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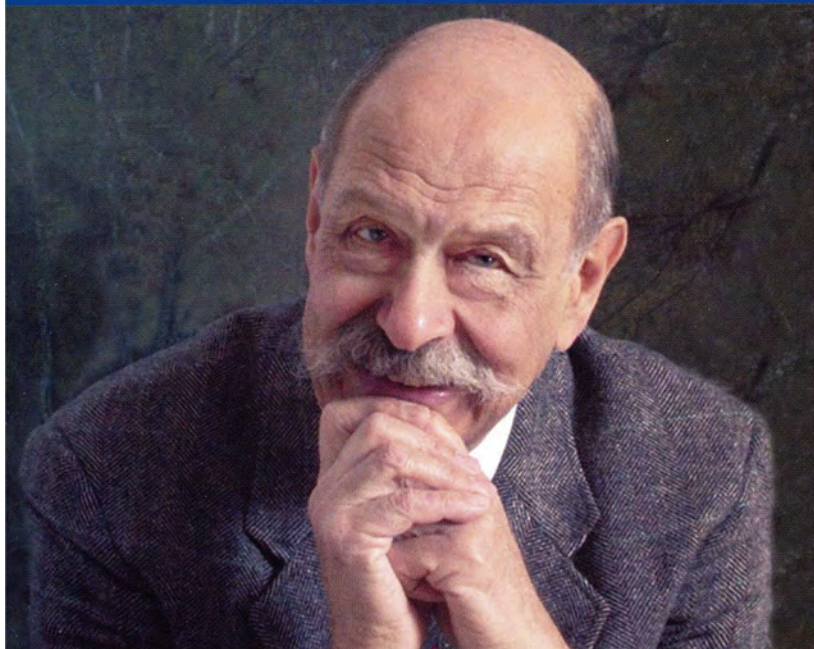
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Throughout this very exciting first year, we have had over 13,000 visitors attend more than 500 meetings. During one month alone we were host to Maine's Senators Olympia Snowe '69 and Susan Collins, Governor John Baldacci '86, former Secretary of Defense William Cohen '75H and former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Buchanan Alumni House has become widely recognized as one of the finest facilities of its kind in the country. The presence of such an extraordinary building on campus has created a demand that has exceeded all our expectations. Daily, the Alumni Association and the University of Maine Foundation field requests for meetings and events to be held throughout the week, and increasingly on the weekends. This outpouring of interest in Buchanan Alumni House is proof



that the vision alumni leaders had for UMaine's new "front door" was right on target.

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class notes—in the center**

Senate Approves Proposed Climate Change Program at UMaine

The U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee has approved a proposed \$1.6 million research program to be led by the University of Maine on abrupt climate change. As contained in legislation to be brought to the Senate floor, the program would create a national research program to address the potential for the Earth's climate to change significantly within a decade.

A number of the field's leading researchers are on the University of Maine faculty.

"There's no longer any doubt that the climate system in the past has changed relatively quickly from one state to another," says Paul Mayewski, director of the Climate Change Institute at UMaine. Mayewski led the Greenland Ice Sheet Project (GISP2) that, in 1992, surprised scientists with the conclusion that in the past, average temperatures, storm frequency, precipitation patterns, and even ocean currents have changed substantially in less than a decade.

Mayewski and his colleague George Denton, UMaine Libra Professor of Geological Sciences, are working with Senator Susan Collins to develop the federal research program on abrupt climate change. As currently envisioned, the program would involve a UMaine-led consortium including the University of New Hampshire, the University of Washington, Penn State, and the Lamont-Doherty Laboratory at Columbia University. The subject is of more than academic interest. Climate changes are considered to be a major factor in human history. The fate of ancient civilizations as far apart as Peru and the Middle East appear to have been influenced by changes in the frequency and severity of flood and drought.

If scientists could get to the bottom of climate shifts, says Mayewski, they might be able to predict future climate with more reliability.



Moving In

Some 1,700 members of the Class of 2007 moved on campus to start their college careers on August 29. The new students and their families were warmly greeted and helped by about 300 UMaine students, faculty, and staff members as part of the "Maine Hello" greeting and new student orientation program. Almost all of the first-year students will stay in campus housing. In fact, more and more UMaine students are choosing to stay in dorms. This year the residence halls will be filled to capacity, with a projected 3,777 students on campus. That represents a 17 percent increase over last year.

Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity to be Shut Down for Year

The Fiji brotherhood at the University of Maine no longer has a home. The Phi Gamma Delta fraternity recently had a fire and the building was condemned. A search of the premises by law enforcement officials after the fire turned up narcotics and narcotic paraphernalia.

"The national headquarters decided to close that location because of safety issues," said Noel March, director of the university's department of public safety. "It will be closed for one year."

The fire occurred at about 8 p.m. on August 25. The search occurred the next morning, March said. No arrests have been made.

"We're reviewing with the district attorney's office whether there is sufficient cause to pursue charges," he said. The house was closed the morning of August 26 by the Phi Gamma Delta Alumni Association.

March said a candle is the probable cause of the fire.

"It appears the fire was started accidentally by a candle in the upstairs bedroom that ignited the curtains," he added. "The fire was put out quickly but there was considerable smoke damage. Also firefighters opened up walls to make sure the fire had not spread into the structure or walls."

(Taken from a story in the *Bangor Daily News*.)

Joe Carr and Nick Houtman at UMaine's public affairs office had to chuckle over all the recent media coverage of the university's research on adding blueberries to burgers.

It was, after all, more than two years ago that they first put out a press release on the topic. At the time, not one newspaper or network outside of Maine showed any interest.

Then, Associated Press reporter Emily Gersema saw a one sentence mention of UMaine's research in a wild blueberry industry newsletter and decided to do a full feature on the topic.

Papers all across the country ran the AP story. And several big time papers including the *Washington Post*, the *Rocky*



Blueberry Burgers?

with funding from the Wild Blueberry Association of North America. Although much of the national coverage has emphasized the health benefits of mixing blueberries in burgers, Bushway's primary focus is on preserving flavor. Blueberries help retard the oxidation of lipids in cooked meats which can improve the taste. If the idea catches on, it will also be a boost to Maine blueberry farmers.

Mountain News, and the *Wall Street Journal* decided to do their own articles on fruit enhanced burgers. It was even featured on the "Today Show."

Al Bushway '68, professor of food science and nutrition, is the person heading up the research at UMaine,

New Quarters for Advanced Manufacturing Center

The University of Maine College of Engineering held a groundbreaking on August 22 for a building to house a program that is giving a much needed boost to Maine's manufacturing economy.

Since opening last winter in Norman Smith Hall on the UMaine campus, the Advanced Manufacturing Center has performed product design and development work for companies statewide.

If construction goes as planned, AMC technicians and students will have new quarters in late 2004 and be able to expand their support for industry and small businesses. Work on the 30,000-square-foot AMC building began in September. JCN Construction of Bedford, New Hampshire, is the general contractor.

Prototypes already developed at the AMC range from production line hardware to new equipment for companies and research laboratories.



Art Garfunkel Opens 2003-2004 MCA Season

Singer Art Garfunkel performed for a sold-out audience at the Maine Center for the Art's GALA on September 13. Just days before the show it was made public that Garfunkel will be reuniting with his old partner Paul Simon for a 30-city concert tour.

Private Giving Increases

Despite a weak national economy and uncertainty regarding national security, private giving to the University of Maine increased significantly during the past year, according to Jeffery N. Mills '82, UMaine's vice president for advancement and president of the University of Maine Alumni Association. UMaine's office of development and other affiliated fundraising organizations reported a combined 13 percent increase in the fiscal year 2003 as compared to the previous year. The office of development reported a 58 percent increase.

"We are particularly pleased with the support of donors who are not UMaine alumni," Mills says. "Gifts from those people increased by over 300 percent. That is a clear indication that the university's value, under the leadership of President (Peter) Hoff, is being recognized and appreciated by a broad range of people."

UMaine raised a total of \$13,737,801 from private gifts in FY03.

Building by the Sea

Coastal structures such as sea walls and jetties can affect water currents and the movement of sand along shorelines. Impacts depend on, among many factors, the shape of coastal land forms and the sources of sand. With a \$121,244 two-year grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration through the Maine Sea Grant Program, Dan Belknap and Joe Kelley of the school of marine sciences and the department of geological sciences will test the hypothesis that the Saco River is a major source of sand for the beaches of southern Saco Bay. The results will address ongoing beach erosion at Camp Ellis and evaluate U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' proposed solutions to the problem that include re-engineering the Saco River jetty and supplying new sand for beach nourishment.

New Saturns Donated to University for Research

Three Saturn vehicles that arrived on the University of Maine campus on September 20 will never see the open road. The General Motors Corporation is donating them to the college of engineering for use in the university's Advanced Manufacturing Center for research and educational purposes.

The vehicles include a complete car, a cut-away car, and a car to be used for parts. The cut-away car is strategically sectioned to expose the underlying frame and mechanical parts.

"The cars will bring an automotive focus to students," says Chet Rock, associate dean of the college.

"The donation requires us not to drive the cars or sell any of the parts. Otherwise they can be used in any manner for experiments.

"GM has a fantastic internship program and our students will also have a good chance of participating," he adds.

The idea for the donation came from John T. Forester '02, a graduate student in the department of mechanical engineering. Forester received his bachelor's degree from UMaine and interned for two summers at the Wilmington Saturn plant prior to graduation. He suggested the donation to Rock.

Automotive design has been a focus for UMaine students through the annual Tour de Sol, a solar vehicle competition in the Northeast. Paul van Steenberghe '77, '81G in the department of mathematics and statistics coordinates the UMaine team that has entered a custom built battery powered car and a solar assisted pickup truck. The team has repeatedly finished in first place in its category.

The Advanced Manufacturing Center designs and builds prototypes of new products and manufacturing equipment for private companies and research laboratories.

Helping the Needy

Members of Alpha Phi Omega fraternity and their friends love leftovers. Every Friday night during the academic year, you'll find them going from one UMaine dining commons to another, seeking out the remains of the day—all the extra food that went unserved.

The students forage for food so those in need can partake.

UMaine's Food Run Project has been a community effort of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity since the 1980s. In recent years, members of Gamma Sigma Sigma service sorority have joined the effort.

In cooperation with dining services staff, the students wrap, bag, and package up a week's worth of leftovers after the evening meals on Friday nights. They then deliver them in a van donated by Cyr Bus Line to Manna Ministries, a soup kitchen and homeless shelter in Bangor.

"Every week four of us go to Manna Ministries to serve a meal and interact with people who eat the food we took there from the dining commons," says Will Borst, chair of the project for Alpha Phi Omega.

Dining services estimates that 240 pounds of leftovers each week are distributed to the needy through the volunteer efforts of the students.



Ornaments to Benefit UMaine Student Programs

The University of Maine's Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program will be the first beneficiary of a new program created by the University Bookstore to help campus organizations that work to benefit others.

As part of the program the bookstore will be offering a special University of Maine holiday tree ornament.

ASB promotes service on the local, regional, and international levels through programs that immerse students in different cultures, while heightening social awareness and advocating lifelong social action. In the past, UMaine students involved in Alternative Spring Break have provided service to

Habitat for Humanity, the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York City, Hands On in Atlanta, Project Lazarus in New Orleans, and many other needy organizations.

A committee comprised of UMaine students, faculty, and staff members will work to identify a different worthy campus organization each year to benefit from what will become an annual program.

You can order the ornament by either calling the bookstore at 1-

888-863-4438 or by logging onto

the university bookstore's website at: www.bookstore.umaine.edu.



Trustees Approve New UMaine Fitness Center

In its September meeting, the University of Maine System board of trustees approved construction for a \$25 million fitness center for the UMaine campus.

The 85,000-square-foot facility will include an indoor swimming pool, racquetball courts, a jogging track, weight and fitness machines, two multi-purpose rooms, a juice bar, and locker rooms.

Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2004 with the opening of the new facility anticipated for fall 2006.

The fitness center will be funded by a combination of user fees and student fees, which are expected to increase by \$90.

A recent survey of 2,900 UMaine students indicated that 81 percent thought a new fitness center was a medium to very high priority.

"Students have really stepped up to the plate and said they were interested in doing it and paying for it. It's that important to them," said trustee and UMaine student government president, Matt Rodrigue.

It was noted that a state-of-the-art fitness center will help recruit and retain students, as well as promote health and fitness on campus.

Don't Forget to Order Your Black Bear Plates

The colorful new UMaine Black Bear license plate will be available on November 1 for \$20 (\$15 for renewals). Ten dollars of the fee is tax deductible and will benefit the university's Black Bear Scholarship Fund.

The UMaine plates will be available at all state motor vehicle branch offices and at many town offices. If the plates are not available at your town office, you can order on line at: www.state.me.us/sos/. Please note that specialty plate fees are due again at each re-registration.

Since the late 1800s, the *Prism* yearbook served as one of the University of Maine's longest lasting traditions, as well as a valuable source of its history.

Unfortunately, in 1997, that tradition ended when an errant student editor, coupled with diminishing interest from the student body caused the *Prism's* demise.

The loss of the yearbook was a major concern for the alumni association. In 2002, the publications committee presented a strong recommendation to the Association's board of directors that it take action in an effort to bring the *Prism* back.

As president of the UMaine student government, Matthew Rodrigue was attending the alumni board meeting when the yearbook was being discussed.

"I was really surprised when I heard that there had been no yearbook since 1997—that there was now a six-year gap," Rodrigue says. "I immediately felt this was something that the student government had to get moving on."

Rodrigue didn't waste any time. He presented the case to the student government and the group voted to provide money to hire an editor and begin a feasibility study for bringing back the *Prism*.

"Matt took the bull by the horns on this issue," said UMaine board chair, Bion Foster '68, '70G. "He and all the other students involved have done a super job. We never expected this project to be this far along at this point."

With some funding in hand, the yearbook's newly hired editor-in-chief,



Jonathon White and Matt Rodrigue

Bringing Back the *Prism*

Jonathon White got to work. His ground-

work showed that a yearbook was doable. After contacting several prospective publishers, it was decided to go with Taylor Publishing.

"It's a great situation for us," White says. "They are paying for the staffing, they bought us equipment, and even sent us to a conference in New Orleans."

He adds that one of the big things that Taylor offers is taking care of all the marketing and dis-

tribution of the book.

"It's wonderful that we can concentrate on putting together a great book and not have the burden of marketing it," he notes. "This was a problem with Maine yearbooks in the past. We can just concentrate on the content."

And the content that White and his staff have planned should make the 2004 *Prism* one of the best ever.

First, all the projected 250-300 pages will be in color. There will be the photos of seniors, undergraduates, clubs, and sports, but there will also be a good deal of new content.

"I think one of the things that was missing from some of the past yearbooks was some good writing," White says. "Writing that gives a sense of what took place on campus during the year, as well as some history of the university and its alumni. We're going to have that along with excellent photography and layout."

"We have a great yearbook staff. There's a lot of energy and interest in making this a success."

100 Years of UMaine Forestry

The university's forestry program is the oldest in the United States, educating generations of alumni committed to sound forest management.

By Pete Lefrense

By George, I'd like to come back a hundred years from now and see my trees.

Gifford Pinchot, Chief Forester for President Theodore Roosevelt

Nearly a century after he made that statement, Gifford Pinchot's trees, at least the ones in Maine, are thriving. So is the University of Maine's forestry program—an entity that, for the last 100 years, has produced graduates committed to the idea of a sustainable forest; woodlands that continue to provide both a habitat for wildlife and sustenance for man.

The oldest continuous undergraduate forestry curriculum in the United States, UMaine's forestry program celebrates its centennial this academic year. During that time, the program has evolved in much the same manner as the forest itself. There are trees that may have stood when the program was founded in 1903, but the forest in which they grow is constantly changing—a fundamental lesson that the program has instilled in its graduates for the last 100 years.

"Maine forestry graduates do carry a common ethic," says G. Bruce Wiersma '64, dean of the college of natural sciences, forestry, and agriculture. "They have a strong commitment to the forest and to sound forest management. They understand the cycles of the forest, and they understand that cutting is a good thing when it's part of a management plan."

Such understanding was not wide-



Dean Bruce Wiersma '64

"Maine forestry graduates do carry a common ethic."

spread when UMaine's forestry program was born in 1903. At the turn of the last century millions of acres of forestland were vanishing, falling beneath ax and saw blade to fuel a growing American economic machine that needed wood for its ships, canal barges, railroad ties, and charcoal for its iron furnaces. Millions more were consumed by fire, which spread easily through less accessible areas where ground fuel

was more abundant.

"The forests were literally thought to be inexhaustible," said Wiersma.

That started to change in the late 1890s for a pair of reasons, one idealistic and one practical.

Under President Theodore Roosevelt, the preservation and protection of public lands became a national priority and there was an ever-growing awareness of the value of the nation's natural resources. In the industrial sector, as sawmills and paper mills grew larger, the old pattern of clear-cutting an area and then moving on became unfeasible. The idea of a sustainable-growth and multi-use forest—although not recognized as such at the time—was starting to take shape.

In 1902, the Maine Legislature voted to appropriate \$2,500 for each of the 1903-04 and 1904-05 academic years for the establishment of forestry instruction. The goals, as stated by Maine's forest commissioner, were to give all students the opportunity to acquire a general knowledge of forestry, to provide a major course of study for any student wishing to specialize in forestry, and, finally, to give students in agriculture special training in the management of their woodlots.

"It was an ethic that needed to be developed, that the forest was a renewable resource," said Wiersma, "and I think that's the reason they established the forestry program—to help train people to carry that ethic into the field."

From that initial investment of \$5,000 by the state of Maine, the university produced its first class of four forestry graduates in 1906. It survived a steady turnover

in directors and staff until Dwight B. Demeritt, a 1914 UMaine graduate, returned to take the helm in 1933. Demeritt guided the program through a pair of watershed events in 1939: the acquisition of 1,700 acres in Stillwater for what eventually became The University Forest, and accreditation by the Society of American Foresters.

The program's long-term future as a vehicle for forestry education and research, however, was secured in 1962 through the efforts of Albert Nutting '27, '87 Ph.D. who took over as program director in 1958. Nutting and several other UMaine administrators were interested in securing more federal money for forestry research. The group met with Clifford McIntire '30, Maine's second district congressman from Aroostook County, and it was concluded that new legislation would be needed. Nutting wrote an outline for the proposed legislation, and McIntire went to work in Washington securing its passage. The McIntire-Stennis Act, co-sponsored with Senator John Stennis from Mississippi, passed with broad, bipartisan support in 1962. Since its conception in Orono in 1959 and enactment three years later, McIntire-Stennis has provided funding for forestry research nationwide and has supported the completion of nearly 7,500 master's and 2,200 doctoral degrees. In Orono, the impact of the McIntire-Stennis legislation can be seen all around campus. A provision of the act states that any proceeds from the sale of land in the University Forest has to be rolled back into acquiring more forest land.

Thanks to the effects of McIntire-Stennis and some additional donated parcels of land, the program's land holdings now total approximately 15,000 acres including 5,000 acres in the Penobscot Experimental Forest in Bradley. The most recent land transaction under McIntire-Stennis came



Commemorating 100 Years

This 100th anniversary limited edition *UM Bear* is by renowned wildlife sculptor, Forest Hart. The solid bronze Maine black bear is 4 3/4" high and 6" long standing on a bronze white pine stump. The base is solid cherry.

The cost of the sculpture is \$600. Forty percent of the sale of the sculptures will go towards the purchase of the nine-foot *Cub Scouts* sculpture by Forest Hart. The *Cub Scouts* sculpture will be the centerpiece of the relandscaped courtyard at Nutting Hall, home to UMaine's forestry and wildlife programs. To purchase this sculpture, send a check payable to The University of Maine, attention: Judy Round, College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture, 5782 Winslow Hall, Orono, Maine 04469-5782.

last year, when 17 acres of land in the Demeritt University Forest were sold to the City of Old Town for a new elementary school. Proceeds of the sale funded the purchase of an additional 1,200 acres of land adjacent to the Penobscot Experiment Forest.

"That was a pretty good deal for us," said Wiersma, "but I couldn't have done it without Cliff McIntire. I am eternally grateful to Cliff McIntire, as has been, I imagine, every forestry dean and director since then."

The forestry curriculum itself remains amazingly true to its 100-year old roots: it focuses heavily in the natural sciences—biology, chemistry, physics, botany, zoology—along with healthy portions of math, English, and public speaking. That's remarkably similar to the schedule of courses found in a 1906 brochure promoting the

new program in forestry at the university. Changes have come as the sciences themselves have advanced, and to accommodate new technology. Today's forestry graduates have also taken classwork in areas such as economics, computer science, computer mapping, spatial technology, satellite imagery, and using GPS.

"Forestry, by definition, is a multidisciplinary profession," said David Field '63, '68G, professor of forest resources and chair of the department of forest management. "The skill-set is now more intense, foresters have to know more than they used to, and there has been this explosion of information and research in forestry just as in every other field. What a student has to learn—there's just more of it, and it's more complicated as science advances in forestry."

The biggest changes have come in forestry's applications. As an example, Wiersma points to the Cooperative Forestry

Research Unit, a research cooperative begun through the forestry program in 1975 and voluntarily funded by Maine's forest landowners. The CFRU used to primarily look at forest horticultural techniques, according to Wiersma. Now, a large portion of its work is devoted to ecosystem issues such as preserving wildlife habitats.

"The appreciation for some of these other values was always there, just the proportions were a little different in the past," said Wiersma. "Now the value of critical habitat for wildlife—and non-game wildlife particularly—has risen in importance, relatively speaking, to the production of timber." That focus on all the uses of the forest—as a source of wood products, a source of recreation, and a source of natural habitat for wildlife, to name just a few, has long been the hallmark of the program. If Field and Wiersma, both of whom gradu-

ated from UMaine, are any gauge, it will continue for the foreseeable future. Field likes to paint this scene: picture a family enjoying a walk through the forest—along the Appalachian Trail, perhaps, or maybe alongside a free-flowing stream. Now picture the same family relaxing in their home—a home built almost entirely with wood. A child is reading a paper book, while dinner is being served on a wooden table.

He wants a UMaine-educated forester to be able to insure both needs are satisfied.

"We want our graduates to be passionate about forestry," said Field. "I want our students to go out of here passionate for all the things a forest can produce because this is such a wonderful material to use and we can manage the forest for lots of things simultaneously."

The college of natural sciences, forestry, and agriculture, which has housed the forestry program since 1993, has planned a number of events over the next 12 months to commemorate the 100th anniversary of undergraduate forestry education at the University of Maine.

A Homecoming reception and a special insert section in the *Bangor Daily News* and other state newspapers honoring the program and its achievements occurred in early October. Spring activities include a gala celebration, a McIntire-Stennis symposium for scholars and forest researchers, and a special meeting in Orono of the Maine chapter of the Society of American Foresters. A planned renovation of the entrance of Nutting Hall will feature a bronze sculpture by noted artist Forest Hart entitled *Cub Scouts*.

Current forestry students will also play an active part in marking this milestone in the program's history: they are working on a publication called *Maine Forester: 100 for 100*, and are producing a CD featuring recollections from forestry program alumni about their experiences at Maine.

And after compiling this record of the program's first century, UMaine's forestry students will return to their love and labor: insuring Gifford Pinchot's trees are around for another 100 years.

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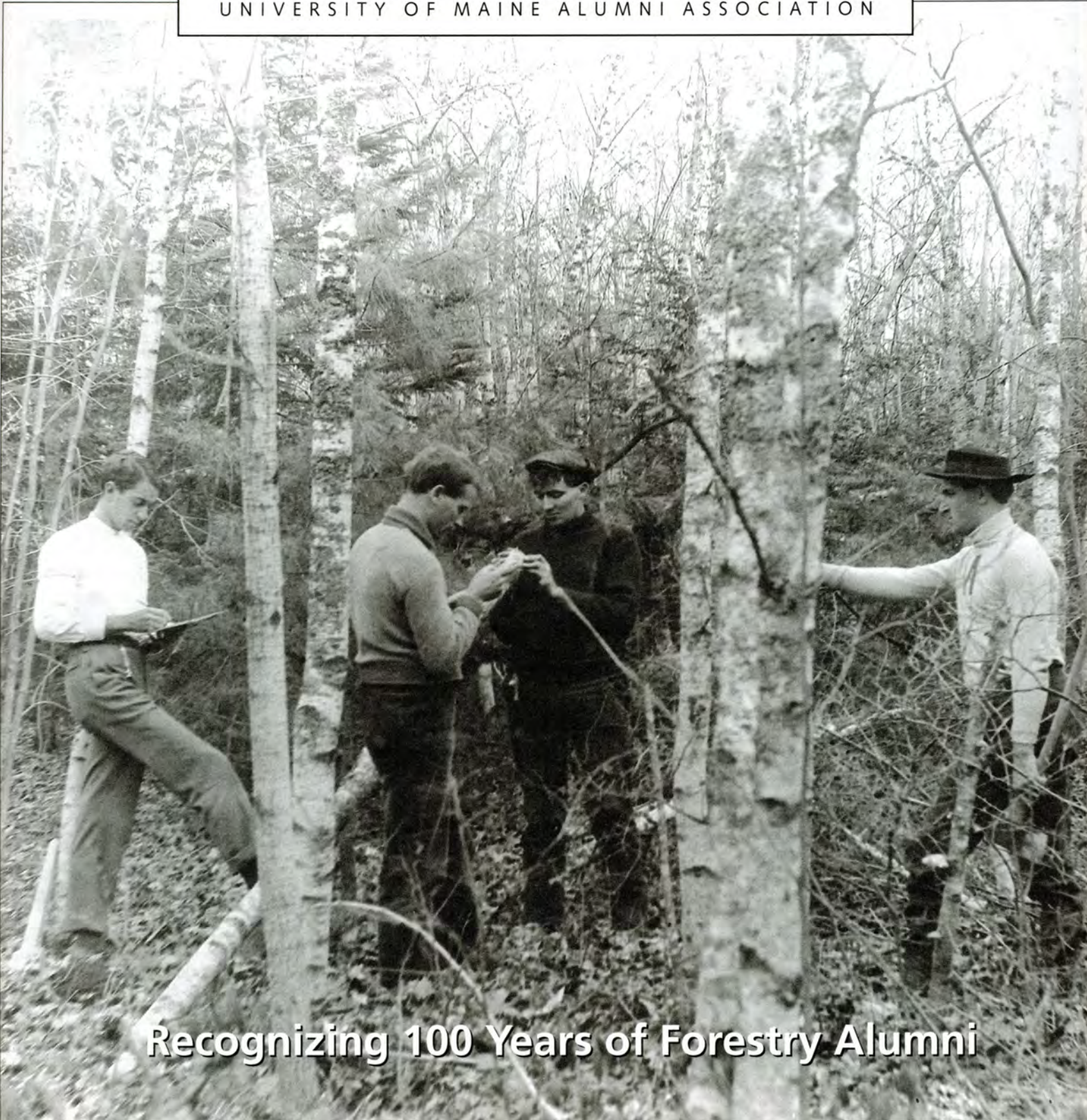
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A black and white photograph of four men in a forest. The man on the far left is wearing a light-colored shirt and dark trousers, holding a clipboard and looking down. The man next to him is wearing a dark sweater and dark trousers, looking at something in his hands. The man in the center is wearing a dark jacket and a cap, also looking at something in his hands. The man on the far right is wearing a light-colored shirt, dark trousers, and a hat, looking towards the other men. They are standing in a forest with many thin trees and some evergreens in the background.

Recognizing 100 Years of Forestry Alumni

Alumni News and Events



Enjoying a visit to Scone Palace in Scotland during an Alumni College trip were (left to right): Joan and Harvey Lacombe '48 of Aiken, South Carolina, and Maggie Mollison McIntosh '50 of York Harbor, Maine. Maggie, who serves on the Senior Alumni executive committee, said although she and Harvey were the only UMaine grads on the trip, they sang the "Stein Song" to keep their identity amidst alumni from Maryland, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

On the Cover:

A 1915 photograph of University of Maine forestry students doing field studies. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the forestry program, making it the oldest in the nation. In honor of the anniversary we will be recognizing outstanding UMaine forestry alumni in this publication in the next several issues.

Found:

A white cardigan sweater was found at the Doris Twitchell Allen Village after the 2003 Class Reunion in June. Please call 1-800-934-2586 if you have information on the owner of this item.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 22	Durham, NH	UMaine football vs UNH at noon. Details on alumni tailgate TBA.
December 4	Portland	Portland Alumnae Club meeting. Luncheon at Parker's Restaurant at noon. Call Gloria Boggs MacGregor '69 at 781-5425 or Jane Driscoll Kenneally '83 at 282-1941.
December 20	Portland	UMaine basketball vs Morgan State at Cumberland County Civic Center. Tip-off time and pregame rally TBA.
December 27-28	Estero, FL	Florida Everblades College Hockey Classic with UMaine, Ohio State, Cornell, and Notre Dame. Pregame rally time TBA. For tickets call 1-800-756-TEAM.
January 4	Portland	UMaine hockey vs Vermont at the Cumberland County Civic Center. Face-off at 2 p.m. Pregame rally TBA.
April 1	Falmouth	Portland Alumnae Club meeting. Potluck dinner at the home of Faith Wixson Varney '56. Speaker: Mazie Hough '90G, associate director of Women in the Curriculum at UMaine. RSVP by March 29 to Faith Varney at 781-3038 or Carolyn Bull Dahlgren '56 at 846-5092.

Area mailings will be sent prior to each alumni event. Call 800-934-2586 or log on to: www.mainealumni.com for more information.

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Among those participating in the New Jersey Alumni Chapter scholarship golf outing in May were (left to right): Gene Baker '69, alumni association staff member Danny Williams '91, '94G, and Chan Coddington '54. The event raised \$2,800 for the scholarship fund.



Graduate student Orlina Boteva sits at the UMaine Visitors Center's new location in the Treat Grand Foyer of Buchanan Alumni House. Orlina will be in charge of UMaine students covering the desk, which will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tours are given at 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 1:15 p.m. weekdays and 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. on Saturdays.



Call for Nominations—Alumni Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the following alumni association awards. Please include as much specific information as possible regarding how the nominee's achievements match the criteria for a particular award. Also, please include your name, address, and phone number. Nominations should be sent to: Diana Tibbetts Richardson '93, One Alumni Place, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469-5792 or e-mailed to: diana_richardson@umit.maine.edu.

- **Alumni Career Award**

Presented to a graduate whose life's work is marked by outstanding achievement and dedication.

- **Pine Tree Emblem Alumni Service Award**

In recognition of leadership and service to the alumni body.

- **Spirit of Maine Achievement Award**

Presented to an individual who has graduated in the last 15 years and has demonstrated outstanding initiative in his/her field.

- **Fogler Legacy Award**

To a family that has a long tradition of attending the University of Maine and

service to their alma mater.

- **Black Bear Award**

In recognition of outstanding service to UMaine.

- **Bernard Lown '42 Alumni Humanitarian Award**

For outstanding and devoted service to humanity.

- **Hilda A. Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award**

For outstanding service as a class correspondent.

- **Block "M" Award**

Recognizing outstanding leadership and participation in local alumni events, class activities, and alumni programs.

A Rewarding Alternative to Golf

Ron Bishop finds joy and satisfaction in his work for Habitat for Humanity

By Jim Frick

When Ron Bishop '53 retired to Cornelius, North Carolina, in 1995, he thought he would take up golf to keep himself busy. It was, after all, a golfing community, and his wife Lorna loved to play the game. So just a few weeks after the move he started taking lessons. But when the lessons ended, he found he didn't have any desire to go out to the golf course.

"I just never thought about it," he says. "The game didn't make any sense to me. Every golfer I saw came home frustrated. If I played the rest of my life I probably wouldn't break 100. Why would I want to spend the rest of my life being frustrated?"

But Ron is the kind of person who needs to keep busy. And after about a month of not playing golf and hanging out around the house, Lorna knew he had to find something to do. She called a friend who did work for Habitat for Humanity (the Christian-based organization that builds homes for poor families) and asked if Ron could accompany her the next time she was volunteering.

"Yeah, she basically said, 'He's got to get out of the house or I'm going to kill him,'" he remembers.

The friend agreed to take Ron with her. His life hasn't been the same since.



Ron Bishop '53 with Guatemalans whose home he helped build through Habitat for Humanity. He has also helped build houses in South Africa, the Philippines, Texas, Kentucky, and his current place of residence, North Carolina.

"I went with her that morning in October 1995 and joined a crew they called 'The Over the Hill Gang.' It was a dozen or so guys who were all in their 60s and 70s, but who knew how to build things."

Ron liked the physical work and the camaraderie among the volunteers. Best of all, of course, was the great satisfaction of helping people achieve the dream of having their own home. He enjoyed it so much he quickly volunteered a second day every week. And when he found out that a larger group worked every Saturday for Habitat he decided to join them too.

Before long, Ron's natural leadership and management skills kicked in and he was organizing and heading up his own crews for Habitat for Humanity projects.

"Right now I've got about 50 volunteers I've rounded up to work on the sites," he says. "We have housewives, airline pilots, and lots of retired folks. Some work twice a week, some just once a month—we've all become great friends."

Ron has also made scores of friends with the people whose homes he's helping to build.

"Yes, I've made lots of wonderful friends," he says. "Blacks, whites, Hispanics—all poor. This is one of the things I like most about it. You get to meet people you would never otherwise meet. And the people respond in amazingly emotional ways. After a home is finished, we have a dedication where we sing hymns and we talk about the house and the people—it has an atmosphere like a prayer meeting."

Ron gets emotional himself when he starts talking about the response he has received from Habitat's new home owners.

"There is a strong bond that develops between the builders and the people for whom we are building," he says. "They are thankful to all of us who helped. They have a home and don't have to move every six months. If not for Habitat, most of these

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Class Notes

Golden Bears

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Happy fall! We have a little news to report this time.

The **Dr. Clarine Coffin Grenfell** Fund was established this year to support Christian writers and Christian writing. The fund honors Clarine '32, who writes, "Words to me are holy, and the way we handle them a sacred trust." The fund makes grant monies available to aid in research for writing projects, recognizes Christian writers who use their gifts in service to local churches, and provides scholarships which will empower and educate Christian writers in their efforts.

Friends and many former students gathered in South Portland to honor **Rosella Loveitt '30**. Rosella taught at South Portland High School for 40 years. A bench at Bug Light Park was dedicated to her at a ceremony last June at which several former students spoke of her dedication to the school, her students, and the school athletics. Still a Red Sox fan, she is also a major source of historic information about the city of South Portland.

Arland Meade '38 came to UMaine for Reunion last spring. He and his wife, Beth, have lived at Bartow, Florida, year-round for eight years and enjoy it. Arland participates in the annual Polk Senior Games in Florida and has won numerous medals. This year in the age class 85 to 89, he won 13 medals (more than half gold) in swimming, dancing, shuffleboard, 1500 meter walk, scrabble, and senior smarts. Also a trophy as outstanding male athlete overall in his age classification. Congratulations!

Finally, the *Kennebec Journal* noted that **Austin Wilkins '26** of Augusta celebrated his 100th birthday in July. Austin, who had a long career working in forest management for the state of Maine, was a friend of former Maine governor Percival Baxter and an aide to Governor Kenneth Curtis. What an inspiring group of Golden Bears!



