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### Bond Issue Will Help State and UMaine

A strong majority of Maine voters approved a \$60 million bond package on June 10 which is expected to create jobs in construction, research, manufacturing, marine technology, agriculture, and retail industries.

The bond will have a direct impact on the University of Maine's Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center (AEWC), with \$6 million going toward expanded research laboratories as well as space for a new student entrepreneurship program.

"The voters overwhelmingly support job creation. They have given us a tremendous opportunity," said AEWCC director Habib Dagher. "But with it comes a clear responsibility to create research and development jobs and generate spin-off businesses. We intend to make sure that every penny spent is directly related to job creation in Maine."

Key to fulfilling that goal is a proposed AEWCC center for student innovation and entrepreneurship. More than 100 students from 12 different academic departments work every year at the AEWCC with support from research grants and contracts. The new center will provide office space for students from business, engineering, forestry, and other disciplines to tackle development projects with support from business specialists.

"These students will be well prepared to stay in Maine and generate new economic activity here," Dagher said.

In the past three years the AEWCC has successfully competed for more than \$23 million in research contracts from outside the state, returning \$7 for every \$1 invested by the university. The AEWCC has created 25 full-time and 100 part-time jobs. Construction for the new AEWCC expansion could begin in 2004.

The bond issue will also fund \$3 million worth of educational technology improvements for the University of Maine System and \$1 million for the UMaine agricultural research farms.



### A Record Crowd Cheers UMaine Graduates

Under a brilliant blue sky in Orono, 1,803 new University of Maine graduates received degrees during a morning commencement ceremony at Harold Alfond Sports Stadium. The event was attended by an estimated 11,500 proud family members and friends. It's thought to be the largest single gathering of people in the university's history.

"Take your diploma, this light of learning, this lantern of reasoning, and carry it with you, so that people from other states and other regions can continue to see the leadership that comes from Maine," Maine Governor John Baldacci '86 told the graduates.

With president Peter Hoff presiding over the ceremonies, honorary degrees were awarded to Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Richard Russo and Julia Watkins, the president of the American University in Bulgaria.

Bion Foster '68, '70G, chair of the University of Maine Alumni Association board of directors, welcomed the graduates to the ranks of the 89,000-strong alumni body.

### Fuel Savings is the Target of New UMaine Study

Increased fuel efficiency in cars and trucks is critical to both the protection of our environment and to national security. Toward that end the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded a \$177,247 grant to the University of Maine for research on a business oriented strategy to achieve fuel savings.

Resource economist Jonathan Rubin, interim director of UMaine's Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy, will lead the effort to study the benefits of a tradable fuel economy credit system. The study will be in collaboration with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and will include students from both UMaine and the University of Tennessee.

A fuel economy credit system would provide an incentive for manufacturers to increase fuel efficiency, while still meeting consumer preferences. Recent reviews suggest that such a system could produce greater fuel savings.

Vehicle manufacturers earn fuel credit when the average mileage of their fleets exceeds the federal standard. Those credits can be used to offset penalties when average mileage falls below the standard.



Actual plate may look slightly different

## New UMaine License Plate Available in November

Come this November, UMaine alumni and friends will have a new way of showing their Black Bear pride and at the same time support University of Maine student scholarship funds. A new Black Bear license plate will be available this November at a cost of \$20 (\$35 for vanity plates). Ten dollars of the fee is tax deductible. Renewal of the plate will cost \$15.

UMaine plates will be available at all state motor vehicle branch offices and many town offices. If the plates are not available in your town, you can go to the nearest motor vehicle branch office or mail a copy of your vehicle registration and a \$20 check to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Specialty Plate Clerk, Station 29, Augusta, ME 04330. You can also order on-line by logging on to: [www.state.me.us/sos/](http://www.state.me.us/sos/).

It should be noted that specialty plate fees are due at the time of application and at each re-registration. You might want to wait and apply for the new plate when renewing your registration.

## Assisting Farmers to Find Trained Help

There is an acute need for trained seasonal workers for Maine farms. There is also a strong interest in immigrant and other populations in finding such jobs.

In response to the situation, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension is launching an innovative program to match workers with opportunities. The initiative is known as the Maine Farms Project.

As a first step, cooperative extension professor Richard Brzozowski and his colleagues have developed a survey, which is available for farmers and operators of nurseries. It can be accessed on the web at: [www.umext.maine.edu/topics/farmsurvey.htm](http://www.umext.maine.edu/topics/farmsurvey.htm).

The results of the survey will provide information about the types of skills that are required of seasonal employees. A second survey is also available at the same web site.

Brzozowski says he expects to be able to provide trained workers in time to help with the current growing season, along with the harvest later in the year. For more information call 1-800-287-1471.

## Former Canadian Prime Minister Gives Cohen Lecture



Former Canadian prime minister Brian Mulroney was the featured speaker at the Maine Center for the Arts on May 9 for the fourth annual William S. Cohen lecture. Cohen, a former Secretary of Defense and United States senator, also spoke at the event.

Mulroney, who served as prime minister from 1984 to 1993, stressed the need for greater cooperation between the United States and Canada for both economic and security reasons.

## University System Trustees Vote in Tuition Hike

University of Maine System (UMS) trustees have reluctantly approved a seven percent average increase in tuition and fees for in-state undergraduate students.

The increase, the largest in nine years, is necessary because of state budget cuts, the rising cost of health care premiums, and increases in operating expenses, said Jim Mullen '72, '75G outgoing trustees' chair.

"The bottom line for us is that some tuition increase is inevitable. The good news is that after a lot of hard work on the part of our administrators, we were able to hold that increase to seven percent."

He pointed out that the UMS tuition increases are considerably less than others proposed in New England and across the country, and that tuition at the University of Maine campus will remain the lowest of all New England land grant institutions.

The system also plans to spend \$2 million more on financial aid, another piece of the "good news," Mullen said. (From a story by Ruth-Ellen Cohen, *Bangor Daily News*.)

## UMaine Students Enter Sub Competition

A team of UMaine mechanical engineering students constructed a human-powered submarine. Working with assistant professor Mick Peterson, students designed and built a sleek fiberglass hull and equipped it with control fins and pedal power, using novel techniques for propulsion and guidance.

Because of the open design, the submarine crew wore SCUBA gear and practiced in the Wallace Pool in the Memorial Gym. Students hope to enter a biannual race in 2005, which is organized by the International Submarine Races, Foundation for Underwater Research and Education.



### \$6 Million Grant for Molecular Biophysics

The National Science Foundation has awarded a \$6 million grant to the University of Maine, The Jackson Laboratory, and Maine Medical Center Research Institute for the establishment of a Center for Molecular Biophysical Sciences. The funds will be used to establish a research partnership between the three institutions and conduct interdisciplinary work leading to better treatment of genetic diseases.

The grant will expand existing cooperative relationships among the three organizations. Last winter they established an interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in functional genomics.

The primary objective of the grant is to create a nationally recognized interdisciplinary center for biophysical research and graduate education.

### Kevin Boyle is 2003 Distinguished Maine Professor



Environmental economics professor Kevin Boyle '78 is the 2003 recipient of the alumni association's prestigious Distinguished Maine Professor Award. Along

with the award, he received a \$4,200 prize, a distinctive blazer, and a pewter medallion, all generously funded by the Class of 1942.

Professor Boyle was cited for his commitment to students, his groundbreaking research in estimating the costs and benefits of environmental actions, and his outstanding public service to the state of Maine—particularly to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

### Black Bear Long Jumper Places Second in NCAA Championships

Viktoriya Rybalko '03 achieved one of the greatest feats in University of Maine track history in June when she finished second in the NCAA National Track and Field Championships in Sacramento, California. Her jump of 21', 5.25" was topped only by Auburn's Elva Gouldbourne's winning jump of 22', 2.25".

Viktoriya's most recent accomplishment was the high point of what can only be described as a spectacular career at UMaine—both as a student and an athlete.

Just this spring, she placed first in the long jump at the America East, New England, ECAC, and NCAA East Regional. At the Penn Relays in April she broke her own UMaine record in the event.

Viktoriya's achievements were equally impressive in the classroom. She maintained a 3.65 grade point average in a very demanding major of microbiology. That GPA along with her impressive athletic accomplishments earned her the prestigious Dean Smith Award as the most outstanding female scholar/athlete.

After graduating in May, Viktoriya is off to the University of Rochester to begin a Ph.D. program in the biological sciences. A native of the Ukraine, she also hopes to become an American citizen.

And according to assistant track and field coach Rolland Ranson, who recruited Viktoriya, she still plans to compete and might even make a run at the Olympics.



### New University Study Seeks Uncles and Nephews

How do uncles distinctively contribute to their nephews' development? And why has it taken so long for family scholars to ask the question? Robert Milardo, University of Maine professor of human development, hopes to find out by conducting the first in-depth study of uncle and nephew relationships.

"Uncles can provide unique contributions to the development of their nephews," says Milardo. "This project will help us understand the important role uncles can play in the lives of children and young adults."

Milardo is looking for additional volunteers for the study in the greater Bangor area. Nephews interviewed or who are the subjects of uncles' interviews should be between the ages of 15 and 30.

The informal interview will take one hour or less. For more information contact Milardo at: 581-3128 or e-mail [RHD360@Maine.edu](mailto:RHD360@Maine.edu).

## Tuition Plan Will Help Families Victimized by Layoffs

The University of Maine has developed a new program to help open the doors to higher education for Mainers affected by recent layoffs in the state. The Reach Out to Maine program, which takes effect with the fall 2003 semester, will provide a 50 percent tuition reduction to enrolled and admitted UMaine students who meet the criteria.

"As Maine's state university, this is the right step for us to take," said John Beacon, UMaine's assistant provost and dean for enrollment management. "The economic hard times have hit all corners of the state and we want to help those in families where there has been a job loss stay in school or begin work on a University of Maine degree."

To qualify, a person (or the person's spouse or dependents) must meet the following criteria:

- He or she must have lost a job in Maine because of an employer's decision to either impose layoffs or completely close.
- The layoffs or closing must have occurred after July 1, 2002.

The program is open to undergraduate and graduate, both full-time and part-time. The average tuition reduction for a full-time undergraduate student is expected to be approximately \$2,200.

The university will also waive the admission application fee for students who qualify for the program.

"The initial reaction to this idea has been very positive," Beacon said.

He also noted that there are numerous other financial aid and scholarship programs available to help families and individuals meet the cost of attending the University of Maine.

Students and prospective students who are interested in more details about the Reach Out to Maine program should contact the UMaine student financial aid office at: 581-1324.



The groundbreaking musical *CATS* at the MCA on November 20

## Variety Marks 2003-04 MCA Season

From the tragedy of *Othello* to the comedy of Joan Rivers, from sacred music to Broadway musicals—there's something for everyone in the 2003-04 Maine Center for the Arts season.

Among the many highlights will be the September 13 GALA opening concert by legendary vocalist Art Garfunkel. There are also three Broadway productions in this year's schedule, including *The Music Man* (October 12), *CATS* (November 20), and *Guys and Dolls* (January 23). And there's plenty of dance, opera, ethnic music, a little jazz, and a season closing concert by some of the biggest name doo-wop groups of the past.

For tickets and more information call 1-800-622-8499 or log on to: [ume.maine.edu/~mca/](http://ume.maine.edu/~mca/).



## Stillwater Society Honoree

U.S. Senator Olympia Snowe '69 was one of four alumni who received a Presidential Award at the annual Stillwater Society dinner held at the Buchanan Alumni House on May 2.

## New Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Chosen

Ann Leffler, Ph.D., an associate dean at Utah State University, will become dean of the college of liberal arts and sciences at the University of Maine.

Leffler is a sociologist who has been on the Utah State faculty since 1980. She earned her bachelor's degree from Brandeis University in 1967, a master's in sociology from the University of California at Berkeley in 1970, and a Ph.D. in sociology from Berkeley in 1979.

"I am impressed by what the college faculty, staff, and students do to promote the value of learning," Leffler said. "In research, in the classroom, and in service to Maine, they are outstanding. I am honored to work with them, with President Hoff, Provost Kennedy, and with the many alumni and friends of the college."



### Assault on Horse Leads to Tighter Security at UMaine Farm

University of Maine police continue to investigate the sexual assault of a horse that occurred in late May at the university's Witter Teaching and Research Center. The incident was considered to be almost identical to an assault that took place at the farm on August 5, 2002.

"We are outraged," said UMaine police chief Noel March. "This is the type of incident that shocks the conscience. It is a high priority to solve this crime and to find the person responsible."

The horse, a mare boarded at the UMaine facility, was found in distress by farm staff members shortly after 6 a.m. on May 28. A veterinary examination revealed that the horse was intentionally assaulted.

Since the attack, the university has taken steps to increase security at the farm. Those steps include new security cameras, completion of an electric fence around the farm perimeter, and a new entrance gate on the road from College Avenue.

### Research may be Relevant to *Columbia* Accident

Researchers in a University of Maine mechanical engineering laboratory have characterized the high temperature degradation of carbon-carbon composites, the same type of material that is a current focus of attention by the board investigating the space shuttle *Columbia* accident.

With grants totaling more than \$700,000 from the Missile Defense Agency through the Office of Naval Research over the past three years, UMaine researchers are developing a sensor that can monitor the integrity of these materials in structures such as a missile or an aircraft wing. The *Columbia* accident investigation board is looking at the possibility that pinholes led to a weakening of leading edge wing panels made of carbon-carbon composite.

### Minskys Honored for Support of the Arts

Longtime arts patrons and University of Maine benefactors Leonard '50 and Renee Minsky are the recipients of the 2003 Vincent A. Hartgen Award.

The award, sponsored by the UMaine Patrons of the Arts, was presented at a ceremony on April 26 on the UMaine campus. The award is named for the late founder of the UMaine art department and founder of the university's art museum.

This year's award came as a surprise to the recipients. Right up to the night of the presentation, the Minskys understood that performer/arts activist Danny Williams '91, '94G was to be the honoree.

The Minskys have supported the university in a wide variety of areas for almost four decades. They have long been active in the Patrons of the Arts, with Leonard serving as that group's president since 1986. He has also had leadership roles on advisory boards for both the Hudson Museum and the Maine Center for the Arts. In addition they have made naming gifts for Minsky Recital Hall in the school for the performing arts and the Hudson Museum's Minsky Gallery.



Chip and Kelli Theriault Hutchins '85 at the dedication of the Hutchins Gallery in Buchanan Alumni House.

### Hutchins Gallery Dedicated at Alumni House

Over 60 guests attended a ceremony and reception celebrating the opening of the Hutchins Gallery in Buchanan Alumni House on April 23. The gallery, an area on the second floor which connects the UMaine Foundation with the alumni association, now houses eight paintings from the UMaine art collection.

The area was funded by a generous \$50,000 gift from Chip and Kelli Theriault Hutchins. As part of the dedication Chip was made an honorary University of Maine alumnus for his outstanding support of Alumni House as well as university academics and athletics. He is now an honorary member of the Class of 1985, the class to which his wife Kelli belongs.

## Student Profile

# An Honors Graduate Contemplates Monastic Life

**A**s a young child, Class of 2003 salutatorian Amanda Reynolds remembers other girls who dreamed of becoming princesses or ballerinas. But not her—her dream was to become a nun.

What makes Amanda's dream even more unusual and interesting is that she wasn't raised a Catholic. In fact, for a good part of her childhood, she'd never seen a real live nun. "No, neither of my parents are Catholics," she says. "I came to it completely on my own. I converted to Catholicism while I was a student at UMaine. You know, growing up, I don't think I even realized you needed to be Catholic to become a nun."

Of course, Amanda did start college at a pretty young age. She was home schooled by her parents at their Searsport farm, and like many home schooled students, she started taking interactive TV courses as part of her education. She signed up for her first ITV course at age 12.

Some years later, she enrolled at the University of Maine, in part because the person she had long taken private music lessons from, Anatole Wieck, is a professor at the university.

By the time she arrived at UMaine to become a music performance major Amanda had already established herself as a promising young musician. She was a member of the Bangor Youth Symphony, played with the Augusta Symphony, and had spent summers at prestigious places such as Kneisel Hall Chamber Music Festival in Blue Hill and at the Interlocken School.

But the dream of becoming a nun stayed with her. When she was about 16 the dream turned into more of a real goal.

"I just happened to come in contact with a nun," she recalls. "Something



happened right then. I said to myself, 'Why not? This is what I really want to do.' I remember having a big grin on my face for the rest of the day."

She went to the Bangor Public Library and found a book on Catholic monasteries and retreat houses in New England. She started calling some of them and asking if she could visit.

"I visited at least 10 different orders," she says. "They were all very friendly, but the second one I visited, Saint Scholastica's Priory in Massachusetts, stayed in my thoughts. I knew this was the place."

Amanda returned to the monastery during her senior year at UMaine for what is known as an observership. She basically did everything the nuns did for three weeks—including getting up every morning at 4:30 for two and a half hours of prayer. In spite of being a bit hungry, tired, and sometimes cold (she was there in win-

ter) she knew she liked it and just as importantly she had the strong feeling that everyone at the monastery liked her.

Now she awaits a compulsory psychological test and then an acceptance vote by the nuns at the monastery. She's confident it will all go well. Amanda has started preparing herself mentally for the realities of monastic life. Saint Scholastica's is a cloistered Benedictine community. Once Amanda decides to enter, she makes a commitment to spend her life there with limited contact with the outside world.

"Once you enter, you don't really leave again," she says. "You take vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability. Stability means that you stay in the same place for the rest of your life. The real work of the Benedictines is prayer."

Although she won't be able to leave the grounds, her parents will be able to visit about six days per year. She knows the separation will be difficult.

"It's all a bit terrifying, but I know it's what I want to do," she says.

Of course, even at a monastery there is time for fun and recreation. One important part of her life that she can take with her is music. But even with that she will have to make an adjustment.

"To a degree, it will be great being a musician there," she says. "And a few of the other nuns are also musicians. But music at the monastery is much different from what I'm used to. It's not about personal development or developing your own talent," she explains. "I'm not sure I completely understand, but like everything there, it's about emptying yourself, being obedient, releasing your ego. That won't be easy for me—I don't think it's easy for anyone, really. They say it's very hard to give up your own will. It's counter to the way most of us think in our culture."



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# Alumni News and Events



## Thanks Pam!

Pam Beal '69 receives a pewter plate from alumni association chair Bion Foster '68, '70G for her outstanding service on the Association's board of directors. Pam completed her second stint on the board in June.

## On the cover:

A joyous celebration of the Class of 1953's 50th Reunion May 30 to June 1.

**Top left photo:** Dennis Hawkes (left) and Bill Donnell reminisce about their Sigma Chi days.

**Bottom far left:** Edward Johnston wearing his original UMaine beanie.

**Bottom left:** Ron Bishop and Dotty Leonard Churchill '54 at the '53 class dinner.

**Top right:** Old friends reunite after 50 years. Left to right are: Dione Williams Hutchinson '54, Vance Bakeman, Fred Hutchinson, Bob McTaggart, and Bob Ward.

**Bottom right:** Woody and Jean Grindle Carville '54 at the awards breakfast. Woody received the Pine Tree Emblem Service Award for his outstanding contributions to his class, the alumni association, and the university.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| August 4      | Owls Head, ME    | Class of 1944 annual summer luncheon at The Owls Head Transportation Museum. Contact Kari Wells at: 207-581-1142.  |
| 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 4-7 | Northeast Harbor | Lobster College, sponsored by the University of Maine's Lobster Institute. Call 207-581-2751 or log on to: lobsterinstitute.org.   |
| September 13  | Portland         | UMaine Football vs Florida International   |
| September 27  | Williamsburg, VA | UMaine football vs William & Mary. Pre-game luncheon begins at 11 a.m. at the Hospitality House Hotel, directly across from the football stadium. \$30 per person includes luncheon and reserved seat for the game. Contact host Max Burry '57 by phone at: 757-258-8603 or via e-mail at: maxburry@widomaker.com. |
| September 28  | 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](http://www.mainealumni.com) for updated information.**

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### Tuition Raffle Winner

Alumni association president Jeff Mills '82 congratulates 2003 tuition raffle winner Eric Hanson of Wiscasset. Eric is going into his second year as an environmental studies major. As winner, he will get two free semesters of tuition at the university. Eric's parents, William '80 and Linda Croteau Hanson '81 are UMaine graduates and dues-paying members of the alumni association. They are hoping their second son will be enrolling at UMaine in 2004.



### Joining the Board

Perry R. Clough '63, one of two newly elected members of the alumni association board, visits with board vice chair Stephanie Barry Brown '65 before the reunion meeting on June 1.



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# Celebrating a Lifetime of Achievement

People who knew George Ellis as a University of Maine student could have predicted that he would go on to achieve great things. He was, after all, one of the university's top students—valedictorian of his 1941 class and a Phi Beta Kappa member. Of course academic success wasn't surprising given his family history. George's father was a renowned professor and chair of UMaine's English department.

Not long after graduation, America entered World War II and George put his graduate education plans on hold to serve his country. Following his commission as a second lieutenant, he shipped out to the Pacific Theater where, as part of an infantry regiment, he fought in the South Pacific Islands under General Douglas MacArthur. During that historic campaign he earned a Bronze Star and rose to the rank of major by age 25.

His Bronze Star was awarded for meritorious achievement against the enemy in the Philippine Islands from December 8, 1944, to May 3, 1945.

An account in the *Bangor Daily News* in August 1945 made particular note of then-Captain Ellis' work during the Mindanao Campaign.

"Due to his skillful direction, the operational phase of the campaign was so accurately mapped out that once the regiment landed, it was able to move in a well-planned, coordinated manner. Captain Ellis' work was reflected in the rapid advance of the regiment across the island—120 miles in eight days."

It was further noted that during the campaign, George was constantly with the forward-most elements of the regiment.

Following the war, George married the woman who would become his partner in all his endeavors, Sylvia Poor of Andover. They met while she was working at the University of Maine. He then focused on his graduate educational goals, receiving a master's and Ph.D. in economics from Harvard.



George returned to the University of Maine and his home town of Orono in 1949 to take a position teaching in the economics department. In 1951, however, he was lured out of the academic world with an offer to serve as industrial economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston—one of 12 federal reserve banks in the nation. He steadily rose to positions of greater responsibility, becoming director of research, vice president, and eventually president in 1961. He was the youngest president ever of a federal reserve bank.

George served in that important post with distinction until 1968 when he resigned to become CEO of Keystone Funds, one of the largest mutual funds in the nation. Later he became president and CEO of Home Savings Bank. He saw that bank through a successful restructuring at a time when savings banks around the country were failing.

George completed his business career in his native state of Maine as chairman of the board of Central Maine Power Company.

During his impressive career, George always found the time to contribute to his community and his alma mater. He served

on the UMaine Foundation board from 1961 to 1968 and was chair of the Maine Development Council from 1967 to 1969. He also provided outstanding service to his church, the United Way of Boston, the Greater Boston Development Organization, and the University Hospital in Boston.

For all his impressive work George was selected in 1963 as the "Outstanding Son of Maine." He has received honorary degrees from the University of

Maine, Bates College, and

the University of Massachusetts. And most recently he became the 2003 recipient of the University of Maine's Alumni Career Award—the alumni association's most prestigious honor.

It was fitting that at the career award ceremony, George was surrounded by a large number of admiring family members. As his son-in-law, Stephen M. Hudspeth recently wrote: "Above all his many accomplishments in the business world, George has been a dedicated and devoted father and grandfather who is deeply loved and admired by his entire family."





# Class Notes

## Golden Bears

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Happy summer to all you Golden Bears! Please send in any news to the alumni association so we can put it in this column. Whether you have a new address, new grandchild or great-grandchild, or have news from a classmate, we'd like to hear from you.

## 1935

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Dear '35ers,  
It is a cold February night as I type this column but it will be warm and sunny when you read it. I hope you had a Happy Easter.

**Horace "Hockey" Field** reports that he is semi-retired but still represents a motor carrier and enjoys it. Hockey majored in forestry but did not spend long in that field. Most of his working career was in the trucking industry. He and wife Pat have two children and five grandchildren. They are sailors and skiers, Hockey being a past president of the Down East Yacht Club and Pat as treasurer. Hockey is also past president of the Maine Ski Council. They lived in Falmouth for some 30 years and spent the next 20 in Westport. Since 2000 they have lived in Cumberland to be nearer their family. Hockey and Pat enjoy traveling, having visited Europe several times and taken some cruises. Hockey's address is: 346 Blanchard Board, Cumberland, Maine 04021.

The *Bangor Daily News* under the date of October 19, 2002, had an article on Beatrice and **Ivan Booker** on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. "Buster" taught pottery for the University of Maine CED in the '60s and '70s. He is now retired but enjoys hunting,

trapping, fishing, and lately gathering cranberries at his favorite secret spot. They now live in Holden. They have five children, 10 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Three children are Maine graduates; Richard '65, Robert '75, and Tanya '70. Our class members seem to be doing fine in the family department and providing members for future Maine alumni.

Sadly, we have learned of the passing of two of our classmates. **Richard V. Gaffney** was a loyal alumnus regularly attending our class reunions. Even while recuperating from a broken leg, he came to Orono in 2000 for our 65th with the aid of a walker. He served in the Army in Korea and Japan retiring in 1952 as a major. At the time of his death, he was 92. Dick's wife Martha died in 1977. They had one son and four grandchildren. Son Richard M. graduated from Maine in 1960.

**John Black** passed away November 24, 2002. John was from Bath where he graduated from Morse High School. He majored in economics at Maine and was employed by St. Johnsbury Trucking Company in Vermont. He was married to Alfreda Tanner Black '36 and they had two children and four grandchildren.

Keep those nice letters coming. We would like to know what all our classmates are doing.

## 1936

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A note from **Alfreda Tanner Black** mentions that she is now living in Sunset Home at: 73 Prospect Street in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. It is a women's residential home. She expects to resume her volunteer work soon. Alfreda had some bad luck in October 2002 with a bad house fire, and the necessity of having a hip operation. In November her husband John passed away. John Black was in the Class of 1935 at Orono. She writes that she miss-

es the 18 winters they spent in Largo, Florida. The Class of '36 extends its sincere condolences to Alfreda on her loss.

**George Northup** wrote me a second letter from Fort Myers on the Gulf coast of Florida telling more about his career in business. Back in 1956 having finished a stint as manager of Forster Manufacturing Company of Mattawamkeag, George joined a veneer manufacturing company in Indiana as an agent to work directly with brokers in London, Brazil, and Thailand in purchasing teak, rosewood, and other tropical woods. In Thailand he saw elephants used as bulldozers hauling teak logs out of the forest.

Now when George goes to luncheons and dinners for Maine alumni in the Fort Myers-Naples area he meets lots of younger people, but no one from the Class of 1936.

I got the same feeling when I attended the mid-February luncheon for Maine grads in Tucson. I sat at the same table with the one who seemed to be the oldest. He was Gilbert LeClair of the Class of 1952. One of his fondest memories was competing on the ski team at Orono and the trips for meets at Rensselaer, Middlebury, and especially the Winter Carnival at Dartmouth. He also remembered my old home town of Goose Rocks Beach, as one of his earliest jobs was driving a milk route from Biddeford Pool to Ogunquit.

## 1937

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**Dinny Dinsmore** writes a long letter describing his activities for the past year. He spent the summer in Maine and has moved to a new address in Florida—887 Cashew Circle, Barefoot Bay, Florida, 32976-7399.

He attended the Reunion and enjoyed it but was disappointed that only three others came. His travels by air were plagued by the not

unusual problems of delayed flights and inconvenient hours.

On the home front Dinny offers this advice: "Those of you who have a mate to fight with, be thankful. Just don't beat each other up."

## 1938

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We are sorry to report the death of **Josephine Profita**, longtime class correspondent and former alumni association chair. Look for a complete write-up in the fall issue of *MAINE Alumni Magazine*.

## 1939

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A seven and a half by five inch picture of beautiful trees, lots of snow, and **Harlan Fitch** in the middle of it all, appeared in the *Boston Globe* a while back. Harlan's trees have been growing for more than 50 years on land owned by his family for more than 230 years in Groton, Massachusetts. A community activist, Harlan was on the committee credited with preserving the rural character of Groton. To this day, he attends various town meetings, often sending written comments on important subjects to the person in charge.

Living most of his life in Groton, Harlan helps visitors find just the proper tree for their holiday needs at Christmas. Often, a great deal of effort is involved on his part.

During World War II, Harlan was stationed in London where he worked on enemy intelligence and operations. After the war, he became a surveyor and married an Army nurse, Louise Blood. Louise had been stationed in the Philip-



piners. (She was a Groton girl who passed away in 1999.) In 1952, Harlan graduated from the Yale School of Forestry.

The Fitch property consists of 45 acres of farmland. Once made up of 175 acres, some acres were sold for house lots and some acres donated to the Groton Conservation Trust. Fitch's Woods, managed by the trust, is accessible to cross country skiers and bikers. A saw mill, cider mill, grist mill, and dairy barns remain on the property.

Harlan's is one of Groton's first families, dating back to Colonial times. A Revolutionary fighter, Zachariah Fitch, helped to bring the cannon from Fort Ticonderoga, in New York, to Dorchester Heights, forcing the British out of Boston Harbor.

This octogenarian appears to have lived and continues to live a busy, useful, and happy life. We are happy that he is a member of our class.

**Virginia "Gin" Maguire Drew** reports that she and Dana continue to play nine holes of golf. This year they have socialized in Chatham rather than going to Pinehurst. Attending parties for 50 or so sounds like great fun. Also, Gin, for the third year, went with three friends to Boston especially to have lunch at the Ritz. What a wonderful change of scene that must have been!

Also keeping herself alert and mentally active is **Eleanor "Ellie" Crockett Hutchinson** in Falmouth, also on Cape Cod. Playing bridge often with old and new friends is giving her mental exercise. Recently, Ellie gave a talk, illustrated, on the major art exhibits at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Her knowledge of art history is impressive. Would love to have been present for your lecture, Ellie.

**Betty Homans Hancock**, keeping herself physically fit, wrote me while lounging beside the pool near her condo at Marco Island, Florida. She certainly picked the perfect place to avoid the winter weather not too long ago.

A card from **Ralph Higgins** supports a very good cause which is the 20th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. It illustrates a tree decorated with thousands of cards sent to the memorial fund from friends and family members remembering those who served in Vietnam.

A picture of **Lucille Bell Grange** and George '37 in honor of their

63rd wedding anniversary is truly inspiring. What a young and handsome looking couple they are! Their card also supports a worthy cause (The Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation). The painting on the card is of professional quality and very unusual.

Remember when—I am inviting you all to send me thoughts on special events, people, and places from our four years at Maine for this segment. My mind went back to freshman year when the girls had to be in at night strictly by 7:30 p.m. at Balentine Hall and other dorms as well. How quaint that must seem to young people today!

All for now,  
ELD

## 1940

**Margaret Maxwell Atwood**  
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Greetings and a Maine bear hug to one and all!

This report of our classmates and what they are up to these days will be a bit long, so sit back and read!

**Marg Steinmetz Mosher** wrote that the mini Class of 1940 was able to reunite in South Portland at the home of **Emily Blake McMonagle** again this past summer. Congratulations to one and all for being able to keep up the tradition at our age! Marg also sent me the correct date of the death of **Helengrace Lancaster Brown** which was September 8, 2002. I also received a letter from Debbie Grant Bowen '77 notifying me of the death of her father **Ralph Grant** in 2002.

Now, on a cheerier note. Marg Mosher sent me lots of news about the "mini reunion group" that meets each summer. Those still living in Maine are: **Ruth Worcester Johnson**, **Marg Sawyer**, **Emily Blake McMonagle**, **Norma Sylvest-er Heanssler**, and **Marjorie Deering Roberts**. **Peg Peaslee Danforth** lives in New Hampshire, **Betty Libbey Stallard** lives in California, **Ruth "Mac" McClelland Jewell** is in Arizona, and **Marjorie Coffee Latas** lives in New York state. They are among those who attend the "mini" reunion in the Portland area each summer. Not bad for us "old folk."

Marg's daughter lives in the

Brunswick area and she and her mother plan to drive in the "wilderness" of Baxter State Park and climb Mount Katahdin. How about that?

Now for news from **Polly Jellison Weatherbee**. Even though she now lives in Sun City, Florida, she does not forget that she is a true Mainer and comes to Stonington summers. Her visit to the Deer Isle area will be a bit saddened this summer since her daughter Sue passed away at Christmas time. Not too long ago her son Dick spent a week with Polly and took her to Orono to see the changes on the campus and to visit the Buchanan Alumni House. Jeff Mills '82 gave them the grand tour and Polly came away very impressed with the elegance of the building. She even went out on the balcony and called out to no one just for the fun of it! Polly now has five great-grandchildren and six grandchildren. How to go, Polly!

To make life a bit more interesting (or complicated) Polly had surgery on both eyes. That immobilized her for a good five weeks. But her sense of humor overcame the inconvenience and discomfort by saying that she died of boredom, not pain!

As for me, life is fairly routine doing volunteer work from time to time and taking nice walks along the waterfront where the railroad station stood and the Boston boat used to dock.

I hoped our paths would cross in Orono during some of these activities in June. It is always fun to have a special get-together.

## 1941

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A warm, cheery Maine Hello to you '41ers! Today it's about noon in mid-March and our temperature is only 16°—br-br-br! Spring and summer can't come soon enough after this long, old-fashioned winter. **Sally Culberson Nardone's** grandson has a four-year scholarship to Stanford University in California; he likes it and is doing very well. **Alma Hansen Langlois's** grandson, who graduates this spring from Georgetown University, competed in the national cross country track meet in Des Moines, Iowa, and by finishing in the top 30, he has been named

All-American. This spring semester he is serving as an intern at *People* magazine.

I offered to phone Mabelle Ashworth Smith '37 for our Portland Alumnae group. It really was a pleasurable experience because as you probably guessed, Mabelle is the late **Barbara Ashworth Harris's** sister. We reminisced about people she remembered from our class and she gave me **Calista Buzzell Coggeshall's** address. I sent a note to Calista and am grateful that her daughter Alice responded to say that Calista is in a nursing home. Calista taught school for many years at Nashoba Country Day School in Concord, Massachusetts, and retired about 1980; she enjoyed living in Bolton, Massachusetts, and was active in the local historical society.

**Joanna Evans Bardo** penned a note to explain her absence from the Wit's End picnic and also to say she and **Laura Craft Hutchins** had an enjoyable lunch together recently. Joanna and Clint '42 live at 44 Federal Street, Wiscasset, Maine 04578. Laura and Erwin '49 reside at 740 Friendship Road, Waldoboro, Maine 04572. According to her Christmas card, **Ruth White Wight** has downsized from a house to an apartment, all on one floor. She says, "I have a leg that doesn't like stairs." I believe many of us can empathize with her, particularly as I count the 14 steps to my upstairs. Ruth's new address is 5A Park Street, P.O. Box 175, Bethel, Maine 04217.

**George Ellis's** Christmas letter was indeed interesting and informative; a full page to share his many activities—a nice winter spent in Florida, a spring trip to Hawaii, and in May a granddaughter's commencement at Colby College; then his summer in Maine at the homestead where the 30th anniversary of the family was celebrated with three generations present. A long anticipated project, a workshop, was completed! The reverse side of the letter had pictures to illustrate; the workshop, a new sign and post for the Homestead—the first output from the workshop, a group picture, and several of George, showing him fit and active, in a rowboat, in a kayak, and at the shuffleboard. Many thanks to Peg Peaslee Danforth '40 for sharing this with us! You probably read in the winter issue of *MAINE Alumni Magazine* about the groundbreaking ceremony for the new **Winston E. Pullen** Carriage House on October 26th. As soon as weather permits, construction will



begin on this much-needed facility which will relieve the storage problems of the Page Farm and Home Museum and will be a tribute to our classmate, a founder and the catalyst behind the Page Museum. Also, I would like to mention the crisis for 2003-2004 operation costs at the museum. The University of Maine Foundation cannot provide the anticipated funds so the museum board has set up the William Reed Match Challenge 2003, a fund drive. If you feel you can help, it would be greatly appreciated in order to continue the educational benefits of the museum, dedicated to rural Maine agricultural life.

