along the way, doing the things I want to do, going where I want to go, and enjoying a very full and rich life which continues to delight!"

Arthur "Art" Gouin, Jr., who was an education major, lives in Norway, Maine. Art and his wife, Joyce, have a daughter (their son died in 1996) and two grandchildren.

Career: Teacher, Bridgton Academy 1953-54; insurance agent 1954-55; teacher, Mechanic Falls High School 1956-1960; and its principal 1960-65; executive director, Oxford County Economic Opportunity Council (poverty program); University of Maine Extension Service, 1966-78 (community development); Bancroft Contracting 1978-79; independent contracting 1979-80; L. F. Pike & Son, men's clothing store 1980-present; (four major careers, two or three minor); corporator, Stephen Memorial Hospital; retired corporator, Norway Savings Bank; member and past deacon, Second Congregational Church, Norway. Army, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Art would like to track down Chester Cambell '54, a Phi Mu brother, so if there's anyone out there who knows where Chester is, please call Art at (207) 743-6836.

Art's memory of university days: "There were moments in fraternity life—Al Hopkins '50, basketball player. We had a good group of people, maybe third academically. Some real characters, but effective today—sharp cats. Carville, Churchill, Dexter Stowell '52, Harry Richardson '52, John Barnard '51, **Doug Cooper, Ellis Bean, Jack Gerry, Charlie Foote.**"

Most remarkable change in life since graduation: "Back in '44 I was a Boy Scout. I finished my last badge for Eagle and stuck it in a

book. My daughter found it and sent it to the Scout executive at Pine Tree Council and he sent it to the records department and in January 1999 or 2000 I was made an Eagle Scout. They held a ceremony at church and George Pulkkinen piped me in. There were 130 of my neighbors, state senators, Marine Corps, cronies."

Art: Congratulations!

Art also spoke of wanting to volunteer at the Veterans Home in South Paris. He said, "I'm learning some housekeeping skills, my cooking is a horror show, but I'm a pretty good laundry man." He was recently elected/appointed deacon emeritus of his church.

Dennis "Denny" Hawkes, agriculture major, of Berkley, Massachusetts, is married to Beverly and they have two children and five grandchildren.

Denny's career included: "Education administration; AGRIL extension service, community college dean; university assistant professor. Military service: U.S. Army infantry officer; 1st lieutenant, USAR. Military civil affairs, captain; USAR, retired, major, 22 years."

His special interests: "Community service clubs: Lions, Optimist International, Kiwanis, American Legion. Military organizations: Reserve Officers Association; Retired Officers Association. Professional organization: American Technical Educational Association, Vocational Education Association, Community College Association. Leisure activities (when possible): Fishing, sailing, gardening, music, sports, grandchildren."

His favorite memory of the university: "Of the many great memories of my years at U of M, I guess the one that stands out most vividly was when my father attended my initiation as a member of Sigma Chi and presented me with my fraternity pin. It was the same pin that he received in 1920 at U of M."

Most remarkable change in life since graduation: "It was when the most wonderful girl I ever met became my wife. Our family, friends, and years together (50th anniversary on July 1, 2002) have been our proudest moments."

Harold "Hutch" Hutchinson, who majored in civil engineering and lives in Brunswick, Maine, is married to Barbara. They have five children and five grandchildren.

Career: "After graduation, worked as design engineer of Maine Turnpike. Also worked as an engineer designing public works projects

in Brunswick-Portland area. Served as public works director in Brunswick and Yarmouth and as city engineer in Portland. Retired in 1988."

Special Interests: "Have served on various building committees in Brunswick. Presently am president of board of trustees for Brunswick-Topsham district and serve on the Vo Ed #10 board in Brunswick. Was regional director of the National Public Works Association and have served in many capacities in the local United Methodist Church."

Favorite memory of university days: "Life in the old 'North Dorms.' A much more-like-home living—everybody hung together. I do remember coming up from South Apartments during '52 snowstorm to find out classes were canceled—no instructors made it in!"

Most remarkable change in life since college: "Have been able to travel throughout the USA—been in all 50 states and a dozen countries—this has changed my outlook on life and how I applied what I had learned at Maine to overcome problems in life and work."

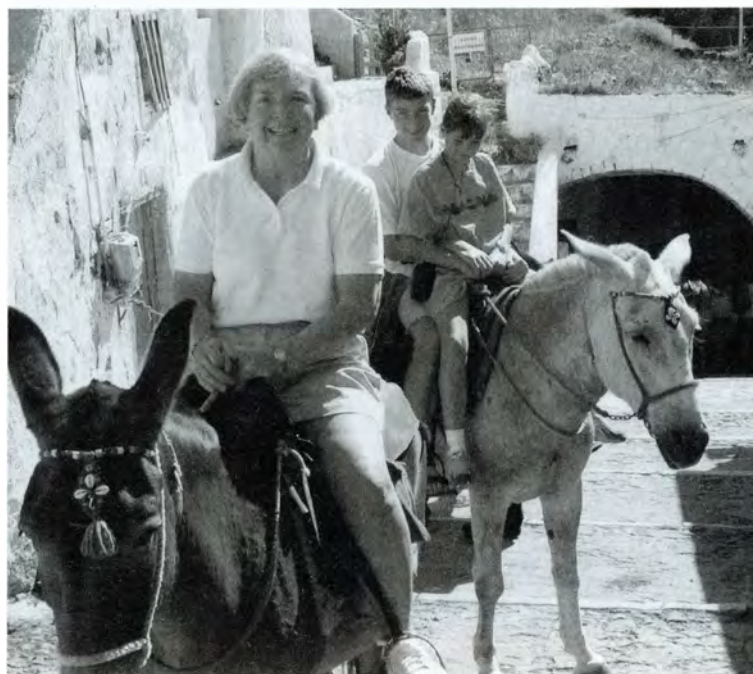
Eini Riutta Johnson, a home economics education major living in Tucson, Arizona, has four children and four grandchildren.

Career: "Since 1953 I was a reporter-photographer for *The Weekly Packet*, Blue Hill, and Bath-Brunswick *The Times-Record* for six years; human resource specialist and vocational evaluator at Pima Community College Skill Center (Tucson-nine years); administrator of St. Luke's Home (for elderly women-four years), and for the past 20 years at Barnes and Noble, doing everything from shelving, stocking, cashiering, and customer service. Still there two days a week."

Special interests: "Special interest has consistently been college and community theater—on stage and as an usher for several different theater companies; travel, camping, bicycling. Won Frysinger International Fellowship in 1960. Represented U.S. in Norway via the Women's National Farm and Garden Association."

Favorite memory of university days: "Living at The Elms, that wonderful co-op dorm that used to be near the bridge—sunbathing on the roof before the snow was melted; bridge games began before breakfast and continued at noon and after dinner—the work, the friends, the laughter."

Most remarkable change in life since graduation: "Learning to ap-



Class of 1953 correspondent Nancy Schott Plaisted takes a mule ride up the volcanic island of Santorini, Greece, with two of her grandchildren (she has 10), Alex and Margaux LeBlanc. Nancy and family members took the trip in October 2002.

preciate the 'little' things in life—all around me. I only need to stop and look. I still get chills remembering standing on the south rim of the Grand Canyon and looking back at the north rim and saying to myself, 'I did it; I got from there to here'—and sitting on a sand dune in Mexico watching the sun set over the ocean—and glancing back over my shoulder to see the full moon rising over the mountains."

Note: "Probably" to Bar Harbor, "yes" to Orono. "Looking forward to familiar faces and memories in June."

Preston "Duke" Walters, a history and government major, hails from Shoreline Care Center in Oxnard, California.

Career: "Preston has been a very excellent telemarketer for Metropolitan Life," said Pauline, his sister whom I spoke with on the phone.

Special interests: "He's a Gideon, one of the most active Gideons they've had," said Pauline. "They come and see him. He's giving out Bibles and Testaments in different languages where he's been since a bad fall a year ago August. Preston's first love is getting out the word of God."

Note: Look in your 1953 *Prism*, page 212, and you can see a smiling Duke, arms outstretched, cape flying outward, feathered hat in one

hand, with a long piece of rope holding up his baggy pants. That's Duke! He was also a member of the Young Republican Club.

Favorite memory of university days: "He remembers his days at Orono, politics (he's still interested in politics), mayor twice," said Pauline.

Most remarkable change in life since graduation: "His conversion—finding the Lord," said Pauline.

"Preston enjoys hearing from people," Pauline said. "The Center is a wonderful, humble place, run by Philipinos and they're wonderful caregivers," said Pauline. "Up and down the hall they call out, 'Hi, Mr. Preston.' He's very well liked by staff and patients." The center is less than five minutes from the ocean, she said, and just yesterday she said she took him out for Chinese food and sat by the ocean, watching the boats. "He has been a very remarkable person, his work with the Gideons. He's a very generous person and he's come a long way in his recovery." We wish you well, Duke!

Let's look back—way back in 1953—when we were young, beautiful, and handsome. Here's what I pulled up from Google.com.

The World Series: The New York Yankees defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers (four games to two).

First issue of *TV Guide* magazine hit the newsstands.

Dwight D. Eisenhower was sworn in as president in January; swearing-in was carried live on TV.

Albert Schweitzer was awarded Nobel Peace Prize.

Korean war ended.

Polio vaccine was used for the first time.

Average income was \$4,000 and a new home cost an average of \$16,000. A gallon of gas cost \$.21, a stamp cost \$.03, and a loaf of bread cost \$.16.

Egypt became a republic.

Charlie Chaplin, amidst allegations of being a Communist, left the United States.

Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay conquered Mount Everest on May 29.

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth occurred on June 2—also carried live on TV.

Life expectancy in the U.S. rose to 68.4 years, compared to 47 years in 1900.

Scientific analysis of data gathered in 1951 and 1952 indicated for the first time a relationship between smoking and cancer.

Popular songs were: "I've Got the World on a String" (Frank Sinatra), "Mister Sandman," "Vaya Con Dios" (Les Paul and Mary Ford), and "Doggie in the Window" (Patti Page).

From Here to Eternity won Best Picture.

Stalin died and was replaced by Krushchev.

First human transplant (kidney) happened in Paris.

By now you've probably realized this is not my usual column, in length or otherwise.

However, I did get a nice typed letter from **Ruth Partridge Pelletier** of Utica, New York, at the end of November. Thanks, Ruth. Read on:

"That was a wonderful column you wrote about the Class of 1953 in the fall issue of the alumni magazine. I enjoyed every word of it. As you have requested more than once, I will briefly update you on **Norm's** and my life. Norm retired from General Electric in 1989 and I retired from working as a psychiatric social worker for New York State Office of Mental Health in 1994. Like most new retirees we did some traveling early on and went on numerous Elderhostel programs. They were all interesting and pleasurable, but the ones we enjoyed the most were the intergenerational programs with the grandchildren. They have now outgrown the pro-

grams and will have to wait until they are 55 to participate again.

"Norm and I are very involved in the Mohawk Valley Institute for Learning in Retirement program hosted by the local branch of the State University of New York. We are offered a wide variety of courses and have full use of all the college facilities. The courses are all 'no credit' courses but they are also 'no test' courses although some do have homework.

"Norm is a 10-year cancer survivor. He had to give up skiing for a while but hopes to resume next season. I have finally recovered from a fairly bad "sports injury" of a couple summers ago. Actually, I fell off a merry-go-round (how embarrassing!) and really did a number on myself. I have given up horseback riding even on wooden horses for the duration. I had to dispose of all my pre-fall shoes and realized I must be distantly related to Imelda Marcos as I had quite a collection. Of course, Imelda probably didn't patronize the Payless Shoe source.

"Norm and I have many wonderful memories of our years at the University of Maine. How well I remember my very first night on campus in a temporary dorm and the housemother came down the corridor and into some of our rooms, broom in hand, chasing a hapless mouse. And then there were those utterly shocking panty raids and on and on.

"It must be wonderful to live in Kennebunk. We have a very tiny condo just a few minutes walk from Perkins Cove and the start of the Marginal Way. How I love that walk. So much beauty to behold. It is easy to see why the sea has always held such fascination for humankind.

"It is obvious you work very hard to make our class notes the best. Keep up the good work."

Thanks, Ruth, for the compliments.

In the winter/spring 1990 issue of *Mainely People*, there was a very well-written article by Walter Staples '39 titled "UMaine's Own Unsolved Mystery" with the bold heading: "Whatever Happened to Johnny Hart '37?" The subhead: "In 1939 a brilliant young Maine alumnus was supposed to begin graduate work at Princeton. He never showed, and no one every heard from him again."

Staples wrote: "I first met Johnny at the start of my second year at Maine. He arrived on campus in a baby-blue Model A Ford with Kansas plates. At the registration office, he stated that he had no high school

diploma but had been taught by his late father, a teacher. Perhaps because the dean of admissions was also named Hart and felt a kinship with this orphan, he admitted John as a special student.

"John Hart was a genius. Not only did he play the violin flawlessly, he was also fluent in Norwegian, German, and Spanish. In two years at the University of Maine, he acquired enough academic credits to enable him to choose among physics, chemistry, mathematics, and languages for his degree. He started one math class a student, and ended as the teacher."

I kept that now-yellowed issue, with the picture of a rather tall, lanky, fair-haired John Emerson Hart, UMaine Class of 1937, and Staples' cousin and another photo of the Model A Ford with which he took Staples on a cross country trip after graduation in 1938 from Maine. Has anyone solved that mystery? I hope so. Please let us know.

And last of all, here's what the university sent me regarding our classmates who have made the news:

From the Boston University School of Education newsletter: Professor of education **Gaylen B. Kelley** chaired a dissertation hearing, "from his cottage in northern Maine," and the doctoral candidate was presenting in Alaska. The research advisor was in Somerville, Massachusetts, and another committee member was in Key West, Florida,—"on the back porch," Kelley adds jokingly, "probably with a mint julep." Now professor emeritus, he'll see his legacy continue with the new Gaylen B. Kelley Distance Education Laboratory, opening this spring. "The only thing you can't do with this is go to Hawaii to play golf," Kelley jokes.

Assistant professor of education in the department of curriculum and teaching, David Whittier, first proposed the idea for a distance education lab after Kelley's retirement in the mid 1990s. Whittier, director of the Instructional Materials Center(IMC), wanted to keep SED students and faculty up-to-date on the latest in education technology as well as to honor Kelley.

"During his tenure at SED—he retired in 1994 but continued working part-time to see his doctoral students through their dissertations—Kelley coordinated the program in educational media and technology. He was also a consultant in facilities design and media program development at SED and

beyond, traveling to Germany, Portugal, Egypt, and Malawi, among other places, to direct training programs."

Kelley, what an honor!

And once again, classmate

Thomas Walsh made headlines in the *Bangor Daily News*, September 5, 2002. With a dateline of Bar Harbor—"Hotel developer Thomas Walsh leveled charges Tuesday against town manager Dana Reed, alleging that Reed is intentionally trying to stop his development on West Street and driving up his costs.

"Another complaint about Reed surfaced during the town council's meeting: that Reed favors Walsh's hotel rival, Thomas Witham, by not applying land use rules equally for the community's two major developers."

"Reed dismissed criticism that he plays favorites and defended the stop-work order he issued last month on a West Street sidewalk project approved last month by the council.

It was the stop-work order that incited Walsh to come before the council to complain."

Good luck Tom.

And last: From the *Courier-Gazette* in Rockland, Maine, September 3, 2002, dateline Camden—"Rockport Garden Club's annual conservation program Thursday will feature **Dave Getchell Sr.**" The program was titled: "The Georges Highland Path: A Different Approach to Conservation."

Dave graduated from UMaine with a degree in journalism and "worked as an editor for many publications, including *Down East Magazine* and *Maine Coast Fisherman* (which became the *National Fisherman* in 1966). He was founding editor of the *Small Boat Journal* and the *Mariner's Catalog*. Since 1982, he has been a freelance writer, editor, and lecturer.

"No stranger to water or land trails, Getchell took part in a two-man expedition along the Labrador coast in an 18-foot motorboat. In addition, he and his wife did a five-month, 8,000-mile tour from Maine to the West Coast and back to Maine.

"He was co-founder of the Maine Island Trail Association, which maintains a 352-mile-long small boat waterway called the Maine Island Trail.

"He is currently the trail's coordinator for the Georges River Land Trust, developing the 50-mile-long hiking trail through the St. George River watershed."

Keep up the good work, Dave.

That's it, classmates. Remember to fill out all those forms you get from Orono, and also send along a recent photo of yourself, all for our Memory Book. It's nice to be able to say, "See you soon. Keep on looking young" so we'll recognize one another. I'm horrible at names, but I do think we're a great bunch of classmates. Until then—

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By the time you read this someone from our reunion committee will have called you, written to you, or sent an e-mail message about getting together on campus in June 2004 for our 50th Reunion. **Mary MacKinnon Nelson** organized the all-out classmate contact effort in December. If you somehow didn't make contact, call me at the number above and I'll fill you in.

Allen Fernald, Jerry Hallee, and I will be meeting with **Bob and Martha "Jean" Wyman Weatherbee** to prepare a mailing asking you to send us back pictures, anecdotes, and special memories for a memory book, a copy of which will be given to Reunion attendees. Be thinking of what you want to contribute to your page.

Mark Getchell and wife Judy have refurbished their summer camp on Belgrade Lake so they can spend more time in Maine. Until Mark retired from his work in Connecticut two years ago they were able to spend only brief periods at camp. Recently, they have begun to host their old 1954 civil engineering classmates. This past summer John '57 and Charlene Bridge, **Fred** and Carlene Lobley **Boyce** '55, **Herb Doten**, and **Ed Coffin** all met for lunch at the Senator Inn in Augusta. Mark and Judy hope that other classmates will contact them in 2003 at Belgrade 465-4483 and reconnect.

Speaking of getting the gang together, **Preston "Skip" Hall** and wife **Rosemary Carlin Hall** held a get-together for ATO friends in early December at their home in Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Dr. John W. Skehan of Hampden, Maine, associate professor of education emeritus at the University

of Maine has been acclaimed Distinguished Alumnus 2002 by the University of Maine at Machias Alumni Association. His teaching career spanned many years and many academic areas from teaching grade five at Abraham Lincoln School in Bangor in 1954-1955 to associate professor of education at UMaine from 1982 to 1996. He is a published writer, contributing to professional journals and preparing numerous studies and reports on many aspects of education across Maine.

Think memory book!

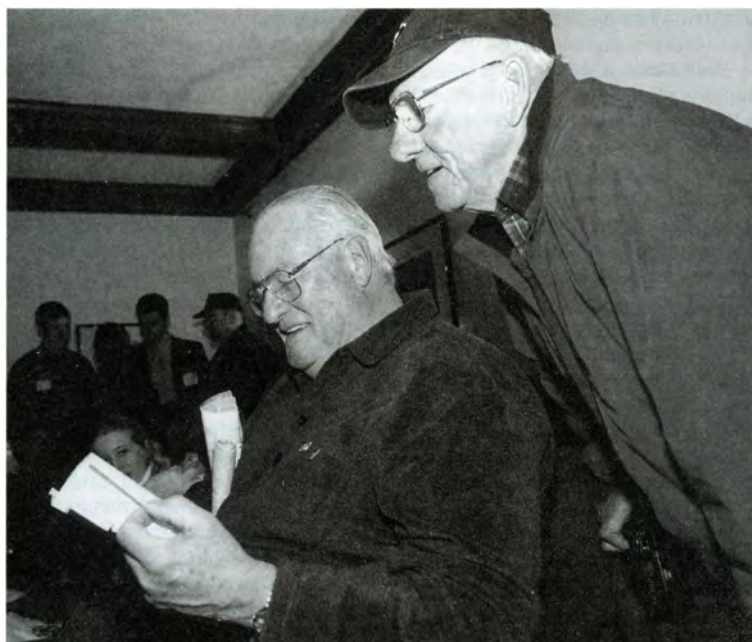
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Most of you probably didn't know that the Class of 1955 Room has been "among the missing." We owe **Dick Eustis** our sincere thanks for his follow-up on this matter. The room for which we gave money disappeared in the current expansion and renovation project in the Student Union Building. Dick met with personnel from the university and the room that was designated as the Class of 1955 Room will be on the second floor in the renovated area of the original Union Building and is about the same size as the original room. The current intent is for the room to be used as an office for the substance abuse program and our old plaque should have been installed by now. So when you are next in Orono, take time to visit our Class of 1955 Room.

Many thanks, **Ron Sheay**, for the nice letter that you sent me concerning your daughter, Wendy '88 and her marriage to Jim Hutzelmann on September 1, 2002. Ron's wife, the Reverend Ginny Sheay, performed the marriage. Ron indicated that there were a number of Phi Eta Kappa classmates who attended the ceremony and reception. **Paul Ferrigno** and Ron attended the Maine-Richmond football game in Virginia and saw Maine win. Ron and Ginny spend their summers on Southport Island next to Boothbay Harbor and head south to New Jersey for the winter.

Blake Bartlett is closing the doors on his landmark Pittsfield, Maine, business this winter. His company, E.D. Call & Son Memori-



Looking over some of the treasures from the 1952 Sigma Chi time capsule, which was opened at Homecoming 2002, are Frank Pickering '53 (seated) and Neil McGowen '54. The capsule was buried by Sigma Chi brothers in 1952 with the instructions that it be dug up in 2002 as part of the fraternity's 100th anniversary.

als has been cutting and carving granite monuments for four generations. This business was founded in 1922 by Blake's wife's grandfather and then run by her father. Blake purchased the business in 1971 from his father-in-law. At the time of the purchase, Blake taught English and history at Maine Central Institute and continued his teaching and ownership of the business until 1986 when he gave up teaching. He has operated his business with community service and pride, and many of the items in Pittsfield's parks have been carved or donated by Blake. Not only this, but he has also maintained them for years. Among his civic duties, Blake has been a member of the Pittsfield Kiwanis, Boy Scouts, a member of the Seabrook Valley Hospital board of trustees, MCI trustee, and a member of the S.A.D. 53 board. Blake and Sonja's three children must be extremely proud of their parents.

I have said for some time that **Paul** and I had hoped to get back for homecoming one year. Well, we finally made it this year. Our first stop was the new Buchanan Alumni House. This is just a gorgeous building of which every Maine alumnus should be proud. We then proceeded to the new (for us) football field and sat through the first half of the football game in a steady rain. It reminded me of the last

game of our senior year when there was snow and freezing rain; bet **Joanne Roberts Erickson**, **Mary Litchfield Whitworth**, and **Ruth Thompson Baxter** remember our cheerleading skirts being frozen solid. Paul and I left at halftime to get dried off, realizing at that time that Maine was behind 17 to 0. We proceeded to the Student Union building to get some coffee, and what an amazing place that is now. You would not recognize the new cafeteria. It is just beautiful, and the array of food at "The Marketplace," I believe it is called, is amazing. It is a must stop when you visit the university, and while you are there, be sure to visit the new bookstore. We decided, after getting warm and dry, to go to the field house to see the craft show. We turned the radio on during the drive from the Union to the field house to hear that the score was now 17-10, and Maine was on the 10-yard line heading for the Maine goal with seven minutes remaining in the game. We found a parking place by the fence and saw Maine win the game. Paul stood out by the fence while "Chicken Little me" stayed in the car and tooted the horn. It was a very exciting seven minutes! Rejuvenated once again, we finally went to the field house and made some purchases at the craft fair. Our last stop of the day was to Sigma Chi's unveiling of their

50-year capsule. There was a huge crowd there, many from the '40s and '50s. Great to see **John Knowles** and Ann Dingwell Knowles '57, **Bill Johnson** and Marilyn Pennell Johnson '57, and **Mary Alice Hastings Bancroft** and Al Bancroft '54 to name only a few. We did have a great time and hope that it won't be as long between visits for our next Homecoming.