Class of '39 correspondent Edna Louise Harrison Dempsey sent us this photograph of the stage crew for *First Lady* in 1937. Front row (left to right): Richard Boyer '38, Lyle Butler '40, Nathaniel Doten '40, Robert Bonney '40, George Beasom '41, John Ross '38, Russell Gamage '39, and Larry Harlow '41. Second row: Virginia Tuttle '40, Ruth Desjardins '40, and Ruth Worcester '40. Third row: Edna Louise Harrison Dempsey '39, Merrill Bradford '39, Frances Smith '38, Mary Bearce '39, Madeline Davis '38, and Robert Cail '39.

1935

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In June, Jean and I celebrated another wedding anniversary. Since we were married on graduation day (June 10, 1935), it was our 68th year together. We consider ourselves to be very, very fortunate. There must be other '35ers who have anniversaries. We would appreciate hearing about them.

Our vice president, **George Carlisle**, has had no problem finding things to do since our 50th Reunion. He writes:

"I was pleased to hear from you and must say that based on what you are doing, cutting firewood, big garden, etc., you are in better shape than I am. However, I do play golf two times a week, walk two miles on those days I do not golf, and also do a bit of pretty fast dancing ("Leroy Brown," etc.) so we are both very

fortunate.

"You asked what I had been doing since our 50th Reunion. That was about 18 years ago and a lot of water has gone over the dam since that time so I will not be able to tell you all I have done but will give you a very brief outline.

"At the time of our reunion I was quite active business wise: director of a bank, an energy company as well as of our own business. I have gradually tapered off on those duties but still remain a director of Prentiss and Carlisle, attend meetings when I am not in Florida, but on my computer am able to access all accounts there and get frequent e-mail pertaining to the business.

"After quite a long illness my wife Betty died in 1997 after we had been married for about 60 years. Prior to her death we had purchased a villa in Sarasota, Florida, and spent about six months a year there.

"Since that time I have done a bit of traveling, mostly with a Smithsonian group, Alaska, Scotland, England, France, Italy, Canada, a long trip to Brazil to study the forests there, and most recently this year a

trip on a small ship from Jacksonville, Florida, up the inland waterway to Charleston, South Carolina, with interim stops and only a month ago to Panama where we visited Indian tribes in a jungle, went through the canal on a 100-passenger ship, and sailed to Aruba, Bonair, and Curasol.

"I have attended weddings and funerals, of course. I have two wonderful children and six grandchildren and recently became a great-grandfather.

"For the past few years an old friend, Barbara Giddings, widow of Edwin Giddings '33 who was a professor of forestry at Maine, has been my dear friend and has accompanied me in my travels. She enjoys the things I do and has become a very talented dancer.

"The above is a sketch of what I have been up to in answer to your request. In June of '03 I celebrated my 90th. How fortunate we are.

Best Wishes, George"

George and I are in competition to see which of us can get the most out of each 24-hour day. I am beginning to feel that I may not be winning the contest.

1936

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The *Kennebec Journal* recently published an article on **Malcolm Tilton** which has been condensed for *Mainely People*.

Mac and his wife Doris are both at age 90, and they celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on July 5th. They have two daughters, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

After graduation from Orono, Mac worked at teaching school and farming before opening a real estate and insurance business in Jefferson. He still mows the lawn, reads history, and does some photography.

Mac's real hobby is now bowling ever since he gave up golf a couple of years ago. His bowling ball now weighs 10 pounds, down from 12 pounds last year. He has bowled at least one game of 200 every year but he has not reached this goal so far this year. Please let us know when you get it, Mac!

I received an e-mail from Wallace Hinckley of the Class of 1961 telling me he has been following the saga of **Ann Eliasson Clarke**, the lady of mystery. Wally also told me that he was a son of **William Hinckley** of our Class of 1936 who majored in chemical engineering. Bill became the first state of Maine environmental scientist. Wally followed in his father's footsteps by becoming the director of the Maine Drinking Water Regulatory Program.

1937

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The Class of '37 has not sent in any news recently, which means that there is nothing to report. Please take just a moment to send a note and let your classmates know what is happening.

Log on to: mainealumni.com



Arland Meade '38 (center) attended the deans' breakfast at Reunion 2003 last June. With him is his wife **Beth** and the dean of the college of natural sciences, forestry, and agriculture, **Bruce Wiersma '64**. Arland, who now lives in Bartow, Florida, is a regular participant in the annual Polk Senior Games. This year he took home 13 medals in the 85-89 age class—half of them gold!

1938

With the death of longtime 1938 class correspondent **Josephine Profita** (see obituary on page 43), the '38 class notes will now appear under the Golden Bears column.

1939

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Dear classmates, one and all:

I am trying to think positive and assume that at least some of you want and read this, and the other nearby columns. Since you do that, why not break down and send a bit of news? No matter how mundane and ordinary it may seem to you, your friends will enjoy knowing that you are still here!

Having had my "say," the subject changes and we will go back in time to November 2, 3, and 4, 1937, when the play *First Lady*, directed by Herschel Bricker, was presented by the Maine

Masque. Our own **Virginia "Ginny" Maguire Drew** had the starring role as Lucy Chase Wayne. As I write this, I have beside me a much autographed playbill, which brings it all back. I went to Bangor with Ginny to Smith's Specialty Shop to help select her wardrobe for all three acts. Then surprise! Surprise! I found a *Prism* glossy of the hard-working stage crew, showing the lavish set, as well. With a bit of detective work, I was able to find



George '37 and Lucille Bell Grange '39 recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

everyone's class, having been given the names. **Pappy Bradford**, you will find yourself standing in the back row beside yours truly.

Some exciting family news! Recently, one of my sons and his wife returned from a trip to China with a lovely little girl named Gan Jian Cheng. She now has been legally adopted by them, and is named **Nicole Alyssa Dempsey**. In a few weeks, I hope to meet her and once again, enjoy the fun of being the grandmother of a beautiful little girl.

I received a quick, unexpected but very welcome call from **Lucille Bell Grange** with news of a visit with Polly Jellison Weatherbee '40. Mentioned were Elinor Hill Burwell, a former surgical nurse during the war, Barbara Welch Wilson '40, who has a condo in Waterville, and **Lura Stearns Smith** who along with Lucille, attends the Sun City Florida Community Church. Polly Weatherbee took an apartment for a month this summer in Colorado to be near her son. Lucille and family are planning their 23rd reunion in North Carolina. (It will be over when you read this!) Lucille and George now have their first great-grandchild born December 30th and another one due in November. So good to get your call, Lucille. Thanks again!

Currently, good friends **Betty Homans Hancock** and **Ellie Crockett Hutchinson** report that they are very busy and doing well. How about the rest of you?

All for now.
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1940

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As we were getting ready to go to press, we learned of the death of **Margaret Maxwell Atwood**. Margaret served as the class correspondent for the last several years and had also served on the board of Senior Alumni. As a student, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority and majored in Spanish. We will include Margaret's death notice in the winter issue of *MAINE Alumni Magazine*.

Go Black Bears!

1941

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A big Maine "Hello" to all of you! Hope you all had a good summer and that you enjoy this beautiful autumn weather.

A nice letter arrived from **Alfred "Sam"** and **June Mann** (hey, everyone, please follow their example and write). The Manns were enjoying the warm weather in their beautiful home in Florida as opposed to us who spent a very cold and snowy winter in New England. Sam and June had been on a cruise to the western Caribbean from January 25 to February 1 on a Holland America ship. They had a great time. On the cruise they met up with two other members of the Jordan family who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Sam is a member of the Jordan family, a big name in the history of Maine and especially the Portland area. The wife was Japanese so Sam got a chance to brush up on the Japanese he had learned while stationed in Japan during the occupation after World War II.

It's amazing how many talents are passed on by '41ers to their grandchildren. Poet **Sammy Mann** has a 10-year-old grandson who is already showing signs of his grandfather's poetry-writing talent. "When Silence is Heard" is a very precocious poem written by this talented 10-year-old. Keep up the good work, **Brian DeLong**. Poetry is coming into its own lately with poetry contests ("slams") and widely attended readings throughout the country.

Helen Wormwood Pierce's athletic prowess has also been passed on to her granddaughter, **Sarah Marshall**. (Helen was an All-Maine basketball and field hockey player at Maine.) Sarah, who was graduated last June from **McAuley High School** in Portland, had a very impressive record in basketball throughout her high school career. Beginning as a sophomore, Sarah was named to the All-State high school basketball team and as a junior was named to the All-State soccer team as well. She was also selected as the state's girls' basketball Most Valuable Player. In addition, she was a catalyst in **McAuley's** undefeated Class A championship season, averaging 19 points, 5 assists, 4.5 steals, and 2.3 rebounds each game.

This past season **McAuley** won its fourth consecutive regional championship, defeating **Lewiston High** in the final game in which Sarah scored 30 points. **McAuley** went on to win its second consecutive Class A State Championship with Sarah scoring 16 points in the 50-39 victory.

In April Sarah was named *Maine Sunday Telegram's* girls' basketball Most Valuable Player. "She leaves Maine with one of the most brilliant careers the state has ever seen," the *Telegram* reported, having scored 1,519 points in her four-year basketball career. Sarah will attend **Boston College** next year on a basketball scholarship.

Just a little bit of historical information. Did you know that the "Maine Stein Song" put Maine on the map in 1930 when it was played on national radio by **Rudy Vallee**? Rudy spent one year as a student at Maine before leaving to attend **Yale University**. During that year he was a member of the Maine Band and deplored the playing of the "Maine Stein Song," written by **Adelbert Sprague** and **Lincoln Colcord** of the Class of 1905, in a very listless, unenthusiastic manner. Thus in 1930 Rudy decided to play a peppy version of the Stein Song over the airwaves, and this version instantly became a national and international hit.

The board of the Page Farm and Home Museum established and named a volunteer award in honor of the late **Hugh Murphy** last fall. **Alice Smith**, a board member, made the presentation to **Hugh** shortly before he became seriously ill. **Alice** and **Charlie** keep very busy with community and alumni activities.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Paul Dumas, Sr.**, who passed away last March in Berlin, New Hampshire. During World War II Paul served in Europe in the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant. He was the recipient of the French Croix de Guerre and the U.S. Air Medal with five clusters. He also served in the Korean Conflict where he was wounded and received the Purple Heart. He retired as mill manager of **Milan Industries**, Milan, New Hampshire, having previously worked for **International Paper Company** and for the family's **Dumas Lumber Company**. He is survived by his wife, a son, and three grandchildren.

Our deepest sympathy also to the family of **Kenneth Robertson**, who died April 5 in Fullerton, California, shortly after having dinner with



Austin Wilkins (center) is honored on campus by former **University of Maine** president, **Fred Hutchinson '53 (right)** and **Bruce Wiersma '64**, dean of the college of natural sciences, forestry, and agriculture.

AUSTIN WILKINS '26

After getting his degree in forestry from the University of Maine **Austin Wilkins** earned a master's degree in forestry from **Cornell University**. He then began a distinguished career with the **Maine Forest Service** that would last for 44 years. That career would reach its pinnacle with his appointment as commissioner (now called director) in 1958 by Governor **Edmund Muskie**.

For his many contributions, **Austin** has received numerous state and national forestry awards. In addition, he served for 14 years as chairman of **Baxter State Park Authority**; he was elected a Fellow of the **Society of American Foresters**; and he is a former president of the **National Association of Foresters**. He has also received the distinguished **University of Maine Forestry Award** and the alumni association's **Black Bear Award**.

Austin has also written two books, *In the Public Interest: The Civilian Conservation Corps in Maine* and *Ten Million Acres of Timber: The Remarkable Story of Forest Protection in the Maine Forestry District*.

While he was on a 12-week study tour of forestry in Europe in the spring of 1927, **Austin** had the good fortune of being at the **Paris airport** to witness the landing of the *Spirit of St. Louis* following **Charles Lindbergh's** historic flight across the Atlantic Ocean. In 1999 he was interviewed on an **ABC** special remembering that flight.

Austin, who is now 100, lives in **Augusta**.

close friends. Ken had received a B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Maine. He later attended Northwestern University's Institute of Management. During World War II he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross while serving as a first lieutenant and B-19 flight engineer in the Pacific Theater. He flew 25 missions over Japan and kept as a memento an incendiary armor-piercing bullet that entered his plane and ricocheted around the cabin and landed spent in his lap. He felt it was symbolic that he was destined to live a long life.

In his career Ken worked for Ingersoll Rand Company, Westinghouse, Emerson Electric, Pacific Scientific Company, and in 1969 became a founding partner of Keegan Robertson Company. Ken was also extremely active in his community. He is survived by his wife Betty, two sons, two daughters, and 10 grandchildren.

Anna Cahill Bradford's two granddaughters followed in her footsteps as a member of Pi chapter, Phi Mu sorority at the University of Maine. This chapter, the oldest in the country, helped celebrate Phi Mu's 151st birthday with a ceremony and gathering of both active and alumni members. One of Anna's granddaughters is an alumna, while the other is an active member.

Olive Chick Demartine was the subject of an interesting column by Robert Palmer, which appeared in the *York County Coast Star* of Kennebunk in November. "Her eyes sparkle like a teenager," he writes. "She is very direct and holds strong opinions but is not opinionated and offers thoughts with a warm smile. She is totally disarming." Olive's love was teaching and, according to Palmer, she "was more than popular with the students." She taught in Camden and York and also in Japan where she had met her husband Frank who was from New Jersey. They later returned to Maine to live.

Meredith Strang Burgess '78, daughter of **Walter** and **Charlene Perkins Strang**, was the recipient of a coveted Jefferson Award because "she has made the community a better place to live." The award, given for outstanding volunteer service, was established in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert Taft, Jr., and Sam Beard. The concept of the award is that each individual has the power to make a difference and that volunteerism is one of this country's greatest strengths. Meredith devotes much time and energy to volunteer



2003 Senior Alumni Leaders

Many of the Senior Alumni officers and executive committee members were on hand for the Senior Alumni luncheon during Reunion 2003. Front row, left to right: Maggie Mollison McIntosh '50, executive committee; Preston Rand '43, treasurer; Ruth Fogler Goff '48, auditor; J. Alice Smith '41, executive committee; Shirley Hathaway Sibley '46, executive committee; and Dick Noyes '51, president. Back row, left to right: Fred Knight '49, 1st vice president; Bill Currie '52, 2nd vice president; Thelma Crossland Robie '49, secretary; Mary-Jane Hoyt Pierce '46, executive committee; Frank Pickering '53, executive committee; Bob Patten '47, immediate past president; and Ken Dickey '51, executive committee.

The group represents all University of Maine classes that have celebrated their 50th reunion. While being part of Senior Alumni, classes can, and often do, remain organized and active. One of Senior Alumni's primary undertakings is raising money for UMaine student scholarships. Last year the group presented over \$80,000 in scholarships to more than 60 deserving students.

work.

Recently she was the driving force behind the Cure Breast Cancer for Maine fundraising luncheon, which raised \$60,000 for breast cancer research, education, and outreach in Maine. She also played a major role in helping to open the Ronald McDonald houses in Bangor and Portland. "Meredith contributes more to the social fabric of our community in a year than many will in our lifetime," stated one McDonald House board member. Meredith often uses the talents of her advertising firm, Burgess Advertising and Associates, in her volunteer work.

Well, that's all for this time, classmates. How about all of you sending Agnes or me a letter telling us what you are doing?

1942

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Fall is coming with its foliage and cooler air. I am sure all of you have special seasons where you live.

Priscilla Thurlow Anderson has moved back to her hometown of Buckfield, Maine, from Phoenix, Arizona, and it appears the faithful movers and doers had the summer reunion this year. While Priscilla was in Arizona she had a chance to visit **Cortna Kingsley Billings** who has a new address: 10015 Royal Oak Road, Apartment 323, Sun City,

Arizona, 85351. Cortna sent me a clipping of **Beulah Lewis Wilson's** death on April 26, 2003, in Sidney, New York.

Leslie A. Dow died March 1, 2003, in Seekonk, Massachusetts. Les and I were classmates at Old Town High School. It seems each year the list of deceased members gets longer and longer. **Stanley W. Keene** died April 8, 2003. Stan joined our class after two years at Farmington. He taught in the greater Portland area and was my neighbor.

A note from classmate **David Adams** told of the death of his wife, Rita Cassidy Adams, Class of '43, in Bellevue, Nebraska. Our class extends sympathy to the families of our classmates who have died and to know that whenever we read about them we recall so many memories.

A clipping in the Portland paper of February 6, 2003, described the purse snatching of classmate **Jacqueline Greenwood Chandler**. She was not injured but what a lot of work to replace all the things a woman's pocketbook contains.

I spent two weeks in March visiting **Virginia A. Stevens Laris** at her home in Mexico City. What a lovely trip. The weather was perfect and even the high altitude of the city did not stop me from activities. A drive over the 10,000-foot mountains to a weekend with her family was my great delight.

Arthur and Doris Bradeen Boyd have a new address: 185 Saratoga Boulevard, Saratoga Springs, New York, 12866. The move will take them closer to where their children live.

To all you home ec. girls: Someone sent me a copy of "Excepts from a 1950s home economic textbook" from Bentley College. Here is one of 10: "Prepare yourself: Take 15 minutes to rest so you will be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your makeup, put a ribbon in your hair, and be fresh looking. He has just been with a lot of work weary people. Be a little gay and a little more interesting. His boring day may need a lift."

Now I ask you what did our textbook say in the '40s?

You will receive another tidbit with the next column. Can you wait? I wish you all a beautiful, happy, and productive fall.



Former Class of 1948 correspondent Ruth Preble Finney (center) welcomed new correspondents Lancy Carter Bradshaw (left) and Barbara Sullivan Knowlton (right) at Reunion 2003 in June. Many thanks to Ruth for a great job of covering her class for many years. And all you '48 members, be sure to write Lancy and Barbara with your news.

Mawhinney, Harold Mongovan, Gladys Clark McLeary, Virginia "Ginny" Conant Miner, Edward "Ed" Piper, Helen Deering Piper, Bert Pratt, Preston Rand, Carl Sawyer, Olive Rowell Taverner, Berneice "Bunny" Thompson, Helen "Sitter" Mullen Varnum, Jeanne Patten Whitten, and Elinor "Coke" Crowell Winslow. There were 12 spouses AKA family members and two class associates.

A tasty luncheon was served at the Page Farm and Home Museum loft on Saturday, which was followed by a brief class meeting. At that time Warren Foss moved that the Class of 1943 formally discontinue class officers. This was unanimously voted—a bit sad maybe, but inevitable.

Prizes were awarded to the class member having: 1.) a grandchild studying at Oxford University—Louise Hoyt Findlen: 2.) come the greatest distance—"Sitter" Mullen Varnum—by a nose over Dottie Hodgkins Anderson: 3.) attended the most reunions—Bert Pratt (Remember he provided the glue which held our class together for many, many years): 4.) the most grandchildren to attend the University of Maine—Ed and Helen Deering Piper: and 5.) currently drives the oldest car—Warren Foss.

An informative campus bus tour and an afternoon tour of the University of Maine Museum of Art in Bangor (across from the Bangor library) were special features of the

day.

Helen Deering Piper and Helena Jensen accepted the honor of the Block "M" Award with humility and a sense of rededication. The Black Bear Award honored Frances Donovan. You may recall that she served as class agent for many, many years. Her daughters, (1943 class associates) Anne Bodner and Jeanne Fisher, ably participated in all Reunion events. Fran now resides in Stamford, Connecticut, where, we are told, there is a putting green on the premises called "Fran's Putting Green!"

Off and running early Sunday morning was Marcia McCarthy Brown in a race against time to reach the 10 o'clock Yarmouth church service where her granddaughter was to be confirmed.

Betty Bearce Harrison was anxious to be ready for a scheduled Monday morning cardiac repair at Eastern Maine Medical Center. The following week she planned to be in Cape Elizabeth attending the high school graduation of her granddaughter Leslie. Leslie received a significant scholarship to attend Ithaca College as a music major. Betty reminds the class members that Memory Books are available at the alumni office. Call 1-800-934-2586 and ask for Paula. Note: Jeanne Patten Whitten sends a "hearty thanks" to all who helped contact classmates regarding Reunion.

The Buchanan Alumni House

was used effectively for registration, social hour, meals, and evening entertainment. Incidentally, the 1943 class reunion gift to the Buchanan endowment fund was \$6,785. Over the last five year period a total of \$374,000 was given by the class!

Ran into Barbara Brown Dalton '81 who told me that her father, **Francis Brown**, continues to reside at the Maine Veterans Home in Bangor and that he would appreciate a card or a call from classmates. For many years he was a very loyal class worker.

Warren and Geraldine Foss have called Indian Harbour Beach in Florida home for 38 years; that is where they built their home and continue to live in it except during the summer when they are in Farmington, Maine. This summer Warren and his siblings were diligently working on a two story log-faced cabin on the family farm property. In July all the kids came to finish the cabin. Their daughter will live there this winter, that is, at 175 Mosher Hill Road. The blood relatives of Warren Foss's father have formed a corporation to keep the farm intact, in the family, and thus prevent commercial development.

Warren majored in engineering physics and applied this background throughout his military service career, first in the Army Air Corps and then in the Air Force. His career took him to Germany during the occupation (1946-1949), to France for three years, and to the inspector general's office in Texas. In between the above tours of duty, he returned to Wright Field to work on the Boeing missile and allied missile projects. His last assignment took him to Florida with the Blue Scouts missile program where, when that project ended, he retired. Then he went to NASA for 18 years—at the very beginning of the shuttle project.

A few additional Reunion updates have been received. The first one is from **Dorothy "Dottie" Moran Hall** of Holden, Massachusetts, telling that she is the mother of six children, four of whom are UMaine alumni; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren round out the family. Over the years Dottie has been active in the community having served on the Worcester County Ecumenical Council for 20 years for which she has been given two awards. She was a member of the local hospital board and was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels for 25 years for which she received an award. In addition, she is a retired teacher. Dottie lists her favorite

1943

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Classmates, we need to look ahead to Homecoming 2003, but first we need to revel a bit in Reunion 2003. Attendees of the 60th Reunion class rated Reunion 2003 as "great" and "sorry more classmates didn't come." The following members of the Class of 1943 attended: **Dorothy Hodgkins Anderson, Otis Bacon, Marcia McCarthy Brown, Frances Donovan, Gordon Erikson, Bernard "Bing" Etzel, Louise Hoyt Findlen, Warren Foss, Elizabeth "Betty" Bearce Harrison, Mary Hempstead Hemman, Eugene "Gene" Hussey, Helena Jensen, John Kelley, Richard "Dick" Martinez, Annie Dowling**

memory of university days as "my eight friends whom I met freshman year and we are still an active group." The most remarkable change in her life is marriage to Edward C. Hall '48 for 55 years!

Betty Bearce Harrison of Bangor, a graduate of Bucksport High School, is the mother of four children, three of whom earned degrees at the University of Maine as did a daughter-in-law and a sister. Betty recalls that life in the Maples dorm during freshman year is a favorite memory. She is a volunteer with the YWCA. Other interests are bridge and crafts.

A fellow Bucksport High School graduate, Mary Hempstead Hemman of Norwood, Massachusetts, presents an interesting variety of community service projects including member of the board of voter registration; executive secretary of the Alice H. Plimpton Educational Trust; president of Meals on Wheels; board member of Norwood Scholarship Foundation; and deacon of the First Congregational Church. Mary fondly remembers freshman year in North Hall, where, if one wanted to do some ironing, lights needed to be turned off in adjoining rooms!

Frederick "Fred" Leonard of Melbourne, Florida, majored in bacteriology and then earned a master of science degree at the University of Maine and a Ph.D. at Georgetown University. He applied this background in the U.S. Army biological laboratories, the Nutritional Service Foundation, and the American Leprosy Foundation. Fred Leonard states that, "the years 1939 to '43 and 1946 to '48 were the best years of my life. My life changed after my 1952 marriage to my wife. She is a brilliant scientist, pioneer in microbial genetics—just celebrated 50 years of love and understanding."

Marcia McCarthy Brown received a master of education degree from Salem State College and is retired from teaching. Marcia volunteers one day a week at her granddaughter's middle school library; another day is spent at the Wavus Foundation in Jefferson which oversees Wavus Camps. Marcia, her daughter and granddaughter attended Camp Wavus—currently her granddaughter is enjoying her ninth year there. Marcia represents her church on the Yarmouth Interfaith Council. She has two daughters and one grandchild.



FRED KNIGHT '49

After receiving his bachelor's degree in forestry from UMaine in 1949, Fred went on to earn a master's degree and a Ph.D. from Duke University. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 10 years before becoming a professor at the University of Michigan.

Fred returned to UMaine as the director of the former school of forest resources in 1972. Largely through his efforts, the school became a college in 1982, with Fred being named dean. Under his leadership, the Cooperative Forestry Research Unit, Wood Science and Technology Program, and the Recreation and Parks Management Program were added to the college. Included among Fred's long list of honors and awards is the 1989 Distinguished Maine Professor Award.



Clifford "Cliff" Sinnett and **Charlotte Gifford Sinnett** write that at this time of year, they can be found in Cliffhanger Lane, Bailey Island. Cliff's major was economics while Charlotte majored in mathematics. Their son Chandler '73 and his wife are also UMaine alumni, and now their son is a junior on campus. Cliff served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean conflict.

It was sad to read of the obituary of **Frances Nelson Fink** four days before her 60th Reunion at the University of Maine. She enjoyed a teaching career and for over 30 years was a legislative advocate for civil rights. She was a founder of the Association for the Mentally Retarded in Rumford, a founder of the Occupational Training Center in Auburn, and a founder and past president of the John F. Murphy Foundation in Auburn. She served as president of the forerunner of the Maine Advocacy Center. Frances was formerly active in the League of Women Voters, and a member of the board of directors of the Red Cross and the United Way of Lewiston-Auburn. That, indeed, is a truly impressive record of service. She will be missed. Our sympathy is extended to her three sons and their families.

1944

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This will be my shortest column so far. They say, "No news is good news," but it doesn't work that way for your corresponding secretary. Please send me your news for the next column even if it doesn't seem newsworthy to you.

We had a postcard from Anita and **Charlie Stickney** from Alaska and have chatted with them since about their wonderful trip on the inland waterway. They returned from Alaska and took off to attend a family wedding at Hilton Head and do some sightseeing in and around Savannah, Georgia.

Joe and I headed up to Boyden Lake (P.O. Box 414, Perry, Maine 04667) at the end of June. All of our children and their families were with us at various times during the summer.

We are very sorry to report the death of **Dolly Lamoreau Reed**, who lived in Fort Fairfield. Dolly was my roommate at the University of Maine and we shared lots of fun

times on campus. Our sincere sympathy is extended to her family.

A recent letter to the class from our president, **Al Ehrenfried**, and his able vice president, **Esther Holden Hopkins**, told us all the Owls Head summer 59th reunion was on target for August 4th and will have happened when you all read this. There was much to be discussed at the class meeting as Al detailed in his letter.

Have a healthy and happy fall 2003.

1945

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Carolyn Chaplin Grant thought she would bring us up to date on some news, some already was sent—but to repeat—we are all grieving the death of **Dick Knudsen**. Dick fought a good battle with adversity. We offer our love and sympathy to Beverly and Dick's family. The death of **Bob Nelson** was sudden and we were all shocked. At our 50th Bob acted and looked the same as that handsome lad in September 1941—still played tennis and golf. He and Winnie had moved to Long Beach, California. We send our sincere love and sympathy to Bob's family.

Scholarship aid—I have underlined this section because contributions in Dick's memory may be made to Falmouth Lions Club c/o Aaron Tufts, 69 Summer Place, Portland, Maine, 04103. These monies will go into a scholarship fund for students enrolling in the University of Maine. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bob's memory to the University of Maine Foundation, Two Alumni Place, Orono, Maine, 04469. Carolyn also sent an article entitled, "Endowed scholarship fund enables students to succeed."

Jim Donovan, our class president, his brother Tom, and his sisters Frances Donovan '43 and Alice Ann Donovan Poeppelmeier '40 established the Joseph and Mary Donovan Scholarship Fund at the university in honor of their parents who were residents of Houlton, Maine. The fund is endowed and the income provides scholarship aid to UMaine students, especially those

from Houlton. "Instead of giving each other Christmas and birthday gifts we make contributions to the fund," says Jim.

Two of **Fred and Ginny Clay Doescher's** daughters have received scholarship aid from the fund—one is a junior and her sister started at Orono in September. Some of us who are unable to start an endowment fund might find the Donovan Fund a tangible depository for our gifts.

Carolyn and Ralph '54 are happy in their new home in Fort Myers. Look them up or call when you plan to be in the south—their address is: 14580 Daffodil Drive, Apartment 703, Fort Myers, Florida, 33919.

More late news from *The Weekly*, published in Bangor and dated April 3, 2003, highlighted **Bud Lyford's** hiatus in Avon Park, Florida, from December 26 to April 1. Bud tells us that Avon Park and Sebring are twin cities like Bangor and Brewer, but with no river—just a boundary line. Bud golfs usually at Harder Hall Executive Course in Sebring—he starts at 7:30 a.m. and gives us his score, too! Par 33 he makes 36! A Congregational minister beats him. Bud follows UMaine sports when in Brewer. He was pleased with the football team, and was hoping for another NCAA late run for hockey. He always looks forward to watching the baseball games when he returns in April-May. After years of following the Boston Red Sox including spring training, Bud has become a realist. He doesn't expect a pennant in "Beantown" this season. "They'll finish second again. The Yankees just have too much money to contend with."

A note from **Warren and Peg Smith**. They raised a family of 11 in Penfield, New York, near Rochester where Warren worked for three companies. S-T Lithograph Corporation, Bausch and Lomb, and Rochester General Hospital. He retired in 1989, became a ski patroller, built and lived in a house in the Finger Lakes region of New York for 10 years, and moved to Binghamton in 2001 where two families and seven grandchildren live. The Smiths celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the lodge in Vermont with all children and 19 grandchildren. Warren is active in the National Warplane Museum where they fly a B-17, PT17, PT19, AT6, and Piper Cub and soon a C-47. One thing you are proving, Warren, you are not bored!

Thank you for all of the input. Until next time.



Among the Class of '44 members attending a mini-reunion at the Owls Head Transportation Museum on August 4 were (left to right): **Charlie Stickney**, **Joe Ingalls**, **Al Ehrenfried** (class president), and **Al McNeilly**, who is on the board of the museum, was the chief organizer of the event. He even caught the lobsters for the delicious lobster salad served at lunch! (Photograph by Jo-ann P. Ehrenfried.)

1946

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There is news out there, but it is not making its way to me for this column. Please take a moment to call, e-mail, or write a note so it can be shared with the Class of '46. Please tell us about volunteer work, grandchildren, travel, or special interests—we'd love to hear from you!

Everett L. Spear of Rockland died in March. After serving in the Army for three and a half years, he studied mechanical engineering at Maine and business at Bentley College in Boston. His very successful business career began in 1949 when he joined his father and grandfather in the family lumber business. Until recently he maintained an active work schedule at his Main Street office. He received numerous awards and commendations over the years for his business and civic achievements. His wife of 53 years, **Hazel Nutt Spear**, and six of his seven children survive him. We extend our sincere sympathy to Hazel and her family.

UMaine news, Black Bear sports, alumni events, and more. Log on to: mainealumni.com

1947

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The 26th of June 2003 was a beautiful summer day in Maine. **Bob and Stella Borkowski Patten** had invited class members to a class reunion meeting picnic at their summer cottage on Chebeague Island. We had hoped for good weather (perfect). I was excited about the ferry ride out through the islands. (Ferry and scenery—perfect, perfect!) Since I'm a house fancier, I couldn't wait to see the Patten Place. It had everything—design, decor, the view, sun porch, wicker furniture, lupines in the back yard. Absolute perfection! If it were mine, I'd never leave.

Yes—we did have a business meeting plus lots of conversation and the best lunch (lobster rolls, etc. and a fresh peach pie).

Present were **Bob and Stella, Joan Ambrose Shaw, Jackie Brown Merrill** and her husband **Fred "Shag" Merrill** (Maine Maritime '43), **Dottie Boulos, Eleanor Webb**, and **Mary "Chickie" Sawyer Jordan**.

Bob called the meeting to order and reviewed the vote from the mail survey which had been developed at the 55th Class Reunion so that class members could determine whether

to maintain or relinquish the Class of 1947 independent status. Although our class was very special, it was never very large. It was inevitable and logical that the vote was to give up our independent standing and promote ourselves to an active Senior Alumni association membership.

The two items on the agenda which needed discussion and votes were related to class finances.

As of May 31, 2003

I. Class of 1947 scholarship fund

Fair Market Value \$25,145.91

This fund is to be used for scholarships given to students at the University of Maine with preference given to descendants of the Class of '47. Last year's recipients were **Michael Leavitt**, a sophomore from Palmyra, **Evie Foster Adams'** grandson; **Sarah Atherton**, freshman from Falmouth, Maine, **Louis Howe's** granddaughter; and **Bryce Moody**, a sophomore from Worthington, Massachusetts, the grandson of **Arthur and Dotty Bruns Moody**. Congratulations, all of you.

II. Class of 1947 class reunion fund

Balance 5/31/03 \$7,403.96

At the 55th Reunion it was voted to donate \$5,000 from this fund to the Colvin Hall Capital Fund. What do we do with this \$7,403.96?

Action—after discussion (sentimental, official, legal)

1. Class reunion fund: motion to transfer balance of fund to the endowment fund (Class of 1947 scholarship fund) by **Eleanor Webb**, seconded by **Dottie Boulos**. Unanimous vote to accept.

2. Class of 1947 scholarship fund: Motion to continue endowment fund as it stands giving preference of scholarships to qualified legacy students, undergraduate descendants of Class of 1947. Motion by **Dottie Boulos**, seconded by **Joan Ambrose Shaw**. Unanimous vote to accept.

In other business **Bob** read the notice from the university concerning the endowment fund 1947 which is set to roll over into University of Maine accounts in 2022. It was suggested that we defer action on change until various options are investigated and the best method to maintain class interest and connection with the endowment fund is determined. Reconsider in the near future!

Bob closed the meeting by reminding us there are tentative plans to hold an informal 60th Reunion at Maine in 2007!

And we will continue class notes. Bob and Stella celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at St. Thomas with all the family present. What a wonderful way to celebrate. Congratulations!

Joyce Marsh Alenskis sent a newsletter plus some pictures. I had a field day. She and Al '49 live in Sun City, Arizona, now but it sounds as though they spend lots of time on the road in their RV. Four months in 2002 fishing from British Columbia to Alaska to Idaho—and visiting along the way. I could get hooked on that—especially the traveling, partying, and eating salmon. Joyce flew to Boston with a girlfriend in September, toured Vermont, Quebec, Prince Edward Island, Bar Harbor, and reached Bangor in time for the 60th Bangor High School reunion October 4th. Joyce talked recently with **Jeanne Hartz Babcock** who sends “hi to all.” Jeanne and Rolie '49 live in Phoenix, Arizona. And Joyce keeps in close touch with Barbie Mills Browne '47 and Bob Browne '48 who live in Sunbury Village, Bangor, Maine, now. Thanks for the news, Joyce. You're really someone #1 in my book.