A thick envelope arrived with many gems from **Alice and Charlie Smith** who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last summer at their Pushaw Lake camp with a family gathering of 25—six children, six of eight grandchildren, and three little great-granddaughters; a group picture on their Christmas letter showed all wearing identical T-shirts with a design picturing Alice and Charlie with their six children. Also, Alice and Charlie are deeply involved in the Orono Historical Society, the Page Farm and Home Museum (a seat on the board), Orono Public Library (trustee, New Library Foundation board of directors, and Friends of the Library, all working toward a new facility), RSVP, Alpha Gamma Rho (board of directors), Phi Mu sorority, University of Maine activities, and church events. There was a write-up in the *Penobscot Times* stating that this Orono couple's dedication keeps the historical society afloat; they have been active since their return to Orono in 1978 after retirement as teachers in Connecticut. (The day I phoned Alice to express my appreciation for all her news she was busy baking several pies and loaves of bread for a church supper.) The Smiths have a wonderful family with whom they are in contact via phone and e-mail. Their daughter Dianne and her husband work at Iowa State University; a son Peter does custom architectural millwork in Connecticut; Leigh finds his work for the National Park Service in Washington state challenging; Dana has a Yardsmith business in the Bangor area; Louise is an officer at the Bangor Savings Bank; and Brian works locally as a millwright. Their "in lieu of gifts to each other" Christmas project continues to be the Seacoast Mission out of Bar Harbor—what a worthy cause and what fun shopping for items from a long wish list! Alice



**Frances Marie Donovan '43 (center) is congratulated by her brother Jim Donovan '45 and sister Alice Ann Donovan Poeppelmeier '40 after receiving the Black Bear Award at Reunion 2003. Frances has served her class in a variety of ways and has also been a generous supporter of the university and the alumni association. Together with Jim and Alice, she established a UMaine scholarship in honor of their parents.**

enclosed a Christmas letter from **Priscilla Brown Mason** who lives at 2301 Flora Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida, 33907. Priscilla keeps occupied with church functions and a knitting group "more social and eating than anything else;" she enjoys events such as picnics and boat rides on the river and canals with the Visually Impaired School. Her daughter Shelley, with whom she lives, is supervisor and customer service coordinator of all the volunteers in the Lee Memorial Health System.

**Thomas Fairchild** died this winter. As with most of our classmates he joined the Army soon after graduation and was in the first wave on Omaha Beach in Normandy and then fought in the Battle of the Bulge; after the war he served in the Army Reserves and retired as a major. Tom earned his master's degree in education so he taught agriculture and coached many sports in Windham, became principal in Limington and Monmouth Academy; finally he served as superintendent of Monmouth and Richmond retiring in 1984. In retirement he cultivated roses and gladioli but mainly raspberries which were known throughout Maine. Our deepest sympathy to his two daughters, two sons, and their families. In March we lost **Hugh Murphy**. After serving in the Army Signal Corps in World War II, Hugh returned to the university for his B.S. and M.S. degrees; then he began his 35-year career with the university starting as

a lab assistant and eventually becoming a professor. His workload was half-time teaching and half-time research with the Agricultural Experiment Station. Because of major research projects Hugh received many honors, awards, and honorary degrees from three universities. After his retirement in 1985 he remained very active on Orono town committees, as an officer of local and district Kiwanis groups, as editor of the *American Potato Journal* and *Journal of Potato Research*, and devoted many hours to the Page Museum. Our condolences to his three children and their families.

That's all the news for now! I'll be thinking of you and wishing you a happy, healthy summer!

## 1942

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Class news is very scarce and what I have is what you get. **Lorraine Dimitre Hopkinson** died March 6, 2003. She was our class standout athlete and a member of Delta Delta Delta. Our sympathy goes out to her family. We are all so aware and saddened when another classmate passes on and our list of deceased

members increases.

**Nat Crowley** continues to make news. Nat is a retired educator and legislator and his article in the *Bangor Daily News*, "Maine Technical-Community Colleges" was extremely well written. It brought to readers an article pertaining to the viability of two-year colleges awarding associate degrees, four year colleges and their degree programs, the Maine Maritime Academy, and where it fits into the picture. Nat's suggestion was to change the Maine Technical Colleges' mission to the Maine Technical-Community colleges. Maine needs this concept to increase opportunity of our high school graduates. Great article, Nat.

There was another clipping from the alumni office by **John Reed**, titled "Mainers fall victim to 'free trade.'" John drove around Maine last summer and he saw many examples of how our economy has suffered. Our paper mills shutting or downsizing and abandoned shoe factories make good examples of free trade. John notes in his writing, "It seems to me that our beloved state of Maine has endured many more losses than gains. There is nothing 'free' about trade. Just ask the former workers at Hathaway Shirt which could not compete with the low wages in foreign countries."

Both of these articles made me very proud to claim Nat and John as classmates and their contributions to the concerns of the state of Maine and its people. Thank you both, Nat and John.

As I write this column in early March the bitter cold and deep snow have been around since December and as you read these words in the summer, forget what I wrote and enjoy warm weather. Just think we will add another year to our "out of college" life come June. Enjoy good health, good friends, and a good laugh.

Remember, you have my e-mail, phone, and mail box and they all need class news.

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# 1943

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News comes of **Alicia Coffin Corea** who has compiled a number of "firsts" in her professional life. Alicia was a pioneer in the field of ministry which had been a "for men only" field. She was ordained May 5, 1949, at Hough's Neck Congregational Church in Quincy, Massachusetts—which church she served for 54 years along with her husband, the Reverend Dr. Peter Corea. She was the first woman in Quincy, and one of the first in Massachusetts to be ordained. She was also the first woman to become pastor of a Quincy church. Alicia was the only woman in her class at Andover-Newton Theological School studying for the ministry.

Alicia retired on May 4 which was the date for her final service. She will remain in Quincy and will be a member of the church. She will also remain an ordained minister and member of the Pilgrim Association of Congregational churches. She will continue to conduct worship services for seniors at the Rice Eventide Home and Sawyer Towers. She will continue membership in the Social Order of Beaumont (a national Masonic organization) and will be in charge of the vesper service at its September meeting in Norfolk, Virginia. She is secretary of the clergy membership, Winthrop Club in Boston.

In the "Peter and Alicia era" many hours were volunteered reaching out to individuals in their congregation and into the community, notably encouraging young people to attend college and helping them with church scholarships and personal financial aid. Pastor Peter died on Thanksgiving Day 2001.

Now with Alicia retiring, she will be free to travel, and high on that list are trips to Ramon, California, where her son, William, is a senior geologist.

Alicia, we are proud of your accomplishments!

I recently caught up with **Sidney Hobart Chandler** of Gray and learned that he effectively put his mechanical engineering background to work at the York Corporation in York, Pennsylvania, where he was product manager for commercial and residential equipment. This is one of the largest manufacturers of



**Ed '43 and Helen Deering Piper '43 enjoy the Senior Alumni luncheon at Reunion 2003. At Sunday morning's alumni awards breakfast, Helen was presented with a Block "M" Award for her outstanding support of her class, the alumni association, and the university. Her father was dean of agriculture and as a child she lived at the site where the Alumni House now stands.**

refrigeration and air conditioning in the world. Today it is known as York International. Sidney Chandler worked at the York Corporation for a year before going into the Army where he served in the Philippines for one and a half years. He retired in 1982. His wife, Jacqueline Greenwood Chandler '42, majored in English and earned a master's degree in 1943 at Maine. She then taught English at Orono and Newport high schools before moving to Pennsylvania.

Now for an interesting family note—her grandfather was Chester Greenwood. Does that name ring a bell? Remember he invented the ear muffs! He went on to make many more inventions so that at the time of his death, he had more than 100 patents to his name.

Daughter Deborah '69 majored in chemistry in the pulp and paper program and also earned a master's degree in library science. She worked professionally as an information specialist at the S.D. Warren Research (paper mill) in Westbrook, Maine, wherein she successfully

used both disciplines in her position.

When **George Watson** graduated from the University of Maine in 1943, he didn't realize he would take his civil engineering knowledge to four different corners of the United States. First, however, he served his country as naval submarine officer in the Pacific from 1941 until the end of the war. Following his naval tour of duty he worked for Curtis-Wright in rocketry. He worked very closely with Dr. Goddard, the father of rocketry, on his designs. Next he worked in marketing selling electric heaters for

industrial purposes wherein he contracted with a company in Pennsylvania to be sales agent. Then he moved on to Wakefield, Massachusetts, to work for Weston Instruments for two to three years as the manager for the New England office. His last professional move was to Fenwal Incorporated where he served as vice president in charge of the controls division. This firm manufactured a number of electronic controls. He retired to Wells, Maine, 15 years ago and is currently residing at Huntington Commons in Kennebunk. Wherever he has lived these many years he has remained an active volunteer for the Congregational church. The Watsons are parents of one son and two daughters. Also included in the family are three grandchildren.

Two reunion updates arrived from **Edward Bagley** and **Dottie Ouellette Crane**.

Edward Bagley now lives in Searsport, Maine, and that is just a handy drive to Reunion '03, isn't it? Hope to see you there!

His wife, Esper, is a graduate of Gorham State Teachers College. Four children and six grandchildren round out the Bagley family. Three nieces are University of Maine alumnae—Diane Porter Libby '76, Cynthia Porter McLaughlin '80, and Althea Porter Holz '88.

Edward Bagley was 4-H county agent for 10 years in Waldo and Kennebec counties. For 17 years he was manager of the men's clothing department at Freese's Airport Mall store until 1987. When the store closed, he retired.

He presents a picture of active retirement as follows: treasurer of the trustees and a past chairman of the administration board for the Searsport Methodist Church; volunteer for many years at the Carver Memorial Library; president of Waldo County Teachers Association; Master of Granite Grange #192, and past master of Central Lodge AF & AM #45.

Dottie Ouellette Crane was a government major at the University of Maine, a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, and an All Maine Woman. Her husband, **Talbot Crane**, was our class agent for many years.

Dottie's favorite memory of university days are her friends at the university and all the professors. She states, "the most remarkable change for me—going from college to the work force—marrying and eventually becoming a parent of four, grandparent of seven, and am now a senior citizen with many interests in family and the world." These interests include stereoview collecting and genealogy studies.

One daughter, Nancy Lynch Crane '69, is a Maine alum and so is a sister-in-law, Janice Crane Jacobs '49.

Note: I stand corrected in identifying in a previous column, Kathryn Jordan Winans as granddaughter instead of great-granddaughter. **Jane Rand Pendleton** is a great-grandmother.

Here's hoping you enjoyed the Class of 1943's Reunion 2003, and I am pleased that the class project will be adding to the endowment for the Buchanan Alumni House.

## Class of '43 members

Booklets listing  
deceased '43 class  
members are still  
available. To obtain a  
copy contact  
Val Mitchell at:  
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# 1944

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We received many Christmas cards in December. Thank you one and all. May the year 2003 be good to all of you.

A card from **Kate McCurdy Warren** that Jim had made on his computer was very cleverly done. Jim enjoys working with his computer and is constantly developing new skills. Jim and Kate will be in Florida until May first and then return to Brewer for the summer.

**Rhoda Tolford Stone's** card provided an update on her life. Rhoda lives in Sarasota, Florida, with her daughters and their families nearby. In the summer she's at home on Peaks Island. Last year was a sad year for Rhoda due to the death of her sister-in-law, Bill Tolford's '46 wife, Ruth.

**Al McNeilly's** Christmas card was beautiful, a picture taken at his place on Owls Head, looking toward the sea.

**Al and JoAnn Ehrenfried's** card and note told that Al was keeping busy writing a history of a controversial project he was involved in some 30 years ago. Al, we need to know more—

**Mary Billings Orsenigo** and husband, Joe, spent Thanksgiving in New York City celebrating their 50th anniversary. They watched the Macy's parade and visited the United Nations and Ground Zero among other things. Congratulations on your 50th from all your classmates. Mary and Joe have four teenage grandchildren.

**Esther Holden Hopkins** and Jack were in touch at Christmas time. Esther mentioned the very successful summer reunion in Orono this past August. She and Jack are well and happy.

**Midi Wooster Roberts** wrote that she and Ernie are still enjoying golf and the winter climate in Florida. Midi seems to concede that Ernie's golf is a little better than hers at the moment.

Mary Ellen and **Frank Gilley** write a very nice Christmas letter. They both have many hobbies. They had traveled to Cocoa Beach and Freeport at Pelican Bay in the Bahamas. They both have enjoyed their 80th birthdays with family members. They also marked their 58th anniversary in early December 2002.



**Helena Jensen '43** receives a Block "M" Award from alumni association chair Bion Foster '68, '70G at Reunion 2003. Helena has been an active member of the Cumberland County Alumni Chapter and the Portland Alumnae. She also serves as Class of '43 correspondent and is a generous contributor to the Annual Fund.

And those were our cards. Let's every classmate send one in next year with a short note!

A wonderful front page article in the *Portland Press Herald* on January 6th told of Edieanne '48 and **Al Hutchinson's** work at the Israel Chadbourne Cemetery in Waterboro. Edie and Al have located and restored 124 plots during the past 14 years. A very noble and interesting volunteer activity.

Just before Christmas, my college roommate, **Dolly Lamoreau Reed**, was in Portland at the Maine

Medical Center for a couple of weeks. **Joe** and I visited her in the hospital and following her dismissal, had fun having lunch with her at the Muddy Rudder in Freeport. Dolly was well again and is now back home in Fort Fairfield. Dolly's daughter, Rayle Reed Ainsworth '70, and family live here in Yarmouth.

Maine Handicapped Skiing promotes year-round education and training for individuals with physical disabilities in order for them to develop skills and provide enjoyment through active recreation.



Enjoying a ski trip to Sunday River this winter were (left to right): **Charlie Stickney '44**, **Joy Iveney Ingalls '44**, and **Joe Ingalls '44**.

MHS was founded in 1982 by Dr. Omar Crothers. His enthusiasm about handicapped people learning the skills necessary to enjoy a winter sport convinced Sunday River owner Leslie Otten to co-found the adaptive ski program at Sunday River Ski Resort. Among the over 300 volunteers in Maine are **Charlie Stickney**, **Joe Ingalls**, and yours truly. It is a very gratifying volunteer experience.

A few weeks back, in January, Joe and I and the Stickneys enjoyed a delicious Maine fish chowder luncheon at the community hall in South Freeport sponsored bi-weekly in the winter by the Congregational church there. The chefs preparing the chowder were classmates **Don Bail** and **Pete Farnum**. Their wives, Jo Blake Bail and Edie Farnum, were also very busy, serving and backing up the boys.

A last minute item, but most newsworthy, from the *Bangor Daily News*, headlined, "Witness to Three Centuries"—Fred Hale, Sr., father of **Fred Hale, Jr.**, is recognized as "the nation's oldest living man after John McMarron, a Michigan native, died of heart failure in Lakeland, Florida." Fred Hale, Sr. is 112 years old and attributes his longevity to "a teaspoon of bee pollen with each meal—and an occasional nip of whiskey in the morning." Classmate Fred Jr., who has lunch with his father almost every day, says, "He's pretty incredible—sometimes when people get old, they're not really with it. My Dad is with it. We can converse. We play cards." In his room at an assisted living community in Baldinsville, New York, a certificate from the Guinness Book of Records hangs from the wall identifying him as the world's oldest licensed driver. He drove his car until he was 107. So this proves that there is hope for all of us. Congratulations, Fred Hale, Sr. and Fred Hale, Jr.

All for now—keep those cards and letters coming!

# 1945

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Here is an item that was submitted after the cut-off date for the winter



edition of the alumni magazine.

**Donald** and **Melva Grindle** of Bucksport celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary last summer at Cold Stream Pond with their daughter Peggy Grindle Smith '75, '91, son Steve '74, '78G, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Don worked for the U.S. Postal Service and is retired now. He and Melva are avid supporters of athletic events and received the honorary status as "Old Town High School's Best Fan Club." Good going and congratulations!

I'm sorry about the delay but everyone, please don't let time get in your way—sometime your news will be printed!

Christmas mail brought a change of address for **Norma MacKenney Peterson** and Robert. Norma included her latest poem which I feel entitles her to billing as our poet(ess) laureate!

Closer to the equator by  
seven degrees  
Nearer to family  
Our lives more at ease.  
Carolina's our home—North that is!

But love for Connecticut will  
Always endure.  
It pulls at our heart strings  
And no magic cure  
Could lessen the impact of  
Three decades plus seven  
in New England—Westport that is!

Six months have passed  
Since this adventure began.  
We feel nearly settled  
we relax—when we can,  
In Cary, Carolina—North that is!

In November, family members convened  
At this new address  
And the reunion seemed  
To make this house, Home Sweet Home  
At least in North Carolina—Cary that is!

What a delightful way to let us know where and how you are. May your years be happy ones in your new home. After redistricting please let us know your next address! Norma is at 418 Knott's Valley Lane, Morrisville, North Carolina, 27560.

**Romaine Littlefield Kupfer** sent a change of address too. She and Don have settled in another town in Wyoming. It's good to receive these changes of address. Romaine L. Kupfer 418 North Cheyenne Street, Powell, Wyoming, 82435. Romaine

is having some difficulty with her eyes, and we pray for healing for her.

**Russ '44 and Barbara Higgins Bodwell's** greetings were gratefully accepted. They are faithful in their visitations to Maine alumni groups around the country. They were in Orono for Homecoming and visits with two grandchildren who are students at UMaine. Barbara continues serving on the Salvation Army board and also with their church and its outreach programs, like raising funds for children who lost a parent on September 11th. Russ is curtailing some of his traveling as a founding partner in their business. They still enjoy their summer hiatus at Highland Lake in August and have made a deposit at Dirigo Pines in Orono and expect to take up residence next year! We are happy for you!

**Mary Hurley Rissel** and Marty '49 checked in from South Carolina, Florence that is! A year ago they were hanging outside greens in 80° temperatures—but not so this past December. Their Thanksgiving was the big holiday for family and grandsons coming from Texas and Connecticut. The Rissels and neighbors were planning holiday entertaining together. With Mary and Marty we find 2002 a costly one in the loss of old and cherished friends, and we pray that 2003 may be one filled with good health and much happiness.

Many of you, I'm sure, received the Christmas letter from **Carolyn Chaplin Grant** and Ralph '54. Their lives are full of their children's and grandchildren's activities—to say nothing about their church activities. They are blessed indeed. Charlie sent sad news, too. **Dick Knudsen** died just before Thanksgiving from a series of strokes and **Betty Brown Blood**, who was with us our freshman year and then married Hal Blood '42, died in December from pancreatitis. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families.

Charlie and Ralph had moved into a retirement home for seven months, but discovered it was not for them so they found a beautiful new house still in Fort Myers. They went to Maine to attend their grandson's wedding in October. In Bangor, they saw **Pat Holmes Maines**, **Bob** and **Marge Chase**, and **Ed** and **Barb Connors**. We're happy that the weather was easy on you both! The Grant's address is: Willow Brook at Parker Lakes, 14580 Daffodil Drive #703, Fort Myers, Florida, 33909.



**Bob Covell '44** received a Block "M" Award at Reunion 2003 for his outstanding service to his class, UMaine athletics, and the alumni association. Bob is a familiar figure as an usher at Black Bear athletic events. He also served two terms on the Association's board of directors.

Our class president, **Dr. Jim Donovan**, recently traveled to Ecuador, where he performed orthopedic surgery with his son on underprivileged children. They were part of a team of doctors who completed 70 surgeries in one week. Jim and his son did 16, focusing especially on aiding kids with club feet. Don't tell us you have retired, Jim—what wonderful outreach you use your God-given gifts for! May He bless you mightily!

**Al Barmby** sent an itinerary of his and Thelma's annual trip to the mountains of North Carolina. They missed all of the snowstorms. He recalled his growing up years in North Reading, Massachusetts, and all of the snow then! The Barmbys have a time-share in Cashiers, North Carolina, which is located 14 miles northwest of the South Carolina line and 20 miles north of the Georgia line. I enjoyed the report, Al, but you understand it was too lengthy to include in my report.

Thank you so much—perhaps you can get in touch with Norma in Cary, North Carolina, that is! Keep in touch. Al and Thelma live in Huntsville, Alabama, at 2609 Excalibur SW, 35803.

Abby, the publications assistant, included a cute cartoon in the envelope of clippings depicting people attending a class reunion. One

person is saying to a classmate, "What might you have written that I might say I've read?"

Keep writing. We really want to hear from you so we can say, "Oh, yes, I read about you in the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*!"

## 1946

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Hi, classmates—

Still no response to my pleas for class news. I did, however, hear from **Don** and **Betty Perkins Stebbins** via my e-mail. They live in Winchester, Massachusetts, and are busy at home. **Mary Libby Collins** and **Doug '49** have moved to Kendal Retirement/ Health Complex in Hanover, New Hampshire. Mary and Doug are fine but wanted to downsize. **Peggy Jameson Duckett** in Damariscotta, **Rusty Chute** in Brunswick, and I in Camden get together for lunch several times a year.

Please let me know what YOU are doing!

## 1947

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Our Reunion was just a year ago, remember? What a fun weekend it was! Please send any news to me for this column. You can phone or write. We'd love to hear what is happening in your lives.

## 1948

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Greetings! I hope that you all are enjoying a sensational summer thus far. If you were able to attend our



55th, the season certainly started off well. Since this column was written before the festivities, we will have to wait for the fall issue of *MAINE* to read the interesting details. Recently, as I read the schedule for the alumni weekend with all the activities planned, I became convinced that we all had to try to make Reunion!

Some of the alumni who have written to me recently can't attend but look forward to reading the fall issue with its new layout. Have you read your spring one yet?

**Ron Zimmerman**, from nearby Longmeadow, and I recently had a chat. After spending many years at the Cape—Falmouth—operating a motel, he is enjoying his retirement in western Massachusetts, where he spent his youth.

One of the very few good days in March was the time for our "girls' spring luncheon" at **Margie Watson Savignano's** home in Auburn. Since I missed the fall gathering it was great to see all the regulars there. I did miss seeing my roommate, **Gloria MacKenzie Ferland**, who is a caregiver for her family in East Millinocket.

During a delicious lunch, our president, **Marguerite "Sulli" Powers**, led the business meeting. We made some plans for our Reunion class luncheon which was scheduled on Saturday at the Fogler Library. We have designated the renovation of the front terrace steps there as our focus for the class gift to which we have pledged \$25,000. During Reunion's class luncheon we held a silent auction to help raise some money toward our goal. Several of us have personally contacted alumni in our area, encouraging them to attend our Reunion.

**Phil Turner**, our eminent author of historical novels centered mostly in Maine, wrote that he would be on a trip in his motor home during our gathering. One of his unusual and humorous remembrances is that he flunked Freshman Comp at the university!

**Bob MacDonald** of Bozeman, Montana, writes of his children and grandchildren out west. A vacation in beautiful Victoria, British Columbia, was the highlight of his summer 2002. Bob still plays tennis several times each week and enjoys skiing occasionally with his wife, Molly.

We were saddened to hear of the death of **Jessie Cowie Ramsay** of cancer on May 1 in Jacksonville, Florida. Jessie was a loyal alumna who had served as secretary of our class. Her husband, William G. '49,



**Ruth Fogler Goff '48 accepts the first Fogler Legacy Award from alumni association chair Bion Foster '68, '70G (left) and alumni association president Jeff Mills '82 at Reunion 2003. The family's ties to UMaine began with the university's number one alumnus Ray Fogler, Class of 1915. All seven of Ray's children, 26 of his grandchildren, and one great-grandchild have graduated from the university. Ruth serves as treasurer of the Class of '48 and auditor of Senior Alumni.**

died last June. She will be sorely missed.

I really enjoyed seeing and talking with you all on the Orono campus. The fall column will bring you all the Reunion details!

My best,  
Ruth

## 1949

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In March I received an invitation from **Jayne Hanson Bartley** to attend the University of Maine vs. University of Massachusetts men's hockey game with her. It was the second game of their Hockey East quarterfinal series in Orono. I jumped at the chance to go. Although the game was disappointing, as UMass upset Maine 4-2, we had a great time reminiscing. I was surprised to find out that Jayne's son, Peter Bartley '72, and my son, Donald Hawkes '72, were TKE fraternity brothers while they were at Maine. Last year, Jayne was reelected to the Millinocket school board for another three-year term. As chairman of the school board, she

said that officials are very interested in sharing an interim superintendent with School Union 113 (East Millinocket, Medway, and Woodville). She said both school systems would save money.

The next day after the hockey



**Fred Knight '49 was a deserving recipient of the Black Bear Award at Reunion 2003. Fred was recognized for his outstanding work as a professor and dean of the college of forest resources as well as for his years of loyal service to his class and the alumni association.**

game I attended the women's basketball game (Maine vs. Boston University) at the Alford Arena in Orono. I talked with **Arnie Davis** and his wife, Joyce, after the game and we agreed that the game was a real nail biter, as BU was ahead at the half. However, the Maine women redeemed themselves and won the game (71-62), their 19th straight win this season.

**William Rollins** and his son Patrick '88 attended the International Gas Turbine Institution (IGTI) conference in Amsterdam. Will recently marked 55 years of service with the Maine Department of Transportation where he held leadership positions and managed highway design projects based on advanced calculus and other mathematical methods resulting in improved designs and cost savings. He is a native of Augusta and currently the state's administrator of developer projects and certified noise specialist. Patrick is the owner of Robbins Technical Recruiting, a professional placement firm specializing in career planning and placement for turbo-machinery professionals.

I recently received classnotes postcards from **Ray Rakoff** and **Wesley L. Wight**. Ray continues to enjoy living in Sarasota, Florida, and partaking of the many arts and cultural activities that are available there. He plays a lot of tennis with the Sarasota Senior Men's League and his last year's travel itinerary included the "Trip of a Lifetime," three weeks in China. His address is: 5165 Kestral Park Lane, Sarasota, Florida 34231. Wesley's address in the summer is: 62 Austin St., Gouverneur, New York 13642 and in the winter 37348 8th Ave., Zephyrhills, Florida 33541. He writes that relatives and friends are always welcome.

Stay healthy, happy, and have a great summer. Don't forget to write.

## 1950

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It is with great sadness that I report the unexpected death of our veep **Ray Kenneally** on the 9th of March in Florida. He and **Gerry Lamb Kenneally** were married just before our graduation in 1950 and lived in Maine until his retirement—working



in the fields of education at the junior high, senior high, and college levels. Ray was principal of Biddeford junior high and senior high schools and became the city's superintendent of schools before accepting a faculty position at the University of New England where he served as a professor of education and of history as well as serving several terms as dean of the college. Back in 1991, Ray became the first recipient of the Kenneally Cup—an annual award for distinguished academic service to the university. Ray and Gerry wintered in Avon Park where they delighted in tennis and golf “at the drop of a hat” and where he taught History of the American West Through the Eyes of Artists to school and community groups, Elderhostel programs in Maine and Florida, and at South Florida Community College. He was very active and energetic, community minded, a gentleman and gentle man, who impacted the lives of many. Ray cared—and that caring showed through in everything that he did, everything that he accomplished in his superb life. The funeral, a celebration of Ray's life, was held in Biddeford with many friends, colleagues, classmates, and his great family in attendance. Gerry said that she will continue to spend about eight months of the year in Florida and the summer months in Maine. She is adamant that we continue on with our plans for our Class of 1950 annual summer get-together/meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, the 7th of August at the Salmon Falls Country Club, just a few miles from Saco. We will gather to meet and greet one another, have a short memorial for Ray and other deceased classmates, and then take care of business matters plus start planning for our 55th Reunion in '05. (!)

Several items to be covered in the business meeting will be 1) an update on the status of the motion passed last year wherein we set aside up to \$25,000 from the class fund to fund the erection of a set of three flagpoles and flags close to the Buchanan Alumni Center—and 2) an update on the scholarship fund designed to lend scholarship assistance to descendants of members of the Class of 1950. (Note that because the fund is in the University of Maine Foundation—at Orono, recipients must necessarily be enrolled in the university at Orono. Further note: it is the responsibility of the descendant scholarship applicant to make his or her relationship known



**UMaine First Lady and assistant professor of educational leadership Dianne Hoff, with Chester Norris '51 at the alumni reception in Naples, Florida, in March. Chester is retired from the foreign service. His career culminated in serving as U.S. ambassador to Equatorial Guinea.**

to the office of student financial aid at the time of the application.) We were proud that six recipients received some \$5,750 for the 2002-2003 academic year. We shall keep you posted on the scholarship each year.

There has been some discussion as to the feasibility of putting together some sort of booklet(s) of memoirs from classmates. Prexy **Maggie Mollison McIntosh** writes, “You will soon hear from a fellow classmate requesting your one to two pages of double spaced typed experiences in the following categories: 1.) World War II 2.) Korean War 3.) Fighting the Bar Harbor Fire of 1947 4.) We are collecting all the alumni authored books for the Buchanan Alumni House library in Orono. Bring or mail them to us. Or bring the books to the 53rd Reunion of the Class of 1950 at the Salmon Falls Country Club. Let's get our past in print. Start writing and we will proceed to other topics as time goes on and we clear the decks on these areas. Give us your suggestions for more topics to gather written reports on our personal experiences.”

Specifically, if you would be willing to share these experiences please send them off to Maggie at her address below. **Don Waring** (who winters in Arizona) said he plans to drive down from Bangor to

be with us—ditto **Charles “Slim” Broomhall** who lives in Green Valley, Arizona. Gerry, our gracious hostess, will make arrangements for a buffet luncheon with delicious food and great conversation immediately following the meeting—and will need to have rather definite numbers to give the club prior to the 7th. She urges the golfers in our midst to bring their clubs so that one and all may have a joyous round of nine holes before heading home. Please let Gerry (9 Rugby Street, Biddeford 044005—207-282-9186) or Maggie Mollison McIntosh (36 Norwood Farms Road, York Harbor 03911—207-363-5510) know that you will be coming—so that they will have a definite count of those staying for the luncheon and so that they can get explicit directions to you on the location of the very pretty club.

**Henry “Hank” N. Tukey** was honored on his retirement from the board of Auburn Savings and Loan after some 37 years. Hank was owner of the Pineland Lumber Company and continues his work there on a consulting basis. He and wife Sandra divide their time now between homes in Auburn and in Florida. After this past winter in New England, I know they must have been delighted to bask in the warmth and sun of Florida!

Donna Welts Wagoner '48, widow of **Howard Wagoner**, sent us a copy of the wonderful letter that she mailed to family and friends after Howard's death from liver cancer in March of '02. They shared 53 great years together, first in Orono where they met and married, and then on some wonderful adventures after he received his master's in entomology from Duke University. They moved to Hawaii where he worked in the sugar cane industry, and then spent several years in Uruguay, Panama, and Puerto Rico. The family moved to Hermiston, Oregon, from '72-'78 where Howard managed a 20,000-acre potato and wheat farm, and then they returned to Hawaii where he managed a papaya plantation. He volunteered many years with the IESC, helping farmers in Jamaica, Morocco, Egypt, and China improve their operations. Donna noted that he was “a man of all peoples” who lived a full life marked by integrity and honesty.

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**Dick Johnson** is retired from the Underwater Sound Laboratory in the Groton, Connecticut, area and has become “the consummate classic film buff.” When he was a youngster living in Bridgton, Dick and his family would have to travel seven miles on weekends to see a movie at the local “movie house,” which was a real trek for one and all. He remembers the first film he ever saw, *Check and Double Check*, with Freeman Gordon and Charles J. Correll as Amos and Andy and feels that the original *Treasure Island* made back in 1934 with Wallace Beery and Jackie Cooper—along with Billy Wilder's *Double Indemnity*—are true classics that have stood up over time. Though he has an extensive film library at home, Dick said there are many films he has yet to see! He is a member of the Society for the Preservation of Barber-shop Quartet Singing in America as well as the Norwich Central Baptist Choir.

**Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cobb** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year at the family summer home, Butterpoint, in Wal-doboro. The gala celebration included a renewal of their wedding vows, dancing, and a grand sharing of songs and memories through the years. Music was provided by Ken's own band, The Over the Hill Gang, and a great time was had by all. **Al “Hoppy” and Dottie Lord Hopkins** celebrated their 50th in August '02. They were joined by family, high school and college classmates, fraternity brothers, and many friends for the reaffirmation of their wedding vows in Augusta. **Irv and Dottie Butler Marsden** wrote that they are spending almost five months of each year in Florida enjoying the warmth and sunshine of that sunny state—and then returning to the Lunenburg, Massachusetts, area. They had a great adventure in Ireland via an Elderhostel program where they spent a week in and around Galway and the second week in Kilkenny. She marveled at how their coach driver was able to get around corners in the city and maneuver Ireland's narrow lanes when encountering oncoming cars.

By the time that you read this epistle, I shall have returned from a two-week jaunt in Cumbria and the Lake District of England with my friend Philippa Randall who lives near there, and then a week in Dallas, Texas, for an educators'



convention. A member of our church is from the Dallas area and noted that the only thing hotter than a July in Dallas is an August in Dallas! Small comfort—so we shall think cool! That is about it for now. I appreciate your sending me the latest happenings from your “neck of the woods,” and shall take copious notes in Salmon Falls to bring you all of the news that I learn there.

## 1951

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**George H.** and **Gloria Sarazyn Ward** of Huntington, Connecticut, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a renewal of their wedding vows on September 29, 2002, at the Huntington United Methodist Church. Previously a party in their honor was held by their five children and their spouses: Gerald and Dodie Ward, Barbara and George Roberts, Richard and Denise Ward, Jeannette and Michael Greathouse, and Franklin and Lynne Ward. George and Gloria have eight grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. George graduated from Dennysville High School. Before retirement he was an engineer and director of marketing for the Norwalk Company of Norwalk, Connecticut.

At a meeting of the Probus Club of Aroostook in Presque Isle last November, **Eugene “Jerry” Gallagher** gave his life story. His parents moved to Presque Isle from Canada in 1929. His father was superintendent of the Town Farm. Later the family moved to Fort Fairfield. After receiving his degree from the University of Maine in agriculture, Jerry worked for the Soil Conservation Service, Eastern States, and Agway. Later, he was in the insurance business until his retirement four years ago. He and **Priscilla Gorden Gallagher '53** enjoy camping and traveling.

**Pauline Davis Lorfano** continues to exhibit her paintings in the Alexandria area. Her paintings have been shown recently at the Fisher Gallery, Rachel Schlesinger Arts Center, North Virginia Community College; the DynCorp, 6th Floor Gallery, Reston, Virginia; and Strathmore Hall, North Bethesda, Maryland, Invitational Gallery. Her award

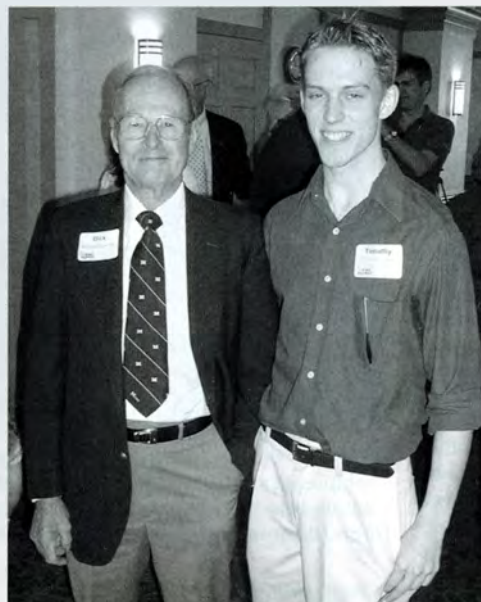
# Senior Alumni: Helping Students Achieve

It's always one of the most heartwarming events on campus, and this year's Senior Alumni scholarship reception was no exception. Held on May 4, the reception produced a good turnout of Senior Alumni members and scholarship recipients and their families.

The event began with words of praise for the Senior Alumni's efforts from UMaine president Peter Hoff and alumni association president Jeff Mills '82.

“This generous commitment of support from one University of Maine generation to another is an inspiration to all of us,” Mills said. “It's so important to have those who benefited from a UMaine education reach out and help provide opportunity for current students.”

Senior Alumni president **Dick Noyes '51** announced that a total of \$80,500 in scholarships had been awarded to more than 60 UMaine students. He gave much of



**Senior Alumni president Dick Noyes '51 with Distinguished Scholar recipient Tim Fitzgibbon '04.**

the credit for the success in this year's scholarship fundraising to the Senior Alumni scholarship committee headed by **Dick Sprague '50**. He also noted that in the past 10 years over \$800,000 in scholarships has been awarded.

Perhaps the best known of the awards is the **Donald V. Taverner '43 Award for Non-traditional Scholars**. This award goes to about 32 nontraditional students per year, many of whom would have a difficult time attending the university without such support.

The Senior Alumni also awarded three Top Scholars, three Distinguished Scholars, and three Distinguished Stu-

dents in the Visual and Performing Arts.

Several of the scholarship recipients spoke passionately about what the scholarships have meant to them and their success as UMaine students.

If you would like to find out more about how you can be part of the Senior Alumni Scholarship program call 207-581-1142.

winning 2002 painting, *Maine Attraction*, may be seen on the website: [www.virginiawatercolorssociety.org](http://www.virginiawatercolorssociety.org).

Plans are underway for a Class of '51 summer get-together at the Caswell cottage in Harpswell, Maine, on Wednesday, August 13, 2003, beginning at 11:30 am. **Jack Ryder**, class president, and his wife **Joyce McGouldrick Ryder**, and **Forrest** and I are hoping for a good turnout. We are planning a lobster (or chicken) picnic with all the fixings. We'll have a tent in case of rain. For more information, please contact me at the address that heads this column. If you can't make the picnic, please send me news of your latest doings for the column.