Your classmates would love to hear from you and what is going on in your life, so do contact me by letter, e-mail, phone, or knock on our door.

1956

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The 50th Reunion committee of 1956 met again at **Betsy Harvey Ruff's** house in Freeport for a planning session on October 8th. We discussed many things at the meeting, most of them concerning what we should do to make our 50th Reunion successful.

We started out with Betsy reporting on the progress of our fund-raising. She will be sending out a letter to you all at a later date. **Dana Devoe** has been communicating with the Fogler Library and Peter Hoff and they are extremely pleased that the Class of 1956 intends to make possible another teaching center for enhancing computer and technology skills for both students and the faculty. One classroom already exists at Fogler, but it is in constant use and is unable to meet the growing need for further usage. Dana has learned that it is possible that a new addition to Fogler may be initiated between now and 2006. If that happens they would designate space in the new addition to create the more advanced classroom. If construction has not then begun, then existing space in Fogler will be renovated to provide such space.

We are still debating whether to join the Senior Alumni or retain our own identity. If you have an opinion on this get in touch with our prexy, **Bill Johnson**. No date has yet been set for our Reunion in 2006 but it usually is set for the last week of May.

I attended Homecoming in Orono this fall and boy was it cold—we sat

through about one and 1/4 periods of the football game, then went to the Union for some hot drinks. I guess the team decided that they would show us all up for leaving them early, because as soon as we were out of sight they proceeded to win the game. There was a special ceremony of Sigma Chi during the weekend when the brothers dug up a capsule they had buried in the front yard of the house in 1952. Many of the same brothers who buried it were there to dig it up—it was very impressive. The university now owns the house, but they allowed the present brothers to bury their own capsule to be dug up in 2052.

Ellen Hay Bell sent a card telling of attending her 50th Reunion of Presque Isle High School last July 26-28. Attending were **Ron Coffin**, **Penny Banks Hickey**, **Gary Beau-lieu**, **Arla MacDonald Snodgrass**, and **Art Billings**. Art and his wife recently sailed around the world on their own. All continue to or are very active in their community. They all plan to attend our 50th.

Betsy Harvey Ruff spent her summer in the Adirondacks enjoying the woods and water during one of the warmest seasons in years. She and her daughter Julianne recently took a trip to Luxembourg, Belgium, and Holland. They had a great time, enjoying all the historical sights, scenery, waffles, crepes, chocolate, and beer!

The Waterville *Central Maine Morning Sentinel* on July 19, 2002, ran an article on the Lawrence High School Alumni Association naming the 2002 Bulldog Award winners. Among the honorees was **Volney "Gil" Gilpatrick**. Upon graduation he received a commission as a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He served in Germany and Washington state. He left the military with the rank of captain. He has had several careers—teaching, writing, and guiding. In his teaching he took a position as outdoor resources instructor at the Skowhegan Regional Vocational Center. In his shop at the school he developed a number of projects to interest and inspire his students. It was here that he discovered his talent as a writer. He has written books on building strip canoes and snowshoes, also freelancing and monthly columns for outdoor magazines for the past 30 years. He is a Master Maine Guide and not until this year did he retire from guiding commercial trips. He and his wife Dot Bradstreet Gilpatrick '58 stay active with outdoor excursions

with their children and grandchildren. Congratulations, Gil!

Dick Nevers forwarded a note from Virginia McIntosh. She wrote, "I want to thank you for the Class of 1956 Scholarship. My father, who has passed on, graduated with a master's degree in administration during that year. This scholarship has helped pay my tuition every semester and I am very grateful for this scholarship."

"Through this scholarship, it seems as if my father is somehow supporting my decision to go back to college and telling me to keep on with it—not to quit. It's as if he is looking down from Heaven urging me on in my educational pursuits and goals and that makes me happy." Virginia is a political science major.

All for now. Let me know your news at any time and I will save it for the next column. Send info to my e-mail address if you want.

Don't forget to look at the university web site, www.umaine.edu, for info from the school.

1957

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The publications department apparently thought that the two McCann sisters on campus the Reunion weekend were one. I think they might give us a picture of them properly identified even though the '52ers know Dorothy and the '57ers know **Margaretmary**.

Henry "Hank" E. Goldman is happily helping his wife Joanne babysit their four grandchildren in Norwell, Massachusetts, where the junior high school was renamed the Henry E. Goldman School in 1995 in honor of his career as an administrator in the school system. His favorite memory was working with Hershel Bricker and the Maine Masque Theatre, and he is not the only one with pleasant thoughts of that activity.

"Treetops" is **Wayne L. Jackson's** e-mail handle, retired after 32 years as a forester for S.D. Warren, and 30 years in the U.S. Army Reserve as a lieutenant colonel. He served on the Westbrook school board, Baldwin appeal board, Baldwin Library trustee, Bladwin Histori-

cal Society, and in the Sebago Branchduckers and Baldwin Belt-burner Snowmobile Clubs. He enjoys fishing, camping, snowmobiling, and traveling with his wife Mildred Mitchell Jackson '56 and family of four children and nine grandchildren.

E. Scott and Doris Richards Marshall still are happily living in Ellington, Connecticut, and Dottie writes, "Scott retired from Follett Book Company in July of '02. I am still working at Alpha and Omega (a nonprofit corporation for physically challenged individuals) but fewer hours all the time. In our free time we mainly enjoy our three children and spouses and four grandchildren in Connecticut, Delaware, and Texas. One of the highlights of the past year was to attend the NCAA Women's Basketball Championships in San Antonio last March. As you may have heard, our University of Connecticut girls came out #1. Have also enjoyed a few vacations this year to New Hampshire and Prince Edward Island. We were sorry not to be able to make the 45th but loved hearing from all those who encouraged us to attend."

Immediately on retirement in 2001, **Drusilla Nesbit Pedro** said, "I hit the links at Riverside Golf Course and have had a ball (no pun intended) playing and meeting lots of people even though it has been a humbling experience as well as a challenge. This past March the UMCA Master Gardener course beckoned and taught even more delights, the stress being on volunteering. Most of my volunteer hours entailed working at the peony gardens at the Audubon Society at Gilsland Farm in Falmouth and participating in the Garden Angel program with a couple of elderly gardeners who just need a little hand. It's really interesting to hear how some of the other master gardeners volunteered their skills—a few of us got together when the course ended just to keep in touch and compare notes. What a diverse group! As far as family, my older son has two sons, my daughter has four children all in the Portland area, and my younger son lives in Rhode Island with his wife and new baby. It's so nice to have them nearby instead of across or out of the country. I feel blessed."

Les and I went up for the day at Homecoming and could really see the value of the Buchanan House that cold, rainy day when the football game climax was broadcast on the stereo system. There is an effective shuttle bus system each

time that alums are invited to campus so you don't have to get more exercise than you want to. After attending the dedication of the Robert B. Thomson Honors Center, I believe I understood that the next building to enter that complex may be Balentine, possibly to have its second and third floor lounge areas returned to their original use! We went on to the Buchanan House and Les then attended the civil engineering luncheon while I took in the craft fair in the field house. Later, we migrated to the Sigma Chi Heritage House and visited with Mary Alice Hastings Bancroft '55 and Al '54, Mark '93, his wife and "two future Sigs?"

Escaping from Apple Acres, "Little Bill" Johnson '55 and **Marilyn Pennell Johnson** attended the football games as did John '55 and **Ann Dingwell Knowles**. **Robert W. Hastings** and wife Bettyann were on hand to cheer brother-in-law Al as he took his 50 year earlier place in the hole to unearth the Class of '52 time capsule. The rain continued to come down. Fortunately, Mark and some others managed to get a rope around the concrete cube and eventually it came up. It was nice to see the living room nearly full of people as we gathered afterward and to have the meeting closed with the singing of "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" by all those who were "more mature."

From my brown envelope came the news that **Louis L. Poulin** and his wife Eileen had a lovely surprise 50th anniversary party given by their family last August. He was employed by the Maine Department of Transportation until 1986 and then as an engineering consultant at Dufresne-Henry for 10 years, while his wife raised the children and then worked in accounting for a number of years. There should be more of these coming up each month, and the anniversaries are certainly worthy of mention.

John Bridge, former mayor of Augusta and president of Bridgecorp, was co-chair of the United Way of Kennebec Valley 2002 with his wife Charlene.

Exploring the history of Maine labor is the new book, *Organized Labor in Maine: War, Reaction, Depression and the Rise of the CIO, 1914-1943*, published by the Bureau of Labor Education, and written by **Charles Scontras**, a research associate in the Bureau of Labor Education at the University of Maine. He says, "Too often we have been blinded by a romantic view of

our past which focuses on such things as the general store, the potbellied stove, Downeast humor and accent, lobster traps, lighthouses, and larger than life lumberjacks. That image, advertised as a staple in our souvenir and gift shops, is not a complete picture of the state and its people. It leaves out struggle and conflict, and the effort of workers and others to change the environment in which they live in order to bring about a society they believe to be more just." Scontras retired from teaching modern society at UMaine in 1997 and has written about Maine labor history for nearly 40 years.

On a card lodged at the bottom, **Mel Tukey** wrote that he retired from Sears in July 2002, but is still giving trumpet lessons and leading his jazz group, the Clam Flat Five. He is having a rewarding experience serving on the Village Review Board, a group charged with Brunswick's historic preservation.

"Unsinkable **James 'J.V.' Varnier** Going Strong in Old Town" is an interesting interview in the *Penobscot Times* that chronicles the life of that gregarious head of the Greater Bangor Area National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Maine Human Rights Commissioner, and part-time professor, from the time he was five through the present day. Jim has worked to undo racism and discrimination in America and Maine using his own life and his teaching career. He was one of four African-Americans on campus in '52 and he really liked the custom of the "Maine Hello" where students and staff would automatically smile and say "Hello" to whoever they passed. It is a custom he would personally like to see reinstated, and I second that after trying it on the current campus inhabitants and getting surprised looks.

1958

*45th Reunion
May 30-June 1, 2003*

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Hope your holidays were happy and that your new year has been healthy. As I write this, just before Christmas, I am looking at snow covering the ground which we received just before Thanksgiving. That along with high winds and low

temperatures makes me definitely think of warmer climes. A body can always dream!

A reminder that our 45th Class Reunion is May 30, 31, and June 1! Plan to be in attendance! The more the merrier—only you can make this Reunion the best ever. Also a reminder that you should fill out the Reunion update form that you received in the October 2002 mailing. This is the only way that both the alumni office and yours truly have of keeping up with what is going on in your lives. Here are a few notes from those forms.

Wallace D. Henderson, who majored in engineering physics at UMaine, is currently the vice president of operations for InnerEarth Technologies located in Albuquerque, New Mexico. While at UMaine, Wally was an active duty Air Force captain assigned as an advisor to the Maine Air National Guard. He

retired from the Air Force in 1973 with the rank of colonel. He then worked for the Department of Defense's Senior Executive Service, as vice president and consultant for the BDM Corporation, as vice president for Trans Mar, and as CEO for Tri Linear Corporation. Wally says he has retired but is currently starting a new business with Russian participation. In his spare time, he is a commercial pilot, single engine land and sea and hot air balloons; a scuba diver, and likes to travel. One of his fondest memories of his university days is working in the advanced physics lab with Dr. Krueger.

Vernon B. Hunter, who majored in history and government, and holds a M.Ed. in guidance and counseling from UMaine, retired after 35 years of teaching and coaching. He spent 10 years as director of guidance at Cony High School in Augusta. He is the vice

president of the Camden-Rockport Historical Society, a deacon of West Rockport Baptist Church, and is a VA rep-director of Beales Hospitality House, Togus. He is a member of the American Legion—he served with the U.S. Army in Korea—and is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. This past summer Vern says he managed to rake more than four tons of blueberries at the age of 70. Good work, Vern!

Robert J. Kolouch, whose major was physics and who holds a M.S. and Ph.D. from Tufts University, is now retired from E.I. DuPont as a research physicist. Bob says his time these days is taken with his grandchildren (he has six), travel, and computers, in that order.

Philip T. Martin writes that he retired from teaching in 1986. However, this spring will be his 44th straight year of coaching baseball—his 34th at Scarborough High. He also does part-time teaching at a year-round baseball facility in South Portland.

Dale McLean, who holds a degree in electrical engineering from UMaine and a M.S. in electrical engineering from Northeastern University, retired as a distinguished member of the technical staff for Bell Laboratories, Lucent Technologies.

Louis E. Cook, who graduated with a degree in history, retired from teaching for M.S.A.D. 40. Dusty says he spends his time now with the Waldoboro Lions Club and is a member of the Goose River Golf Club. While at UMaine he was a member of ATO, Scabbard and Blade, and served as a dorm proctor.

Remember May 30, 31, and June 1. See you on campus!

1959

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Hi '59ers! By the time you read this the holidays will have come and gone. I hope they were wonderful for you all and I wish you much happi-

Your Classmates Would Like to Hear From You!

We know you enjoy reading about what your classmates are up to. Well, they would like to hear about what's going on in your life too. Please take a minute to fill out and mail in this form. Or e-mail your information to your class correspondent or to the e-mail address listed below.

Name:

Class year:

Place of residence:

Your news: (marriage, children, grandchildren, work, volunteer work, trips, learning activities, hobbies, etc.)

Send to your class correspondent or to Alumni Publications, P.O. Box 550, Orono, ME 04473 (e-mail: abigail_zelz@umit.maine.edu).

Go Black Bears!

ness and good health in the New Year.

In October **Bob** and I attended the UMaine vs. Florida International University football game in Miami. I think it was quite a change for the Black Bears to be playing here in sunny Florida. Maine, of course, won. There were so many UMaine shirts, hats, jackets, etc. all over the stadium we were amazed. It was a great feeling to see so many Maine fans down here. We ran into one classmate, **Carl Edler**, retired and living in Lake Worth. A month later we saw Carl again as he was a volunteer at an PGA golf tournament at Trump International course in West Palm Beach. Bob and I also worked as volunteers at the same tournament.

I received a nice note from **Mary Coffin Sturtevant** who lives in Winthrop, Maine. She keeps busy as a volunteer leading school groups at the arboretum in Augusta and with a Books for Babies project done by Friends of the Library. **S. Clyde Kikie Ross** writes that he is working as deputy fire chief in Farmington and instructing fire fighters at the vocational technical school. He is enjoying fishing, hunting, travel, and a variety of volunteer work.

John Hoyt has been elected as a member of the Thornton Academy board of trustees. He previously served as superintendent of S.A.D. 55 and director of finance at Thornton.

Anita Peavey Haskell was a candidate for House District 137 which includes a portion of Old Town. Did not hear the election results.

Nonni Hilchey Daly is the co-founder of the Canoe City Quilters in Old Town. The group has grown to 42 members in two years. As well as carrying on the quilting craft the group is involved in many aspects of community service such as providing quilts in emergencies and involving teenage girls to learn the craft. Nonni and her co-founder Valerie King Osborne '72, '85G make over 100 quilts a year!

That's all the news for now. Once again, please send me your news.

Don't miss a single issue
of your
alumni magazine.
Renew your membership
promptly!

1960

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Received a nice note from **Felicia Schroetel Lee**, responding to my pleas for news from the Class of 1960. She writes that after leaving Orono, she earned a master's degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She says she's had a wonderful career as a librarian, spending 37 years in engineering, college, government, public, and school libraries—the last eight years with middle schoolers in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she retired in June 2000. Since then, Tom, her husband of 34 years, and Felicia have traveled extensively in England, Germany, Norway, and France. Their most recent trip was to China. Their daughter and her family live just two blocks from Felicia and Tom, so every day is “grandparents” day. Felicia loves to hike, play tennis, and welcome guests. Her address is: 3743 Stokes Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dwight Hunter was inducted into the Maine Sports Legends Hall of Honors in October 2002.

Jon H. Whitten, Sr. retired from the Maine Department of Transportation after 43 years as division engineer of the Fairfield Maintenance Office (Division 4). Nineteen of those years were for the construction division—including resident engineer on the Piscataqua River Bridge (Portsmouth-Kittery). His wife Estella (UMaine Farmington '66) retired after 30 years operating her Bo Peep Nursery School. Both are active in the Methodist church and Seabasticook Riding Club. Jon and Estella live in Clinton, Maine.

1961

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Your resolution for 2003 should be to keep me informed of your goings, comings, vacations, and retirements. Your classmates love to read your news. This time I don't have a lot to write about. E-mail is painless. Let me hear from you.

William Weiblen attended the

International Gas Turbine Institute in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, this past summer and met up with two other alums, William Rollins '49 and his son Patrick '88. Will Weiblen is the 120th president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers International. **John Menario**, former Portland city manager and former head of the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce, was appointed as a member of the state casino task force to study the economic and social effects of a Maine-based casino.

Dick Dawson spent part of November in Mongolia working for their government on food safety issues. From there he traveled into China and up to Siberia.

1962

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As I sit down to write to all of you I have just put down **David Lamb's** latest book, *Vietnam, Now: A Reporter Returns*. Like all of David's books, you are taken on a journey. This time it is back to Vietnam to discover a country, not through war, but through its people and poetry. He encounters warm, friendly people overcoming political repression and poverty. This September, at a book signing on Mount Desert Island, David told a reporter that he, “was very impressed with the first post-war generation we see coming of age in Vietnam. These kids in their 20s and early 30s are a whiz-kid generation that thirsts for knowledge.” This book is another winner for our illustrious classmate.

Following along in a literary vein, this time the '62er is not the author, but the central character. **Ron Marks** is the focus of Bill Sawtell's newest sports biography. *The Albion Antelope, the Ron Marks Story* chronicles Ron's life from his early days on the family farm in Albion, through his career at UMaine and on to his extensive and successful years as the coach of Schenck High School in East Millinocket. The title's origin? In his first season for the Black Bears, Ron did not get many chances at the plate, yet he played in over half of the games. He was well known as a pinch runner, stealing many bases without ever being thrown out, and earning, from his

teammates, the nickname, “The Albion Antelope.”

Keene State College presented its Community Service Award to professor **Tom Duston** this October at the annual fall convocation. This award honors a Keene State faculty member for enhancing the life in his community. Tom, chair of the Chesterfield Conservation Commission, has worked to conserve large areas of land in the Connecticut River Valley region of New Hampshire for several years. He has helped create greenways, build trails, and develop land-use plans and recycling programs. In 1990, it was Tom who came up with the idea of connecting Mt. Monadnock and the Connecticut River via a greenway now known as the Wantastiquet-Monadnock Trail.

Bill Smullen has taken up a new command. After a long career in the Army and 13 years as Secretary of State Colin Powell's right hand man, Bill has started a new phase in his life. This August he packed up, left Washington, and headed to Syracuse to accept positions at both the Maxwell School of Public Affairs and the Newhouse School of Public Communications. Bill received his master's degree from S.U. in 1974 and has returned many times as a guest lecturer. Now he will be able to use his years of experience and close proximity to power as the deputy director of Maxwell's national securities studies program and professor of public relations at Newhouse. He tells me that he is enjoying his new role immensely. This chance to influence young people and share his wisdom puts a smile on the professor's face.

As for the Zitos, we spent 10 days in Italy this October attending a family wedding. We started with four warm, sunny days in Venice riding along the canals, and strolling through the vias and piazzas soaking up the city. Our favorite traveling companions, daughter Julie and her husband, joined us. We left Venice to spend an evening in Milan before going to Turi, a small town on the heel near Bari to visit Frank's relatives. He is literally related to half of this village. During the ceremony it was amazing to see our daughter carrying the wine and grapes down the aisle in the same church that her great-grandparents had been married in over 80 years before. After several days with family we ended our stay with a weekend in Rapallo, just five kilometers from Portofino. Bellissimo!

That's all for you. Please keep in touch and remember to send me

your e-mail address to put on our class list.

1963

40th Reunion
May 30-June 1, 2003

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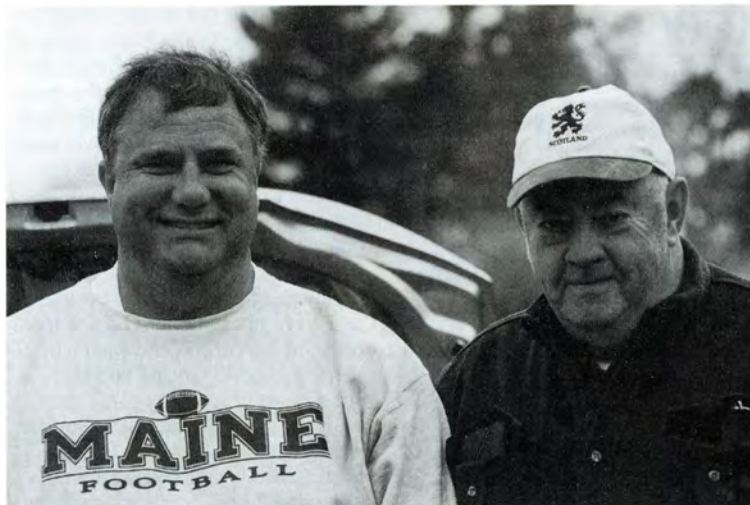
Those reunion update forms are coming in, so there is news! **Elaine Farashian**, a retired high school teacher, volunteers at the Philadelphia Art Museum and the Kimmel Center (Regional Performing Arts Center). She also volunteers for the Philadelphia Antiques Show, as well as being on her condo board. In her spare time, she plays tennis and goes flying.

Harvey Hayden is retired from his position as assistant superintendent for S.A.D. 9 in Farmington. He now does consulting with the school district. He spends his time on antique cars, woodworking, hunting, and fishing. **Hugh Ellis**, a retired loss control engineer, has dual residency in Florida and Maine. He has also retired from the Naval Reserves. His favorite memory of those college years is playing cards in the Bears Den!

Stephen Maresca is a math teacher and head of the math department with the Kamehameha Schools in Kailua, Hawaii. He received a Presidential Award for teaching mathematics from the state of Hawaii in 1986. He has an active lifestyle with interests in softball, tennis, jogging, hiking, and biking. He plans to retire in June 2003.

Bruce Pratt has retired from IBM and Pennsylvania College. He and Maureen are busy with three children and now five grandchildren. He says his interests are numerous.