As I mentioned earlier, Dottie Boulos was at the meeting. She's back in Maine (Cape Elizabeth) after life in Washington, D.C., and the foreign service. Dottie, **Amelia Swain Entin**, and I were roommates at ATΩ our first semester in Orono. She had not been back for any reunions so we had lots of catching up to do. Wouldn't it be fun to get that group of girls from ATΩ together again!

I'm hoping to hear from more of you as Bob's last words to me when we left Chebeague were, “Keep that column rolling.”

1948

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This is the first class notes column emanating from the joint efforts of **Barbara Sullivan Knowlton** and **Lancy Carter Bradshaw**. **Ruth Preble Finney** has served our class well for many years with her newsy



Left to right: June Swanton Johnson '48, former U.S. president Jimmy Carter, Rosalynn Carter, and Reverend Evan Johnson '49. The Johnsons attended a Sunday school class taught by President Carter during a visit to Plains, Georgia.

June Swanton Johnson '48: Making an important contribution during retirement

After June Swanton Johnson '48 retired to the small fishing community of Westport, Massachusetts, with her husband, Reverend Evan Johnson '49, she was asked to set up an osteoporosis program for the Council on Aging.

“I didn't have osteoporosis,” June says, “but I saw this as an opportunity to help our town using my background as a biology teacher.” She and another volunteer were trained under a Tufts University program begun by osteoporosis expert Miriam E. Nelson, Ph.D.

The program began six years ago and since then more than 100 people have participated. June coordinates the entire program and also teaches classes in health, nutrition, and exercise.

June did take a break from her commitment to make a trip to Georgia where she and Evan attended a Sunday school class taught by Jimmy Carter.

notes of classmates and their activities. Enjoy a well-deserved rest from column writing, Ruth.

Our 55th Reunion is now a lovely memory. It was so good to see those of you who were able to make it and we missed those who could not be there. We enjoyed the many activities planned and were especially pleased with our class luncheon and business meeting at the University Club in Fogler Library. The lobster roll luncheon was well attended and we all enjoyed catching up with classmates in a wonderful, cozy atmosphere. The industrious efforts of the '48ers Luncheon Ladies added \$200 to our class gift pledge with a silent auction of many lovely items. Many of the items

offered were handmade crafts including watercolors, baskets, and needle crafts by some very talented '48ers. Following the luncheon, the Class of '48 members present voted to continue our status as a class rather than dissolving as a class and merging with Senior Alumni. This was necessitated by the need to fulfill our class gift pledge. We still need your help, '48ers, so if that pledge card is incomplete, send it along. In other business, we voted the unusual designation of a Petti-coat Cabinet instead of the more traditional slate of officers.

At another function of the Reunion, the Alumni Reunion Buffet Breakfast and Award Ceremony, we were thrilled to watch the Fogler

family, including our classmate **Ruth Fogler Goff**, receive the 2003 Fogler Legacy Award. Ruth's contributions to the university were well documented in the citation.

We were pleased to talk with **Dave Sykes** and wife Ann at the luncheon. They really made an effort to join us at Reunion as this busy traveling couple has recently been assisting two of their four children in moves nationally and internationally. Their help was especially needed as the families included twins and triplets. Dave and Ann enjoy traveling and to date have visited 70 countries.

At Reunion we received the sad news of the death of **Jessie Cowie Ramsay** in Florida in May. **Alan Burgess** and wife Mary Marble Burgess '46 are pleased to be back at Lake Wesserunset after being close to horrendous tornado storms at their home in Oklahoma City. In April, this fit and trim pair went on a hiking tour that included many beautiful western vistas in different states. The exotic names of places visited were awesome. Anyone for Bear Canyon or Guadeloupe, Texas? Get in touch with Alan and Mary for details.

Although Frank and **Alice Fonseca Haines** couldn't be with us, they were ably and charmingly represented by their granddaughter Amanda Haines '04 who was assigned as our aide de camp on campus. She was wonderful and how we enjoyed her! Alice also sent us an amusing reunion poem, “Ode to Reunions,” (from a Cony High School source) read at the class luncheon by Barbara Sullivan Knowlton. It was hilarious.

Pauline Parent Jenness gave a wonderfully spirited account of our 50th Reunion. She even wore an authentic Maine freshman beanie for the presentation and displayed name tags and other memorabilia from our 1998 gathering.

Our class is proud of the recipients of our Class of 1948 scholarships. They include Meredith Atwood, granddaughter of **Mary E. Sawyer Casey**; Katy Green, granddaughter of **Mary Weymouth Stevens**; Amanda Haines, granddaughter of Frank and Alice Fonseca Haines; and Bobbie Jo Shirley, great niece of **Hazel Calvert Colcord**.

We would like to say we did enjoy the wonderful Buchanan Alumni House facilities. The many activities held there were a joy. Let us hear from you. We want your news!

1949

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In May the '49ers and Friends Ladies Luncheon Group was invited by **Marian Stanley Burns** to an overnight retreat at her beautiful Mira Monte Inn in Bar Harbor. Those attending were: **Evelyn Ellsworth Dearborn, Thelma Crossland Robie, Mary Wiswell Libby, Joan Wiswell Beach '51, Alice Raymond Coughlin, Lois Nicholson Healey, Colleen "Sparky" Richardson Coates, Dorothy Averill Hawkes, Mary Hatt Frazier, Shirley Doten Oliver, Marian Stanley Burns, and Mary-Abbie "Babs" Pulsifer Kilgor.** We all had lunch together at Galen's and then went off on our own, shopping, sightseeing, etc. We then regrouped for happy hour and a potluck dinner at the inn with an evening of entertainment by Sparky playing the piano and telling her colorful stories. Marian sent us off the following morning with a delicious breakfast buffet. We all had a most delightful time.

As Senior Alumni, our class is invited back to the university each year for Reunion weekend. Being an off reunion year for us, only a few '49ers were seen on campus. Those who came back and put their Black Bear paw on the board were **Thelma Crossland Robie, Evelyn and Vance Dearborn, Arnie Davis, Jayne Hanson Bartley, Dorothy Averill Hawkes, Evan Johnson, Fred Knight, Richard Meserve, Ralph Barnett, and Bill Baron.** At the Senior Alumni lunch and annual meeting, Fred Knight was elected first vice president, Thelma Crossland Robie was elected secretary and a member of the scholarship selection committee, and Jayne Hanson Bartley was elected to the Senior Alumni executive committee. The Senior Alumni awards several scholarships to University of Maine students each year. After the lunch, the Class of '49 members who were present held a brief meeting to discuss plans for our 55th Reunion to be held in 2004. On Saturday, of the many activities provided, I attended a genealogy workshop at the Fogler Library with Joyce (Mrs. Arnie) Davis. It was very informative and we learned a lot.

On Sunday at the all alumni



Pat Cummings '89, '44H (center) visited with Ron '51 and Gladys Noyes during Reunion 2003 in Wells Commons.

breakfast and awards ceremony, the prestigious Black Bear Award was presented to Fred B. Knight in appreciation of outstanding service to the university through multiple endeavors. Fred served in the Navy from 1943 to 1946, receiving a commission as an ensign in March 1945. After completing his military service he began his long and distinguished association with the University of Maine, earning a B.S. degree in forestry in 1949. He continued his education at Duke University, earning a master's and a Ph.D. in forestry entomology and forest mensuration. He then worked for the forest service for 10 years, after which he began an academic career as a faculty member at the University of Michigan. Fred came back to the University of Maine in 1972 as director of the former school of forest resources. His return marked the beginning of a major growth period for that school, which attained full college status in 1982, due largely to his efforts. He became dean of the college and remained in that position until his retirement in 1990. Under his leadership, the Cooperative Forestry Research Unit, Wood Science and Technology Program, Recreation and Parks Management Program, and five endowed professorships were added to the college's programs. During his career at Maine he directed the work of over 70 graduate students and produced over 100 publications. Included in his long list of honors and awards is the alumni association's 1989 Distinguished Maine Professor Award. In addition to his professional service,

Fred has been a devoted volunteer to our class and the alumni association. He is a former Class of '49 president and was an active participant in our class's 50th Reunion. He served several terms on the alumni association's publication committee. He was appointed to the Senior Alumni Council in 1999 and currently serves as that group's first vice president. In addition, he chaired the Prospect Review Committee for the campaign to honor the late Clifford McIntire '30 within the Buchanan Alumni House. Congratulations, Fred!

I recently received an e-mail from **Gerry Obermeyer** who wrote, "My wife and I had our annual dinner with Dean Matthews (engineering dean) and Steve Adams of development and they appraised us on the many advancements in the engineering department as well as news on the famous retired Professor Dick Hill. In addition he gave me a medalion upon my indoctrination into the Francis Crowe Society along with a nice award certificate, which I still have not framed but will before long. The reason for my lack of time being volunteer work, working on a new assignment at work, and an appointment to the city of El Paso Architectural and Civil Review Board. It may sound prestigious but one of the prerequisites is a licensed professional engineer who is not affiliated with a company that would have a conflict of interest. Since I work for a design development and manufacturing company in Mexico, there is no conflict. So since they couldn't find anyone else they had to settle with me. I only meant to say hello

but I do promise to send something significant. If I forget, give me a jingle. As always, thanks for your volunteering for the Class of '49."

William S. Rollins, Jr., P.E. has retired after 55 years of service with the state of Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT). Having worked under seven governors, he held various leadership positions at MDOT, managed over 100 highway design projects including some of the largest for the state, and developed design practices based on advanced calculus and innovative mathematical methods to replace trial and error methods. Rollins, a native of Augusta, Maine, and a 1949 graduate of the University of Maine, most recently was the state's administrator of development projects and certified noise specialist. He was one of the four founders of the Maine Society of Professional Engineers and also worked for many years as a registered land surveyor. A retirement celebration was held in February 2003 at the Augusta Civic Center. The American Society of Civil Engineers, the Maine Society of Professional Engineers, and the MDOT Chapter of the Maine State Employee Association recognized William. In addition he was inducted into the Francis Crowe Society of the University of Maine College of Engineering as a distinguished member by John McDonough, associate dean for academics and Chet Rock, associate dean for research and finance. Recipients of this honor are persons who have distinguished themselves in their field of study and who serve as role models for the new graduates from the college of engineering.

Last week I received a note from **Ralph Barnett**, who wrote, "As I am sure you are well aware, although I knocked on 8,527 doors last summer and fall, I did not get elected to the state Senate. The southern end of the county let me down. Not a complete loss as on May 30th I was sworn in as a commissioner of the Land Use Regulation Commission. There are seven commissioners who are responsible to see that the laws pertaining to land in all of the unorganized townships in Maine are carried out. Believe it or not, 52 percent of the geographical area of Maine is in unorganized townships (UT) covering 10 million acres with a population of only 8,000. That acreage equals the total of New Hampshire and Vermont combined. UT has five regional offices and the commission meets in a different location in the state the second

Wednesday of the month. I live here in Brookton, Maine, year round as I sold my business in Virginia and now do taxes only in Maine."

I was saddened to hear of the death of **Jane Anne Sibley Elliott** of Bucksport, Maine, in March. She was a long time diabetic and a member of Phi Mu sorority. She taught school at Erskine Academy. Jane is survived by her husband of 52 years, Robert Elliott '50. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jane's family.

Since reunion, I received a letter from president Jayne Hanson Bartley with more information about our 55th Reunion. She writes the following, "On Friday, May 30th a group of '49ers met following the Senior Alumni luncheon on reunion weekend. The question posed by your president was, 'Do you want a special reunion for our 55th next year?' The consensus was we'd like a get-together, a dinner Friday night at the Buchanan Alumni House and possibly a river cruise on Saturday on the Penobscot. Then we can be part of general alumni events, especially the alumni dinner Saturday night which honors special classes such as ours. I'll be working with the alumni office to plan these events. We do have some money in our treasury so we can have mementos to honor our return. Do set aside the dates of Reunion weekend 2004 and try to get back to Maine. The 50th was just fabulous and everyone enjoyed the Reunion. Remember that we are Senior Alumni and are welcome back at all the activities. We do so much to support Maine students. The last few years we have awarded \$80,500 in scholarships. Several students have spoken at our meetings expressing their gratitude for the financial help. It is so rewarding to help these appreciative students, many nontraditional. I will keep you posted on what's going on. In the meantime, start planning to return to Orono the weekend of Reunion 2004 and renew great friendships."

Thank you all who answered my plea for news. Keep those letters and e-mails coming. Hope you all had a great summer.

Looking for an easy way to make someone happy? Just write or e-mail your class correspondent.

1950

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Let's give ourselves a pat on the back! I just read on the informational brochure included with my "newly arrived" UMAA membership card that the class with the most UMAA members is Class of 1950. How about that! Keep up the good work!

This column is being written the end of June, while the annual summer meeting of our august group will be held at Salmon Falls Country Club in a little over a month. **Gerry Lamb Kenneally** is making all of the arrangements for our August 7th conclave—and we hope that the day is bright, sunny, and non-humid so that after our meeting and luncheon, the golfers can hit the fairways before we all head back to our homes. I shall bring you up to date on all of the news from that gathering in my next column. One of the major items of business will be final planning for the dedication during Homecoming weekend of the Class of 1950 gift to the university of the three flagpoles and flags to be erected close to the University of Maine sign at the corner of Munson and College Avenues. The flag array will hold three poles for the American, state of Maine, and University of Maine flags, within a patio area with red brick pavers, with shrubs and flowers around the perimeter of the patio. The area will house two Hydrel light fixtures that will be put into cement to illuminate the American flag during the dusk to dawn period, while the other two poles will be at an angle and will have spotlights on them during the overnight period. The entire area will be handicapped accessible and should be just splendid. We hope that as many as possible can join us during the Homecoming festivities October 3 - 5 for the dedication—with the exact date and time to be announced.

Alton "Hoppy" Hopkins, George Gray, Bill Bodwell, and Henry Saunders were an "action oriented" committee who carefully guided the proposal through the proper channels at the university—and kept everyone "on task." Many departments on campus—including the campus planning committee, personnel from facility management, William Mitchell who is a professor in the horticulture department, alum-

ni association, and more have worked with us regarding the logistics of the construction of the area including the patio and bases, proper placement of the poles, landscaping, lighting, and all that goes into such a project! We shall see the fruits of their labors come Homecoming when we dedicate our gift to the university. What a superb welcome visitors and students will experience as they enter our campus! Please plan to join us on this great occasion!

A second item on the agenda will be a report on the Class of 1950 Scholarship Fund—designed to lend scholarship assistance to descendants of members of the class. Just a reminder once again that because the fund is a part of the University of Maine Foundation in Orono, applicants for the scholarship must be enrolled at the University of Maine in Orono, and that they must make their relationship known to the office of student financial aid at the time of the application. A third item will be preliminary planning for our 55th Reunion, come June of 2005. Although it will be a busy agenda there will be plenty of time for getting all of the latest news of classmates. We hope that you can join us next August for our next class gathering—and will keep you posted on exact date, time, and location.

Prexy **Maggie Mollison McIntosh** has been mighty busy of late what with the joy she is experiencing as she participates in the pre-walking activities of grandson William James Lewis who lives with his mom and dad in Wellesley, Massachusetts, and who is the apple of her eye! She knows he will be reading and doing math in quick order! Meantime, Maggie had a great two weeks in Scotland visiting near Stirling, and enjoyed every moment of her stay in such a bonny land! Maggie also urges one and all to submit to her one- or two-page vignettes about your experiences during the Bar Harbor Fire of '47 and/or during World War II, Korea, or Vietnam. Her address: 36 Norwood Farms Road, P.O. Box 476, York Harbor, Maine, 03911-0476. I received a joyous note from **JoAnne Libby Olson** telling me that her daughter recently had triplets—one boy and two girls—all of whom are healthy, precious, growing by leaps and bounds, and keeping the washing machine (plus mom and grandmother) busy what with three sets of diapers—three hungry mouths to feed, plus, plus!

Jo sent along the program of a

very moving memorial service held for **Priscilla Goggins Wilks**, who died quite suddenly on the third of February of this year. She had such a glorious voice—and was chairman of the music committee as well as a member of the choir in her church in Beverly, Massachusetts. In addition, Priscilla was an account representative with the family printing and design business and served as a volunteer with the leukemia and cancer societies in her area. Our love and deepest sympathy goes to husband Bob, (147 Cherry Street, Wenham, Massachusetts, 01984) their son Scott, and his family. **Irv and Dottie Butler Marsden** sent a note after the first of the year, noting that their lives contain many "adventures" that they savor and participate in—one of which was an Elderhostel trip to Ireland which included one week in the Galway area and the second week in Kilkenny. The Marsdens spend five months of the year in the Venice area in Florida, and then return to Lunenburg, Massachusetts, for the remainder of the year.

Al Levesque sent a note letting me know of a "terrific" alumni picnic at Pepper Park, North Hutchinson Island, in Florida that was cohosted and attended by many classmates in early March. He said that there were some 40 to 50 alumni in attendance including **J. Walter** and **Bertha Clark Allen '51, Eva Burgess Newell, and George and Norma Mooers Gray '52**. Picnic participants were delighted to meet and greet guests from Orono, including Dr. Dianne Hoff, Jeff Mills '82, and Amos '64 and Lola Orcott. Everyone had such a fine time of it that one and all are considering establishing a Maine Black Bear Club of the Treasure Coast—with frequent meetings!

Renee and Lenny Minsky were recipients of the fourth annual Vincent A. Hartgen Award that honors those who, by their efforts, have distinguished themselves in the arts community. The Minskys were cited for their support and stewardship of the university's visual and performing arts, which benefits thousands of Maine schoolchildren as well as undergraduates in Orono. In addition to leadership roles on the development council, UMaine Board of Visitors, and more, they have made naming gifts for the Minsky Recital Hall in the School of Performing Arts as well as the Minsky Gallery at the Hudson Museum. They are active in the Patrons of the Arts—which encourages and supports student involvement in all the arts, and their

efforts have allowed the Patrons of the Arts to support touring theater, art, and music performances locally. Congratulations, Renee and Lenny!

When you are writing holiday greetings this year, please include me on your list. We would love to hear from you!

1951

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Rosanna Pendleton Gray and her husband Kenneth H. Gray '50 of Hermon celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 19, 2003, at a dinner at Miller's Restaurant, Bangor. The party was hosted by their daughters, Cynthia Little of Carmel and Nancy Gray DeLong '78 of Bangor. Rosanna is a retired teacher and Ken is retired from Swift and Company. In retirement, Rosanna pursues her interest in genealogy and historical research, and Ken volunteers at Ecotat Gardens in Hermon. They enjoy traveling in their motor home.

Larry Mahaney is spearheading a drive to build a "bubble dome" practice facility on campus. He envisions a facility with an air pressured bubble enclosure with a Sprin-turf playing surface. The indoor practice facility will serve a variety of Black Bear athletic programs that run into inclement weather at the start or finish of their playing seasons. The cost of the "bubble dome" is estimated to be between \$750,000 and \$1 million.

Penny Guptill Higgins went to Winchester, England, in September '02 with the Portland Senior College group. They toured the area and enjoyed discussions of Jane Austin and Thomas Hardy. They visited the Austin home and areas that the authors described in their books. In the winter she spent time with friends at Surfside Beach, South Carolina. She enjoyed visits to Charleston and Brookgreen Gardens. She reports having visited with **Judy Hill** and **Mary Jordan Edwards** recently. Judy continues to work on many historical activities on Deer Isle. She sees **Wini Keith Fish** often. Wini had a stroke in the fall of '02 and at this writing is an outpatient at Brewer Rehab. She also sees **Dottie Curtis Vose** on Mount



EVERETT TOWLE '56

Everett served with the United States Forest Service from 1956-1998 in California, Montana, Kentucky, Florida, and Virginia. Before retiring, he held the position of director of land management planning. For his many achievements he was awarded the rank of Meritorious Executive in the senior executive service by President George Bush in 1989. In 1997, he received an Outstanding Forest Stewardship Award from Maine Governor Angus King for his outstanding work with small woodland owners. He currently lives on his 35-acre farm in Buxton, Maine.



Desert in the summer. Penny is busy getting in shape for hiking and bicycle trips about which she'll tell us later.

Eva Stinson Wight (Tudi) has moved from Topsham to 2709 Steinbeck Court, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23456, to be near family and escape the northern winters.

Natalie Eleanore Tarr of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, died last April. She was a home economics major and a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. During her junior year, she belonged to the Tumbling Club, and as a senior, she was fashion editor of the *Pine Needle*. After UMaine, she worked as a technical publications analyst for Oak Ridge National Laboratory. The class extends its condolences to her family.

Adelbert T. Norwood died on July 19, 2003, when his car crashed into a tow truck on the Washington, D.C., beltway. Del was highly regarded for his outstanding record as baseball coach at Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, Virginia, where he also taught physical education. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Anne, and their family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Del Norwood Baseball Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 11524, Annandale, Virginia, 22003.

Caroline Beckler Doolittle has moved from Brunswick to 57 Elm Road, Ayer, Massachusetts, 01432-5083, to live with her daughter and family.

As I write, 21 members of the Class of '51 are planning to get together in August for a lobster picnic at the Caswell cottage in Harpswell. A description of that event will appear in a later column.

1952

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Greetings from The Cupola to and about the Class of 1952.

Just as I was about to assemble my writing paraphernalia, and to procrastinate a bit, I picked up that date's *Bangor Daily News* and read **Bernard Alexander MacKenzie's** obituary. Bernard died June 7, 2003, at Orono Commons. I had previously written about Mac in the winter issue of *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. When I was calling to interest classmates in our 50th class Reunion, his wife told me that he was living in a healthcare facility. Mr. MacKenzie was the physical education instructor at the elementary and junior high levels while he coached basketball, football, track, and cross-country in the Old Town school system for 15 years. The obituary explained that he was head of the business depart-

ment at OTHS later along with being the athletic director for 27 years. Because of his many accomplishments and officiating at high school and college events, he was honored as a member of the University of Maine Club. Mac was also a charter member of the State Athletic Directors Association. He was president of the first year ever of Little League, and director of the YMCA, president of the Old Town Education Association, and director for summer recreational programs for more than 20 years in Old Town. He was honored by Maine Health Care Association for his lifetime accomplishments at a ceremony in the state house in Augusta. Something that I remember about Mr. MacKenzie is how much he praised the strengths of his students—something indeed important about this great alumnus who has passed on. May his family accept the sympathy of the members of his Class of 1952.

An interesting letter arrived in early June from Harry Yates '54. He wrote from Athens, Georgia, to say that he had read about **William "Bill" Ruby** in the last issue of *MAINE*. He felt sure that he was the same Bill Ruby who had been his freshman proctor in North Dorm #6 in '50 and '51. He sent a great picture of Bill with his wild freshman charges that I have sent on to Bill as Harry requested. Amazingly enough, Harry remembers many meetings with my husband, Hubbard Trefts, in the '60s when Hub was working for the state of Virginia as a research entomologist in Charlottesville. Harry was then working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, also as a research entomologist. Thank you, Harry, for reminding us how small this world really is.

Carlton E. Wight's obituary was in the *Bangor Daily News* after he died on March 21, in a Brunswick healthcare facility. At the University of Maine, he was a member of the baseball team, which he led in hitting in 1950. Carl was second in hitting in the Yankee Conference in 1951 and led the YC in hitting in 1952. Before coming to the university, Carl played the trombone in the Army Band while stationed in Germany. The obituary also stated that Carl's past affiliations included: the Bath Savings Institution's board; The Elks; Chamber of Commerce; Municipal Band; The Braves Over 45 Baseball Team; Merrymeeting Bay Board of Realtors; International, American, and Maine Society of Travel Agents; and The Brunswick

Exchange Club. At age 74, he still knocked those balls out of the park and was written up in the *Bath Times Record* for such a feat. Carl was obviously involved in a great variety of activities, having operated his own real estate company and later the Wight Travel Agency. Condolences go to his family from the Class of '52.

George H. Ames wrote in April to say that he and Muriel spent two of the winter months in Florida. They visited with **Ralph** and **Guida Martin**, **Roger** and **Thela Leach**, and **Edwin** and **Marilyn Lee** in Vero Beach for a week en route to Maine. George also said they missed all of the cold weather, and we who stayed in Maine know how delightful that must have been. The Ames Maine homes are in Thomaston and Sullivan Harbor.

Co-president **William "Bill" Currie** e-mailed a message on April 26, to say on the following Wednesday several '52 classmates were to attend a baseball game in Sanford. Now I have heard that the game was UMaine /Holy Cross, and Maine won 11 to 1. Cheering them on were **Victor "Vic" Woodbrey**, **Eugene "Gene" Sturgeon**, **Beth Leighton Furlong** and husband, **Chuck '54**, and **Joan Vachon Victor** with her husband, **Milt '51**. **Bill Currie** and his wife **Harriet Johnson Currie** were to attend the Senior Alumni scholarship awards ceremony in Orono on May 4. He thought **Mary Jean McIntire White** would be attending after recently returning from Florida. **Bill** and **Elizabeth "Beth" Leighton Furlong** were planning two mini class gatherings. One was held on June 12 in York Harbor. Twenty-five classmates and guests registered for the social luncheon. **Donna Kierstead Thornton '78**, **'79G** and **Daniel Williams '91**, **'94G** from the alumni office gave the group an update on happenings at the university concerning alumni and Senior Alumni. **Bill Currie** updated those present on class activities.

Another mini class get-together took place on September 12 at the Buchanan Alumni House. Lunch was served, and the meeting was informative and fun. **Bill** announced the recipients of the '52 class scholarships for the 2003-2004 academic year. They are: **Hannah Stanley**, a senior majoring in parks, recreation, and tourism from Kennebunk. **Hannah** is the granddaughter of **Elizabeth Leighton Furlong**. **Sarah Bullard**, a senior majoring in elementary education from Lyman, is the granddaughter of **Wesley A. Bullard**.



Among the folks who took a tour of Colvin Hall, home of the UMaine Honors College, during Reunion 2003 were (left to right): **Harmon Thurston '51**, **Maxine Dresser Thurston '53**, and **Vance Bakeman '53**. The **Thurstons** donated the furniture for Colvin's studio classroom on behalf of the Class of 1953.

Peter Buchanan is a senior majoring in mechanical engineering from Old Town. Peter is the son of **James Buchanan**. **William Gove, Jr.** is a junior majoring in new media from Auburn. William is the grandson of **Roy Gove**. **Amanda Knapp** is a junior majoring in elementary education from Kingfield. **Amanda** is the granddaughter of the co-president of our class, **Alton B. Cole**. **Lauren Meehan** is a junior majoring in nursing from Brewer. **Lauren** is the granddaughter of **Margo Floyd Cobb**. Your 1952 class scholarship fund provided \$3,728.00 in assistance this year. Thank you for your generous support, and please continue your commitment to our class descendants.

Mary-Ellen Chalmers Weldon called from San Mateo, California, recently. She has been having some eye problems and was worried about passing her driver's test due to her vision. She arrived in Bangor on July 19 for a month. Her daughter, **Ann Weldon Blanke '76**, who lives in Bangor, stayed with her at their cottage on Holbrook Pond. Of course she will have returned to sunny California long before you read this item.

Our co-president **Bill Currie** and **Jean McIntire White** are on the Senior Alumni fundraising and allocation committee again this year. **Bill** has moved up from council secretary to 2nd vice president and chair-

person of the Senior Alumni scholarship committee. Congratulations to both of you for your willingness to devote your time to such a worthy cause. The class sincerely appreciates your effort.

I spoke with **Ruth Drysdale Frazier** in Reno, on May 30, to remind her that a year had passed since she arrived in Maine for our 50th class Reunion. **Ruthie** and her husband, **Vern**, had returned from a May trip to Mexico and in June they were to leave for a cruise to Alaska.

William "Bill" and Adelaide "Gump" Grant Ruby, spent part of July at the Jersey shore with their son **Steven** and his family. **Steven** lives in Superior, Colorado. **Roger Sullivan '51** and his wife **Ann** visited Gump and Bill recently en route from Florida to their Massachusetts shore home.

A bold headline in the *Lincoln County News* of June 12 issue read: "Begleys to lead Waldoboro Day." **Jeanne Frye Begley** and her husband, **Charles "Chuck" (Bowdoin '48)**, both former legislators and teachers, agreed to be marshals for the 2003 Waldoboro Day parade. Congratulations to you both from your classmates, **Jeanne**. The article goes on to say that the husband-wife team were to be honored Saturday, June 21. **Chuck** began teaching English at Waldoboro High School in 1949 and continued for 38 years. In 1952, he married **Jeanne**

Frye in Harrington. By then **Jeanne** was teaching home economics at Waldoboro High School. **Jeanne** was elected to three consecutive terms in the Maine House of Representatives and **Chuck** served two terms in the Maine Senate. The **Begleys** have a daughter, **Mary**, three sons, **Charlie**, **Paul** and **Mark**, and nine grandchildren. They enjoy tennis, golf, and other sports. **Mary Snyder Dow** sent me the newspaper article. Thanks so much, **Mary**.

Jeanette Bishop Fox '54, wife of **David Fox**, wrote from New Smyrna Beach, Florida, to say she had just had a call from **Melissa Parker White '54**, and learned that **Melissa** was my Alpha Omicron Pi daughter. **Jan** went on to say that **Melissa** and her husband would be visiting **Jan** and **David** here in Hancock during the summer, and she would get us all together. The last time I saw **Melissa** was 1952. The deadlines for this column are not fun, but hearing from so many wonderful friends makes it all worthwhile.

I spent a week in and around Amsterdam in April. All of the Netherlands that I visited was impressive. Every building facade is old and creatively designed. True works of art lie in every direction one turns. The tulips were blooming in Keukenhof Gardens, The Delft Company is still producing its blue Delftware like it has been since 1653, and Canal-bus is a fun way to travel.

Virginia Norton Beach and husband **Elwood "Woody" '51** were recently presented with the 2003 Block "M" Award, for being deserving individuals recognized for outstanding leadership, and participating in university events and class sponsored activities and programs. Our hats off to the Beaches once again.

In the March 23, 2003, issue of *The Maine Sunday Telegram*, **Margaret Dunn Russell** of East Winthrop, a registered nurse and Maine consumer representative, was written up for being elected to the board of directors at Northeast Health Care Quality Foundation based in Dover, New Hampshire. Congratulations, **Margaret**.

The May 7, 2003, *Bangor Daily News* pictured **Willis Phair '39**, the late coach of the Patten Academy boys basketball team. His team was being honored at the Penobscot Hotel in Bangor by the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad after they beat Boston Latin School 35 to 32 at Boston Garden in the New England Basketball Tournament in 1947. Also in the picture is **Thurston**

Townsend, the captain of the team. Willis Phair died in January in Florida. Our sympathy to his family.

Leonard Hutchins wrote a great article for the February 19 *Presque Isle Star Herald* recognizing how fortunate the area is to have a biathlon facility in northern Maine. Both national and international competitions now take place there. Leonard says the youngsters competing in these events are living his dream.

Dorothy Clarke Wilson's 99th birthday party was quite an event. Of course it was held at the Wilson Center with about 80 people in attendance. I saw Roger Leach and his wife Thela there. I am sure Dorothy was observing from above as a loving group blew out her 99 candles.

Keep the news coming and I hope we are enjoying a wonderful fall by the time you read this.

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Hi there, you senior alumni of UMaine! What do you think about that? I still feel young and at our 50th all you classmates looked and acted it, too. How did you like Reunion? I bet you'll all agree that it was wonderful. And we had a great turnout this year, didn't we, with some 100 classmates registered (and that doesn't include spouses or guests). Pre-reunion at Bar Harbor was great and it couldn't have been any better at Orono. Even the weather cooperated. Everything was so well planned, just like clockwork and we, the Class of 1953, salute everyone involved with this great event in our lives. Thank you. I hope we all make it back in 2008!

Did any of you bid on the silent and live auctions at Reunion? I did and came home with a lot of wonderful things, including a very heavy pair of old brass UMaine bookends (thanks, **Dave** and **Marcia Beppler** and to the people who gave them to you), and a large (32 x 40) abstract/impressionist painting by **Lois Welton Byrne** (which I'll talk about later). I even have a \$25 certificate for the Winterport Winery. When will I ever get there?

The Buchanan House is truly "A



One of the many fun times at the Class of '53 Reunion came when **Fred Hutchinson** and **Carol Prentiss Mower** performed "The Newlyweds."

Place to Call Home," isn't it! I could live there forever and I could go on and on about Reunion, the delicious food, wonderful jazz and orchestra music, and of course you classmates. And for those of you who didn't make it, please try and come to the next one. We'll be looking for you in 2008.

Oh, yes. I do want to thank all of you for my Golden "M" Award. It was like receiving an "Oscar." It truly was and I'll treasure it always. I framed the certificate that went with it and placed that and the beautiful big brass "M" on the top shelf of my living room glass bookcase along with the engraved photo album I received. Thanks!

We are a great class, aren't we, and congratulations to **Frank Pickering** who earned a Block "M"



Ted Tocci '53 and his wife **Marietta** at Reunion 2003.

Award for his "outstanding service and leadership" and **Woody Carville**, who received the Pine Tree Emblem Service Award for his "dedicated service to the university and his class." Others also received awards, among them **Carol Prentiss Mower**. By the way, Carol, what a great skit you and **Fred Hutchinson** did for us. You made a great pair of newlyweds!

Frank, we do want to thank you for the superb job you've done as president of our class these past five years and this year's Reunion proved you're one of the greatest. (Thanks, Clara, for letting us have Frank along the way.) And let's welcome **Helen Strong Hamilton** as our new president. You've got great footsteps to follow, Helen, due to all the wonderful past presidents. We know you can do it.

Well, here goes with news of our classmates. By the way, if you didn't pick up a Memory Book at Reunion or order one, do call Kari Wells at the university at 1-800-934-2586 or 207-581-1142. I believe she still has some left, and I have three I can mail out. The cost is \$15. It is the greatest book, with 100-plus classmates listed, along with their addresses, phone numbers, e-mails, photos, information about their lives, and much more. We have to thank the Reunion committee for putting that together. Thanks!

And now on to some of our "senior" classmates. **Vance M. Bakeman** of Hilton Head, South Carolina, majored in chemical engineering and later went on to M.I.T. Sloan School of Management. On campus, he belonged to Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He's married to Helen and

they have three children and six grandchildren. Vance is now retired and on various boards. He's a water commissioner, very active in the church, plays golf, travels, and likes to garden.

His favorite memories? "Friends and events associated with sporting and social events especially at Sig Ep." And the most remarkable changes in his life? "The marriage to my wife, Helen, our three children, and the birth of our six grandchildren. Our life has been blessed!"

Carroll R. Akeley of Conway, South Carolina, majored in mechanical engineering and took courses at Hartford Graduate Center. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity (three years), UMaine band (sax, four years), and assistant manager, cross country (one season). He's married to Joan "Jodie" Rowe Akeley and they have three children and seven grandchildren.

Carroll spent 18 years in the helicopter industry, 17 years in energy conservation, and is now a retired professional engineer. His interests include church, golf, bowling, miscellaneous volunteer work, and his family.