**Go Black Bears!**

## 1952

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Greetings to members of the Class of '52 from the Cupola. And let's do whatever we can to keep that cupola brightly lighted. **William “Bill” Currie** and **Alton “Al” Cole** sent each of us letters advising us how to do just that. Thanks, prexies.

By the time this issue reaches you let's hope for weather predictions with soaring temperatures and UV rays that need sunscreen SPF powered to at least 35. Some days I

feel like that is what it will take to thaw the state of Maine after the winter of 2003.

In its October 17 weekly issue, *The Ellsworth American* printed an article announcing **Osmond Bonsey** and his wife, **Ann McGraw Bonsey '67**, would be celebrating their 50th anniversary at The Grand Auditorium in Ellsworth from 2 to 4 p.m. on October 20, 2002. They both graduated from Surry Elementary School and Ellsworth High School. **Osmond** earned a degree in public administration in June 1952, and they were married the following October 18th. **Osmond** was named town manager of Corinth at the age of 23. The International City Managers Association reported at the time that **Bonsey** was the youngest town manager in the nation. He was later



town manager in Mars Hill, Freeport, Falmouth, and Yarmouth. After their three children were born, Ann went back to college and graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in secondary education. She taught English at Westbrook High School for 25 years. After 40 years in the Portland area, the Bonseys retired to Surry and live in a new home on Newberry Neck. They both continue to be involved in community activities there. Their children, Lynn Bonsey, Lorna Bonsey Healy, and Cameron Bonsey live in Surry, Litchfield, and Falmouth respectively.

The November 13 issue of the *Bangor Daily News* stated that Bangor Savings Bank has renamed its operations center at 19 Maine Avenue in Bangor to honor its former bank president **Malcolm E. Jones**. Now the facility, which is staffed by more than 125 employees, will be known as the Malcolm E. Jones Technology Center. The bank's board of trustees praised Jones's vision and leadership, noting, "his passion for investing in the city of Bangor, for retaining quality employment in the Bangor region, and for creating new employment opportunities for Maine's young people in an increasingly complex financial services industry right here at home." Malcolm worked for Bangor Savings Bank from 1954 to 1995. He was president of the bank from 1975 to 1995 and a member of the board of trustees from 1975 to 1996. He and his wife Barbara continue to live in the Bangor area and are active in numerous community and civic activities.

**William "Bill" and Adelaide Grant "Gump" Ruby** spent a month in Oxnard, California, recently. Their middle child, Anne Ruby Kelch, and her husband, Vincent, welcomed a new baby boy named Christopher Vincent on January 14, 2003. The class congratulates both the Ruby and the Kelch families. Gump and Bill reported that the weather was beautiful and Gump took the new grandson outside for a stroll on most days. Gump and Bill's son, Steven Ruby, his wife Kelly, and their three children, Erin, Kevin, and Laura Adelaide, who live in Superior, Colorado, went out to be with the family for Christopher's baptism. Kathy Ruby Lunde, Gump and Bill's oldest daughter, also flew out from Hatfield, Pennsylvania, for the christening. Bill also sent a card reminding us that now their six grandchildren, ages between 16 and newborn, need to decide where they will



**Elwood "Woody" Beach '51 and Virginia Norton Beach '52 were the recipients of a Block "M" Award at Reunion 2003. They have played an active role in their respective classes and are consistent and generous contributors to the university and the alumni association.**

"learn their skills of higher education." Since retirement in 1991, the Rubys have traveled extensively, visiting the Wonders of the World. Gump wrote about them visiting the Reagan Library in Simi Valley, California, while they were on the west coast.

Rosemary M. Austin wrote that her husband, **Willis E. Austin**, passed away on December 27, 2002. They had attended our 50th class Reunion and enjoyed it very much in spite of Willis's disability due to Parkinson's disease. Willis originally came from Gorham and

majoring in education. The class extends its sympathy to you, Rosemary.

**Ruth Drysdale Frazier** e-mailed from her home in Reno to say when she and her husband, Vern, had gone to their Lake Tahoe place, Ruthie was walking down to the beach and twisted and broke her ankle. Now during beautiful spring-like weather, Ruthie says she is home bound and knitting an afghan. May your time in a cast pass quickly, Ruthie.

**Margaret Murray Pease** called me the other day from Camden. Her

most exciting news was that **Jeanne Frye Begley** and her husband Charles Begley, Sr. have new twin grandsons born to their son, Charles Begley, Junior. Jeanne and Chuck, Sr. have all granddaughters so far, so twin boys will make life quite interesting. Congratulations to both Begley families.

Please keep the news coming. Thanks.

## Astronauts

by Paul Bodurtha '52

They had a dream far out in space  
where only the brave can go  
They had a dream far out in space  
where the stars and comets glow  
They said good-bye to loved ones dear  
tho soon they would return  
With stories of their mission and  
thoughts of great concern  
But now they fly forever, out  
in the great unknown  
Where hopes and dreams fly with them  
Perhaps they're going home.

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## 1953

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Hi once again!

By the time you read this, many of you will have seen one another at Reunion, in Bar Harbor or Orono or both. Let's see how we look after 50 years! I still can't believe it's been that long, but my body does. I am going to Curves (I keep wanting to call it circles because that's what you really do for 30 minutes). The program concentrates on losing inches, body fat, not really pounds, and perhaps building a little muscle along the way. Anne LaRochelle (**Don LaRochelle's** wife), my sister, Lida Zahares, and I go three times a week. Hope we keep it up. Of course, we have to go out to breakfast or lunch afterwards, but we're cutting down on that gradually. It's fun! Try it! You will lose something, somewhere!

To get back to Reunion and the "terrific" Memory Book (as **Frank Pickering**, our class president, calls it and it is)—as of April more than 100 of you filled out those blue reunion information forms. And those bios, along with some 75 individual photos you've sent, and many other interesting *Prism* photos and others classmates sent, are included in this *Class of 1953 Memory Book*. As Frank said, a limited number of books will be available. So, if you'd like one and didn't pick one up at Reunion, please call the alumni association. If there are any left (you do need to send some money, they'll tell you how much), they'll be happy to mail you one.

In the next issue, in the fall, there'll be Reunion photos and I'll tell you all about our 50th—what I can remember. (This column was due before Reunion.)

Well, here goes some news about your classmates. (It's so nice to know where you are, what you're doing, your memories, etc.) I think I'll keep printing them in future issues, as space permits.

**Ralph W. "Rondo" Applegate** of Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, was an electrical engineering major who later earned a MBA. Married to Elizabeth Goodrich Applegate '55, they have three children and two grandchildren. On campus, he belonged to Alpha Tau Omega



(president in '52 and '53), participated in Interfraternity Council, intramural sports, and played tennis his freshman year. He was a captain with American Airlines for 25 years, a fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force and a member of the New Jersey Air National Guard from 1954 to 1990, and is a retired brigadier general.

His favorite memories are, "drinking beer at Pat's with classmates" as well as "final night of 'Hell Week' at ATO, a fun initiation of new pledges including the culminating ceremony presided over by 'Preacher' Dick Knight and the Choir of Brothers," and "major party weekends at ATO House."

Ralph wrote, "With a B.S. in electrical engineering from Maine and an MBA from Wharton and two more years in the University of Penn economics Ph.D. program, I wound up flying airplanes for a living—go figure!" He enjoys golf, swimming, and working in the yard.

**Bruce L. Clifford** of Auburn, New York, with a summer place on Sebec Lake, Maine, majored in civil engineering and later earned a MPA from Syracuse University.

On campus, he was involved in the Maine track team and Sigma Chi fraternity. He and his wife Betty Clifford have two children and six grandchildren (four-and-a-half-year-old triplet boys, also two more boys and one "princess"). "They keep us jumping."

Bruce is a retired public administrator. He served four communities, the last as city manager of Auburn, New York, for 25 years. "I'm retired as of 2000. Now consulting with county government and also consulting with design firm; play bridge; most favorite sport is golf."

His favorite memory of the university is, "enjoying football games." He added, "still a loyal Maine supporter. Every time I go to Maine, I buy myself a baseball cap with a nice big 'M' on it."

**Gilman Dube, Sr.** of Bristol, Connecticut, majored in agronomy and belonged to Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He has eight children and 13 grandchildren and is a retired engineer with Emhart/Black and Decker.

"As a duet called 'Old Paint,' Dave Downs and I perform at libraries, schools, historical societies, hospitals, schools, etc. Our repertoire spans several decades of American music with an emphasis on songs of the American West. Our second album, *October Song*, which is almost finished, continues pretty much on the same style as our first



Enjoying their 50th Reunion celebration are Class of '53 officers (left to right): Carol Prentiss Mower (treasurer), Frank Pickering (president), Helen Strong Hamilton (president elect), and Woody Carville (vice president). At the reunion breakfast Woody received the Pine Tree Emblem Service Award for his dedicated service to the university and his class, and Frank earned a Block "M" Award for his outstanding service and leadership.

album called *Hobo Heart*. See our listing in Connecticut Commission on the Arts, Directory of Performing Artists and Master Teaching Artists."

Gilman adds, "I enjoyed the professionalism of the teaching staff and also the friendliness of the students. Remember the 'Maine Hello.'"

The most remarkable change for him has been, "Writing poetry and music and performing professionally."

**Lehan A. "Pete" Edwards** of Pembroke, Maine, majored in education and later earned an M.Ed. and CAS. He is married to Joan and they have three children and two grandchildren. Pete played baseball, was captain of the ski team, and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He was an infantry officer for two years and was in the U.S. Army Reserves for a decade. He taught secondary school biology and chemistry and coached skiing and baseball for 15 years. He was a professional ski instructor and coach at Sunday River for six years and is a member of Professional Ski Instructors of America. He was principal of Winthrop High School for 34 years and in 1988 he retired and moved to Pembroke.

His special interests include Rotary in Winthrop, the historical society in Pembroke, Audubon Society, Alpine skiing, kayaking, hunting, fishing, alumni association, Black Bear Club, Friends of Maine Baseball, and U.S. Coast Guard

Auxiliary.

"The overall experience at the University of Maine will always be my favorite memory. One memory would be being active in Sig Ep's push to end 'Hell Week' and initiate 'Help Week'—we painted a town building in Old Town." Pete also writes, "Very active life in Down East Maine in spite of several miraculous cardiac operations. Sputnik generated a lot of interest in science education. I was fortunate to be able to attend many scholarship programs through the National Science Foundation."

**Waldo J. "Wally" Gagnon, Jr.** of Lynnfield, Massachusetts, majored in business administration and later became a certified professional contract manager.

"Signed Minor League baseball contract with former New York Giants; played 15 years semi-pro ball; now play tennis six days a week and golf on beach on the seventh day," he wrote. Wally's favorite memories are, "graduation and receiving my commission as 2nd lieutenant, playing baseball for the University of Maine."

As an undergraduate, he played baseball for four years, was a member of Phi Eta Kappa, the "M" Club, and Men's Senate. Wally and his wife, Eileen, have four children and seven grandchildren.

**Eleanor A. "Beezie" Zehner Hibben** of Yorktown Heights, New York, majored in home economics and later earned a M.S. from Cornell

University. On campus, she was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, Sophomore Eagles, All Maine Women, and Home Economics Club. She and her husband, **Craig**, have two children and six grandchildren. She writes, "Raising two children—it was fun, but it was a challenge! Now it's having grandchildren and the joy of seeing them grow."

She retired from her work as an educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester County. She serves on the community housing board, is involved in town beautification, and makes quilts for charity.

**John M. Jewett** of Socorro, New Mexico, majored in forestry, and used his musical talents on campus playing drums in the marching band and the concert band. He also played one season in the Beta House Dixieland Band. John is married to Pauline and retired from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation in 1988. He's a registered professional engineer and land surveyor. He's a World War II Navy veteran, and served aboard the battleship *Wisconsin*.

He writes, "Currently playing drums in a senior volunteer combo. Recently completed writing my first volume of Navy memoirs which has been published, titled: *Once Upon a Wagon, Book One*. (He's now writing *Book Two*.) "We were called wagons, because the old battleships were called battle wagons. As is written in the preface: 'The material for this story is taken from my letters written to my parents and sister, which were lovingly cherished and safely preserved through the years by my mother.'" Order it at [www.trafford.com/robots/03-0187.html](http://www.trafford.com/robots/03-0187.html) or call/write: Trafford Publishing Company, Suite 6E, 2333 Government St., Victoria, BC, Canada V8T 4P4. Telephone: 1-888-232-4444.

John's favorite memory is his participation freshman year in the mayoralty campaign for the "Duke." His most remarkable change: "Living a new lifestyle since 2001 as a cancer survivor."

Note: John sent me a signed copy of his book and many thanks, John. I haven't read it yet, but hope to soon.

**Milton D. "Milt" Leighton** of Florham Park, New Jersey, was a chemistry major and earned a master in chemical engineering from the University of Delaware in 1955.

As a student, he belonged to Phi Kappa Phi, Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi honor societies; he has been a 50-year member of the American



Chemical Society.

He and his wife, Barbara, have two sons, two daughters, and three grandchildren.

Milt was a chemical engineer for Exxon Research and Engineering Company from 1958 to 1994, after which he consulted until his retirement in 2002.

His special interests include gardening, travel, and photography. He designed and built the house in Florham Park where they have lived for 39 years. He is an auxiliary member of Florham Park First Aid Squad.

His favorite memory: "In fall 1949 we planted oak trees with President Hauck. He asked us to come back in 50 years to see the trees. I came back to find all trees gone and a large building in their place. I had a front row-center seat for all of the plays of the Maine Masque Theater and saw all the productions—very impressive."

Most remarkable change: "I was born in Maine and never visited another state until after I was 21 years old. Since then I have visited most of the 50 states and have traveled all over the world."

**Lorraine "Lorrie" Skolfield Lowell** lives in Phippsburg, Maine, with a winter home in Sun City Center, Florida. She majored in medical technology and was on the W.A.A. Council.

She and Lloyd D. Lowell have four children and three grandchildren. "While the children were growing up, I was involved in youth volunteer activities in the church, school, and community," she reports.

Her outstanding memory (not necessarily fond): "The one-mile trek between The Elms and campus which we made several times a day regardless of the weather."

Her most remarkable change: "Leaving Maine for 30 years in New Jersey and becoming snowbirds in retirement: six months in Maine, six months in Florida."

**Lida M. Maxim Muench** of Lillian, Alabama, majored in home economics (dietetics), belonged to Chi Omega sorority, and participated in tumbling.

She and her husband Gerald have six children and will have 10 grandchildren by the time you receive this magazine. She has been a homemaker since 1955. "I have been a Navy wife for 23 years, living all over the United States."

Lida is active in her community: "I belong to Lillian Women's Club, South Alabama Senior Travelers,



**Class of 1953 correspondent Nancy Schott Plaisted (right) receives the Golden "M" Award from Donna Keirstead Thornton '78, '79G, director of alumni operations, during the 50th Reunion class dinner on May 30. Nancy has served as an outstanding class correspondent for 10 years. She also serves on the class executive committee and was instrumental in putting together the *Class of 1953 Memory Book*.**

bridge club, and the Lillian Angels—we sew outfits and knit for premature babies at Sacred Heart Hospital. I help the battered women's shelter and help needy families."

Her favorite memory: "Chi Omega initiation and meeting so many people and friendship."

**Beverly "Bev" Pettengill Parsons** of Streator, Illinois, majored in English and received her M.S. from Illinois State University in '83. "During my wonderful years at the University of Maine, I served as president of Women's Student Government Association. I belonged to Delta Delta Delta sorority and was an All Maine Woman."

She and husband Robert L. Parsons, M.D. '51 have five children and five grandchildren: "After the children left home for college, I began a 20-year English teaching career at Streator Township High School. I retired in 1994. We have enjoyed our life here in Streator, a town of 15,000 some 90 miles southwest of Chicago. Bob chose to practice internal medicine here after finishing his training in Chicago 43 years ago. We even live in the same house! I've always been involved in the community, participating in book clubs and serving on the school board for many years."

"My favorite memory (of course!) was meeting my husband in Milford Wence's sophomore composition class and being courted to THE

PROPHET in the spring of '51 on the campus green.

"My life since graduation has been rich with the challenges of bringing up five lively, curious children, being a worthy partner to my husband, refining my profession, supporting our grandchildren (ages two to 20), and caring for my 94-year-old mother. I've been very lucky and my spirit stays true to Maine, 'the college of our hearts always.'"

**Merton E. "Mert" Poore** of Wells, Maine, majored in animal science and earned a M.S. from UMaine in 1955.

Student Activities: Alpha Zeta honor society. Had H.P. Hood scholarship.

Mert and Priscilla (Bates '46) have three children and six grandchildren.

Mert taught science at Sanford and Noble High Schools and became head of the department. He retired in '84. He joined the U.S. Army (pre-Korea)—construction engineers, and served in Korea 1946 to '48. "Enrolled in UMaine '49. Left in '51 before birth of first child and graduated from University of Connecticut 1953. Returned to Maine in master's program and graduated in '55 with a M.S."

"Hobbies were hunting and fishing. Also interested in music. Joined gospel quartet in '68—the Revelaires—with them for nine

years traveling all over New England and into Canada. Next gospel group was with former students from Noble High School—the Rising Sons and sang with them for seven years until afflicted with Parkinson's disease. In M.S. program, research with frozen semen produced first calf called 'Frosty.'"

Mert's favorite memory: "Met many great people while living in South Apartments. Everyone married and poor. Treasure graduate friendships with head of department Doc Dickey and Doc Brugman, my mentor. Also Spike Leonard '39 and Win Pullen '41 in the animal department."

**Richard K. "Dick" Robinson** of Waldorf, Maryland, was a wildlife conservation major and later attended grad school at the University of Miami. "I was pretty much a stick in the mud," he writes of his campus years.

He and Judy have four children and two grandchildren.

"I have lived in Connecticut, New Mexico, California, Florida, Georgia, Virginia, and Maryland. I have worked for the Connecticut and Massachusetts fish and game departments, as a forester for the Army in the Panama Canal Zone (assessing the feasibility of a timber management program on Army lands), as a national park ranger in New Mexico and California, and as a biologist for the fish and wildlife service in Florida, Georgia, and Virginia (my last assignment was issuing or denying permits to use or import/export wildlife or plants under the Endangered Species Act and/or the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. My only other employment of note (probably not suitable for a 'family publication') was at the University of Miami medical school (while I was working on a graduate degree in marine fisheries). My job was to obtain extracts from uteri from surgical wards and the morgue and test them for enzyme activity. My boss used to kid me about being 'the old organ grinder' and that I should volunteer for the old show 'What's My Line?' I'm now retired."

Dick works with Christmas in April—sort of like Habitat for Humanity. "Instead of building houses, they go around and pick out six or eight low-income homes that need repair or painting and then they have a workday in April when they go and do the work. I'm also building a deck right now and my wife, Judy, has a decorative painting/faux finishing business with her daughter."



Favorite memory: "I think Pushaw Pond. We used to go out there and have picnics. Don't you know the son? 'Pushaw Pond is rising and the beer is running low. I scarcely think we'll get a drink till we get to Orono.' One who probably won't remember me (**Zeke Mavodones**—let's face it, even the Pope knows Zeke!), and another who hopefully will (**Bob Ford**). Bob and I used to kid each other about our accents (mine 'Bahston,' and his 'Noo Yawk'). I can still hear him saying, 'I used to sit on the coib at Toity Toid Street and watch da boids choip and eat doity oithwoims.'"

**Phyllis "Phyl" Noyes Scantlebury** of Pompano Beach, Florida, was a home economics major and took part in lots of student activities—Pi Beta Phi sorority (president 1951-1952), Pan-Hellenic Council (president 1952-1953), cheerleader ('51, '52, '53), Modern Dance Club, Home Economics Club, Sigma Mu Sigma honorary psychology fraternity, Pi Beta Phi National Award, All Maine Women, and General Student Senate.

Phyl married Franklin Beekman, M.D., UMaine '52 and after his death, married Ted (Union College). She has three children and seven grandchildren.

She worked in merchandising and retailing with G. Fox and Company in Hartford, Connecticut, and became assistant buyer. After three years she retired to become a homemaker.

Special interests: womens club, garden club, yacht club, jazz society, hospital auxiliary and organization to help abused and neglected children.

Phyllis's favorite memories are: "Sorority activities and social functions, living in Balentine Hall, cheer-leading at football and basketball games. Art classes with Professor Vincent Hartgen."

**Theodore C. "Ted" Tocci** lives in Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, and majored in education.

His student activities included SAE, Sophomore Owls, Scabbard and Blade, varsity baseball, Maine Outing Club, and the Hockey Club.

Ted and Marietta (B.A. University of Michigan; MBA, University of Minnesota) have six children and 15 grandchildren.

Ted worked for 3M Company (Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing), marketing operations manager with 38 years in sales and marketing. After 32 years of active duty and Reserves, he is a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel.

Ted's special interests: Operate



Enjoying the Reunion 2003 banquet on May 31 are (left to right): Albert Card '53, Nancy Hunter, and Vernon Hunter '58.

and maintain the Mac "N" Tocci orchard (100 trees) growing five varieties of apples, mostly McIntosh; volunteer work chairing the Hampton Falls planning board and capital improvements program/master planning committee; commissioner with the Rockingham planning commission and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (both regional organizations dealing with coordinated planning, orderly growth, efficient land use, environmental protection, and transportation needs). Travel regularly (mostly foreign), golf, ski, and play tennis as often as time allows.

Ted's favorite memory: "Being a member of the Hockey Club long before varsity hockey began. The team scheduled games and traveled throughout the state playing several colleges and schools. The players had all been members of high school hockey teams, several were All Stars. Paul Flaig '51 and Ed Bryand '52 were the organizers. Paul did the coaching. We traveled by car at our own expense. Practice was on the pond adjacent to the Maine Outing Club building. The team had many talented players and was highly competitive."

**Gainor McGorrell "McGoo"** Ventresco from Deer Isle, Maine, majored in elementary education and while on campus sang with the UMaine Glee Club and University Singers. She and A. Joseph have three children. Now retired from teaching elementary school, she has a summer job as assistant manager of Terrell Lester Photography Gallery and owner of Spofford Hill Barn

in Deer Isle. Her interests include quilting, writing, interior design, and volunteer work.

**Robert H. "Whitey" White**, who hails from Emerado, North Dakota, majored in education and later earned both a M.A. in political science and a M.Ed. at the University of North Dakota.

He belonged to Beta Theta Pi and enjoyed working briefly with Maine Masque.

He and Barbara have three children and five grandchildren.

His career from 1953 to 1974 was with the USAF, doing air and surface transportation, from which he retired in 1974 as a major. From 1975 to 1995 he worked in the North Dakota schools as a teacher, principal, and district superintendent.

Special interests: Emerado/Arvilla Lions, 19 years, past president; editor, newsletter; director, North Dakota Rural Electric Operation Roundup. His hobbies include wind energy, wildlife conservation, and golf.

Most infamous memory: Beta's "Cannon Run." Favorite memory: "association with Beta brother Thomas Neil 'Scrumpty' Woolverton" (deceased).

Well, that's just a few. There are many more!

I recently went to my youngest son's wedding in California, cold, windy, and rainy, but it was a beautiful wedding, especially the wedding vows. And off they went to Italy for a 10-day honeymoon, and I went "camping" on mine for two weeks!

Now, I'm off to Disney World with my four-year-old granddaughter,

Carli, to meet up with my daughter and family who are coming back to Maine in their new 40-foot motor home which they're picking up in Tampa. They've been traveling the world since September (returning from Belize) and will be seeing the U.S. for two months, and then home to stay, I think.

Luckily I'll have plenty of photos to put in future columns, due to this Memory Book. Again, thanks for sending them in. There are some great ones! (Of course, there could be a new class notes secretary voted in, so I do want to say it's been great to have done this column for the past 10 years. You've been great when I've called and thanks for letting me know you better. You're wonderful!)

So long. Take care. Note: We missed all of you who couldn't make it to Reunion. Perhaps the next one—and hopefully we'll meet summers somewhere by the ocean, in the hills, the lakes, the mountains—somewhere. We've got to keep in touch. That's what life is all about. People!

## 1954

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As I write our class notes I'm tuned in to the Pentagon report on the activity in Iraq which began last night. By the time this gets delivered I hope it's all wrapped up and reconstruction has begun.

**Jim Holland** writes that he and his wife Claudette have been following Maine football and hockey teams saying, "They're the greatest." They missed Homecoming last fall because Jim had to sit grand jury duty every Friday for 10 weeks from mid-August through October.

**Henry Pa-Houng Sheng**, now a lecturer at the University of California at Riverside, has been named a Fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Henry earned his Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University of Oklahoma in 1968. He was an AIChE emissary to the Chinese Institute of Chemical Engineering as far back as 1972. More recently, he founded the student chapter of AIChE at the UCal Riverside campus.

## Go Black Bears!



On New Year's Eve 2002, **Bill Zoidis**, owner of the Pilots Grill, closed its doors for the last time. I remember feeling so special as a little girl when our family would celebrate with a meal at the restaurant and later, as a UMaine coed, having a date and dining at the Pilots Grill. The Zoidis family opened the restaurant near the runway of Bangor Airfield in 1940. Bill was honored at an evening at the Bangor Civil Center spearheaded by Larry Mahaney '51 and attended by business and civic leaders, elected officials, and other dignitaries, family members, and lots of friends. The event also marked the start of the William P. Zoidis Scholarship, being established at the University of Maine in his honor.

The alumni office sent along a nice note from **Ann Salim Saad** who lives in Moosup, Connecticut. She's married, has five children and 10 grandchildren. Ann has retired after teaching music and is now organist at her parish and other churches in the area as needed.

It's always interesting to learn about classmates and their doings. Write me a note and let's not be out of touch.

## 1955

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As spring has passed and summer is upon us, I am sure we are all looking forward to some nice, sunny weather for at least a few months anyway.

It was nice to receive an e-mail from **Everett Harriman** who is now living in Auburn, New Hampshire. Nice to get caught up on his years since graduation. For about 15 years Everett lived in Portland and did industrial consulting work in manufacturing improvements and market research with companies near and as far away as Brazil, Mexico, Canada, Scotland, Guatemala, and Greece. He said that the work was fun and challenging but many of the delays at airports were no enjoyment. He got his graduate degree at Orono. Everett has given someone in our class a challenge to create a picture trail site for our class which could be scanned and

posted on the web site so that persons who no longer have their print copy of our yearbook could revisit the past via the yearbook photos. He suggests this, as he no longer has his yearbook and would love to be able to go on-line and see the things that are in our yearbook. Good idea. Any takers? Keep in touch, Everett, and we look forward to seeing you at our 50th.

There was a nice article in the Belfast, Maine, *Republican Journal* about Janet Mayo Sylvester '56 and **Harrison Sylvester**. Harrison is past president of the Learning Disabilities Association of America and a past president of the Learning Disabilities Association of Maine. He received a bachelor of science degree in engineering and worked for 14 years as a construction engineer and plant manager. He spent 25 years designing and building classic sailboats and has a new book, *The Legacy of the Blue Heron*, which tells his personal story of living with learning disabilities which were properly diagnosed when Sylvester was 57. The article points out that, "Like so many adult students, his problems had nothing to do with intelligence or motivation, but with specific reading and writing difficulties that just needed some special help to overcome." Harrison and Janet were presented with the Learning Disabilities Association of America Literacy Lions Award. What a marvelous accomplishment you two have made in advocating and service on behalf of literacy and the learning-disabled over these many years. A sincere congratulations to you from your class who admire your candor and courage.

What a very exciting life **Dr. Don Stimpson** has led since our graduation. He received a veterinary medicine degree from the University of Toronto and operated a veterinary practice in Presque Isle and taught at UMaine Presque Isle for many years. He served six years as dean of men at UMPI, five years as chairman of the S.A.D. 1 board of directors, and three years as chairman of the Presque Isle city council. Don was on the University of Maine faculty from 1981 to 1996 and was chairman of the animal science department and later was associate dean of the college of agriculture and also held the position of interim dean of the college until his retirement. At the Maine Veterinary Association's meeting, he was honored with the Veterinary Service Award for his leadership in animal science, his distinguished service to the

university, and the encouragement he provided to students and future veterinarians.

**Wally Covell** of Waterville will be inducted into the next class of The Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Wally has coached for 45 years at schools including Orono High, Colby College, the University of Southern Maine, and Lawrence High. Congratulations on your being inducted into this very illustrious group.

Congratulations are in order to **Peter and Peggy Libby Standley** '53 on the birth of a new grandson, Caleb Thomas, born to their son and daughter-in-law. Pete and Peggy traveled to Lexington, Kentucky, to welcome Caleb home at four days old. They have also visited their daughter Pam in Texas, made trips to Hilton Head, South Carolina; Outer Banks, North Carolina; Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, and to their timeshares in the Poconos. No wonder your van has over 93,000 miles! Peg is still busy with the Girl Scouts Historical Committee, and Pete is still involved with the Boy Scouts at troop, district, and council levels, promoting summer camp. Sounds like you both are really involved in between your trips.

Right now as I am composing this material for our class column, **Muriel Verrill Gade** is on a cruise to Hawaii. Hope you had a good time, Muriel. Muriel is another one of our classmates who is very involved in the community. She is co-president-elect of AAUW, secretary of her retired teachers group, and for the hospital auxiliary. She says she just doesn't know when to say "no." Muriel participated in her first Elderhostel and thought that it was a wonderful experience. I have heard from so many people who have done Elderhostels and have enjoyed them.

Sometimes this job as class correspondent can be discouraging when it's time to write an article and I don't have any news at all. Today was one of those days which made my life so much happier and easier in completing the column for this time when a classmate called whom I hadn't seen since graduation.

**Frank Roberts** and I talked for almost a half hour. Fortunately for Frank, he lives in Portland so it was not a toll call. Frank has led a very interesting life having taught five years at North Carolina State, one year at USM, and 33 years at the University of Maine in Orono, having retired in 1997. Frank taught zoology and was the head of the zoology department. He has five daughters,

all of whom reside out of state except one. I asked him what he does now that he is retired, and he says that he runs a lot but not for distance now. Genealogy takes up a great deal of Frank's free time, and he just returned from a two-week visit to London working on his genealogy. The temperature in London was in the 60s and he said it was very nice weather while he was there. It was rather ironic, as when he was working on his research in London, he was referred to a person in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, who was associated with the Mormon Church here in Cape Elizabeth who would be a good source to help him with his genealogy. Small world sometimes, isn't it? Frank has done a lot of traveling over the years and is not certain whether he will remain in the Portland area, but we hope he will, and he indicated that he would like to try to make our 50th Reunion. Extremely nice talking to you, Frank, and I do appreciate very much your taking the time to give me a call.

Guess that's all for this time. Hope to have some news from you to put in our column for the next issue.

## 1956

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I am sitting in my shop looking out over our side yard at the remains of a snowy and cold winter here in Maine. We still have at least three feet of snow over my garden. I do have seeds started in my indoor garden in the cellar but it looks like it will be a while before I get them outside. All of you must have been told, as I have been many times, that if you want things to turn out the way you want them, you must prepare in advance. This does work out most of the time, but sometimes it doesn't. Case in point: I have a granddaughter (fourth grade) who loves to sing and act. Her school was planning on presenting *The Music Man*. She wanted to be Marian; she practiced extensively, and went to the auditions. She did not get it, but did pull out a small speaking role. Her younger brother (third grade) who went along because his mother wouldn't let him stay at home alone decided he would try



out also. He is going to be Winthrop. No planning ahead of time at all. So, go figure!

I received several long articles regarding some of our classmates and I will try to summarize them for you.

**Charles "Gus" Folsom** will be inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame on June 8, 2003, in Bangor. He will be honored for his tenure and success as the boys' basketball coach of Lawrence High School in Fairfield. The Lawrence gym is named in honor of Folsom.

The wall hangings of **Geraldine Wallace Williams** were displayed at the Hudson Museum at the University of Maine campus from January through May in Orono. Gerry, a Phi Mu, learned embroidery and quilting from her mother and grandmother. She has turned these skills into works of art using fabric and thread. She works her pictures like a painting, building from the background forward and they are truly beautiful. From the *Bangor Daily News*: "The exhibit also includes...photos of her mother and grandmother. Thus it is about the tradition of mother handing down sewing skills to daughter; which implies continuity of life and reverence for the wisdom of what our elders have to teach us." I have seen Gerry's work and it really is wonderful.

**Fred Atwood-Lyon** has been hired as the interim minister at Amherst Congregational Church in New Hampshire. Fred has officially retired but truly enjoys the process of being an interim pastor. "I operate between the already and the not yet." He had just finished another interim post in Massachusetts and he says he enjoys being there for a congregation during a time of change.

**James Moore** has written another book, *Human Sacrifice*, this time about a murder in Bowdoin in 1988. Moore, a retired federal agent, maintains in the book that Dennis Dechaine who was convicted of that murder is innocent. The book claims that the killer roams free. Dechaine is serving a life sentence at the state prison in Warren. The book is available through Nobleboro's Blackberry Press.

**Philip Andrews** of Millinocket has been reelected to a three-year term on the Lincoln Sanitary District board of trustees.

**Hans van Leer** in a letter to the University of Maine Alumni Association enclosed an article about Jim Butterfield, who was at Maine in Hans's freshman year. During his



**Class of 1958 officers get together at their class luncheon during Reunion 2003. Left to right are: Priscilla Pfeiffer Wonkka, Doris White Smith, James Kelley, Ginny Freeman, and Sandy Daley Denman.**

business travels around the world building agri complexes, he crossed paths with both Jim and his brother Jack. Since his own retirement Hans has lived on his unfenced wildlife farm in Trumansburg, New York, near Ithaca. He no longer raises farm animals, but he does have herds of wild deer and turkey. He harvests the turkeys and this past fall had a successful season from them. He sends his regards to all his Maine alumni friends and the Class of 1956.

Don't forget to look at the university web site for info from the school ([www.umaine.edu](http://www.umaine.edu)).

After I send this off I must get to work and finish the second of three quilts I am making for a talk on old quilt patterns for my local DAR chapter next week. I have the third one cut out and pieced but it won't be done in time. I will just have to take the top only. Did I begin this column about forward planning?

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.

Jody

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## 1957

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The first (of two) clipping in my "dreaded (because it means another column is due) brown envelope" had an October 19, 2002, article on candidates running for House District 56 with **William "Bill" Earle** advocating support for education funding and continuance of the laptop program in line with his work in coaching, teaching, and counseling. Now he is sitting in the House, serving on the Health and Human Services Committee and hoping to encourage a revision of the tax structure. A sixth grade group from Bristol School was visiting Bill and the House where "Happy Birthday" was sung to three members celebrating that day and when they all went over for the class to meet John Baldacci '86, he said, "Hi, Bill, happy birthday, it's my birthday too" and the class sang "Happy Birthday" to the governor in his office. You can see what a time lag is involved in your class notes.

In response to a query of mine, **Pat Wade Fraker** writes, "My pet project is a nonprofit corporation we established at the end of 1999 called Criminon of Maine. We offer educational courses to prison inmates. We started with one student and one instructor (my husband

Robert) and now have 65 correspondence students in nine prisons in five states with 12 volunteer instructors. We started an in-house program last October at the Moran facility in Cranston, Rhode Island, with a class of 13. Our first course is a non-religious, common-sense moral code consisting of 21 precepts. Each precept deals with a specific area or activity of life and explains why following such a code will actually lead to a better life. The end result is that the inmate regains his self respect. Following completion of this course, there are a variety of course choices: Learning Improvement, Overcoming the Effects of Drugs, Personal Integrity, Handling Suppression, Improving Conditions in Life, and Parenting Skills. The success stories written by inmates who complete courses are heartwarming and keep us enthusiastic about this strictly volunteer project. If anyone would like to help by taking a student or students, contact me at 207-633-0321 or by e-mail [rpfraker@clinic.net](mailto:rpfraker@clinic.net).

You might enjoy this excerpt from an article in *Working Waterfront* on Islesboro's general stores. **Judy Pendleton Coffin** remembers that there was always a group of old men congregated about the store's spittoon swapping stories. If the men weren't in the store, they were outside (weather permitting) around the back sitting on benches, drinking beer. One of Judy's jobs was to gather the empty brown beer bottles into wooden crates at the end of each week, so that they would be shipped back to the mainland to be refilled. A week of sitting outside had left the bottles in pretty unappetizing shape, full of spiders and slugs. To this day Judy can't stand the smell of beer and would never consider partaking. Currently Judy reports Jack '56 is still doing estate caretaking and fixing computer problems on the side while she is taking care of her mother, she is a friend of the Alice L. Pendleton Library, and is serving as president of the Islesboro Ambulance Association.