RADM G. Brian Estes retired after 32 years in the Navy, last stationed in Hawaii as commander, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command. He is now a consulting engineer in Williamsburg, Virginia. **Lois Murdock Libby** and husband Larry '62 live in Columbus, Ohio, and summer in Maine. They have two children and three grandchildren. **Kathy Hunt Stafford** lives in Morro Bay, California. She has been a teacher, substitute teacher, and is now a homemaker. She is



Jay Mellow and Richard McElhaney '59 enjoyed the Homecoming Tailgate last October before the Black Bear football game. Jay is the father of UMaine kicker Michael Mellow, Class of '05.

currently very involved as a volunteer with Hospice and is on her local senior board. She also started an alumni group on the Central Coast for Phi Mu. She has two children. **Alan and Susan Braveman Fiaschner** are in Huntington Beach, California. Alan is teaching at Touro University International in Cerritos, California. He retired from the University of Toledo, where he was professor of marketing for 25 years. Susan spends her time doing charity work and enjoying her children and grandchildren.

Linda Ellis Bennett is bi-coastal, living in Oakland, California, and returning to Maine for July and August. She has her own consulting business as a human resources and recruiting advisor.

Virginia Clement Glazier lives in Worcester, Massachusetts, and teaches at Boylston Elementary School. She is involved with the Junior League of Worcester and is on the board of trustees of the Worcester Historical Museum. She is enjoying skiing at Sugarbush and sailing. Her husband, Peter, died in April of 2000.

Baron Hicken teaches high school physics in Metuchen, New Jersey. He summers in Alfred, Maine. He is an adjunct professor of physics and a track and field official.

Ann Shea Bayer is a professor of educational psychology at the University of Hawaii (Honolulu).

Perry Clough is in Barrington, Rhode Island, after 35 years working for Eastman Kodak and Johnson & Johnson and finally as president and CEO of Blackstone Medical. He is now consulting businesses and

sits on six company and nonprofit boards. He says his golf game has not improved since he retired. **Irv Marsters** is the president of the Bangor Letter Shop. He and his wife, Karen, are co-chairpersons of the business contributions of the Bangor Junior Achievement Council.

Ila Young Green is based in Poland, Maine, but "on the road" in their RV much of the year. She is a volunteer at the Thrift Shop, active in peace and social justice activities, and enjoys swimming and reading. **Gail Briggs Butterfield** is in South Paris, Maine. She is past national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a member of the National Gavel Society, and active in the Grange and Eastern Star.

Hopefully, you are making your plans to return to Orono May 30-June 1, 2003 for the 40th Reunion. You should have received the information about plans being made for that weekend. I will not be in attendance this year, since our son has decided that will be the date of his marriage ceremony! However, I will have someone in place to take notes and perhaps be the "guest columnist" for our next *Mainely People*. If you would like to be the "class scribe," please let the alumni office know or get in touch with me directly.

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1964

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My heartfelt condolences to my former roommate and good friend, **Marcia Hebert Doherty** on the untimely death of her husband, Michael. He and I were friends before Marcia knew him; in fact I introduced them to each other when we were at UMO.

William Bourbon has recently retired after having served the North Berwick, Maine, school district as teacher, athletic director, coach, principal, and superintendent. Bill's career spanned 40 years and the Noble High football field was recently dedicated in his honor. He and his wife, the former Charlene Murphy, have seven children.

Richard A. Grotton is the executive vice president of the Maine Restaurant Association. He is a prior restaurant owner, his first restaurant having been a take-out pizza/sandwich shop near the Maine Mall in Scarborough. Richard was interviewed by a staff writer and featured in an article in the *Kennebec Journal* in August.

1965

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Roberta "Bobbie" Fowler spent the summer working at Hadley's Campground in Bar Harbor, where she vacationed for 27 years. I just learned that Bobbie retired last spring from teaching phys ed, health, and various other subjects for 37 years at Orono High School in her home town. Bobbie has always had a strong commitment to her community and has been active in her church, First Congregational Church of Milford. In the 1970s she was an Orono school board member and in the '80s and '90s she was an Old Town city councilor. In 1990 she became the first woman to join the Orono-Old Town Kiwanis Club. Bobbie is one of the founders, and is

most dedicated to the animal orphanage, an area shelter for stray animals that has really grown in the past 20 years. She has had a personal struggle with illness but has been cancer free for two years.

Nicholas Eremita, now a retired brigadier general, took part in a Maine Air National Guard ceremony last fall during which he and fellow members of the 101st Air Refueling Wing dedicated a newly restored F-89 Scorpion fighter jet to the retired men and women of the 101st Fighter Interceptor Wing who flew and maintained it and otherwise supported its mission. The monument is near the base's main gate. The Bangor base was the last in our nation to have an operational F-89 interceptor unit and Nicholas flew the jet's final mission in 1969.

A holiday letter brought news that **Roger and Sally Day Brown** have had a year of challenge and fun. They have moved to a new home at 539 N. Cherry Pop Drive, Inverness, Florida, 34453 (telephone: 352-341-1560 and e-mail: Rogbrow@aol.com). Sally, who graduated from Yale Divinity School, is transferring her files to the UCC (United Church of Christ) Florida Conference and hopes to serve in a church and become ordained. She and Rog are very excited about being grandparents to Emily Day Brown, born in July to son Jonathan and wife Rebecca.

Caroline Fuller Hutchinson finds her supervisory position at the Maine Children's Home both exciting and challenging, but she is still not able to work full time as a result of a minor auto accident over a year ago.

The publications committee of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* recently decided to keep all of the classnotes in the same magazine. In the past, *Mainely People* had two editions and our class received the one for Senior Alumni through 1969. Hopefully, with more people reading all the classnotes, this will mean more people sending in news.

1966

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It rained on Wednesday, but Thursday dawned with clearing skies—and a bone-chilling wind. Then along came Friday's warming trend, which, in turn led to a spring-like weekend for Gavrielle's wedding day! Yup! My little kid is now married, leaving Josel behind to become Mrs. Kestenbaum. Dreams sometimes really do come true. The day was made even more special for me because of my two dearest friends. **Minerva Monsulick Whitten** flew down from Maine to be with me, while **Ursula Pickart Nelmes** made it to Philadelphia all the way from California. And it's a good thing she did! Urs quickly took on the title of Fairy Godmother, taking care of all the details, everything from pinning on the boutonnieres for the groomsmen to taking care of the bustle on my daughter's gown. I am truly blessed. Now it's on to all of your news.

Over the years, I've lost touch with one of my very favorite Phi Mu friends, but then I opened the University of Maine envelope filled with our news clippings and there was **Tenney Gavaza**! The article, "Cone-head Alert: Here's the Scoop on Brooklin's 'Ice Cream Lady,'" presented me with her location, nickname, and the name of her popular homemade ice cream. It has become so popular that she is now churning out 300 gallons of it a week—everything from pumpkin praline to fresh avocado—from a stand at the Lookout, which is located at the tip of Flye Point with a view to the intersection of Blue Hill and Jericho Bays. "You can't find a more beautiful place for an ice cream cone," she explains. Now what she wants is to "have an ice cream soda fountain with wonderful, wonderful lunches, if I can find a place. I used to make furniture for a living. I know I could make a good soda fountain." Bless you, Tenney. One of my goals is to one day make my way to the Lookout and find you. (In the meantime, please write to me!)

Also making news is **Donald Sharland**, who has been named the new executive director of Saco's Dyer Library Association after leav-

ing his post as the director of senior housing at the Maine State Housing Authority in Augusta. According to the city's representative to the association, Peter Morelli, "He's the best non-profit manager I have ever seen in my life." Says Don, "One of my goals is to help build the organization. I want to work with the board to improve the financial support to the organization. I'm really excited. It's a great chance to serve the community." I have no doubt that he will most certainly serve well and wish him continued good fortune and success.

Meanwhile, **Stephen E. Godsoe** was recently inducted as Bangor High School's math department chairman. I both commend and congratulate him. As a fellow teacher, I know what an honor such an appointment is; I also know well the additional work it requires. In addition, I've also learned that **Joe Ferris** filed as a candidate for the three-year position on Brewer's city council, having just completed his second term on the school committee. As I write this, election day is now behind us, and I can only hope that he met with success.

In September, I received an e-mail from **Gary Vincent**, telling me that in January he retired after more than 35 years as a federal employee. Since 1978, he had been serving in the Department of Energy's strategic petroleum reserve project management office in New Orleans. Since his retirement, though, Gary has been anything but idle. He married Kathy Hymel on October 12th, serves as a Mardi Gras float lieutenant, and is also an active member of the University of New Orleans's college of engineering advisory board. He and his wife invite all '66 classmates to be sure to contact them when in the New Orleans area, either by calling (504) 828-3962 or e-mailing them at grvcent@yahoo.com.

Unfortunately, I must end with sad news. **Warren "Pete" Myrick**, who was serving as the adult education director in S.A.D. 4 (Guilford) died as a result of injuries suffered in a terrible fall. You can send any condolences to Carole Richardson Myrick '85, RR 1, Box 74, Guilford, ME 04443-9801.

Please also continue to keep in touch with me—and with each other. We must take good care of the bonds between us and be grateful for them. I know I certainly am; indeed, I would be lost without my Maine friends. And so it goes. May this coming spring find you well,

happily leaving mittens and boots behind in favor of flower planting, vacation planning, and plenty of sunny walks. Along your way, just remember to drop me a line or two, so I'll know how you are and can share your news.

1967

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Retirement notices continue to come in. So many of you, though, are really semi-retired. Face it, you're way too qualified and far too useful to retire! Last summer **Joel Bunker** retired from his 29-year position as math teacher in Kingston, New York, and moved back to Farmington with his wife. He's looking forward to volunteering in the public schools or providing transportation to and from medical services for the needy.

Wayne Hanson retired this year from 34 years in law enforcement. He was most recently employed with the office of the inspector general, office of investigations, U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. He is first vice president of the Maine State Society in the Washington area.

Then there are those of us who are accepting new positions: **Robert Greer** has a new position in Tallahassee, Florida, as director of engineering for the Florida Department of Transportation. He resigned his position with New Hampshire D.O.T. where he had been director of project development. During his 30 years with the department he was director of the New Hampshire Good Roads Association, assisting with luncheons, bus tours, equipment shows, and the *New Hampshire Highways* magazine.

Meriby Sweet was appointed to the position of technology business counselor by the Maine Small Business Development Centers and Maine Technology Institute. She will be based in Gardiner and provide commercialization and business planning and consulting services to technology businesses statewide. **Barbara Jordan** is accepting a job as curriculum coordinator in the Augusta school system. She has been principal at Williams-Cone School in Topsham for the past 12 years. Her new challenge includes all the elements she's been looking

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for—curriculum development, staff development, and student assessment. By state mandate, Augusta schools must have a set of learning standards in place by 2007.

Dr. Leigh Smith Charley and side-kick, Chuck, her dog (and official greeter) have opened a network chiropractic office in Essex Junction, Vermont. Anyone can utilize the gentle contacts of network chiropractic. Even the Denver Broncos use network care. Her new practice is called Compassionate Chiropractic.

Barbara McKay Currier moved from assistant principal to principal of Limestone Community School this year. She lives in Caribou with her husband and two children. **Reverend W. Richard "Rick" Souza** has been appointed pastor of The Federated Church, a United Methodist Church in Thomaston. He returns to Maine from Berkley, Massachusetts. He was a pastor of churches in Cushing and Friendship, Maine, in the '70s.

1968

35th Reunion

May 30-June 1, 2003

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Hi, everyone, and happy spring! As crocuses poke their heads up and greet us, why not send your own greeting by mail or e-mail? Your classmates would love to hear your news, whether it's about hobbies, family, or just the routine of everyday life.

1969

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We hope that the winter holiday season was a happy and healthy one for you and your families. Time certainly is moving quickly, and it will be about a year or so until our 35th Reunion in May 2004. Start making plans with friends to return to your alma mater in Orono to celebrate

Dennis King '71 appointed president of National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems

Dennis P. King '71, '74G was recently chosen as president of the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS). He will serve in that capacity for one year. Dennis, who lives with his wife Sandra Emerson King '71 in Freeport, is CEO of Spring Harbor Hospital in South Portland.

He brings to his new post extensive background in hospital start-ups as well as developing and planning integrated mental healthcare systems. All told, Dennis has more than 20 years of experience in the mental health field in Maine. Before going to Spring Harbor Hospital he was founding CEO of Acadia Hospital in Bangor.

His appointment to head NAPHS comes amidst his plans to fulfill a lifelong dream—to build a state-of-the-art psychiatric hospital in greater Portland. A facility to replace the current Spring Harbor Hospital is now under construc-



tion and should be completed in about a year. The new hospital will offer improved therapeutic, educational, and recreational amenities for patients, families, and staff.

In addition to these demanding responsibilities, Dennis also serves as vice president of behavioral health at Maine-Health and is a member of numerous state and local committees to improve the delivery of mental healthcare.

Outside of the mental health field, he serves on the boards

of Goodwill of Northern New England and the Maine Technical College System, as well as on the board of corporators for Gorham Savings Bank.

And the Kings have also given back to their alma mater. Dennis is a former member of the UMaine development council and Sandra just recently finished serving on the alumni association board.

the Class of 1969 Reunion.

Bill Sawtell's newest sports biography is *The Albion Antelope: The Ron Marks Story*. For the past two years **Stephen Daly** has been regional services director of the Boston Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Prior to that he had served as town manager of Salem, New Hampshire, and town administrator of North Reading, Massachusetts.

That's all of our class news for now. Send us your news about families, jobs, retirement, vacations, classmates you've seen, etc. Please note that our e-mail address has changed to chipper23@attbi.com. Our old address was listed in the last column.

For UMaine news, Black Bear sports, and upcoming alumni events, log on to:
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1970

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It's time once again to get caught up on news on some of our classmates. **Judy Greenhalgh Galm** writes that she is working for the postal service in Sebring, Florida. In her spare time, she is president of the Lake Placid Lions Club and she sings in the Heart of Highlands chapter of the Sweet Adelines. Her husband is retired and he travels the state playing competitive softball. They have the family camp at Cold Stream Pond in Lincoln, Maine, so they are keeping some Maine ties. Husson College dedicated its new expanded library to **W. Tom and Bonnie Prince Sawyer**. The new facility is much larger and has com-

puter capabilities that allow students access to the library from computers in their dorms. Additional donations were from representative Shirley Klimavicz Richard '69, the **Stephen and Tabitha King** Foundation, the Libra Foundation, and an anonymous donor from Massachusetts. **Mary Ellen White Poulin** was the Democratic candidate for Maine House District 114 (Dixmont and Hampden). She and her husband, Doug, have two grown children, Justin and Jessie. She is the administrative director of the Warren Center for Communication and Learning. **Ralph Newbert** is the director of special education for S.A.D. 5 (Rockland, Maine area). He has his master's degree and doctorate from UMaine.

Thomas Hart has been very busy the last four years building a 26-foot submarine out of scrap material! He sails it (or sinks it) in Sebasticook Lake in Newport, Maine. Top speed is six knots (seven miles per hour) and he has gone

as deep as 30 feet but says the sub will go 100 feet. The Senior League Baseball World Series was played last summer in Bangor, Maine, and the honor of throwing out the first pitch at Mansfield Stadium went to Stephen King. This is the tournament for boys 15-16 years of age and it will be back in Bangor this summer, too.

Bonita Houle Alpander opened a new art exhibit which she calls "Taking Flight," honoring her husband, Guvenc Alpander, who died in 1996. Congratulations to **Lee Bragg** who was selected to be featured in the 2002-2003 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He is a member of the law firm of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer, and Nelson with offices in Portland and Augusta. Lee specializes in municipal law which includes employment and personnel issues, zoning and land use matters, bond work, labor negotiations, and litigation in all state and federal courts.

I would love to have some letters, postcards, or e-mails from any 1970 classmates. They really do make my job easier and the column more interesting!

1971

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Greetings to all you '71ers out there! There must be some news you can share with the rest of the class. Please write or call—we'd love to hear from you!

1972

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I had the pleasure of receiving an e-mail recently from **Susan Percival Speers** who says: "For the past two years, I have worked for a small regional land trust in south-central Massachusetts, Metacomet Land Trust, while also watching my daughter Ann, 17, and son

Jonathan, almost 14, grow up. We still live in Franklin, Massachusetts—exit 17 on Interstate 495 for anyone on their way north to Maine. Ann and I recently got into the great state of Maine to visit a few colleges, but did not get as far north as Orono. A tropical downpour one day, followed by the clear blue Maine skies we all love."

I also got an e-mail from Chip Ellms '71, reminiscing about the ski trip we both went on to the French Alps in 1971. Chip now owns and operates a Christmas tree farm in Ballston Spa, New York. You can check out his Web site at: www.ellmstrees.com.

Joline Dudley Godfrey (jgodfrey@independentmeans.com) writes from Santa Barbara, California: "I'm the founder of Independent Means, one of the country's leading providers of financial education for and about kids, ages five-18. The company is growing and we're about to launch a new service for parents called Raising Financially Fit Kids."

Valerie King Osborne is a member of the Canoe City Quilters of Old Town, Maine. Now in its second year, the 42-member guild is the largest quilting guild in Penobscot County. Some of the quilts they make are raffled-off to benefit community services. The group takes on beginners because they are interested in passing the craft along. "This is a chance for women to talk about different fabrics and techniques, to teach each other things, and to have free-flowing conversation about their jobs or families." Valerie's first attempt at a quilt in 1977 ended up in the wastebasket, but now she makes over 100 quilts a year!

At last September's United Nations' Earth Summit on sustainable development in Johannesburg, South Africa, Sister **Jackie Moreau** advocated access to fresh water. Jackie represents a worldwide network of nuns who not only care for the needy, but are fighting to reverse the conditions they feel create poverty. Many are equally concerned about influencing nations to limit the impacts of human development on the environment. Jackie feels that if you address the sources of poverty, you can reduce the number of food banks needed to serve the poor. She is also an advocate for a cleaner world. She promotes Maine Interfaith Power & Light, a network of faith-based organizations that provides "green" power that is less damaging to the environment. She believes the United States could tighten up its

use of water and aid poorer nations, which privatize their water supplies to pay off debts. Charging for fresh water denies a basic human right to people without means, she says.

Here is a great career change story. **Bruce Nye** left behind a banking career to become an Elvis impersonator. It started in the '90s when he got a karaoke machine. When friends came over for parties, they said that he sounded like Elvis. So he practiced and practiced. In 1998, Bruce's new career was born when he entered and won the Bangor Rotary Club's 1998 talent show. He was a part-time Elvis for four years before going full time over the past year. Now he averages 100 shows a year. "I never get tired of it. I mix it up and I don't get bored. It's fun, the pay is good, and it beats the heck out of banking. It's like going to a party every night."

Family and friends gathered last fall at the Auburn, Maine, home of **Warren and Bonnie Briggs Galway** for a surprise party in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary. For the last 21 years, Bonnie has taught Spanish and French at Edward Little High School in Auburn. Warren has served as principal at Biddeford High School for the last 18 years and is currently working toward his doctorate.

I was sorry to hear that an October fire damaged a 30-year-old business in Lincoln, Maine, owned by **Michael Carney**. The Snack Shack was a seasonal drive-up restaurant that had closed for the season, so luckily there were no injuries.

I don't know the results of these local elections, but a couple of our classmates ran for offices last fall. In Maine, Republican **Ann Cilley Dowd** ran for the position of county treasurer in Penobscot County. In Massachusetts, **Cleon Turner** was the Democratic candidate for state representative in the 1st Barnstable District on Cape Cod.

I look forward to hearing from more of you!

Want to make someone
very happy?

Write or e-mail your
class correspondent
today!

1973

30th Reunion
October 3-5, 2003

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Start marking your calendars now. Our 30th Reunion is slated for October 3-5, 2003. Your officers voted to hold the event with the younger classes in the fall, rather than with the more mature group in June. The restoration of the terrace and steps at the Folger Library is what we chose to support for our class project. A wealth of information is available at the 1973 class web site: www.mainealumni.org/1973.html.

Dr. Herbert Whiteley was honored by Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine with the Distinguished Alumni Award for contributions to teaching, research, and organized veterinary medicine. He serves as the dean of the veterinary college at the University of Illinois. **Barbara Robinson Libby** is the new principal of Hermon Elementary School. **Jim Walsh** assumed the principalship at Wells High School. **Susan McLellan Nelson** is the librarian/media specialist at Falmouth High School. Goodwill Industries of Northern New England elected **Deborah Shaw** vice president. She is a partner at Pierce Atwood. **Grace Lackee Cleaves** joined Maine Organic Products as the chief operating officer. **Ray** and **Beth Graham** have sold their Sunrise Home and Hearth stores to have more time to pursue personal interests. **Dennis Bailey** worked with John Baldacci '86 in the governor's race in the fall. **Tom Molloy** ran for city council in Rockland. **John Melrose** has returned to the private sector after serving as Governor King's transportation chief since 1995.

Claudia Gaudreau Finkelstein published her first novel, *Imperfect Strangers*. **Susan Varney** organized a recreation of a Maine Outing Club climb up Katahdin 34 years ago. With a broken arm—someone had to tie her boots—Sue, and Nancy Bell Ferguson and her husband made the successful ascent. Congratulations. Now you see why we need to meet with the younger bunch in October.

GO BEARS!

1974

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We have classmates who are not only in the news, they write the news! The Maine Press Association held awards for the 2002 Better Newspaper Contest. **Dick Shaw** won two second-place awards in the editorial category and **Tom Weber** won a third place for his "local columns." They both write for the *Bangor Daily News*. Meanwhile, **Larry Grard** of the *Kennebec Journal* and *Morning Sentinel* won a prize for "spot news story" at the same awards banquet. Congratulations to the talented writers of '74.

Seems like we have another politician in our class—**Jim Collins** was named town manager for Fayette. His previous positions were in Mapleton, Castle Hill, Chapman, Bridgton, Ashland, and Jay.

The **Reverend Sharon Welch Jones** has a new church in Chelmsford, Massachusetts—Aldersgate United Methodist. She made the move from her position as associate pastor at the East Greenwich United Methodist Church in Rhode Island. In addition, Sharon is also working on her doctor of ministry at Andover Newton Theological Seminary.

Bonnie Cote Arsenault stays busy up in Old Town as a member of the Canoe City Quilters. The group boasts 42 members and they focus on local projects that will benefit from their craft.

Our own **Robert Fogler** of Exeter was recently part of a bus tour invasion to see some Maine farms in action. He and his family own Stonyvale Farm, a 750-cow dairy operation with eight family members and 18 full-time laborers. He has developed quite a cooperative relationship with neighboring farmers and uses the latest technology to track his operations.

And finally, our deepest condolences go out to classmate **Robert Bellefleur** and his wife Nicole on the death of their daughter, Connie. She was a graduate of Madawaska High School and St. Joseph's College of Nursing. At the time of the accident, she was a pediatric nurse at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

Spring isn't too far away, my UMO friends—so keep cheering for the Black Bear basketball team and

Trish Riley '73 to head state health policy

Trish Riley '73 is Governor John Baldacci's '86 choice to head Maine's Office of Health Policy and Finance. In that position she will be instrumental in finding a way to meet the governor's ambitious goal of assuring all Maine citizens have access to affordable health care.