Graduating, house parties, football games, and band were among his favorite memories, and the biggest changes in his life? "Being a retired grandfather and 50 years of marriage, and surviving cancer (so far)."

Charles "Bubba" Barrett of Shalimar, Florida, was a government major and received an advanced degree from Cornell University. He is a Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity man and "Worked near full time to finance my four years in Orono; had a great time at Maine—not much of a student—C average." He's married to Barbara and they have four children and five grandchildren.

His career? Thirty-two years with IBM: sales rep in Charlotte, North Carolina, sales manager in Baltimore, Maryland, branch manager in Tallahassee, Florida, branch manager in Washington, D.C., and corporate education, Armonk, New York. Since IBM retirement, he's teaching at the University of West Florida, college of business—marketing fundamentals and sales management.

He likes water sports, and students at UWF selected him as Professor of the Year 2001 in the College of Business. Congratulations!

Ralph C. Baxter, Sr. of South Portland, Maine, majored in education and earned two M.Ed. degrees.

He was on the varsity ski team for four years and is a Delta Tau Delta fraternity man. He's married to Mary and they have three children and three grandchildren.

Ralph, now retired, spent 34 years in Maine school systems. He was a high school teacher/coach/principal. His interests include nine years on the South Portland city council with two years as mayor, and as a member of a variety of city committees.

His favorite memories? "I enjoyed attending university events in general, e.g. plays, athletic events, intramural activities." And the most remarkable change in his life? "The opportunity to be a part of our educational system and to grow and learn with teens."

David C. "Dave" Beppler of Port Matilda, Pennsylvania, majored in agricultural engineering with a master of science from Penn State University. He's a Phi Eta Kappa fraternity man and ran track and cross-country at Orono. He's married to Marcia and they have six children and 14 grandchildren. Congratulations!

Dave was an officer in the Signal Corps (1953-1957), on the faculty at Penn State University (1957-1986), and farming (1986-1994). "Since our retirement in the sheep business, we've just been involved in a whole host of community and church activities, including some overseas trips as volunteers in mission." He said he had too many good memories to single one out. And what do you think his most remarkable change was? "I lost my hair!" Dave, you're not the only one!

Ronald E. "Ron" Bishop, a Lambda Chi Alpha man, of Cornelius, North Carolina, was an agronomy major with a M.S. in management at The American College. I've written about Ron many a time, it seems, but maybe it seems that way because he was our class president for so many years. Anyway, he's married to Lorna, and they have three children and four plus seven grandchildren. How many relatives went to UMaine? "They number in the dozens, too many to remember!"

Ron's career has been a busy one (like so many): Active duty at Fort Benning, Georgia, Infantry '53-'55 with the rest of his military service spent in the Reserves, 28 years in all. The rest of his career was in the life insurance industry with National Life of Vermont (30 years) and when he retired in 1989 he was one of the executive vice presidents and chief marketing officers. He also

worked for the life insurance industry in a three-year consulting job overseas for an industry-wide training organization: The Life Underwriter Training Council, opening up foreign countries for our training program. "At one point I worked for 27 different countries. It was the only job where my expense account was bigger than my salary! I finished that in December 1994 and came to North Carolina in 1995."

Ron now volunteers 800-1,000 hours a year with Habitat for Humanity as a builder. He's "beginning to do some skydiving, 49 years after U.S. Army jump school! Gardening, politics (interested observer not an office holder), active in various leadership callings in LDS Church (Mormons)." His favorite memory? "The whole experience is almost a blur after 49 years!" And the most remarkable change: "An impossible question to answer."

Stephen V. "Steve" Bogue of Englewood, Florida, majored in government, was into intramural sports, and belonged to Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He's married to Priscilla Alden and they have four children and six grandchildren. Now retired, Steve does community service/volunteer work and is a collector. What do you collect, Steve? His memories of UMaine are "friendships" and the biggest change in his life? "Four wonderful children."

Ann Twombly Bonang of Brunswick, Maine, majored in mathematics and was a member of Delta Zeta sorority. She also was a band major and on the *Prism* board. She and Claude, an author, have two children.

Her career? "I worked for General Electric in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, as an engineering assistant in the design of transformers. I transferred to their Lynn plant and worked as a numerical analyst in the design of jet engines. I taught math at Marblehead High School and at Scarborough High School. In 1963 I married Claude Bonang, a biology teacher from Brunswick. We have raised two sons Tim and Chris, and we are expecting our first grandchild in July (was it a girl or boy?) I resumed teaching math at Brunswick Junior High School and at Mt. Ararat High School in Topsham from which I retired."

Her special interests? "I have volunteered as a driver of cancer patients for over 10 years and have provided flower arrangements for my church from my garden for over 20 years. I also work on voter registration and am on the board of the



Ray Cox '53 enjoys a 50th Reunion dance with his wife, Nancy.

Village Improvement Association. My hobbies include painting Maine scenes in watercolor, perennial gardening and landscaping, genealogy, and family history. I have written biographies of both my mother and father for my family and am working on my own."

Her favorite memory? "I transferred as a sophomore from Westbrook Junior College. I was elated to be at the university where the atmosphere was friendly and the campus was beautiful. I had to work hard and take math courses with prerequisites in order to finish with my class, but professors and classmates were usually helpful when I had questions."

The most remarkable change in her life? "Being married to a wonderful partner for 40 years who has similar goals and interests resulting in two fine sons and a daughter-in-law."

Sarah "Sally" Brackley Breen of San Antonio, Florida, was an English major who belonged to Phi Mu sorority. She married Michael '55, who went to UMaine two years, and they have three children and one grandchild. "I was a homemaker," she said. "We're retired. We live in a retirement golf club community." Her favorite memory was, "sitting in Jo Dobson's room listening to the radio when Bobby Thompson hit the home run off Ralph Branca in 1951." The biggest change since graduation is, "being a mother and grandmother."

Alton E. "Al" Brown of Brookfield, Wisconsin, was an engineering physics major who was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, and Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Pi Sigma honor

societies. He's married to Pauline and they have two children and five grandchildren. Two of their nephews are UMaine grads: David M. Brown '86 and Lee T. Fairweather '89. He said aside from two years in the U.S. Army, he worked for Electrical Power Equipment Manufacturers, both as an engineer and manager. "Racquetball!" is his game and he remembers well, "the camaraderie with fellow Phi Kapps and with course mates Jack, George, and Ernie."

Robert A. "Bob" Bruns of Radford, Virginia, was a business administration major. His wife is deceased and he has four children and seven grandchildren. He served in World War II and is now retired and enjoying community service and leisure activities.

Duncan MacLean "Sandy" Cameron of Thornhill Ontario, Canada, majored in wildlife conservation and received his M.Ed. at UMaine and a Ph.D. (zoology) at the University of California. His activities at UMaine? Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, Maine Masque, and intramural sports.

Sandy is married to Geraldine Judkins Cameron '57 and they have three children and three grandchildren. His career? U.S. Army (1954-56); teacher in public schools in Maine and Ohio; faculty positions at Universities of Maine, California, and Mt. Allison University; research zoologist, University of California; post-doctoral fellow, University of British Columbia; biology professor and director of natural science, York University, Toronto (retired 1992); environmental consultant since 1975; president, Duncan M. Cameron Ltd. Environmental Consulting and Research, since 1993; professor emeritus, department of biology, York University, Toronto, Ontario. Another busy grad!

His special interests include community service, Sigma Xi, the scientific research society; backpacking, gardening, photography, coaching, and administration in community sports—hockey and baseball.

"Fellowship of fraternity life (especially the humor)" was his favorite memory and "becoming a husband, parent, and grandparent. Gray hair. Occasionally getting serious about life" have been the most remarkable changes in his life.

Albert L. "Al" Card of Augusta, Maine, majored in physical education with a M.Ed. at Springfield College. He played varsity football

three years, was captain of the varsity baseball team in 1953, and a member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity. He's married to Irene and they have two children and six grandchildren.

His career? Education—physical education when he coached football and baseball; two years of active duty and four years of Reserve duty; 30 years as a high school and college basketball official; 33 years of baseball, high school and college umpiring (including parts of four decades doing UMaine games), and working three Babe Ruth League World Series.

He said he's been inducted into three Hall of Fames—Maine Baseball Hall of Fame, Maine Central Institute (MCI) Hall of Fame, and Maine High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame. He received an Outstanding Physical Education Award from UMaine in 1986 and the Distinguished Service Award from Maine Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

"Every memory of the days at Maine is my favorite! To pick out one would be difficult, but perhaps the 1951 undefeated football would be on top." The most remarkable changes in his life? "Marriage, two children, both college graduates—Maine (daughter) and Ithaca College (son).

Linwood L. "Woody" Carville of Orono majored in physical education and received his M.Ed. at UMaine. He was active at the university: Phi Mu Delta fraternity; Phi Kappa Phi, and Kappa Delta Pi honor societies; Senior Skulls; varsity football and basketball (captain), five letters; Frosh basketball and baseball, two numerals; Sophomore Owls; proctor in Oak Hall (three years); athletic board member; and Men's Athletic Association (president).

He and his wife, Jean Grindle Carville '54, have two children and two grandchildren. Woody has been a teacher and coach in public schools in Waterville, Maine, and Laconia, New Hampshire; assistant coach at UMaine five years, football, basketball, baseball; administrator at UMaine, 27 years (retired); and U.S. Army 28 years, retired (Reserves).

He has many interests: Orono Land Trust board of directors (founding member); Orono School trustee; YMCA board of directors; Orono school board; Toddy Pond Environmental Association board of directors; Kiwanis auction chairman; Maine Christian Association board of



Class of '53 members (left to right): Fran Willette Foster, Trudy Harriman Metzger, and Phyllis Noyes Scantlebury enjoying Reunion 2003.

directors, M Club board of directors, treasurer; UMaine Sports Hall of Fame; U.S.A. Legion of Merit; works on church fund-raisers, and other interests. That's enough, Woody!

His favorite memory? "Having the opportunity to know many of the students attending UMaine because of my sports-related activities."

Joyce "Jo" Dobson Cook of Boulder City, Nevada, was an English major and played intramural basketball. She's married to Mark, a retired Air Force fighter pilot, and so they've moved a few times: Oklahoma, Virginia, Nevada, Canada, and Iran. They have three children and four grandchildren and Jo's sister, Anne S. Dobson, is a '65 UMaine grad. Jo's hobbies include cross stitch, reading, and taking walks, and she said she has "fond memories of East Hall, the temporary dorm we lived in freshman year." The biggest change in her life? "Traveling to various places as an Air Force wife."

Patrick Henry "Pat" Dionne of Severna Park, Maryland, majored in history and government, with an advanced degree from the University of Wisconsin ("not complete"). His student activities? Gamma Nu Chapter, Delta Tau Delta—former president of the Interfraternity Council, president of the Student Religious Association, and a member of the Senior Skull Society. He and Joan have four children and six grandchildren.

His career? U.S. Army, 26 years—Lt. Colonel, retired; Maryland State Highway Administration, 11 years; and director of administration. He retired in 1984.

His special interests include:

"Member for 28 years of International Association of Lions Clubs—past district governor. Played golf until my knee (injured) could not go. Help operate for Lions Club a loan closet, including wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and various medical instruments. Several awards by Lions International plus local Rotary International Club."

His favorite memory? "Best days—president of Delta Tau Delta fraternity" and the most remarkable change in his life? "Commanding U.S. Army troops in Korea in 1962-63."

William "Bill" "Guv'nor" Ray Donnell of Sedgwick, Maine, majored in general agriculture, philosophy, and history and government. I finally met Bill at Reunion and he was nothing like I expected. On the phone, with his thick Maine accent, I pictured him with a long white beard, short and fat, etc. He was none of that. Instead, he seemed to be in great shape, tan, and quite good-looking. Guess that's all due to his throwing the hammer, bicycling back and forth out back to his clapboard mill, etc. His student activities at UMaine include being president of Sigma Chi and indoor and outdoor track (hammer throw). He has three children and two grandchildren.

His career? U.S. Army sergeant (Korea, 1952-54); small business owner; communications company executive; farmer; commercial fisherman; editor; author; lecturer; guest speaker, TV Canada-U.S. offshore boundary issue; teacher; remedial instructor; recreational director, city of Bath; captain, principal owner, commercial passenger schooner; Governor's Lobster Advi-

sory Council member and much more.

Special interests? Owner-operator of his clapboard mill, Donnell's Clapboard Mill, 1983 to the present; antique vehicles, vessels, and machinery; hammer throw; vice president, board of directors, Fisheries Communications, 1977-present; farmer, 1978-present; Hancock County Extension executive committee member, 1988-present; Downeast Resource Conservation and Development Council member, 1994-present; Sedgwick town meeting moderator ("back at this; limits my opinions"); Sedgwick town budget committee ("many years now"); and Brooklin-Sedgwick Historical Society.

Awards/honors: Marquis *Who's Who in the East*-1986; Marquis *Who's Who in the World*-1996; Marquis *Who's Who in America*-1998; Marquis *Who's Who in Finance and Industry*-1998. And he likes to dance—jitterbug, "Still nimble on my feet."

His favorite memory? "Living at Sigma Chi and fooling around U of Maine campus and environs in my 1931 Cadillac V-12 Sport Roadster with my friends." The most remarkable change? "Defining and sorting out 'living' from 'making a living.'" Working seems to keep you living, Bill, so keep it up.

Peter W. "Pete" Douglas of Waldoboro, Maine, majored in electrical engineering and can't recall any student activities. He and his wife, Marlene, have three children and eight grandchildren. He is now retired from electrical engineering and banking and keeps occupied with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, gardening, ham radio, and woodworking. His favorite memory? "I graduated!" The most remarkable change? "Accepting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior."

Gene Drolet of North Conway, New Hampshire, majored in government with a MBA from Northeastern University. While at UMaine he was a Sophomore Owl, played varsity tennis three years, and was ATO fraternity secretary.

He and Katharine have three children and three grandchildren. UMaine relatives include Emilie K. Josselyn '21 (aunt), Black Bear Award; and Julius Krittor '16 (uncle).

Gene is a retired chairman and CEO of Shawmut County Bank, and Shawmut Bank of Southeastern Massachusetts; retired senior vice president of Shawmut Bank of Boston; and First Lieutenant, U.S. Army-Austria, 1953-1955.

His interests include trustee and treasurer, Memorial Hospital, North Conway, New Hampshire; former town treasurer (six years), Conway, New Hampshire; and he "loves skiing, golf, white-water canoeing, and gardening."

He remembers well: "Graduation! Wonderful people all over campus; my days at ATO House." Most remarkable change? "My wife and family. How far I advanced in my business—banking." I guess you did advance, Gene!

Roman A. "Whitey" White of Buxton, Maine, majored in forestry, with an advanced degree in engineering from Ohio State University. His student activities? Glee Club, freshman baseball, Forestry Club, and Xi Sigma Pi honorary forestry society.

He and Phyllis have two children. He was supervisor for renovation of rotating electric machinery and a U.S.A.F. navigator, and is presently retired.

Whitey is on the Good Will-Hinckley board of directors. "I love golf but don't shoot too well any more." He wrote that he "loved the whole scene" at UMaine, but for the most remarkable change since graduation he wrote "I forget." I guess that is a little hard to remember, isn't it, Whitey?

Jeanette A. "Jan" Hovey Wiggin of Essex, Connecticut, who is musical director of New England Music Camp in Sidney, Maine, from June 1 to August 31, majored in English and received her Ph.D. from UConn. She's a member of Pi Beta Phi and Phi Delta Kappa and was a cheerleader for three years. She and Davis '54 have three children and five grandchildren.

"I was an English teacher, then a high school principal and an assistant superintendent of schools," she said and now, "I do a lot of gardening. I'm a Master Gardener and I play golf and bridge." She remembers her time in Colvin Hall—living room and two bedrooms—that was a great time while we lived there." Her most remarkable change? "I have been running a summer music camp for teenagers 12-18 for 33 years (I am not a musician)."

Meredith "Merry" Monk Dalessandro of Livermore Falls, Maine, majored in education and received her M.Ed. at UMaine-Farmington. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority and a majorette. She and Frank have two children and seven grandchildren.

Her career? "When the boys were in school I went back to teach-

ing and completed 30 years in education, taking early retirement in 1989. During 10 of those 30 years I was the principal of Livermore Falls Primary School. Of course I needed more education than two years of college to entitle me to teach. I received my B.S. in education in 1968. After having done all of my classwork except for two classes through UMaine, and after having worked with a UMaine advisor, Marian Boyce, I graduated from U.S.M. (then University of Maine in Portland). The diploma said UMaine anyway. In 1972 I received my Master's from the University of Maine in Farmington.

"Our lives have been quite predictable. My husband was in the Navy in World War II and was wounded in the Battle of Okinawa. We still live in the house we purchased in 1959. After I retired from teaching I turned an avocation into a vocation and worked as a designer part-time at The Flower Barn, a local flower shop. I have a passion for flower gardening and do a lot with roses."

Her special interests include Hospice, floral designer for the last 12 years, and gardening. Of memories of UMaine: "There were just so many. I guess marching down the mall in the pouring rain after a football game. Perhaps the most significant part of my life is taking place now. Our church has always been a major part of our lives. I felt a call to enter the ministry when I was in school but in the early '50s girls did not do that so I became a teacher. I still felt the call after I retired so I enrolled in Andover Newton Seminary and am working on a degree in theology. It is taking more time than I probably have left so I have also been working on completing the courses required for a certificate in lay ministry and interim ministry. My church honored me by granting me a license to preach and I do supply work in the area. I am an honorary deacon at First Baptist Church in Livermore Falls and a licensed lay preacher.

"So you see, I have been truly blessed. God has provided me with the opportunity to work in three different areas that I love, a loyal and devoted husband, two special sons, and those seven grandchildren, who, of course, are the hand-somest and most brilliant children to ever come down the pike. I have also been blessed with good health."

I said I'd get back to Lois Welton Byrne's painting. I picked it up earlier today after having it framed, and

now I must decide where to hang it. I called Lois in San Diego a few nights ago and had a very pleasant talk. She said the painting is water and acrylic and is titled *Mountain Majesty*. She had written on the auction paper: "Please dedicate this gift to the memory of Vincent Hartgen, the person who inspired me to pursue the making of art which has meant so much to my life." (Note: Vincent Hartgen died in November 2002.) And I am so pleased to own one of Lois's art pieces, something our classmate painted. She said she's been painting all her life and showing her art some 20-plus years. "I mostly play with the painting until I get something that's pleasing to me," she said. She and her husband, Jack, have two children, Christopher, 45, and Grace, who has three children, all avid golfers, the oldest of whom, Lucy McGovern, made it into Junior World Championships, Lois said.

Lois, who majored in home economics and was a member of Chi Omega sorority, said she went into retailing at G. Fox and Company in Hartford, Connecticut, after college and became a buyer and department manager. After three years of that she got married. She said they moved about every 18 months so she couldn't get a job, but still feels she's worked all her life.

She said she made it to the first reunion, but none of the others, due to Jack's being in the Navy. He's now a retired captain who taught management in college.

Lois lived in Colvin Hall and roomed with **Charlotte Trough** and **Nancy Johnson Marsden**, and Elaine Harvey for a while. "I really enjoyed the setup there—small, two girls to a room, I always liked the housemothers." She said she had lunch in April with **Sally Pray Fogler** who was visiting one of her children in northern California and then on to visit **Pat King** in San Diego. Lois said Pat was a very close friend in high school and in our class our freshman and sophomore years and went on to get her master's in social work at Columbia. Pat now lives in Solana Beach, about five miles from Lois.

Most remarkable change for Lois? "My hair is white."

I just talked with Carol Prentiss Mower. She's always nice to talk to—lively, laughing. We talked about Reunion and people. She said she's had a busy summer, with Elderhostel and new friends she met there and who came to visit. She also

mentioned Homecoming the first weekend in October—early this year. I just might try to go up then. Would love a gathering of classmates to join in. Last time I went I froze! She also mentioned the commemorative Black Bear Christmas ornament she saw a few weeks ago at an event of some kind. I must call the university bookstore and get one and I also want to purchase the Black Bear license plate when it comes out in November. So many things I want to do, but not enough time to do them.

I do get e-mail from **Zeke Mavodones** (Lyme disease and off to Higgins Beach in Scarborough, Maine) and **Ray Robbins** (recent surgery and on his way to West Tremont, Maine). Thank you both for writing. I will include some of your news in the next issue.

Well, we came in first place once again in the Casco Day Parade—this year as clowns, receiving a plaque for the "Friends and Family Division." My late father left the six of us the family camp, which was bought in 1944 on Pleasant Lake in Casco. My week is this week, so off I go. It's log-cabin style right on the lake. My children will come out at different times, I'll read, swim, and just have a good time, if I ever get off this computer and pack up.

I remember a few words to a country song I heard recently: "Live, laugh, and love." That's not a bad idea. Take care—do some living, laughing, and loving, and enjoy all of life's moments. They're precious.

Until next time...

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This year the Class of 1954 scholarship was awarded to a third year business student working towards a degree in management information systems. He is Seth Dromgoole of Cape Elizabeth who spends his summers lobster fishing and waiting tables at a restaurant in Portland. Since transferring to Maine he has achieved a 4.0 grade point average and has been initiated into various honor societies.

In May **Harmon Harvey**, former mayor of Hallowell, was named Hallowell 2003 Citizen of the Year. Harmon and his wife **Jane Stevens**

Harvey have lived in Hallowell for over 40 years, have raised six children, joined the Old South Congregational Church, and he has served on the city council. As a member of the Hallowell tree board, helping to beautify the city, he has been instrumental in having planted close to 300 trees.

At the annual banquet of Worcester Polytechnic Institute School of Industrial Management, **Preston "Skip" Hall** was the recipient of the Albert J. Schweiger Award for Professional Achievement. Skip began his career with Hobbs Manufacturing Company in 1954 as project engineer of all projects, and became president and director in 1971. In 1973 he joined the knife division of Rexnord as president. This unit manufactured agricultural knives and rotary lawn mower blades, and had plants in Massachusetts, Iowa, and Ireland. He retired as president in 1990 and from the board in 1995. In 1992 Skip became CEO of Wolf Coach in Auburn, Massachusetts. Wolf Coach manufactures special communication vehicles for the television industry and for the U.S. government. He became chairman of the board in 1997 and retired in 1999. He has served as president of the Worcester Tennis Club and the Worcester Chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management. He is a director of the Monhegan Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He lives in Lancaster with his wife **Rosemary Carlin Hall**. They have five children and 15 grandchildren. Skip enjoys golf, tennis, bridge, fishing, and the home workshop.

Ed Coffin sent along his news from Cony Road in Augusta. Ed sold his business to key employees three years ago, to care for his wife Lolly who was the second female Catholic chaplain in Maine and was well respected by all her peers. Lolly is now in a nursing home having been diagnosed with Alzheimer's five years ago. The nursing home is close to Ed's home and he walks on down for a visit every now and then. He says he and Lolly chased basketball all over the state—even saw Valley lose to PCHS for their one loss. He keeps his hand in the fire by doing odd structural problems for his sons, some historical and genealogical research, and was even Maine Surveyor of the Year in 1999. His black lab "Geezer" gets him up every day at the crack of dawn, and acts as his personal trainer to try to get him back in shape.

Our class statistician, **Jerry**



A group of Class of 1954 ATO brothers gathered at the home of Skip Hall last spring. Left to right are: Hale Reed, Carl Pipes, Dick Marr, Bruce Krueger, Bob Davis, Allen Fernald, Russ Lovaas, Skip Hall, and Jim Mininni.

Hallee, has sent along some interesting numbers concerning Class of '54 demographics. Our classmates live in 33 states and three foreign countries. Of the 602 on the class list: 43 percent are in Maine; 66 percent are in New England; 10 percent in either California or Florida; and the three foreign countries are Canada (4), Netherlands (1), and China (1).

Now we should get around to Reunion planning news. Our Reunion committee met the end of June at **Tim McManus's** house in Cumberland Foreside. Committee chairs all reported on their progress. **Chuck Furlong** and **Chan Codrington**, who are heading up requests for our class gift, are in the process of making phone calls and personal visits. **Mary MacKinnon Nelson** has had classmates chatting on the phone all over the country drumming up interest in the return to the campus next June. **Jean Grindle Carville** pointed out the need for a welcoming group who would greet us as we arrive on campus and who would be able to guide us to areas which didn't exist 50 years ago. The Memory Book promises to be great just as long as we all respond to the request **Al Fernald** sends out asking for information and pictures.

For alumni events, Black Bear sports, and more, log on to: mainealumni.com

1955

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Since **Paul** and I were not able to go to Orono for a 50th Reunion committee meeting in June, I called **Sylvia Farris Keene** to get caught up on what transpired at that meeting. Those in attendance were **Sylvia** and **Wes Keene**, **Dick Eustis**, **Liz Pierce Cross**, **Marion Bugbee Mannheim**, **Jan Marston Bodwell**, **Mary Litchfield Whitworth**, and **Reg Bowden**. Plans were tentatively formulated for our weekend on June 3-5, 2005. These events will be preceded by some days in Bar Harbor. **Liz Pierce Cross** is working on this part of our weekend, and I'm sure we will be hearing from her soon on what she has planned for us.

When something needs to be done by the class, it seems that our vice president, **Mary Litchfield Whitworth**, is many times the one who is called upon to complete that task. **Mary** has come through again and has offered to be in charge of our Memory Book which we will present at our 2005 Reunion. It is a big job, but there is no one better qualified than **Mary**. Another meeting of the committee was held in

September to plan further for our special 50th Reunion extravaganza.

Sylvia mentioned that a group of '55ers got together in June at **Sylvia** and **Wes's** house for a potluck supper. Those attending were **Sam** and **Mary Strickland Birch**, **Muriel Verrill Gade**, **Jan Bodwell**, **Ed** and **Ethelyn Gerrish Treworgy**, **Liz Pierce Cross**, and **Marion Bugbee Mannheim**, who had come to Maine from South Carolina for the June committee meeting and was spending a couple of days with the **Keenes**.

What a really tremendous treat it was for me to receive a letter from **Ted Maher**. He said he enjoyed reading about so many familiar names in our column which brought back for him many fond memories. After 37 years in the Hartford, Connecticut, school system, **Ted** retired as a school principal 11 years ago. He now lives in Marlborough, Connecticut, and spends the winter months in Englewood, Florida, playing a lot of tennis and having a lot of fun. Do keep in touch, **Ted**, and maybe **Paul** and I will get a chance to see you on our next trip to Florida.

An article in the *Portland Press Herald* entitled, "Yarmouth valuations soar along the coast," mentioned **Erving Bickford** and how his one-story ranch-style home tripled in value and his taxes are likely to keep pace. There has been a lot of revaluation in the state and where we live is no exception as well. We were more fortunate than you, **Erv**, as our

taxes went down (which of course, is no solace to you), but the same thing happened in Cape Elizabeth. Those near the water had their valuation tripled as well, so you do have some company in that regard.

Nice to correspond via e-mail with **Bill Tiedemann**. He traveled to Richmond, Virginia, to help his daughter and family move to Florida.

Now that I've got you all thinking about June 3-5, 2005, I'll end this column for this time and hope that you may be the one to send me some information for our next issue.

1956

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As I write this, summer has arrived in Maine, it is in the high 70s today, and I was actually too warm when I was outside weeding my garden. The tourists have been slow coming to Maine this year, so the paper says, but when I drove down Commercial Street in Portland this afternoon, it looked pretty crowded to me.

The alumni office got a note from **James Moore** regarding his new book, *Human Sacrifice*. The book has garnered a lot of attention around the state and beyond. If you'd like to learn more about the case that is the subject of the book go to the website <http://trialanderrordennis.org/default.asp>.

Dana Devoe has been named to The Strauss Corporation board of trustees. The Strauss Corporation is a subsidiary of St. Joseph Healthcare Foundation in Bangor. Dana had served in the Maine House of Representatives in 1977-1978 and in the Maine Senate in 1979-80. Dana is also on the committee planning our 50th Reunion in 2006.

Frank Trask was elected to the Racquetball Hall of Fame in March. To be selected for this honor one must be at least 35 years old and have won 10 tournaments, two state titles, or a regional or national title. Sportsmanship and leadership are also taken into account. Frank is currently ranked fifth in the country in the 70-over age bracket and last year was second. He was number one in Maine and New England in 2002.

Your committee for our 50th

celebration is still at work planning for a fabulous weekend. Our next meeting is October 9th at **Betsy Harvey Ruff's** house in Freeport. **Bill Johnson** has already sent us our agenda. Bill is always on the ball.

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.

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1957

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While moseying through the aisles looking at the offerings at the Bowdoinham Library plant sale, I was pleased to see Lois Blanchard Widmer '58 appear, with her husband David bearing their box of selections. Lois started school in our class, stayed out a year, and graduated in '58 with a major in education. They have three children, one who has just spent three years in Buenos Aires.

We attended Reunion again this year, visiting as always with the Class of '58 and attending Les's '63 activities. This year there was a Cyr coach bus ride to the "new" Jordan Pond House for an excellent luncheon, with popovers! Of course, the place **Jan Higgins Nolan** had pointed out as their dorm was no longer there and I'm unable to come up with the name(s) of the other classmate or two who worked there during school summers. How about some Maine summer job reminiscences? Or memories of those required "forestry camp" experiences or six-week programs?

From the *Times Record* came the interesting news that **Carolyn Skolfield** knew there were lots of horseshoe crabs available in Middle Bay when she was young, but she hadn't realized that they came way up the creek behind her house to breed until a few years ago. She reported this to the Maine Department of Marine Resources and the site is now studied annually to try to get a better understanding of these ancient creatures.

When we went to Westbrook High's 50th reunion, we saw a full contingent of '57ers. **Sylvia MacKenzie Emery** and **Phil** were up

from Maryland, **Marilyn Pennell Johnson** and Bill '55 came from Apple Acres in Hiram, **Mary Lou Hughes Richardson** and Carl from Windham on Sebago, and **Harry Leclair**, still happily settled in Westbrook with family close by and retired city engineer.

In early May we went on a trip that included a morning's trip into Canada to view Niagara, and ride on *Maid of the Mist*. This was a good exposure to the black dirt and wide expanses of the Midwest, so unlike the eastern seaboard. After a visit with a high school friend of mine who raises threatened waterfowl at Hidden Lake in Ohio, we went on to stay in Wisconsin for a week. Beloit is an interesting small city, and Milwaukee has a lovely butterfly wing in its public museum. Then it was on to see **George "Howie"** and **Mary Gallop Lyon** in Manistique, Michigan, after many long years. They certainly get the breeze from both Lake Michigan and Lake Superior. Howie was placed there by the forest service in mid-career and this was the place that they wanted to return to. When an opening came up they took it, bought land, and redid the house to fit five children and Mary's mother, and have been developing a horse business ever since. By now they have several horses of their own and boarders, a wagon, sleigh, sulky, a spacious indoor ring (after all, this is the northland), and a couple of foals were due shortly. Howie has a couple of John Deeres to ride upon, and a nearby son-in-law to assist with the heavy work. His pumpkin patch is a magnet in the fall. Mary said that actually, her liberal arts background has been of great value to her ever since leaving Orono. She has taught school every place that they have lived, and is looking forward to taking her newly acquired miniature horse to schools and retirement homes this fall—he'll probably travel in the van. They feel rooted in this place. We continued on home, going through Canada to arrive in time for voting and town meeting. SARS has not developed.

Bill Donnell '53 said his sister, **Mary "Sis" Donnell Burchard**, had come over from Vermont for her 50th high school reunion—maybe she'll make it to Orono in '07.

Miriam Turran Cole wrote in answer to a plea for news, from North Bethesda, Maryland, "We moved again in January and we're still busy getting our place furnished. I didn't like living on the 10th floor of an apartment building. My husband

is still working—his hours—and is a partner in a Washington law firm. I'm involved in community affairs and love to play bridge. We have three married children and six grandchildren. Our daughter lives near us in Potomac, but one son lives in Massachusetts and the other in London. We get in a lot of traveling."

It was a very pleasant surprise to receive the following e-mail with a collage photo from **Eliseos Paul Taiganides** in early June, "I read the spring issue of the alumni magazine and then got disappointed that I was not there for the opening of the Sigma Chi 50-year time capsule. Well, I am retired both from Ohio State U and the United Nations, but I do lots of traveling as consultant to Asia, Latin America, and Europe, but even that is coming to an end like everything else. I love spending time with my eight grandchildren ages eight to one year old, particularly when we have family reunions by the lovely beach on the island of Crete in Greece during the summer months. We are all scattered, my daughter in Buenos Aires, my eldest son in Indiana, and my other son in Greece, where my wife spends most of her time now, and I am here in Ohio for a few more weeks. It has been a busy life since graduation in 1957, and only now I get some free time to reflect on the past, and smile at photos and remember friends and events. It feels good. I hope to get up to Maine in 2007 if not earlier. Greetings to all." Paul operates EPT Engineering International environmental engineering and can be reached at epaul@taiganides.com.

With this column to attempt to fill four times a year, I'd hope that all of you might look at your photos and remember friends and events, and drop me a line. That "dreaded brown envelope" had nothing at all in this month, and healed broken bones apparently aren't "news." What really interests you now, 50 years after most of us first started at the university? Did your major serve you well, or might you choose another?

1958

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Yes! It was a great Reunion. Friday night the class gathered at Heritage House (the former Sigma Chi house) for a pizza party and auction.

Jane Quimby Biscoe and **Doris White Smith** sat down at the key-board and tickled the ivories to get the fun started. After some old time songs and a rousing chorus of the "Stein Song," we held our class meeting and had the class photo taken. Officers elected for the next five years are: president, **Judy Demerchant Cohen**; vice president, **Alan F. Merritt**; secretary, **Jane Quimby Biscoe**; treasurer, **Connie Brow Day**; class correspondent, **Jane Ledyard Lazo**; class agent, **Robert McKown**; executive committee, **Dr. Richard F. Barter**, **Norman W. Buzzell**, **Sandra Daley Denman**, **Hazen C. Goddard**, **James W. Gorman**, **Frank R. Keenan**, **Terry B. Roberts**, **Bruce R. Stillings**, **Cynthia Rockwell Wright**, and **William W. Schroeder**. Class agent **Bob McKown** announced that the class had raised a total of \$34,000. This money would be given to the university to use for the Honors College (\$25,000) and the rest would go to the class scholarship fund. Monies raised at the auction would also go to the fund. After enjoying our pizza, **Chuck Wright** took the floor as the auctioneer extraordinaire for the evening. **Chuck** is the husband of **Cyn Rockwell Wright**. Through items donated by classmates (hockey and football tickets, cruises with classmates with lobster dinners thrown in, a book written by **Mark Biscoe '57**, hubby of **Jane Quimby Biscoe**, and others) **Chuck** helped us raise \$1,482. On Saturday, after breakfast with the deans at the new and spectacular **Buchanan Alumni House**, about 55 members and spouses took off for **Southwest Harbor** and an excellent lobster dinner. On our way back to campus, we stopped at **Acadia National Park** for an overwhelming view of the area. Saturday night was the banquet at which it was announced that of the five Reunion classes present, the Class of '58, over the past five years, has donated 1.4 million dollars to the university and its programs. Congratulations to the class and thanks for all you do!