In a holiday letter from **Phil and Sylvia MacKenzie Emery**, Sylvia praised modern medicine's ability to give you what used to be major surgery, have you home in two days and cooking dinner in three, and reported that she exercises by cleaning house and looking at the treadmill. Phil is now on five boards and in three bands, and sweeps a nearby parking lot to make a good place to rollerblade when the weather is good which does not bother his



back. They're relieved to have kept their generator through the moves since they purchased it in Connecticut. They enjoy gathering all 18 of their family together when they can, either at their home or one of the children's.

On a more timely (for when you are reading this) note is the other clipping that came with the news that **Bill Trough** will be able to wear his Boston Red Sox hat as he sits behind the first base dugout at Hadlock Field this year. He has retired from six years as president of the AA Eastern League, promoting affordable baseball while the league expanded by two teams, no franchises were moved, and corporate sponsorship was increased. He will continue to practice law and will serve as a consultant to the minor league office, helping to develop cooperation between city governments and teams.

The seed catalogs of today will be full-blown plants with flowers and fruit when this comes to you. That is a nice thought in this old fashioned winter. I hope to plant a few in the "youper peninsula" when we visit **George "Howie" H.** and **Mary Gallop Lyon** while catching up with these friends who have been busy living, rather than writing.

## 1958

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By the time that you read this column, our 45th Reunion will have come and gone. I hope that you all had a great time and that it was the best Reunion ever. It was for me and I certainly thought so. Now's the time to reflect on the good friends that we reconnected with and start planning for the 50th in 2008.

**Herb and Judy Demerchant Cohen** have come back to Maine after spending 25 years in New Jersey. They are residing in Kennebunkport. The Cohens are parents to four and have three grandchildren who will be coming to visit from New York, New Jersey, and Colorado. They are into antiquing (Judy), tennis (Herb), and skiing.

Congratulations to our new state senator for District 19—**Arthur F. Mayo III**. Retired from the funeral business, Art served as a state representative from 1994 to 2002.

While at Maine, Art was a member of ATO and served as president of the Memorial Union activities board. He says his favorite memory of UMaine is helping to raise \$100,000 for the Hauck Auditorium campaign our senior year. The Mayos have two grandchildren.

**Charles Thibodeau** can be found in Port Orange, Florida, where you will probably find him on the golf course. Charles retired from the U.S. Army in 1979 and has three children and five grandchildren. While at Maine he was a member of Kappa Sig and played football and track. He was unable to make the Reunion but is already planning on the 50th. **Patricia Clapp Gray** has fond memories of returning to UMaine in the '70s to complete requirements for medical tech training and the warm welcome and help she received from students who were 20 years younger. Patty retired in 2001 from her medical technology position at Blue Hill Memorial Hospital although she still works on a per diem basis. She is currently president of the board of trustees at George Stevens Academy and sings tenor in the Bagaduce Chorale. While at UMaine, Patty was a member of Chi Omega, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, MCA, and the University Glee Club. She and hubby Donald have four children and one grandchild.

**Janice Putnam Lazarus** may be found at the Littleton, Massachusetts, public library where she has worked since 1993. Janice was an accountant and office worker for nine years, and a public school tutor—special needs for 13 years prior to becoming a librarian. She and Arthur '57 have three children and three grandchildren. In her spare time she is a volunteer at her church and works on the family's genealogy. **Shirley Hodgkins Feinman** holds her master's from the State University of New York-Oneonta. Since she is now retired she volunteers at her church and in her home community of East Aurora, New York, in between trips to Europe and traveling throughout the U.S. During the winter months Shirley resides in Mesa, Arizona. She has two children and three grandchildren. A member of the marching band and Delta Zeta while at UMaine, Shirley says she has many memories of The Elms and the friends she made there. **Halver A. Stedman** can be found in Newport, Maine, during the summer and in the sunny south in St. Augustine, Florida, during the rest of the year.



**Jane Ledyard Lazo '58 was the recipient of the Hilda A. Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award at Reunion 2003. Jane has loyally been reporting her class's news for 40 years.**

Hal, who holds his master's from Jacksonville University, has done graduate work at the University of Florida. He is a retired high school principal and adjunct instructor at Flagler College. A father of two with four grandchildren, he enjoys working with the Boy Scouts in his hometown. **Mary Gowell Goodwin**, who is married to David '57, is the proud mother of five and the very busy grandmother of nine. Mary says she has so many memories of her four years that it is difficult to pick one out. **Richard W. Day** has retired back to Maine. Dick holds his juris doctor from the University of Wyoming and is now a retired lawyer/judge/chief counsel, U.S. Senate subcommittee. Dick and his family (two children) live on a ranch in Cody, Wyoming, where he practices law. They moved east during his work with the subcommittee and are now in Raymond. Dick says sailing, skiing, biking, kayaking, and backpacking keep him on the go literally as well as his four grandchildren. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha he has great memories of those football weekends with perfect fall weather.

**Molly Inman Nagle** has just retired from doing the payroll and personnel work for Reids Confectionery Company. Reids, a wholesale company, is owned by Molly and her husband, Bob. Besides four children and nine grandchildren Molly keeps busy by being on the

board of the Friends of the Bangor Symphony and on the coordinating committee for her church. She says her favorite leisure activity is being with her grandchildren.

**Nancy Carroll Weaver Mello** writes that she has taught school in Maine and Massachusetts, where she spent 15 years with preschool children in Topsfield. Nancy, who lost her first husband in 1974, has four children and 11 grandkids. She does a lot of volunteer work with her church in North Port, Florida, and has many fond memories of Pi Beta Phi, the University poetry readings, football games, dances, and general university life. In her leisure time, she swims, bikes, sails, and dances. **Jane Dudley Newhall** continues to teach for the Head Start program of the Southern Kennebec Child Development Corporation located in Augusta. She also coordinates social services for the free health care clinic, Oasis, at the Parkview Hospital in Brunswick. If the above doesn't keep her busy, she is the chair of the outreach committee, a member of the long range planning, serves as liaison for the Tedford Shelter, and maintains the Memorial Garden all for the First Parish Church in Brunswick. Jane also serves as co-director of a mentoring program at the Brunswick Junior/Senior High School. A resident at The Elms while at UMaine, she served in varying capacities there and on the board of the Memorial Union. She was selected to Sigma Nu Sigma. Jane listed her fondest memories of UMaine as walks around the campus and the many lively discussions at debates.

**Maryann Holt Starbird** went back to school and received her B.A. with a major in painting from the University of Houston in 1979 after her major in English literature at UMaine. Mary Anne has been painting ever since. In between the paintings, she has backpacked over the Continental Divide four times in the Rockies, hiked in the Sierras, and done the Knife Edge of Katahdin two times. She also works with her church in Bar Harbor as a member of the outreach board and as a volunteer for the food pantry. During her years at UMaine she was a member of Phi Beta Phi, the Sophomore Eagles, and liked to play pickup basketball games. Her fondest memory is the night the newly tapped Eagles kick-danced their way onto the street singing the "Stein Song."

**Larry Thurrell**, after retiring from the "chemical and plastic world"



where he worked for Hercules and its offshoots, has his own consulting company called Summit Consulting. Larry and his wife, Helen, have four children and 10 grandchildren (five boys and five girls.) Larry is actively involved with the Center for the Creative Arts where he chairs the facilities task team whose major job is the renovation and expansion of the 1932 building. He is vice president and co-chair of the annual book sale for the Friends of the Hockessin Library. This past summer the Thurrells, with one of their daughters and five grandkids, did a 35-day tour of the U.S. Starting in Washington, D.C., with a pop-up trailer, they went coast to coast through Virginia, Nashville, Arkansas, Oklahoma City, Texas, Santa Fe, Pecos National Park, the Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Death Valley, San Francisco, then back through Nevada, Salt Lake, Idaho, Wyoming, and the Grand Tetons, the Crazy Horse Memorial, Mount Rushmore, Wisconsin, and home. They saw elk, bison, bears (both Grizzlies and black), deer, and coyotes. Larry says it was the trip of a lifetime. While at UMaine, Larry who was a member of Delta Tau Delta and the Memorial Union Activities Board, says the camaraderie of Maine Day remains his favorite memory.

**Barbara Hasey Andrews** writes that she and Tom enjoyed a fabulous trip to France featuring a walled medieval city on the Mediterranean, the French Alps, and Paris. They are still splitting the time between Pennsylvania, Maine, and Florida where they keep themselves busy with theaters, museums, art galleries, church work, live jazz jams, tennis for Tom, and swimming, kayaking, and volunteering for Barbara. They have three children and four grandchildren.

**Thomas Caras** retired as a contract administrator for the Defense Contract Administration, Department of Defense, in Detroit in 1993. Since then, Tom, who is the father of two and the grandfather of four, has been working on his first fiction novel. While at UMaine, Tom was a member of the Maine Masque and the Business Economic Club. He says that one thing he remembers about UMaine is the night he was up all night completing a critical term paper even though he was half asleep while he was writing.

**Warren S. Goding**, who majored in lab technology at UMaine, earned his R.N. from McLean Hospital School of Nursing and served in the



Enjoying a beautiful day in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, are (left to right): Nancy Roberts Munson '59, Bob Munson '59, and Polly and Paul Odegard '59. Nancy serves as the Class of '59 correspondent.

U.S. Army for 20 years. Since his retirement, he has been living in Maryland and acting as a caregiver for the elderly. He is active in his church and has a special interest in gerontology. Well, I guess that's all for this column. More news of your classmates and from the Reunion next time. Remember if you have not as yet paid your alumni dues now is the time.

## 1959

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Hi, '59ers! I am so pleased to report that some of you have taken the time to communicate with me and I hope more will follow suit.

First of all, **Bob** and I recently enjoyed having old friends **Paul** and **Polly Odegard** visit us. They spent a few weeks at their condo nearby and then were on their way to Key Largo where Paul was participating in the Sunfish International Masters Championship where he placed in the top 10. From there they were traveling to St. Petersburg for the Mid-Winter Sunfish Championships. Paul has been an avid sailor for many years and continues to participate in various championship events. They are currently living in Glastonbury and Leete's Island, Connecticut.

A lengthy e-mail from **Joyce**

**Crockett Ashmanskas** was wonderful to receive. Joyce and husband Don have lived in Beaverton, Oregon, for 37 years. Don is a full-time U.S. magistrate judge in Portland, Oregon. Joyce is retired but keeps busy on the board of the Profile Theater Project in Portland and as county representative on the Oregon Cultural Trust. By coincidence their mentoring program was with the Maine Cultural Trust. Their daughter Adrienne owns her own salon, son Gardener is a criminal defense attorney in Portland, and son Brooks Hamilton Ashmanskas is a talented actor, singer, and dancer who has performed in NYC for 12 years. He was performing in *Gypsy* which opened in May. Coincidentally I had spotted his name in an article about the theater last summer in the *Boston Globe* and just knew it had to be Joyce's son. Joyce is already planning to attend our 2004 Reunion. She would love to hear from classmates via e-mail. Her address is: joyceashmanskas@aol.

**Anita Peavey Haskell** wrote a nice note saying that she has recently been reelected to her second term to the state Legislature which she finds to be a fascinating, frustrating, but always educational experience. She previously taught school for 38 years and finds many similarities between the Legislature and classroom. Anita lives in Greenbush where she has had her dream house built on the farm where she grew up.

**Anne Christiansen Sleeper** e-mails that she and Dave '58 have lived in Hermon since 1974 when they moved up from Connecticut.

Dave worked 13 years for Electric Boat in Groton while Anne raised the family. Dave is now involved in real estate and owned Realty of Maine in Bangor. Anne has retired after 23 years in elementary education. They are the proud grandparents of 10! Anne would love to hear from other Chadbourn Hall alums; her e-mail address is: annesleeper@yahoo.com.

**Joan Burgess Hodgdon** writes that she is still enjoying life in Texas and is busy with church and social activities and volunteer tutoring. A highlight of her year was going to England for the Scottish wedding of her youngest daughter in an ancient castle. She also traveled to the Canadian Rockies, Maryland, and Oklahoma to visit friends and family.

A Christmas letter from **Muffy Campbell Murphy** relates the celebrations of various birthdays and their 40th wedding anniversary. Muffy and husband Mike who live in Spokane, Washington, spend part of the year at their home in Palm Desert. They traveled this year also to Maui, Hawaii, Bermuda, Italy, and France. Mike expects to be fully retired from the CPM companies by the end of the year. Two of their sons, David and Drew, also live in Spokane with their families and continue to work for the company. Son Steve works for Nordstrom in California.

**C. Walter Hansen** was elected to a seat on the town council in Scarborough. Before retiring he had been a teacher, athletic director, and high school principal.

**Richard Blanchard** of Old Town was reelected to his fifth four-year term as county commissioner, District 3.

That's it for now. Keep those communications coming.

## 1960

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Received a letter from **Cal Thomas** who lives in Daytona Beach, Florida. Cal left the Maine public television network and moved his family, in 1975, to Pittsburgh, where he worked as a vice president at WQED for five years. In 1980 he started his own TSD company.

In 1999 Cal moved to Florida where he lives by the Halifax River in Daytona Beach. In addition to spending a great deal of time in



California, he runs his own consulting business. He is also doing some writing targeted toward publication.

Cal's daughter, Kathleen, is a Boston University graduate who works in Boston. His son, Cal 3rd, graduated from Arizona State University and now lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Cal's wife Connie passed away in 2001. In the spring of 2002 Cal was on the University of Maine campus helping with a memorial event honoring his mother, Polly Thomas, for whom the dance studio is named in the School for the Performing Arts in Orono.

There is a lively race for Lincoln County, Maine, treasurer this year as Bristol Democrat **Donald Means** seeks to unseat incumbent representative Don Williams of Bristol.

Retired school teacher and Old Town, Maine, resident **Anna Foss Wareing**, who for many years provided piano music for the Rotary Club, returned to do the honors for the Rotary Club celebration of their 75th anniversary.

## 1961

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Wish I had more news but alas, my electronic and snail mail boxes are empty. A few items from the local newspapers: **Wayne Champeon** was elected to the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. Wayne was a football and basketball standout while in college and was the first recipient of the university's Athlete of the Year award in 1960. **Jerome Plante** ran for county treasurer of Old Orchard Beach but lost to James Atwood.

**Joshua "Skip" Day** retired after 16 years as town administrator of Lincolnville. Before taking the administrator's job, Skip served 23 years in the Air Force, retiring as a major. Another retiree is **Keith Cook** who served as school superintendent for the Howland-Enfield area for the last year and one half. Keith plans to resume his practice as a psychologist in Waterville.

And finally, **Pete Gammons** in his role as Norbert Twitchell entertained the D.C. State of Maine Society members at their annual lobster dinner in May. Pete kept the group in



**Evie Krauter Averill '63 stops to talk with master gardener volunteer Debbie Smith during a tour of campus gardens during Reunion 2003.**

laughter and tears with his down home and Down East stories.

## 1962

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With the Reunion and Christmas news reported, my mailbag is feeling a bit empty. Be sure that you send me all your vacation and family info to share with the class.

I did receive a nice, long letter from **Marti Haskell Collins** who has been living and working in Manhattan for the past 20 years. The letter not only included much news, but also adorable pictures of her grandchildren. While Marti has stayed in New York City, her three boys and their families have scattered around the county. Marti filled me in on her work, the main focus being healing and consciousness raising. She has had a massage therapy practice since 1985 and has developed and taught teen abuse prevention programs in the New York City schools. Marti and her staff have served over

10,000 teens and 5,000 adults in the past few years. Having trained several of her staff to do the teaching, she is now concentrating on writing a children's book—a very busy woman.

**Tom and Linda Gillies Patrick** e-mailed me over the holidays. They had a wonderful trip to Scandinavia to celebrate their anniversary. They were especially excited about time spent exploring the Norwegian fjords and the city of Copenhagen. Tom and Linda then traveled to England and met up with friends in London for dinner. A final highlight of the trip was a private tour of Buckingham Palace. Happy anniversary to you both.

In November, **Wendell Porter** was reelected to another three-year-term on the Lincoln sanitary district board of trustees. Wendell received over 50 percent of the possible votes in that race.

Well, that's all for now. Remember to send me your news. And to all New Englanders, enjoy the summer weather. After our winter we'll really appreciate the sunshine and heat!

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## 1963

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I must say that having the class update forms coming in sure helps to write a column! Search for yours and please fill it out and return it. There are classmates who would like to know where and how you are doing these days!

**Gail Hoxie Brown**, of Hampden, Maine, is a retired teacher enjoying golf, knitting, gardening, and cooking. She has served on the board of a homeless shelter for teens and received an award by the Student Educator Association of Maine for Mentoring (2002).

**William R. Chandler** of North Dartmouth, Massachusetts, is now retired. **Tom and Penny Hender-shot Deans** are in Center Conway, New Hampshire. Tom is senior vice president of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. Penny is a practicing attorney.

**Marcia Roak Fitzgerald** is in Marlboro, Massachusetts. She has retired from teaching and is traveling (Italy), volunteering (American Cancer Society Relay for Life, church, and hospital auxiliary). Her fondest memory of those college years was being placed in the basement of Chadbourne Hall during freshman year. Although not happy at first, the group bonded and became close. Many of those 13 "cellar rats" are close friends today (yours truly being one). Another cellar rat, **Pat Small Flaherty**, lives in Marblehead, Massachusetts. She is a court reporter for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Suffolk Superior Court. She is a weaver and has her own business, Sedgwick Fiber Arts. She teaches weaving as well and also sells through galleries. Pat is a volunteer with the local art association as a board member. While at the university, she fondly remembers working with Professor Hartgen and as a senior, being invited to his home once a week for a critique class.

**Nicole Kimball Groff** of Hatfield, Pennsylvania, retired from classroom teaching of French and Russian in June of 2000. Her trips abroad have helped her understand other cultures and also learn more about herself. Her volunteer activities include the community orches-



tra, literacy tutor, and church involvement.

**Kay King** writes from St. Johns, Newfoundland, that she is still owner of an Italian Pizza franchise and about to retire to a small community in Newfoundland called Happy Adventure. She says, "If nothing else, the name is intriguing." This past fall, she visited with Carol Atwood Parsons '64 in Bingham, Maine, while on a kayaking trip. During the winter, she spent six weeks in St. Petersburg, Florida.

**Frances Proctor** is a retired Bangor teacher and librarian, who enjoys researching and identifying antiques, particularly china and glass.

**Stephen Ridley** has been at the University of Wisconsin- River Falls since he left Maine with his Ph.D. in plant science. He is now interim dean, CAFES (college of agriculture, food, and environmental services). He and his wife, Janet, have been involved for several years with Young Life, a Christian outreach ministry to teens.

**Sandra Gass Schiff** retired from teaching in public schools in 1992. She is a travel agent and cruise specialist for Quinnipiac Travel in Hamden, Connecticut. She says she has, "become hip" (right hip replacement in 1999). **Deborah Chapman Sprague** writes from Cape Elizabeth, Maine, that she is a retired teacher enjoying golf, skiing, and reading. She and husband, Fred '62, have lived all over the U.S. and in Europe; a wonderful experience.

**Mary Jo Brush Thoman** is treasurer of The Northern Corporation in Fayville, Massachusetts. She visits her 100-year-old mother in a nursing home every day and is active in her church. Her fond memories of her Maine years include a trip with Maine Masque to Pakistan and India.

**Rowland Wasgatt** is retired and living in Fort Collins, Colorado.

For those of you who remember **Algis Kalvaitis**, there is a web site you might want to check out. A detailed story of his experience at Pearl Harbor, in a mini sub, is there for the reading. Go to [www.nurp.noaa.gov](http://www.nurp.noaa.gov) and check out the subject of Japanese Midget sub.

**Lee Bingham** is overseeing the building of a Greenfield Tissue Mill in Barton, Alabama. It will be a four-year effort and Lee will be going between an office in Philadelphia and another in Barton.

I hope you have a great time at the Reunion. I will be attending my son's wedding that weekend so will not be there to see you.



**Sandy Phippen '64 (left) was a recipient of a Stillwater Award at the Stillwater Society dinner at Buchanan Alumni House on May 2. Next to Sandy are UMaine First Lady Dianne Hoff and President Peter Hoff. Sandy is one of Maine's best known writers as well as a renowned high school English teacher in Orono.**

## 1964

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**Delmont Merrill** will be inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame in July. Del coached at Husson College for 19 years and was named New England Baseball Coach of the Year three times. He was inducted into the Husson Athletic Hall of Fame in 1985 and the Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.

I received an e-mail from **Judy Dresser Campbell**. She's worked as a registered dietitian since graduation from UMaine. She and her husband Kenneth have lived in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, since 1965 and have three children and three grandchildren. She has had her own consulting business, and for the last 18 years she has worked as director of the Scarborough School Nutrition Program in Scarborough. Judy said her college roommate, **Mary Day Monahan**, lives in Cumberland, Rhode Island, and teaches in one of the middle schools there. Judy's cousin, **Betsy Hall Domoto**, lives with her husband in St. Louis, Missouri, where she is a travel agent. Betsy's daughter is in law school in New York.

I had an e-mail from Stu Gerald '65 who told me that he and Maggie Edgar Gerald '65 are leaving the Washington area and are relocating to Huntsville, Alabama. It'll be nice to have a fellow UMaine graduate nearby.

**L. Dewey Chase** wrote to say he is spending more time at Abaco (Bahamas) now that his real estate business allows him more time away from home.

**Roger and Barbara Keith Boucher** attended an alumni event in Naples, Florida, in March. They have been full-time residents of Marco Island since 1990, where Roger runs Pelican Bay Property Management Company and Barbara is a freelance interior designer. They have been married for 39 years and have two children and four grandchildren.

I got this news flash from my sister, Susan Harburger Mullin '65. She and **Marcia Hebert Doherty** (my UMO roommate) attended that alumni event as well!

On a personal note, our youngest son, Jason, who has been living and teaching English in Japan for six years, returned to the states in April, and we have all three of our children in the U.S.A. for the first time since 1997!

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## 1965

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I spoke with **Bruce Bayuk** in January. I was sorry to learn that he lost his race for a Rhode Island House of Representatives seat. However, he had challenged the state's most powerful politician with a write-in campaign and lost by less than 200 votes. Bruce is a sales executive at Hewlett-Packard. He told me that his oldest son (35) works in finance in Boston, and his younger son (31) is now a doctor. He also has a stepson, Jeff Britt, who was his campaign manager. Bruce and his wife, Pam, visit and go sailing with his fraternity brother, Rendle Jones '64 and wife **Pat Kopfmann Jones**, who live in a new waterfront home in Camden.

**Roger Moody**, a Camden native, has joined Camden National Bank as vice president of community development and government banking. He will be the bank's liaison with community, non-profit, and educational organizations. He also will concentrate on providing resources for government sectors at the municipal and county level to encourage growth and prosperity. Roger began his public service career in Connecticut, where he was the administrative assistant to the mayor of East Hartford. He served as city manager for Ellsworth and most recently as town manager of Camden for more than 11 years. He lives in Camden with his wife, Audrey, who is assistant librarian at Camden Hills High School. Their son, Nathan, is a website designer in California.

**Karl Turner**, a Republican, retained his Maine Senate District 26 seat, with 57 percent of the vote. An Eastport native now living in Cumberland, he is a principal in the firm of Knight's Financial Advisors. Karl is married to Susannah Swihart and has three children, Brandon, 32; Jessika, 29; and Abby, 10, a sixth-grader.

In June, **Larry Hallowell** is retiring as S.A.D. 45 superintendent of schools, a position he has held since December 2000. He has spent 38 years in education, with only a 14-month break as a financial planner in 1989-90. He also runs a



tablestock potato operation in Washburn.

**Stu and Maggie Edgar Gerald** are leaving the Washington, D.C., area and are relocating to Huntsville, Alabama.

**Linda Timberlake Foster** is a homemaker and experienced legislator, who was running as a Democrat for re-election to the New Hampshire House of Representatives-District 45. Linda is a former high school English teacher, special education teacher, and substitute teacher (everything from Latin to shop). She and her husband Bernard '66 have three sons and live in Mount Vernon, New Hampshire.

**Pete Culley**, who lives in Portland, is chairman of Pierce Atwood's litigation department and is recognized in the area of business litigation. He was recently selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2003-04.

**Robert Spear** has been re-nominated for commissioner of the Maine Department of Agriculture, a position he has held since 1999. He is a vegetable and dairy farmer in Nobleboro.

**Royce Perkins** has been in the Maine House of Representatives for four consecutive terms and was running for a Hancock County Commissioner position. Born in Bucksport, he and his wife, LouAnna, live in Penobscot. They have five children. Royce is now a self-employed music festival promoter but he has been a papermaker, solid waste manager, dirt contractor, commercial fisherman, retail business owner, and with the Navy in a helicopter crew and the military police. **Annie Rhodes Ross** wrote in that she is now living with her daughter, MaryAnn Bitler, in Richardson, Texas. Her second husband, Hants A. White, died in December 2002 in Tampa, Florida.

I gave in to peer pressure and other concerns and now have e-mail, so I hope more of you will find time to write to me.

Have a happy and fun filled summer.

## 1966

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As you read this, most likely air

## Richard Lessard '68G, '70 Ph.D. receives ASTM Award of Merit

Richard Lessard, a senior engineering advisor at Exxon-Mobil Research and Engineering Company, is a recipient of the 2003 Award of Merit from ASTM International. ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) International is one of the world's largest systems for the development of voluntary standards for materials, products, systems, and services.

The Award of Merit, which includes the title of Fellow, is the highest honor ASTM bestows.

Richard is an internationally recognized expert in oil spill dispersants. He has worked his entire career for Exxon since receiving his Ph.D. and master's in chemical engineering from UMaine. He now lives in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.



conditioners are whirring, flowers are blooming, and all manner of folks are out there jogging and biking. Unfortunately, as I write this, the wind chill factor out there is a bracing 10 degrees below zero, piles of sooty snow blanket my world, and I wish I could hibernate—just like I used to wish all those years ago in Maine. Ah, if only—

Anyway, here's what I've been learning. **Sarge Means** is back in Virginia, still flying Citations and Gulfstreams, visiting Maine friends, and keeping in shape. He looks great, too. Meanwhile, **Carl "Stump" Merrill** finished last season as manager of the Yankees' Triple-A team at Columbus and was recently hired to manage their new Double-A team in Trenton. Best of all, he was one of five coaches recently elected to the Maine Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame!

Also making news is **Martha Griffith Newman** who was unanimously reelected as chairwoman of the Bangor school committee, a post she has held for the past 10 years. In the meantime, **Joe Ferris** won a seat on Brewer's city council after completing two terms on the school committee. Kudos to both of them!

I've also learned that **Wallace Reed** was running for the post of treasurer of Hancock County, saying, "In these days the treasurer

must ensure the individuals, businesses, and municipalities of Hancock County that their finances are effectively and efficiently managed." Needless to say, I hope he met with success. Also demonstrating a flair for politics is **Harry Tomah**, aspiring to serve a two-year term in the District 7 state representative seat. District 7 includes Wells and part of Ogunquit. My hopes are with him, too.

And that's that. Not much this time around, so I'm hoping that by the time of the next installment, my in-box will be overflowing. We need to keep up with each other, cheer each other on, and try to gather together whenever possible, so please let me hear from you all. In the meantime, stay well—warm, too!

## 1967

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We're still shuffling positions after all these years. Not just retirement, but: Judge Gene Carter plans to retire this year. He will be going on senior

judicial status to cut his case load, creating an opening for a federal trial judge. **George Singal** will move to Portland and take on the administrative duties of chief judge of the district court. Judge **Paul Hudson** of Springfield, Vermont, has also decided to retire from full-time duty. He was appointed in '79 after a dozen years as an attorney. He has overseen court proceedings in Bennington, Windsor, Rutland, and Windham counties.

**William Berry** was narrowly defeated on his first run for House District 53 (Bowdoinham) last fall. The issues were familiar, starting with affordable health care, through taxes and casinos. **Fred Kircheis** is retiring as executive director of the Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission after several years. Fred has been a biologist for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for 31 years. Charged with managing a fish that's been put on the federal endangered species list, the Atlantic Salmon Commission position is considered one of the most challenging in state government. **Harold G. Brotzman**, faculty at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams, has been named coordinator of the Environmental Studies Program. Harold began as assistant professor in '76 and teaches botany, mycology, and plant morphology. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa and served as chair of the biology department from '79 to '88.

**Janet Anderson**, pioneer for the women's intercollegiate athletic program at UMaine 35 years ago, was honored for her lifetime commitment to women's sports. The award was in connection with the observance of National Girls and Women in Sports Day, celebrated nationally in Washington. The observance began in the 1980s to increase awareness of the benefits of participating in athletics and to honor those role models who laid the groundwork in women's sports. Janet has coached basketball, field hockey, volleyball, and softball in her time with perennial contenders in regional conference play. She was coach of the year in '93 and '98. The *Capitol Weekly* in Augusta featured our own **Barbara Jordan** last fall. The article outlined her tireless dedication to education. Initially, the Denver, Colorado, native was a health and physical education instructor at UMO while she simultaneously worked on her master's degree. She has had numerous assignments since those days from educating prison/reform school kids



to training three women on the crew team at Wellesley who qualified for Olympic trials. Geography, she says, has never been a factor in where she worked. Education has always been important to Barbara. Her current challenge has been to bring the Augusta School Department curriculum up to the federal "No Child Left Behind" standards.

## 1968

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Just a reminder that this is our 35th Reunion this year and our class has set a goal of \$35,000 for the library steps renovation. We are sponsoring a step for \$25,000, with the excess hopefully going to the Buchanan Alumni House endowment fund. Classmate **Bion Foster** has been actively involved in this venture. He encourages all to contribute and hoped many would attend Reunion. Bion says he and his wife Dorain keep busy as owners of The Lucerne Inn and of seven other companies in Maine, as well as a real estate development and management company at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

**Hiram Emery** writes from Groton, Connecticut, that he works for the U.S. Postal Service as a letter carrier tech. He also keeps busy with stamp and coin collecting, casino gambling, and surfing the net. **Richard and Sally Bolduc Boardman** reside in Scarborough where he works as a project engineer for Wartsila Lips Propellers, and Sally teaches English as a second language. They both play competitive tennis and love to travel. **Gregory and Joyanne Jewett Johnson** actually live in Naples, Italy. He is an admiral in the U.S. Navy and is commander in chief, Allied Forces, Southern Europe and commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe. **James Flynn and Susan Greenleaf Flynn** have retired from the U.S. Secret Service and now contract with the CIA and the FBI, respectively.

**Martha Berglind Burnham** is a retired elementary teacher living in Concord, New Hampshire, with her husband David, also retired. They enjoy going to Colorado to visit their two children. She sews dolls and



**Class of 1968 officers get together at their May 31 class luncheon during Reunion 2003. Left to right are: Bion Foster (executive committee member), William Horner (class agent), Carli Burke (class president), Penny Robinson Blaisdell (class correspondent), and Susan Adamski Silvester (class secretary). Penny takes over as correspondent from Joyce McPherson. Many thanks to Joyce for a job well done.**

doll clothing for craft fairs, is involved in church work, and sews eyeglass cases for hospital day surgery. **Mark Anderson** is retired and makes his home in Surry. **Andrew Hayward** is on the faculty at Newfound Regional High School in New Hampshire. In addition to teaching, he enjoys drama, fishing, and his grandchildren! **Janet Pullen Searles** has reason to be proud of her father, Winston Pullen '41, a former UMaine professor who died six years ago. Pullen not only taught but he also collected old-fashioned farm equipment that could be displayed at the university's Page Farm and Home Museum. Janet attended the groundbreaking ceremony last fall for the Winston E. Pullen carriage house, named for her father, which will house old tractors, balers, threshers, mowers, and wagons. Janet resides in East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

**Edward Finch** is serving as a freshman legislator for the state of Maine. He is a Democrat from Fairfield, representing House District 101. Ed is a retired social studies and history teacher, which will prove beneficial in his role on the education and cultural affairs committee. His other interests involve camping in his pop-up camper and cheering for the New York Yankees. **Stephen Cole** has joined the board of directors of KeyBank. He is the founder of S.W. Cole Engineering and serves as its executive vice president and senior geotechnical engineer. **Gary Withers** and wife Linda

of Chelsea are very proud of their daughter, Lesley Ann Withers '95, who has earned her doctoral degree from the University of Connecticut.

**Martha Strauch Drier** of Arlington, Tennessee, is working as a research associate with Mercer Capital Management. **Diana Estey**, High Point, North Carolina, is the registrar at High Point University. She has filled this post since 1994. Prior to that she was assistant registrar at UMaine. She is a regular blood and platelet donor, enjoys gardening, cross stitching, reading, and cross-country skiing. **Margaret Basso Hoffman** is the director of asset management for the Kennesaw State University Foundation in Kennesaw, Georgia.

**Marcia Moody Smith** works at the Fruit Street School in Bangor and lives in nearby Veazie. **Susan Rowell Hemphill** of Duncansville, Pennsylvania, shares that the most remarkable change in her life occurred at the age of 48 when she had open heart surgery to repair an atrial septal defect. She writes that, "God provided total healing which has resulted in my having normal energy levels for the first time in my life! Praise God!" That's wonderful news! She and her husband Gordon own Joseph Enterprises, an associate of Biznet Productions. She is vice president in charge of development of Individual's Business/Self Image. She was profiled in a newspaper column, "Setting the Pace," in November of 2002. **Ralph Bonna** writes from Florida where he works

for Logistic Services International in Jacksonville. He is also retired from the U.S. Navy, in which he was a supply corps officer. **Margaret O'Brien Marriott** owns and manages two small businesses, Computerized Bookkeeping Services and Momar Properties. She lives in Mesa, Arizona, and enjoys riding horseback in the desert. She is currently taking Spanish classes at a local community college.

**Ellen Quimby Simandl** of 4645 N. 53rd Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53218 would like to hear from other Class of '68 nursing students. She says there were 25 in her class. She works for the Milwaukee Health Department as a public nurse with the adolescent school health program. **John Rohman** works with WBRC Architects-Engineers in Bangor and is the CEO. The company has just expanded to Florida. He was mayor of the city of Bangor in 2001, chairperson of the National Folk Festival in 2002, and vice chairperson of the Maine Arts Commission. **Pamela Livesay Whittaker** resides in Bartlett, Tennessee, with her husband F. Mark Whittaker '69. She is a college counselor at Cordova High School.

**Kathy Holtan Fogler** of Exeter has retired as a math educator in New York. She works part-time in this field at the University of Maine. She enjoys traveling and volunteering at Eastern Maine Medical Center. **Eric Brennan** and wife Betty live in Orrington. His work is in the field of executive management and consulting in healthcare services and drug and device manufacture. He says the most remarkable changes in his life have been his marriage and the successful raising of three children who are all professionals—an architect, a nurse practitioner, and a teacher. **Kathryn McCain Dyer** writes from Caribou. She is a resource specialist (Region I) of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland. She fondly recalls Friday nights at the old bookstore for tuna sandwiches and milkshakes! She wants to get in touch with other classmates. She lives at 25 Coolidge Avenue in Caribou, Maine 04736. **Stephen Rideout** is a research lab director with USGS Biological Resources. He and his wife Carol live in Shutesbury, Massachusetts. He enjoys camping and traveling, especially to Alaska and Bar Harbor.

**Laura Strong Schmidt** of Mount Airy, Maryland, is a research scientist with the National Cancer Institute, studying inherited kidney can-



cer. She enjoys church work, choir, and gardening. **Richard Totten** and wife Margaret live in West Bath. He works for the state of Maine as a child welfare administrator and has done so for 32 years. He says he spends as much time as he can outdoors, working in the woods and improving his land. **Edward Zizmor** and his wife Linda live in Teaneck, New Jersey. He is an attorney-at-law in New Jersey and New York.

**Susan Benton Adamski Silvester** of Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, works for the Mohawk Trail Regional School District as the director of instructional media K-12. In 1991 she was the founding executive director of the Mary Lyon Foundation. She received a community service award in 2001. She also received a Fulbright Scholarship to India and a JISEA Fellowship to Japan. And **Judy Wynn Burke** and husband James live in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. She is a counselor at Burlington City High School.

The Class of '68 has done well for itself. These are but a few of the many and varied accomplishments and future columns will bring you more!

## 1969

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What a winter we had in southern Maine! We didn't know if we would see our lawns before the Fourth of July. How have you been during the winter and spring months? What have you done and whom have you seen? **Bill** and I went to the Maine vs. Harvard hockey game in Portland in December, and at the pre-game alumni reception we were happy to see other Class of '69 members: class president **Pam Beale**, **Pat Maiorino**, **John Peters**, **Steve Bonville**, and **Mike McLaughlin** '68. Send us your news about yourself and other classmates at chipper23@attbi.com. Also remember that you can send your news to the alumni association at the Buchanan Alumni House. Keep in mind that our next reunion will be in 2004 and then you can see the new alumni association home.