Trish brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the task. At age 27, she headed the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services. Later she served as state Medicaid director and associate deputy commissioner in health and human services. For the past 15 years she has directed the National Academy for State Health Policy, which she founded 15 years ago. She is taking a one-year paid leave from that job to work without pay for the state.

Trish is a former chair of the UMaine Alumni Association.



the hockey team. And when the boys of spring travel south on their spring swing to Florida—we'll greet them warmly!

1975

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Spring is here. It's a time of new beginnings, so if those New Year's resolutions fell by the wayside a few months ago, this is an opportunity to start fresh with the resolve to send in your news. It needn't be Nobel Prize-type news—just tell us where you live, work, and how you spend your time. Looking forward to hearing from you!

1976

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As I am writing this column we are having our first big snowstorm of the season. I am working on the laptop

and debating when I will go out to shovel. Maybe it will just melt! If you get a chance to visit campus during the winter, bring your x-country skis. They have wonderful trails for the whole family.

My e-mail address was incorrect in the fall column. Please note the corrected e-mail above. Your classmates would love to hear from you. Please send me a note to include in our next column.

Robert Mullen was recently featured in the *Waterville Sunday Morning Sentinel* about his position as deputy chief of the state district court system. **Patricia Riley Wright** has joined the Cape Elizabeth school system as a guidance counselor. We received a note from **Lawrence C. Allin** who writes that he has published several essays in *Naval Warfare: An International Encyclopedia*.

1977

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Hope those of you who made it to our 25th Reunion in October had a great time. Other commitments

made it impossible for me to attend that weekend but I was with you in thoughts and spirit.

Although it will probably be springtime when this column reaches you, as I write it's December and the holidays are rapidly approaching. Everyone's busy, which I'm sure explains why I haven't heard from many folks lately, so let me get directly to the news that's sitting on my desk. **Steven Giorgetti** has stepped down from his post as director of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and has joined Thomas College in Waterville as head of their criminal justice department. **Wendy Leavitt Libby** is an elementary art teacher for the Bangor school department and **Beverly Conary Smith** is a remedial reading and math teacher at Sedgwick Elementary School. From Middletown, Rhode Island, comes word that **Stephen Ponte** is the new principal at Middletown High School this year.

And that's all the news I have for now. Drop me a line when you have a minute or two. Just a quick note about what you've been up to, whether travel, a job change, visits with old classmates—you get the picture—it's all it takes to see your name in print and keep that class spirit alive.

Happy springtime!

1978

25th Reunion
October 3-5, 2003

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Greetings, classmates. Let's start with some career updates. **Anita Merritt** is now the principal at the Adams School in Castine, Maine. Her 25-year teaching career has included schools in Cutler, Steuben, Ellsworth, and Cherryfield. Anita earned her bachelor's, master's, and a CAS from UMaine. She and her husband, Paul, have two children and three grandchildren.

Paul M. Sanford has joined the law firm of Burns and Levinson LLP in Providence, Rhode Island. He's a seasoned commercial trial lawyer and represents individuals and businesses in complex commercial, real estate, shareholder, and tax

disputes. He received his J.D. degree from Suffolk University Law School and resides in Barrington, Rhode Island, with his wife, Kathy, and their three sons.

Brook Merrow completed the 2002 Maine Writing Project at UMaine. Only 25 educators completed this intensive summer institute which includes extensive writing, reading, and research. Brook now teaches at LeJardin Windward Oahu Academy in Kailua, Hawaii.

The Outstanding Toastmaster of the Year, District 31, is **Chris Lowe** of Ayer, Massachusetts. Chris was chosen from more than 2,000 members in eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island! He's a software engineer at Rational Software in Lexington, Massachusetts.

The August issue of *Down East Magazine* had a wonderful article about the Auburn, Maine, garden of **Roland Morissette**. Talk about a green thumb! He and his partner have been building this thousand-square-foot garden for nine years. With everything from astilbes to zinnias, 40 kinds of roses, vegetables, herbs, and a pond, Roland has certainly put his UMaine degree in plant and soil science to good use.

In October of 2002, a Yarmouth, Maine, newspaper had a very moving and inspiring article about **Meredith Strang Burgess**. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and, as many of you know, Meredith was diagnosed with it in September of 1999. The article outlines her journey and now her mission of making people aware and raising money for research and education. And, if I may use her quote, "Life is very short. Be the best that you can be. I feel like I've been to way too many funerals, and buried way too many friends, much, much, much too early. Life is not all about money. It's about being involved in your community, and also playing. Playing hard."

Until next time, play hard.

1979

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Weather in Maine! It's sleeting, our first winter storm outside as I put this column together, and we've lit



Debbie Gilmer '80, '84G (second from right) and her parents, **Claramantha and Merritt Gilmer**, recently gave alumni association president, **Jeff Mills '82**, a UMaine graduation cane from the year 1900 to display in Buchanan Alumni House. The cane belonged to Debbie's great uncle **Fred Tate**, who was a Class of 1900 member, as was his brother **Edwin**. The canes were traditionally given to graduates in the early years of the university. It's not known when the tradition ended. Debbie works for the UMaine Center for Community Inclusion.

our first serious fire in the wood-stoves.

It was a rainy day last fall when Homecoming brought many of us back to campus for football and the craft show, and for some reunions of our own. Hope you had a chance to join us.

Let's begin with an e-mail from **Gregory Deblois**, who is a computer systems analyst for the Army and Air Force exchange service headquartered in Dallas. He, wife Lucy, and daughter Kimberly live in Arlington, and can be reached at debloisgreg@earthlink.net.

In Portland, **Kris Briggs** has joined the Maine College of Art as controller. Previously, he was manager of financial services at the College of Charleston Foundation in South Carolina. **Karl Henriksson** is teaching health and physical education at Rockland High School after spending three years at Maine Central Institute.

Ken Bowden was recently elected board president of Goodwill Industries Northern New England. He is chief financial officer at First Atlantic Healthcare. **Bruce Donlin** has joined Mid-Maine Communications as their internet manager. **Steven Myles** has been promoted to controller at Dunlap Corporation/

HRH of Maine in Auburn.

Finally, **Dan Warren** reports that he 1) is general manager of the Libby-Mitchell American Legion Post 76 baseball team which posted a 15-10 record this summer, and 2) was a speaker at the Maine Bar Association conference on medical legal issues. Dan, wife Pam Joy Warren '78, and three children (all now in school, Dan happily reports) live in Scarborough.

Hope to hear from all of you soon!

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Hello, classmates! We have lots of news this time.

Many of you are changing careers, or are working in very interesting areas.

Randy Wing has begun a new adventure. He has left the business world, and is now teaching math, chemistry, and physics in Gardiner.

Gretchen Wight Strauss is now teaching grade two in the Norway area. **Gladys Morrill Russell** is teaching high school biology in the Lewiston area. Congratulations to **Vaughn A. Martin**, an elementary school teacher in the Bangor area, who was recently awarded a Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

Linda Chamberlain is working as a gem appraiser specialist in Lewiston.

Congratulations to **Peter Brigham**, who has recently earned a master's degree in human services from Springfield College in Manchester, New Hampshire. He works as director of youth services in Hillsboro, New Hampshire.

As the warm weather approaches, it is not too early to begin planning your fall trip to the University of Maine to see the wonderful changes on campus and to renew old friendships. Please keep in touch.

The years fly by, and your UMaine friends want to know what you are doing! Take care!

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Many times as I write my column I will include a plea for donations to our class scholarship fund. Considering that we graduated nearly 22 years ago (yikes!) our balance is pitifully low. Remember, our descendants are given priority each year when this scholarship is awarded. Now that many of our children are in college or nearing that age, it's important that we build that fund so that more of them may benefit from it. This year's recipients of the scholarship are: Sean Bradburn, a first year student from York, son of Stacy and **Deborah Ross Bradburn**; Joseph Elie, a sophomore from Lewiston, son of **Jean Soychak Elie**; Erin Porter, a first year student from Buxton, daughter of Susan and **Randall Porter**; and Andrew Williams, a sophomore from Hampden, son of **Valerie Speaker Williams**. Congratulations to all and get your checkbook out!

As a student at UMaine, **Rob LaPrade** had a dream of becoming a team physician some day. He has

now achieved his dream and serves as team physician for the University of Minnesota men's ice hockey and baseball teams. (Wait a minute—didn't they beat us in the hockey finals last year?) In addition, he is a regional sports medicine orthopedic specialist in treating complex knee injuries and travels internationally to lecture on them. Check him out on the web at www.sportsdoc.umn.edu. One of our classmates enjoys "monkeying around!" **Randy Kyes** is an associate professor of psychology at the University of Washington and head of the division of international programs at the Regional Primate Research Center in Seattle. The center has research programs in Indonesia and Nepal. He has a doctorate in biopsychology and holds visiting professorships in various departments at Bogor Agricultural University in Indonesia. Randy and wife, Kelly—also a doctor of psychology—have two children.

Lots of classmates in the education field—congratulations to **Gary Gonyar** on being named principal at the Pendleton Street School (grades one and two) in Brewer. **Deborah Astle Jellison** teaches art at the Mary Snow School in Bangor. **Carole Kaufmann** teaches science at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield. And a big pat on the back to **Kelly Hasson** who was one of five finalists for the 2003 Maine Teacher of the Year! Kelly teaches at Pond Cove Elementary School in Cape Elizabeth.

Justine Shea Webber was recently promoted to vice president in the residential mortgage department of Banknorth Mortgage Group in Falmouth. She resides in Cumberland. **Sister Rita Mae Parent** is manager of the food service department at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Mercy in Portland.

Hope you're enjoying receiving class notes in the magazine once again! Wouldn't it be nice to see your name in this column in the next issue? E-mail makes it so simple today! I'd love to hear from some of my old pals from Hart Hall or Delta Zeta!

Don't miss a single issue of your alumni magazine.

Renew your alumni association membership promptly.



Cumberland County Alumni Chapter (CCAC) president Carrie Dunbar Kinne '82 got together with UMaine president Peter Hoff (center), and assistant athletic director Joe Roberts '95 at the CCAC reception prior to the Black Bears vs Harvard hockey game in Portland in December.

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Greetings! Hope it's warmer where you are this winter than it has been in Aroostook County! Here's what's going on with our class:

Michael Bingham (master's geology) has been named senior project manager for Corporate Environmental Advisors, an environmental consulting and contracting firm in West Boylston, Mass.

Daniel Clark (master's in English) is now teaching special education at Gorham High School. He has taught English at Bangor and East Corinth High Schools and special education in Harrington, Blue Hill, and Biddeford.

Jeffrey McBurnie (agricultural engineering) has been appointed manager of new technical services for Soil Preparation, an advanced alkaline stabilization and composting facility that manufactures products for use by landscapers, farmers, municipalities, contractors, and homeowners in Plymouth, Maine. He lives in Holden with his wife, Kim, and their son and daughter.

Congratulations to Carrie and **Peter Baker** on the birth of their son, Tyler, on May 23, 2002, in Portland!

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Hey '83ers, what's up? Please send in your news so that we can have a column for the next issue. Where are you living and working? Tell us about your kids and pets. Whether you spend your free time snowboarding, sleeping, or doing laundry, your news is important to us!

1984

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Hello, classmates! I know most of you are ready for spring but I am holding on to winter for as long as I can. I have more sledding, skiing, and snowshoeing to do before the snow is gone.

In December, I took my six-year-old daughter to see *The Nutcracker* at the Maine Center for the Arts on

campus. If you have not yet seen this facility, I urge you to check it out the next time you are in Orono. It is beautiful.

It is with great sadness that I must report that **Heather Corey Dee** lost her battle with cancer on November 10, 2002. I did not know Heather well but I had many classes with her husband, **Ron**. I remember them both as warm, fun-loving people. My thoughts and prayers are with Ron and their families.

Ann England Maxim was inducted into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame this past fall. While at Maine, Maxim earned 12 varsity letters and was a two-time New England champion in the 1,000-meter run. She was captain of the field hockey team in 1982 and the track and field teams in 1984 and 1985. She holds the UMaine records in the mile, 1,000 meters, and 2,500 meters (WOW!). She also served as cross-country and track coach at Maine for eight years.

Alison Reynolds Dufour is an education technician in the Old Town school system where she has also taught grades one and two.

We received a note from **Stephen Giguere's** wife Pam. Stephen is currently the assistant vice president of finance at Northeast Credit Union in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. They live in Dover, New Hampshire, with their daughter Belle Lily who turned one on October 5, 2002.

Congratulations to **Michael Page** and **Claire Ramsbotham** '87 on the birth of Corina Ramsbotham Page on May 5, 2002.

The university police department unveiled its new horse-mounted division September 7, 2002, at the football game. **Deb Mitchell** is one of the officers who has been taking riding lessons. As of the middle of September, UMaine was the only agency in the state to have an active mounted division. The city of Portland retired its horses after more than 20 years due to a lack of officers to run the program. I hope UMaine can keep theirs going. Has anyone seen them?

Peter Kohler, M.D. is co-owner of Eye Center of Central Maine in Waterville. The center offers a range of services, including small incision cataract surgery, retinal surgery, diabetic eye care, diabetic laser surgery, glaucoma treatment, and surgery and laser vision correction. The practice is growing and so relocated last spring because of the need for more space and more parking. After graduation from

UMaine, Peter attended and graduated from the University of Vermont College of Medicine. He did his specialty training in ophthalmology in Kansas City, Missouri, and is board certified in ophthalmology.

Nancy Kaplan Raymond is the new varsity cheerleading coach at Bucksport High School. She was previously the head varsity cheering coach at M.S.A.D. 22 in Hampden. She was selected as the 1998 Maine Cheering Coach of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association and her 1999 team won the Big East Cheering Competition.

Bob Libbey has joined The Grand Auditorium in Ellsworth as its first director of development. He will be working on a capital campaign for an expansion of the performing arts facility. Bob won an Emmy from the New England Chapter for Television Arts and Sciences for a Maine PBS "Made in Maine" segment on central Maine skydiving. I had an honors English class with Bob and enjoyed working with him. I wish him well in this new endeavor.

Arthur J. Lamothe has opened a new, second law office in Brunswick, Maine. The firm is a general practice, serving both businesses and individual clients, and includes such practice areas as small business and corporate counseling, estate planning, and litigation.

This past summer I ran into some Caribou folks: Kristi Ayer Solman '86, **Scott Kieffer**, and **Erik Espling**. They and their families are doing well and the kids are growing up fast!

So, what's new with you? Big vacation, mid-life crisis, grandchildren? You got it, your classmates want to know about it! Drop me a line or send me e-mail and I will get it into my next column. Until next time, think snow!

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Happy New Year! Our column is getting shorter each time—is it just that you're settled into a comfortable place in life? Please tell us about it!

Gary Briggs lives in Brewer and is a manager at Federal Express. He serves on the planning board

Orono's Bicycle Man

For as long as Jim Rose '83 can remember he has loved riding a bicycle.

"Yeah, I've always loved bikes," he says. "When I was a kid, being on a bike always gave me a sense of freedom. It still does. I still love it."

That long-term love affair with bikes eventually led him to start a small, part-time bicycle repair shop out of his home. At the time he was working for the Orono Parks and Recreation department (he studied parks and recreation management at UMaine).

His repair business was growing when a retail space in downtown Orono became available in 1989. Jim had to make a choice between continuing a career in parks and recreation or taking the big leap to start his own bike shop. He took the leap and started Rose Bicycle.

The store eventually moved to a larger space on Pine Street in 1993. Jim has some help all through the year, but expands his staff considerably in the summer—mostly with University of Maine students.

The store's inventory includes mountain, road, and cross bikes, kid's bikes, freestyle bikes, and a small selection of used bicycles. In addition, it offers just about every accessory a bicyclist needs or desires. And more recently Jim has started carrying some skis and equipment.

Of course, he continues to provide the high-quality bike repair and maintenance which got him started in the business.

And there's a nice "people touch" to Rose Bicycle. Jim helps organize riding groups so bike enthusiasts can meet new people and explore the local trails together.

"When I first started it was about the bike," Jim says. "That's changed over the years. Now it's about the people—the customers, the workers. Many of my customers have become good friends and lots of former university students, who worked here years ago, still stop in when they are in Orono. It feels like home."



and water district board and keeps busy with his church, children's sports teams, and Boy Scouts.

Lauri Osgood is vice president and general manager of UniTel, an independent telephone company with 5,500 customers in Waldo, Penobscot, and Kennebec counties in Maine. Lauri has been with the company for 17 years and is responsible for daily operations including personnel, budget, and strategy

execution. Lauri is a director for the Telephone Association of Maine and the Telephone Association of New England.

Mark Parent is an instructor of copywriting for New England School of Communications, an affiliate of Husson College in Bangor, Maine. Mark is the promotions and productions director at WLBZ-TV in Bangor and previously served as copywriter, production director, and promotions

director at WQCB-FM in Brewer.

N.A. Martin is the farm operations coordinator at Hill Farm, Valley Farm, and Wilsendale Farm in New Gloucester, Maine, after selling the Martin Place Farm's milking herd which had been in his family for three generations. N.A. and his wife Julie and daughters are active in 4-H.

Mark McCarthy and his wife Erin welcomed their daughter Lillian

Margaret in March 2002. Mark was also recently promoted to senior director at Prime Retail in Baltimore, Maryland. Congratulations!

The new Amesbury, Massachusetts, middle school principal is **Mike Curry**. Mike began his career teaching seventh grade at the school and later served as its assistant principal. He also served as assistant principal at Milford, New Hampshire, middle school but is glad to be "back home" in Amesbury.

Leon Cranmer is the staff archaeologist for the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and has been working in Maine for 19 years. Leon gave a public presentation about fur trading posts on the Kennebec River in the 1600s to the Friends of Colonial Pemaquid summer lecture series in August.

As for me, I am enjoying my children's activities, working part-time, and skiing on the weekends. We're having a blast! Won't you share your news?

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Hi, everyone!

As we write this, it is very windy and cold outside; but when you read it, it will hopefully be much more comfy! Hope you and yours had wonderful holidays!

A smaller column this time, so please drop a note and let your classmates know what you're up to! We haven't been out of college that long!?

Susan Bouchard Snowden of Scarborough has joined the board of directors at the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Maine. Susan is a senior vice president and district sales leader at KeyBank. In her current position, she oversees KeyBank's small business team. The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses. All costs for the child and family are paid by the foundation and qualifying children are granted their wish. The foundation can be reached by phone or website.

Sarah Tenney and **Steve McGuire** welcomed their first child, Kevin, last December. After a 15-year career at Salomon Smith Bar-

Jeff Andle '84 pushing new technology at Biode Inc. in Westbrook

Jeff Andle '84, '89G is pretty excited about a field that most of us have never given a thought to—measuring viscosity, or in simple terms, measuring the thickness of a fluid.

Jeff is currently chief technology officer for Biode Inc. in Westbrook. He occasionally worked for the company as far back as the late '80s when he was a graduate student at UMaine.

Biode has developed a new, entirely electronic, viscometer with no moving parts, avoiding all the limitations of established techniques. Jeff continues to work with several UMaine departments in searching for more applications for the device. The company is currently looking for a stable base of operating funds so it can begin commercial production. Jeff is optimistic that Biode can carve out a "nice niche" in what is a \$500 million market.



Photo by Paul Kerwick

ney, Sarah is at home with Kevin while Steve is a real estate broker with ReMax Professionals in Highlands Range. Sarah, Steve, and Kevin live in Littleton, Colorado. **John "Woody" R. Breedlove** lives in Bangor.

Linda Buckmaster, employment and training coordinator at Women, Work, and Community in Augusta, Maine, has a lot to say about the economic security of Maine women. For almost a year, Linda and Women, Work and Community have been part of a developing coalition, a kind of "New Girls' Network" called the Maine Women's Economic Security Agenda. Since this summer, the coalition has been holding statewide forums and gathering input from women on issues that directly effect their well-being, education, employment, financial aid, health-care, the environment, and child/elder care. The agenda has received major funding from the Maine Department of Transportation and the MS Foundation, as well as 11 other agencies. "The personal is political. We live our lives, and personal problems are part of the larger public landscape," Linda says.

David J. Lahive of Cohasset, Massachusetts, has joined Danvers Savings Bank as a first vice president in charge of the Commercial

Real Estate Lending Group. He will manage a team of three commercial loan officers and will oversee the administration of the bank's entire commercial real estate portfolio, across the 10 branch network. Working most recently as a senior vice president of Commercial Real Estate at MetroWest Bank in Framingham, Massachusetts, David has 17 years of experience in the banking industry.

Congrats to **Sam** and **Jill Colton Spina** on the birth of **Dominic Anthony**. The family lives in Gray.

Also, our congratulations to classmate **Governor John Baldacci** and his family!

Take care! Keep in touch!
 Donny and George

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Hello to everyone. As I write this article in mid-January it is about 10 degrees outside and the furnace is working overtime to keep it comfort-

able inside. This will be a short article this time around. If you have any news about a new address, job, etc. send me an e-mail and I will put it in the next issue.

One baby to report this time:

Claire Ramsbotham and her husband **Michael Page** welcomed **Corina Ramsbotham Page** on May 5th, 2002. In professional news: **Gregg Palmer** is the dean of students at Searsport District High/Middle School. Gregg has spent the past eight years teaching special education at Brewer High School. He lives in Frankfort with his wife and two-year-old son. **Thomas Brennan** was selected by the board of S.A.D. 5 to be principal of the MacDougal School in Rockland.

Matthew Dunlap of Old Town ran unopposed as a Democrat for house district 121 (Old Town area) last election. He is married with one child. He has served three terms in the house and two terms as chair of the inland fisheries and wildlife committee. Matthew received his bachelor's degree in history from the University of Maine. He is currently employed as a waiter.

A. Raynold Bolduc was inducted into the Francis Crowe Society on August 2nd. The society was founded at the University of Maine in 2000 and is dedicated to recognizing the achievements of graduates and friends. **Kathleen Hardy Averill** is instructor of broadcast sales at the New England College of Communications. Kathleen has served as general sales manager at WABI-TV in Bangor and prior to that was national sales manager at WVII-TV in Bangor.

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Welcome to winter! I just want to say that positive feedback has its rewards. In the 12 years I have been writing this column, I have only received a few updates via e-mail and snail mail from our dear classmates.

This column was long past its due date to our editors (my apologies) and when I sat down at my

computer this morning to finally write it, I decided to check my e-mail first. **Nelson Desilvestre** sent me a very thoughtful e-mail thanking me for writing this column and providing me with his update. And just as I was about to make another attempt to find my replacement! So for the time being, my name will continue to head our columns. Now on to our class news.

As always, good luck and fortune to several of our former classmates as they change jobs/careers, receive awards, and participate in sports:

Daniel Angotti is a science teacher at Houlton High School. Previously he was the physics teacher at Stearns High School. Dan received his bachelor's degrees in electrical engineering and secondary education at the University of Maine in Orono in 1988.

The *Bangor Daily News* was awarded a dozen first places and 17 second-places in the Maine Press Association's 2002 Better Newspaper Contest. Two of our own were recognized: **Becky Bowden** won a first place for her feature headline "Collective 'bogganing'" and **Alicia Anstead** received the Critics Award (a second-place award) for her work.