On Sunday morning at the awards breakfast, it was my privilege to accept the **Hilda Sterling Class Correspondent Award**. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you who help make my job easier by your letters and cards, the bio sheets you fill out, and the activities that you do. An award recipient is only as good as the material she receives. Thank you. Check-out time was noon and



Friends and Pi Beta Phi sisters from the Class of 1958 enjoyed a pizza party at **Heritage House (Sigma Chi House)** during **Reunion 2003** on May 30. Left to right are: **Roberta Wyer Morrill**, **Maryanne Holt Starbird**, **Deb-bie Plummer Luebbers**, and **Marilyn Graffam Clark**.

we left feeling a little sad, but full of plans to get together at our 50th. For those of you who have never been back to the university since we graduated, make a point to save the last weekend in May 2008 for a trip back to your youth, to see all the friends you made, to view the scenes of your accomplishments as well as failures. A visit to the campus to view the changes, the new dorms, the playing fields, the Alumni House, the new classrooms, and the building for which many of us pledged money our senior year, the **Arthur Hauck Auditorium**, is well worth the trip.

Outgoing prexy **Alan Merritt** announced that the Class of '58 scholarship was awarded to four outstanding undergraduates majoring in chemical engineering, nursing, environmental management and policy, and mechanical engineering. There were no applications from descendants of the class this year. We must be getting down to grandchildren at this state.

William H. Savage writes that he has retired as a school psychologist from the **Greenwich, Connecticut**, public schools and is spending lots of time with his new grandchild. More from the bio sheets—**L. Daniel Dearborn** writes that he has retired after 36 years with **Mutual Fire Insurance Company**, ending his time there as a senior vice president. **Dan** says that now he has the time to enjoy fishing, reading (especially about the Civil War), and doing model railroading. He says one of his favorite memories of **UMaine** besides playing baseball and meet-

ing new friends, is finding a place to park at **Pat's**. **Dan** and wife, **Jo-Ann**, are the parents of three and the grandparents of three. **Lorraine Lander Cheney** writes that she is the mother of three and the grandmother of six. She keeps herself out of trouble in **Stuart, Florida**, by being a volunteer at the local elementary school and in her church's thrift shop. She is also active at a local and state level in the work of her church. **Thomas P. Hosmer** says that after spending two years with the Army in **Fort Knox** and **Korea**, he has spent his time since graduation as a mechanical design engineer in the electronic industry. He is currently with **Nuvera Fuel Cells** of **Cambridge, Massachusetts**, as a manager of product engineering. He also serves as a consultant in the field. **Ralph and Earlene Beale Kelley** can be found in **Collegeville, Pennsylvania**, and **Camden, Maine**, since **Ralph** retired from the **Kellogg Company**. **Earlene** says she has retired from homemaking also. They enjoy spending time with family (four kids and nine grandchildren) and are getting the grandparenting thing down pat. They also spend time sailing on **Penobscot Bay** and volunteering for various church activities. **Barbara Kelly** writes that since she has retired from the Navy (she attained the rank of commander), she has taken two alumni trips abroad—one to **Tuscany** and one to **Ireland**. **Barb** says both trips were outstanding! Her fondest memories of **UMaine** are greeting the incoming frosh in the fall as a Sophomore Eagle and an All Maine Woman.

Also states that once 50 was very old and now it is very young! I think we all agree! It all depends on your viewpoint.

Again, make a note to save time to attend our 50th. Any ideas that would make it more enjoyable for you, please contact one of the class officers. Remember to pay your alumni dues and keep sending those cards and letters. Again, thank you for your part in my award.

1959

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Dear classmates—as I write this column for the June 30 deadline it is with a heavy heart. Though obituaries are usually reserved for a different section of this magazine I must today pay tribute to a classmate and dear friend who has just passed away. **Bob Gardiner**, of **Old Saybrook, Connecticut**, died at **Middlesex, Connecticut**, hospice on June 17 of a brain tumor. **Bob** and his wife **Judy Adams Gardiner**, both classmates, have remained close friends of **Bob** and mine since days on campus. How can any of us forget the famous campus mayoralty race when he ran as "Omar the Tentmaker!" **Bob** was active in many campus groups and was a Senior Skull. **Bob** always retained his gentle, warm nature and infectious sense of humor. We were fortunate to be able to spend time with **Bob** and **Judy** about a month before he died and once more experience the joy of sharing the company and laughter with good friends. **Bob** served two years in the U.S. Army after graduation, moved to **Connecticut** where he worked for the **Southern New England Telephone Company** for 26 years, and then worked in real estate in **Old Saybrook** until his death. He was very active in the town of **Old Saybrook**, serving on a variety of commissions and boards, as well as chairing many committees for his church. Sailing enthusiasts, **Bob** and **Judy** spent much time on their boat, the *Mariah*, and were active in the **North Cove Yacht Club**. **Bob** will be greatly missed by all his friends, family, and those whose lives he touched.

I have received only one other

item for this column, a long, newsy letter from **Paul Desmond**. Paul and wife Nan have lived on the west coast of Florida, Madeira Beach, for four or five years though they still have a small condo in Glen, New Hampshire. They spend as much time as possible in Florida enjoying the warm weather and playing some golf. Paul reports that they have seen many Mainers and UMaine alumni in Florida this season including Dexter '55 and **Gloria Trafton Earley**, Blake '55 and Sonja Bartlett, George '58 and Leah Newhouse, Bob '54 and Barb Buck Grover '54, Tom Monahan, Dick Austin, and Lee Southard. Paul and Nan visited Buchanan Alumni House in August on the way to Island Falls to celebrate a joint birthday with Jonathan Robinson, his former partner in Desmond and Payne. In October Paul attended the Rhode Island vs Maine football game with **Roger Ellis** who was in the process of moving to Brewer. Thanks, Paul, I appreciate receiving your letter.

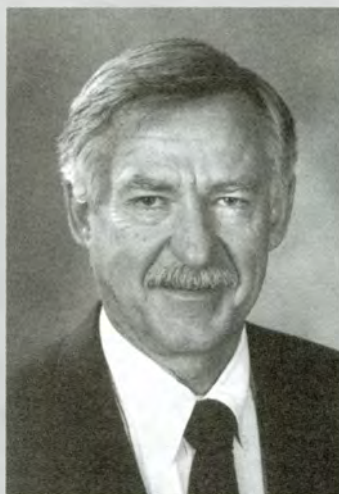
How about you sending me your news!

Frank Woodard '61 Honored

Frank Woodard '61, '63G, Ph.D., cofounder of the environmental consulting firm Woodard & Curran, was recently awarded the 2003 Achievement in Private Practice of Environmental Engineering Award by the Environmental and Water Resources Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The award was presented during the World Water and Environmental Resources Congress on June 24 in Philadelphia.

After receiving his bachelor's and master's in civil engineering from UMaine, Frank earned a doctorate from Purdue University. Following a decade of service on the UMaine faculty, he started Woodard & Curran in 1979 with fellow UMaine alumnus Al Curran '71.



1960

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How about sending a note that we can include in this column? We don't care if you're living in the same house where you've been since graduation or your life is not a whirlwind of exotic adventure—we'd like to hear from you!

1961

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Not a whole lot of news this time. Heard from **Ernie Ridlon** that the Maine Alumni Club of New Jersey met at the Monmouth Racetrack for a fun day. Also attending from our class were **Charlie Hunnewell** and wife Lila, **June Toulouse Heintz**, and **Larry Schiner**. Ernie said there was mud everywhere, few winnings, but lots of fun.

It was fun to visit with **Pete**

Gammons when he flew down to entertain as Norbert Twichell at the Maine State Society lobster dinner. Also in attendance was **Meg Thompson Villarreal** who keeps busy both stateside and overseas as an advocate for quality children's television. Pete is retired and enjoying his real love, entertaining. He can be reached at norbert@prexar.com if you would like to contact him.

Mary Irving Fantucchio spent the month of June at "home in Maine." Before leaving she sent me an article from the paper about **Janie Wilson Sturgis'** new granddaughter. Little Lisa Sturgis appeared in baby bio in the *Portland Press Herald*. Now that's a super way to start life.

Heard from **Lois Hamilton Tourangeau** that she sold her con-



Pete Gammons '61, performing as Norbert Twichell, entertained at the annual lobster dinner of the Maine State Society of Washington, D.C., this spring. Among the UMaine alumni in attendance were (left to right): **Lewis Pearson '63**, **Forrest Meader '60**, **Joan Sutton Dollarhite '87**, **Norbert**, and **Wayne Hanson '67**.

do and bought a house in Venice, Florida, that she is sharing with an old New England friend. Lois spent much of the summer in New Hampshire and Maine. Tough duty.

Fred Stubbett played host to his son's wedding this summer at his place in Port Clyde. When not at the coast, Fred lives in the Waterville area.

Nothing exciting happening in the D.C. area or in my life so I'll depend on you to e-mail me with your news for my next column.

1962

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Robert C. Bogdan was named Distinguished Professor at Syracuse University this past March. Bob joined the faculty of SU in 1971 and now holds appointments at the Maxwell School and the school of education. The author of 15 books and more than 100 other publications, his extensive scholarly contributions have been in two main areas: qualitative research and disabilities studies. Bob has also published outside his primary academic interests. His book, *Exposing the Wilderness: A Study of Early 20th Century Adirondack Postcard Photographers*, received the 2000 J.B. Snow Award for outstanding contribution to the study of New York state.

After 27 years as athletic director at Susquehanna University, **Don Harnum** has retired. He and wife, Connie, plan to remain in Pennsylvania, but Don says that he will be planning many more trips to Maine. He is looking forward to reconnecting with old friends from UMaine, especially Phi Etas. **Peter Crooker** writes from his home in Pittsford, New York, that while he retired from teaching in 1995, he is very busy. He is working as an interior house painter and handyman. Peter has just recently spearheaded the Morse High School Class of 1957's Re-union Scholarship Fund.

Carol O'Connor Roberts is executive director of the International Association of Lemon Law Administrators. This non-profit agency was formed in 1997 to promote the role of government in assuring honest, safe business responsibility in a

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competitive market. Recently IALLA pressured the Federal Trade Commission to create a national database of defective vehicles. Due to the efforts of the association, all cars sold in Maine have a disclosure on the front of the owners' manual that describes the rights and procedures of the lemon law.

Enjoy these wonderful fall days ahead and drop me a line to let us all know what is happening to you.

1963

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Dear classmates, I was not at the Reunion in May/June, so I have asked **Irv Marsters**, our new president, to write about the weekend. I will return next time with the regular column. Barb

Memories From The 40th Reunion—Class of 1963

Enjoying the excitement of the stunning new Buchanan Alumni House as the new "front door" of the university.

Seeing our first classmates, **Bob** and **Jane Tompkins Miller '65** upon arriving Friday evening for dinner with Distinguished Professors like Dr. Eugene A. Mawhinney '47 and Dr. John Alexander.

Having dinner with **Perry Clough** and learning he was being elected to the UMaine Alumni Association board of trustees.

Discovering **Charles "Chubb" Michaud** and **Baron Hicken** at Pat's Pizza Friday night planning a get-away to Costa Rica soon with their sons.

Joining the M-Club members breakfast, electing officers, and meeting Patrick Nero, our new university athletic director, who brings a new set of professional skills, experience, and enthusiasm.

Boarding the bus for Jordan Pond House Saturday morning with a well-supplied cooler for a fun ride, fantastic meal, and great sociability with classmates.

The class meeting at Jordan Pond House where most of the discussion centered on developing a team-approach to contacting our classmates around the world and encouraging them to come to the 45th and 50th Reunions. So, we have a large and growing executive



Members of the Class of 1963 and some UMaine staff enjoyed a road trip to Acadia National Park and lunch at the Jordan Pond House during Reunion 2003. Left to right are: Charles "Chubb" Michaud '63; Kristina Lentz Judd of the UMaine development office, Brian Estes '63, Roberta Estes, and Nancy Verrill from the alumni association.

committee of people who simply want to help get our classmates back together again. Please join the others on the executive committee by e-mailing Irv today. We need all who are willing to help.

The double whammy of our class president **Bruce Wentworth** taking sick and not able to make the Reunion that he helped plan, and that he wanted to step down as class president. (Bruce has recovered from his temporary ailment.) The class accepted his resignation with regret, paid tribute to his 35 years of leadership, and promptly elected him to the executive committee. Class officers elected for 2003-2008 are: president Irv Marsters; vice president Baron Hicken; treasurer **Dana Dolloff**; secretary/class correspondent **Barbara Fowles Allen**; and executive committee **Dan Churchill**, **Norma Towne Clayton**, **Perry Clough**, **Brian Estes**, **Virginia Barnes Grogan**, **Lois Murdock Libby**, **Sumner Lymburner**, **Chubb Michaud**, **Fred Stoddard**, and **Bruce Wentworth**.

Dana Dolloff reported on our 40th Reunion contributions of nearly \$15,000 which the class voted to use to support the restoration of the Fogler Library steps. (We learned later that enough pledges have been received to schedule the restoration for fall 2003.)

Thanks to Nancy Verrill, our alumni guide, we had prizes and auction items to supplement those

contributed by classmates. Prize winners were: Chubb Michaud who came the farthest from southern California; Brian Estes who has the oldest car, a 1929 Ford; **Les Smith** who had the most articles of blue clothing and UMaine logos; Norma Towne Clayton who had attended the most reunions; and Irv Marsters who had the most children attend UMaine. Baron Hicken served as our auctioneer.

The Reunion group pledged to: 1) work on simplifying the communications that come from the alumni association; 2) increase the information about classmates by better supporting our class correspondent; 3) increase our class financial support to UMaine over the next 10 years and; 4) vastly increase the classmate attendance at our 45th and 50th class Reunions in May 2008 and May 2013 respectively. So mark your calendars and start making your plans now. We'll be at center stage for the 50th Reunion just 10 years away!

Remembering all of our classmates who've departed and seeing the list of 45 who have left us in the past five years.

Discovering that we still have 810 classmates somewhere in the world.

Learning our classmates contributed more than \$247,000 during the past five years to all facets of the University of Maine.

If you haven't contributed yet, it's

never too late. Kristina Lentz Judd, UMaine Development Office, joined us for the trip to Jordan Pond and talked about some of the current plans. First she thanked us for designating our class gift to the Fogler Library terrace project (see www.ume.maine.edu/development/Projects/featured.htm).

Kristina told us: "Fundraising is underway to meet the challenge from Harold Alfond to build the Shawn Walsh Center at Alfond Arena that will dramatically change the entrance to the facility and provide new training areas, locker rooms, and coaches' offices. It will keep UMaine hockey competitive with the best in the nation. The full-fledged Honors College seeks programmatic support for research funds, scholarships, and faculty support; a massive renovation of Lord Hall will make it home for the art department; the University of Maine Museum of Art has relocated to downtown Bangor in Norumbega Hall, and there are still naming opportunities for those interested. The remarkable new Buchanan Alumni House—this beautiful building has played host to governors, prime ministers, weddings, funerals, academic forums, and many alumni since its opening just a year ago. Efforts to create an endowment for this facility are underway."

Savoring the difference in attitudes about the first-rate Reunion program this year versus five years ago.

Envious of Chubb Michaud leaving in time to catch Paul Kariya '96 and Keith Carney '92 in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Hockey Playoffs in Anaheim, California.

Wondering how the Claytons made out as they left Reunion weekend to pick up John's reconditioned Steinway piano in New York.

We missed you, Barbara Fowles Allen, Bruce Wentworth, and a whole bunch of other classmates we wish we could welcome back to "A Place to Call Home!"

1964

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I was saddened to read of the death of **Brenda Barnes Findlen** recently. Brenda and I were both members of

the University Chorus as well as the University of Maine Singers.

Peter Bourque works for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as director of fisheries program development.

Muriel Jermain Castillo accompanied her husband on a missionary trip to Belize last October.

L. W. "Woody" Woodworth retired from United Airlines in November 2002 after 33 years of airline flying.

Amos Orcutt was recently honored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education with the Commonfund Professional Leadership Award for a foundation with total assets under \$100 million.

William Brewer retired from Rochester Gas and Electric Company in April 2003 after a 36-year career with the company. During these last months with the company he was in and out of Portland, Maine, several times as part of a team working to improve purchasing practices at the three electric utilities in Energy East. Bill and his wife planned to travel to the Netherlands at the end of April to visit their daughter Laurie, and hopefully their nephew, CPT Robert E. Brewer '98, who was in Germany. Rob is the class correspondent for the Class of 1998.

Surely some of you must have some news for this column! Please write or e-mail.

1965

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I just received my first UMaine correspondence via e-mail, which was very welcome. **Susan Harburger Mullin** wrote that she had just been up to Maine seeing old friends and catching up. She played golf with **Cathy Gaw** at the Brunswick Golf Club. They then spent two nights at Marty Milliken Round's '64 house on Sebago Lake and were joined by Sue's college roommate, **Lorna Peabody Phillely**, and **Carolyn Robertson**. The five of them drove into Portland and had dinner at a restaurant on the wharf with **Stu Gerald**, **Cindy Romano Sawyer**, **Alan Sawyer**, **Fred Paganucci**, and **Waleria Lukas Swift**.



Some 1965 classmates got together at the Golden Gate Bridge last April. Left to right are: **Marney McLean Pineda** from Hollister, California; '65 class correspondent **Sylvia Tapley** from Fairfield, Connecticut; **Marnie Blaisdell Schulz** from Laconia, New Hampshire; and **Caroline Fuller Hutchinson** from Winslow, Maine.

I had a great first time trip to California in April. It was a "spring fling" in celebration of the 60th birthdays of me and three close friends from elementary and high school days. We all have ties to UMaine too. **Caroline Fuller Hutchinson** and I were college roommates; **Marney McLean Pineda** attended UMaine and then graduated from UNH; **Marnie Blaisdell Schulz's** brother Jack, father, mother, grandmother, and cousin George all graduated from UMaine. I really enjoyed Napa, our hike through Muir Woods, and two days in San Francisco.

I talked with **Ann Brown Lowrey**, who spends summers at the family cottage on Norway Lake. She mentioned that **Pam Braley O'Leary** had visited from Orono and they went to the Norway Sidewalk Art Festival. Pam's daughter Ann and husband Goodwin are moving to California from the D.C. area and Ann will be attending law school. She had also talked recently with **Pat Hayden Herrick**.

Jerry White was elected to fill the position of interim superintendent of S.A.D. 40 for a few months. An administrator with 20 years of experience, Jerry, who lives on North Haven, is the superintendent of Matinicus, where he had one teacher, one student, and works five days a year. My sister Jean '69 was the sole teacher on the island of Matinicus back in the early 1970s.

What have the rest of you been doing—promotions? retirement? traveling? Hope to hear from more of you, especially by e-mail.

1966

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As of this writing, the sun has refused to show its face for the past week and is not expected to for another eight days—including Memorial Day weekend! For me, that's no problem, as the weekend will find me enjoying my annual spring cleaning marathon, but for all of you with outdoor plans, I'm hoping the weatherman is terribly misguided. Of course, as you read this we'll be at the end of summer—hot and maybe back to drought conditions—so I'll stop complaining about rain and get down to sharing my news. I just wish there was more of it.

Barbara Raymo Niznik was named director of human resources at North Country Hospital and Health System last October and says, "I have a passion for my job. The people at North Country are so dedicated. I love it here." With her promotion comes our belated con-

gratulations. I learned, too, that while working in her family's industrial business years ago, **Barbara** received an international recognition award. Moreover, when serving as director of the Eastern Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, she was instrumental in securing a regulation mandating that alcohol producers include on their labels a warning about the link between alcohol and birth defects. Wow!

And wait till you hear this! **Ed Schultz** sent me a wonderful e-mail telling me all he's been doing since retiring in June 2000 after 34 years of library, information systems, and network management. And has he ever been doing! Forty tropical plants thrive in his house, which, he says, is starting to look like the "Little House of Horrors." Meanwhile his travels have taken him to such places as Newfoundland, Mexico, Ecuador, and Costa Rica. And then, last fall, he experienced what he calls the trip of a lifetime, journeying to the Galapagos Islands. And when not seeing the world, Ed immerses himself in language study and now speaks fluent Spanish. Currently, he's learning Arabic and says it's "quite interesting." I am in such awe and hope to hear from him again very soon.

Meanwhile, my last entry takes me back to Maine and one of my all-time favorite people, **Patti Tofuri Bicknell**. I say Maine because she and Brian have moved back. Not just back but in the same town they lived in before their Connecticut years! And the story that goes with the move is great. Apparently, **Carol Full Stewart's** parents were selling their Yarmouth home—and that's where the Bicknells now reside! And as if that's not enough, soon after they purchased the home, their daughter Christine was married, and, two days later Patti started a new job in the Greely Junior High School library in Cumberland. How grand!

And that's it. Dinner calls and Gus (my dog) is pacing back and forth, warning me that if I ignore him much longer, I'll be scrubbing the rug. Next time, I hope to have more to tell you. Please, everybody, write to me or call me. I so want to hear from you.

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Summer is fading. How did yours shape up? Write me with your exciting highlights.

Ivan Braun, current principal of Orland Consolidated School, struggles to maintain his open door policy in the face of further budget cuts. He taught after earning his master's in education (and constantly coached—track, football, whatever) until he was called upon to manage the family appliance store. Now he's back (since '94) insisting that attention makes a difference. He supports family and his four "Ps": positive, polite, prepared, and productive. Ivan finds that today's students are not ready socially due to the fractured family. **Jim Gaylord** was selected from 16 applicants for the position of superintendent of schools in Hampton, Seabrook, and Winnecunnet, New Hampshire. He has been a principal/superintendent/social studies teacher (for 20 years) most recently in Peabody, Massachusetts, (10 schools, 6,800 students). His new duties began July 1. I pretty literally ran into **Billie Ward** at the beginning of planting season at the garden center. It seems Billie has only just begun. She had a seventh grade classroom at Brewer Middle school this year, lap tops for everyone, and lots of fun! She reserves Tuesdays for her grandchildren.

By contrast we have news of some retirees: **Gordon Bell**, after 27 years, most recently park manager at Camden Hills State Park. He also oversees Birch Point and Owls Head Light state parks and staff. He has witnessed many changes. He claims that today's visitors are far more concerned and respectful of the natural setting we have here, compared with the '70s. Early on he was a ranger at Baxter State Park, Lily Bay State Park, and Reid State Park. He figures he's cared for 6,000 acres of public land and had six million visitors! Former department of inland fisheries and wildlife commissioner, **Lee Perry**, won the Colonel's Award at the annual Maine warden service awards banquet last spring. The banquet honors those men and women in green who protect Maine's woods, waters, critters, and citizens (e.g. Warden of

Pushing Himself to the Limit

Wayne Johnson '65 overcomes pain and a prosthesis to become a champion.

With an impressive list of world track and field records and first-place finishes to his name, Wayne Johnson defied what doctors once told him: he might never walk again without the aid of crutches. Today he has his sights set on earning a spot on the U.S. Paralympic track and field team, which will compete in Athens, Greece, in 2004.

The story becomes even more amazing when you consider that, for over half of his life, Wayne couldn't walk without feeling excruciating pain. He was just 18 when his right leg was amputated above the knee due to cancer. With a six-inch residual limb, he found it difficult to get a good fit on a prosthesis and spent his life wearing a series of highly uncomfortable, ill-fitting legs.

That all changed in 1998, however, when Wayne sought the help of Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics. After several fittings, he received a prosthesis that eliminated most of his pain.

This opened up a whole new world to Wayne, who was eager to test out his new leg. He searched the web for activities in which he could take part and learned about DS/USA's 1999 National Summer Games in Fairfax, Virginia. Wayne, a lawyer who lives in Yarmouth, Maine, decided to drive down to the games on a whim.

The trip changed his life.

During the games, Wayne met Julie Hayes, of the American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association. She directed him to a clinic led by track and field paralympians who taught amputees how to run leg over leg and do other physical activities.

"I remember sitting in the room, watching Dennis Oehler and Todd Schaffhauser teach people how to run, and having people just fling themselves across the room and thinking to myself, 'I'm going to kill myself (doing that).'"

After a 15-minute training session, Johnson took his first running steps in 40 years. He was amazed.

At the summer games, Johnson competed in javelin, discus, and shot put. He came in last in all three events. Despite the losses, Wayne enjoyed himself and wanted to compete in the future.

In order to contend, however, he needed to train. He hooked up with retired track and field



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coach Dan Dors and started discussing a new running leg with Hanger.

"We began to brainstorm, and we decided to just throw away the book and do what we were thinking," Wayne said. "And that was to eliminate the hydraulics, to eliminate all the safety, to eliminate the knee joint, and make it as light as possible."

The end result is the running prosthesis that Wayne wears today, a carbon-fiber c-foot, with a shaft up to the socket. It took him nearly a year to learn how to run with the new device.

"When I first started, my good leg wouldn't go and I just fell on my face," he notes.

But just a short time later, in June 2001, he won first place in the discus, javelin, and shot put events in the National Sports Festival for the Disabled. The real victory, however, came when Johnson ran the 100 meter in 34.88 seconds and captured a world record—something he had promised his late wife Janet he would do as a tribute to her battle against cancer.

Wayne is now training harder than ever in pursuit of that big goal of making it to Athens as a member of the 2004 U.S. Paralympic team.

Taken from a story in the Orthotic and Prosthetic Association's *O&P Almanac* by Carrie Parsons.

the Year, search and rescue awards, rescue canine, etc.).

Dominic G. Patenaude, former owner of Patenaude's Superette in Augusta, has joined the staff of Augusta Fuel and Plumbing Company. He has been a superintendent with Seltzer and Rydholm, Augusta division for 17 years.

George R. Castillo traveled back to his native Belize (Central America) for services to commemorate his 50th anniversary of departure for the United States. He describes an exciting and tearful reunion and Harvest Sunday services (November) as memories flooded back. He arrived in Brooklyn, New York, at 21, enlisted in the Air Force, and earned a GED. He then married Muriel Seale '64 and they had two children (two grandchildren now) and attended the University of Maryland, the University of Maine, Bangor Theological Seminary, and Ashland (Kentucky) Theological Seminary. He was a Federal Bureau of Prisons chaplain ('73-'93). Experience with hardened criminals prompted his book, *My Life Between the Cross and the Bars*.



Members of the Class of '68 gather on the library steps. Standing in front are (left to right): Gordon Erikson, Jr., Susan Adamski Silvester, Jackie Platt, Carli Burke, and Donna Porter Erikson. Penny Robinson Blaisdell is in the back row.

1968

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Our thanks to **Joyce McPherson** who served as our class correspondent for all these years. She has decided to retire from this position and at our 35th Reunion in May, I offered to serve in this role. It is real easy to reach me, especially via e-mail.

I have lots of news to report because we had a nice turnout for our 35th Reunion this spring. We had so many laughs and wonderful recollections of our times at Maine.

Carli Burke continues as our class president, **Joy Jewett Johnson** will serve as vice president, **Bill Horner** as the class agent, and **Sue Adamski Silvester** as our secretary. **Steve Rideout** is the new treasurer.

Many of us spent the Reunion weekend at **Bion Foster's** Lucerne Inn as part of the festivities. Thanks to our class, we raised enough money to pay for a new library step. In the '60s many of us spent lots of time on those steps—for many of

the causes we stood for. What a fitting tribute to give back in such a symbolic representation of our times. It is not too late, so if you want to contribute, send the school a check and tell them it is for the Class of '68 gift. Send it to: Buchanan Alumni House, One Alumni Place, Orono, Maine, 04473 or call 800-934-2586 and ask for Kari Wells.

Yes, we have news—

Carli Burke heads up her own software company and she and husband Peter are developing a ranch outside Los Angeles. Their new home could truly be called a zoo with all the animals they have—you name it—llamas, pigmy goats, pigs, turkeys, and more.

Sue Adamski Silvester lives out in the western part of Massachusetts with numerous degrees to her credit. Sue is director of instructional media K-12 and is executive director of the Mary Lyon Foundation. In her spare time, Susan sits on several boards, including St. Andrews in Scotland.

Bill Horner has a law practice in New York and lives in Flushing with his wife Kathleen and two daughters. Kathleen heads up the EPA cleanup in New York City after 9/11. What an incredible job.

Joy Jewett Johnson and **Greg Johnson** write from their Maine farm in Cundy's Harbor, "Greg is in his 35th year in the Navy. He is commander of naval forces in Europe and commander of allied forces for Southern Europe. We reside in Naples, Italy, overlooking the bay with a view of Mt. Vesuvio and the Isle of Capri. We are about to celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary and the greatest news of all is that in May, we welcomed our first grandchild, Gregory Holden, into the Johnson clan."

Jane Huard Richards and her husband **Larry Richards** were at Maine for the Reunion and we all celebrated their 34th anniversary at Pat's on Saturday night. Both were looking great and are very involved in academia and sports. They have lived all over the United States and currently Jane is an adjunct professor in math and Larry is dean of the school of management and aviation science at Bridgewater State College. Jane is working on organizing a Maine event in the Portland area this fall so we can meet with surrounding classmates and folks from other classes.

My college roommate, **Jackie Platt**, has not changed one bit. She has been teaching for 31 years and

looks forward to retirement in a few years, settling down in the Portsmouth/North Hampton area. She loves to play musical instruments and her latest passion is the bagpipes.

Sorority sister **Donna Porter Erikson** and her husband **Gordon Erikson** came up for the Reunion from Cumberland Foreside. Talk about not changing a bit—they look fantastic. Donna is teaching math in Falmouth and word has it that her class made it to the state finals. Why am I not surprised? Eric, after having been in banking for many years, is now working for Merrill Lynch and serves on various boards in the Portland area. They have two grown children.

Steve Rideout is director of two USGS research labs working in fishery science throughout the northeast and resides in Turner Falls, Massachusetts. Previously he served with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 22 years.

Carol Utterback Guerrin and her husband Jerry joined us as well. After having been an elementary school librarian in Derry, New Hampshire, she is now an independent sales rep selling children's books.

Tony Filauo, a forestry major, has served in research and management for most of his career. He and his wife, Carolyn, have been married for 25 years and have two children. Their youngest daughter is a senior at Maine.

Dario Rodriguez, another forestry major, joined us with his wife and daughter. He has traveled all over the world in his career, including Chile, Holland, and Mexico. He received his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan and then went on to Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Currently he and his family live in Albuquerque where Dario is working for the state of New Mexico.

Bion Foster and his wife Dorain live in Hampden. Bion is very active in the Bangor business community as well as the University of Maine Alumni Association. Bion is the recipient of the 2003 Hampden Business Association Business Person of the Year award. He also serves on the board of directors of the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce.

We all had a good laugh talking with **Mike McInnis** who now lives in Hampden with his wife Norma. Carli and I reminisced about going to Florida with Mike and a bunch of Phi Gamma Deltas in Mike's old car—an experience I remember to this day.

Carol Clarke Hughes came back too. She lives in the Portland area and is a librarian at the University of Southern Maine as well as the head of acquisitions and serials service department. She writes: "Unbelievably I have worked at the university for almost 35 years! At USM I am a member of various university and library committees plus I am active in the public relations committees for the Maine Library Association and the southern Maine library district. I live in Portland and would love to reconnect with fellow UMaine alums in the southern Maine area. Our 35th Reunion was great and for those of us who were just in Orono we'd like to start building the momentum for a big turnout at our 40th in 2008."

Hi Emery, a Sig Ep, came from Connecticut. He served in the Navy and has been a mailman for the past 14 years.

As for yours truly, my husband Peter and I continue to live in Marblehead. Our kids are grown up and live nearby in Newcastle, New Hampshire, and Charlestown. We spend any free time we have sailing, especially to Maine. I serve on the executive committee of our local yacht club and Peter is the fleet captain. I manage global public relations for a large telecommunications company and love what I do. Peter is retired and loves what he does too.

Two people I spoke to over the phone—**Judy Howe Harvie** lives in South Portland with her husband of over 30 years. She loves teaching young children in a Montessori school. They have three grown children and travel a lot to see them. She sounded great on the phone. I also spoke to Margot Stuart Salisbury '67, wife of '68er **Russ Salisbury**. They live in Wellesley and summer on Martha's Vineyard.

Other news includes retired Justice **Paul "Ted" Pierson** who announced that he has become "of counsel" to a Bucksport law firm, Fellow, Kee, Tymoczko, and Pierson. Prior to that he was appointed as judge to the district court and superior court in 1984. He retired in 2001. Ted and his wife Ruth live in Otis.

Richard Lessard, Ph.D. has been named a 2003 recipient of the Award of Merit from ASTM International. The honor, which includes the title of Fellow, is the highest society recognition for individual contributions to standards activities. Richard has worked for Exxon for his entire career, is a native of Lowell, Massa-

chusetts, and resides in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

Tom Farrell, a Rumford native, was recently hired as the superintendent of school administrative district 71, which covers the Kennebunks. Prior to this he was the principal at Aspen High School as well as the superintendent.

John Rohman, chief executive officer of WBRC Architects/Engineers, received the C. Parker Crowell Award in honor of his 30 years of service with the firm. Rohman has served as president of the Bangor Chamber of Commerce, as the vice chairman of the Maine Arts Commission, and as mayor of Bangor. He is also a member of the board of directors of the University of Maine Alumni Association.

I could go on and on but will wait till next time. For those of you who have forgotten those four years at Maine, it is time to take a step back and acquaint yourself with old friends. For so many of us, it really felt good to go back. For those in the Portland/ Portsmouth/ Boston area, stay tuned for some upcoming events this fall. For the rest of you out there, drop me a line.

1969

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Hello, classmates! In April we saw our class president and member of the UMAA board of directors **Pam Beal**. We saw Pam at the UMaine baseball game against Holy Cross at the Goodall Field in Sanford. It is nice for those of us in southern Maine to see the Black Bear teams in action. Pam is hoping to see a good turnout for our 35th Reunion next May. Think about contacting friends, club members, sorority sisters, fraternity brothers, and dorm friends to meet again at "the college of our hearts always."

Roger Roy of Caribou, an assistant professor at UMaine at Fort Kent, recently was awarded tenure. Roger joined the faculty in 1993 as an instructor of mathematics. Two years later he became an instructor of mathematics and business. He has developed new courses and has revised the mathematics curriculum and the business program. He also



UMaine professor Al Bushway '68 was the recipient of a **Black Bear Award** at Reunion 2003. Al has a long and distinguished record of service to the University of Maine student body. In addition, his outstanding research in food science has been of great benefit to the people of Maine.

developed a program of new student advising, and this successful program is a model for other small colleges and universities. Roger is a doctoral candidate at UMaine in human resources management. After 22 years as a football coach at Mount Desert Island High School, **George "Toog" McKay** has resigned. McKay had taught at MCI for 26 years. **John G. Peters** is the new president of Downeast Energy and Building Supply. Before joining Downeast Energy (formerly Brunswick Coal and Lumber) in 1981 as comptroller, John had been director of the finance division at the Maine Public Utilities Commission. He has been very active in local organizations including CHANS, Midcoast Health Services, and the Brunswick Sewer District. John, a Phi Mu Delta, and his wife, **Sandy Merrill Peters**, one of my Alpha Phi sisters, live in Brunswick.