**David Witham** is site representative department head for WBRC Architects/Engineers in Bangor. **Dan Willett** is chairman of the board of

Gorham Savings Bank in Gorham. Dan is a planned giving officer at the University of Maine Foundation. At a retirement party, **Trudi Walden LaPlante** was honored for her lengthy devotion to education and Medway students. She taught at the elementary level for 31 years. In February Trudi was diagnosed with breast cancer, and after surgery and chemotherapy has been declared well. She is now an educational technician at Schenck High School. In Washington, **Senator Olympia J. Snowe** has given up her seat on the budget committee to serve on the Select Committee on Intelligence. She continues to lead the Small Business Committee and to serve on the Finance and Commerce Committees.

**James W. West** is Maine state director of the New England Water Works Association. He is director of operations for the Portland Water District. **Cindy Willard Thayer** of Richmond is a member of Artistree, a cooperative of artists and artisans. Cindy is a knitter who makes hats, handbags, and ornaments. She is also a freelance bookkeeper. **Gerald Lavigne** is the state's deer biologist. **Brent Slater** of Bangor is clerk of the board for the University of Maine Foundation. In May of 2002 Gary and **Bernice Goodin Toppi** produced a book about Gary's brother, and titled it *In Honor of Chris Toppi*. The book is a compilation of the letters that Chris Toppi wrote home from Vietnam and cover the time from his enlistment in the Marines to his death in January 1968 at age 18.

## 1970

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The news is a little scanty for this column but I'll share what I have. **Barbara Bracy Hochadel-Heinz** has retired from teaching art for 28 years at Brunswick High School and now has the time to devote to her own art. She had a showing of her



**John Rohman '68** was one of four honorees at the Stillwater Society dinner on May 2. John is a partner in WBRC Architects/Engineers, the firm that designed Buchanan Alumni House. He is a tireless worker for the arts and last year chaired the National Folk Festival. John also serves on the alumni association board.

work at the York (Maine) Public Library. **Charles Yoder** is another classmate who is finding success in the art field. After working at the Leo Castelli Gallery in New York City in the early 1970s and working up from gofer to director of the print department, he worked for artist Robert Rauschenberg on his retrospective which toured across the country and then Europe. Now he is creating his own works and this past year returned to UMaine with his exhibit called "Natural Resources" that was at Carnegie Hall. After a recount requested by **Steven Juskewitch**, there was no change in the outcome of the fall 2002 election for district attorney for Hancock and Washington (Maine) counties. Steven, a write-in candidate, was defeated by the incumbent. **Mary E. White Poulin** is the administrative director of the Warren Center for Communication and Learning in Bangor and has been re-elected treasurer of the National Association of Speech and Hearing Centers.

Congratulations to **Glenn Ross** who has been elected Penobscot County (Maine) Sheriff. He had been appointed sheriff upon the death of Ed Reynolds and ran successfully for the position against a former sheriff, Tim Richardson. Glenn has served in the sheriff's department for 23 years. In other

election news, **Robert D. Stone** was an unsuccessful candidate for Maine's State Senate District 21. He is retired from the banking industry and lives in Lewiston. **Stephen King** has proposed an idea that would take advantage of the laptop computers that former Governor King (no relation) has put in the hands of all seventh graders in the state of Maine. He would like to provide writing instruction using an Internet based system. He envisions establishing a dialogue with students via the Internet, giving them assignments and posting good writing examples online for others to see. **Dennis Walch** has been wrestling coach at Westbrook, Maine, High School for 30 years and he is giving serious consideration to retiring. He and his wife have three children, Jennifer, and twins Brian and Libby, and one granddaughter, Allison.

As you might have noticed most of my news concerns people who are living and working in Maine, so how about some news from you out-of-staters! I know you're out there!

## 1971

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I hope all you '71ers are having a good summer! Whatever your plans are, drop a line or call so we can share your news in this column. We'd love to hear from you!

## 1972

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A couple of the clippings I received this time provided follow-up on classmates mentioned in the last column. Congratulations to **Ann Cilley Dowd** who did indeed win the race for the position of Penobscot County treasurer.

Old Town librarian **Valerie King**

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**Osborne** was in the news again, too. Last November, she was one of three women honored as recipients of the 17th annual Maryann Hartman Awards at the University of Maine in Orono. According to the article, Valerie was, "honored for her innovative library work and her advocacy for girls. She is an educator, librarian, community and church leader, quilter, wife, and mother. During her tenure as head librarian of the Old Town Public Library, the library's outreach programs have grown significantly and the original Carnegie library building was expanded through a multi million-dollar capital campaign spearheaded by Osborne. She is most proud of GirlsTalk, a mentoring program that pairs middle school girls with successful community women for a monthly supper with book discussions at the library. In 2000 the program and its mentors won the WLBZ News Community Service Award honoring people who make a difference in eastern, central, and northern Maine. Osborne also serves as webmaster for the City of Old Town, cofounder of the philanthropic project Canoe City Quilters, and original member of the River Coalition. She served as chairwoman of the Maine Library Commission and president of the Maine Library Association."

**Michael Murphy** has been appointed as loan officer of Calais Federal in Machias, Maine. He is an active member of the Anah Shrine in Bangor and Washington County Shrine club. He is also a director of the Milbridge Medical Center, Downeast Healthcare Foundation, Pleasant River Ambulance, as well as a selectman for the town of Addison. Michael and his wife, Debra, live in Addison and have two daughters and one granddaughter.

After working at Great Northern Paper for more than 28 years—and serving as president for the last two—**Eldon Doody** resigned last December. He hopes to start his own small business in Millinocket or acquire a small business, something he has wanted to do for a few years.

**Owen Maurais** will retire from his position as superintendent of schools in Old Town, Maine, at the end of August. He has worked for Old Town for 29 years, starting as a special education teacher, then becoming Old Town's special education director in 1979. He became superintendent of schools in 1995. Owen plans to remain involved in education by working as a consultant for Eastern Maine Counseling

and Testing out of Bangor. He will work with school systems on special education and disability issues.

**James D. Mullen** of Bangor is chair of the University of Maine System board of trustees. His article entitled "Cooperation, Openness Key to Higher Education" appeared in the *Bangor Daily News* last November, urging all those in leadership positions in public higher education to work together to help Maine policy makers rethink the role and priority of higher education.

**James Everett** was featured in the *Fort Fairfield Review's* "Spotlight on a Citizen" column. Jim and his family had a farm until 1985, when fire destroyed the potato house. He left farming then and took a job as a janitor for M.S.A.D. #20. Now as the supervisor of maintenance and transportation, he is in charge of all the bus schedules and janitors. He is also a member of the Frontier Heritage Society which helps preserve the history of the town. Based on the accolades of his coworkers quoted in the column, Jim is a special man who, "does more than anyone can ask, and always with a smile."

Have a great summer, everyone.

## 1973

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Things are really heating up with plans for our 30th Reunion in October. The officers have chosen the class gift: refurbishing the sight of many memories from the turbulent years we were at Maine—the library steps. One of these steps will be a lasting testament to the generosity of the Class of 1973. Please consider joining us in making a gift. I hope to see many of you when we "fill the steins" Homecoming weekend.

One of the great things about Reunion time is the pile of papers the alumni office sends me with information about all of our accomplishments. **Ron Beauchesne** has joined Engineering Ventures of Burlington, Vermont. **Barry Hobbins** has been reelected chair of the board of the University of Maine Foundation. He is a partner in the Saco law firm of Hobbins & Gardner LLC. **Phyllis Katzenstein Guerette**



**Wayne Laroche '72** is the newly appointed commissioner of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. After graduating from UMaine, Wayne earned a master's degree in natural resources from Humboldt University. One of his highest priorities as commissioner is to implement a new management plan for the Vermont deer herd. (Photo by Jeb Wallace-Brodeur, courtesy of the *Herald/Sunday Times Argus*.)

won a seat on the Bangor school committee. **John Coughlin** left his job as executive director of the Kennebec Valley YMCA for the same position in Nashua, New Hampshire.

**Barbara Coombs Conner** teaches at Lake George Junior-Senior High in New York and is a member of the Glens Falls board of education. **Deborah Doten Christensen** is the parish administrator and part of the worship team—Sounds of Praise, at the First United Methodist Church in Bangor. **Alice Roy Franklin** is a physician practicing in Brunswick. Her daughter Alexie is a student at Maine. Alice received her D.O. from the College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri. **Robert Brewer** lives in Huntsville, Alabama, where he works for Boeing as a systems analyst. **Donna Lindberg Heroux** teaches in Somerset, Massachusetts, and received a 2002 Who's Who in American Education Award. **Richard Cummins** is the manager of the statistical support group of Rohm and Haas Company in Spring House, Pennsylvania. **Donald Skroski** is principal of Frontier Regional High School, South Deerfield, Massachusetts. **Adrian Ayotte** is president of Architectural Skylight

Company in Waterboro. **Cecil Young** has been with the U.S. Customs since 1973. He is currently an import specialist in Detroit, Michigan. He has been a judge for the Gaylactic Network Spectrum Awards and serves on the Conton, Michigan, library board. He and his partner, George Snow, have a daughter, born in 2001. **Terry Adams** is a Ph.D. candidate at Brandeis and an adjunct professor at Boston College. **Betsy Hogel Zimmerman** lives in Merrimack, New Hampshire, and works at Raytheon as a supply chain specialist, purchasing precision machined parts. **Jim Fossa** is a production planner for Sappi Fine Paper in Skowhegan.

**Virginia Jordan** lives in Skowhegan and has eight grandchildren. **Martin Enos** is a firefighter and captain in Plymouth, Massachusetts. **Kathy Wardwell** is a research assistant at Dartmouth Medical School. **Steve Janko** has a general family dental practice in Medway, Massachusetts, where he also volunteers in local primary schools teaching dental awareness. **David Dubovy** lives in Bangor and works for Eastern Fine Paper. **Deborah Meroff** is a photojournalist living in England. She has published five books and traveled widely. **Pat MacHugh** (Patricia MacFarland Houghton) has returned to ministry at the Houlton United Methodist Church. **Minnie Michalewicz Bindas** (now 86) lives in Brunswick and is an artist and teaches watercolor painting. **Brent Quimby** teaches math in Scarborough. **Wayne Daniels**, after 30 years as a computer programmer, has semi retired and is enjoying photography. "Chop" **Ballard** continues to work abroad: England since 1975; Greece from 1973 to 1975. **Laura Johnson Quick** lives in New Jersey and works as a system administrator at the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. **Robert Hand** is a freelance medical writer living in Springfield, Pennsylvania.

**Nancy Stetson** teaches biology, wellness, and physical education at Hall-Dale High School. **Lucille Ozzelle Palella** is the office manager of Atlantic Family Practice in Dover, New Hampshire. She and Frank have three daughters. **Leo Doreika** lives in Bar Harbor. **Larry LaPlante** is the vice president, treasurer, and CFO of the Maine Public Service Company in Presque Isle. **Lynn Parsons Chorich** does molecular biology research at the Medical College of Georgia. **Mike** and **Daryl Anderson Mooney** live in



Sterling, Massachusetts. Mike is the CFO of Bancroft School in Worcester and Daryl is a floral designer in Clinton. **Fred Ketchum** teaches special education in Rockport.

**Elaine Marquis-Brong** is the state director for Washington and Oregon for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in Portland, Oregon.

Keep those cards and letters coming. Have a lovely summer.

## 1974

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He's back! **Don Carrigan** has returned to the television screen. Don left television in 1991 to work for Bill Cohen after 18 years and six years at WCSH and WLBZ respectively. He'll be a reporter and will lead and coordinate news for WCSH and WLBZ in the mid-coast region. Who said you can't go back home?

Classmate **Glen Porter** and his wife Jean Deighan have given celebrity to our class and the city of Bangor. Their historic home, the Kent-Cutting Double House, was featured on HGTV's "If Walls Could Talk" in December. The nine hours of film were delivered in a seven-minute segment. They loved sharing their labor of love.

Congratulations to Representative **Thomas Saviello** (D) of Wilton. He was elected to House District 77 representing the towns of Avon, Carthage, Strong, Temple, and Wilton.

**Judy Sheppard Segal** has joined the board of directors of the Maine Parkinson Society. She has worked at the Baxter School for the Deaf for 20 years.

**Mark Sousa** of Kittery was reelected to the city council. He credits his new term to the efforts he made to promote cooperation between the school and town officials.

That's all the news for now. I'm sorry to say I missed the Spring Swing game in Daytona Beach (it was a busy work day). But spring is upon us and by the time you read this class update, summer heat and hurricane season will be here with a vengeance. And I pray that by the time you read this column that the war in Iraq will be behind us and that our son, Major David Grant, and all of his comrades will be safe at



**Brud Folger '79G just got around to sending us this photo from a UMaine ski team reunion in 2001. The event drew back over 30 team members whom Brud coached from 1965 to 1988. Left to right are: Linda Richardson Hanson, Steve Towle '73, Kim Pike '75, and Brud.**

home. But if it's not, please keep all of our men and women in uniform in your thoughts and prayers. Peace.

## 1975

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Greetings, Class of '75! I haven't received much news this time, but I'm sure that's no reflection of our class's activities. You are all out there working, vacationing, and doing all kinds of things that you aren't telling us about. Whether you're pulling weeds, pushing papers, or just putting one foot in front of the other, we'd like to hear from you!

## 1976

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Hello '76ers. I hope that you are enjoying summer in Maine. Have you stopped by the university lately

and seen the new Buchanan Alumni House? It's a fantastic facility.

Mail from our classmates has really dropped off since our last reunion. Please take a moment and drop me a note or send me an e-mail to include in our fall issue. Your classmates like to know what you've been up to.

**Dr. Kerry Crowley** was featured



**Scott Bragdon '74** is now vice president/director of human resources for Citizens Services Group of Citizens Bank. After graduating from UMaine he received an MBA degree from Suffolk University (he currently serves on Suffolk's MBA advisory board). Scott lives in Norfolk, Massachusetts.

in an article in the *Ellsworth American* describing his career and his Maine connections. **Nancy Ruth Leavitt** has been awarded the Stephen Harvard Prize for her work, "Parallel Constructions." The award for excellence in the book arts was made by the Baxter Society at a program in the Glickman Library at the University of Southern Maine. Nancy lives in Old Town. **Foner Curtis** presented a program at the University College in Thomaston this past winter entitled, An Evening with Charles Dickens. **Mike Walker** has been nominated as Citizen of the Year for 2002 by the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. Mike is a teacher and coach at Skowhegan Area High School. Mike is married to **Jean Connolly Walker**. **Bill Sprague** was honored by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce as 2003 Business Person of the Year. Bill owns Sprague and Curtis Real Estate in Manchester. He and his wife Lesley, have a four-year-old daughter.

## 1977

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Hi, everyone! Time sure does fly. Hard to believe it's already time for another column. I'm sure you have all been as busy as I have, so thank you to those who took time to drop a line or send in a note.

**J. Michael Joly** writes that he is president of Capital Orthopaedic Specialists, the orthopaedic group practice where he works in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area. He and his wife Marianne have five children.

Last summer **Richard G. Carbonetti** was promoted to vice president for LandVest's Timberland Group. He lives in Albany, Vermont, with his wife and their two sons.

Fellow microbiology major—seems like just yesterday we were in classes together—**Ronald "Chip" Stephens** sent in a note that he and his wife Terri have a new baby, Dean, who was born in December. Dean joins his two older sisters and a brother.

A few months ago artist **Paul**

**Go Bears!**



**Black** of South Portland had a solo exhibit of his paintings at the Fore Street Gallery in Portland. I hope some of you were fortunate to have seen it.

Hope you all enjoy the summer. Please write and share your news with us, big or small, be it your accomplishments, adventures, funny stories, or just daily observations. Until next time, take care.

## 1978

*25th Reunion October 3-5*

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Greetings, classmates. As I'm writing this column, I'm hoping another Maine winter has bitten the dust. Surely when you read this, winter will definitely be a distant memory!

Guess what? We have been out of school for 25 years and it's time to celebrate! I know it's hard to believe—especially since none of us look a day over 25. However, our reunion chair, **Kathleen Mahoney**, and our president, **Meredith Strang Burgess**, have been busy planning our celebration and you need to mark your calendars to come to Orono on October 4, 2003. In addition to regular Homecoming activities, there will be a special gathering place (HUB) for us '78ers in the parking lot at Crossland Hall and we are invited to a reception at the President's House from 6 to 7 p.m. You will be receiving mailings with the info and if you have any questions please contact anyone on the committee and spread the word!

Three of our classmates were successful in 2002 elections and are fulfilling their duties. **Carl Pease** of Hampden, Maine, serves on the town council in that community. **William Childs** is serving his second term as the judge of probate in Cumberland County, Maine. And **Barbara Brusila** of Warren, Maine, was elected supervisor for the Knox-Lincoln soil and water conservation district.

Two of our classmates were honored for professional achievements. **David Struck's** company, D.R. Struck Landscape Nursery in Winthrop, Maine, received a President's Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce in

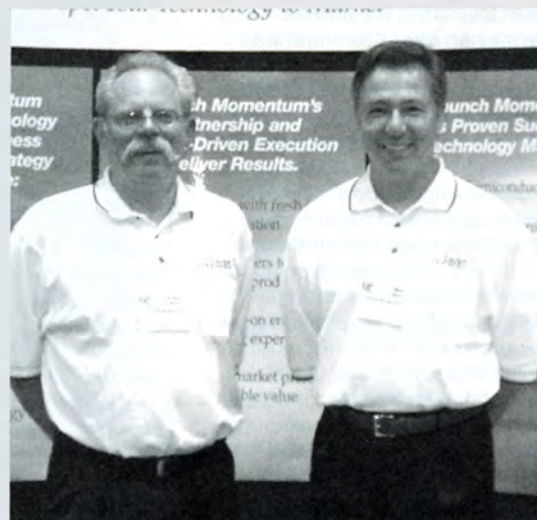
## Dan Martin '76, Ph.D. and Mark Waite '82 start company to help innovators.

Entrepreneur Mark Waite '82 and scientist-engineer Dan Martin '76 have formed Launch Momentum LLC, an enterprise which will help technology innovators create value and accelerate the process of turning their ideas into successful businesses. Launch Momentum is located in Falmouth.

"Maine has a wealth of technology innovators with million dollar ideas that we want to turn into \$100 million companies," says Mark, Launch Momentum's president. "Our goal is to spark growth and create a flourishing, sustainable, and commercially successful technology community."

Mark and Dan note that Launch Momentum utilizes an unusual combination of entrepreneurial experience, financial know-how, and technical ability.

"Our engineering expertise means we can decode complex problems and get engineering and product development teams on the right track," says Dan, who serves as the company's chief technical officer. "Combined with our business development and marketing experience, Launch Momentum can help companies move to



Launch Momentum cofounders Dan Martin (left) and Mark Waite.

the next level of growth and create more value."

Most recently Mark cofounded the semiconductor company Extreme Packet Devices, which was acquired by PMC Sierra for \$415 million in 2000. Dan, who earned a Ph.D. after UMaine, most recently worked as principal investigator of the distributed control evaluation system and lead software developer on a multiplatform track simulator project for Integrity Systems and the Air Force Research Laboratory.

January. This award recognizes success and growth as well as the owners' commitment to bettering their community. David has been landscaping professionally since 1978. **Bruce Surek** was honored for 20 years of service at Bridgecorp, an Augusta, Maine, highway construction company. Bruce is currently the contracts officer and he and his wife, Denise, live in Appleton with their six children.

A Kingfield, Maine, newspaper published a great story last November about the Davee family. Rick and **Anne-Marie Gallant Davee** have been skiing at Sugarloaf since the late '70s and hope to make West Mountain their primary residence someday. Rick is a vice president at the engineering firm Wright-Pierce and Anne-Marie is the manager of Wellness Initiatives at Hannaford Brothers. They have two daughters, Brooke and Jocelyn, who also love to ski and snowboard at Sugarloaf. Both Rick and Anne-Marie are avid runners as well and have participated in marathons, 15Ks, 10Ks, and

uphill challenges. One of the things they enjoy most about Sugarloaf is seeing a lot of people from their UMaine days.

## 1979

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Hello! Please note and use my change of mailing address. We haven't moved—our address has been reassigned, due to Old Town's emergency 911 compliance efforts.

**Master Sergeant Kyran Ford** serves as a communications squadron superintendent in Qatar. He says the guard members, reserve, and active duty personnel all pull together as a team, but of course he misses his family.

Many of you may have read that **Debbie Brownell Peet** lost her

husband in a hiking accident in Gulf Hagas earlier this year. Jeff was owner of the Bangor Ski Rack and active in many community activities.

From the woods: **Dennis May** is program manager for the USDA Forest Service in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is in charge of the inventory of forest resources for 11 states in the north central portion of the country. **Larry Gering** recently returned to Clemson University in South Carolina as a forestry professor, teaching GIS and GPS applications.

**Blaine Littlefield**, an optometrist in practice with Michelle Broderick in Brunswick, has opened a branch office in Freeport. Blaine lives in Freeport with his wife Vicki and two children. **Rebecca Shepherd** owns the Wild Oats Bakery and Café in Brunswick. She is married with four children.

**Elaine Fuller** is head of a Maine Public Health Association subcommittee representing health care systems at the Legislature. She lost her bid last November for reelection



as state representative, but remains a selectwoman in the town of Manchester. **Alan Stormann** was elected to the Old Town city council. He is with the UMaine Police Department, and he and wife Rhonda have four children and two grandchildren.

**Christ Angelos** has a veterinary practice in Kennebunk, and spent two weeks last fall with his brother on a fishing/hiking expedition in Colorado that took them 10,000 feet above sea level. He and wife Terilee have a daughter, Nikki. **Richard Clukey** was selected as the jail administrator for Penobscot County Jail; he was recently promoted from lieutenant to captain in the sheriff's department.

Finally, **Eric Greenfield** teaches special education at Laconia High School in New Hampshire. He served as a home-based family counselor for many years, and also maintains the Laconia Teen Center.

Hope to hear from all of you soon!

## 1980

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Hello, friends! Thank you to those who have written, e-mailed, or called with your news. I love hearing from you! Congratulations to **Gilbert Albert**, who was recently awarded the Maine English as a Second Language Award from the state department of education.

**Cathy Aikins Witherspoon** is serving as vice president for skier services at Sugarloaf/USA. She lives in Kingfield with her husband, John, and their three children.

**Carlene Hirsch** was one of two recent directors of the Bangor High School production of *Les Miserables*. This play was well received.

**Mary Ruth Cyr Nichols**, a teacher of French 1 through French 4 at Easton High School, has been featured in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. Congratulations!

Please keep in touch, and send us your news!

## Homecoming 2003 October 3-5

## 1981

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Hey, classmates! What's going on in your lives? If you'll let me know, I'll let your old UMaine friends know—and you won't have to write or call all of them! There's one catch—they need to be dues-paying members of the UMaine Alumni Association to receive this publication and read this ever-so-informative column! Spread the word! Not everyone realizes that this is an important benefit of your alumni association membership. In the old days, we could afford to send the magazine to everyone, but not with today's costs. So, please, don't let your membership lapse and encourage your friends to pay their membership. Support this publication and the many other activities and services provided by your alumni association!

Talk about slim pickings in the mailbox! Kudos to **Denise Marcoux Nelson** for writing a note to say she was promoted last year to director of residential life at the University of Southern Maine. Her husband, Stephen, is also employed at USM as assistant to the vice president for student and university life. They have two children, Kristin (grade two) and Bryan (age three).

**Valerie Haynes Morton** (East Longmeadow, Massachusetts) really gave me an update on her family by taking my suggestion and sending along three years of Christmas letters! Val teaches quilting and has been very involved in 4-H with her two daughters. She was honored last fall at the state house in Boston for being one of the top 100 influential people in 4-H in Massachusetts! Husband, **Robb** is a certified financial manager and now has two master's degrees under his belt. He also teaches night courses and volunteers for the Boy Scouts. Daughters Sarah (17) and Rebecca (15) are very active teens, taking after their parents. Val and Robb see classmate **Mark Gnade** and his family quite often. They got together at the Maine/UMass hockey games this past winter.

Some career news to report! Tampa Bay Lightning coach **John Tortorella** was rewarded with a contract extension through next season. John took over as coach

midway through the 2000-01 season. **Doug Dunlap** is the new minister at the First Congregational Church in Wilton. Doug has been a professor of rehabilitation at the University of Maine at Farmington for the past 22 years. He lives in Farmington with his wife Mary, and children Matt and Anna.

And that's it for news for this issue! I'll be waiting for your news to fill up the next column!

## 1982

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Wow! What a winter 2002 was here in northern Maine! It sure makes us appreciate the beautiful summers all the more! Snow up over the windows and temperatures down below zero make a great environment for staying in and reading the papers. Here are some of the items the media has told us about our classmates!

**Eric T. Carlson** (geology) has been promoted to the position of senior vice president at Woodard and Curran, an environmental consulting firm that integrates services in engineering, science, and operations.

**Scott Humphrey** (mechanical engineering technology) is the director of engineering at the Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. He was recently awarded the EMMC Splash Award for demonstrating the importance that little details can make in hospital patients' experience with the hospital.

**Lisa Johnson Kane** (animal and veterinary sciences) has been a natural science educator for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for 13 years. While the state of Maine now has four such educators, Lisa was the first person to hold this job after it was created by the legislature in 1989. Her work at the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray, on Swans Island, and in classrooms around the state puts her in contact with approximately 3,000 K-12 students each year.

Congratulations to Roland and **Rebecca Maddocks-Wilbur** (human services) on the birth of their daughter, Seneca Wyomi Autumn Maddocks-Wilbur, who was born July 27, 2002, in Ellsworth.

## 1983

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Congratulations (belated) to John Baldacci '86 on his election as governor of Maine. The governor, his wife, **Karen Weston Baldacci**, and their son Jack live in the Blaine House in Augusta. Karen taught kindergarten at Fruit Street School in Bangor, and plans to take a leave during her husband's tenure as governor.

Here's some news on some of our other classmates with a little less celebrity status:

**Ruey Baldwin Yehle** is principal of Hampden Academy in Hampden, Maine. Ruey, who started the job last fall, is pleased to be working back in the town where she lives.

**Todd A. Richardson** is a registered landscape architect and principal of Richardson & Associates Landscape Architects in Saco, Maine. He teaches landscape architecture, and is the author/illustrator of several publications and has won awards for his work.

**John Toole** is city editor of the *Manchester Union Leader* in New Hampshire.

**Jane Driscoll Kenneally** is director of development at Goodwill Industries of Northern New England. She previously worked as vice president of gift planning for the United Way Foundation of greater Portland.

**Robert J. Lucy** and fellow alum Richard Kimball '89 call University of Maine football games for WZON in Bangor and WLOB in Portland. Lucy is the color guy, while Kimball does the play-by-play.

**John C. Johnson** is Maine claims manager for the Concord Group Insurance Companies of Concord, New Hampshire. He has been with the company since 1985.

**Gary Sukeforth** lives in Union, Maine, and was elected as an independent candidate to the Maine State Legislature. He has been active in his community as a selectman and school board member in Appleton, and has operated the Common Market in Union for more than three years.

**Jay S. Martin** is vice president of TV product management at Dielec-



tric Communications in Raymond, Maine.

**Brian L. Champion** is a labor and employment attorney in the Portland, Maine, office of Verrill and Dana LLP.

**John M. Merrithew** is one of several experienced teachers at Hampden Academy who are mentoring novice teachers in a new program at the school. John teaches physics.

**Robert C. Ewell** is a career support specialist at the Huot Technical Center at Laconia High School in New Hampshire.

**Terri A. Chretien** is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. She has been in the Army and U.S. Army Reserve for 20 years, and has served in Korea, Germany, England, and numerous locations throughout the United States.

## 1984

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Hello, classmates! I am looking forward to the summer. I have not yet made any specific plans, but I do intend to do lots of hiking, cycling, and playing at the beach. Please let me know about your vacations. Whether you take an exotic trip to a foreign country or hang out at a camp on Moosehead Lake, send me a postcard and share the news.

I received a lovely e-mail from **Nancy Szostak Wright**. She is happily married and has a four-year-old daughter. She spent almost 10 years at an advertising agency, but she is now vice president, director of human resources communications for Citizens Bank. She recently won two Silver Quill awards for excellence in communications from the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) and was recognized at the annual conference in May. She spends a lot of time volunteering for the Yankee Chapter of the IABC and worked on their nomination for International Chapters of the Year. She is a busy woman!

**Rebecca Wyke** has been appointed commissioner of the Maine Department of Financial and Administrative Services. This means she is Governor Baldacci's chief financial advisor. Wow! She had previously served as the state's chief deputy



## A Passion for Writing Romance Novels

Janet Byram Chapman '81 has always had a passion for books—reading them that is. Then seven years ago, that passion turned to writing. Now the Glenburn resident has her first novel, *Charming the Highlander*, in print with two more in the “Highlander” series to be published later this year.

The paperback, published by Doubleday's Pocket Books, fits squarely into the romance novel genre. “Time travel, tragedy, temptation, along with desire, destiny, devotion and, of course, true love, are all woven into Janet Chapman's novel,” wrote *Bangor Daily News* reporter Judy Harrison. (Photograph and information courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.)

secretary of state since 1995. I wish her lots of luck in her new position.

**Jeffrey Musich** has been named as a vice president at Wright-Pierce, a civil and environmental engineering firm based in Topsham, Maine. He is the company's water practice group leader responsible for overseeing its water projects for clients throughout New England. He has more than 18 years of water engineering and management experience and is a registered professional engineer in all six New England states. He is a member of the Maine Water Utilities Association, the American Water Works Association, the New England Water Works Association, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Association of State Dam Safety Officials.

The Eastern Agency on Aging presented the Spirit of Community Award to **Jan Smith** and WVII for their commitment to programming that benefits older persons, volunteerism, and creates a positive

image of aging. Jan is the news director and anchor of WVII Channel 7.

There is new furniture in the Blaine House thanks to two Wadoboro craftsmen. One of these craftsmen is **Valdemar Skov**. Valdemar has made 24 mahogany chairs to accompany a new formal dining room table in the Maine governor's mansion in Augusta. A white pine cone and tassel is carved into the back of each chair and the seat is upholstered in dark green fabric with a golden fleur-de-lis pattern. They would go perfectly in my own dining room, but at a cost of \$2,000 each, I think I will pass. I saw a picture of the chairs and they are beautiful. I hope Governor Baldacci enjoys them as much as I would.

**Paul Tukey** started the gardening magazine *People, Places & Plants* in 1995. The magazine covers all of New England and circulates 55,000 copies. It became profitable last year and averages

150 pages per issue, the highest page count of any gardening magazine in the country. Now the company has moved to new, expanded headquarters in North Yarmouth. This past winter, Paul launched a Mid-Atlantic edition of the magazine with circulation projected to be 70,000. So, if you live from New York to Virginia, look for it on your newsstands. It is a wonderful publication.

**Bob McPhee** is a sportswriter in western Maine. In 1987, he bought a home in Dixfield and has been covering high school sports for the *Lewiston Sun Journal* and the *Rumford Falls Times* ever since.

After 15 years, **Lisa Richards** stepped down as coach of the Bangor High School softball team to concentrate on her studies. She is pursuing a Certificate of Advanced Studies in educational leadership at UMaine. During her 15 years with the Bangor High program, her teams compiled a 168-96 record and reached the Eastern Maine Class A championship game twice. She remains the activities director and a physical education teacher at the William S. Cohen School in Bangor. I am sure her softball team missed her this past spring.

**Ellen Hall Tobin** has been named to the negotiations committee of the Bangor school committee. Ellen worked at Champion International in Bucksport after graduation for several years and is now a full-time mother of four children.

That is all I have for now. Thank you for sending me your news. If I have not yet heard from you, send me a postcard or an e-mail and let me know what is new with you. I hope you all have a fantastic summer! Next time, we'll talk about Homecoming!

## 1985

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It's that end of the school year frenzy, class trips, concerts, ball games—how about the lazy days of summer? Here's our news since last time:

The Specialty Paper Group of Wausau-Mosinee Paper Corporation



announced that **Ronn Gifford** was promoted to manufacturing manager for the Otis Mill in Livermore Falls, Maine. Ronn joined the mill in 1999 as paper mill superintendent after 14 years at Simpson Paper Company in Vermont.

**Dr. Andrew Alexson** was recently appointed president of the New England Bible College in South Portland, Maine. Andrew holds a doctor in ministry from Covington Theological Seminary in Georgia and a master of divinity in pastoral leadership from Columbia International University in South Carolina. Since 1999 he has been an associate professor at Practical Bible College in Binghamton, New York.

**Glen Riley** has been appointed vice president and general manager of TriQuint Optoelectronics based in Breinigsville, Pennsylvania. TriQuint is a technology leader in optical networking, supplying lasers, receivers, amplifiers, transponders, and transceivers to its business markets. Glen was formerly the president and CEO of Opticalis. After graduating from UMaine, Glen also completed the general manager program at Harvard Business School.

**Shawn Carlson** teaches chemistry, marine science, and integrated science at Wiscasset (Maine) High School and has become active in TeachNet, designing web-based learning projects. His first project will focus on real time ocean temperatures and satellite images to plot ocean currents.

Norway Savings Bank has hired **Barry Towle** as security officer. Barry lives in Brunswick, Maine, and is an active volunteer with youth sports and Cub Scouts.

**Brian Cartwright** of Veazie is the new principal of the Helen Dunn School in Greenbush, Maine. Brian taught in the Calais school system and was a principal and athletic director in Buckfield prior to becoming the assistant principal at Glenburn Elementary School.

**Dr. Doug Rand** has joined the staff of Evergreen Behavioral Services in Farmington. Doug is a psychiatrist with professional interests in medication management, pain management, and sleep disorders. Doug received his medical degree from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed a four-year psychiatric residency at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York.

**Laurie Osgood** of Belfast has been named president and chief operating officer of UNITEL, Unity,

Maine's independent telephone company serving 5,500 customers in 11 Maine towns.

#### **Reverend Holly Anderson**

**Anderle** was ordained as a minister of the American Baptist Churches at the First Baptist Church of Racine, Wisconsin. Holly served as a U.S. Army officer in Germany and the U.S. until 1993 and received her master of divinity degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Illinois in 2002. She and her husband Gregg live in Racine, Wisconsin, with their two children where she is associate minister of the The First Baptist Church of Racine and chaplain at Ridgewood Care Center and St. Mary's Medical Center.

Well, I turned 40 without whining (too much!)—my big accomplishment to date this year! Our winter at Sugarloaf was magical and we're looking forward to our summer vacations in Aroostook County. When you're relaxing this summer, think of your friends from UMaine and drop me a note. We'd love to hear from you!

## 1986

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Hi, everyone!

Hope you're enjoying a wonderful summer.

There's no column for this time, but look for our class news in the fall issue. And in the meantime, please send us any updates—where you're living, what you're doing for fun or work, and any other news you'd like to share.

Thanks so much for your help, as always! Hope to hear from you soon.

Take care,  
Donny and George

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## 1987

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I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. We had a lot of snow here in Massachusetts this year and the spring had a good amount of rain also. I've been very busy between work and my family. I have also started taking courses towards an MBA. Boy, do I wish I had done this when I had fewer responsibilities. I also ran in and finished the Boston Marathon in April. It was a great time and only hurt the last few miles!

Send me an e-mail this summer and let everyone know what you are doing. It will only take a few minutes and your old friends will be happy to hear about what you are doing. My address is:  
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## 1988

*15th Reunion October 3-5*

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I hope by now you are all enjoying your summer! Although I love the winter snows, I must admit I do love summer on Cape Cod! On another note, I was saddened to learn of the passing of a local great, Pat Farnsworth of Pat's Pizza. He will never be forgotten. And lastly, let's take a walk down memory lane. I was overwhelmed by the response to our 15th Reunion update forms. I want to thank the many of you who took your valuable time to share with me some of your fondest college memories as well as update us on your current adventure. And oh my, the gates opened and the memories flooded back. My college years are some of my most cherished memories; at the time I didn't have a full appreciation for those years. Remember *The Daily Maine Campus*, the Bear's Den, Maine hockey, basketball games at the Pit, fraternity parties, the sororities, the lack of computers, studying at the library, Pat's Pizza, the Oronoko, little

sisters, Sugarloaf trips, L.L. Bean, Homecoming Weekend, the all-important Parents Weekend, spring break, honor societies, Greek week, Rush week, freshman orientation, intramurals, campus radio station, tailgating at football games, student senate, off-campus board, dorm board, Maine rugby, Maine soccer, Maine baseball, Bar Harbor trips, Harry the campus cop, Wells Lounge, and the Hilltop, to name a few. We were so lucky to go to such a great school at such a great time. I remember it well and miss it dearly. We have a lot to cover, so grab your cup of coffee and sit down and relax.