Jean Marie Boddy-Johnson of Milford is one of 42 local women who form the Canoe City Quilters. This is the second year for the quilting guild who sew for philanthropy and a desire to pass on a tradition to new people, together with a love of fabric. Jean is the historian for the Old Town quilters who are proud to be part of their craft's rich history, dating back to the days when abolitionists would hang certain quilts outside to send messages to escaped slaves. How interesting and fun this guild seems. It almost makes me, the one who didn't inherit any sewing genes, want to take up a needle!

I've received a number of news clippings on **Mike Bordick** all dated late last summer and early fall. Unfortunately, I cannot provide you with more current information, but as of this writing, Mike's contract with the Baltimore Orioles has expired and it is not known by this author whether his contract with the Orioles was renewed or if he retired from his 13-year career in professional baseball. Mike had an amazing season only making one error and setting major league records for 102 consecutive errorless games, and chances, at shortstop. I apologize for not knowing more but will cer-

Gregory McCarthy '87 joins Martin's Point Staff

Gregory McCarthy '87 recently joined Martin's Point Health Care as the director of informational services in the South Portland office. Prior to starting his new position Greg worked for seven years at Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker. He is also the immediate past president of the New England Chapter of the Healthcare Information Management and Systems Society and an active member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

After graduating from UMaine, Greg earned a MBA degree from DePaul University. He currently lives in North Yarmouth. Included in his volunteer activities is serving on the board for the Center for Grieving Children in Portland.



tainly follow up on this in our next column.

Douglas J. DeAngelis is a high-tech small business owner and resides in Woburn, Massachusetts. His company is considered to be a low environment/high-revenue impact business that he would like to relocate to Maine should their tax structure be revamped and more welcoming for companies such as his.

Nelson Desilvestre went to Orono for Homecoming and commented on all the changes.

Construction and remodeling continue everywhere. The Bear's Den (boy, I used to love that place!) no longer exists having been replaced by a gorgeous food court. This news alone makes the eight-hour drive with my four-year-old son almost seem worthwhile. Anyway, Nelson and his wife, Carolyn, now have three children. Their youngest child, daughter Elizabeth Victoria (what a beautiful name), will turn one this August. Their other children are Jennifer and Nicholas. Nelson continues to be the boys track coach at Beverly High School (Massachusetts). He finally broke a 44-game losing streak in his nine-year career to Gloucester High School last December. Unfortunately, his team didn't win the conference title but did end up 8-1 for the fifth straight year.

Sergio Hebra was one of six

people inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame last fall. Sergio led the Black Bears in receiving for three consecutive seasons (1985-1987), owns the school records for career receptions (189) and receiving yards (2, 612), and is the only bear in history to catch 50 or more passes in three straight seasons. He led Maine to a Yankee Conference Title and NCAA tournament appearance in 1987 and was first team all conference selection that year. He caught 70 passes in 1987 and also earned the Woody Carville Senior Achievement Award that year.

Mathieu A. Poulin joined Bangor Savings Bank as director of corporate planning. He is based in Bangor. Mathieu has 14 years of experience in various corporate finance positions, most recently as treasurer of Bangor HydroElectric Company. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration.

Patrick M. Rollins, a native of Augusta, was one of several engineering alumni from the University of Maine at Orono who participated in the International Gas Turbine Institutes (GTI) annual conference in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, last summer. Patrick is the new chair of the education committee of the IGTI. As a certified personnel consultant (CPC), he is the owner of Rollins

Technical Recruiting, a professional placement firm specializing in career planning and placement for turbo-machinery professionals. Patrick is also a graduate of the General Electric Aircraft Engine Engineering Development Program.

Brian Twitchell was a Maine state finalist for the 2002 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching. This award is the nation's highest honor for mathematics and science teachers in kindergarten through grade 12. State finalists receive a \$750 grant to improve mathematics and science education in their schools. National award winners receive a \$7,500 educational grant for their school, a presidential citation, and a trip to Washington, D.C. for a series of recognition events. [Editor's note: the final outcome of this award is not known at this writing.] Brian received his bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1988 and his master's in 1990 from the University of Maine at Orono. In 1991, he began teaching seventh grade math at Mt. Abram. He teaches a variety of courses ranging from algebra to calculus. His school has adopted a curriculum called Math Connections, a standards-based math funded by the National Science Foundation. Its primary philosophy is that math is something all students need and can learn.

Bob Wilder is the associate head football coach and offensive coordinator at the University of Maine.

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Hello, everyone!

Thanks to all of you who have sent in news. I've received lots of exciting information about many of our classmates this time around. If you haven't written yet, what's your excuse?

Here's what's new!

Ted Small has joined the litigation department at the state-wide law firm of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson in Portland and Augusta. Ted received a master's in political science in 1992 from the University of Florida in Gainesville and later attended the University of Maine School of Law.

Alan Comeau is now an instructor of marketing at the New England School of Communications, an affiliate of Husson College in Bangor. In addition to this adjunct faculty position, Alan is currently the community relations and promotions director for Acadia Hospital in Bangor.

Donald C. Crandlemire has joined the law firm of Wiggin & Norrie, P.A. in Manchester, New Hampshire. His practice is within the firm's business practice group, working with clients involving business organization and representation, not-for-profit organizations, and construction law. He received his law degree from Franklin Pierce Law Center.

Robert M. Frank II was recently inducted as a distinguished member of the Francis Crowe Society of engineers at the college of engineering at UMaine. This society was founded in 2000 and is dedicated to recognizing the contributions of alumni and friends to society.

Rhonda Morin has been promoted to manager of corporate communications for Maine Public Broadcasting. Prior to her promotion, she worked as MPBC's media coordinator for three years. Rhonda is also an adjunct instructor in the women's studies department at UMaine Farmington and has edited the textbook, *Leadership for Collaborative Schools*.

Sean Wasson is now a technology education teacher at Old Town High School. He also teaches at Eastern Maine Technical College and taught previously in Hermon and Milo.

Orella Collins Chandler is the librarian for the Canoe City Quilters, a group of 42 local women who comprise the largest quilting guild in Penobscot County, Maine.

Eric Weinrich hosted a youth hockey clinic in Hallowell during his off-season from the Philadelphia Flyers.

Wayne Moore is the new program director for Winship Green, a Kindred Healthcare community in Bath. Wayne is a licensed clerical social worker with a strong background in neurobehavioral evaluations. He has experience in establishing support groups for individuals with early stage Alzheimer's disease and Lou Gehrig's disease.

Brian Bickford has been hired as vice president and investment officer for Citizens Bank, where he will be responsible for managing investment portfolios for high net-worth individuals and institutions.

Andy Robinson '92 teaching teens to be "good hackers"

When Andy Robinson '92 was a teenager, he did poorly in school. He lacked direction and did not respond to the traditional school environment.

Then a relative who taught at UMaine helped Andy get into some college level computer classes. It gave him the direction he needed. He found that he loved computers and earned a 4.0 in all the courses.

Now Andy wants to help other teenagers get that inspiration and direction. He's doing it by teaching kids to be "good hackers" through a program called the Tiger Team. He raised the money for the project through the Information Security Foundation.

"I started thinking that what worked for me could work for other kids who are bright but lack direction and inspiration," Andy says. "I'm hoping to find those kids and turn them around by putting them into the most exciting field in computers, information security." Andy runs his own security company, net/main infoSecurity Solutions in Portland.



Photo by Paul Kerwok

Brian earned his master's degree in finance from Florida International University, and is a chartered financial analyst.

Scott Haskell, photo editor for the *Bangor Daily News*, along with others, received third place honors in an annual contest sponsored by the New England Associated Press News Executives for work submitted by newspapers across the region. The honors were in the special coverage design category, and the submission entitled Pictures of the Year 2001 showcased the best work of the *Bangor Daily News* photographers for that year.

Rich Kimball is the assistant principal at Brewer Middle School and also calls UMaine football games for WZON in Bangor.

Tim Dinsmore has run an independent archaeological consulting business in Walpole, Maine, for 12 years. He is currently completing his M.A. in historical archaeology from the College of William and Mary. His research interests focus on 17th and 18th century historic sites along the Damariscotta and Sheepscot Rivers.

Baby news:

Bill Elwell and his wife Janet Kelliher Elwell '87 have a son, Scott, who is just over a year old.

James Joyce and his wife Denise welcomed Ryan Randall into the world on May 29, 2002. The Joyces reside in Westbrook.

Congratulations to Dana '90 and **Kristen Valentine Rackliffe**, whose triplets Jarod, Olivia, and Ethan were born last April 14 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in New Hampshire! All are doing well.

Happy spring to you all!

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Spring is my favorite season in Virginia. I hope that you are enjoying this season as much as I am! Our daughter is one year old and it still amazes Kevin '91 and me how much she can change. This spring, my twin sister got married in Seattle and my brother-in-law got married in Portland. In October we attended the wedding of fellow UMaine track

alumna, Brenda Sheehan '92. When we attended her wedding it brought back fond memories of UMaine. Of course, all the ceremonies were beautiful.

Scott C. Mitchell wrote in! He is living in Glenburn, Maine. His son attended a recent UMaine open house and plans on applying to be a freshman microbiology student entering in the Class of 2004. Ariel Creative, a company controlled by Scott's business, Cencon Corporation, offers graphic design and marketing services in the Bangor area. **Kathryn Elkins** is the curriculum director for S.A.D. 17. She lives in Scarborough with her husband.

Heather Weymouth Drummond was promoted to branch manager of Bangor Savings Bank in Dover-Foxcroft. After graduating from Maine she earned her MBA from Husson College. **Brenda Beitner Parker** is a special education teacher at Old Town High School. **Mary-Beth Doherty Hodgkins** is an elementary education teacher at Nathan Clifford School in Portland. She has worked at Clifford for 11 years and earned her master's degree in general education through the University of New England.

Julie Valentine is a proud aunt of triplets. Julie had the opportunity to donate her eggs to her sister, Kristen Valentine Rackliffe '89. Kristen was unable to conceive naturally as she had previously had endometriosis and as a result her ovaries had to be removed. Kristen had always wanted to be a mother and Julie was able to help her sister realize the dream of becoming a parent. Congratulations to the proud parents and aunt! I have one child and I cannot imagine how busy their household is with three little ones. Julie and Kristen wanted to share their story so other couples know all the options available to them to solve infertility problems. Julie is a U.S. deputy clerk in Bangor and is an avid horsewoman.

Don't forget your classmates. I would love to hear your news!

1991

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It is nearly spring depending on where you are living, and I'm sure

we are all looking forward to some warmer weather. Please drop me a note and let the class know what's new in your life. Here is some of the latest.

Tom Caron won a second-place award in the category of "local ad in color" in the Maine Press Association's 2002 Better Newspaper Contest. He was recognized for his work at the *Bangor Daily News*.

Jennifer Andrews Rancourt has joined the Rumford Community Home as an administrator. Previously, she worked at Market Square Health Care Center in South Paris where she had been since 2000.

Garrett Guernsey has been promoted to a principal in the firm of Edwards, Faust, and Smith, CPAs. In his Bangor firm, Garrett specializes in monthly accounting and software for small businesses.

Christopher McLoon participated on a special task force comprised of members of the American Bar Association's tax section to provide comment to the Department of Treasury on sales and lapses of partnership options. Christopher is an attorney with the Portland office of Verrill and Dana LLP.

In July, the Union 90 joint school board hired **Michael "Mack" Cyr** of Orono as their new superintendent. Michael had spent the past four years as an interim superintendent in multiple districts, including S.A.D. 4 in Guilford. He has also served as an educational consultant.

Weddings are always a great time to meet up with classmates and reminisce about the good old days at UMaine. I had a chance to catch up with the old gang in October when **Stephanie Burchill** married Scott Love in Cumberland, Maine. **Jennifer Crotty Davis**, **Shelley Danforth Farrington**, **Tina Lane**, **Terri-Jo Lambert**, and **Stephanie Haza Vetne '89** were there. It isn't often we all get together again. Steph and her husband live in Anchorage, Alaska.

A couple of baby Black Bears were born recently to our classmates. Jon and **Beth Kennedy Edwards** are the proud parents of Brian Kenneth, born on June 3, 2002. The family lives in Westbrook. **Thomas and Nancy Smart Magadieu** welcomed a son, Gabriel Ethan, into their South Portland home. He was born June 1, 2002. Classmate **Kimberly Shea Berg** sent in an e-mail announcing the birth of her daughter, Meghan Marie, who was born on August 29th. Kimberly and her husband Christopher sent along a beautiful baby



Karen Cyr Cummings '93 is now senior vice president of credit administration at KeyBank. In her new position, Cummings oversees the credit approval process for mid-sized companies throughout New England. After graduating from UMaine, Karen earned a master of science in finance from Bentley College. She currently lives in Windham with her husband Scott '93 and their two children.

photo. Thanks for sharing your news!

Something to add to your "to do" list: send your news to the alumni column. See you next time.

1992

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Hello, everyone! I hope everyone had a great holiday season! There is not much news to report this time around, so hopefully everyone will send me notes for next time. We'll start with the baby news—**Charles and Sara Inman Carroll** welcomed home a new son on May 19, Andrew Charles. Rachel Anne was born to **Brian and Mary Richards** on May 18. Congratulations to both! **Cheryl Saliwanchik** was one of 25 educators who completed the 2002 Maine Writing Project at the University of Maine. Completion of this program distinguishes Cheryl as a Fellow with the Maine Writing Project. Congratulations, Cheryl.

Carmelle Cote reports that she attended the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johan-

nesburg, South Africa. **Ronald Rideout** was recently inducted into the Frances Crowe Society. The Francis Crowe Society is dedicated to recognizing the contributions of alumni and friends to the society. Congratulations, Ron! **Jeff Andrews** has recently joined Two Trees Forestry, a business that helps land owners oversee wood lots, appraise and sell timber, plan logging projects, and manage wildlife. He will work with the company's owner on sustainable forestry initiatives throughout western Maine. **Michelle Skoorka Burgess** was honored this summer with Ace Hardware Corporation's national Hometown Hero Award. She was chosen for this award because of her dedication to the community of Newport, Rhode Island. Some of her contributions include coordinating an annual Christmas family appeal which provides food baskets and holiday gifts for more than 20 families, knitting blankets for "crack" babies or abandoned animals, delivering Meals on Wheels, and walking dogs at the Potter League Shelter. Five local organizations received a check for \$1,000 in honor of Burgess. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Michael Crooker, town manager of Bradley, Maine, was awarded the Rookie of the Year Award by the Maine Town and City Management Association. He was recognized because of the unusual work ethic he has and his willingness to give personal time to save the town money. **Sarah Leeman** was promoted to senior manager at Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker, CPAs and management consultants. **Mike Hammer** has been named the new assistant principal at Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School. **Paul Holloway** was recently appointed by Boston mayor Thomas Menino as the neighborhood services coordinator for Allston-Brighton. **Chris Jordan** reports that he had a great summer enjoying the fish, sand, sun, gin and tonics, and moonlight stars on Nantucket Island. He is looking forward to being an usher in Jarrod Slobson's '93 wedding.

Lastly, on a personal note, I have just returned from a New York City trip with many UMaine alums.

We went to celebrate the wedding of Tisha Berube Feyler '93. Those who attended were: Jennifer Donohue '93, Sharon Moore Kampersal '93, Shannon Gardner '94, Christi Nesbitt Marchette '94, Erika Flemming-Coull '93, and Judy Campkin Speicher '93.

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10th Reunion
October 3-5, 2003

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Happy spring! I hope you are looking forward to warmer weather! My family and I are in the process of moving from Texas back to Massachusetts. I'm looking forward to being closer to old friends but dreading the chilly weather! This year is our 10-year class Reunion—plan ahead for the fall festivities!

On to the news from our friends—

Of course we have exciting baby news. **Karen Lafortune Parenteau** and her husband welcomed Noah Robert on May 3rd, 2002. **Timothy and Kimberly Stropole Woodhouse** had a little girl, Molly Shattuck, born on May 23rd, 2002. **Christopher and Christeen Coleman Allen** welcomed a little boy, Shane Vincent, on May 7th, 2002. Congratulations to you all!

Scott and **Tisha Berube Feyler** were married on January 4th, 2003. They had a beautiful wedding in Freeport. Among the many Maine alums in attendance were: Don '91 and **Susan Moore Leonard**, **Jennifer Donohue**, **Erika Flemming Coull**, **Sharon Moore Kampersal**, J.P. '94 and Christi Nesbitt Marchette '94, Bernie Meader and Michelle Bouchard '92, **Pat** and Tracey Boutin **Hartnett** '92, Jeff '92 and **Sheila Shufelt Wells**, Will '89 and **Renee Pooler Hunter**, Michelle Gonzales Verdi '94, Shannon Gardner '94, Lisa Breton Clyatt, and **Jennifer Staton-Pellerin**. Congratulations, Tisha and Scott!

The *Bangor Daily News* received many first and second place awards in the Maine Press Association's 2002 Better Newspaper Contest this past October. **John Holyoke** won an award for Sports Story and Sports Feature—congratulations.

I have also received news that **Andy Sturtevant** has joined Wolfe Public Relations, a firm that specializes in news releases and distribution. He is the new media relations director. Congratulations also to **Rae-Ann Means** who joined the Falmouth schools this past August. She is teaching fifth grade. This past summer **Marla Gerber** completed the 2002 Maine Writing Project at the University of Maine. Completion

of the intensive summer institute distinguishes her as a Fellow with the Maine Writing Project, which is an affiliate of the National Writing Project. Congratulations.

That's all the news I have for now. You can send updated info by mail or e-mail to:
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Happy spring, everyone! Well, maybe that's a bit optimistic, since it's January and freezing cold outside as we write this, but maybe by the time this finds its way into your mailbox, we will have all started to thaw. (Sorry, northern Mainers—you probably have a while longer to wait!) Your loyal class correspondents hope you all had a wonderful holiday season this year, and are waiting patiently for your news. We're sure you made it a top New Year's resolution to keep us better informed of the goings on in your lives, so we don't have to depend on impersonal news clippings, but for now, that's all we've got, so here goes—

Jonathan Humphrey was among the winners of the Maine Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest. Jonathan and his colleagues at the *Morning Sentinel* were awarded second place in the Continuing Story category. **Matthew Tonello** is living in Wellesley, Massachusetts, and working as a project manager in the commercial and industrial sectors for Consigli Construction. **Kevin Fox** was hired by Marshwood High School to teach math. Kevin previously taught at Wells High School for three years. **Cynthia Brooker Fowlow** was hired as a guidance counselor by Old Town High School. She was previously working for S.A.D. 46 in Dexter. **Marybeth Pride** who works for S.A.D. 5 in Rockland has received a master of arts degree in speech-language pathology from the University of Cincinnati. **Ron Sepp**, an

David Miller '93 becomes partner in Orono law firm

Attorney David Miller '93 has deep roots in the town of Orono and at the University of Maine. His family has lived in the town for generations and both his parents Robert '63 (also an attorney) and Jane Tompkins Miller '65 are UMaine graduates. In fact, his UMaine ties go back another generation to his grandfather, Stacy Miller '32, who in addition to being an alumnus, was also a longtime employee of the university.

After earning his law degree from the University of Maine School of Law, David worked at some interesting jobs (including lobstering and selling Christmas trees in Atlanta). Then, after serving as land development coordinator for the city of Bangor, he settled back in his home town in the fall of 2001, joining the law firm of another lifelong Orono resident, Ted Curtis.

Now, just a little over two years later, Curtis has made David a partner in the firm.

"It surprised me a bit to be asked to become a partner this quickly," Miller admits. "But I knew Ted was looking for someone with a longtime commitment, and I love it here—I'm not planning on going anywhere."

Curtis and Miller provide a broad range of legal services to the general public. The firm also has a presence on the UMaine campus, providing legal services to students.



experienced substance abuse counselor, has established a new substance abuse counseling practice in Palermo. **Ann Kirkpatrick** was selected to be the interim principal at Warren Community School. **Anthony Anderson** has been hired to fill the newly created position of health coordinator for S.A.D. 11. Anthony's position is funded by a five-year grant from a fund established with money received by the state of Maine as part of its settlement with tobacco companies. **Melissa Laser Halsted** is pursuing a Ph.D. in environmental studies at Antioch New England Graduate School in New Hampshire.

Go Black Bears!

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Happy winter to you all! I hope this finds you well and warm, wherever you are, and that the holidays treated you well. As always, please keep your classmates up to date with your happenings—drop us a line!

We received a note from **Gilbert Thibeau**, originally of Fort Fairfield, letting us know of his wedding October 12 to **Tanya Friend**, originally of Skowhegan. The couple resides in Waterville where Tanya is a speech

language pathologist, while Gilbert works as a project manager for the Sheridan Corporation. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia—congratulations to them both!

Travis Lazarczyk took third place in the Maine Press Association Better Newspaper Contest for his sports feature for the *Morning Sentinel*. **Janet Nordfors** completed the 2002 Maine Writing Project at UMaine over the summer. The project is dedicated to the improvement of student writing and the teaching of writing across the curriculum in all grade levels. It is sponsored by the college of education and human development and distinguishes its participants as Fellows upon completion. Janet is a teacher at the Washington Street School in Brewer.

UMaine's athletic department has promoted **Joe Roberts** from assistant athletic director for media relations to become the department's athletic development director. In his new position, Joe oversees the Black Bear Club annual fund drive and reports to the assistant athletic director for external affairs. Joe and his wife, Nancy, have a three-year-old daughter, Cassie, and a year-old son, Brent. **Lynne Nelson Manion** is settling into her new position as a social studies teacher at John Bapst High School in Bangor. Lynne is also a doctoral candidate in history at UMaine.

And, lastly, I would like to announce the birth of my son, Thomas Elliot on October 25, 2002, at Newton Wellesley Hospital in Newton, Massachusetts. My husband, Mark, and I are elated with our new addition.

That's about it for this edition of our column. If you have any new additions, new jobs, new spouses, or would just like to tell us what you have been up to, please get in touch with me via e-mail or through the alumni association. Hope to hear from you soon!

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Greetings, '96ers!
Stephanie Archer Laplante was inducted into the Francis Crowe

Society, a group that recognizes excellence in engineering. The society was founded in 2000 by the University of Maine Engineers.

Aaron Watson is the head coach of the Orono High School boys' basketball team. **Amy Dufour** is working for Kirm, Everett, & Cameron Optometrists in Rumford, Maine. She attended the New England College of Optometry in Boston and completed her yearlong residency at the Veterans Hospital in Newington, Connecticut.

Joyce Morrissey is a high school social worker at Yarmouth High School. **Jill Walker** provides applied kinesiology, a whole-body approach to health care, at Betz Family Chiropractic in Camden, Maine. Jill received her doctor of chiropractic degree at the National College of Chiropractic in Lombard, Illinois. **Rachel Anne Wallace Shields** is a paraprofessional at the South Portland office of Macdonald Page Shchatz Fletcher & Co., a certified public accounting firm.

James Geary is the vice president and chief financial officer at the Maine Community Foundation. The foundation awarded \$8 million in grants and scholarships last year. **Bridget Ziegelaar Johnson** is project manager for extravehicular activities, known to you and me as space walks, for NASA in Houston, Texas.