U.S. Senator **Olympia J. Snowe** was honored for her longtime dedication to increasing the number of community health services and expanding their services. Senator Snowe received the award of Distinguished Community Health Champion of the Senate from the Maine Primary Care Association and the National Association of Community Health Centers. **Geoff**

Titherington has received the Starfish Award for his work as board president of Literacy Volunteers of Greater Sanford. Geoff, owner of the Bonanza Steak House, has served as president or chairman of numerous agencies including Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Goodall Hospital, and the United Way. **Arthur David Witham** has been named as an associate with WBRC Architects/Engineers of Bangor. He has worked for the firm as site representative department head since 2000.

Send us or the alumni office your news! Once again our e-mail has changed—chipper23@comcast.net. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our 35th Reunion in May 2004.

1970

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There doesn't seem to be a lot of news to report to you this time. I did get a snail mailed e-mail from **Bo Yerxa**. (Yes, my e-mail address has changed!) He reports that he is now director of the Maine AIDS Education and Training Center and also coordinator with the Acadia Health Education Coalition (AHEC). Also busy Bo is vice president of the Maine Rural Health Association and president of the Maine Citizen Leadership Fund. His work is in Augusta and he is making his home now in North Waldo, Maine. **Ken Bailey**, who lives in Winthrop, Maine, was inducted into the Maine Racquetball Hall of Fame. Requirements for induction include being at least 35 years of age, having won at least 10 tournaments, two state titles, or a regional or national title. Also taken into consideration are sportsmanship and leadership. Ken has played racquetball since 1972 and he's won four New England regional titles. In 1994 he won every state 35 and over tournament.

Maine congressman Michael Michaud has named **Rosemary Winslow** district director of his three district offices in Lewiston, Bangor, and Presque Isle, Maine. She began working with Michaud when he was in the state Legislature. She lives in Waterville where she serves on the city council.

Sorry that this is so short this

time. Maybe the next column will be longer. Just drop me a line or an e-mail!

1971

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Greetings to you all! There's a little news of '71ers out there. There would be more if you would please write.

Roderick Bard of Brunswick, Maine, recently joined Stahlman Engineering Corporation based in New London and Atlanta, Georgia, to serve on its project management staff. Since 1987, Roderick was employed by Enterprise Engineering of Freeport. He and his wife have moved to the Concord, New Hampshire, area for his new position.

As a young teacher fresh out of UMaine, **Rick Clark** arrived in York to coach track. His team of a dozen boys ran on dirt and jumped in sawdust. After 31 seasons, two state titles, and a host of accolades, Rick has passed the torch to one of his former track captains.

N. Laurence "Larry" Willey, Jr. has received U.S. copyright approval for a brochure he wrote outlining the rights of crime victims. Larry, who has practiced law for 26 years, said he wanted to describe the rights of crime victims in an easy to understand format. Larry is a former mayor and city councilor of Bangor and past president of the Penobscot County Bar Association.

And **Charles "Pete" Stanhope**, acting director of development for the Library of Congress, arranged for a private tour of the Library of Congress for 41 UMaine Honors College students last March. Thanks for contributing to a wonderful Washington, D.C. experience for them!

Stan Malcolm, who received his graduate degree in entomology, is a consultant in technology-based learning. He works from his home in Marlborough, Connecticut, which gives him flexibility and allows him to hike the Air Line Trail. Over the years, during his time in the woods and fields, and along bodies of water, he has taken photos of the natural world. Last spring, he exhibited and sold his photos to

raise funds for his local library.

Congratulations are in order for **John and Jayne S. Crandall Branscombe** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April with family and friends at their home in Bangor.

Forrest Bonney has worked with the department of inland fisheries and wildlife for 29 years. He oversees both the western and central Maine regions.

1972

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Frank J. Murray left his post as pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bangor last summer to serve two parishes in Auburn. Frank has become the Catholic chaplain to Bates College and vocations director for the diocese in addition to his duties as pastor at St. Louis and St. Philip Catholic Church and Sacred Heart. During his tenure at St. Mary's, Frank helped complete a merger of Bangor's two parish schools in 1999. He served in the Legislature and was a teacher at John Baptist High School before studying at Catholic University of America. Frank was ordained in 1981. Before becoming pastor of the Newman Center in Orono in 1987, he was chaplain at Maine Medical Center and associate pastor at Sacred Heart in Portland.

Over the last 30 years, **Rodney Lynch** has worked as a town manager, city planner, regional planner, and community development director. He currently works for the city of Rockland, Maine, where he also lives. He retired in 1998 from the Naval Reserves as a master chief. He has 30 years of active, reserve service including serving in Vietnam in 1968-1969. Rodney is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Last April, **Frederick A. Edgecomb** was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship Award by the Limestone, Maine, Rotary Club. The award honored Fred's contributions to the community and the local Rotary Club. For 24 years, Fred and his brother have run the family farm, the fifth generation to do so. Fred is a past member and chairperson of the Limestone School Committee,

past Cub Scout master, and past member of the vision committee working toward the establishment of Maine's first charter school, the Maine School of Science and Mathematics. He is a past member of the Maine Potato Board and is a member of the research and development committee. He is a past president and a current member of the Limestone Rotary Club, a member of the Limestone Methodist Church, and the Limestone Historical Society. Fred and his wife Cindy have two children, Misty '99, the environmental reporter for the *Bangor Daily News*, and Sean '01, a graduate student in theater education at Emerson College.

Louise McInnis Regan was hired as the new school superintendent for the tri-town district of Holden, Eddington, and Clifton, Maine.

There are two sides to every story. **Wayne Laroche**, of Franklin, Vermont, was named commissioner of Vermont's fish and wildlife department last winter amid controversy. His supporters say his training as a wildlife biologist and his understanding of Vermont issues make him a solid choice to run the 130-employee department. But environmentalists are concerned about his recent writings and affiliation with groups that have fought the state's management of the West Mountain Wildlife Management Area land in the Northeast Kingdom that was acquired as part of the Champion lands deal.

Peggy Fournier Park was elected to the board of directors of the Vermont Hand Crafters. As a part-time artist, Peggy creates one-of-a-kind pinecone shaped decorations and ornaments, and painted skis. She lives in Vergennes, Vermont.

Harold "Hal" Dean, a Workplace Health staff member at Maine General Medical Center in Waterville and Augusta, completed certification requirements of the Duke University master's level program in occupational and environmental medicine. The course was an intensive on-campus program featuring nationally known experts in occupational and environmental medicine, and included lectures, patient cases, work site visits, and computer analysis.

Surprise me! Send me an e-mail to include in the next column!

1973

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What a good Reunion! The class officers worked hard to ensure our time back at Maine was packed with fun. We hope you decided to support the class gift of the rebuilding of one of the steps at the Fogler Library. Those steps saw so much activity during our time in Orono—from candlelight vigils to just sitting and talking there at all hours of the day or night. In addition, any funds raised over the named gift amount will go to our scholarship fund which gives priority to descendants of the Class of 1973. Fill the steins.

Barbara Poppelmeier Eretzian, Auburn superintendent of schools, spent the day at Central Maine Technical College as the executive-in-residence, meeting with students in the college's early childhood education program. **Roger Pomerleau** had the sad duty of closing the family business, Pomerleau's in Augusta, after five decades in business. Roger stated that a combination of the economy and big chain stores forced the closing. **Donald Skroski** is co-principal of Frontier Regional School in South Deerfield, Massachusetts. **Trish Riley** has been named director of Governor Baldacci's '86 Office of Health Policy and Finance. Did anyone see Ellen Goodman's column about the plans being formulated by this office, mentioning Trish? **Frank Susi** has been promoted to vice president and general manager of Cianbro's northern New England region. Frank has been with the company for 26 years.

Finalist for department of education's Teacher of the Year is **Jeanine Collard Whitten** representing Biddeford Middle School. She has been in the Biddeford school system for 30 years and is married to Don Whitten, a physical education teacher. They have two sons, Nathan, a West Pointer, and Brandon, who will probably follow his brother. Good luck to Jeannine.

I would love to hear from you. Drop me a line or an e-mail.

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

1974

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As I write this update for the Class of '74, life is good. Our son, Major David Grant USMC, just returned from the Middle East safe and sound and we are in great anticipation of our annual trek to Maine for our summer vacation. My best friends, Scott and Kathie Kenney Towle '75 of Brewer (who I introduced to each other in 1976!), are celebrating their 25th anniversary. Congratulations to them!

I heard recently from **Debbie Adams Sprague**. She and David '76 are now living in Maryland. There are lots of changes in her life, but she's always the eternal optimist. Their oldest son, Eric, is in the Navy and Colin is in high school.

It seems our classmate, **Robert Baldacci**, and his brother, the governor, are on opposite sides of some gambling issues in Maine. Robert is managing director for Pierce Atwood in Portland and has been retained by Capital Seven LLC to work on video lottery terminals or racinos.

Kudos to **Virginia "Ginny" Fall Howard** on her appointment to president and CEO of Skowhegan Savings Bank. She graduated with honors in 1994 from the National School of Banking and has held several bank positions. She and her husband, Lionel, live in Skowhegan.

The Reverend **David Johnston** is now full-time pastor for the Fairfield First Baptist Church. He was a teacher for 38 years and retired from his current position of school librarian at Lawrence High School in June. He and his wife, Beryl, have been married for 37 years and have a daughter, son, and two grandchildren.

Houlton native, **Brian Mooers**, a graduate of Maine's engineering department, was named general manager for Freightliner LLC's Portland, Oregon, truck manufacturing plant on April 1, 2003. He has been with the company for 29 years. They build heavy-duty trucks and some military vehicles.

David Peppard is serving as interim town manager in Richmond, Maine. He was a town selectman for almost nine years and agreed to take the post part-time. David is a retired sergeant from the Maine warden service.



Greg Jamison '72, '98G (right) receives a Block "M" Award from alumni association chair **Bion Foster '68, '70G** during Reunion 2003. Greg has served for seven years on the Association board, including two terms as chair. He also serves on the boards of Friends of Maine Hockey and Friends of Maine Football and runs the 50-50 raffle for both of those groups as well as for Friends of Maine Basketball.

Donald G. Raymond was appointed senior vice president for the employee benefits and life division for Banknorth Insurance Group. He will oversee sales, marketing, and administration in the Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont area. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

That's all the current news. Hope you all had a fantastic summer. Here in Jacksonville, we are anticipating a great football season for the Jaguars under our new head coach, Jack Del Rio. As much as I've always loved football, I still haven't given my heart to the Jags. A 35-year love affair with the '49ers is a hard thing to give up.

By the way, if **Walt Abbott '58** and **Warren Burns** are reading this column, you are still two of my favorite people and have kept the memory of UMO near and dear to my heart. What lasting impressions you made on many of us. Thanks.

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1975

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Where did you go on vacation this past summer? Even if it was only to the grocery store to bask in the air conditioning, please let us know! Your classmates would love to hear your news, whether it's mundane or extraordinary.

1976

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Hello '76ers. I guess for most of us this is the year we turn 50! Where has the time gone? Most of our class news is about job promotions and transfers. If you get a moment drop me an e-mail to include in our next issue. Best regards, and happy 50th!

William Sowles has been elected to the Kent Hills School board of

trustees. He is president of automobile dealerships in Falmouth and Brunswick. **Thomas Ward** has been hired as the new superintendent of School Administrative District #21 in Dixfield. Tom and his wife Grace have two grown daughters, Sarah and Lisa, and a granddaughter, Arianna. **Edward Doyle** has been hired as the investment representative for the Sanford branch office of Edward Jones. Ed and his wife Maria have two children, Bobby and Joshua. **John Boland** of New Gloucester has been named as acting director of fisheries operations for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. **Jeffrey Raynes**, executive director and chief operating officer for APICS in Alexandria, Virginia, was recently honored by the American Society of Association Executives. Maranacook Community School teacher and coach **Steve DeAngelis** was recently featured in the *Kennebec Journal* as that newspaper's ski coach of the year. **David Crowell** has been promoted to president of PFG NorthCenter in Augusta. Maine Chief Justice **Leigh Ingalls Sautley** was featured in the *Bangor Daily News* in February regarding her State of the Judiciary Address that she gave to the State House.

1977

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Hello again. Not much to write about. I trust that means you all had busy summers and didn't have a moment to write. Now send in those notes while memories of summer vacation are still fresh in your minds and you too can read about yourself in the next column!

David W. Stiles of Durham has been named vice president of the civil and environmental engineering firm of Wright-Pierce. The Reverend **Robert Vaillancourt**, who rallied Maine's Catholic youth to see Pope John Paul II for World Youth Day in Toronto last summer, has been appointed pastor of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Hampden and St. Gabriel's in Winterport. For the past year he served as pastor of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Madawaska.

R. Brent Baeslack continues to win praise for his work protecting the health and safety of residents in the Haverhill, Massachusetts, area. Brent was honored earlier this year by Toxics Action 2003, "New England's largest annual environmental and public health conference dedicated to fighting toxic hazards in communities." Among his many accomplishments, Brent is president of the Haverhill Environmental League, a group of concerned citizens formed in 1995 to improve the air and water quality in the area by opposing mass burn incineration.

That's it for now, folks. Drop me or the alumni office a note and let us know about your summer or other activities, noteworthy or otherwise. Remember, your classmates do want to know what you've been up to.

1978

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Hey, everyone, hope you made it up for Homecoming! It was a great time and so nice to see so many familiar faces. Hard to believe that our class was celebrating our 25th Reunion! Look for details about our class in the winter issue.

1979

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Happy autumn! Thanks to those of you who've used my new address to keep in touch. We haven't moved—our address has been "re-assigned," due to Old Town's emergency 911 compliance efforts.

Please take time to plan for our 25th Reunion in October 2004 and plan now to attend. As the time gets closer, you'll receive details.

Not much news this time. **Keith Citrine** is president of Citrine Events, a special events and fund raising company. He was recently named to the board of directors of the Portland Opera Repertory Theatre. **Peter Linehan** is an



Amy Meehan '91 (left) and Lindsay McCormack Tudor '81 of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife rescued an injured goshawk from under the porch of UMaine alumnus Dick Sprague '50 on August 16 in Bangor.

"My wife and I were greatly impressed by the cheerful competence and can-do-attitude of these young professionals," Dick wrote in a letter that was later published in the *Bangor Daily News*.

assistant professor of forestry at Penn State Mont Alto and was recently granted certified forester status by the Society of American Foresters.

Richard Dempsey is executive vice president of marketing services for Banknorth Group. He recently joined the Salvation Army's greater Portland advisory board.

Finally, Brett Rees of Brewer, son of **Penny Broutas Rees**, received honorable mention at the 2003 Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America—New England Chapter Scholarship Competition. Brett is one of a group of students who will work with the organization throughout the year on education programs for youths with asthma and allergies.

Hope to hear from all of you soon!

1980

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Hi, classmates, hope you're enjoy-

ing the fall. It always makes me think of walking across the campus with the crunchy leaves underfoot. What are your favorite memories of campus? Please share them or just write and tell us what's going on in your life!

1981

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I thought it was slim pickings when I wrote my last column. Well, this one beats that! I have four clippings from the publications office and one is a divorce notice which I don't like to publish! Come on, gang! I didn't think I'd find myself in this pickle until we were well into the senior alumni stage! This is the day and age of e-mail, when communicating is so easy. Send me some juicy gossip for my next column. I know there's lots going on in your lives.

And now for my three bits of news—**Peter Faloon** is a physics teacher at Schenck High School in East Millinocket. He has been in-

volved in the effort to establish a private academy in the town of Medway. (How 'bout an update, Peter?) **Bill Ziemer** has served as principal of Deer Isle-Stonington High School this past year. My clipping tells me he's been looking at another position in midcoast Maine. (Where are you now, Bill?) **Arthur Pinell** owns Westview Farms Landscape and Nursery in Southwick, Massachusetts. He was a candidate for the Southwick board of selectmen this spring. (Perhaps he'll write and tell us the outcome!)

Since I have nothing more to write about, I'll get on my soapbox for the alumni association and ask all of you to consider a gift to the endowment fund for our beautiful new Buchanan Alumni House. In the past year since it opened, this building has become one of the most highly used function sites on campus. It continues to "wow" visitors and serves as an extremely visible and attractive front door to the campus. Our class failed miserably in our attempt to make a naming gift to the building fund. Let's pull through on this part of the campaign with strong support for this much-needed endowment fund. It is critical that we care for and preserve this building for generations of students and alumni to come.

Please note my change in address for you snail mail users. Our house of 17 years was moved last August as part of the development of our subdivision, Dalton Pines, in Veazie. The road now runs through the middle of where our house stood. Being the loyal Maine alums that we are, what better name could there be for our street than Black Bear Drive?! We're starting to sell house lots and will eventually start our own new house at the end of Black Bear Drive. Stop by and see all the excitement!

1982

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This is a first, and hopefully not a trend! Hardly any news this time concerning our classmates! Two interesting stories in the news, though:

Richard Mears is a criminal justice professor at the University of

Maine in Augusta. An article in the *Kennebec Journal* described his trip to a recent airport security conference in Israel and his plans to help implement new strategies in American airport safety.

Fred Ludwig's name appeared in two different news articles concerning canoe racing. He won second place in the Passagas-sawaueag River Race in Waldo, and, in a tandem kayak, won the Meduxnekeag River Race in New Limerick.

1983

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I'm wondering what you are all up to. It's been 20 years (can you believe it!) since we graduated and left campus to pursue careers, start families, and seek adventure. What have you been doing? Please send an update! Whether you're immersed in the daily grind or training to scale Mount Everest, we want to hear from you!

1984

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Hello, everyone! I hope you all had a great summer and were able to take some time off. The warm weather was especially welcome to those of us who experienced such a cold winter. Even though I love the winter and snow, I truly enjoy our (relatively) short summers here in Maine. By the time you read this, I will be squeezing in one last trip to the beach and still freezing vegetables from my garden.

I hoped to see some of you at Homecoming weekend. My family and I always make it to the tailgate and sometimes we even go to the game! There is an amazing craft fair in the Memorial Gymnasium and many other activities scheduled throughout the weekend. If you went to the game, you might have seen me in the tailgate area. I was the

one running around after a six-year-old girl and four-year-old boy.

Robin Dillon Ardito sent an e-mail to share the joyful news of the birth of her daughter Olivia Mari Ardito in October 2002. Robin, her husband Frank, and Olivia live in Boston. Robin says that Olivia is a great joy. Baby girls are so wonderful!

Robert Libbey has been named executive director of the Grand Auditorium in Ellsworth. He had been serving as the Grand's director of development. Bob is past executive director of Maine Performing Arts Network, festival director for the National Folk Festival in Bangor, and an Emmy Award-winning television producer for Maine Public Television. In addition to an undergraduate degree, Bob received an MBA from the UMaine business school in 2002.

Cliff Fletcher has started his own company, Northern New England Video Production, which produces 30-second television commercials. Based in Winthrop, Maine, the company has made commercials for pizza shops, amusement parks, boat dealerships, and billiards shops.

In Kennebunk, **Ellen Dyer** has partnered with Doug Going '89 to open a new fitness facility, Xtreme Fitness. The fitness center features a weight room, exercise program space, a tanning booth, two tanning beds, and a baby-sitting facility for patrons. It sounds fantastic!

Although **Donna Loring** supported an anti-war resolution that came through the state Legislature and was not adopted, she supports the U.S. troops. Donna represents the Penobscot Nation in the Maine House of Representatives. She is also the coordinator of tribal, state, and international relations for the Penobscot Nation.

William Shane has been hired as the new town manager in Cumberland, Maine. William previously worked as a senior engineer at Gorrell-Palmer Engineers in Gray. He served as the public works director in Yarmouth from 1988 to 2002.

That is all the news I have this time. Please send me an e-mail with your news. Write me about your weddings, children, grandchildren, new job, old job, exotic trip, not-so-exotic trip, hobbies. Your classmates want to know what is going on with you!

Go Blue!



CHARLES GADZIK '79

Charles "Chuck" Gadzik started getting first-hand experience in the woods at an early age—in fact he helped pay for his UMaine forestry education by working as a woodcutter.

Following his graduation from UMaine, Chuck worked for 12 years for Baskahegan. He then was selected to head the Maine Forest Service, a position he held for four years.

As director of the forest service Chuck moved the state toward a model for more sustainable forestry practices. He was also instrumental in helping landowners respond to the damage caused by the January 1998 ice storm.

In 1999 Chuck moved back to the private sector, taking the job of operations manager for J.D. Irving Ltd., Maine's largest private timberland owner.

Chuck lives in Thomaston, Maine, with his wife, Cynthia, and his 14-year-old stepdaughter.



MARY ANN FAJVAN '91 Ph.D.

After completing her Ph.D. in 1991, Mary Ann taught silviculture while UMaine Professor Bob Seymour was on sabbatical. She also taught forest management with Professor Dave Field '63, '68G. In 1992, she started her current position of assistant professor of silviculture at West Virginia University. In addition to teaching, she's been involved in regional studies assessing the effects of nonsilviculture harvesting practices on stand development and wood supply. In January 2001, she received a Harvard University Charles Bullard Fellowship in forest research. She is an active member of the Society of American Foresters and currently serves as chair of the silvicultural group.

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By now, many of you have done it—you've turned 40! Write and let us know how you celebrated—and what changes you've made in your life! Our column could use some excitement!

Cindy Stocks is assistant director for corporate and foundation relations at Bowdoin College. She also helped plan the 23rd annual Women in Management Conference sponsored by the University of Southern Maine that centered around the question of how women managers can better succeed in traditionally male executive offices. Cindy related her own experiences of the tug-of-war professional women feel between succeeding in the workplace and meeting responsibilities at home. Interesting stuff.

David Abramson has joined the law firm of Verrill and Dana LLP as counsel, practicing in litigation and sports law groups. Verrill and Dana is the exclusive bargaining unit for the Major League Baseball Players Association. David represents professional athletes in contract negotiations and other legal capacities. He's married to Lynn, has two children, and lives in South Portland. He calls himself a baseball junkie with season tickets for the Sea Dogs and a live-and-die attitude for the Red Sox. He has the best of both worlds, law and sports. And yes, he goes to spring training!

Spurwink School has hired **Laurie Raymond** as a program director for the Chelsea Program. Laurie received her master's degree in social work in 1993 and lives in Belgrade, Maine.

Jean Bugbee, formerly a pediatric nurse practitioner, has joined Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Portland, Maine, as a member of the real estate sales team.

Andrew Perry was elected president of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Bath. He has been associated with First Federal Savings for 16 years and serves on the boards of directors of the Bath Customs House and the Main Street Program. He lives with his wife, Kim, and son in Bath, Maine.

Tamara L. Burk '87, '90G to direct leadership studies at Columbia College

Tamara L. Burk '87, '90G, Ph.D. has moved to South Carolina where she will now be director of leadership studies and professor of communication at Columbia College.

Tamara was formerly at Mount Holyoke College where she served as director of the speaking, arguing, and writing program, and also as a lecturer in women's studies. In addition to her degrees from UMaine, she earned an Ed.S. degree in higher education from the College of William and Mary.

Also moving to Columbia College, as an associate professor of biology and environmental studies, is Tamara's husband Kirt Moody '86, '89G. Kirt has a Ph.D. in marine science from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science/College of William and Mary and was most recently a visiting professor at Mt. Holyoke College. In addition to research and teaching, Kirt is an accomplished artist and is currently finishing his first children's book.

Tamara and Kirt started dating while students at UMaine in 1985. They were married in 1992 and have a three-and-a-half-year-old son, Roscoe. They live in Irmo, South Carolina.



That's all for this time. Don't you just love these crisp fall nights? I can close my eyes and be walking "home" to York Village with Susan, Colleen, and Paula. What fun we had!

1986

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Hi, classmates,

As I write this, we are enjoying a wonderfully breezy, sunny day—more appreciated than usual after our unusually long winter! As you read this, hopefully a warm and colorful fall is upon us! Maine is a gorgeous state (as I try to remind myself, repeatedly, every February!

Ha!)

No new clippings this time. We need your notes and e-mails to keep us all in touch! We would love to hear what you and yours did this summer! Any classmate sightings? George and I made a vow to do the coastal/outdoorsy things we are always telling ourselves we'll do "someday," ha! So far, so good!

Next time, we can write about what/who we saw at Homecoming! Keep in touch, take good care, Donny

1987

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Hello,

It sure has been a busy summer.

I don't know where the time goes. I hope everyone had fun this summer and took some much needed vacation time. Here is what your classmates have been doing: **Katherine Flaherty Stovall** and her husband Mike '86 had a son, James Luke, last June 28th. Congratulations! Sorry it took so long to catch up with you! **Jeannine Forest Landry** was chosen 2003 New Hampshire Young Mother Representative by the New Hampshire Association of American Mothers to represent New Hampshire in the 2003 National Mother Awards in Washington, D.C. **Scott Phillips** was profiled in the *Penobscot Times* last fall. He is sales manager at Old Town Canoe and lives in Old Town with his wife and daughter. Scott enjoys all that Maine has to offer including paddling, and hunting moose and deer with a bow.

Peter Stickney joined Schoolhouse Arts Center as a vocal instructor this spring. Peter is also director of choral music at Massabesic High School in Waterboro and has directed several productions throughout Southern Maine. **Debra Hodgson Aucoin** was recognized by The American Heart Association for her participation in the Jump Rope for Heart program. Debra is a physical education instructor at Hermon Elementary School and has been involved in the program for 15 years. **Patrick Kelly** is the new wrestling coach at Camden Hills Regional High School. **Carolyn Ramsay** is a speech pathologist at the Governor Wentworth Regional School District in New Hampshire.

Keep your cards and letters coming.

Enjoy the fall, and be well.

1988

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Hey, hope everything in your corner of the world is okay. We had our 15th Class Reunion in October during Homecoming Weekend. I cannot believe it has already been 15 years. It was a great time and I hope that many of you made it back for the fun. By the way, I have a new e-mail address (see header) so please make a note of it. Not much news this column so here it is.

Julie Johnson Angotti, R.N.,

B.S.N., joined the staff at Madigan Home Health Care in Houlton Maine. She has held positions as a staff nurse, nursing manager, and nurse educator at Eastern Maine Medical Center and Penobscot Valley Hospital in Maine, and at Memorial Hospital West in Pembroke Pines, Florida. Julie lives with her husband **Dan** and their three children in Houlton (where she grew up).

Sharon M. Ballard lives in Wilson, North Carolina, with her husband Kevin Gross, and their child. She is an assistant university professor at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.

Mike Bordick, in his first appearance with the Toronto Blue Jays, has ended his record streak for games without an error by a shortstop against the New York Yankees. Mike is now playing in his 14th major league season. He spent his first seven years with Oakland, five full seasons with Baltimore, and split the 2000 season between the Orioles and New York Mets. It is expected that he will be used as a backup to Blue Jays shortstop Chris Woodward this season.

Tracy Reed Elliott lives in Bangor, Maine, with her husband, Tom, and their two children. She is employed by the University of Maine System as the internal audit director. Tracy is a C.P.A. and is currently taking classes in the MBA program. She is also very active in the school system as a volunteer and a member of the PTO.

George MacKinnon and his wife Heather Newman MacKinnon '89 sent in a card. They have recently moved to Brunswick after being out of state for 13 years. George has accepted a position with the Maine Municipal Association as their underwriting manager. They have a two-and-a-half-year-old daughter and when they mailed the note they were expecting their second child. Thanks for the card, George, it's great to hear from you.

Kimberly Hatch Kobierski lives in Danvers, Massachusetts, with her husband, John, and their two children. She is a homemaker, volunteers in the school system, and serves as a dispatcher and receptionist for a local trucking company.

Deanna Bodemer Rothwell lives in Bryant Pond, Maine, with her husband, John R. Rothwell '87, and their three children. Deanna is a homemaker and works part-time as a creative memories scrapbooking consultant. Prior to becoming a full-

Pete Rooks '88 Awarded Bronze Star for Actions in Iraq

Major Pete Rooks '88 recently returned from a tour with the 2nd Battalion, 1st Brigade, of the 101st Airborne Division in Iraq. For actions in the attack and subsequent liberation of the cities of An Najef and An Hillah he was awarded the Bronze Star.

During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Pete was the battalion executive officer. He is currently stationed at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California, where he lives with his wife Sheri Crowley Rooks, Class of 1989, and their son Quinn.



time mom, Deanna worked as a financial agent.

James R. Seely, of Falmouth, is now divorced from Julia Hulse Seely '86. They were married in Saco in September 1991. They share custody of their minor children.

Gerald "Todd" Studnicka, former UMaine hockey bears center, lives in Windsor, Ontario, with his wife and four children.

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Hey, everyone, doesn't fall remind you of returning to campus and getting settled for another year? Please send a note or e-mail so we know what's going on in your life. You needn't win a Nobel Prize or be training for the Olympics to tell us your news.

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

1990

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Kevin '91, Kayla, and I are enjoying our first fall in Maine since returning to Maine. We had a wonderful summer visiting with friends and family.

Daniel Pinkham is happy to announce the birth of his second child, Kristina Ann, born on April 12, 2003. Kristina weighed nine pounds, two ounces and was 22 inches long. Kristina joins her proud big sister Ashley.

Babies! Denise '99 and **Timothy Viekmann** welcomed a daughter, Delaney Rose, into their family on June 11, 2002. Lisa Dill Knedler '98 and **Timothy Knedler** welcomed a son, Blake Liam, on July 12, 2002. Tricia Rhoades Hamilton '92 and **Dale Hamilton** welcomed a son, Colby Andrew, on July 31, 2002. Nancy and **John O'Sullivan** welcomed a daughter, Molly Grace, on July 31, 2002. Fritz and **Margaret Rogers Hansen** welcomed a son, Peter Thomas, on December 2, 2002. Sarah and **John Ripley** welcomed a daughter, Katherine Grace, on December 17, 2002. Congratulations to all the new par-

ents!

Job news! **Greg Chabot** joined the partner group at Runyon Kers-teen Oulette in South Portland. **Dr. Dale D. Morris, Jr.** joined Randolph Eye Associates, which provides comprehensive eye care for the South Shore and Boston community. Dale lives with his family in Pembroke, Massachusetts. **John B. Gooch** was promoted to branch assistant at Bangor Savings Bank. He is located at the Jonesport location. John lives with his wife, Julie, and their four children in Machias. **David M. Austin** is a shareholder at Eaton Peabody, Attorneys at Law in Bangor. **Lisa Morin, M.S., D.V.M.**, joined the Garland Road Veterinary Associates as an associate veterinarian. The veterinary practice serves the greater Waterville-Winslow area. She received her doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Iowa State University, college of veterinary medicine.

Honors and accolades! **Kathryn Ladd Wilcox** was named the Maine Association of Family and Consumer Science's Teacher of the Year 2003. Kathryn works as a family and consumer sciences teacher at Camden Hills Regional High School.

Andrew E. Silsby was named a "rising star" in the category of chief lending officer by *Independent Banker*, the trade magazine for the Independent Community Bankers of America, the nation's largest community bank trade association. He is a vice president and senior loan officer at Kennebec Savings Bank's main office in Augusta. Andrew lives with his wife Kim White Silsby '89 and three children in Augusta. **Adam Gormely**, a Maine state warden in Greenville, received a citation at the annual Maine Warden Service awards banquet in spring 2003. He received a citation because he and other wardens surfed 10-foot waves on Moosehead Lake looking for boaters who needed their help in September 2002. Congratulations to all of you on your achievements.

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It seems that you all must have

been having so much fun this summer that you forgot to write. Drop me a line and share your news, adventures, hobbies, or latest family additions.

Chris Kempton is returning to his roots as the new head football coach of Winthrop High School. Chris has had plenty of coaching experience. He was the head football coach at Winthrop from 1992 to 1995 before becoming an assistant coach at Colby College for six years. Before taking the head coaching job at Winthrop in 1992, he was an assistant for two years at Winthrop, and an assistant coach at Old Town for four years. Chris was a linebacker for the Winthrop Ramblers from 1981 to 1984.

Jana Boody was busy planning her summer wedding to John Hilary Billings '75. Jana is a curriculum coordinator for S.A.D. 57 and lives in Old Orchard Beach.

Scott Stuart has been selected to be the chief of pediatrics at Charleston Naval Hospital in Charleston, South Carolina.

Classmates with new babies to welcome include **David Kelley** and **Cheryl Fish Kelley** of Falmouth. Their son, Liam David, was born on November 24, 2002. On December 23, a daughter, Emily Jean, was born to proud parents Alex and **Jennifer Staples Pozzy**. They live in Portland. Marcus and **Erin Miller DeSanctis** welcomed a daughter, Isabella Marie, to their Portland home on December 17, 2003.

We'd love to hear from more of you next time. Please take a few minutes and send an e-mail or write a postcard. It only takes a minute to reconnect with old friends. Cheers!

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Hello, everyone! I hope you all had a great summer. It has been a very busy one for me. I had my second child on May 2, Cortney Marie, and my partner John McCormick '86 and I moved our optometry office to a brand new building in Damariscotta, Maine. Very hectic! On to the news—

Morgan Alyse was born to **Jefrey** and **Kandace Porter** on November 10 in Portland. **Richard**



Salvador Mena '94, '97G is assistant dean of student life at Brown University. This year he coordinated the first ever Latino Leadership Conference at Brown which brought together over 300 professionals and students from throughout New England. Salvador is married to **Jessica Burke Mena '95**, now a third year medical student at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Smith is engaged to Jill Hunter and they plan an October 2003 wedding. Kate Elizabeth Braunfels '95 and **Michael Reagan, Jr.** were married this August. In work related news, **Stephanie Leonard** was honored with the Art Teacher of the Year Award from Art in the Heart, an organization of art teachers in central Maine. **Anne Demers** reports that she is now the superintendent of S.A.D. 5 in Rockland, Maine. WBRC Architects-Engineers of Bangor has promoted **Ron Rideout** to firm associate. He has been with the firm since 2000 as an engineer. The Maine Insurance Agents Association has announced the appointment of two new members to its board of directors and they both are '92 graduates—**Jason Beever** and **David Millar**. Congratulations!

Matthew Walsh has been promoted to senior vice president of finance and technology at the University Credit Union in Orono. **Gregg Hanscom** has been promot-

ed to outside operations manager at Signet Communication Systems of Bangor. Lastly, **Eric Puls** was shipped out of Fort Hood, Texas, in March to join Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is currently a maintenance commander of OH58 Delta-R choppers. Thank you, Eric, for your service to our country.

Please keep your notes coming and let your classmates know what you've been doing! Have a great fall!

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I hope you have all had a great summer and are enjoying the fall

season. This was the year of our 10-year class Reunion. It's hard to believe it's been so long since the college days. The next issue will be filled with extra news from those who were able to attend the Reunion during Homecoming weekend. There is not too much to report this time—

For the first time in a long time I have no baby announcements to make. If any of you have had additions to your families please send me an e-mail. We'd love to hear the happy news.

On the job front—congratulations to **Kathryn Ryder** of Rockport who has been promoted to vice president of treasury and planning at Camden National Corporation. Attorney **David Miller** has formed a partnership with Theodore Curtis, Jr. Their law office offers services in estate planning, personal injury, social security, real estate, and criminal law. **Angela Waldron** of Union has joined the Farnsworth Art Museum as registrar. Congratulations!