Family news:

**Peter Chaput** and his wife, Molly, of Scarborough, are the proud parents of a son, Morgan James, born June 11, 2002, at the Maine Medical Center in Portland.

**Jay Fortier** and his wife, Susan, of Orono, are the proud parents of a daughter, Emma Louise, born May 29, 2002, at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor.

**Rob McKay** and his wife, Sharon, of Bangor, are the proud parents of a daughter, Regan Marie, born August 4, 2002, at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor.

**Suzanne Lacognata Pillsbury** and Winslow Pillsbury, both of Cape Elizabeth, are now divorced. They share custody of their minor children.

All other news:

**Kimberley Wlodarczyk Andrade** and her husband, Mark, reside in Sutton, Massachusetts, with their two children. Kimberley is a full-time mother.

**Daniel Angotti** and his wife **Julie Johnson Angotti** reside in Houlton with their children, April, Alex, and Abigail. Dan received his B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Maine. He has also completed coursework from the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois, as well as Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts. Currently, Dan is the pastor at the Lake Road Bible Church in Monticello. He also teaches science at Houlton High School. He was formerly pastor of First Baptist Church in East Millinocket and a physics and chemistry teacher at Stearns High School. Julie is a registered nurse at Madigan Estates in Houlton.

**Reverend Herman B. Benjamin** resides in Barre, Vermont, with his wife, Sandra, and their three children. Herman is the reverend for the Hedding United Methodist Church.



**Teresa Kaplan Biggie** and her husband, Edgar '87, reside in Miller-sport, Ohio, with their three children. Teresa is a full-time mother.

**Faye Booker** resigned last November as Greenville High School principal after 27 and a half years in the Greenville School System.

As promised, I have an update on our very own **Mike Bordick**. As last reported, it was unknown whether or not Mike would continue his career in professional baseball. It is now confirmed that Mike will take on the role of backup shortstop for the Toronto Blue Jays. Mike signed a one-year deal for \$1 million dollars. Mike had failed to agree on a deal with the Orioles and wasn't offered salary arbitration, which meant that he couldn't resign with the Orioles until May first, 2003. Mike had just completed a remarkable season in Baltimore in which he set the major league record for shortstops by playing 110 consecutive errorless games and by handling 543 straight errorless chances. The former University of Maine star hit .232 over 117 games with eight homers and 36 runs batted in. He is a career .259 hitter.

**Dane Bremer** was recently promoted to manager of the reinsurance systems unit of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. Previous to this promotion, Dane worked for the ExPRS case management department, as well as claims and managed care. He has been employed with Liberty Mutual since 1989. Dane and his wife, Victoria, reside in Hamilton, Massachusetts.

**Sally Cummings** is the convention officer for Tourism Saint John in Saint John, New Brunswick.

**Deborah Carli Curtis** and her husband, Lawrence '87, reside in Buxton, Maine, with their two sons, Jared and Caleb. Deborah has taught at Massabesic High School for the past 14 years. She is also a part-time graduate student in the school counseling program at the University of Southern Maine.

**Stephanie Dupal** is the general manager of the Maine State Music Theatre. She resides in Lisbon.

**Stanley "Sam" Evrard** and his wife, Carmen Nadeau '86, recently purchased the raceway business park in Lewiston. Sam, a Bowdoinham native, is a government specialist for Northern Data Systems in Falmouth. Carmen, an Auburn native, is a laboratory services scientist at Central Maine Medical Center. Sam and Carmen reside in Auburn.



Four former UMaine centers got together during a women's basketball reunion this spring. Left to right are: Liz Coffin '88, Barb Cummings Hamlin '79, Emily Jo Ellis '85, and Rachel Bouchard '91.

**Priscilla Martin Goss** resides in Hampden with her husband, Hal, and two children. Priscilla is a clinical supervisor for the Children's Mental Health Program. She is a licensed social worker.

**Dayton E. Grandmaison** is a French teacher at the Van Buren District Secondary School in Van Buren, Maine. He has been teaching French now for five years. C'est la vie!

**Patra Goedeke Harris** is an account executive for the Maine Credit Bureau. She and her husband, Michael, live in Howland, Maine, with their two children.

**Ned Kirsch** is the principal of Essex Middle School in Essex, Vermont. Ned and his wife, Coree, reside in Essex with their child.

**Susan Duffy Knowles** is a full-time mother and a part-time dental hygienist in Patten, Maine. Susan and her husband, Philip, who have three children, reside in Sherman Station. Susan's brother, **Jim Duffy**, was a very good friend of mine. We both lived in Hart Hall. Please say hello for me.

**John M. Lamb** and his wife, Jennifer, live in Charlotte, North Carolina, with their daughter, Audrey. John is an account manager for Maritz.

**Jennifer A. Levy** is the director of operations at the Gore Range Natural Science School in Red Cliff, Colorado.

**Heidi York Lommen** and her husband, Dennis, reside in Weare, New Hampshire, with their two children. She is currently a full-time mother but is also a certified child protective social worker and school

counselor.

**Dolly J. M. McPherson** is an information services specialist at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire. Dolly is a computer professional having worked in the field as a network administrator, database manager, and programmer. Dolly is also a Maine hockey fan. Although Dolly lives in Exeter now, she will always consider Presque Isle to be her home.

**Thomas Roth** is the police captain for the Westbrook Police Department. Tom spent the previous 12 years with the Auburn Police Department. Tom received his B.S. in wildlife management with a concentration in law enforcement from the University of Maine. Tom also writes for outdoor-focused magazines. To date, over 600 of his articles have been published. Tom and his wife, Kim Gagnon Roth '90, have two daughters, Olivia and Emily.

**Dawn "Susie" Savage-Morisette** and her husband, Jay '85, reside in Georgetown, Maine, with their two children. Susie is a grade two teacher at Georgetown Central School. She is currently working towards her master's degree at the University of Southern Maine.

**Mary-Anne Saxl** has taken time off to care for a family member. She divides her time between her summer home in Surry, Maine, and her winter home on the beautiful Sanibel Island in Florida.

**Eric Schradig** and his wife, Linda, live in Galloway, New Jersey, with their three children. Eric is a fish and wildlife biologist. He is employed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a senior biolo-

gist. Eric also competes in triathlons and has competed in the Ironman World Championships.

**Kevin Sjoberg** and his wife, Karen, reside in Presque Isle with their two children. Kevin is the sports editor for two weekly newspapers (the *Star-Herald* in Presque Isle and the *Aroostook Republican and News* in Caribou) where he has worked since he graduated 15 years ago.

**Dr. Eric J. Smart** and his wife, **Laurie Kiesman Smart**, both graduated from the University of Maine. Eric studied biochemistry and Laurie studied medical technology. Currently Laurie is a full-time mother for their four children while Eric is the vice chair of pediatrics at the University of Kentucky. They reside in Versailles, Kentucky.

**Kelly Kristen Stone** is the contract administrator for film music for Universal Pictures in Universal City, California. She has spent the last 10 years in the entertainment industry. She has also had some of her photography published.

**Debra Levesque Thompson** is a consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics. She lives in Limestone, Maine, with her two children.

**Scott Toothaker** was appointed as a member of the board of directors of Bar Harbor Bankshares. Scott is a CPA licensed in Maine, a partner of the accounting firm Melanson, Heath, and Company PC, a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and a member of both the state of Maine and New Hampshire's Society of CPAs. Scott received his B.S. in accounting and his MBA with a concentration in finance from the University of Maine. Scott works primarily with clients in real estate management and development, construction, legal and medical professionals, manufacturing, insurance, and high tech industries.

**Julie Sue Storer Watson** and her husband, Robert, reside in South Portland with their two children. She is a full-time mother.

**Your classmates would love to hear from you. Write or e-mail your class correspondent today.**



# 1989

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Hopefully, by the time we are reading this issue, summer will be in full swing and many of us may be getting some well earned time off. Why not take this time to drop me a line and let me know what you've been up to.

**John Saunders** writes that he has been living outside of Detroit since 1996. He, wife Kim, and one-year-old son Brendan will be vacationing in Maine this summer. John is a corporate sales manager for the CCHA (that's Central Collegiate Hockey Association), the Grand Rapids Griffins, and the Grand Rapids Rampage. I'm sure he came to his job well qualified as a Maine Black Bears hockey fan!

Here's another exciting place to work, although I don't think I could handle it in the summer—Disney World! **Jeff Sturgeon** is manager of sports programming for Disney's Sports Attractions, and is responsible for soliciting and bringing events to Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex, which opened in 1997. The state-of-the-art facility is visited by athletes of all ages and by teams from every imaginable sport. Some of the events are seen on ESPN, such as the collegiate and high school cheering championships. The Pop Warner Super Bowl was also held there this year. Jeff feels very fortunate to have found a career where he has blended his passion for sports with the business side of it. He usually gets back to Maine every summer to visit his family and he admittedly misses the "unique area and special people of Maine."

**Tim Thompson** of Farmington has been named vice president, director of operations at Franklin Savings Bank. In addition to being a UMaine alum, Tim is also a graduate of the American Community Banker's National School of Banking in Fairfield, Connecticut, and recently completed his MBA at Thomas College in Waterville. Tim and his wife Lisa Holbrook Thompson '87 live in Farmington and have two children.

**Glenna Hicks** has been promoted to senior vice president/director of money laundering prevention at Citizens Bank in Rhode Island. Glenna joined Citizens in 1990 and

most recently was vice president/manager of distributed applications in the Citizens Service Group's Technology Division.

**Paul F. Birkel** of Portland is one of three new vice presidents at Wright-Pierce, a Topsham civil and environmental engineering firm.

**Pat Cummings** of Bangor, who works for UMaine in the Development Office, is one of two new female members of the Old Town Rotary Club. Congratulations!

**Jeffrey D. Pomeroy** has been promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Air Force, where he is a command personnel/technical training analyst assigned to the Headquarters Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Jeffrey also earned his master's degree in 2002 from the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio.

Former president of our class of All Maine Women, **Kim White Silsby** was elected to retain her at-large seat on the Augusta board of education. Congratulations, Kim!

Babies anyone? Heather and **William Robinson** of Portland welcomed Sydney Lynn on June 14, 2002, at Maine Medical Center.

**Shawn and Karen Gagne Henderson** of Standish became the proud parents of Kathryn Rose on June 19, 2002, at Maine Medical Center.

Carlene and **David Alofs** of Scarborough welcomed Zachary David on July 1, 2002, at Maine Medical Center.

Michael and **Deanna Gorman McCutcheon** of South Portland welcomed Ian Nigel on July 10 at Maine Medical Center.

Christina and **Peter McCluskey** welcomed Peter Christian on Sep-

tember 15 at Maine Medical Center.

And Steve and **Heidi Nelson Alpren** of Falmouth became the proud parents of Dylan Lee on September 29 at Maine Medical Center. Congratulations to everyone!

That's all the news for this column. Hopefully we will find the world situation a bit more peaceful by the time this issue arrives. Also, please keep in mind that the Class of '89 will be gearing up for our (gulp!) 15th Reunion next year—so fill me in beforehand on what's been happening since our last reunion! With e-mail, it's never been easier!

# 1990

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**Melissa Brancely Burns** writes, "Kevin, Kayla, and I have moved back to Maine. Our lives have been overwhelmingly busy with two family weddings, moving, staying with family, looking for a house, and my new job at the University of Southern Maine.

"Kevin '91 continues to work for H.E. Sargent and is commuting to New Hampshire each day. We are looking forward to the summer and visiting UMaine friends. Please use the above address for class news."

# 1991

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The vivid memories of Maine in summer have to be some of my favorite. Summertime usually means that there will be a reason to get together with old friends at a wedding, picnic, or during summer holiday travels. Let us know if you see some of our classmates, or better yet, send a photo!

Bangor elementary school principal **Daniel Lee** has been chosen to fill the superintendent post at SAD 3, which encompasses 11 towns in the Unity area. Dan had

## 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.

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been the principal at Fruit Street School for more than 15 years, and before that, at the city's Fifth Street School.

The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society has hired **Donna Richey** as development director where she will be responsible for public relations and development for the society as well as fund-raising activities and special events. Prior to this position, Donna was national sales manager with the Grand Summit Resort Hotel and Conference Centers at Sunday River in Bethel and tour coordinator with Cyr Northstar Tours in Old Town.

**Roger Lebreux** has joined the partner group at Runyon Kersteen Ouellette in South Portland. Roger has been with Runyon Kersteen Ouellette since 1991. **Stephen White** is a substance abuse counselor and a key player in a new Bucksport-based effort to help those with chemical dependency. Two days per week he provides treatment and consultation services to the community. Stephen also operates a private consulting practice in Ellsworth and has been a senior clinician at The Acadia Hospital in Bangor.

**Martin Pool** was featured in the *Maine Sunday Telegram's* Spotlight section in January. He has been a social worker with Casey Family Services for the past nine years. Martin says he chose to work in child welfare hoping to make some positive intervention early in children's lives.

**Wayne Applebee** has left his position as director of the Wiscasset Community Center and Recreation Department to return to law enforcement. The Lincoln County sheriff offered Wayne a position as deputy sheriff.

**Erin Crowley** is busy planning her summer wedding to David Hunt. Erin lives in Denver, Colorado, and is the news producer at KDVR-TV. The couple will be married in Bangor.

If you had the chance to see the holiday performance of *The Nutcracker* by the Maine State Ballet last Christmas, you were entertained by talented classmate **Glenn Davis** and his wife Janet in leading roles. Glenn took his first ballet class as a senior at UMaine, and later met his wife at a Maine State Ballet summer workshop where they now work side-by-side as instructors and dancers. The couple also keeps busy spending time with their two-year-old daughter, Emma Louise.

## Alice Hawes '89G authors family history

After retiring as an elementary school teacher in 1994, Hampden resident, Alice McKinstry Hawes '89G began inventorying and researching the papers that had accumulated in her family homestead in Chicopee, Massachusetts. The results of her efforts are now in a book, *The McKinstrys of Chicopee-Eliza's Legacy*.

"The attic served as a repository of the past," Alice says. "As one generation succeeded another, boxes of letters and family papers were pushed back under the eaves of the attic." She credits her great-aunt, Eliza McKinstry (1804-1892) with saving most of the material.

Alice's husband, Robert Hawes '56, a UMaine professor emeritus of animal science, also contributed a chapter on the family's involvement in agriculture to the book.

Alice belongs to numerous genealogical societies and also serves as historian of the Hampden Congregational Church.



Many classmates had new additions to their families in 2002. Last summer saw the birth of many baby boys. Kirsten and **Thomas Hale** welcomed Matthew Thomas into their South Portland home on June 16. Frank and **Susan Doyle Neel** of Bangor are the proud parents of James Michael who was born on July 2. He is welcomed home by two older brothers. Breckin Michael was born on July 9 to Nicole and **Michael Gooch** of Machias.

Plenty of new daughters were born last year to proud Black Bear moms and dads. Andrea Lutz DiNapoli '93 and **Alec DiNapoli** welcomed Claire Helen to their Falmouth home on September 17. A daughter, Jamie Faye, was born to Daniel and **Joanne Gammons McQuarrie** of Brewer, on October 3. Rachel and **Steven Johns** of Westbrook are the parents of Angelica Marie, born on October 2. Janel and **Jonathan Goodman** welcomed home Eliana Hope who was born on October 13. The family lives in Portland.

One classmate has twice the joy and excitement in his family. **Charles Nadeau** and Victoria Reynolds of Westbrook, are the proud parents of twins, Adele Mary

and Grant Loring, who were born on October 15, 2002.

Have a wonderful summer wherever you are. Drop me a postcard from the beach, mountains, or your own backyard and let us know what's new in your life.

## 1992

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This is going to be a short column this time around. I don't have much to report and I have been busy preparing for a new addition to our family. By the time this is published, we will have had our second child. I have been also quite busy preparing for a new office building that my business is building. My partner, John McCormick '86, and I will be relocating our optometry office, McCormick and Bouchard Eye Care L.L.C. just down the road in Damariscotta, Maine. We can't wait to be

in a bigger and better building! In other news, **Rachel Bonenfant Zehner** and her husband David, are currently residing in New York City and I got to visit with her this winter.

Lastly, **Kerry Hotham Kaplan** is expecting her second child due this summer. Hopefully, in the next column I will have more details regarding that. Keep the news coming and I hope everyone is having a great summer!

## 1993

*10th Reunion October 3-5*

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I hope you all are enjoying the summer that took forever to arrive! My life has been somewhat hectic the past several months—my family and I moved back to Massachusetts from Texas. It is great to be near old friends again although we missed the warm weather this winter. We have just bought a new home and are expecting our second child in September.

**Pamela LePage Greb** wrote last April, "I am currently living in the Seattle, Washington, area with my husband Peter (we were married on June 10, 2000, in Kennebunk, Maine) and four-week old newborn baby. Nikolaus Dean Greb was born on January 3, 2003. Currently I am the director of systems engineering for the northwest region for Advanced Digital Information Systems (ADIC), where I've been for nearly two years. However, I'm currently on maternity leave learning how to take care of this little one! Parenthood is amazing!"

**Kristen Emerson Brooks** e-mailed me with an update on her adventures since leaving Maine. She went to graduate school at the University of Arizona and got her master's in special education and rehabilitation. She has taught special education and English to six graders for the past seven years. Kristen married Eric Brooks in July of 2000 and bought a house in Windham, New Hampshire. They had a little girl, Alyssa Grant Brooks, on July 17, 2002.

It seems that many more babies are arriving for '93 grads.

Julie and **James Pocheban** had a little boy, Charles Jacob, on Au-



gust 1st, 2002. Kathleen and **James Cornwall** welcomed Chase McMahon on October 16th, 2002. Jennifer and **Christopher Turmel** had a little girl, Anne Catherine, born on July 27th, 2002. Alec '91 and **Andrea Lutz DiNapoli** welcomed Claire Helen on September 17th, 2002. Jennifer and **Darin Gray** had a little girl, Olivia Megan, on July 19th, 2002. Michael and **Jennifer Boutin McKeown** had a little boy, Samuel Alexander, on January 24th, 2002. **Shawn and Patti Hall McBrearty** welcomed twin girls, Riley Jean and Meaghan Karen, on September 14th, 2002. Congratulations to you all on your exciting news!

For our wedding news—congratulations to **Mark Wirta** and Marnie Packard who were married on November 10th, 2002.

## 1994

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Hello, Class of 1994! We hope summer is treating you well, and for those of you up in Maine, we're very, very jealous. We actually have some high-profile news for you this time around. But if that's still not good enough, we have realized that it's almost time to start making plans for our big 10-year Reunion. Yes, that's right—it's just a year away! Start making your plans now. Your loyal class correspondents are planning to be there—you should be too. But on to the news—

Celebrity alert! **Kyle Rankin** and Efram Potelle won the director's contest of Project Greenlight at the Sundance Film Festival. Project Greenlight is backed by a partnership that includes Matt Damon and Ben Affleck and is designed to help aspiring filmmakers get their projects made. Kyle and Efram were selected to direct a film titled *The Battle of Shaker Heights*. The film is currently scheduled to be in theaters nationally in August. In the meantime, the two directors will be followed by HBO camera crews for a documentary about the making of the film that will air in June.

As for the rest of us who toil in

## Kerry Martin Johnston '92 promoted to VP at Peoples Bank

Kerry Martin Johnston '92 is now a vice president at Peoples Heritage Bank. She will continue to manage business development, small business lending, and overall banking operations in her role as business and sales manager at the Peoples banking center in York, Maine.

She joined Peoples in 1997 and has 10 years of banking experience.

Kerry is a resident of York where she is active in volunteer work. She serves as chair of the United Way Day of Caring and also volunteers with Junior Achievement, the Strike Out Cancer in Kids fundraiser, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Fundraiser.



relative obscurity—**Dyonisia Giatas** has joined the Portland Symphony Orchestra as director of special events and volunteer services. Prior to joining the PSO, Dyonisia worked for the Muskie School of Public Service. **Deb Smith**, coach of the UMaine softball team, received an award as part of Maine's observance of National Girls and Women in Sports Day. **Thomas Moulton** was elected president of the Maine Commercial Association of Realtors. Thomas works for NAI the Dunham Group, a commercial real estate firm in Portland. **Lynn Thibeau** has joined Bangor Securities as a financial consultant. Lynn was previously a trust officer at Bar Harbor Bankshares. **Earl Bierman** was elected to his first term as state representative in House District 132. **Michelle Emmons Clements** received the Distinguished Drinking Water Public Involvement Award from the New England Water Works Association. Michelle is the public relations manager for the Portland Water District.

There are many future UMainers to report this time around. **Marion Young Talon** and her husband Michael had a baby boy, Gabriel Daniel, on June 23, 2002. **Edmund Szalajeski** and his wife Lisa

welcomed a son, Zackery James, on July 25, 2002. **Scott Clark** and his wife Nicole Legassie Clark '95 had a daughter, Makayla Belle, also born on July 25, 2002. **Christopher Osterrieder** and his wife Michelle had a baby girl, Isabella Paige, on June 12, 2002. **Troy Potter** and his wife Jennifer welcomed their new baby, Sophie Ray-Cummings, on June 17, 2002. **Gregory Teegarden** and his wife Rosemary had a daughter, Ava Rosemary, on August 9, 2002.

**Captain Eric Puls** is currently serving in the Persian Gulf. He departed Fort Hood, Texas, for Kuwait on March 27 as part of an advance party from the Army's 4th Infantry Division. Some of you may have seen the photo of Eric kissing his daughter Katherine at the airfield. He is a native of Bangor and a member of the Alpha Delta Alumni Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma. We all wish him a safe and speedy return.

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like to hear from you!  
Write or e-mail your class  
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## 1995

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Hi everyone, I hope this column finds you happy and healthy. Things in Massachusetts are going well and my family and I are enjoying summer and Red Sox baseball at Fenway Park. Let me know if you are ever in town for a game—it's always nice to catch up!

I'll start this time around with the engagements, weddings, and babies—it seems like I always put them at the end. Craig and **Eileen "Joanie" Pulkkinen's** daughter, Marni, wed Craig Crowley of Jonesport on April 12. Marni is a graduate of UMaine Farmington and is a second-grade teacher in S.A.D. 77, and Craig is a self-employed commercial fisherman. **Karin Donovan** will wed Matthew Tonello '94 in August. Karin is a senior marketing manager at CCBN.com in Boston. Matthew received his master's in structural engineering from the University of Massachusetts and is pursuing an MBA at Boston University, while working as a project manager at Consigli Construction in Milford, Massachusetts. Also this summer, **Jennifer Schlenker** will wed Mark Koza '96. Jennifer is a graduate admissions representative at Cambridge College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, while Mark is a biotech sales representative for Mediatech of Boston. And **Matthew Walker** and Rhonda Savoy '99 of Windham are engaged to be married. Matt is an attorney for Pierce Atwood in Portland.

We have some new babies to add to our future alumni list, all of which were, coincidentally, born at Maine Medical Center in Portland. Scott '94 and **Nicole Legassie Clark** of Falmouth are the proud parents of Makayla Belle, born on July 25, 2002. Lauren Rose was born on June 14, 2002, to William '92 and **Randi Frost Preis** of Westbrook. August 3, 2002, was the birth date of Brennan Conner, son of **Daryl** and **Karen Melanson Rawnsley** of Cumberland. And **Nathan** and **Ellen Bailey** of Portland welcomed Travis Pat on July 19, 2002.

**A. Robert Dionne** returned to Hampstead Middle School in New Hampshire as the interim chorus teacher last September after leaving the Hampstead elementary school



to work full time as artistic director with the Majestic Theatre in Manchester in 2000. Robert served as the musical director for the school's February production of *Bye Bye Birdie*. Robert was busy with the part-time position, which covered all choral and theatre classes, while maintaining his theater commitments. He was filling the position for Liz Beaton, who was out on maternity leave. **Michael Leavitt** has a new position with Cassidy and Associates, a government relations firm, in Washington, D.C.

The Maine Principal's Association recognized **Jay Pinkerton** as the 2003 Assistant Principal of the Year. Jay is assistant head of school at Lincoln Academy in New-castle. Prior to his current position at Lincoln Academy, Jay taught at Foxcroft Academy for 11 years. He received his bachelor's degree in earth science from Eastern Connecticut State College and his master's in educational leadership from UMaine. Jay was honored at a special school assembly in November and again at the MPA's awards banquet during its May spring conference. Congratulations, Jay! Also in education news, **Lynn Madden Moretti** was re-elected to the S.A.D. 22 board of directors in Hampden.

**Lesley Withers** received her doctoral degree from the University of Connecticut in communication sciences with specialties in nonverbal and interpersonal communication. Lesley received her bachelor of arts degree in 1995 and her master's degree in 1997, both from UMaine. She is currently an assistant professor at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, where she lives with her husband, Nate Lockwood.

There was quite a write-up in the *Bangor Daily News* about **Monique Robertson** and her twin, **Nichole Robertson Goodspeed** and the parallel lives the twins lead as principals of schools in Washington County. Both received doctoral degrees from the University of Mississippi and returned to Maine. In 2000, Nicole was hired as the principal of Princeton Elementary School, while Monique took on the position of assistant principal of Madawaska High School. Monique was then hired as the principal of East Grand High School in Danforth in 2001. The article discussed the twins' support for each other as well as the confusion they sometimes generate when approached by parents.

That's about all the news I have

to report this time around. As always, keep us updated on your happenings and travels. We love to hear from you. Enjoy the summer!

## 1996

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Greetings, '96ers! How are you? What have you been up to? Are you curious about what your classmates have been up to? Please help out by sending in a quick update about yourself. Your classmates are interested in hearing about you!

**Jeffrey Piampiano** has joined the Portland law firm of Drummond Woodsum and MacMahon. He lives in Brunswick and has graduated from the Maine School of Law since receiving his master of science degree from UMaine in 1996. **Darci Yost Hamm** was promoted to vice president of retail banking for the western division of Norway Savings Bank. She was formerly the assistant vice president of in-store branch administration.

**Jessica Smith** is living in North Bennington, Vermont. She is a 2001 graduate of the Vermont Law School and is currently an associate in the law offices of Jacobs, McClintock, and Scanlon LPC. She recently became engaged to Daniel McManus. **Tarren Bragdon** is the special assistant to the Senate president at the state house in Augusta. He recently married Anna Maria Maschino.

**Becky Drake** and **Rob Malone** are engaged. The couple lives in Bangor. Becky is an assistant store manager for Shaw's Supermarket and Rob is employed by the Bangor Municipal Golf Course. Congrats to Rob for recently passing his PAT entrance for the Professional Golf Association! He plans to start the PGA program soon.

**Derek Cashman** lives in Boston and is an operations officer in loan operations at Wainwright Bank. He is engaged to Michelle Johnson.

**Scott Story** is the sheriff of Waldo County. He was reelected in November 2002.

In May of last year, **Steve and Crissy Freeman Cascio** had a son, Owen. **Madeline Pardue Williams** and husband Theodore welcomed a

daughter, Hannah Bonnie, to their family in July of last year. Congratulations!

Your classmates are looking forward to reading about you in our next issue. Please be sure to drop us a line!

## 1997

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Greetings, Class of '97, While there is only a brief report for this issue, your classmates would love to hear of your happenings. I am hoping you have just been so busy achieving great things that the time to write and tell us about them has eluded you. Please take a minute and fill us in.

**Jeffrey N. Schweitzer** and Dawn M. Wright Schweitzer (who also attended UMaine), had their first child on April 26, 2003, at 6:02 a.m. The baby girl, Camden Rose, was six pounds 10.5 ounces. They live in Wrentham, Massachusetts.

Enjoy the beautiful summer and remember that Homecoming is closer than you think—it's time to start planning.

## 1998

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A hearty Maine Hello to fellow Class of 1998 members! I want to take a minute to introduce myself. Back in my days at UMaine I was active in Beta Theta Pi, Army ROTC, Sophomore Owls, and Senior Skulls. I

currently am an active duty officer in the United States Army Field Artillery. I was promoted to captain in September and was proud to have a fellow Beta, Captain Jon Velishka '97, pin on the rank. I recently completed the Field Artillery Captains Career Course and the Combined Arms Staff Service School, and received my master's in management from Webster University in St. Louis. I moved to Giessen, Germany, in March where I am with the 1st Armored Division.

We welcomed two new Black Bears to the world last summer: Blake Liam was born July 12, 2002, to Timothy '90 and Lisa Dill Knedler of Enfield, Maine. Emily Rose was born August 29, 2002, to Steve and Sarah Carlisle Huntington of Portland, Maine.

**Kevin Tibbetts** of Hampden, Maine, is engaged to Lori Jones of Brighton, Massachusetts, and will be married in September. Kevin works for the MIT Center for Space Research. **Mark Lloyd** of Brewer, Maine, is engaged to Shanna Jackman of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, and they plan to marry this year. Mark is a deputy sheriff with Penobscot County, Maine. **Shelly Tyrrell** and **John Tennett** are engaged to be married on July 26. Shelly is from Orono, received her master's as a literary specialist in May from UMaine, and teaches reading recovery and first grade at Vine Street School in Bangor. John is from Bangor, is completing his master's in educational leadership from UMaine, and is a physical education teacher and coach at Bangor High School. **Adam "Hoagie" Fisher** is engaged to Nina Wickenheiser of Madawaska. They plan to marry July 5 and live in Farmingdale. Adam handles public and legislative affairs for the Department of Labor in Augusta and sings in the choir.

First grade teacher at Pendleton Street School in Brewer, Maine, **Laurie Dore Richards** won a \$30,000 Internet Innovator Award for use of the Internet in her classroom. Her class project can be seen at: [www.breweredu.org/pendleton/richards/globalgarden/page2.html](http://www.breweredu.org/pendleton/richards/globalgarden/page2.html). Laurie is married to Cory and has three daughters: Chelsea (7), Brooke (5), and Alexa (1). **Jay Thomas**, who received his master's in '98, was one of approximately 100 educators receiving Radio Shack's National Teacher of the Year Award. Jay teaches general science and physics at Jay High School in Jay, Maine. He is married to Julie and has twins Emily and Erik (5). Guard

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**Cindy Blodgett** was selected to play in the All-Star game of Ligue Feminin last December, the top female basketball league in France. Cindy has agreed to play with the Springfield Spirit of the National Women's Basketball League. She currently lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Kristen Williams** is a master of fine arts student in theater at Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts. Kristen played the part of Mrs. Antrobus in *The Skin of Our Teeth* with Roosevelt's Theatre Conservator in December. She has also had roles in several other productions and served as stage manager in another. **Jason Hallett** received his doctoral degree in chemical engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology last August. Jason resides in Smyrna, Georgia, with his fiancée Karen Polizzi. **Eric "Slappy" Simonds** received a bachelor's of science degree in criminology from the University of Southern Maine. Eric recently bought a house in Saco, Maine. He is a program specialist supervisor at Long Creek Youth Development Center in South Portland, Maine, sings in a local barber-shop quartet, and dabbles in tap dancing.

**Lori Wingo** is a member of the Bangor Symphony Orchestra in Bangor, Maine, and is part of the outreach program that travels the state to bring live music to rural communities across the state.

**Ethan Croce** is conducting a study of recreational fields and the number of sports organizations using them for the town of Kennebunk and YES (Youth Education in Sports). Ethan lives in Portland with his wife and is studying community planning and development at the Muskie School.

**Michelle Alexander** is working as a mental health clinician for Sweetser and has a daughter, Rowan. **Matt Haney** serves as athletic director for Old Town High School in Old Town, Maine. Matt also coached their baseball team to a 14-4-1 record in the spring 2002 season.

The new principal of Medway Middle School in Medway, Maine, is **Kevin Towle** (G). Kevin previously served as principal of the Helen S. Dunn School in Greenbush, Maine. **Jennifer Fogarty** was hired as a program administrative coordinator/teacher for the Spurwink School's therapeutic nursery school. **Becky Blue Moore** was hired as a physical education teacher at Lura Libby School in Thomaston, Maine. Becky also instructs students at Thomas-

ton Grammar and Cushing Community schools. **Erica Campbell** has been promoted to campaign manager in the Bangor, Maine, office of Gary Friedmann and Associates, a non-profit consulting firm. Erica directs all aspects of annual and capital fund-raising campaigns for clients. Horizons Health Services of Ashland appointed **Glenda Lawler Dwyer** as the director of primary care services. Glenda will oversee Aroostook Pediatrics and seven Horizon health centers in Aroostook County. She is also pursuing a master of science in business at Husson College.

**Kasey Faunce** wrote, "I am engaged to be married to Bill Harris in August 2003. I work in organizational effectiveness at Hannaford Brothers (Scarborough, Maine) and Bill is a pediatric occupational therapist with Support Solutions (Lewiston, Maine). We both live in Portland, Maine."

**Captain Kyle Fox** is serving in U.S. Army Intelligence in Korea. He expects to return home to his wife and child in Texas in the fall.

I am proud to fill this role as our class correspondent. I look forward to hearing from you and sharing your experiences with our fellow classmates. Drop a note to me or the alumni association and let me know what you are doing.

## 1999

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**Karl Anderson** has been named a commercial lender with Bangor Savings Bank. Karl lives in Orrington, Maine. **Joanna Cronkite** has been promoted to manager in the tax services division of Baker, Newman, and Noyes of Portland, Maine, where she has been with the firm over three years.

Our column is rather short this time around, but we do have a few items of news to share!

**Steve Kariya** is still playing with the Manitoba Moose in the AHL. Steve was one of the team's leading scorers during the 2002-2003 sea-

son. **Pat Spekhardt** is a reporter for the Portland-based NewsInME.com. In 2001, he won an Associated Press award for the Best Radio Sportscast. He resides in Scarborough.

**Denise J. Viekmann** and her husband, Tim '90, welcomed a daughter late last spring. Delaney Rose celebrated her first birthday on June 11th. **Tara Eisner** recently stopped traveling long enough to send an e-mail update from Sydney, Australia. Tara's latest adventure took her through Fiji, Australia, and New Zealand for three months this spring. She spent much of that time backpacking, but she did have time to catch a rugby game and see *Cinderella* at the Sydney Opera House.

**Lt. Jeffery Shirland** was deployed to the Persian Gulf in April as a member of the Maine Army National Guard. Jeff, who is from Old Town, is a platoon leader in a tactical transportation company. We wish him a safe and speedy return.

We hope you are having a wonderful summer. Please drop us a note to let us know what you've been up to!

## 2000

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Some of our classmates started new jobs with the new year. **Nichole Mitchell** is a new face at the Planet Dog in Portland, Maine. She is an operation assistant there. Previous to this job she worked with second and third graders at Narragansett Elementary School in Gorham. **Heather Ingraham** is the new director of the Sebasticook Valley Community Center (SVCC) in Newport, Maine. Prior to SVCC, Heather was employed by Skowhegan parks and recreation department for two years. Classmate **Amanda Tolman** of Camden, Maine, started a new job this past fall teaching French at Rockland District High School. Best wishes to these classmates as they start a new chapter of their career lives.

**Nancy P. Alexander** has been elected as secretary of the University of Maine Foundation. She will be working closely with other alumni during her time in office.

Two of our classmates will be hearing wedding bells soon.

**Courtney Nicholson** of Bangor, Maine, has announced her engagement to Richard Van Syckle also of Bangor. They are planning a September 2003 wedding. Courtney is employed by Eastern Maine Medical Center as a registered nurse. Classmate **Patrick Taylor**, formally of Patten, Maine, plans to marry Melissa Holland of Towson, Maryland, in May. Patrick is a critical care registered nurse and plans to attend Georgetown University in the fall to pursue a master's degree in nursing with a specialization in anesthesia. We wish these couples the best in their future lives together.

Hope you all have a great summer and get to enjoy the beautiful weather. Drop me a line if you want to share any new news with your classmates.

## 2001

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For the Class of 2001 this spring marks the two year anniversary of our graduation. Although some of us have returned from time to time, for many it's been two years since we've eaten at the Bear's Den, walked down the mall to class, and joined friends at Pat's Pizza after a game. Although we all remember our rainy May graduation day fondly, we've gone on to bigger and better things.

**Daniel Worcester** is fulfilling his dream of becoming a Maine state trooper. He recently completed his training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and is now finishing his field training in Washington County.

**Jeremy Garland**, who graduated magna cum laude, has recently joined Nancy Marshall Communications. Jeremy will be a traffic manager for the public relations firm and will be utilizing his technical skills as well as his desire to learn more about the public relations industry.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service has recently welcomed **Autumn Birt** as part of a two-year training program designed to replace those who will be retiring within the next few years. At the end



of the two-year program, Autumn will be eligible for full-time employment.