Debra Delia Swan Alonso received a master of social work degree from the University of New England.

Deyanne Worcester is a physical education teacher at Marana-cook Community High School in Readfield, Maine.

David Tartaglia and **Rebecca LeFebvre** are the proud parents of a son, Lucas James, born in May.

That's all the news for now. Please be sure to let us know what you have been up to. Your classmates would love to hear from you!

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It is wonderful to feel the spring-like weather after months of winter's cold. Our classmates have been very busy this year. Here is an update on their happenings.

Alison McCrady has assumed a new position as general manager of the Norway-Paris Solid Waste Transfer Station.

Joe McLaughlin recently was honored with a third place award by the Maine Press Association 2002 Better Newspaper contest for his work in the sports section of the *Bangor Daily News*.

Robert Shea was also recently honored by the dean of the college of engineering at UMaine for his excellence in engineering. Robert was inducted as a member of the Francis Crowe Society. He works for WBRC Architects and Engineers in Bangor.

Marc Edwards was hired as executive director of the Downeast Heritage Center.

Kevin Mattson is president of Harper's Development LLC, which just purchased the Key Plaza in downtown Augusta.

Phoebe McNeally is teaching physics at Falmouth High School.

Edward Jones has been named new head basketball coach for Maine Central Institute's post grad basketball team. In addition, he will coordinate the wellness program, work in admissions, and teach health.

Congratulations to Lindsay Lewis and **Raymond Arbour** who were married recently.

Congratulations also to Karen and **Scott St. Hilaire** on the birth of their son, Matthew Geary, and to **John Travers Evans** and his wife Johanna Riley Evans '98 on the birth of their son, Riley John. **Melissa Willette Mohr** and her husband Nigel welcomed a second child. Christian Alexander was born on November 20, 2002, and joins his older brother Jacob, who turned two in December 2002. The family lives in Plantsville, Connecticut.

Have a wonderful spring and be sure to keep us updated on your travels, adventures, jobs, families, and fun. Cheers!

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Former UMaine soccer goalie, **Nate Benoit**, is the new coach of Cony High School's boys soccer team. Nate works for the Maine State

Department of Transportation.

Look for **Rob Brewer's** inaugural column in the next issue of *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. Please give him some help by sending your news to him at: robert_e_brewer@hotmail.com or to the alumni association.

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Hello, everyone! As we write this column in early January 2003, we are reminded that five years ago, UMaine was encased in ice. The Ice Storm of 1998 was bearing down on campus, ravaging trees and delaying the start of the spring semester. How time does fly! We hope you survived the holidays and winter season much better this time around.

It seems as though many classmates decided to change jobs recently! Our column this time is filled with news about career paths.

In the field of education, **Jessica Hogate Ward** joined the Yarmouth school department as a high school science teacher. Prior to her new position, Jessica was a science teacher at King Middle School in Portland. **Erika Rosenberg** joined the Orono High School English department. **Sara Vincent Cheetham** is now teaching at M.S.A.D. 17 in the Oxford Hills region of Maine. Prior to joining Oxford Hills, Sara taught music in Turner. **John Lisa** is the new principal at Belgrade Central School. For the past decade, John taught third and fourth grades at the same school, so now he will be "going to the principal's office!"

Darla N. Coombs joined the staff at Mayo Regional Hospital as a family nurse practitioner. Darla lives in Hermon and previously worked at Eastern Maine Medical Center and St. Joseph Hospital. **Susan Herrick Lizzotte** has joined the University of Maine swimming staff on a full-time basis as an assistant swimming coach. **Nathan Hamilton** of Concord, New Hampshire, was recently

sworn in as a probationary trooper for the New Hampshire State Police. He is attending the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Academy in Concord.

Aimee Hatt is engaged to Peter Manchester. The couple resides in St. Augustine, Florida, where she teaches Spanish at the First Coast Technical High School. They are planning a June 21, 2003 wedding. **Betsey Sereyko** is engaged to Jim Audibert. She is attending graduate school at Wilmington College, majoring in elementary education. They reside in Newark, Delaware, and are planning a September wedding. **Bill Stewart** has announced his engagement to Kristen Dobler '00. They are planning a wedding in Connecticut in the fall of 2004. Bill is a sports-writer for the *Waterbury Republican* newspaper in Waterbury, Connecticut.

Misty Edgecomb, a reporter for the *Bangor Daily News*, won a regional journalism award at the end of last summer. Her feature story, "A Ray of Light," won third place in the Feature Story category. Before joining the *Bangor Daily News* as the outdoor writer, Misty worked as a reporter in the Ellsworth bureau.

We only receive a little news each quarter. Don't delay in sending your updates to **Lindsay** or **Andrea** so your news can be passed on to our classmates! Please note that Lindsay has a new last name and a new e-mail address.

2000

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As the temperature starts to rise and the flowers bloom, we are reminded of our memories of Bumstock, Maine Day, UMaine baseball and softball games, and many other springtime memories of UMaine. As we have been away from UMaine for three years now many things have changed in our lives and our classmates' lives. Here is some news on some of our 2000 classmates.

Some of our classmates have begun new jobs in their new communities. Waldo County General Hospital in Belfast, Maine, announced that **Jennifer Boyd** has joined the speech language pathology team at their hospital. Jennifer's

job includes providing a range of speech and language therapy activities throughout Waldo County.

Many of our classmates have devoted themselves to the lives of young ones in the area of education. Mount Desert Island High School has named **Carol Marcinkus** as assistant principal for the 2002-2003 school year. Carol lives in Ellsworth, Maine, and has taught business at MDI High School for seven years. At MDI Carol has served as a business teacher, dean of seniors, attendance officer for all grades, and coordinator for graduation. Her new responsibilities include being responsible for all discipline problems, assistant principal duties, and the continued responsibility of being the dean of seniors at MDI. The Brooklin School in Maine announced that **Liberty Wixon** is employed as an educational technician at their school. Liberty's previous teaching position was at Moore Elementary School in Ellsworth, Maine, where she taught fourth grade and tutored at Surry Elementary School.

Schools in Old Town, Maine, have welcomed **Davina Denno** and **Andy Kempton** to their staff. Davina is a special education teacher at J.A. Leonard Middle School and Andy is an educational technician and special education teacher at Old Town High School. Falmouth, Maine, schools have hired **Mary Verrill** in speech language pathology. Oxford Hills Middle School announced that **Ryan Watts** has joined their staff as a guidance counselor. He did his internship at Lewis Libby School and Massabesic High School in Maine. Gorham, Maine, schools announced that the English department has gained **Jeanne Zarrilli**. Previously she taught English at Waterville High School and in the adult education program at Kennebec Valley Technical College. **Karen Lisa's** husband is the new principal at Belgrade Central School in Maine. Karen is a reading specialist at James Bean School in Sidney, Maine. We wish all of you the best with your new endeavors and jobs. Former ROTC battalion commander at UMaine and now Army 1st lieutenant, **Michael May**, has been deployed to Camp Doha, Kuwait. Michael is a platoon leader with the 2nd Armored Cavalry in Fort Polk, Louisiana. He is married to Amanda McLaughlin of Dyer Brooke, Maine. I'm sure Michael is serving America Proud in the Middle East.

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Two Class of 2000 grads forging music careers on opposite coasts



Cuchata members, left to right: Jon Markel, Bryan Cook, and Marcelo E. Quinonez

When Bryan Cook '00 was a percussion performance major at the University of Maine, he was exposed to, and trained in, a wide range of musical forms and styles—from classical to jazz to pop. He also had the good fortune to study with one of the most knowledgeable Latin percussionists around, UMaine professor Stuart Marrs. With Marrs and the UMaine Percussion Ensemble, Bryan even had the opportunity to perform at the PerCUBA festival in Havana—the first time an American percussion group had ever performed in Cuba.

Recently, Bryan has put his Latin percussion experience to good use as a member of the Seattle-based trio, Cuchata (formerly Machete), led by Marcelo E. Quinonez. Quinonez, who is of Nicaraguan decent, writes most of the songs for the group. His music celebrates many different styles from various Latin countries.

Last fall the group came out with its first CD and currently they are booking shows for a Northwest U.S. and Canada tour in the spring. In February they played at the well known Los Angeles club, the Conga Room.

Bryan also performs with a group called the Degenerate Art Ensemble and spends three days a week teaching percussion.

He says it's a bit of a struggle, but he likes being a full-time, working musician.

"Overall, it's great," he says. "The biggest hassle is fitting in all the tasks that come with doing all our own promotion and booking. I have to juggle that with rehearsing, recording, teaching, writing new material, and the performance

schedules of the groups."

To check out Cuchata's CD as well as their performance schedule, log on to: machetemusic.com.

Boston-based singer/songwriter Beth Boucher '00 has released her first full-length CD, titled "Mess You Up" (Virt Records). Beth followed up the release of the recording with a month-long residency at the Kendall Café in Cambridge in January.

Beth's music has been described as quirky, witty, edgy alternative folk rock. But most of the tunes also have pretty catchy melodies and rhythms that make her music accessible to a broad range of listeners.

"She has conjured up some of the catchiest folk/pop ever heard," wrote one reviewer in *Boston Soundcheck*.

Beth started playing guitar at UMaine when a desperate friend traded her a "taped-up" Yamaha for ten dollars and some beer. She taught herself some chords and soon started performing on the local Orono scene. Since graduation she has built a strong following playing at clubs in the Northeast, including the House of Blues and the Bitter End.

For information on Beth's CD or upcoming performances log on to: bethboucher.com.



Weddings

1973

Gregory M. Hamel to Judith M. Gray on September 28, 2002. They took a Caribbean cruise and live in Medford, New Jersey.

1975

H. William Sowles to Valerie A. O'Connell on September 21, 2002, in Yarmouth, Maine. They live in Yarmouth after a cruise along the Maine coast.

1977

Errol Dearborn to Lauren Stewart on June 14, 2002, in Hallowell, Maine. They live in West Gardiner, Maine.

1980

Kathleen Talbot to James Baron on October 5, 2002, in Danvers, Massachusetts. They honeymooned in Aruba and reside in Winthrop, Massachusetts.

1984

Elizabeth Mary Davis to Carl Joseph Spencer II on July 26, 2002, in Dedham, Maine. They reside in Bangor.

Patricia M. McKeon to Thomas A. Wyman on August 10, 2002, in Portland, Maine. They reside in Windham, Maine.

1985

Joel J. Pelletier to Mary Ellen Kolatis on June 1, 2002, in Throop, Pennsylvania. The couple resides in Jamison, Pennsylvania.

1986

Jane Rioux to Todd Rissel on October 23, 2002, in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. After a cruise to the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, St. Maarten, and St. Thomas, the couple resides in New Canaan, Connecticut.

Dale Robert Wehrle to Leslie Kirk Wright in Bolton Valley, Vermont. They live in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

1988

Debra M. Kenniston to Brian E. Keefe on August 17, 2002, in Camden, Maine. They live in Rockport.

1989

Kristen A. Sundburg to Douglas M. Rawan in Worcester, Massachusetts. They took a trip to Grand Cayman Islands and live in West-



Lots of UMaine alumni attended the wedding of Wendy Sheay '88 to Jim Hutzelmann on September 1, 2002. Kneeling, left to right: Debby Matriccino Thomas '88, Wendy Sheay, and Linda McGivern '88. Back row: Paul Ferrigno '55, Pete Wilson '55, Penny Rich Wilson '54, Ginny Sheay, Ron Sheay '55, Joan Murphy, Sal Scarpato '55, Carl Kruse '54, and Joanne Barberio Scarpato '58.

boro, Massachusetts.

Paul Alexander Plourde to Lana Marie Wescott '95 on August 17, 2002, in Kennebunkport, Maine. They reside in Kennebunk.

1990

David Hentosh to Keri Keiffer on August 3, 2002, in Bridgewater, Maine. They live in Bridgewater.

Michael Patrick Gaughran to Michelle Renee Mitchell on September 21, 2002. The couple lives in Franklin, Massachusetts.

1991

Jeffrey Scott Mertzel to Gretchen Burns Livingston on June 29, 2002, in Gardiner, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Disney World and a Disney cruise to the Caribbean and live in Augusta.

1992

Leslie Erin Wilson to James Matthew Gallant on August 3, 2002, in Phippsburg, Maine. They reside in Bath, Maine.

Brett Jeremy Astor to Marie Pame-

la Newberry on September 1, 2002, in Cumberland Foreside. They reside in Portland.

Jayne E. Wilkinson to Charles W. Bizier on September 7, 2002. They reside in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

1993

Christopher Davis Dorr to Carey Leigh Fister on August 10, 2002, in Bangor, Maine. They spent their honeymoon on a Caribbean cruise to the Bahamas.

Janna Christakis to John Vaccarello on September 14, 2002, in Yarmouth, Maine. They live in Gray, Maine.

1994

Michael R. Lanigra to Julie L. Abbott on July 12, 2002, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. They took a wedding trip to Antigua and reside in Exeter, New Hampshire.

Vicky Levesque to Joseph Halter on October 12, 2002, in Amesbury, Massachusetts. They took a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, and

live in Amesbury.

Geoffrey Daniel Nappi to Jennifer Ann Bryant on September 6, 2002, in Kennebunkport, Maine. They reside in Lewiston after a trip to the Bahamas.

1995

William Doyle to Adele Martineau on September 7, 2002, in Ipswich, Massachusetts. They live in Waltham, Massachusetts.

William Charles Titcomb to Margaret Mary Sheehan on September 21, 2002, in Saco, Maine. They reside in Bangor.

Tracee Sweetser to Walter Golet '97 on October 26, 2002, in Moodus, Connecticut. They reside in South Berwick, Maine.

April Eldrige to Chris Boulter on September 1, 2002, in Bangor. They reside in Bangor.

1996

Lesley J. Meiczinger to John R. Thompson on December 7, 2001, in Brewer, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Quebec and reside in Brewer.

Crystal Danielle Libby to David Joseph Taylor on October 26, 2002, in Cleveland, Ohio. They live in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Jerrold Theborge to Andrea Devoe on May 18, 2002, in Hinkley, Maine. They live in Norridgewock, Maine.

Steven G. Morin to Rebecca S. Stone on September 14, 2002, in Little Compton, Rhode Island. They visited Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, on their honeymoon and live in Smithfield, Rhode Island.

1997

Janet Oprendeck to Darren Neil Payson on October 12, 2002, in St. George, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Bermuda and live in Rockland.

Alison C. Layton to Aaron P. MacFawn on September 14, 2002, in Freeport, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Nova Scotia and reside in Auburn.

Brian D. LaFrance to Leslie J. Corey on August 12, 2002, in Las Vegas, Nevada. They are planning a honeymoon trip to California and reside in Portland, Maine.

Jacob D. Bogar to Caitlin Jarvis on June 1, 2002, in Farmington, Maine.

Chris Marie Stanley to Brian

Walter Cirone on August 10, 2002, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. They reside in Portland.

Kelly Brevington Schier to Jeffrey Stewart Tamulevich on August 3, 2002, in Cape Neddick, Maine. They reside in Chesapeake, Virginia.

Andrew K. Wilbur to **Kristin Frazier '98** on August 8, 2002, in Acadia National Park, Maine. They reside in Freeport, Maine.

1998

Anthony A. Tomah to **Lori A. Doucette '00** on September 28, 2002, in Coventry, Rhode Island. They live in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

Lindsay Porter to **Andrew Harmon '00** on September 28, 2002, in Old Town. They live in Bangor.

Patrick Wynne Benoit to **Danielle Susan Wentworth '02** on June 29, 2002, in Dedham, Maine.

Michael Faloon, Jr. to **Stephanie King** on September 14, 2002, in Freeport, Maine. They reside in Quincy, Massachusetts.

Keith James Buchanan to **Sara Beth Sawyer** on November 8, 2002, in Port St. Lucie, Florida. They are planning a wedding trip to the Caribbean and reside in Epping, New Hampshire.

Whitney White to **Richard Crowe IV** on July 20, 2002, in Bangor, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Bermuda and reside in Bangor.

1999

Kelly Banton to **Eric Cyr** on July 27, 2002, in South Portland, Maine. The couple resides in South Portland.

Kristen P. Lamoreau to **Gregory B. Hallowell '00** on July 27, 2002, in Castle Hill, Maine. After a trip to Montreal and the coast of Maine, they live in Roslindale, Massachusetts.

Kim Turner to **Joshua Robertson** on September 7, 2002, in Readfield, Maine. They reside in Wayne, Maine.

Mandy Bernier to **Sean Hussey** on September 7, 2002, in Londonderry, New Hampshire. After a Caribbean cruise, they couple resides in Newmarket, New Hampshire.

Charlotte "Charley" Martin to **Jake Berry** on August 10, 2002, in East Blue Hill. They honeymooned on Grand Manan and live in Sedgwick, Maine.

Elizabeth Campbell to **James Ireland** on July 27, 2002, in East Orrington, Maine. They reside in Hermon, Maine.

Cindi Boyington to **Ralph Cox** on July 25, 2002, in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. They reside in Winthrop.

Jennifer Laura Emery to **Benjamin Matthew Roeder** on August 24, 2002, in South Portland. They live in Shelton, Connecticut.

2000

John Joseph Melton to **Andrea Louise McQuade** on August 17, 2002, in Presque Isle. They live in Bordentown, New Jersey.

Stephanie Drake to **Rick Libby** on October 12, 2002, in Waterville. They live in Waterville.

Judith Williams to **Seth Prentice** on August 31, 2002, in Portland, Maine. They live in Portland.

Brian J. Hallett to **Lauren J. Cook** on September 14, 2002, in Lewiston, Maine. They reside in Auburn.

Audrey Armit Chapman to **Brian Steven Scott '01** on July 27, 2002, in Oxford, Maine. They live in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Mark Palmateer to **Becky Dodson '02** on October 26, 2002, in Ellsworth, Maine. They reside in Bangor.

Marleina Schwenk to **Andrew Ford** on August 11, 2002, in Dedham, Maine. They live in Ellsworth.

Bethany Anne Libby to **Daniel Patrick Healy** on July 27, 2002, in Kenduskeag, Maine. They live in Kenduskeag.

Michelle A. Merrill to **Vi T. Thai '01** on June 22, 2002, in Bangor, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Aruba and reside in Hampden.

James Michael Wilusz to **Michelle Lynn LaPlant** on November 16, 2002, in Carolina, Rhode Island.

Megan Hutchinson to **Lawrence "Sam" Cronkite '01** on August 16, 2002, in Howland, Maine. They reside in Middletown, Maryland.

Monica Brooke Arnold to **Matthew Jeffrey Perkins** on August 31, 2002, in Bar Harbor, Maine. They reside in South Portland.

2001

Kimberly Leonard to **Michael Achilles '02** on September 28, 2002, in Poland, Maine. They reside in St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

Lisa Marie Laverdiere to **Michael James Melvin** on July 20, 2002, in Wilton, Maine. They live in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Sarah Joleen Morton to **Joshua Aaron Morrell '02** on August 3, 2002, in Gorham, Maine. They reside in Saco.

2002

Kerin Elizabeth Specht to **Shaun Alan Brasseau** on August 10, 2002, in South Berwick, Maine. They reside in Orono.

Recently Married?

We would love to run a photograph of your big day in the alumni magazine. And if possible include your UMaine alumni guests in the photo. Either a print or digital photo will work. Send it to Alumni Publications, P.O. Box 550, Orono, ME 04473—e-mail: jim_frick@umit.maine.edu.

Class notes, continued

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for **Kristen Dobler** and **Bill Stewart '99** as they plan to marry in Connecticut, on October 9, 2004. Kristen is a copywriter for J. Jill in Quincy, Massachusetts, and Bill is a sportswriter for *Waterbury Republican* newspaper in Waterbury, Connecticut. They both met as editors for the *Maine Campus* at UMaine. Also, wedding bells have rung for classmates **Judy Williams** and **Seth Prentice** as they were married August 31, 2002, in Portland, Maine. They now reside in Portland. We wish both of these couples best wishes in their futures together.

Have any news to share with the Class of 2000? Drop me an e-mail and I will keep the rest of the class posted on your news. Enjoy the warmer weather—I know I will be enjoying my summer off from teaching.

2001

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It has been almost two years now since we graduated from UMaine, and to most of us, it seems like yesterday. We've disseminated across the state, some of us across the country, and found our way in life. Some of us have changed career paths already and some of us have tied the knot. Regardless of our choices, progress, and lifestyles, we are and always will be UMaine grads.

Sports programs have helped some UMaine grads keep their love of the sport alive even after graduation. **Shaun Russell** has recently been named athletic marketing and promotion director at the university. He graduated with a degree in

business administration. **Dan Kerluke**, one of Maine's star hockey players, is heading up the Bangor High School hockey program. He hopes to not only inspire a winning team, but also instill in the youth the UMaine attitude of determination and hard work. **Brianna Day**, who graduated from the university with a degree in physical education, was recently hired as the Old Town recreation department's new recreation programmer.

Jonathan Thomas ran unopposed as a democrat for Maine's house of representatives in the previous election. His three main goals while in office are protecting the environment, increasing quality of education, and increasing Maine's research and development.

Many of the Class of 2001 are enjoying successful careers in education. **Joanne DeFilipp Alex** was recently announced as a Maine state finalist for the 2002 Presidential Award for excellence in mathematics and science teaching. She is a finalist in elementary science.

Laurie Leighton and **Bruce Moores** were hired as educational technicians at Jefferson Street School and Old Town High School respectively. **Brenda Stevens** was granted the honor of becoming the new principal for Kingfield Elementary School. She hopes to encourage the use of the arts in education.

We may have all seen **Kimberley Pietz** acting on shows such as "Law and Order" (Special Victims Unit) and the movie *Hot Ice*. She also ran with the Olympic torch last December. Kimberly is currently teaching ballroom dancing at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in New York City.

David Hall and **Hannah Jackson** were married on October 19, 2002. David is currently working as an account manager at Bow Street Distributing in Freeport.

Thanks to all of you who have contacted both the alumni office and myself. We appreciate the news and photos! Keep them coming!

Deaths

1928

Matthew Edward Highlands, January 21, 2003, from Orono, Maine, at 97.

1929

Roderic Comins O'Connor, January 1, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, and Sarasota, Florida, at 95.

1931

Myrilla Nickerson Guilfoil Daley, December 4, 2002, from Falmouth Foreside, Maine, at 93.

1932

Robert Theodore Weston, January 15, 2003, from Madison, Maine, at 92.

1933

Virginia "Gina" Irene Berry Humphrey, December 20, 2002, from East Providence, Rhode Island, at 92.

Evelyn Pollard Simmonds, January 25, 2003, from Littleton, New Hampshire, at 91.

Rachel Eloise Stephenson, January 31, 2003, from Belfast, Maine, at 95.

Kenneth Everson Varney, December 29, 2002, from Jericho, Vermont, at 91.

1934

Thaddeus William Austin, November 14, 2002, from Athol, Massachusetts, at 90.

Alice Carolyn Dyer DeCourcy, January 21, 2003, from Newport, New Hampshire, at 91.