Other news—**Scott and Tisha Berube Feyler** recently moved into their new home in Norfolk, Massachusetts. Congratulations to Ken and **Jennifer Donohue Lloyd** who were married in New Hampshire on October 25th. They had a beautiful wedding at the Wentworth Hotel in Portsmouth. It was great to see all the UMaine alumni at the wedding.

Well, that's about all the news I have for now—I'm looking forward to hearing from more people soon.

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First, I must write separately to congratulate my co-columnist on her recent engagement! (Well, recent as of this writing, not recent as of publication of this issue.) **Stacey** and her fiancé, Justin, (who is a perfectly likeable person despite not having attended UMaine) are planning a June 2004 wedding. Best of luck to you both in maintaining your sanity throughout the wedding planning process.

And speaking of weddings, brace

Iraq War Vets

We would like to recognize UMaine alumni who have served or are currently serving in Iraq. If you are a veteran of that conflict please send information on your service to Alumni Publications, P.O. Box 550, Orono, ME 04473-0550. Or you can e-mail us at: abigail_zelz@umit.maine.edu.

yourselves, dear readers. The long-awaited wedding of our classmate **Brent Littlefield** will be described in detail in our next issue. Brent's wedding occurred on July 25th in Newport, Rhode Island, and was a veritable who's who of UMaine alums. Despite his ongoing affiliation with the Class of 1993, we're going to bring the wedding scoop directly to your mailbox (just a few short months after its occurrence).

In other non-wedding related news: **Pamela Bubier Sirois** joined St. Mary's Regional Medical Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders as a nurse practitioner. Pamela previously worked in the oncology unit at Central Maine Medical Center. **Todd Neal** was appointed to the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute's parking structures committee. Todd works for Becker Structural Engineers in Portland. **Matt Watkins** was named retail banking officer-relationship manager for KeyBank's Bangor retail team. Matt will be responsible for small-business and consumer banking sales and business development activities.

Salvador Mena sent a long note from Providence, Rhode Island, where he's an assistant dean of student life at Brown University. He coordinates various programs and services for undergraduate students, and plans to apply to doctoral programs in higher education administration.

He wrote, "While at UMaine I served as an RA and hall director and would love to hear from any of my old students or classmates (sbmena@cox.net). I married Jessica Burke '95 in June of 2001 and she is currently a third year medical student at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. This past July we enjoyed rafting both the Penobscot and Kennebec rivers back to back.

"A highlight for me this past year was the coordination of the first ever New England Latino Leadership Conference held at Brown University which brought to campus over 300 professionals and students from throughout New England interested in learning more about Latinos as an emerging population in the United States."

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Happy autumn to you all and I hope that this column finds you well. We have had a few hectic months here, with moving (hence the new address) and chasing a growing boy around the house.

Back in April, *Bangor Daily News* columnist Joni Averill '65 wrote a very nice piece on a fellow alum of ours, **Constance Coffin Carter**, and her daughter, Cami. Connie,

Orono's former service learning coordinator, and Cami, a former music teacher at the Walton High School in the Bronx, conceived the idea of a country-city exchange visit between their respective schools in 2001. On all accounts, the exchange was a huge success and helped the mother-daughter team launch their new endeavor, a nonprofit called Operation Breaking Stereotypes, in August of 2002. OBS coordinates similar exchanges with New York and Maine schools by enlisting donations from local businesses and encouraging community cooperation to ensure the exchange is a success. Connie says, "Our goal was to break down stereotypes, learn about each other's lives, and counteract all types of stereotypes. And, it's been

doing exactly that."

Yippee—we got mail! **Rita Sullivan** sent me e-mail in April to update us on her happenings. She recently returned to Maine after six years in New York City and is now the communications coordinator in the office of external affairs for the UMaine System, based in Bangor. Rita says that work seems to be the driving force in her life right now, but she has no complaints. I'm sure she will keep us updated on future happenings, as I hope all of you will.

The department of education and the KIDS Consortium recently awarded **Alice Osmer Olson** and her teaching partner, Jinny Bryant, the Educational Leadership Award for Service-Learning. The two are teachers of a multi-age first and second grade program at the Winthrop Grade School. Service-learning is a teaching strategy that encourages partnerships between schools and communities. The students in the pair's class developed a campaign to encourage recycling and started a recycling program in their school.

Speaking of awards, **Donald "Scott" Thrasher** of Madison was recently honored with not one, but two awards at The Maine Warden Service annual awards banquet. Scott was the recipient of the Exemplary Service Award as well as the North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association Award of Valor. Congratulations, Scott!

We have news of **Jonathan Strole**, currently serving in the Navy. He was deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf in February as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Harry Truman*, his squadron flies the multi-purpose jet aircraft, the S-3B Viking. The S-3B Viking is capable of long-range surveillance of shipping, air-to-air refueling, and locating and destroying enemy submarines. Jonathan is based in Jacksonville, Florida.

Judson Raven married Susan Burnham in June at the Burnham family's home in Southwest Harbor. McDougale Middle School in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, employs Judson as a social studies teacher while Susan is a kindergarten through fifth grade science teacher at Estes Hills Elementary School, also in Chapel Hill. The couple took a trip to Iceland after the wedding. And **Tricia Gervais** wed Dwight Anderson '94 in May. L & T Health and Fitness in South Portland employs Tricia, and DeLuca-Hoffman Associates, also of South Portland, employs Dwight.

And, I am so happy to announce

Your Classmates Would Like to Hear From You!

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

Name:

Class year:

Place of residence:

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

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

the birth of Mari-Beth Karen, daughter of **Michael** and **Wendi Voisine Leavitt** of Westbrook. Mari-Beth was born on April 10th at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

That's all to report from here. Hope this finds you and your families well. Please keep in touch and let me know how you are doing. Take care.

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Greetings, ninety-sixers! Your classmates are still curious as to what you've been up to. Please drop us a line soon! Meanwhile, sneak a peek at what some of us have been doing:

Mari Huotari is co-coordinator of Maine Street Bath's downtown development program. Mari lives in Bath and is working on filling all requirements for the Maine state teacher certification. **Kenneth Smith** was named Rockland police department's 2002 Officer of the Year. Kenneth lives in Cushing with his wife and three-year-old son. He was formerly with the Knox County sheriff's department and the Rockport police department.

Sara Stevens is a constituent service representative for Congressman Michael H. Michaud's district office in Bangor. In this position, Sara taps into her experience in legal research and grant writing.

Stephanie Archer Laplant works for WBRC Architects/Engineers in Bangor. Stephanie recently received her professional engineers registration. She specializes in electrical drafting and design, design and preparation of bid documents, show drawing review, and construction administration. She even worked on the lighting design in the main entrance of the Buchanan Alumni House at the University of Maine.

Cheryl Curtis is senior vice president of marketing for the First National Bank of Bar Harbor. **Robert Andrew Croce** is employed by Community Health and Counseling Services of Bangor. He married Rebecca Sing in May of this year.

Leah Gay just opened a new restaurant in Bar Harbor. *The Bar Harbor Times* had an article and



Ricky Jones '97 coaxes in a putt during the final match of the **Maine Amateur Golf Championship** at Penobscot Valley Country Club in Orono in July. Ricky won the event by beating former UMaine teammate and good friend James "Jay" Livingston '94 in an exciting head to head championship match. (Photo courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.)

review of the restaurant in the July 31 edition with a really nice picture.

Ryan and **Amy Chandler Harmon** welcomed a son, Jack, in January. Ralph and **Lisa Morrill Phillips** also have a new son, Cole, also born in January. And yet another boy, Demetrius, was born to **Joseph** and Brigitte Blose **Paulus** back in November. Congratulations to you all!

That's all for now. Keep those updates coming. Your classmates are waiting to hear from you!

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Greetings, Class of '97:

Fall is upon us and our campus is covered with beautiful foliage. I hope you have visited campus and checked out the new Alumni House. Perhaps you made the trip for Homecoming and reminisced about "the happy hours" and "the careless days" spent at our alma mater. There are a lot of exciting changes taking place—make a point to plan your next visit! Most importantly, take the time to contact an old UMaine friend—you will make their day.

Our classmates have been very busy. Congratulations to **Kristen Andresen** who married Jason Lainsbury '00 on August 30 in Ellsworth, Maine. The couple traveled to Nova Scotia, Canada, for their honeymoon. Kristen has been busy traveling the roads of Maine as a style writer for the *Bangor Daily News*. The couple also recently moved into their first home in Orono.

Congratulations also to **Jessica Lomanno** who wed Christian Houghton on August 16, 2003. Jessica works as an international staff recruiter for the School of Field Studies in Salem, Massachusetts. The couple is busy moving into their first home. Congratulations to **Melissa Gagne** and **Jason Beckwith** who were married in Bar Harbor in 1999. The couple celebrated the birth of their son, Logan James Beckwith, in February. They reside in Trenton, Maine. Melissa earned her master's degree in special education and works as a special education coordinating teacher at Bar Harbor's Connors Emerson School. Jason, after working as a teacher in Vassalboro, earned his master's degree. In addition to publishing several papers, he was hired at the Jackson Laboratory in the department of immunology and inflammatory disease research. They still have their beloved dog,

Major. It was great to hear from them.

Congratulations to **Stacey Bloemen Fitzgerald** who married Travis Fitzgerald. The couple is celebrating the birth of their son, Cooper, who was born on June 18, 2002. Stacey completed a master's degree in educational leadership in August. **Matthew Woodman** was recently married to Allison Plourde in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Sarah Marshall Bishop and her husband, Chris Bishop '00, are living in Athens, Texas, home of the black-eyed pea festival! Sarah is finishing her second year with Henderson County special education cooperative as a speech language pathologist. Chris has been working for Texas State Parks, but recently accepted a new position with the U. S. Forest Service as a forestry technician in Ratcliff Lake Recreation Area. **Matthew Oliver** has accepted a position as a school administrator in Old Town. He was formerly the superintendent of S.A.D. 4. **Stacy Shaw** was promoted to manager of information systems for MMG Insurance Company, a subsidiary of Maine Mutual Group located in Presque Isle. **Nathan March** attends Theological College in Washington, D.C. Nate is a first year seminary student from the Diocese of Portland. **Gaile Nicholson** is a communications manager at Domtar Industries of Woodland and has taken the gavel as the chair of the Calais Regional Chamber of Commerce. **Sarah Riley** writes that she loves reading what everyone has been up to in the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*, and finally has something that she feels is noteworthy! Sarah was a swimmer at UMaine and continued to swim after graduation with the local U.S. masters swimming program, which eventually led to triathlons. She just completed her first 1/2 Ironman competition last spring in Oceanside, California. The distances are 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike, and 13.1 mile run, and she finished in six hours, 33 minutes. Way to go, Sarah! Congratulations! Sarah currently resides in New York City.

Finally, I was married in December to Shawn Rice '00 who is an art teacher in S.A.D. 55. Many UMaine graduates were in our wedding party as well as in attendance. Keep us posted on your happenings—we'd love to hear from you.

Go Blue!

1998

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Rob Brewer, Class of '98 correspondent, asked me to fill in for him this issue. He's been tied up with his service in the Army and offered up a weak excuse about some business in Baghdad.

Summer is a time for weddings and many of our classmates are preparing to tie the knot in the coming months. My good friends **Staci Grant** and Edward "E.J." Davis '00 recently announced their engagement and plans for a wedding next year. Staci is a special education teacher and E.J. is a research assistant. The couple resides in the Washington, D.C., area.

Chad Bartlett married my friend Sara Burnett in July. Chad is working as a geotechnical engineer for S.W. Cole in Somersworth, New Hampshire, and Sara is employed by Sweetser Child and Family Services in Kittery. Best wishes to them both.

Keysha Marie Case is engaged to Darren Clukey and they plan a fall wedding. The couple resides in southern Maine where she is employed as a tax accountant with Baker, Newman, and Noyes in Portland.

Jessica Lynn Irish and **Adam Deane** were married in August. Jessica is program director with Northeastern Family Institute in Newton, Massachusetts. Adam is working for Mellon Financial in Everett while pursuing a master's degree in archaeology at the University of Massachusetts.

Kristina "Kris" McCarrison and **Richard Bissell, Jr.** '99 will be married in the fall of next year. The couple is employed by Community Health and Counseling Services in Bangor. They are both enrolled in the graduate program for social work at the University of Maine.

Congratulations to **Ryan Harmon** and his wife, Amy Chandler Harmon '96, on the recent birth of their son, Jack. **Audra Ellis Rayfield** and her husband, William, became parents in December with the birth of a daughter, Ava Noelle.

Best wishes to **Sandra MacArthur** as she begins a new position as superintendent of S.A.D. 59 in the Madison area.

Cindy Blodgett has certainly proven herself an asset to the



Captain Rob Brewer '98 holds up a UMaine banner at his current quarters in Uday's palace in Baghdad. Rob is with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery, 1st Brigade of the 1st Armored Division. He serves as battalion fire direction officer and battalion civil military officer. In that capacity he spends a good deal of time working with the Iraqi community. Most recently he's been helping set up community advisory councils which will become future legislative bodies in Baghdad. "It's been amazing to see a community recover from a war and start to improve, right before your very eyes," he says. Rob, who is the regular '98 class correspondent, expects to be in Iraq until next spring.

Springfield Spirit's team of the National Women's Basketball League. Cindy continues to impress fans with her 3-point shots and is averaging 10 points per game. She is living in south Boston after spending some time playing overseas in France and South Korea.

Tiffany and **Dan LaMontagne** wrote to announce the birth of their son Connor Alexander on June 2, 2003, at Inland Hospital in Waterville. Dan is a senior forester for Plum Creek in Bingham, Maine, and the family lives in Canaan.

With any luck, I hope Rob will be returning to this column for the next issue. In the meantime, please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

1999

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We don't have much news to report this time around, but we did hear from a few '99ers.

Congratulations are in order for some of our classmates who will soon be hearing wedding bells. **Jason C. Libby** is engaged to Betsy Hatch '01. A June 2004 wedding is planned. Jason was recently promoted to be the associate dean of students for fraternity and sorority affairs and conference services at Clarkson University. They reside in Canton, New York. **Kristen Moore** and **Christopher Cotsifas** recently announced their engagement. They

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live in Milford, New Hampshire. She works for Portfolio and he is employed by the Sandvick Corporation.

In May, **Isaac Kimball** married **Serena Lentner**. Isaac earned his master's degree in English from UMaine in 2002 and is employed by the *Bangor Daily News*. Congratulations to both Isaac and his new bride.

U.S. Army Captain **Jenny Collins**, RN, BSN, CCRN recently attained her critical care nursing certification from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses. When Jenny received her certification, she was assigned to the critical care unit at Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia. She was also attached to the 86th combat support hospital and was anticipating deployment.

Enjoy your fall and please take a minute to e-mail, mail, or even fax your information to one of the class correspondents or to the alumni association!

2000

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As the leaves turn colors and fall is in the air it brings many fond memories of the UMaine experience back to mind. The trees on the mall changing colors, coming together after being apart in the summer, hanging out on benches throughout campus, walking the nature trails, home football games, and Homecoming are just a few of the many memories we have from our time at Maine. Homecoming at UMaine this year was October 3rd-5th. Many of us were not able to make it back up to Orono for this event, but you can get in touch with your classmates through this column. Feel free to e-mail me with any news that you have to share with your classmates.

Here is the latest news on our classmates in 2003. Many of our classmates have begun new career opportunities this past year. To name a few: Maine Congressman **Michael Michaud** announced that **Greg Croce** of Hampden, Maine, is serving as a constituent service representative for him in the Bangor district office. Hydro International of Portland, Maine, has added **Jim Cannan** as an engineer in the stormwater division of their compa-

ny. **Troy Dean** is the assistant vice president and corporate services officer at Bangor Savings Bank in Bangor, Maine. He recently became designated as a certified cash manager, which is one of the highest standards in the field of cash-treasury management.

Classmate **Chris Bishop** is living with wife Sarah Marshall Bishop '97 in Athens, Texas, which is home of the Black-eyed Pea Festival. Chris was previously working for the Texas State Park and just accepted a new job working for the U.S. Forest Service as a forestry technician in the Ratcliff Lake recreation area in the Davy Crockett National Forest. **Jason Brown** just finished his first successful year teaching in the M.S.A.D. #4 school system. He is currently employed as a middle school chorus and general music teacher.

Three of our classmates have wedding bells ringing for them. **Matthew Paul** is engaged to Catherine Guinon '02 both of Salem, Massachusetts, and they are planning an October 18, 2003, wedding in Millinocket, Maine. Matthew is an associate editor for Opus Communication in Marblehead, Massachusetts. Classmates **Andrew Herbine** and **Katie Clark** are engaged to each other and are planning a November 28, 2003, wedding. Andrew is an engineer with Gilbane Building Company and Katie graduated from the New England School of Law in Boston in 2003. They are currently living in Nashua, New Hampshire. We wish all three of you congratulations on your happy news.

2001

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As the leaves begin to fall and school bells ring, many of us become nostalgic about our years at UMaine. Fall always brought new classes, pep rallies, football games, parties, and seeking friends we hadn't seen or spoken to all summer long. Well this fall doesn't need to be any different. If you're close enough, take the time to visit the Orono campus we all remember so fondly. Take in a game, visit Pat's

Pizza, visit the bookstore, or even just call an old friend you haven't heard from in a while. You never know what, or who you may find!

Many of our graduates have found love and are on their way to the altar. **Betsy Hatch** is engaged to Jason Libby '99. Betsy recently graduated with her master's in public relations and Jason works as the director of fraternity and sorority affairs at Clarkson University. They plan to wed in July 2004. **Channa Jackson**, who is currently attending M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan, is engaged to Jim A. Stacey. They have chosen May 29, 2004, for their wedding ceremony. **Krista Reed**, who graduated for her second time from UMaine this May, has announced her engagement to Kevin Todd. Krista received her master's degree in teaching from UMaine. Kevin and Krista will tie the knot during 2003. **Spencer Garrett** married Carrie Williams in June. He is currently working at WBRC Architects/Engineers in Bangor. Best of luck to all these couples! We all hope to see photos!

As usual I'm going to end by pleading for any tidbits of information you have to share. We'd greatly appreciate any news on job changes, moves, births, weddings, engagements, and generally anything our grads are up to! Even though you may think it's not newsworthy send it on! Thank you!

2002

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Now that summer is gone, it is time for us to enjoy the beautiful colors of the fall. Along with the leaves changing color, most of our classmates have also made a change in their lives either by transitioning into a new career or welcoming someone new into their lives.

Whitney King, with a bachelor of science degree in animal and veterinary sciences, is now working as a laboratory processing technician at Strategic Diagnostics in Windham, Maine.

Matt Dubois has been hired as a constituent service representative for Congressman Michael Michaud's

office in Lewiston. He was previously employed at the Maine AFL-CIO and worked on labor, unemployment, and health care issues.

Jamie Call, a certified personal trainer with her bachelor's degree in kinesiology, has advanced to become vice president of clinical operations for Innovative Fitness in Bangor.

Jeff Tassinari is a manager of a new store, Sportshoe Center, at the Kennebunk Shoppers Village. The focus of the new store is on lacrosse equipment and associated products. **Melanie Klein-Robbenhaar** of Dedham has been promoted to independent branch advisor, the first level of sales field management at Longaberger Company. **Everett Dearman** has been named to the staff of the Bucksport office for Edward Jones, the St. Louis-based brokerage firm.

Benjamin Feeney, a member of UMaine's Steiners, an all-male a capella vocal group, received the top vocal percussionist award at two competitions this past spring. The competitions were held at the University of Vermont and at Dartmouth College. The Steiners also placed first during both of the events to give them a spot at the International Championship of Collegiate a Capella at Beacon Theatre on Broadway.

Benjamin Davis joined AEC Engineering in Freeport, Maine, as a software developer and engineer. **Kevin Pulkkinen**, a civil engineer, has been recently hired at the Topsham-based engineering firm, Wright-Pierce.

Marie Dubord is a research assistant at the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy where she is helping UMaine collaborate with Bangor to apply for a HUD Community Outreach Partnership Center grant. **Emily Cain**, a staff associate of the Honors College at UMaine, organized a trip to Washington, D.C., this past spring with several students of the Honors College. The trip took place during Orono's spring break and about 40 honors students were able to attend. They visited several of the attractions that D.C. has to offer including a tour of Senator Susan Collins's office and the Pentagon. Emily is now enrolled at Harvard for an Ed.M. in higher education and will graduate in June '04. She is engaged to Daniel B. Williams '91, '94G and they plan an August '04 wedding.

Dale Fiske, a technology

teacher at Schenck High School, is also the secretary of the Katahdin Valley Education Association. Fiske and other association members are trying to establish a small, private secondary school in proximity to the area schools in Millinocket which are in danger of closing due to hard economic times felt by the closing of Great Northern Paper this past spring.

Benjamin Johnson of Bangor assumed the duties of the town's code enforcement office in April in Hampden. **Sara Tracy** is a management trainee at the Damariscotta Bank and Trust. Sara holds her degree in business management. **Beth Riley** is currently employed as a registered nurse on the cardiac step down unit at Eastern Maine Medical Center.

Continuing with his education is **Kevin Allen**, who will be attending Cranfield University in Bedfordshire, England, next fall to earn a master of science degree in automotive product engineering.

Rob and **Katya Mocarsky** of Islesford welcomed their son, Patrick Emanuel, during an incredible winter storm. Neighbors and fellow islanders were helpful during the storm to ensure a safe delivery of the baby. Congrats to the new family!

Congratulations are also in order for our classmates who recently got engaged or married. **Catherine Guinon** and **Matthew Paul** '00 are planning an October 18th, 2003, wedding in Millinocket. Catherine is currently working at Bargmann Hendrie in Boston as a marketing coordinator. **Emily Burgess** and **Ryan Parker** are planning a summer 2004 wedding. Emily is currently pursuing her graduate degree here at UMaine. **Jason York** and **Sarah Fraunhofer** got married in August. Jason is employed in the nuclear engineering department at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. **Marina Shkarupina** and **Gerald Hess** got married on May 17, 2003. Marina is pursuing her master's degree in financial economics.

You may be wondering how I find out information about our classmates. Most of the time I get my information from newspaper articles courtesy of the alumni association, but I would also love to hear from you. If you have any news that you would want to share with me and our classmates, please feel free to write to me or send me an e-mail. I hope that everyone has a great fall season and I look forward to hearing from you!

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people would never have the chance to have a home. One woman called to tell me I was her guardian angel and I still get Christmas cards from kids whose homes we built."

Ron volunteers close to 1,000 hours a year for Habitat. In the last eight years he figures he has helped build some 75 to 80 different dwellings. That includes homes in Texas, Kentucky, South Africa, the Philippines, and Guatemala. Those building projects took place as part of the Jimmy Carter Work Project. The former U.S. president volunteers one week each year to lead a Habitat for Humanity team to an area of the world in need of housing. Ron and other volunteers pay their own way to be part of the Carter project.

During the South African trip Habitat volunteers and local residents completed 100 homes in a week. And Jimmy Carter personally dedicated every one.

Although his views are on the opposite side of the political spectrum from Carter's, Ron has developed a strong respect for the former president as a person.

"I can't deal with his politics, but he's a Sunday school teacher and a good, caring person," Ron says. "And, of course, he's given tremendous visibility and prestige to Habitat for Humanity."

What might surprise people, Ron notes, is that the former president also happens to be an excellent carpenter and builder.

"I've told him that he's a hell of a lot better carpenter than he was a president," Ron says with a laugh.

Volunteer work is nothing new for Ron Bishop. He has long been involved in his church as well as his UMaine fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha (of which his father was also a member). In the 1980s he joined the board of the UMaine Alumni Association, including serving a term as chair. He also served on the university's President's Council in the early 1990s.

Ron's roots in Maine and the university run deep. He grew up poor in Bowdoinham in the 1930s and 40s. But while there was little money, Ron received a great deal of encouragement to work hard and pursue an education.



Ron Bishop putting up walls for a Habitat for Humanity home in Guatemala.

After graduating from UMaine in 1953, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He discovered he liked the service and gave some serious thought to making it a career. But with a growing family, the active military life seemed too disruptive. As a compromise he opted to leave active duty but stay in the Army Reserves.

Ron and his first wife returned to Maine where he took a job selling television ads.

"That was the hardest adjustment in my life," he remembers. "I went from being a company commander with 160 guys jumping at my every word to being a very bad ad salesman where nobody cared what I said."

At UMaine Ron had pursued agricultural studies. Now he realized he needed to take a different direction. He left the sales job and enrolled in Husson College to get a second degree in business.

Following graduation he tried selling again, but the results were just as disappointing.

"I worked my butt off, but I just wasn't a

salesman," he says. "I remember coming home one night with a commission check for \$37.50. I had to explain to my wife that this is what we had to live on for the next several weeks. She just looked at me and said, 'Seems like a guy with two college degrees ought to be able to get a decent job.'"

Then he ran into an old friend and UMaine fraternity brother who offered him a position as a salesman for National Life of Vermont.

"I told him I was the worst salesman he ever saw," Ron remembers. "But he was persistent. He said to think it over. I did and I decided to give it a try."

At first he struggled. But he kept saying to himself, "This can be done."

His positive attitude paid off. Things started to click and he received a big break when he was asked to become a general agent for the company. As a manager he was back in his element and he soon became a member of the "Million Dollar Roundtable." Life was

good.

Ron stayed with National Life of Vermont for 30 years, retiring as vice president and chief marketing officer in 1989. The early retirement package was a lucrative one—he didn't have to work, but at 58 he still felt the desire to pursue his career.

But because of his age and high salary history, Ron found the job market a bit unfriendly. Just as he was about to give up, a great opportunity fell into his lap. He became a consultant with Life Underwriter Training Council, opening up foreign countries for new training programs.

"It was an opportunity of a lifetime," he says. "Lorna and I had the opportunity to see the world."

Ron left the job in 1994 and in 1995 fulfilled his plan of retiring to North Carolina. But as far as golf goes, he's very happy he made the decision to give it up.

"One day I was working late on a Habitat house and after I cleaned up and pulled out, I realized I was driving in the wrong direction. When I turned around and saw the house we were working on in front of me, I said to myself 'This is much better than trying to break 100 at golf.'"

Weddings

1966

Gary R. Vincent to Katherine M. Hymel in New Orleans. They enjoyed a Hawaiian honeymoon cruising the islands and visiting friends. They reside in Jefferson, Louisiana, a suburb of New Orleans.

1991

Peg Campbell to Andrew Gallinaro in Manchester, New Hampshire. They honeymooned in the White Mountains and live in Manchester.

1992

Scott Thomas Reed to Laurie Lynn Giasson on September 28, 2002, in Rumford, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Tortola, British Virgin Islands, and reside in Turner, Maine.

1993

Elisa Finer to Michael Levenbaum on November 3, 2002, in Canton, Massachusetts. After a trip to the Turks and Caicos Islands, the couple lives in Natick, Massachusetts.

1994

Elizabeth "Paddy" Tiedemann and William S. Keith on May 2, 2003, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After a trip to the Jersey shore and the Pocono Mountains, they reside in Philadelphia.

Jennifer Ruth Littlefield to Charles John Finn, Jr. on April 19, 2003, in Wells, Maine. They reside in Dover, New Hampshire, after a trip to St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands.

1996

Laura Drew to Steven Farraher on July 19, 2003, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. They live in South Boston, Massachusetts.

Nathan George '93 and Fidelina Cristina Tapia were married on August 9, 2003, at the Hammond Street Congregational Church in Bangor.

The story of how Nathan and Cristina met is an interesting one. It happened when Nathan was working as the production assistant for Winton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra. He was on tour with the group in Miami, when he and a few musicians in the band were out searching for a place to have dinner. They were looking over one place from the outside when a beautiful young woman appeared and handed Nathan a menu. Then his friend asked if he wanted to eat there.

"I immediately said, 'Yes!'" Nathan remembers. "It was Cristina who handed me the menu and I was swept off my feet the second I saw her, although she doesn't believe me! Not even now."



Nathan wanted to talk with her, but having only recently arrived from Nicaragua, she spoke no English. He got another waitress to translate for him and he asked if he could come back after work. Nathan then invited Cristina to the orchestra's concert the following night.

They didn't speak the same language—their communication came through dancing to a Duke Ellington ballad.

Nathan and Cristina now live in Michigan where Nathan works as the touring specialist for Michigan State University jazz studies.

1997

Ryan Schonfeld to Janine Pink on September 21, 2002, in Danbury, Connecticut. They took a wedding trip to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and live in Danbury.

1998

Adam Fisher to Nina Wickenheiser on July 5, 2003, in Hallowell, Maine. They took a wedding trip to the western Caribbean and reside in Farmingdale.

1999

Ann-Marie MacMaster to Nicholas G. Billings on July 19, 2003, in Madison, Maine. They took a trip to Rebooth Beach,

Delaware, and live in North Walpole, New Hampshire.

2000

Rebecca Bonney to Scott Stitham on May 10, 2003, in Poland Spring, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Mystic, Connecticut, and live in the Bangor area.

Jason Williams to Angela Fortin on June 21, 2003, in Augusta, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Ochorios, Jamaica, and live in Bangor.

2001

Cynthia J. Bromley to Sean J. Gallagher on August 17, 2002, in Bangor, Maine. They honeymooned in St. Martin and

reside in Odenton, Maryland.

Sara Tonzi to **Andrew Geissler** on April 6, 2003, in Austin, Texas. They spent their honeymoon in Mexico and live in Austin.

2002

Peter Swanberg to Jana Lynn Hatch on July 19, 2003, in Ellsworth, Maine. They honeymooned in Florida and reside in Yarmouth, Maine.

Recently Married?

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Deaths

1928

Erma Mae Stairs Foley, July 21, 2003, from Winterport, Maine, at 95.

1929

Richard Packard Gleason, July 6, 2002, from Bridgton, Maine, at 98.

Zelda Helene MacKenzie, May 23, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, at 96.

1930

Kathryn Belle Hutchinson Curtis, July 17, 2003, from Gorham, Maine, at 93.

Evelyn Virginia Cole Gay, May 21, 2003, from Dayton, Maine, at 94.

1932

Arthur Norman Forbush, May 6, 2003, from Marlboro, Massachusetts, at 93.

Marion Cunningham Harriman, July 20, 2003, from Bucksport, Maine, at 92.

1934

Waldon Houston Hastings, June 10, 2003, from Gladstone, Oregon, at 91.

Caroline Kessler Hyland, June 20, 2003, from Orono, Maine, at 100.

Howard H. Palmer, June 18, 2003, from West Hartford, Connecticut, at 92.

1935

John Weeks Black, November 24, 2002, from St. Johnsbury, Vermont, at 88.

Annie "Annie Mac" Estelle MacLellan Gipson, June 17, 2003, from Hallowell, Maine, at 90.

Charles Edgar Towle, May 10, 2003, from Shelburne, Vermont, at 90.

Edna "Eddie" Madeline Ross Wotton, November 5, 2002, from Owls Head, Maine, at 88.

1936

Willard Sumner Hatch, June 1, 2003, from Winchester, Massachusetts, at 89.

1937

Norman Davis Carlisle, June 20, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, at 88.

William Nelson Forman, May 22, 2003, from Fitchburg, Massachusetts, at 86.

Ralph Simon Palmer, July 21, 2003, from Tenants Harbor, Maine, at 89.

1938

Harold Havener McKeen, June 14, 2003, from Portland, Maine, at 87.

Josephine Mary Profita, June 8, 2003, of Bangor, Maine, and Hollywood, Florida, at 87.

Arnold "Arnie" Leolin Veague, May 26, 2003, from Bangor and Castine, Maine, and Cocoa Beach, Florida, at 87.

Josephine M. Profita Class of 1938

Longtime 1938 class correspondent Josephine M. Profita died on June 8 following a long illness. She was 87.

Jo was a devoted UMaine alumna who served for some seven years on the alumni association board. In 1981 she became the first woman to serve as the Association's chair. For her service she was presented with both the Block "M" Award and the Pine Tree Emblem Service Award.

Jo was a native of Bangor and a graduate of John Bapst High School. She worked as a newspaper reporter, a child welfare worker, and as an educator. But she is mostly remembered for her extensive volunteer work.

Jo retired to Hollywood, Florida, in 1983.



1939

Frederick "Freddie" Gillis Patterson, September 13, 2001, from Washington, D.C., at 84.

Mary Elizabeth "Cat" Henry Stevens, May 30, 2003, from Benson, Arizona, at 86.

Dorothea "Dave" Agnes Vail, June 5, 2003, from Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York, and Leonia, New Jersey, at 85.

1940

Emma Frances Orr Crocker, May 9, 2003, from Rockledge, Florida, at 84.

Philip Allen Hutchinson, July 8, 2003, from Annapolis, Maryland, and Englewood, Florida, at 87.

1941

Linwood McGuire Day, June 18, 2003, from Davis, California, at 85.

Harold Sidney Millay, June 16, 2003, from Augusta, Maine, at 84.

Kenneth Noble Robertson, April 5, 2003, from Fullerton, California, at 83.

1942

David Thaxter Dodge, June 8, 2003, from Falmouth, Maine, at 83.

Herbert Findlen, July 23, 2003, from Fort Fairfield, Maine, at 83.

James Alden Reed, Sr., May 1, 2003, from

Corning, New York, at 84.

James John Smith, June 26, 2003, from Brewer, Maine, at 85.

Beulah Theresa Lewis Wilson, April 26, 2003, from Sidney, New York, at 82.

1943

Rita "Casey" Marie Cassidy Adams, February 9, 2003, from Bellevue, Nebraska, at 82.

Frances Virginia Nelson Fink, May 26, 2003, from Scarborough, Maine, at 82.

John Nolan Powers, July 17, 2003, from Dover, Massachusetts, at 81.

Harry Elmer Tourtellotte, Jr., October 30, 2002, from Eldorado, Arkansas, at 85.

1944

Elizabeth "Bette" Crane Taylor Evans, June 14, 2003, from Branford, Connecticut, at 79.

James Curtis "Curt" McClellan, Jr., March 8, 2003, from Pinehurst, North Carolina, at 82.

George Henry Millay, June 26, 2003, from Bowdoin, Maine, at 79.

1945

Neal Richard Knudsen, October 31, 2002, from Falmouth, Maine, at 80.

1946

Everett Lincoln Spear II, March 31, 2003, from Rockland, Maine, at 79.

Deaths

1947

Margaret "Peg" French Spaulding Brooks, July 11, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, at 78.

Dorothy "Dottie" Viola Salo Chapman, April 15, 2003, from Melbourne, Florida, at 77.

Mary Louise Burpee Crabtree, May 22, 2003, from Ellsworth and Lamoine, Maine, at 78.

1948

Patricia Rose Costello, June 30, 2003, from Arlington, Virginia, at 76.

Foster Jacobs, July 24, 2003, from Gorham, Maine, at 77.

Wayne Oliver Stacy, July 21, 2003, from Westbrook, Maine, at 79.

1949

Aaron Norman Nelson, Jr., June 6, 2003, from Brunswick, Maine, at 75.