Two UMaine grads are taking part in a very important testing process to help protect Maine's deer population from wasting disease. **Kendall Marden** and **Anna Kettell** are research assistants working with a state wildlife biologist in collecting data and studying Maine's deer population in order to prevent an outbreak of wasting disease, a serious disease similar to mad cow.

The Westford Youth Theater is proud to have begun production on another new hit season. The Westford Theater is an opportunity for children in Westford to gain experience and knowledge of musical theater that they may not gain elsewhere. **Andrew Hicks**, who earned his degree in theater/directing has joined the staff this season.

Although we are all very busy with our own lives, it's important to keep in touch with one another. We received fewer articles than ever before in this edition and I'd like to ask you all to drop us a line. Let us know where you are working and living. Are you getting married? Growing a family? Moving? We'd love to hear from you and let your classmates know what you're up to! Write to the alumni office or my address! Thank you and happy summer!

Michael Reynolds '98

## Documentary looks at living with disabilities

Nationally known disabled activist and UMaine alumnus, Michael Reynolds '98, released his first independent documentary film last December in conjunction with the 2002 International TASH Conference in Boston.

Michael's film, *Life and Death in Maine*, documents many of the events surrounding Maine's 2000 Assisted Suicide Referendum. His intent was to capture the opposition to the referendum from a disability rights perspective.

"Our society regards disability as a fate worse than death," he says. "I suffer from incontinence; every four to six hours I either need to change an undergarment or catheterize myself. The idea that I'd want to kill myself over what amounts to a slight annoyance is ludicrous."

Michael, who has cerebral palsy, says the documentary grew out of his website, [upcity-disability.net](http://upcity-disability.net), which he developed as an honors project at UMaine. The site is funded through Resources Organizing for Social Change, a progressive nonprofit based in Monroe, Maine.

Michael lives in Lewiston and works in the financial services field.



player, **Peter Metcalf**, is now found playing hockey with the Boston Bruins American Hockey League affiliate in Providence.

Some of us went on to pursue higher education. **Jenna Petelle** is getting her master's in social work at the University of New Hampshire. **Shelly Roberts** attends grad school in Pennsylvania. **Alma Delic-Ibukic**, who has a degree in electrical engineering, will be continuing her master's at UMaine. **Marsha Bryant** will be part of the Class of 2006 at Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine. **Stephanie Gosselin** is pursuing a master's degree in speech therapy at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa, while her fiancé and fellow alumnus **Travis Grondin** pursues a doctor of chiropractic degree at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. Travis and Stephanie plan on a June 2003 wedding!

Others decided to go into the military, like **Angela Pulcifer**, who joined the U.S. Army and reported to Fort Leonard Wood in Waynesville, Missouri, for basic training. **Michael Scott Oakes** was promoted to 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army in September. His job will be a treatment platoon leader in the 702 Main Support Battalion in the 2nd Infantry.

Congratulations to **Ryan Shaw** for passing his NASD Series 7 and 66 exams to obtain his securities licenses. He is employed as a financial advisor at Eagle Financial Strategies in Brewer.

For many of our classmates the path after graduation was straightforward; they knew they wanted to teach children of all ages. **Patti Pelletier** began teaching seventh grade social studies and language arts at Ellsworth Middle School. **Joyce Miller** teaches third and fourth grade at Calvary Chapel Christian School. **Terri Lunt** is an education technician at Ellsworth Middle School. **Christin Taylor** teaches math at Ellsworth High School. **Sarah Frank** is the new guidance counselor at Buckfield High School. **Bethany Andrews** teaches English at Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln. **Joshua Waltz** is employed by ETN Foreign Language Institute of the Republic of Korea and is working in Ulsan City teaching English as a Second Language. **Kelly Sheldon** is an English teacher at Lake Region High School. **Jordan Main** is a fifth grade teacher at Brook Elementary School. **Jessica Bouchard** teaches English at Marshwood High. **Rebec-**

## 2002

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I cannot believe that it has been a year since we graduated. It just seemed like we were wrapping up finals week with eager anticipation of the big day with family and friends. So much has happened with our classmates since then. We all had to choose a path in life and ours seemed to have led us in all different directions.

Congratulations are in order for several happy couples who are planning on getting married in the near future and to those who were recently married. **Michael S. McIntire** and **Amanda Scally** are engaged and no wedding date has been set. Michael works at Colby Sawyer College. **Thomas Tremblay** and **Allison Ouellett** were recently

engaged and set a wedding date of September 18, 2004. Thomas has a degree in new media and is employed by the University of Maine. **Allison Jones** and **Blaine Green** are planning a May 2003 wedding. She works as a manager with The Limited in Phoenix, Arizona.

**Michelle Mansell** and **Rodney Belanger** are planning on an August 30, 2003, wedding. She works at the Northern Maine General Hospital. **Hannah Jackson Hall** married fellow alumnus **David Hall '01** on October 19, 2002, and took a honeymoon in London. They both now reside in Yarmouth. **Shelly Newhall Poulin** married fellow alumnus **Michael Poulin '00** on October 5, 2002, and she works for Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor.

**Charles McCann** has accepted a position of assistant grounds superintendent at Natanis Golf Course in Vassalboro. **Brother Rex A. Norris** is a chaplain for the Old

Town Fire Department.

An e-mail from **Captain Sandra Langlais Wardwell** at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland is a few months old by now, so who knows where she is today. At the time of her e-mail, she was working in the base hospital nursery and gearing up as part of a "mobility team" to prepare for deployment.

**Cheryl Daigle** is still enjoying her research as a science publications specialist where she will work closely with the Maine Sea Grant staff and the Marine Extension team to interpret marine and other scientific information for coastal communities and the public.

**Marcia LaRoche** and fellow alumnus **Mark Hatch '95** co-authored *Legal Issues for Maine Educators*. The book provides a synthesis of federal and state constitutional, statutory, and case laws that apply to Maine's schools.

Our famous UMaine hockey



**ca Turner** was hired as a classroom teacher at Scarborough Middle School. **Julie Martel** is a fifth grade teacher at Marshwood Middle School. **Samantha Pickering** is a sixth grade teacher at Sedgwick Elementary School. **Lee Anne Birmingham** is a sixth grade teacher at Leonard Middle School in Old Town. **Joshua Curtis** is an art teacher for Old Town High School. **Christine Chadwick** is an education technician at Leonard Middle School in Old Town. **Heather Bryant** is a seventh grade math and social studies teacher at Harrison Middle School in the Yarmouth area. **Lisa Beaulieu** is a physical education teacher at Hampden Academy.

Along in a business career path, **Jessica Watson**, with a degree in business administration and a concentration in marketing, was appointed as development assistant to the Portland Symphony Orchestra where she started this past July. **Sam Francis**, with a degree in business administration, has been named a life specialist for Brenda Flagg's State Farm Insurance Agency. **Melinda Hills St. Peter** works as

a corporate accountant for Webber Oil Company in Bangor.

**Kevin Gove** has gone to work for the Marshall Communications family of companies as a Maine Media Clipping Service reader and an account assistant. **Amanda Hebert** joined *The Keene Sentinel's* staff in June 2002 as a regional reporter covering towns east of Keene, New Hampshire.

**Julia Munsey** is a field coordinator for the Maine House Democratic Campaign Committee and has worked on both state and national campaigns, including that of State Senator Susan Longley '92G.

**Sally Curran**, with a degree in women's studies and Spanish, worked at the Appalachian Mountain Club in the White Mountains of New Hampshire until October. The AMC is a nonprofit organization that maintains campsites and trails, monitors environmental conditions, and offers educational services. Now she is traveling in Spain and Latin America.

**Shawn Kelley**, with a degree in chemical engineering, accepted a position with International Paper

Company in Jay. Fellow civil engineer, **Ryan R. Labrecque**, accepted a position as field engineer/construction manager with the Gilbane Company of Providence, Rhode Island. **Robert Pontau, Jr.** is employed by Harry C. Crooker and Sons in Topsham. Both **Lacie Halfacre Kennedy** and **Susannah Quintal** joined the process engineering department of National Semiconductor in South Portland. **Heather Merriman** works as an environmental engineer at Wright-Pierce's special projects group and wastewater practice group in the Topsham office. **Brian Taddeo** is a civil engineer in the civil/infrastructure practice group in Portland.

**Chris Lavoie**, a recent graduate from the University of Maine Business School, writes that he, "is making a big impact in the real estate market in the greater Portland area." Chris has joined Keller Williams Realty, "a company that is revolutionizing the real estate industry. A common place to go for a graduate is the Portland area because of its culture, night life, and great career opportunities. Recent

grads, moving to the greater Portland area, should seriously consider buying rather than renting because of similar costs, building equity, and other great benefits." To check into these benefits, log on to Chris's website, <http://agent.kw.com/ChrisLavoie/> or e-mail him at [clavoie@kw.com](mailto:clavoie@kw.com). Chris is furthering his love for soccer and has begun coaching at the high school level. He helped lead North Yarmouth Academy to a high school championship this past season. Chris looks forward to catching up with friends and classmates. Please feel free to e-mail him.

I recently joined the staff at the Maine Center for the Arts and Hudson Museum at the University of Maine as an executive secretary. In my spare time you can also find me working at the Disney Store in the Bangor Mall.

I want to wish everyone good luck and happiness this summer. If you have any news that you want to share with me and our classmates, please feel free to write to me or send me an e-mail. I would love to hear from you!

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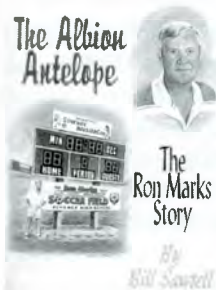
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# Alumni Bookshelf

**THE ALBION ANTELOPE**  
THE RON MARKS STORY  
Bill Sawtell '71  
2002

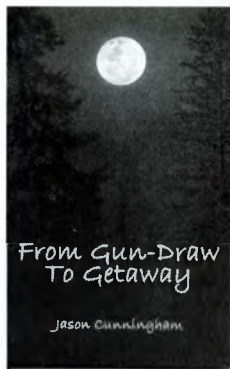


Bill Sawtell has written a book on one of Maine's most successful high school coaches, Ron Marks '62, who spent most of his career at Schenck High School in East Millinocket. The book will be of interest

to all those who love Maine sports history and there are interesting facts at every turn. He begins with Marks' early childhood on a farm in Albion, his years in high school and at the University of Maine, and finally his coaching and administrative career. The book also reveals Marks' personal side with his wife and four children contributing to passages on a coach's family life.

Bill Sawtell graduated in 1971 with a degree in psychology and has written 30 histories and biographies. He has covered sports for five publications, most recently as an editor for *Maine Roundball Magazine*. This book was printed and distributed locally and copies may be in short supply. It may be available at Borders in Bangor or Moose on the Roof Gift Shop in Millinocket.

**FROM GUN-DRAW TO GETAWAY**  
Jason Cunningham '98  
Publish America Book Publishers, 2002



*From Gun-Draw To Getaway* is the story of Simon Blue, a 34-year-old office worker who one day awakens from the stupor of his unsatisfying life and decides to start truly living. Gripped by the realization that he's missed out on

some important things, especially the woman he gave up for his career, he quits his suffocating job and strikes out across the U.S. for a fun, relaxing vacation. His trip, however, soon turns into a run for his life when he witnesses a late-night convenience store robbery in Wisconsin and the crooks come after him.

What follows is actually two parallel but intertwined stories: Simon's search for spiritual truth and fulfillment, in which he finds himself seriously considering his own spiritual beliefs and wondering about the presence of God in his life; and a dramatic chase in which he leads the crooks through the wilds of the western United States.

Jason graduated in 1998 with a B.S. in journalism and presently works as a writer and artist. He lives in Windsor, Maine. This book can be ordered through the web site: [www.publishamerica.com](http://www.publishamerica.com).

**LEGACY OF THE BLUE HERON**  
LIVING WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES  
Harry Sylvester '55  
Oxton House Publishers, LLC, 2002



In the first chapter of *Legacy of the Blue Heron*, Harry Sylvester '55 writes: "Learning disabilities didn't cause me any trouble in life until I walked into the first grade. It probably would have happened earlier, but when I started in there weren't any

kindergartens. It was 1937, and I was five years old. The interesting thing about the date is that this was when Samuel Orton started writing his first papers on what was to be called dyslexia."

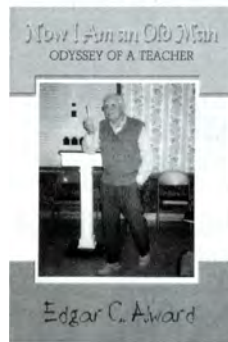
Sylvester still has the same disabilities with which he began the first grade in northern Maine. Despite that, he became a successful mechanical engineer, business owner, and boatbuilder. His book is a story of persistence in the face of misunderstanding,

a story of survival by patient perseverance through years of puzzlement and frustration. But it is much more. Harry Sylvester shares with us many lessons about learning disabilities, lessons that he learned the hard way, during the many years in which our larger society was itself just discovering what learning disabilities are.

Sylvester's book has been adopted for classroom use at the university and is a "must read" for teachers, school administrators, law enforcement, and social service workers. He offers pragmatic academic, social, and legislative solutions to professionals and parents.

Harry Sylvester was president of the Learning Disabilities Association of America, graduated in 1955 with a B.S. in mechanical engineering, and lives in Albion, Maine. This book can be ordered by contacting: Oxton House Publishers, LLC, P.O. Box 209, Farmington, Maine, 04938 or e-mail: [oxtonhse@mainewest.com](mailto:oxtonhse@mainewest.com).

**NOW I AM AN OLD MAN**  
ODYSSEY OF A TEACHER  
Edgar C. Alward '61G  
1st Books Library, 2003



Edgar Alward was born in the small Maine town of Millinocket, the first of eight children. Aware that his financially strapped parents would be unable to provide his college dreams, he left his hometown in 1940 with \$65.00

and headed for college. He attended Bangor Theological Seminary for three years, Gordon College in Boston, and then received his master's in education from the University of Maine in 1961.

*Now I Am an Old Man* is written in chronological order with flashbacks woven into the stories. His school experiences were overshadowed by dyslexia, a condition unknown at the time. What transpired out in the



# Alumni Bookshelf

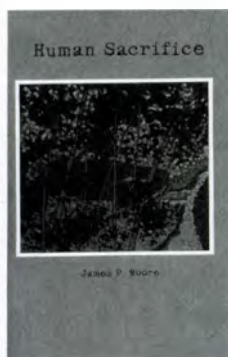
real world was a lifetime of struggle. He developed innovative learning techniques and after graduation was financially secure enough to pursue training and practice in the skills of reading and writing. He taught for 54 years and in 1994 was honored as an associate professor emeritus in English from Westfield State College, Westfield, Massachusetts.

Alward lives in Northampton, Massachusetts, and is an editor and publisher for other authors and organizations, and has written *Punctuation Plain and Simple*.

To order either of his books e-mail: [www.1stbooks.com](mailto:www.1stbooks.com).

## HUMAN SACRIFICE

James P. Moore '56  
Blackberry Books, 2002



In his introduction to *Human Sacrifice* Jim Moore writes: "This is a story of injustice—an innocent man bulldozed into life imprisonment and kept there by a legal community that doesn't give a damn. Americans really need to know that every story

doesn't have a happy ending. And, it could happen to anyone!"

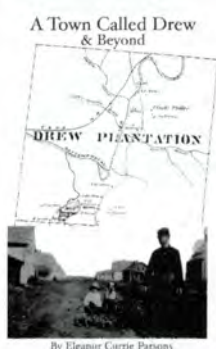
Many may remember the 1988 murder of 12-year-old Sarah Cherry in Bowdoin, Maine, and the conviction of Dennis Dechaine for that murder. Moore has written a book which questions the legal system in Maine during the trial of Dechaine, and Moore believes that an innocent man has been imprisoned. The story is drawn directly from police files, court records, trial transcripts, media reports, and recorded interviews. Moore states, "*Human Sacrifice* chronicles the chilling series of events that led the State of Maine to railroad an innocent man—a thirty-year-old, college educated farmer never before even suspected of a

crime—into life imprisonment." Moore charges, "Cops ignored evidence. Prosecutors concealed evidence."

Moore graduated with a B.S. in 1956 and presently lives with his wife in Brunswick, Maine. This book can be ordered by contacting Blackberry Books, Nobleboro, Maine, 04555.

## A TOWN CALLED DREW & BEYOND

Eleanor Currie Parsons '39  
The Sandy Bay Historical Society & Museums, 2003



Eleanor Currie Parsons sets the tone for her latest book right from the first chapter.

"A town called Drew, though barely a speck on the whirling globe, had become for us, nevertheless, a familiar inkblot on our thumb-smudged map of Maine. 'That's

where you were born,' our parents would tell us children, pointing to the map. 'No,' they said, in their New England economy of words, 'No one has ever returned.' Their message was clear. There was nothing to return to.

"As we grew older, the new travel maps confirmed what we had long suspected; that Drew, our hometown, had vanished with the finality of invisible ink. It was apparent to us that cartographers, as well as our families, no longer considered Drew worthy of their attention."

Eleanor Currie Parsons was born in Drew, grew up in Hartland, and has lived her adult life in Rockport, Massachusetts. She began a search for family roots in the place she remembered as a child, Drew. Drew was built to support the Sprague lumber mill near the Mattawamkeag River. The pulp and paper industry overshadowed the lumber industry and eventually the town was empty, the houses dismantled and moved out by railroad.

Her search and extensive research led her to a surprising historic link with her three home towns. The photographs are a story in themselves and her descriptions of Maine will inspire.

She has also published books on Cape Ann, Massachusetts, history including: *Hannah and the Hatchet Gang*; *Thachers Island of the Twin Lights*; *Nippers*, *Nightcaps*, and *Needles*; and *Rockport, The Making of a Tourist Treasure*.

Her latest book can be ordered by contacting The Sandy Bay Historical Society & Museums.

## SUMMER'S VACATION

Lynn Plourde '77, '78G  
Illustrated by Greg Couch  
Simon and Schuster, 2003



With the recent publication of *Summer's Vacation*, author Lynn Plourde '77 and illustrator Greg Couch complete their seasonal cycle of children's books. The others in the series are *Wild Child*, *Winter Waits*, and *Spring's*

*Sprung*. The books can be enjoyed by children from ages three to eight.

*Summer's Vacation* celebrates the joy the season brings to children. But as a press release from the publisher indicates, the book also communicates a message.

"Who would rather do chores when there's fun to be had? Summer would rather hike, camp, pick berries, and splash in the waves than tend to chores. But when she stands at the top of a mountain and sees the dull, parched land below, she realizes that ignoring her chores has had some awful consequences. So she grabs her sprinkling can and begins to set things right."

In addition to the seasonal cycle, Plourde, who lives year-round in Maine, has written several other children's books including *Snow Day* and *School Picture Day*.



# Weddings

**1969**

**James C. Otis** to Valerie M. Gillespie on November 16, 2002, in South Portland. They reside in Scarborough after a trip to the Turks and Caicos Islands.

**1970**

**Gerry G. M. Palmer, Jr.** to **Susan E. Hawkes '85** on May 9, 2003, in Bangor, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Bar Harbor and Grand Manan Island and live in Bangor.

**1985**

**Amy Stanley Seidel** to Jeffrey Thomas on October 5, 2002, in Scarborough, Maine. They reside in Scarborough after a trip to the Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania.  
**Stephanie Burchill** to Scott Love on October 11, 2002, in Gray, Maine. They live in Anchorage after a trip to Mexico.

**1987**

**Diana Frances Petrakos** to Dr. Christopher Michael Mangini in Hartland Hills, Vermont. They took a trip to California and live in Woodstock, Vermont.  
**Douglas Robert Wood** to Kristina Lynn Ellis on February 16, 2003, in Negril, Jamaica. They honeymooned in Jamaica.

**1988**

**Matthew W. Ek** to Candace Anderson on December 21, 2002, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. They live in Portland following a wedding trip to Negril, Jamaica.

**1992**

**Steven Maxcy** to Deborah Allen on September 21, 2002, in Camden, Maine. They live in Portland after a trip to Nantucket.  
**Christopher David Shea** to Bridget Lynn Bazinet on November 9, 2002, in Lewiston, Maine. They traveled to Las Vegas and reside in Auburn, Maine.

**1993**

**Stacey Webber** to Matthew Bodwell on September 7, 2002, in Lynnfield, Massachusetts. They took a honeymoon trip to Disney World and reside in Ipswich,



**Monique Cote and Alex Claverie**, members of the Class of 2001, were married on August 6, 2002. Both are graduates of the chemical engineering department. Alex now works as an engineer at International Paper in Jay, and Monique is an engineer at the MeadWestvaco mill in Rumford. They are living in Farmington.

Massachusetts.

**James Morin** to Shannon Porter on November 9, 2002, in Wells, Maine. They reside in Limington after a trip to the Bahamas.

**Tisha Berube** to Scott Feyler on January 4, 2003, in Yarmouth, Maine. They honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Boston.

**Brian F. Watts** to Nancy Allaire in Boston. They traveled to Hawaii and live in Foxborough, Massachusetts.

**1994**

**Michelle Ann Davis** to Thomas Earl Paterson on September 7, 2002, in Dedham, Maine. They honeymooned in Bar Harbor and reside in Ohio.

**Andrew L. Gross** to Mirjam Gramatzki on November 20, 2002, in Hannover, Germany. They took a trip to Malta and live in Essex Junction, Vermont.

**Raymond Reginald Cloutier** to Michelle Yvonne King on March 15, 2003, in Windham, Maine. They reside in Windham after a trip to St. Maarten.

**1995**

**Todd A. Ray** to Tiffany A. Carroll on October 26, 2002, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

**Charles Albert** to Jennifer Beaulieu on August 31, 2002, in Fort Kent, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Bar Harbor and reside in Fort Kent.

**Michael P. Smith** to Annathea Dostilio on December 17, 2002, in Las Vegas, Nevada. They honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Phoenix, Arizona.

**Tanya Mae Friend** to **Gilbert Donald Thibeau II** on October 12, 2002, in Fort Fairfield, Maine. They honeymooned in St. Lucia and live in Waterville.

**Kevin Edward Bresnahan** to Dana Lynne Schweffler on August 17, 2002, in Wells, Maine. They took a honeymoon trip to Hawaii and reside in Watertown, Massachusetts.

**Daniel David Mattsen** to Rebecca Lynn Cyr on January 11, 2003, in Bangor, Maine. They took a trip to New York City and live on Swans Island, Maine.

**Donald "Scott" Thrasher** to Wendy L. Downing on August 3, 2002, in Waterville, Maine. They took a wedding cruise to Bermuda and live in Madison, Maine.

**1996**

**Melissa Jane Paquette** to William Zachary Laidley on January 19, 2003, in Sharon, Massachusetts. They reside in East Walpole, Massachusetts, after a trip to Quebec City.

**Tarren R. Bragdon** to Anna M. Maschino on December 7, 2002, in Portland, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Belize, Central America, and live in Augusta.

**Ryan Christopher Thibodeau** to Michele Lee Halloran on April 17, 2003, in Las Vegas, Nevada. They spent their honeymoon in Las Vegas.



# Weddings

and reside in Glenburn, Maine.

## 1997

**Chad Hébert** to Jennifer Tourtelotte on October 19, 2002, in Gardiner, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Jamaica and live in Gardiner.

## 1998

**Patrick Charles Veroneau** to Cynthia Lea Tayman on October 12, 2002, in Portland, Maine. They reside in South Portland after a trip to Jamaica.

**Kerry Ann Parkhurst** to Christopher Frank Gross on December 28, 2002, in Portland, Maine. They reside in South Portland following a trip to Sandals Montego Bay, Jamaica.

**Keith Lionel Pelletier** to Mandy Lynn Estes on October 5, 2002, in Auburn, Maine. They took a cruise to the Western Caribbean and reside in New Gloucester, Maine.

## 1999

**Joshua A. Radel** to **Tammy Cyr '01** on October 5, 2002, in East Millinocket, Maine. Following a wedding trip to Maui, Hawaii, the couple resides in Ellsworth.

**Shawn D. Upton** to **Kristi Star Auer '01** on October 26, 2002, in Brewster, New York. They took a wedding trip to Williamsburg, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., and live in Wilmot, New Hampshire.

**Jennifer Marie Waite** to Scott Alan Barr on October 5, 2002, in Lewiston, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, and reside in Westbrook, Maine.

**Jonathan D. Maynard** to Lyndsey J. Cheney on October 12, 2002, in Presque Isle, Maine. After a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, the couple resides in Presque Isle.

## 2000

**Carrie Bianchi** to **Nicholas Lamphere** on August 10, 2002, in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. They reside in Boston.

**Candice Adams** to Eugene Randall, Jr., on August 3, 2002. They live in Etna, Maine.

## 2001

**Sarah Lyndsay Brock** to Joshua Reid Hébert on September 28, 2002, in Wells,



Class of 2000 members Carrie Bianchi and Nicholas Lamphere were married on August 10, 2002, in Boothbay Harbor. They now live in Boston.



UMaine graduates David B. Hall '01 and Hannah Lindsay Jackson '02 were married on October 19, 2002, in Lewiston, Maine. They now live in Yarmouth.

Maine. They took a cruise in the Western Caribbean and live in North Berwick, Maine.

**Robert Paterson** to Kate Swenson on June 8, 2002. After a trip to Maine and Bermuda, they live in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

**Monique Cote** to **Alexander Claverie** on April 6, 2002, in Presque Isle, Maine. They live in Farmington, Maine.

**Joshua Dodge** to Rena Connors on July 20, 2002, in Augusta, Maine. They took a Royal Caribbean

Cruise, and live in Newport, Maine.

**David B. Hall** to **Hannah Lindsay Jackson '02** on October 19, 2002, in Lewiston, Maine. They took a wedding trip to London and reside in Yarmouth, Maine.

## 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 hi-res digital photo will work. Send it to:

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# Deaths

1925

**Mansfield Morton Packard**, February 14, 2003, from South Paris and Waterville, Maine, at 99.

1927

**Clara Peabody Hersum Chapman**, January 8, 2003, from Topsham, Maine, at 96.

**Gertrude Elizabeth Hammond**, January 22, 2003, from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, at 97.

1929

**Hazel Louise Emerson Hall**, February 11, 2003, from North Fryeburg, Maine, at 96.

1930

**Willard Parker Baker, Jr.**, March 5, 2003, from Millinocket, Maine, and Gorham, New Hampshire, at 95.

1931

**Roger "Cherry" Lee Annis**, January 4, 2003, from Wells, Maine, at 95.

1932

**Mildred Boynton Bunker**, March 7, 2003, from Jay and Millinocket, Maine, at 92.

**Arthur Whittier Hall**, February 12, 2003, from Bath, Maine, at 92.

**Priscilla Noddin**, February 9, 2003, from Rockland, Maine, at 92.

1933

**Alice Trundy Thatcher**, February 3, 2003, from Kilmarnock, Virginia, at 92.

1935

**John Winston Hoyt**, April 5, 2003, from Easton, Maine, at 90.

**Richard St. Clair Stoddard**, March 11, 2003, from Rockland, Maine, at 89.

1936

**Gladys Colwell Donahue**, February 16, 2003, from Caribou and Hancock, Maine, at 88.

**Estelle Sheldon Blanchard Heraptha**, April 16, 2003, from Cumberland Center, Maine, at 89.

**David Thomas Lull**, March 2, 2003, from Windsor, Vermont, at 90.

1937

**George Everett Edwards**, March 22, 2003, from Lincoln, Maine, at 86.

**Oliver "Ollie" Fuller Eldridge**, February 13, 2003, from Canaan, Connecticut, at 87.

**George Philip Hitchings**, April 1, 2003, from Darien, Connecticut, at 86.

## Clara Peabody Hersum Chapman Class of 1927

The university lost one of its most loyal graduates in January, with the passing of Clara Peabody Hersum Chapman '27.

She was very active in alumni affairs, serving as a leader in the Northern Kennebec Alumni Association. She also served as both a board member and an officer of the UMaine alumni association. For her loyalty and dedication she received the Block "M" Award in 1969.

Clara was well known for her civic activities. She served on the Governor's Advisory Council on Education, was president of the Waterville branch of the American Association of University Women, and was on the board of the New England Home for Little Wanderers. She also volunteered for the Girl Scouts, Literacy Volunteers, and Mid Maine Medical Center.



1938

**Jean Stafford Kent Belding**, February 1, 2003, from Keene, New Hampshire, at 86.

**Douglas Dingwall**, March 9, 2003, from Presque Isle, Maine, at 86.

**Armand "Army" Arnaldo Polito**, February 6, 2003, from Portland, Maine, at 90.

1939

**Bula Louise Fitch Johnson**, March 15, 2003, from Farmington, Maine, at 84.

1940

**Jeannette "Bonnie" Louise Bonville**, February 9, 2003, from Portland, Maine, at 85.

**James Joseph Connolly**, April 26, 2003, from Portland, Maine, at 84.

**Jane Dyer Ellsworth**, December 14, 2000, from Highland Park, Illinois, and Chesterfield, Missouri, at 81.

**Anna Margaretha Simpson Hardy**, May 5, 2003, from Hope, Maine, at 84.

**Ralph Milton Reynolds**, April 29, 2003, from Noank, Connecticut, at 89.

**Walter "Mickey" Melvin Schultz**, May 7, 2003, from West Hartford, Connecticut, at 83.

**Mary Charlotte Kennedy Sherman**, March 7, 2003, from Center Rutland, Vermont, at 85.

**Robert Frank Stewart**, April 6, 2003, from Palm Harbor, Florida, at 84.

1941

**Paul Raymond Dumas**, March 18, 2003, from Berlin, New Hampshire, at 85.

**Thomas Leonard Fairchild**, February 7, 2003, from Winthrop, Maine, at 83.

**Hugh "Bud" Jerome Murphy**, March 1, 2003, from Orono, Maine, at 82.

1942

**Leslie Alexander Dow**, March 1, 2003, from Attleboro, Massachusetts, at 83.

**Margaret Lorraine Dimitre Hopkinson**, March 6, 2003, from Portland, Maine, at 82.

**Walter Stanley Keene**, April 8, 2003, from Gorham, Maine, at 88.

1943

**Franklin James Austin**, April 5, 2003, from Farmington, Maine, at 82.

**Clayton "Red" Earl Bartley**, May 4, 2003, from Walls, Mississippi, at 81.

**Charles Edmond Gardner**, March 29, 2003, from Greenfield, Massachusetts, at 82.

**William Alexander Lindsay**, February 12, 2003, from Burt, Michigan, at 82.

**Joanne "Jo" Marie Solie Logan**, March 7, 2003, from San Diego, California, at 80.

1944

**Albert "Crock" Day Crockett**, April 18,



# Deaths

2003, from New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, at 80.

**1945**

**Robert William Nelson**, February 15, 2003, from Long Beach, California, at 79.

**1947**

**Frank Asia True**, March 30, 2003, from Charleston and Corinth, Maine, at 84.

**1948**

**Arthur Merle Hillman**, April 11, 2003, from Old Town, Maine, at 82.

**Elinore Rae Dickson Holbrook**, April 30, 2003, from Cumberland, Maine, at 76.

**Shirley Ann Dobosz Lewia**, January 19, 2003, from Sebring, Florida, at 77.

**Jessie Cowie Ramsay**, May 1, 2003, from Jacksonville, Florida, at 77.

**1949**

**Jane Anne Sibley Elliott**, March 31, 2003, from Bucksport, Maine, at 75.

**Merrill Montgomery Fiske**, April 13, 2003, from Pemaquid, Maine, at 77.

**Charles Lionel Garfinkle**, January 23, 2003, from Mount Vernon, New York, at 79.

**John Franklin Howe**, May 31, 2003, from Bath, Maine, at 77.

**John Darwin LaPoint**, March 8, 2003, from Cape Elizabeth, Maine, at 80.

**Bernard "Ben" Linwood Marsh**, January 30, 2003, from Anchorage, Alaska, at 78.

**Howard Turner Moulton**, March 27, 2003, from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, at 86.

**1950**

**Henry Mackay Heale**, March 1, 2003, from Portland, Maine, at 79.

**Raymond Alexander Kenneally**, March 9, 2003, from Biddeford, Maine, and Avon, Florida, at 77.

**Ruth Lawry Small Ramsay**, May 3, 2003, from Scarborough, Maine, at 74.

**Robert Paul Stone**, March 21, 2003, from Portland, Maine, at 82.

**Edgar "Blackie" George Turmelle**, March 21, 2003, from Shapleigh, Maine, at 82.

**Fay Eugenia Gray Wiesing**, February 19, 2003, from Bangor and Sedgwick, Maine, at 74.

**Priscilla "Goggie" Goggin Wilks**, February 3, 2003, from Wenham, Massachusetts, at 74.

**1951**

**Walter Anthony Borkowski**, April 27, 2003,

## George P. Hitchings Class of 1937

Well-known economist George P. Hitchings died on April 1 in Stamford, Connecticut. After graduating from UMaine and pursuing graduate studies at American University, George served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He worked as an economist for the Federal Reserve Bank before becoming chief economist for Ford Motor Company from 1947 to 1960. He later served as vice president for several major corporations including American Airlines, CIT Financial Corporation, and MacKay-Shields Financial. For his achievements, he received the alumni association's Alumni Career Award in 1980.

The University of Maine played an important role in the Hitchings family. George's wife Pauline Davee Hitchings '39 and his two daughters, Marion Hitchings Mantai '65 and Diane Hitchings '75, are all UMaine graduates.

He was a member of the alumni association board of directors and also served his alma mater as president of the university's development council.



from South Berwick, Maine, at 75.

**Stanley Hale Eddy**, February 3, 2003, from Springfield, Massachusetts, at 77.

**1952**

**Chester Raymond Duhamel**, March 30, 2003, from Portland, Maine, at 76.

**Derrill Everett Hibbard, Sr.**, March 28, 2003, from Madison, Maine, at 77.

**Carlton Emery Wight**, March 21, 2003, from Woolwich, Maine, at 75.

**1953**

**Charles Theodore Knowles, Jr.**, March 10, 2003, from Murfreesboro, Tennessee, at 74.

**1954**

**Dr. Carl Eugene Pipes**, March 11, 2003, from Scituate, Massachusetts, and New Limerick, Maine, at 70.

**Kenneth Albert Williams**, May 20, 2003, from Cape St. Claire, Maryland, at 70.

**1955**

**Geraldine Webber Bickford**, January 30, 2003, from South Portland, Maine, at 97.

**Carroll Burleigh Ronco**, March 31, 2003, from Bar Hills, Maine, at 88.

**1956**

**Kendon Edward Curtis**, February 23, 2003, from Castle Hill, Maine, at 70.

**1957**

**Robert Laban Rand**, April 11, 2003, from Augusta, Maine, at 67.

**Ruth Leighton Thomas**, April 30, 2003, from Pittsfield, Massachusetts, at 91.

**1958**

**Domenic Peter Federico**, March 27, 2003, from South Portland, Maine, at 73.

**1959**

**Paul Spencer Francis**, February 26, 2003, from Meriden, Connecticut, at 71.

**Audrey Brainerd Gould**, March 2, 2003, from Auburn, Maine, at 78.

**Paul Stanley Gray**, April 24, 2003, from Waterville, Maine, at 73.

**John Malcolm McPhee**, May 4, 2003, from Haymcock Lake, Maine, at 65.

**Andrew Adelbert McSorley**, February 28, 2003, from Fort Myers, Florida, at 91.

**Alma Blarcom Walker**, April 14, 2003, from Bloomington, Indiana, at 84.

**1960**

**Richard Clive Fickett**, January 29, 2003, from Broad Brook, Connecticut, and Phoenix, Arizona, at 72.

**Edwin Ruthvan Henry, Jr.**, December 15, 2002, from St. Augustine, Florida, at 64.



**Clark Noyes Liscomb**, April 7, 2003, from Castine, Maine, at 64.

**Raymond Everett Stickney**, March 21, 2003, from Weare, New Hampshire, at 96.

**Elizabeth Belle Stinchfield**, March 14, 2003, from Lisbon, Maine, at 90.

**1961**

**Terrance "Terry" Eugene Boutilier**, May 7, 2003, from Dyer Brook, Maine, at 64.

**Charles Robert Lewis**, February 23, 2003, from New Bedford, Massachusetts, at 65.

**Walter Levi Perry, Jr.**, April 13, 2003, from Alfred, Maine, at 69.

**Sherwood Woodhill Prout, Jr.**, December 29, 2002, from Manheim, Pennsylvania, at 69.

**1963**

**Wayne Raymond Doyon**, May 9, 2002, from Wakefield, Massachusetts, at 66.

**Vera Orcutt Stewart Hutchins**, March 6, 2003, from Gouldsboro, Maine, at 99.

**Lawrence Price**, April 21, 2003, from Hernando, Florida, at 64.

**1964**

**Gordon Blaine Clark**, February 21, 2003, from Sheepscot, Maine, at 87.

**Brenda Lee Barnes Findlen**, May 20, 2003, from Fort Fairfield, Maine, at 60.

**Reverend Edgar Guest Higgins**, February 13, 2003, from Lewiston, Maine, at 74.

**1965**

**Martin "Marty" Francis Godfrey**, April 9, 2003, from Hampden, Maine, at 59.

**Ivy Rice Young**, February 11, 2003, from Gouldsboro, Maine, at 94.

**1966**

**Diane Helen Derby Minnis**, February 5, 2003, from Bedford, New Hampshire, at 59.

**1967**

**Stephen Rogers Bryant**, March 28, 2003, from Newton, Massachusetts, at 58.

**Bruce Eric Wilcomb**, February 14, 2003, from Essex, New Jersey, at 56.

**1968**

**Arthur Peter Krauss**, February 27, 2003, from Yarmouth, Maine, at 56.

**Stephen Michael Perry**, April 28, 2003, from West Gardiner, Maine, at 59.

**1969**

**Karen Elaine MacLeod Hale Curran**, March 2, 2003, from Norridgewock, Maine, at 54.



**J. Franklin Howe, Class of 1949, died on May 31, 2003, in Brunswick. After graduating from Morse High School he entered the Army in 1944, serving in the Army Air Corps. After WWII he enrolled in the University of Maine and remained in the Air Force Reserve, eventually retiring with the rank of Lt. colonel.**

**He worked for 30 years at the Bath Savings Bank, rising to the position of president. He also was elected to the office of Sagadahoc County Commissioner, where he served two terms and retired as chairman.**

**Judith Loraina Champagne Hanscom**, February 4, 2003, from Casco, Maine, at 63.

**Judith Ellen Houghton**, March 12, 2003, from Fort Kent, Maine, at 56.

**1971**

**David Philip Achorn**, March 22, 2003, from Chelsea, Maine, at 55.

**Ralph Edward Good**, February 14, 2003, from Augusta, Maine, at 51.

**1972**

**Kirk Joseph McCraven**, February 23, 2003, from Kittery, Maine, at 53.

**1974**

**James Joseph Biggane**, February 23, 2003, from Stonington and Bangor, Maine, and Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, at 51.