1935

Pauline Smith Budge Estes, November 17, 2002, from Bangor, Maine, at 88.

Howard Ernest Etter, December 21, 2002, from Bar Harbor, Maine, and Cataumet, Massachusetts, at 89.

Richard Vaughan Gaffney, December 8, 2002, from South Portland, Maine, and Jefferson City, Missouri, at 92.

Joseph Ayer Stevens, January 1, 2003, from Westbrook, Maine, at 89.

1936

Ira Frederic Dole, January 31, 2003, from Hallowell, Maine, at 89.

Martha Virginia Palmer Parsons, November 7, 2002, from Old Town, Maine, at 87.

1938

Madison Shepherd Forde, April 29, 2002, from Punta Gorda, Florida, at 85.

Waldo Flanders Hardison, November 15, 2002, from Caribou, Maine, at 85.

Norman Renfrew Ness, February 4, 2003, from Lewiston, Maine, at 90.

Ernest John Reidman, December 4, 2002, from Waterville, Maine, at 87.

Gale Stickney Torrey, January 14, 2003, from Poland, Maine, at 85.

Richard Harrison Varney, November 17, 2002, from Jonesboro, Maine, at 86.

1939

Bernard Guy Hannigan, December 26, 2002, from Houlton, Maine, at 86.

Robert Edward Hemingway,

January 24, 2003, from Caribou, Maine, at 87.

Raymond Lloyd Nelson, November 29, 2002, from Friendship, Maine, at 85.

Willis Ralph Phair, January 1, 2003, from Boca Raton, Florida, and Patten, Maine, at 88.

1940

Dorothy Day, November 30, 2002, from Roque Bluffs, Maine, at 83.

Lucie "Scottie" Adelaide Pray Fletcher, December 3, 2002, from Milton, Vermont, at 85.

William Robert Hardy, December 23, 2002, from Hope, Maine, at 84.

Arnold "Red" Clifford Lane, December 29, 2002, from Centerville, Massachusetts, at 88.

1941

Virginia Mae Howe Delaney, January 18, 2003, from Due West, South Carolina, at 82.

Henry Lloyd Hartwell, November 12, 2002, from Stetson, Maine, at 84.

John Kew O'Donoghue, December 16, 2002, from Marshfield, Massachusetts, at 84.

Norris "Doc" Allen Savage, November 22, 2002, from Cherryfield, Maine, at 86.

Corinne Louella Comstock Weston, November 11, 2002, from New York, New York, at 82.

1942

Joseph Scott Higgins, December 27, 2002, from Dennysville, Maine, and Houston, Texas, at 82.

James Angus McEdwards, November 26, 2002, from Calabasas, California, at 84.

Arnold William Pitman, October 8, 2002, from West Boylston, Massachusetts, at 82.

1943

John Herbert Hunt, January 4, 2003, from Fairfield, Maine, at 81.

1944

Dr. Ralph Carleton Powell, December 17, 2002, from Damariscotta, Maine, at 81.

1945

Betty Brown Blood, November 26, 2002, from Fort Myers, Florida, at 78.

1946

Roger Franklin Luce, November 29, 2002, from Newburgh, Maine, at 82.

1947

Dorothy Jane Needham, November 28, 2002, from Windsor, Maine, at 76.

1948

Louis Edward Lipphardt, Sr., September 2, 2002, from Sedona, Arizona, at 79.

1949

Ralph Gordon Barrett, October 23, 2002, from Brunswick, Maine, at 79.

Harold "Mickey" Dilling Marden, November 4, 2002, from Albion, Maine, at 76.

Roger Lucian Joseph Nelson, June 19, 2002, from Gorham, Maine, at 82.

Robert Douglas Winship, November 8, 2002, from Clinton, Massachusetts, at 76.

Matthew Edward Highlands Class of 1928



University of Maine alumnus and longtime professor of food science, Matthew Edward Highlands, died on January 21, 2003. He was 97.

After graduating from Maine, Professor Highlands earned a master's degree from MIT in 1934 and a doctorate from the University of Massachusetts in 1951.

After working as a research assistant at MIT and as a food technologist for Frigidaire he returned to UMaine in 1935 to become professor of bacteriology and

food technology.

After the U.S. entered World War II he became an officer in the Army Quartermaster Corps, quickly rising to head of the dehydrated products branch. In that position he was in charge of research and development of all dehydrated food for the armed forces. Under his supervision several major dehydrated food products were invented. After the Allied victory, Lt. Colonel Highlands and his team made significant contributions to the success of the Berlin Airlift.

Following the war, he and his wife Ramona returned to Orono where he conducted research and taught generations of UMaine students.

Donations for scholarships in the names of Matthew and Ramona Highlands can be made to The University of Maine Foundation, 2 Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04469-5792.

1950

Robert Fletcher Brown, September 26, 2002, from Dallas, Texas, at 75.

William Chapman Mincher, January 4, 2003, from Augusta, Maine, at 81.

Vaughan Stanwood Shaw, December 26, 2002, from Willington, Connecticut, at 81.

1951

Michael Ferris, January 24, 2003, from Norridgewock, Maine, at 82.

Winnifred Hilton Perkins, January 16, 2003, from Yarmouth, Maine, at 73.

Fred Elmer Robinson, January 30, 2003, from Gray, Maine, at 73.

Paul Nicholas Sferes, November 15, 2002, from Cumberland, Maine, at 74.

Francis Robert Stevens, November 9, 2002, from Bowdoinham, Maine, at 75.

Walter John Wadsworth, October 12, 2002, from Lenox, Massachusetts, at 76.

1952

Willis Eugene Austin, December 29, 2002, from Windham, Maine, at 78.

Allan "Bud" Calor, Jr., November 12, 2002, from Ellsworth, Maine, at 74.

1953

Charles Darrell Blaney, December 19, 2002, from St. Petersburg, Florida, at 74.

Philip James Butterfield, Jr., November 26, 2002, from Ithaca, New York, at 74.

George Charles Karalekas, December 30, 2002, from Milton, Massachusetts, at 73.

James Spaulding Kilburn, November 21, 2002, from New Smyrna Beach, Florida, at 78.

Joseph Albert Standley, November 29, 2002, from Danvers, Massachusetts, at 76.

1954

Robert Donald Byrne, December 1, 2002, from Ellsworth, Maine, at 75.

Mary Barbara Crowley, January 2, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, at 81.

Albert Smith Paine, January 22, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, at 71.

1955

Evelyn Andrews Arbo, December 29, 2002, from Elkhart, Indiana, at 91.

Owen Charles Fenderson, January 13, 2003, from Orono, Maine, at 69.

Burnham Wesley Ragon, Jr., November 28, 2002, from Manchester, Maine, at 69.

1956

Thomas Francis Mahaney, December 30, 2002, from Bangor and Augusta, Maine, at 69.

James Richard Reed, January 31,

2003, from Presque Isle, Maine, at 67.

Vivian Grant Smith, February 2, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, at 90.

Ronald Charles Stevens, December 10, 2002, from York Harbor, Maine, at 69.

1957

Hugh Edward Madden, January 27, 2003, from Woolwich, Maine, at 72.

Lawrence Taylor Ronco, January 1, 2003, from Concord, New Hampshire, at 67.

John Richard Sinclair, December 14, 2002, from Westbrook, Maine, at 71.

1958

Charlotte Wilbur Francis Haas, January 12, 2003, from Wells, Maine, at 93.

Theodore Phillip Khoury, Sr., January 15, 2003, from Orono and Bangor, Maine, at 67.

Chongsun Yun, March 20, 2002, from Hartsdale, New York, at 67.

1959

David Lee Bennett, August 7, 2002, from Felton, Pennsylvania, at 72.

Agnes Hopkins Holt, January 29, 2003, from Dexter, Maine, at 94.

Peter Adams Sawin, October 31, 2002, from Salem, Massachusetts, at 65.

1960

Nellie Crandall Dunbar, December 31, 2002, from South Portland, at 94.

Ruth Burrill Ryall, January 2, 2003, from South Portland, Maine, at 99.

Dorothy Ann Devereux Small, November 14, 2002, from Castine, Maine, at 64.

Jacob Morris Weinberg, December 2, 2002, from Centerville and Cambridge, Massachusetts, at 63.

1961

Christiana Dunham Aitchison, December 29, 2002, from Auburn, Maine, at 88.

James Henry Cornish, Jr., December 23, 2002, from Topsham, Maine, at 64.

1962

John Alson Darling, January 17, 2003, from Phippsburg, Maine, at 75.

Richard Edward McFalls, January 15, 2003, from Greenville, Maine, at 70.

May Strout Robertiello, December 13, 2002, from Portland, Maine, at 82.

1963

Dr. Parker Fred Harris, November 17, 2002, from Bangor, Maine, at 62.

Ruby Violet Swett, October 28, 2002, from St. Petersburg, Florida, at 84.

Stuart Whipple Teubner, November 8, 2002, from Saratoga, Wyoming, at 65.



HAROLD "MICKEY" MARDEN '49, who became well known in Maine for his popular liquidation business, died on November 4, 2002. He was 76.

Marden dropped out of high school during World War II to join the Marine Corps. He opened the first Marden's Discount Store in Fairfield in 1963. The business eventually grew to 10 stores throughout the state.

A number of Mickey's surviving family members are also UMaine alumni including his wife Catherine Moses Marden '47, his daughter Martha Marden Hutchins '75, his son David Marden '74, his sister Elizabeth Marden Bliss '50, and brother Ralph Marden '51.

1965

Ruth Libby Bradbury, December 4, 2002, from Standish, Maine, at 93.

Pamela Whitten Grogan, January 5, 2003, from South Berwick, Maine, at 67.

Carol Daphne Wall Hartford, April 19, 2002, from De Pere, Wisconsin, at 60.

Suzanne Therese Casey Laban, October 28, 2002, from Northwest Bethel, Maine, at 59.

Wayne Maynard Lewis, December 16, 2002, from Reading, Massachusetts, at 59.

Amy Kelley Stather, November 29, 2002, from Bangor, Maine, and Hooksett, New Hampshire, at 86.

1966

Virginia "Ginny" Cheryl Yeaton Abell, January 22, 2003, from Seekonk, Massachusetts, at 58.

Myrtle Mae Cooper Cunningham, October 24, 2002, from Wiscasset, Maine, at 89.

Ulysse Lionel Nadeau, December 3, 2002, from Fort Kent, Maine, at

90.

Karl William Stritter, November 21, 2002, from Salem, Massachusetts, at 60.

1967

Richard Ernest Vizard, December 2, 2002, from Bolton, Connecticut, at 71.

1968

Karen Kristine Anderson Sprague, November 15, 2002, from Stockholm, Maine, at 56.

1970

Dwight Alan Gilbert, February 3, 2003, from Windsor, Maine, at 56.

Peter Elliot Nichols, December 9, 2002, from Augusta, Maine, at 54.

John Gorham Parsons, November 2, 2002, Houston, Texas, at 55.

Edward John Sinclair, January 21, 2003, from Sidney, Maine, at 54.

Janet Ann White, December 29, 2002, from Augusta, Maine, at 54.

1972

John Robert Brennan, November 14, 2002, from Old Town, Maine, at 77.

Margaret Goodspeed, January 5, 2003, from Gorham, Maine, at 53.

1973

Robert David Arsenault, January 12, 2003, from Cumberland, Maine, at 52.

1973

Susan Elizabeth Milvancy Fallon, November 5, 2002, from Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, at 50.

1974

Bradley Arthur Beckett, December 15, 2002, from Cushing, Maine, at 49.

1983

James E. Small, January 30, 2003, from Lincolnville, Maine, at 44.

1984

Susan Hershey Anderson, January 27, 2003, from Charleston, Maine, at 54.

Heather Corey Dee, November 10, 2002, from Ocean, New Jersey, at 40.

Dr. Thomas Alan Parady, January 17, 2003, from Old Town, at 41.

1985

Gertrude Burrows Poulin, October 27, 2002, from Auburn, Maine, at 64.

1991

Tracy M. Talon McGraw, November 1, 2002, from Hampden, Maine, at 34.

David W. Musacchio, October 11, 2003, from Seattle, Washington, at 33.

1993

Bradford Richard Sprague, January 19, 2003, from Augusta, Maine, at 48.

1997

Kevin John McCollor, October 27, 2002, from Lewiston, Maine, at 28.

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Timothy M. Grace

Ellen H. Grant
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Norma Mooers Gray '52
Benjamin E. Haskell, II '67
Betty Ann Coulton Haskell '69
Lenor G. Hersey '61
Nicholas P. Heymann '78
Harry H. Hinrichsen '78
Barry J. Hobbins '73
Elizabeth McElwain Jamison '74
Gregory D. Jamison '72
Arlene Tankle Keith '47
Patty McKay Kelly '67
Michael F. Kerns '93
Grace Wentworth King '45
Elizabeth A. Ladd '88
James R. Lafond '79
Lisa Berberian Lafond '80
Tracy Jordan Landeryou '90
Dr. Blaine A. Littlefield '79
Andrea Hayes Lott '69
William M. Lott '69
Brendan M. Macaulay '92
David Madeira
Deborah Moore Marston '73
Kurt Ray Marston '74
Philip H. Martin '70
Col. Judith Call McCollum '76

Donna Lorene Miller '91
Dr. Jeffery N. Mills '82
John D. Mower '76
Richard I. Niles '65
Joanne Mayo Nyerges '51
SSgt. Richard A. Partridge, Jr. '82
Janet Oprendeck Payson
Christine C. Peterson '68
Martha Milliken Round '64
Claire S. Sanders '34
James G. Sargent '59
Lori Bryn Schlenker '91
Jennifer Hope Schwarz '90
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Dr. Kathryn J. Trenholm D.V.M. '81
Mark H. Waite '82
Daniel B. Williams '91

(As of 2/28/03)

William Brennan '77 now at NOAA

William Brennan '77, '02 Ph.D. was appointed last spring as the deputy assistant secretary for international affairs at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Brennan grew up in Castine where his father worked at the Maine Maritime Academy. It was an environment which stimulated an interest in the ocean and marine resources. Brennan is currently working on developing a "coordinated and functional international affairs office"—a job which requires a great deal of foreign travel.

Brennan brings a wealth of experience to the job, including serving as the commissioner of marine resources under Governor John McKernan. When he left that position, he decided to return to UMaine to earn a doctorate from the college of environmental sciences. (Information from the Boston University Washington News Service.)

Jim Dowe '72 is Maine Business Leader of the Year

P. James Dowe '72, president and chief executive officer of Bangor Savings Bank, was recently chosen as 2003 Business Leader of the Year by *Mainebiz*, a biweekly business publication based in Portland.

Since becoming CEO in 1995 Dowe has helped transform what was essentially a community bank into the second largest locally owned bank in the state. In that time period, the bank's commercial loan portfolio has grown from \$11.3 million to \$61.6 million.

"Dowe urged the bank's board to support a successful offer to purchase 28 Fleet branches in 1998, and he has helped engineer the bank's diversification into financial services and insurance products,"



William Brennan '77, '02 Ph.D. (Photograph courtesy of Jennifer Lawinski, Boston University Washington News Service.)

Mainebiz stated in a press release.

The profile on Dowe that appeared in *Mainebiz* also recognized his achievements at connecting Bangor Savings Bank to the community. Under his leadership the bank established the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation, which has given more than \$1 million to educational, arts, medical, and civic organizations. The bank has supported organizations as varied as the National Folk Festival, the YMCA, and the university system. One of the beneficiaries of Bangor Savings Bank's public spiritedness was the alumni association's new Buchanan Alumni House. Dowe also served as co-chair of the Buchanan Alumni House fundraising committee.

UMaine alumni are winners at the Sundance Film Festival

Two University of Maine alumni, Kyle Rankin '94 and Efram Potelle, were winners at the Sundance Film Festival's Project

Greenlight and will now have the chance to work with actors Ben Affleck and Matt Damon.

Project Greenlight, designed to help aspiring film makers, has two categories: best screenplay and best director. As winners of the contest, Rankin and Potelle will be awarded corporate backing from Miramax and HBO to direct *The Battle of Shaker Heights*, written by Erica Beene. They will also have a star-studded cast, with Ben Affleck and Matt Damon signed up to star in the film.

"There is a lot of pressure on us, but it's exciting," Rankin said of the opportunity. "Both Efram and I feel strongly that we wouldn't be here if it weren't for the support we got in Maine."

Potelle and Rankin have been working together for 15 years and own and operate Newborn Pictures, an independent film company in Portland.

The pair began production of *The Battle of Shaker Heights* in March of this year, and the film is slated to be released in theaters nationwide this August. (Story courtesy of the *Maine Campus*.)

Politics of the People

If you want to
understand Maine
Governor John
Baldacci '86 and his
commitment to
public service and
grassroots politics,
you have to start
with family.

By Jim Frick

Photographs by Toby Hollis

John Baldacci '86 seems to be bucking some trends in American politics. Maine's newest governor isn't rich and he's not a lawyer. He's soft-spoken and unassuming. Rather than relying primarily on mass media marketing, he likes to go out and make his case to the people, face-to-face. And as politics seem to be increasingly polarized, he likes to bring sides together and seek middle ground.

Fortunately for Baldacci, he also bucked the trend in America's most recent election. As Democrats nationwide struggled, he defeated his Republican opponent, Peter Cianchette '83, by a fairly comfortable margin in 2002. In doing so, he became just the second University of Maine graduate to be elected governor—the first since John Reed '42.

Yes, the political philosophy and style of John Baldacci seems to be working for him just fine, thank you. And that philosophy is summed up in a quote he likes to keep displayed nearby: "What have you done for the people today?"

The quote is from his late father, Robert Baldacci. And to understand Governor Baldacci, and his politics, you always have to start with family.

Baldacci's political persona was largely shaped by growing up around his family's restaurant, Momma Baldacci's, in Bangor. His father, the son of Italian immigrants, was keenly active in Democratic party politics. He served 12 years on the Bangor city council and helped in the election of Ed Muskie to the governorship in 1954. Later, during the 1960 presidential campaign, he was instrumental in bringing John F. Kennedy to Bangor, including a visit to the family restaurant.

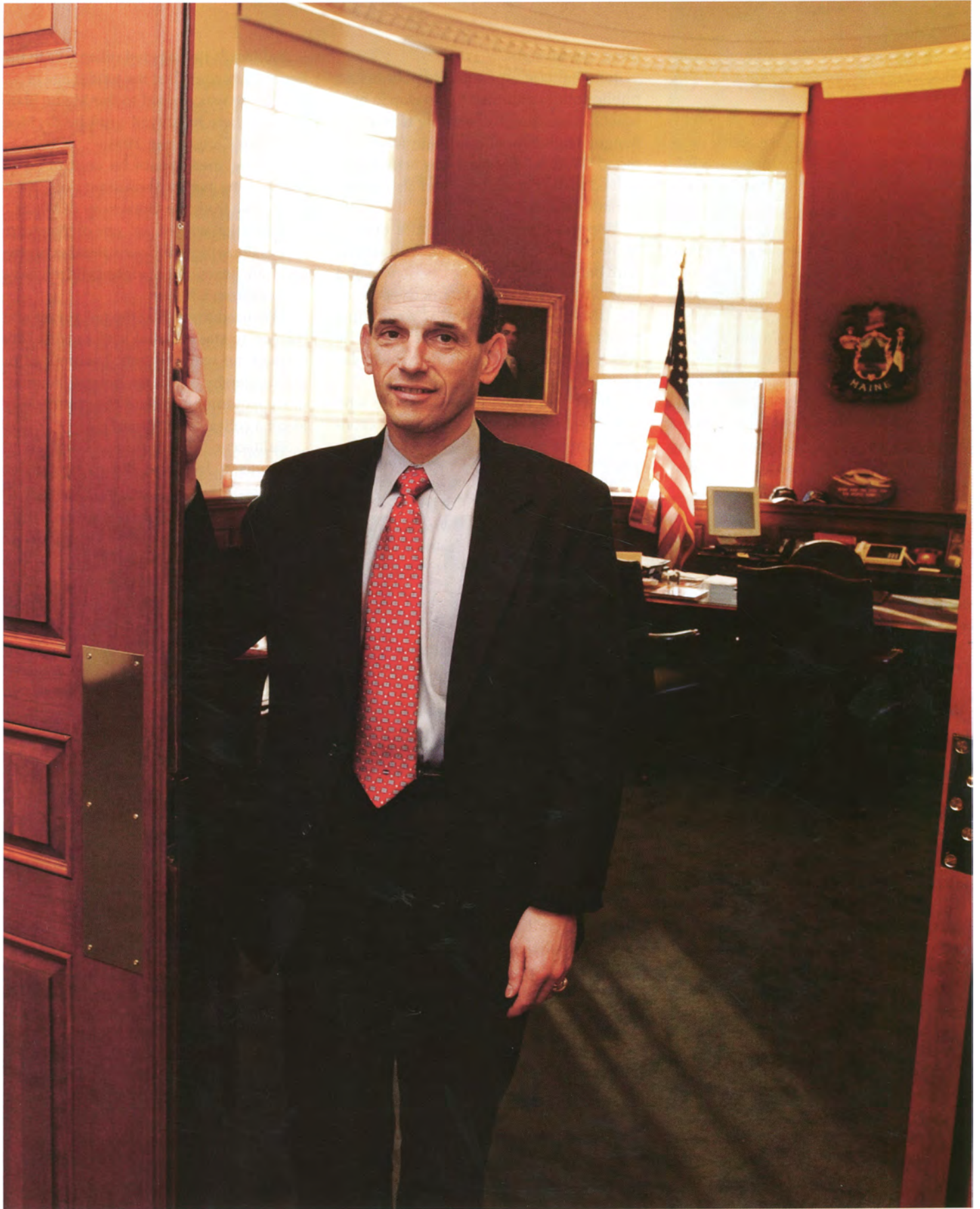
The Kennedy visit made a lasting impression on young John Baldacci. But more important was the fact that, as he grew up, Momma Baldacci's became a gathering place for local politicians, with lively discussions on the issues of the day. The passion for politics and public service rubbed off on all eight Baldacci children.

Baldacci's parents were also instrumental in the formation of their children's values.

"Yes, my values come from my parents," Baldacci says. "And they were very basic—tell the truth, work hard, and always be yourself. That's how I always tried to live my life and that's what has given me the opportunity to be in the position I'm in."

Values and responsibility weren't just talked about in the Baldacci family—there was also on-the-job training. All the Baldacci children were expected to help at the restaurant.

"By the age of 10, all of us were expected to put in some work at the restaurant, at least a day a week," Baldacci remembers. "We would work with my grandmother or my dad—mopping floors, busing tables, that type of thing. Of



course with so many kids we had a built-in dishwasher, busboy, everything a restaurant needed."

Baldacci says that whenever he and his siblings started to reminisce about those days working at the restaurant, his mother, Rose, would look at them and say, "And it never hurt you any!"

Baldacci's father died in 1993, and his mother passed away just a year ago. Both were very much on the new governor's mind when he was sworn in in Augusta last January.

"When I was taking that oath of office, I was thinking of mom and dad, and it was very emotional," Baldacci says. "They were so important to me and I knew what that moment would have meant for them. What got me through was knowing they were watching me and making sure every-

thing was all right."