William Adams Newdick, May 8, 2003, from Sarasota, Florida, at 78.

Arno "Shep" Haskell Shepardson, July 7, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, at 78.

1950

Frank Waldo Foss, June 23, 2003, from Scarborough, Maine, at 74.

Anna Harden Lurvey Joy, May 18, 2003, from Orrington, Maine, at 78.

Raymond Francis Keough, June 2003, from Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, at 77.

James Carlton Wentworth, May 10, 2003, from China, Maine, at 80.

1951

Ellwood Lee Bragdon, June 7, 2003, from Graham, Washington, at 85.

Charles Eugene Butler, June 11, 2003, from Anderson, South Carolina, at 80.

Thomas Augustus Lynch, Jr., June 14, 2003, from Bangor, Maine.

Marjorie M. Merchant, May 4, 2003, from Hadley, Massachusetts, at 76.

John Eldon Shirley, April 1, 2003, from Thailand, at 75.

Natalie Eleanor Tarr, April 12, 2003, from Oak Ridge, Tennessee, at 74.

1952

Allen Everett Gross, June 12, 2003, from Prospect, Maine, and Brooksville, Florida, at 74.

John Joseph Harvey, July 2, 2003, from Saco, Maine, at 75.

Bernard Alexander "Mac" MacKenzie, June 7, 2003, from Old Town, Maine, at 89.

1953

Kenneth Russell "Carl" Peschel, July 11, 2003, from York, Maine, at 79.



Margaret Spaulding Brooks '47 died at her Bangor home on July 11. Margaret, who belonged to Chi Omega sorority and All Maine Women, was a past vice president of Senior Alumni. For her outstanding service to her class and the university, she was awarded the Block "M" Award in 2002.

1954

Carroll Fred Cyr, July 2, 2003, from Westfield, Massachusetts, at 70.

1955

James Nolan Alley, June 28, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, at 75.

1956

Cynthia Ann Jenness Beattie, May 15, 2003, from Brunswick, Maine, at 69.

1958

Frank Peter Bostrom, Jr., July 20, 2003, from San Juan Island, Washington, at 86.

Gilbert "Gib" Sheridan Strout, June 28, 2003, from Warren, Maine, at 77.

1959

David Leighton Burnell, June 22, 2003, from New Harbor, Maine, at 76.

Robert Ward Gardiner, June 17, 2003, from Old Saybrook, Connecticut, at 65.

Doris "Dot" Preble Marr McSorley, June 28, 2003, from Fort Myers, Florida, at 90.

Herbert Marcus Page, Jr., October 31, 2002, from Leesburg, Florida, and Lewiston, Maine, at 72.

Martha Jean McKie Thomson, February 9, 1987, from Menlo Park, California, at 49.

Warren MacLean Whitney, July 18, 2003, from Gray, Maine, at 70.

1960

Richard Douglas Lockhart, May 25, 2003, from Lamoine, Maine, at 70.

1961

Angeline Minerva Craft Colpitts, May 19, 2003, from Fort Myers, Florida, at 93.

1962

Henry "Hank" Emmanuel Olson, Jr., May 25, 2003, from Trenton, Maine, at 62.

1964

Irene Tupper Ingerson, June 3, 2003, from East Millinocket, Maine, at 90.

Ann Hctor Mullen, May 21, 2003, from Old Orchard Beach, Maine, at 88.

Sanford Eugene Reynolds, Jr., July 11, 2003, from Deep River, Connecticut, at 61.

1965

Robert Edmund Cunningham, June 4, 2003, from Waterville, Maine, at 61.

Thomas Richard White, July 5, 2003, from Levant, Maine, and New Mexico at 59.

1966

Alice Harris Hopkins, May 15, 2003, from Corinna and Palmyra, Maine, at 85.

Judith Ann Rice Riley, May 14, 2003, from Westbrook, Maine, at 59.

1967

Jacqueline Ann Plummer, May 27, 2003, from Bath, Maine, at 74.

1968

Madelyn Daggett Grass, June 12, 2003, from Waterville, Maine, at 91.

Robert Williams Randall, July 11, 2003, from Durham, New Hampshire, at 57.

1969

Ann Spencer Law, June 19, 2003, from Brooksville, Maine, at 84.

Charlotte Rowe Wilson, May 18, 2003, from Dixmont, Maine, at 82.

1970

Lawrie Evans Eaton, June 10, 2003, from Los Alamos, New Mexico, at 54.

Joyce Carlson Marsano, June 26, 2003, from Portland, Maine, at 72.

Diane James Orr, June 8, 2003, from Northeast Harbor, Maine, at 55.

1971

Grace Griffith Weymouth, July 22, 2003, from St. Albans and Pittsfield, Maine, at 94.

1972

Corey George Solman, June 6, 2003, from Caribou, Maine, at 55.

Dominick "Nick" Frank Susi II, June 16, 2003, from Portland, Maine, at 53.

1973

Edward Alan Chaisson, June 6, 2003, from Brewer, Maine, at 51.

Robert Leroy Hussey, July 4, 2003, from Shenandoah, Virginia, at 52.

1975

Beverly Hope Jensen, July 13, 2003, from Westbrook, Maine, at 49.

Kathleen McCormick, July 1, 2003, from Pleasant Valley, California, at 50.

Larry Jay Murinson, May 17, 2003, from Gray, Maine, at 51.

1977

Jeffrey Vincent Peet, January 6, 2003, from Hampden, Maine, at 47.

1990

Terrance Arthur Antworth, June 6, 2003, from Houlton, Maine, and Quincy, Massachusetts, at 39.

1996

Ryan Dana Wright, July 17, 2003, from Houlton, Maine, at 29.



Dominick F. Susi II '72 receiving the alumni association's Block "M" Award in 1995. Nick died unexpectedly on June 16 in Portland. He was an outstanding basketball player at the University of Maine, serving as captain in his junior and senior years.

Nick was a funeral service professional who owned the Baillargeon Funeral Home in Old Town from 1977 to 1991 when he moved to Portland. He was an active member and former president of the "M" Club. He is survived by his wife, Martha Connors Susi '73.

Remembering UMaine Professor Elizabeth Taylor Evans '44

A Daughter's Tribute

By Cornelia Evans '82

The time is 1948, the place, a crowded lecture hall at the University of Maine filled with young men only recently returned from the bloodiest of wars. These veterans in their twenties and thirties are eager to realize the American dream for which they fought so long and hard: building the future. With skills in finance, business law, and accounting, they will help create a new paradigm of power—one with an economic base.

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Bette Evans hadn't planned on teaching when she graduated from the University of Maine in 1944. As one of the first women to graduate from the university with a degree in business administration, she was on a fast track within Price Waterhouse, one of the world's largest accounting firms. She'd been one of only a handful of applicants chosen by the company to work in New York City with some of the firm's largest clients. At 21, she



Elizabeth Taylor Evans '44 (1923-2003)

was a trailblazer, living the life of a young professional woman.

She stayed on that track until 1947, when her mentor at Maine, Professor Haim Kershon, contacted her. It seemed scores of vets were going to college, and he didn't have enough professors to fill the demand for business courses. Dr. Kershon turned to one of his best students for help.

My mother stepped off the corporate ladder and walked back into the classroom. Why? Because her alma mater needed her, her professor needed her, and these young veterans needed her. Once she took that step, she realized it was the right one. Teaching fulfilled her in ways she would otherwise never have discovered.

Throughout her life, Bette Evans defied convention through choices borne of ability and necessity. She paved the way for other women after her—both in the office and in the classroom. And she was, throughout her life, the best of role models, because she led by example.

Now that she is gone, I wonder where her courses may have led those students. What choices did they make with the skills she taught them? Did her example compel them to reconsider their expectations of women in the new workforce they were about to enter? From all that I know about my mother, I am sure that she challenged them just as she challenged me: never to underestimate anyone's potential for excellence—especially one's own.



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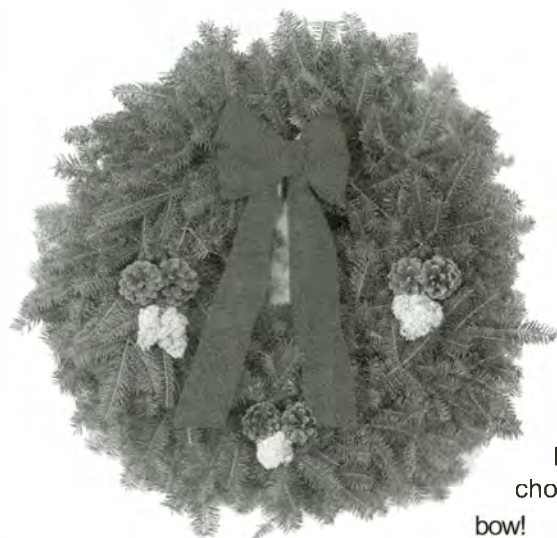
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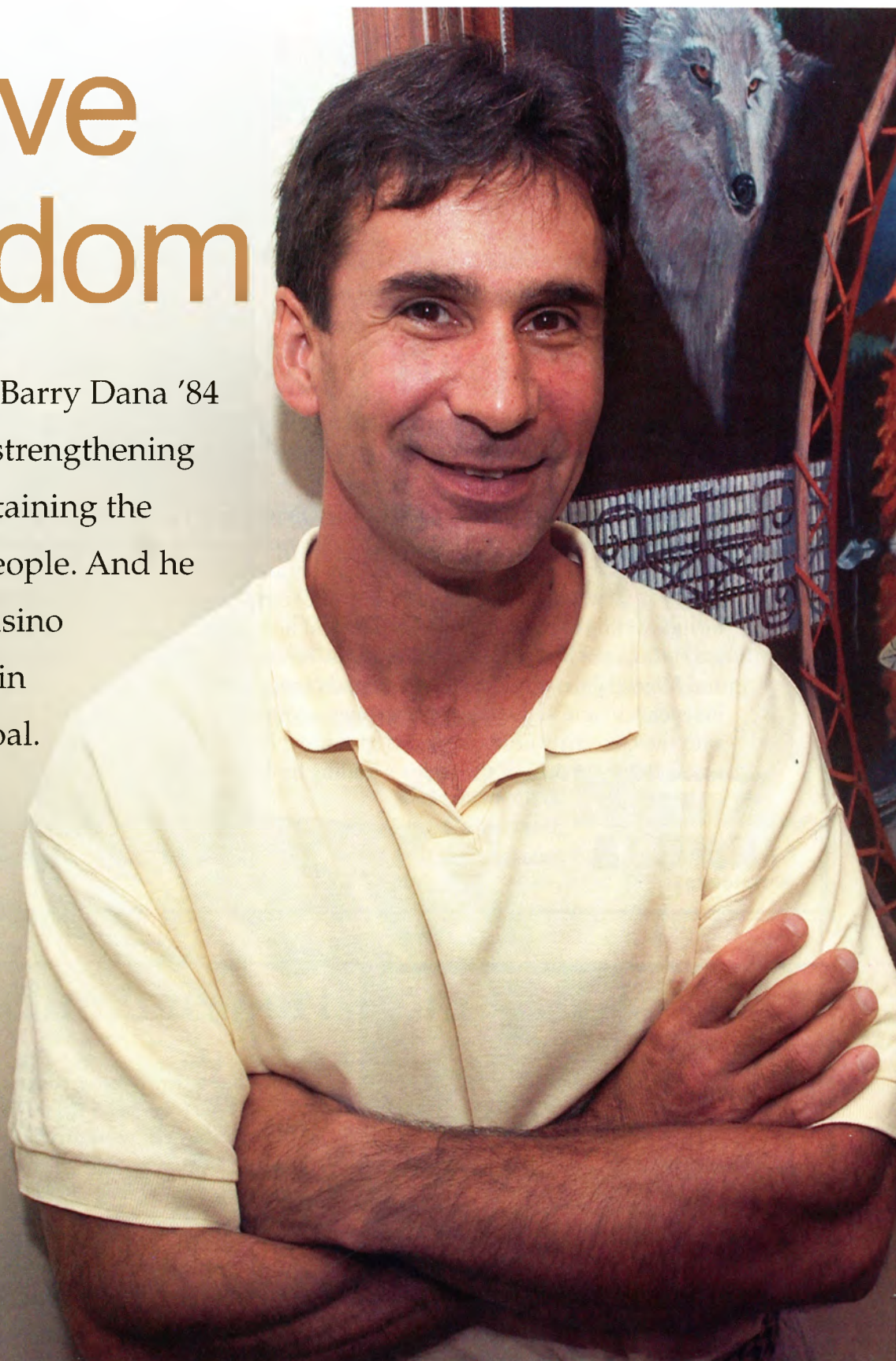
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Native Wisdom

Penobscot Chief Barry Dana '84 is committed to strengthening his tribe and sustaining the heritage of his people. And he thinks a resort casino would help him in achieving that goal.

*By Dick Broom and
Jim Frick*

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To some it might seem like Penobscot Nation Chief Barry Dana '84 is an advocate for two contrasting lifestyles. Dana, a man very much in touch with his own roots, devotes a good part of his life to fostering an appreciation of Native American culture—things such as tracking, tanning, quiltwork, basket and drum making, and learning the native language. It stems from his own personal pride in his heritage, as well as his strong connection to the natural world and the development of what he terms “Native wisdom.”

On the other hand, Dana is also the most visible and persuasive proponent for bringing one of the symbols of contemporary American life, a resort casino, to Southern Maine. The approval of the casino, which would be owned by the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes, hinges on a statewide referendum vote on November 4.

Dana understands how some might see a gambling resort as being in stark contrast with his ultimate vision for his people, but he maintains that a casino is the very thing that will enable Native Americans to make stronger ties back to their culture.

“Many of the aspects of modern, technologically advanced America do stand in stark contrast to the things I personally seek, in going back to my roots,” he explains. “But the reality of life at the reservation is that we have to blend tying back to our roots with adapting to contemporary ways. We have to be much like all my ancestors have always been—very adaptable.”

The thing that works most against keeping Native people together and maintaining their culture, Dana explains, is lack of money.

“You can’t maintain your culture if you don’t have your people together,” he says. “People leave because they have to find jobs. Having the casino in Southern Maine means money will come here, and we will be able to bring more Native American people home—it strengthens us. The money will also allow us to develop our cultural programs. We will be able to pay tribal mentors to create jobs right on the reservation with people teaching all aspects of our culture.

“So yes, in some ways it is a contrast. But it’s also a key to enabling us to strengthen our native culture.”

The proposed casino would likely be built in the town of Sanford. While the tribes would own the casino, it would be run by a company with experience in operating casinos in other parts of the country. The tribes would receive a percentage of the profits, which Dana says would give them economic independence.

“Who wouldn’t want to have that?” he asks. “Casinos have turned impoverished Indian reservations into places with good, sound homes and good, sound jobs.... They have money, houses, good clinics, nice roads—the kinds of things most people take for granted. I want that for my tribe.”

Barry Dana stands in front of his painting in the Penobscot Tribal Court.

But Dana and other casino proponents face some formidable resistance to their proposal, including opposition from current Maine governor, John Baldacci '86 and the man he followed into the office, Angus King.

Casino opponents cite studies showing that casinos foster crime, gambling addiction, bankruptcies, and related social problems. They warn of traffic congestion and unwanted sprawl. They raise the question of whether a casino is compatible with Maine's image as a place where outdoor activities in a pristine environment are a huge attraction. And finally, they question whether the amount of money that a casino would put into the state's coffers would be worth all of the negative impacts they foresee—especially since a good part of the gambling revenue is likely to come from people who can least afford to lose it.

Casino supporters on the other hand, have studies showing that well-planned, well-run casinos are more boon than bane. They say casinos create jobs, boost the economy, raise the local standard of living, and would bring upwards of \$100 million a year into the state coffers. And as for the potential for increased crime, they point to a 2000 study by the U.S. General Accounting Office which found no links between casinos and either crime or bankruptcies. Dana says that serious crime has actually gone down in most places that have Indian-owned casinos, "especially in areas where poverty was causing the crime."

In 2000, when the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes began talking about the possibility of building a casino, Barry Dana, as the newly elected Penobscot chief was, himself, skeptical of the idea. In typical fashion he insisted on studying the subject. He set about learning all he could about casinos and their impacts on society and the economy. In the end he became convinced and agreed to champion the idea.

"I said that if we do this, I want to do it the right way, 100 percent honorable," he recalls.

The tribes estimate that their annual

share of the profits would total between \$50 million and \$100 million. While that would be a major revenue source for Maine's Native Americans, Dana insists his tribe will survive with or without a resort casino.

"If we get the casino, I think it's going to be great for the tribes and the state," Dana says. "But it's not going to make or break us. If we don't get it, we will go on. We have other irons in the fire." The "iron" he is most excited about is a plan to turn an empty factory building on Indian Island into a small business incubator for self-employed Penobscots, primarily craftspeople and artists. This summer the tribe received a \$119,000 grant from the

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U.S. Department of Agriculture to help make it happen.

"The idea is to have people like canoe builders, wood carvers, basket makers, moccasin makers, people who do beadwork, and two-dimensional artists in there," he says. "The tribe will charge them very little rent, and they will share services such as phones, computers, and marketing. It will be a place where people can come and see the artisans working."

The incubator building's first tenant will be a tribal-owned company that is being created to make traditional birch bark canoes. Dana sees it as the beginning of what he hopes will evolve into a major cultural preservation center where Penobscots can practice, preserve, and teach all of their traditional crafts and skills.

"You lose the culture when people have to go out and find jobs in stores or factories," he says. "But if you can get paid to build a canoe, for example, you're both providing for your family and preserving a traditional skill. There are a lot of things

like this we could be doing, from making snowshoes to running guide services."

He points out that, at one time, nearly all of the professional guides in Maine were Native people.

"When Thoreau came to Maine, he didn't pick up a white guide. He came straight to Indian Island and got the best there was, a Penobscot."

While developing the small business incubator, the tribe also is studying the feasibility of making money from wind power. Wind monitors have been installed on tribe-owned mountains in Western Maine. If they show that the wind there blows consistently hard enough, the tribe might consider leasing the land to a company that would use windmills to generate electricity.

A bottled water enterprise is another possibility. The tribe is looking into bottling and selling water from aquifers on land it owns in the Carrabassett Valley region in Western Maine.

And just recently, working with Maine's congressional delegation, the Penobscot tribe is looking into using Indian Island as a distribution point for lower cost prescription drugs for

Maine people.

Barry Dana understands first hand how important heritage and economic independence are to his tribe. He was born and raised on Indian Island, in a one-room house by the Penobscot River. It was he says, "a rough, tough life, with no running water and where the main mode of transportation was by foot."

He went to Old Town High School, where he won All-State football honors as a tailback, even though he took exception to the school's use of the name "Indians." But as he said in a recent *Down East* magazine profile, he never became militant in his opposition to the use of such stereotypes.

He then became the first person in his family to go to college.

"I went all the way down to Orono," he says with a grin. "It was only three miles, but it was a world away for me. Leaving the reservation was hard. It's such a close-knit community, and breaking that umbilical cord is scary."

At the time there was no full-scale cam-

pus organization for Native American students. But Dana often visited Ted Mitchell '43, '73G, who later became the director of the Wabanaki Center.

"He was my grounding," Dana says. "I found I needed to talk to a tribal person once in a while, and Ted was that person."

Later Dana and his friend George Mitchell, Jr. '82 cofounded a Native Americans at Maine club.

"There were only about 100 Native American students at the university at that time," he says. "This gave us a chance to share experiences, and enjoy activities together like camping trips. With such a small number of Native Americans, it didn't matter what tribe you came from—there was an instant connection."

Dana earned a two-year associate degree in forestry, then switched his major to education. He played tailback for the Black Bears for two years and was a standout member of the track team. In 1985, he accepted a newly created teaching position at the Indian Island Elementary School.

"They wanted a full-time person to teach all aspects of Native culture to kids in kindergarten through eighth grade," he says. "I couldn't jump on that fast enough!"

Dana taught for 14 years, then started his own business called Native Studies. He contracted with the Indian Island Elementary and other schools around the state to teach Native skills to groups of children at his camp in Western Maine. There is only so much that kids can learn about Native culture in a classroom, he says.

"To really feel the culture, as well as learn it, you have to get your subconscious as revved up as your conscious mind, and you need to be in the woods to do that. For example, if you learn to make a shelter out of natural materials and wake up the next morning in that shelter—especially if it rained during the night—you're pretty proud of yourself. You can't buy that feeling."

He taught kids at his camp skills such as tracking, making fires and cooking, identifying edible and medicinal plants, and mak-



ing birch bark baskets. They had fun paddling canoes, and they learned to speak at least a few words in the Penobscot language. Although his job as chief now consumes most of his time, Dana still conducts a few camps each year for children at the Indian Island school.

About one-quarter of Maine's 2,000 Penobscots live on Indian Island. The rest are scattered around the state. Dana, his wife, Lori Nelson Dana '87, '95G, and their nine-year-old daughter, Sikwani, live in a log house on 10 acres in Solon, about 75 miles west of Indian Island. Dana's daughter, Maulian, one of four children from a previous marriage, is a sophomore at UMaine.

Dana does much of his tribal work from home, but he usually commutes to the chief's office on the reservation at least twice a week. When he isn't working on tribal business—which typically consumes much more than 40 hours a week—he tends his large garden, takes care of his sled dogs, produces maple syrup from trees on his property, and makes birch bark baskets

and canoes for sale.

"I continue making them because, if I don't, I feel that I'm turning my back on something that is critical to the preservation of the culture," he says. "And no position here, whether it's chief or anything else, should turn its back on its culture. So I force myself to make time to do it, and when I do, I love it. I love making baskets, and I *really* love making canoes."

Dana enjoys hunting moose and spending quiet time in the woods collecting bark and roots for his baskets. To stay in shape, he works out on exercise equipment in his living room and runs as often as he can. He and Lori are also champion canoeists. Last summer they beat several all-male teams to win both a one-mile race and an eight-mile race in a national whitewater canoe competition.

In 1981, just before the start of his senior year at UMaine, Dana paid homage to the ancient Penobscot tradition of making

long-distance treks to Mt. Katahdin. He ran the 100 miles from Indian Island to the mountain, running mostly through the woods and along river banks. When he returned home and told others about the experience, several people said they wanted to do it with him. Thus began a new tradition, the Katahdin 100.

Every year on Labor Day, 100 or more people run, walk, or paddle all or part of the way to the mountain. Dana now paddles more than half of the way and runs the rest. Those who participate describe themselves as "spirit athletes."

"Katahdin is very much a focal point of Penobscot history and culture, an important part of the way of life the tribe has maintained for more than 10,000 years," he says. "Katahdin has always been seen as a place to go in times of need. If you want to find answers, you go there and meditate, and what was once confusing becomes clear. Going to the mountain is a spiritual journey; it rekindles the traditional Penobscot spirit."

A Voice for Justice in Haiti

Neither the tragic assassination of her husband nor attempts on her own life have lessened the commitment of 1968 alumna Michele Montas to help bring justice and press freedom to her homeland.

There had always been threatening letters and phone calls—it came with the territory. Broadcast journalist Michele Montas '68 was well aware of the risk of being an independent radio voice in Haiti—a voice trying to communicate honest, objective information to fellow citizens.

But political changes in Haiti since the mid-1990s had eased tensions, at least somewhat. And on the morning of April 3, 2000, as Montas approached Radio Haiti International to co-host the seven a.m. news program with her husband Jean Dominique, she didn't sense that their lives were in any particular danger.

The shock of what she was about to see would make her realize she could not have been more wrong.

Just minutes before Montas' arrival, at shortly after six a.m., Dominique had arrived in a separate car and parked in the station's courtyard. As he was about to go into the building, a gunman suddenly entered the compound and shot him seven times. The assailant then proceeded to shoot Dominique's security guard, Jean-Claude



By Jim Frick
 Photographs by
 Sasha Boak

Louissant and escape from the compound.

When Montas entered the compound, she found her husband and Louissant lying on the ground. They were rushed to the hospital, but both soon died from their wounds.

Montas was devastated by her loss. Haitians everywhere were stunned and angered.

Jean Dominique was no ordinary radio personality. In a country where radio is the most popular medium, he was Haiti's most pre-eminent and well-respected political journalist—by the common people, not the government or the powerful elite.

It was, in fact, Dominique's speaking out for the people and against government corruption and injustice that made him so popular. Sadly, it was also the reason he was killed.

"Of course Jean being an independent voice was a problem for a number of sectors in our country," Montas says. "Certainly the powerful and wealthy. Our station was a critical voice for the country. We spoke out on corruption, freedom of the press, a number of issues which made the

elite uncomfortable."

Michele Montas shared her husband's strong commitment to provide an independent voice for her country. And while she mourned her beloved Jean's passing, she knew exactly what he would have wanted her to do.

So on May 3, one month after Dominique's assassination, she boldly reopened Radio Haiti International. Her first words were an emotional, "Bonjour, Jean,"—the familiar greeting which began each broadcast of their popular news program.

Montas believes it would have diminished all that Dominique had worked for if she and the others at the station had given up—especially right before an important election.

"It was essential to the country," she said in an interview at the time. "I'm convinced that my husband's assassins wanted to block the whole electoral process and discourage people from going to the polls."

In the face of numerous threats, Radio Haiti managed to remain open for two and one half more years—until another deadly event caused a more extended shutdown.

It was Christmas day 2002. Michele Montas had just arrived home when she heard shots outside her house. Two men attempted to enter the property, killing one of Montas' body guards. Fortunately another guard secured the gate, forcing the assailants to flee and foiling the assassination attempt on Montas.

Even after this close call, Montas tried to keep Radio Haiti on the air. But the threats against her and her staff mounted and in February 2003 she decided the risk was just too great.

"As the staff received more and more threats, I realized I just couldn't assume the responsibility of having any more people killed," she explained. "I'm pretty sure the people who had my husband killed are the ones who took out a contract on my head. As far as I know, that contract still exists."

Fearing there was no safe haven in her native land, Montas has gone into exile in New York. While there she continues to



"You have a situation in Haiti where if you commit a crime, you are not punished for it. Unfortunately it says a lot about the state of my country that the one voice of democracy, Radio Haiti, was forced to close."

seek justice for her husband's murder—something that has turned out to be a frustrating pursuit.

The Jean Dominique investigation has lasted more than three years. Five people involved in the case have died, including one who was lynched outside a police station. Another has disappeared. Of the six people arrested in the case, three were recently released.

And one of the judges, who Montas feels was doing a fair and thorough job, was forced into exile in Miami.

"It's obvious that there was some very strong complicity within the power structure of Haiti," Montas noted, "which means this investigation was never really

going anywhere. We have kept the whole thing alive."

Following one of the hearings, when the court indicted only the six hired guns who killed her husband, and implicated none of the people who hired them, Montas refused to accept the findings.

"I stopped it because I do not want the case to proceed on such a flawed premise," she said.

She is encouraged that an appellate court agreed with her and determined that the investigation had to go further.

Despite Haiti's long history of turmoil, Michele Montas does have happy memories of her childhood. She was the daughter of university professors who had a comfortable lifestyle in Haiti's capital city of Port-au-Prince.

But as she approached graduation from high school, the harsh realities of Haitian political violence touched very close to home. An aunt and five of her cousins were killed during the regime of the notorious dictator "Papa Doc" Duvalier. This, and other incidents, stirred Montas' political/social awareness and caused her to look to a career in journalism as a way of making a difference.

The unlikely scenario of this bright young Haitian woman studying journalism at the University of Maine in the 1960s came about because of Montas' father's connections—he was friends with UMaine's dean of agriculture. The difficulties of Montas being so far from home, in such a different climate and culture, were lessened by the fact that her brother had entered the university the year before. She thinks UMaine turned out to be a very good choice.

"It was a tremendous experience," she says. "Right before I came to Maine I had been through a very difficult time in Haiti, with the killing of my aunt and my cousins. Most of my family was in hiding. Being able to be in Orono, at the university, and with my brother meant a great deal to me. I loved the campus. It was green, it was safe, and I was received very warmly."

Montas had no problem making friends and was even selected as UMaine home-

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coming queen.

Following her graduation in 1968, Montas entered the highly respected graduate program in journalism at Columbia University.

Two years after Columbia she returned to Haiti, determined to make a difference as a journalist. It was about this time that "Papa Doc" Duvalier was transferring power to his son Jean-Claude.

"There was some hope that things would change under Jean-Claude," Montas remembers. "When I first started working for the newspapers in Haiti it was difficult, because we still didn't have a free press. But there was a sense that things had to open up—especially during the era of human rights under Jimmy Carter."

Then she met Jean Dominique—a meeting that would change her life. He had purchased Radio Haiti International in the early 1970s and was already well established as a groundbreaking journalist.

She joined him at the radio station and together they pushed the limits of broadcast freedom in Haiti.

"We were breaking ground—getting into investigative reporting, which was unthinkable in Haiti at that time. We also put out the news in Creole, which hadn't been done in Haiti. In a Creole-speaking country, all the news was broadcast in French. So we got information to the common people—we gave them a voice. We gave them insight and some hope. Only radio could do that in Haiti."

Of course, giving the common people insight and hope made a lot of powerful Haitians uncomfortable. By 1980, the Duvalier regime forcibly closed the radio station. A contract was put out on Jean Dominique's life. Montas was arrested and exiled to Miami.

To avoid arrest and probable death, Dominique sought refuge in the Venezu-



Michele Montas accepting a 2002 Maria Moors Cabot Prize from Columbia University's graduate school of journalism. The Cabot Prizes are presented for outstanding coverage of The Americas. Her award noted that, "She is making a seminal contribution to establishing a tradition of professional journalism in a country where violence, politics, and poverty have impeded its growth. Montas-Dominique has produced an impressive body of work of unusual quality for radio journalism...."

elan embassy.

Working with human rights lawyers, Montas was able to get her husband out of Haiti, and they were eventually reunited in New York.

In 1986, the Duvalier dictatorship fell and Montas and her husband returned to Haiti to reopen the station—a difficult task considering the station had been trashed and all the broadcast equipment destroyed.

"Still, it was an exciting time," Montas

remembers. "We could see change coming. Things were moving toward an election that would lead us to a presidency of Jean-Bertrand Aristide."

For Montas and other Haitians, Aristide, a former priest, was a symbol of hope for the poor.

"A country that had suffered under two centuries of military rule, now had a constitution," Montas says.

But just seven months after Aristide was elected in 1990, he was ousted from office.

Montas and Dominique were once again determined to keep Radio Haiti open. But again the risk became too great. There were persistent threats. At one point it moved beyond threats—the military actually came and shot at their house.

Yet again the couple found themselves in exile in the United States. This time until 1994 when President Clinton sent the U.S. military to reinstate Haiti's constitutional government.

Once again Montas felt there was some hope for her homeland. But once again that hope was short lived.

"We thought the team coming into the constitutional government could pull it off," she says. "But there were conditions surrounding reconciliation. We stressed that there must be reconciliation with justice, but it

didn't work out that way."

It's a sad irony that Jean Dominique survived the brutal dictatorships of the Duvaliers and others, only to be killed in 2000 during the administration of Rene Preval of Aristide's Lavalasse Party.

According to Montas, her husband's death resulted from the fact that Haiti's powerful elite still exert much control of the country.

"No, there is no longer a formal mili-

tary dictatorship," she explains. "But what you have now are armed street gangs and thugs who are paid and take orders from higher-ups in the government."

And although she applauds the U.S. for its 1994 attempt to return democracy to Haiti, she believes its commitment to her homeland was too short-lived.

"I guess we were the first experiment in nation building," she says. "But it wasn't really nation building. There was no long-term commitment. Yes, you can go in and remove a bad government, but then what? You have to build a police force, a court system, an economy. You can see the same mistakes being made all over the world."

Montas' ultimate goal is to return to Haiti. But until that becomes a realistic possibility she will stay in the United States and continue to pursue justice for her husband's murder.

"There is still a contract on my head," she says. "And the journalists at Radio Haiti do not feel they can function in the current situation. I wish I were more hopeful. But you have a situation in Haiti where if you commit a crime you are not punished for it. Unfortunately it says a lot about the state of my country that the one voice of democracy, Radio Haiti, was forced to close."

Montas does take some solace in the fact that the memory of her husband still provides inspiration to the Haitian people. Just last April, on the third anniversary of Dominique's assassination, the other radio stations in Haiti stopped broadcasting the news for the day and newspapers came out with a special tribute edition.

While in the U.S. she has also helped with a documentary of Jean Dominique's life by award-winning filmmaker Jonathan Demme. The film, *The Agronomist*, was released this past summer.

"His death had an impact on so many people's lives," she says. "He was a symbol of justice for people. Sadly what has happened to him and me has diminished hope in Haiti. For a very long time our radio station was the one symbol of that hope."

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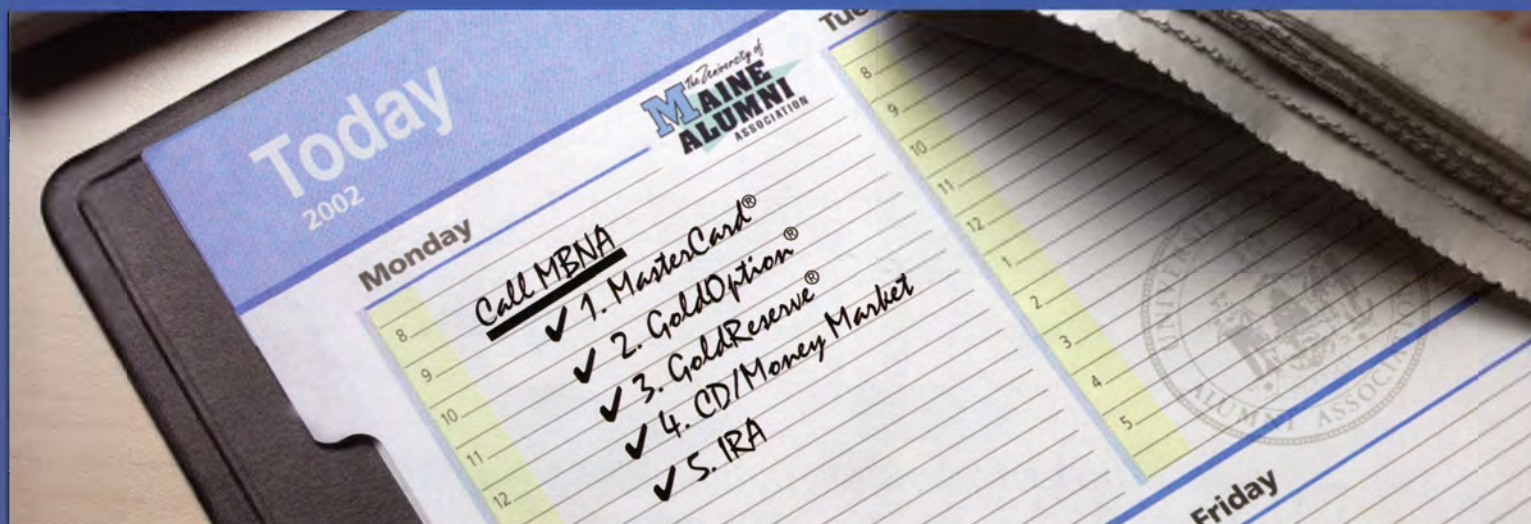
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