**Linda Ann Douglass Clark**, February 12, 2003, from Gorham, Maine, at 50.

**Robert Merrick Donahue**, May 7, 2003, from North Chelmsford, Massachusetts, at 88.

**1975**

**Charles Arthur Greer**, April 25, 2003, from

Portland, Maine, at 56.

**Paul Thomas "Tom" Nichols**, March 27, 2003, from Brewer, Maine, at 50.

**1977**

**Richard Henry Ciesluk**, March 20, 2003, from Westminster, Massachusetts, at 47.

**1980**

**Evelyn Marie Jackson Boyington**, March 30, 2003, from Rockland, Maine, at 79.

**1982**

**David Budd Adams**, April 6, 2003, from Pembroke, Massachusetts, at 42.

**1983**

**John Everett Hewett**, February 4, 2003, from Machias, Maine, at 59.

**1984**

**Mark Timothy Gaudet**, March 9, 2003, from Boston, Massachusetts, at 41.

**Peter Michael Pelletier**, February 23, 2003, from Bucksport, Maine, at 40.

**1985**

**Patricia Mahar Smith**, March 11, 2003, from Veazie, Maine, at 57.

**1988**

**Anna Marie Rosenberg Stetson**, February 26, 2003, from Kenduskeag, Maine, at 69.

**Beth Chadbourne Stuart**, March 11, 2003, from Maryville, Tennessee, at 66.

**1990**

**Sally Mae Beach Nagle**, April 9, 2003, from Jensen Beach, Florida, and Bangor, Maine, at 66.

**1991**

**Janet Nesin Reynolds**, March 13, 2003, from Wells, Maine, at 48.

**1993**

**William "Jamie" McKeown, Jr.**, April 16, 2003, from Needham, Massachusetts, at 36.

**1995**

**Robert H. Thomas**, May 1, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, at 57.

**1996**

**Stuart James Wilson**, May 5, 2003, from Gorham, Maine, at 55.

**1998**

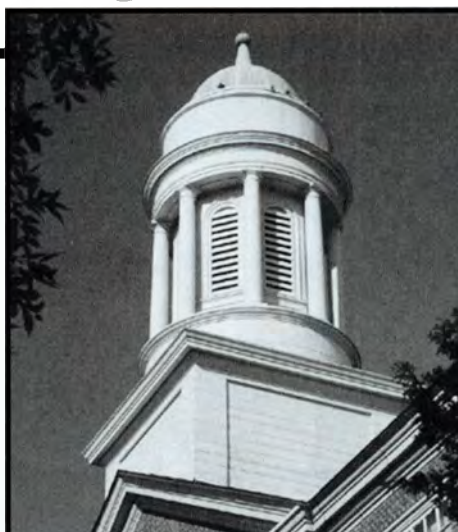
**Mary Ellen Bowers**, May 3, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, and Suitland, Maryland, at 28.

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# UMAA *Lifetime* Members

Claire Sanders '34  
 B. Ross Nason '39  
 Frances Marie Donovan '43  
 Dr. Robert '44 & Pearlee Buchanan  
 Grace Wentworth King '45  
 Arline Tankle Keith '47  
 Rev. Frederick '53 & Thelma Crossland  
 Robie '49  
 Virginia Stickney Cooper '50  
 George '50 & Norma Mooers Gray '52  
 David McClure '50  
 James Crawford '51  
 Joanne Mayo Nyerges '51  
 Garry Spencer '53  
 Ruth Dow Durst '55  
 Wayland Shands, Jr. '55  
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# The “Worm Guru” of Genetics

Johns Hopkins University researcher Geraldine Seydoux '86 won a coveted MacArthur “genius grant” in 2001. That unrestricted \$500,000 is helping her to pursue her pioneering work on reproductive cells—research that has already earned her a reputation as one of America’s most promising young geneticists.

*By Tom Nugent*

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**A**sk Johns Hopkins University molecular biologist Geraldine Seydoux '86 to describe her current research project, and the award-winning geneticist might surprise you with a metaphor lifted from Greek mythology.

“I guess the best way to picture my work on nematodes (worms) is to say that we’re looking for the ‘Achilles heel’ of mRNA transcription,” explains the 39-year-old researcher and associate professor of molecular biology and genetics at Hopkins. “What we’re trying to figure out is how a single protein—known as ‘PIE-1’—can block the transcription of 19,000 genes in a worm’s chromosome. This blockage is quite important, because it’s the primary

mechanism in preventing an embryonic cell from developing into skin or nerve or muscle, so that it can instead later become a reproductive cell.

“If we can uncover the Achilles heel, we should be able to learn a great deal about how reproductive cells in humans—what we call ‘the germline’—are preserved and then later activated to form eggs and sperm. And *that* knowledge could lead us to some new discoveries about methods for treating sterility, birth defects, and perhaps even cancer.”

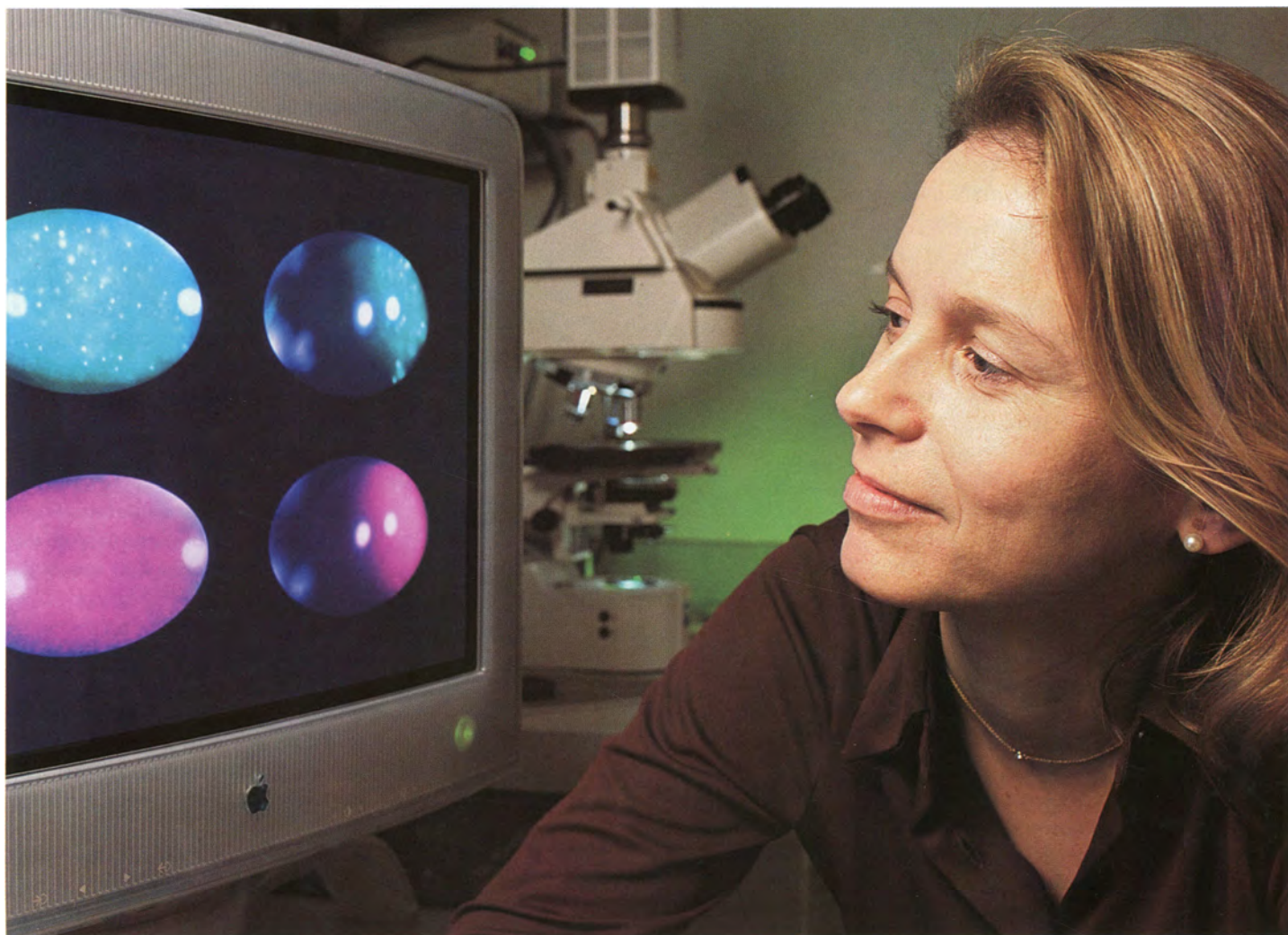
Armed with \$500,000 in “no strings attached” research funds after winning a coveted John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation “genius grant” in 2001, Dr. Seydoux directs a team of about a doz-

en molecular researchers. Still a year shy of 40, she’s already earned a reputation as one of America’s most promising young geneticists.

When asked to describe her research goals in 2003, this UMaine alumna will tell you she wants to work on “pure science”—and that she feels “amazingly lucky” to be directing her own high-tech research lab at such a youthful age. “Really, I can’t believe how fortunate I’ve been,” said the high-powered genetics expert during a recent interview in her busy lab on Wolfe Street in the heart of Baltimore.

“Because of the MacArthur (grant), I have access to resources that many scientists can only dream about—and I’m able to let the research carry me where it will.





Basic research of this kind is extremely exciting, because it's the key to understanding—and perhaps one day curing — many different kinds of diseases. I love coming into this lab every day, and I love working with my students to find new approaches to the germline and how it works."

Drop by Dr. Seydoux's busy laboratory on a weekday afternoon and the odds are high that you'll find her crouched over a jumbo-sized computer screen hooked to a series of microscopes. On the screen is a swarming hive of multi-colored particles — a fluorescent "photo" of a sliver of a worm embryo, as it turns out.

"Do you see the greenish patches?" asks the researcher, a slender and intensely en-

ergetic woman with hazel eyes and a habit of constantly tucking her chestnut-brown hair behind her ears. "Those patches you see are PIE-1, the protein we're studying, and we made it fluorescent so that we can see it clearly on the screen.

"What we're learning from this experiment is quite extraordinary. By watching the protein over time, we can see how it's accumulating in the germ cells (the precursors to the sperm and eggs) and repressing a key enzyme that's required to differentiate embryonic cells into *somatic* cells—tissues that become muscle or skin.

"In other words, we're watching PIE-1 preventing germ cells from 'differentiating.' As a result, the germ cells remain unchanged over time, so that they can even-

tually turn into eggs and sperm in adults.

"By studying the process in these worms (*Caenorhabditis elegans*), we are actually learning a great deal about the biochemistry of reproduction."

Explaining the process in more detail, she goes on to point out that the key step in changing embryonic cells into mature cells occurs when DNA "transcribes"—its coded information into "messenger ribonucleic acid" (mRNA), thus activating genes that transform plain embryonic cells into, say, nerve cells or skin cells in a human hand or foot.

"What we were surprised to find is that to make germ cells," explains the Hopkins researcher, "you must do exactly the opposite, that is 'turn off' mRNA transcription



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... and that's exactly what PIE-1 does by inhibiting a key enzyme in the cell's nucleus that is required to synthesize mRNAs.

"To put it scientifically," Seydoux says with a glance at the greenish blobs on the screen, "what we've done is to create images of the process in which the inhibition of mRNA production prevents the germ cells from becoming other cell types in the body."

Although the science involved is staggeringly complex, Seydoux and her dozen staffers at the Hopkins genetics lab seem quite down to earth and relaxed about their enterprise. "My lab technicians have come up with a nice nickname for me, since we started work on the nematodes," jokes the Princeton University genetics Ph.D., while tucking another lock of hair behind one ear.

"They call me the 'worm guru!'"

A native of Paris who moved to the United States at the age of 18, Geraldine Seydoux says her decision to become a molecular biologist "really took off" during her undergrad experience at UMaine.

"For me, those years at Maine (1982-86) were really very formative," she recalls. "Here was a campus with more than 10,000 students, and yet we still got one-on-one attention in most of our courses. I was a biochemistry major, and my professor—Keith Hutchison—encouraged me to work in his lab at the bench. Really, he opened the entire world of genetics and molecular biology to me.

"My professors at Maine also helped me to land a position at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, headed by (Nobel laureate geneticist) Jim Watson. Can you imagine being exposed to that kind of research environment as a college student? It didn't take me long to decide what I wanted to do when I graduated. After about two days at Cold Spring Harbor, I told myself: 'I'm sold—I'm going into molecular biology!'"

After graduating from UMaine in '86, Seydoux would go on to study genetics with Dr. Iva Greenwald at Princeton for five years (1986-91). Brand-new Ph.D. in hand, she would then launch her genetics studies in earnest as a post-doctoral fellow



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at the Carnegie Institution in Washington, before signing on as a Hopkins assistant professor in 1995. Jovial, easy going—and with a French accent that gives her a somewhat exotic air among the hard-working physicians and researchers at the world-renowned Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine—Seydoux has become something of a celebrity on campus since winning the MacArthur two years ago.

Says Tom Kelly, M.D., a colleague who also teaches molecular biology at JHU: "Geraldine is an extraordinary scientist and a thinker who promises to have a

major influence on genetics in the years ahead. Her work is truly pioneering, and she's already had a significant impact on problems that have been challenging geneticists for many years."

While she pushes forward in her ongoing effort to understand the biochemistry of human reproduction, Seydoux is also concerned with another issue: educating the public about "ethical issues related to the emerging field of biotechnology.

"I think we're making great strides in basic research," she said near the end of our recent interview, "but many of us in genetics are deeply concerned about the moral and ethical issues that surround our work. These days, we're hearing more and more reports about the possible future cloning of human beings, for example. And this is a very disturbing area that needs the public's attention.

"Even if only 'therapeutic cloning' is permitted (for the generation of tailor-made stem cells), it will mark the first time in history that we will be creating human embryos for a purpose other than reproduction. What's at stake here is nothing less than our entire definition of what it means to be human."

She pauses for a moment, frowns in consternation, then flicks a lock of hair behind one ear. "I think many of us in genetics have failed in the effort to address these issues with the public. So far we've allowed the politicians to dominate the discussion—and all too often, the debate has been driven by people with private or corporate interests in the outcome.

"But these questions are terribly important for our future, and we shouldn't leave them to the corporations or the politicians.

"What I'd love to see right now, to help us deal with these complex ethical issues, is simple biological lessons for all. Demystify the facts surrounding cloning so that the American public can make the ethical decisions for themselves!"

*Editor's Note: Freelance writer Tom Nugent spent five years covering medicine and science at The Johns Hopkins University for the Baltimore Sun.*



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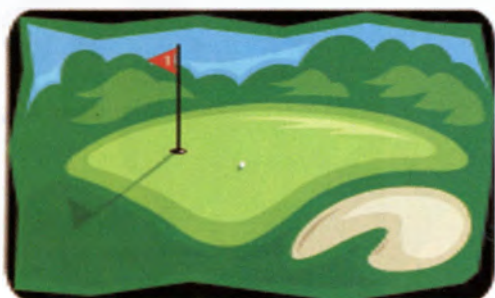
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# Two Black Bears Help Ducks Become “Mighty”

The once lowly Anaheim Mighty Ducks surprised everyone in the world of hockey this year by making it all the way to game seven of the Stanley Cup finals. And two former UMaine stars played a key role in the team's success.

*By Gary Thorne '70*

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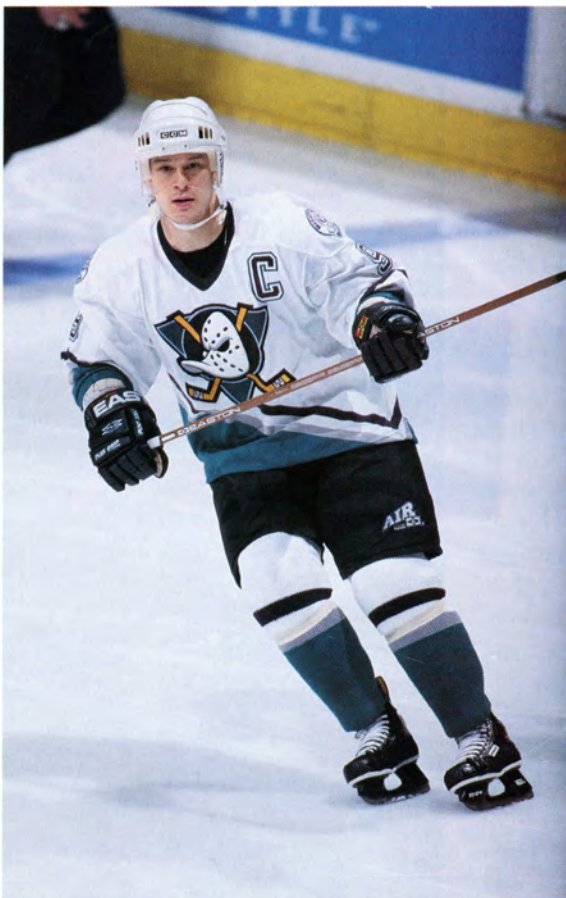
Right: Mighty Ducks defenseman Keith Carney '92 gets a shot on goal against the New Jersey Devils.





There was a whole lot of pride this spring for Black Bear fans who watched the Stanley Cup finals on ESPN and ABC. Not only were two of those amazing Anaheim Mighty Ducks' top stars, Keith Carney '92 and Paul Kariya '96 former UMaine players, but the man announcing the games, Gary Thorne, is a Class of 1970 graduate and a former UMaine hockey play-by-play announcer. Gary wrote the following piece in his regular column for the Bangor Daily News following the Ducks' loss to the New Jersey Devils in game seven of the finals.

Just weeks after the Cup finals came the surprising news that the Mighty Ducks were making Paul Kariya an unrestricted free agent in an attempt to restructure the team. Kariya stated that he was disappointed not to get the offer he wanted from his former team, but he quickly made the most of his opportunities by signing with the Colorado Avalanche. At Colorado he will be reunited with his old teammate and friend Teemu Selanne. Although he will be making a fraction of the money he earned with the Ducks, he believes the Avalanche will give him an excellent opportunity to once again compete for the Stanley Cup.



Former Mighty Ducks captain and seven-time All-Star Paul Kariya '96 was with the team since it was formed in 1994. Next year he will skate with the Colorado Avalanche.

**T**hey both did themselves proud and garnered the respect due them by their efforts in the Stanley Cup finals. For former University of Maine Black Bear stars Paul Kariya '96 and Keith Carney '92 the finals of the National Hockey League are that dreamed about opportunity as well as that moment when a player is defined in the pressure cooker of hockey's brightest lights.

They both shone brightly.

Carney solidified his position as one of the game's premier defensive defensemen. He drew the tough assignments against the New Jersey Devils and won the battles. He drew those assignments against the best offensive players throughout the playoffs.

That meant the likes of Steve Yzerman

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and Bret Hull with the Detroit Red Wings in the first round, Mike Modano with the Dallas Stars in the second round, Marion Gaborik with the Minnesota Wild in the Western final, and New Jersey's top two lines in the Stanley Cup final. As a result he averaged more ice time per game in the playoffs than any other Duck.

Carney was solid throughout. He played with a physical presence and then helped to move the puck out of trouble and up the ice to start the Duck's offensive game. Through it all, he never stopped smiling and enjoying the challenge and the moment.

Game five in New Jersey was the one he would like to have back for the team.

"We were really hanging in there, and just couldn't get that next goal to go ahead," he said. "They (the Devils) did and gained the momentum."

No tears over what didn't happen, just a valid assessment of what might have been.

For Kariya, he created a forever moment in Stanley Cup finals history with the hit he took from New Jersey's Scott Stevens in game six. He was leveled at center ice with a shoulder check that knocked him out and sent him to the dressing room. He came back in a matter of minutes and scored a dramatic goal that gave the Ducks a 4-1 lead.

Now it is reported that he played most of the finals before the Stevens hit, with a "slightly" separated shoulder. His only response was, "I don't want to talk about it."

Kariya does not look for excuses, or in this case, even valid reasons, to explain why he might not have been at his best in the series. He said to me after game seven, "I'm all right."

Was he ever.



Efram Potelle '94 and Kyle Rankin '94 got the break of a lifetime when they earned the Project Greenlight award last winter at the Sundance Film Festival. Their \$1.7 million feature will be released in August. In the meantime you can watch the making of the film on HBO.



*A Greenlight to*

# Hollywood

*By Jim Frick*



**T**hey sometimes refer to their filmmaking partnership as being like “an old married couple.” Indeed, Kyle Rankin and Efram Potelle have been working together for over 10 years now—since they were students at the University of Maine. It was at the university that they made their first film, a murder-mystery called *Dorm*, on a \$500 budget.

Following UMaine they moved to Portland and started an independent film company called Newborn Pictures. Subsequent works achieved some critical acclaim, but little financial success. There was a psychological drama called *Reindeer Games*, the first full-length film made in Maine, by Mainers. It was, by their own accounts, a very dark movie. So they decided to change direction and made two short comedies, *They Came to Attack Us* and *Pennyweight*. Both films were shown on the Sci-Fi cable channel and *Pennyweight* went out on the film festival circuit where it garnered five Best Short Film awards and several audience choice honors.

Still, Rankin and Potelle hadn’t gotten the breakthrough they needed to establish a foothold in the film industry.

All that changed last winter when they won the Project Greenlight director’s competition from over 7,200 entrants. This was more than just a breakthrough. This was an opportunity of a lifetime.

For those who are not familiar with it, Project Greenlight is an on-line competition for young screenwriters and directors. It has the backing of big-time Hollywood personalities Ben Affleck, Matt Damon, and Chris Moore as well as Miramax, Blockbuster Video, and HBO. The finalists are judged as part of the prestigious Sundance Film Festival.

Kyle Rankin remembers the thrill and intensity of having his and Efram’s names called as the winners.

“That was intense,” he told the *Topanga Messenger*. “The announcement, then we stumble up there and say a few unintelligible things I don’t remember, and all of a sudden Affleck has his arms around us,

we’re talking to “E!” and “Entertainment Tonight,” and “Extra.”

The thing that helped give these UMaine alumni an edge in the competition was their self-produced video biography, required of all contestants. As the *Topanga Messenger* describes it: “Kyle and Efram took a playful, irreverent attitude toward the assignment, inventing a back-stabbing competition between themselves and demonstrating their seamless low-budget special effects skills.”

The video ended with Potelle pretending to run over Rankin and his dog.

Affleck and Damon were so impressed



Kyle Rankin (left) and Efram Potelle.

**“Kyle and Efram were fully in control. They were calling the shots—giving orders—and people were responding.”**

with the short video that they personally called the filmmakers to tell them how much they liked it.

And in his column on the Project Greenlight web site, Chris Moore noted that all the judges were excited about Rankin and Potelle’s work.

“Kyle and Efram had been the panel’s favorites for many rounds, as we all loved

their tapes. The dog killing on their filmmaker video was a real highlight.”

By winning, Rankin and Potelle were given a \$1.7 million budget to direct a feature film, *The Battle of Shaker Heights*, for Miramax. That kind of budget, plus all the attention took some getting used to. No more scrambling for resources and actors. Now they would have an office at the Miramax studio, a top notch crew, and nationally known actors like Kathleen Quinlan, William Sadler, Ray Wise, and the young star of Disney’s *Even Stevens* Shia LeBeouf in the lead role.

And there was another thing that took some getting used to—four HBO cameras capturing their every move and conversation—the flaws as well as the strengths.

The HBO “Project Greenlight” series documents the young filmmakers’ struggles and triumphs in their attempts to make their first feature length Hollywood studio movie. The concept is entertaining and engaging for the viewer. For example, in one of the early episodes, Rankin and Potelle have a fiery debate with Moore and the powers-that-be about who will edit the film. It’s reality TV at its best.

Actor friend Dale Simonton ’83, who spent four days on location of *The Battle of Shaker Heights* and who has a small part in the film, says the HBO cameras were one part of the experience that Rankin and Potelle didn’t look forward to.

“No, they were never crazy about the whole HBO documentary part of the deal,” Simonton noted. “Those cameras were in their faces 12-16 hours a day—even when the shooting for the day was over. But they knew it was a necessary evil, and that it brought tremendous attention to the film.”

Simonton also observed that the people working on the film seemed impressed by Rankin and Potelle’s filmmaking knowledge and skill.

“Chris Moore glowed over Kyle and Efram,” he says. “I think everyone was pretty relieved by their competence and their personalities.”

It was helpful too, that both directors understood the long hours and patience it takes to make a film.



Simonton was also impressed by the control and confidence Rankin and Potelle exhibited.

"I thought maybe Miramax would say 'Come on, two young guys from Maine making our movie? You just stay out of the way, let us make the decisions.' But it wasn't that way at all. Kyle and Efram were fully in control. They were calling the shots—giving orders—and people were responding."

Of course the true test will come when *The Battle for Shaker Heights* opens at theaters around the country on August 15.

This will be the first time that Rankin and Potelle have directed a movie that was not their own screenplay. That, Simonton says, affected the comfort level and creative options for the filmmakers.

*The Battle for Shaker Heights* was written by the other Project Greenlight winner, writer Erica Beene. The screenplay, which represents her feature film debut, is a coming-of-age story about a teenage World War II buff and battle re-enactor, living in the Cleveland suburb of Shaker Heights.

"It's a quiet film," Simonton says. "It's not an action picture. But it's a nice tale and it has good actors and of course, good directors. These guys don't make bad films."

Now that the shooting and all the last minute editing is completed, Rankin and Potelle anxiously await the reviews and the audience reaction to *The Battle of Shaker Heights*.

They know there is a lot riding on the results—for their own careers as well as for the future of Project Greenlight.

"Yeah, they put a lot of pressure on themselves," Simonton noted. "They know the first go round (last year's Project Greenlight movie) did not go that well. They feel that they really want to make this happen for the good of Project Greenlight. Of course they also realize that this is a tremendously big break for themselves and they want to make the most of it."

It's clear from everyone who knows the Maine filmmakers that they don't want Project Greenlight to be the one and only big thing they ever did—the highlight of

## Hooking up With Newborn Pictures Was a Break for Actor Dale Simonton '83

In 1998 Maine actor Dale Simonton '83 was part of a public reading of screenplays in Portland. One of the works he was asked to read was an underworld sci-fi thriller by Kyle Rankin '94, cofounder of Newborn Pictures. Rankin was impressed with Simonton's reading and asked him to audition for a new short film he and his partner Efram Potelle '94 were making called *Pennyweight*.

"That's how it all started," Simonton remembers. "I was cast in a small supporting role in *Pennyweight* and Kyle, Efram, and I became good friends."

That friendship brought Simonton to Hollywood this spring for a small part in Rankin and Efram's Project Greenlight feature film, *The Battle of Shaker Heights*.

"They really pulled for me," Simonton says appreciatively. "I didn't know how much control they would have over the kind of role I had, a small day-player role. After all, it's a pretty small part for someone 3,500 miles away. Kyle called on February 28 to tell me he got me in—one scene but a speaking role." By getting a day-player part, Simonton is now eligible to join the Screen Actors Guild.

His scene only took one day to shoot, but he stayed on location in California for four days. Because of his friendship with the film's directors, he became a favorite subject for the television crews who were documenting the making of the film for the HBO Project Greenlight series.

He's hopeful it could all open some doors for him. But he's not ready to get an agent and move to Los Angeles. He is, however, confident that his association with Rankin and Potelle will bring more opportunities. "Efram and Kyle have told me that they want me to be part of their filmmaking future," he says. "They really like my work. I'm lucky to have become associated with them."



Photo by Paul Kerwick

their careers. They're determined to move forward. Even if *Shaker Heights* doesn't do that well at the box office, Rankin and Potelle have made valuable contacts and received exposure you just can't buy.

And although they have both moved to California to pursue their careers, they still have a commitment to their native state.

"Both Efram and I feel strongly that we wouldn't be here now if it weren't for the support we got in Maine," Rankin said in a recent interview with the *Kennebec Journal*. The filmmakers still have a goal of making a major film in their home state. In fact, they said they wanted to make the Project Green-

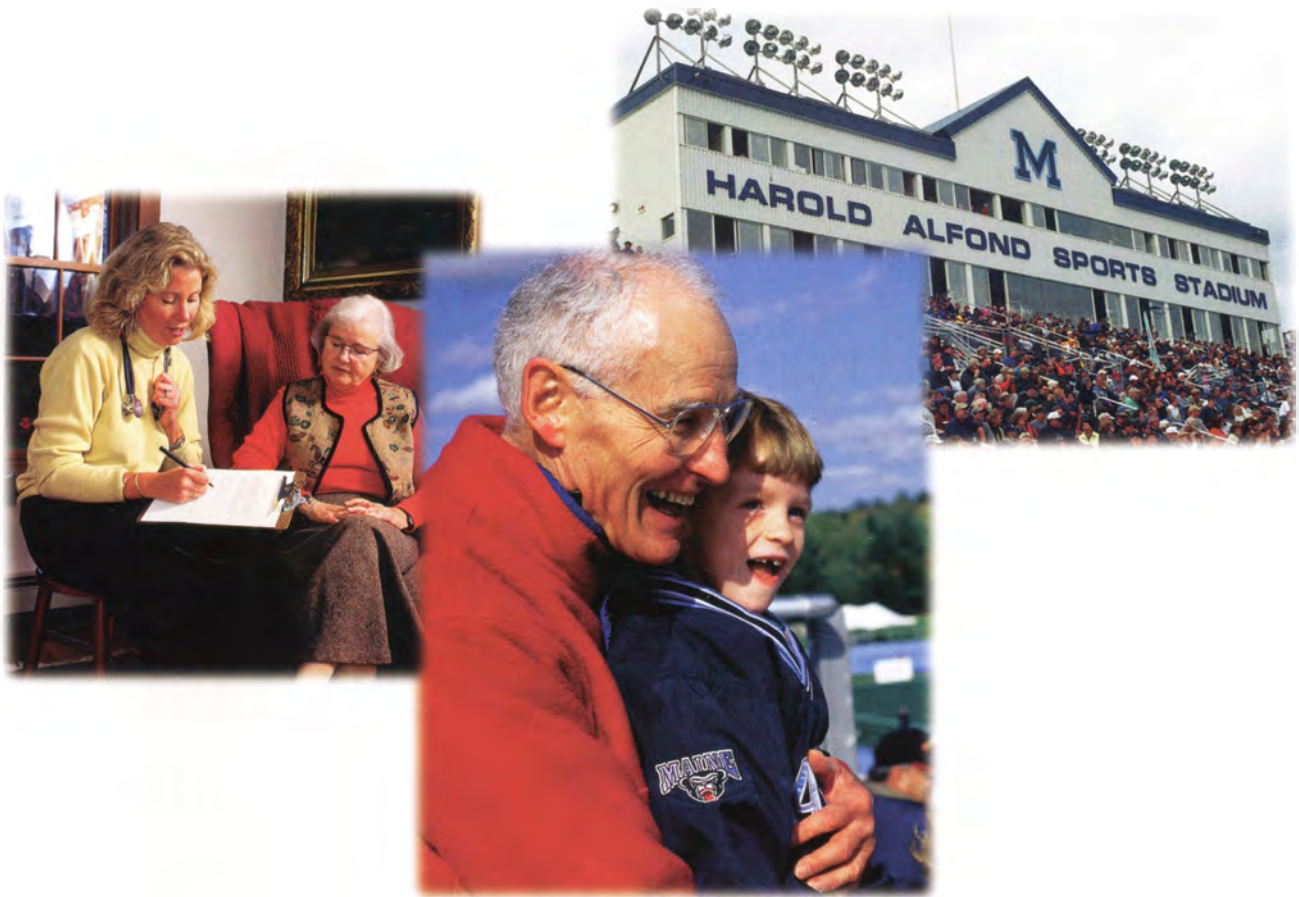
light film in Maine, but the climate prevented it.

Most folks are betting that Rankin and Potelle will make that film in Maine—that in fact they are going to make a good many major films in their careers. But right now they are just taking in the whirlwind of excitement that is currently surrounding them. And they realize it's a real bonus to have a partner to share it with.

"I'm glad I'm sharing it with a friend I've known for 15 years," Rankin told the *Topanga Messenger*, "because we can have those 'Do you believe this sh—?' moments, which are really fun."



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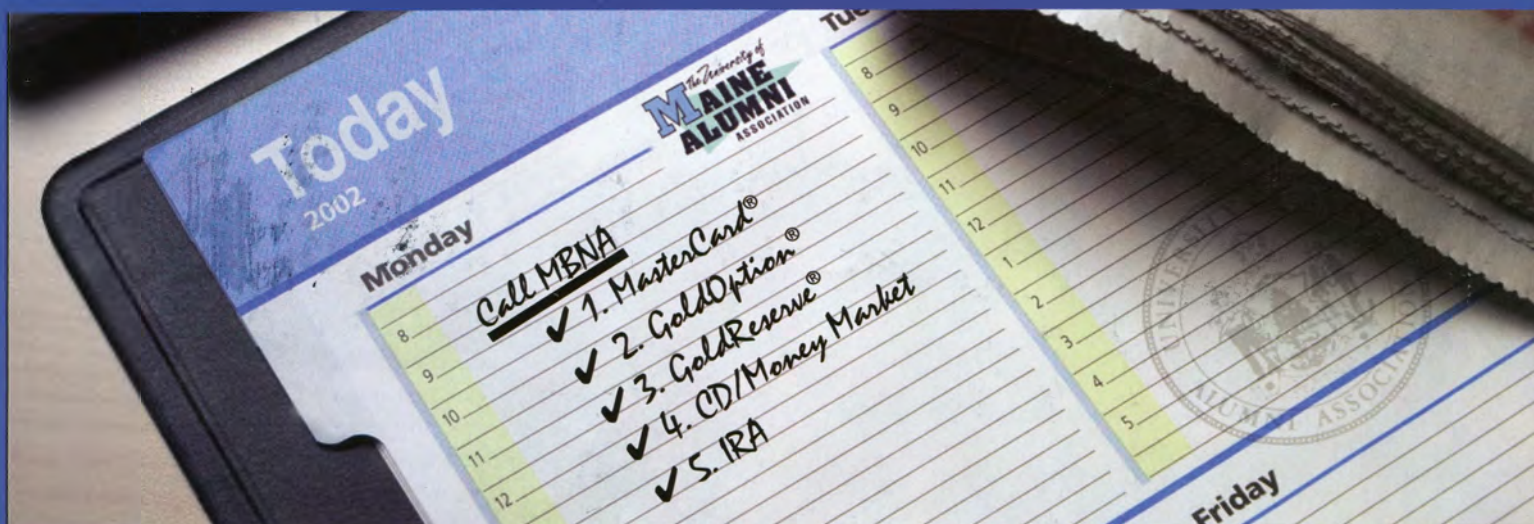
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