John Baldacci's passion for politics and public policy continued to develop in high school. According to longtime friend and Bangor High School classmate John Diamond '77, '89G, Baldacci was actively involved in the debate team and also the international affairs club.

"He was serious about politics, even in high school," says Diamond, who served with Baldacci in the Maine Legislature and now works as external affairs director for the UMaine System. "And it wasn't just presidential politics or current events, he was really into policy-making, which was pretty unusual for a high school kid."

"If we had voted for a classmate who was most likely to go on and become a congressman or governor, it would have been John," Diamond adds.

Baldacci's first elected office was to the Bangor city council at the tender age of 23. In 1982 he was elected to the Maine State Senate where he stayed until he decided to run for Congress in 1994.

During these years he continued to work at the family restaurant and finish his degree from the University of Maine.

Education was, in fact, one of those core values the senior Baldaccis instilled in the children. Seven of the eight children have degrees from UMaine.

"We used to work at the restaurant and then go to classes," Baldacci recalls. "We worked our way through. Thank God for the University of Maine, because without it, we wouldn't have had the opportunity to get a college education."

Baldacci's first election to Congress in 1994 was a close one. But as he put his



UMaine alumni in key roles on the Baldacci team

Left to right: Kurt Adams, chief council; Daryl Fort '92, director of community development; Rebecca Wyke '84, '89G, commissioner of the department of administrative services; Patrick McGowan, commissioner of the department of conservation; Dawn Gallagher, commissioner of the department of environmental protection; Robert Spear '65, commissioner of the department of agriculture, food, and rural resources; Jane Lincoln '76, chief of staff; Marty Magnusson, commissioner of the department of corrections; Governor Baldacci;

Trish Riley '73, '78G, director of the office of health policy and finance; Richard Davies '69, '72G, senior policy advisor; Michael Cantara, commissioner of the department of public safety, and Charles Spies '79, '83G, CEO of the Finance Authority of Maine. Not in photo are: David Cole '77, '79G, commissioner of transportation; Lance Boucher '00, legislative aid to the governor; Alanna Hounsell '02, administrative secretary; Jack Cashman '73, senior policy advisor, and Doug Dunbar '00G, director of communications.

"people first" philosophy to work, his popularity grew quickly and steadily. In 1996 he was reelected with over 70 percent of the vote. By the time of his final run for Congress in 2000, victory was a foregone conclusion.

There are a lot of reasons for Baldacci's popularity. For one, people seem to trust him and think that his commitment to public service is for real. That perception is backed up by the people who know him best.

"He's in politics for all the right reasons," says his wife Karen '83 (see sidebar, page 15). "He's in it to serve the people."

Then there is the Baldacci manner—soft-spoken and unassuming. As reporter Sharon Mack observed in a profile several years ago: "He's your next door neighbor swapping a story over the fence."

Former state Democratic chairperson Victoria Murphy concurs that Baldacci has an extraordinary way of connecting with people at a gut level.

"John has lived so much of his life in the real world, from being one of eight children, to working and being part of the family business," says Murphy, co-owner of Pan Atlantic Consultants. "No matter what he's done since, those earlier experiences are his frame of reference. That's kept him grounded."

As a congressman, Baldacci put those qualities to work by spending a great amount of time listening to the concerns of his constituents.

It was, in fact, the result of listening to a constituent that got him started with his now famous grassroots spaghetti dinner fundraisers. Someone approached him and complained that he wanted to be involved in the political process but he didn't have the \$100 or more required to attend political party events.

"I've tried to make everybody part of the process," Baldacci explains. "To give everyone the opportunity to get involved."

While serving in Washington, Baldacci returned to his home state almost every weekend—to spend time with his family but also to attend functions throughout his district. His commitment to attend those functions and his attentiveness to people's concerns earned him a tremendous

Karen Baldacci '83

Maine's First Lady

If you want to talk to Maine's new first lady during the week, you may just have to go back to kindergarten.

Karen Weston Baldacci '83, '01G is finishing her second year of teaching at the Fruit Street School in Bangor. But it will be her last for at least four years.

"I realize that I can always be a teacher, but this is the only time I can be a governor's wife," she says.

Karen, who met John Baldacci while both were students at the university, actually received her undergraduate degree in food and nutrition and worked as a dietitian for many years. After her son Jack started school, she volunteered in his classroom. She realized that she would like to be involved with children's overall development, so while John was in the Congress, she returned to UMaine to get a master's degree in education.

She is looking forward to the end of her Bangor/Augusta commute. But more importantly she's looking forward to having an impact on issues close to her heart—education and nutrition.

So far she says the only thing different about being the wife of a governor is that she has lost her anonymity.



amount of goodwill.

From Lewiston to Ellsworth to Caribou, stories of Baldacci's one-on-one political style abound.

When he visited a group home in Bar Harbor he played ping pong with residents, who were so taken with their congressman that they asked him to come back.

"I will," he said, "and I'll bring a spaghetti lunch for everyone with me."

It's the kind of thing politicians say during campaigns—the residents of the home didn't expect to see him again. But a month later he returned with spaghetti and bread sticks for all.

Baldacci is also keenly in tune with local communities in the state—something that will aid him greatly as governor.

A few years ago, Elaine Webber Hendrickson '73, '91G of Presque Isle visited Congressman Baldacci at his office in Washington. She was there to be recog-

nized as Maine Teacher of the Year. During the visit, she expressed to her representative her dismay at the lack of global awareness among educators.

"But you can always check in at Dwight's barber shop and find out what is going on," Baldacci responded.

The familiarity with the local Presque Isle landmark brought a laugh from Hendrickson. "You're absolutely right," she said. (From the *Bangor Daily News*.)

Victoria Murphy says that it is this type of detailed knowledge of his district that earned the people's trust.

"He spent an inordinate amount of time traveling that district as a congressman," she says. "He knows every corner of it. He understands where the people of Maine come from and how hard it is for them."

Baldacci has needed to put all his personal attributes to work in his first few months as Maine's governor. He faces an ominous state budget deficit with all the

corresponding pressure from interest groups who do not want their particular areas cut.

True to his character, Baldacci is taking a philosophical and optimistic approach to the problem.

"The deficit and the economic downturn are temporary situations," he says. "Governor King faced a similar downturn when he started his administration, but that was followed by years of robust growth for the state. Maine citizens will respond as we always do. We'll pull together just like we did in the ice storm."

He points out that many other states are in much worse budget situations than Maine.

"Michigan actually had to cut its higher education budget by 15 percent," he says, adding that he is committed to maintaining the recent momentum in public higher education in the state.

"But we have work to do," he says. "We shouldn't have duplication in higher education in the state. I want to see more sharing, more cooperation, more innovation."

A cooperative initiative he is most pleased with is a recent proposal to turn the state's technical colleges into community colleges and make them more compatible with the UMaine System.

He also clearly understands the connection between the research done at the university to the state's economic growth.

"The university is a critical element in the state's economic success," Baldacci states. "If income levels here are determined by educational attainment and the amount of research and development that takes place per worker, then we have to make sure that higher education is accessible and affordable. We also have to continue to fund research. We have to make sure everyone understands that it's collectively in our interests to do that."

Diamond is confident that the new governor will be a strong supporter of public higher education in Maine.

"The fact that he is a product of a public university and that many of the people working for him are also graduates of the university system gives him a different perspective on things," Diamond notes. "He doesn't see public education as a re-

cipient of state aid, but really as a partner and resource in economic development and policy making."

Diamond thinks that Baldacci's approach to higher education is reflective of how he will approach other important issues in the state.

"His 'What have I done for the people' philosophy will distinguish him quite a bit from his predecessors," Diamond says. "The way he approaches the job will demonstrate his decades of experience as a city councilor, a state senator, and a grassroots oriented congressman."

In a media age, when politicians often feel compelled to make a big announcement and then look for ways to make it happen, Diamond notes that Baldacci generally takes the opposite approach.

"He's a doer, but he also approaches things very methodically," he says. "He



David Cole '77, '79G is the latest UMaine graduate to join the Baldacci cabinet, as commissioner of transportation.

doesn't float ideas and then see if he can build a coalition to support them. He'll get a sense of what is possible, then he'll go out and get support for it. John always gives a lot of thought to how he can make something happen before he goes through with it."

Karen Baldacci agrees.

"He's a consensus builder," she says with conviction. "He's the third of eight children, so that comes naturally to him. 'He's a great listener—he brings sides together.'"

As for the transition from being a U.S. Representative to a state chief executive, Baldacci seems to be making the adjustment with relative ease.

"Obviously there is more focus on you," he says. "In Congress you're one of 435. As governor you're one of one. Because of that you need to recognize that what you do and say has consequences. In this office you have a great deal more direct responsibility for the people of the state."

From a personal standpoint, the move seems to be all positive.

"I love being back here full time," he exclaims. "I couldn't wait to come back to Maine, to start working shoulder to shoulder with Maine people."

And with his office just across the street from his new residence in the Blaine House, Baldacci definitely doesn't miss the long trips from Washington to be with his family.

"I've really just enjoyed being able to be with Karen and my son Jack every night. Now, I get to help him with science projects and all that kind of thing. That's a real treat."

He also hopes to get a little more time to work on his golf game and to enjoy attending various functions around the state with his wife and son.

Otherwise, the Baldacci routine stays pretty much the same—up for an early morning jog, then a very long, lucky-if-you-get-lunch day at the office.

And as he walks out of the State House door on most evenings, he'll still ponder his father's words and ask himself what he did for the people that day.

"That's my constant reminder as to what this is all about," Baldacci says.

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Protecting the Rich Diversity of Life in Africa

United Nations advisor Trinto Mugangu '90 Ph.D. devotes much of life to helping preserve the biodiversity of his native Africa. That's not an easy job when you're working in the midst of a devastating war.

Conservation work in Africa can be a mighty challenge. Poverty, lack of education, population pressures, and war present major stumbling blocks to protecting the unparalleled richness and diversity of life on this environmentally endangered continent.

Just ask Trinto Mugangu '90 Ph.D., regional biodiversity advisor to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) in central and west Africa. The GEF is a fund that was established just prior to the Rio Earth Summit to promote conservation, sustainability, and to battle ozone depletion and human induced climate change.

Mugangu's job is to collect individual and community ideas on biodiversity conservation and then help develop those ideas into proposals that meet GEF criteria.

"I serve as a coach, really," he says. "I look for people in central and west Africa with good ideas and then work closely with them to qualify their project for funding. It can take time—up to a year."

Mugangu, who earned his doctorate from UMaine in 1990 and later returned to teach during a sabbatical, has seen more



than 35 projects he's coached come to fruition, benefiting both biodiversity and local communities.

One such project involved the river system in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). Invasive weed species, introduced from South America, were adversely affecting the biodiversity of the river—using up too much oxygen in the water and killing off fish and other river life. It was also affecting a hydroelectric dam on the river—so much so that the local community was only

getting power a few hours per day.

"This was a major community problem as well as a biodiversity problem," Mugangu notes.

With Mugangu's coaching and GEF funding, the community found and introduced a natural enemy, a weevil, to counter their invasive and destructive guests. Now, four years later, the problem is under control and the indigenous fish of the region, as well as many other microorganisms are again thriving. And much to the delight of the community, electricity is again being produced seven hours per day.

"So we solved a biodiversity problem while also helping the community and the local economy," he says.

It's just that kind of win/win, sustainability situation that brings Mugangu satisfaction in his work. But working in conservation and sustainability in Africa also has its frustrations.

"At the heart of the problem here is that many of the peoples of Africa depend on their immediate natural resources for their survival—for food and also to sell so they can pay for medicine and school for their children," Mugangu explains. "It's difficult for them to understand the idea that you have to control the taking of those resources—that they are finite. The idea of a

quota is not easy to convey. This is where we are trying to do a lot of coaching and education."

Mugangu knows that for resource management to work it has to be controlled locally. Toward that end he has helped set up community-based resource management operations in several countries including Central African Republic, Ghana, and Cameroon.

"The biggest challenge is that in many of these countries people live on as little as \$1 a day," Mugangu explains. "They depend on the natural resources that surround them. But we have to communicate to them not to take everything. We have to ask them not to feed their children with endangered plants or animals. Our message is to use some and conserve some for future generations."

Toward that end, Mugangu has worked with other like-minded wildlife leaders to establish a mechanism to control how many animals can be killed or taken out of the countries.

The real answer, Mugangu says, is community and economic development. If the people had clean water, schools for their kids, and a little income, they would not be so desperate to use the endangered resources around them.

"But you have to be careful with that too," Mugangu warns. "If you bring in economic development to an area, people will be attracted to that area like a magnet. And that puts even greater pressure on the natural resources."

The endangered species that Mugangu has worked the hardest to protect are the great apes. His homeland, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC, formerly known as Zaire), is the only country in the world where three of the four great apes still survive (gorillas, chimpanzees, and pygmy chimps). Mugangu has devoted much time and effort to studying and protecting the great apes, especially the mountain gorilla. Recently he represented the DRC at an international conference on the great apes.

"My work here with the great apes is very important," Mugangu says. "So I

Saving the Great Apes

The great apes—gorillas, orangutans, chimpanzees, and baboons—are the creatures on this earth that are most like ourselves. In fact, they contain 98 percent of the genetic makeup of humans.

Sadly, these animals are also among the world's most endangered. Experts such as Trinto Mugangu believe that the great apes are on the very edge of extinction and that if major steps are not taken now, they will be gone within 20 years—perhaps as few as 10.

The biggest threats to the great apes' survival are loss of habitat (forest being converted to crop production), poaching, war, and the increase in the bushmeat trade. The impact of the bushmeat trade has grown with the increased access to remote areas that the great apes inhabit.

The mountain gorilla, which Mugangu works most closely with, and which gained international recognition through the work of the late Dian Fossey, is among the most endangered of the great apes. Recent estimates put the mountain gorilla population at about 650. They are found only in the extinct volcanoes forming the Virunga range along the borders of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Rwanda, Uganda, and on the southwest DRC/Uganda border.

To learn more about the plight of the great apes, and how you can help, log on to: www.unep.org/GRASP.



went to the conference in England with all the people around the world who are involved with great apes—people like Jane Goodall and Jo Thompson. One of the things we did was to meet with government leaders and try to convince them that we need to change our mentality toward the great apes or we will slowly lose them."

The problem, he explains, is a combination of hunting and loss of habitat.

"With orangutans (the fourth great ape) it is the loss of habitat," Mugangu says. "These animals survive at the top of tall trees and those trees are being destroyed. With mountain gorillas it is a combination. The mountains they inhabit are surrounded by densely populated centers which are encroaching all the time on their habitat. But hunting is also a problem. They are taken for food and body parts and also captured for zoos in Europe and America."

It is estimated that there are now as few as 650 mountain gorillas in the world.

And if you think Mugangu's mission of protecting the great apes and other species doesn't face enough obstacles, add this to the list—he also has to pursue his work in the midst of a devastating war.

In his native DRC, an estimated three million people have died from the complex conflict there over the past three years—a war that involves five countries and five different rebel groups. Angola and Zimbabwe support the current DRC government, while Uganda and Rwanda support the rebels.

There was some hope that the conflict was at an end with the signing of a peace treaty on December 17, 2002. Environmentalists were especially hopeful that peace would bring a renewed focus on saving the region's great apes. But the peace accord is not yet implemented.

Despite the danger and devastation, he notes, conservation work still gets done. But Mugangu's work is affected in a big way by the conflict.

"It definitely affects travel," he says. "For example, I could not go to a project of mine in Rwanda, because I am from DRC and Rwanda is invading my country."

The wars have also affected Mugangu's personal life. He hasn't been able to see his mother in four years because she lives in an occupied part of the country. And his brother was stabbed in the leg several times, because he didn't have money to pay off invading soldiers.

In June 1997 when Mugangu was returning from New York to Africa, he landed in the Congolese city of Brazzaville just three months before civil war broke out.

"I was completely cut off from all my colleagues, with everyone, really," he says. "I found myself a dugout canoe and I crossed the rough waters of the Congo River to the DRC's largest city, Kinshasa." (The river separates the Congo from the DRC.)

When he got to the opposite shore he was greeted by more soldiers, very young soldiers who had just toppled the long decried dictatorial regime led by Mobutu.

"I was met by a nine-year-old soldier who had an assault rifle a bit taller than he was," Mugangu remembers. "He asked me with a tough pitched sound, in Swahili, where I was coming from and what I was doing. When I responded to him in Swahili, a language common in eastern DRC, but not spoken by many in Kinshasa, that I was fleeing the civil war in Brazzaville, he was happy to help me."

Unfortunately the rebellion in DRC only brought more bloodshed. The human and environmental problems in Mugangu's native land are indeed formidable. Currently, the situation in DRC is considered one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world.

Mugangu only wishes more of the world would pay attention.

"It's frustrating because we have three million people who have died in all this warfare—and many more who are at risk. Yet nobody in the rest of the world seems to know about it."



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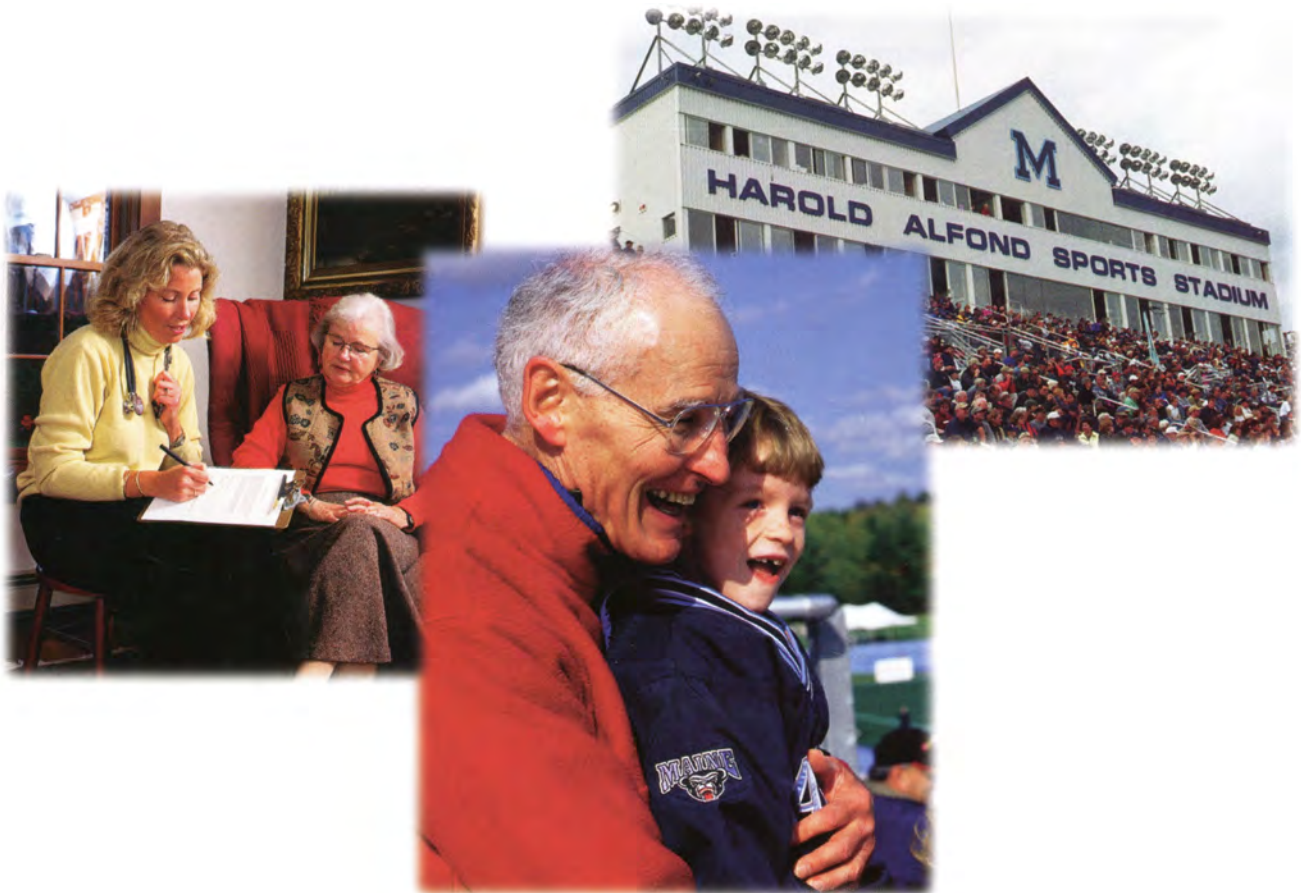
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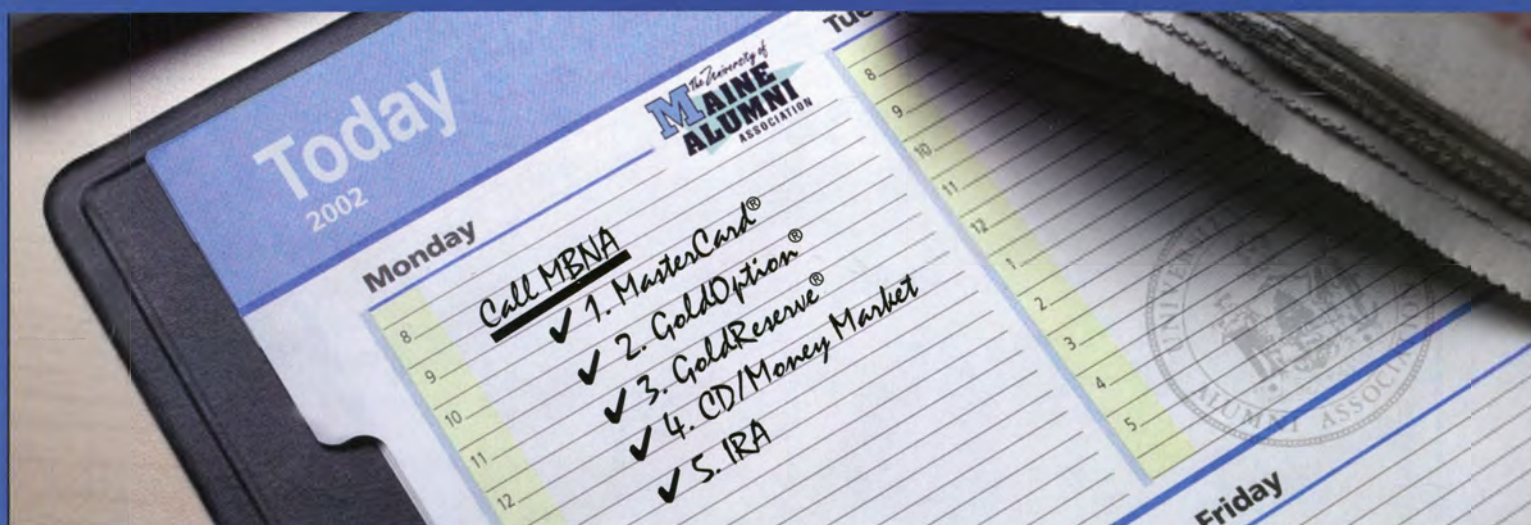
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