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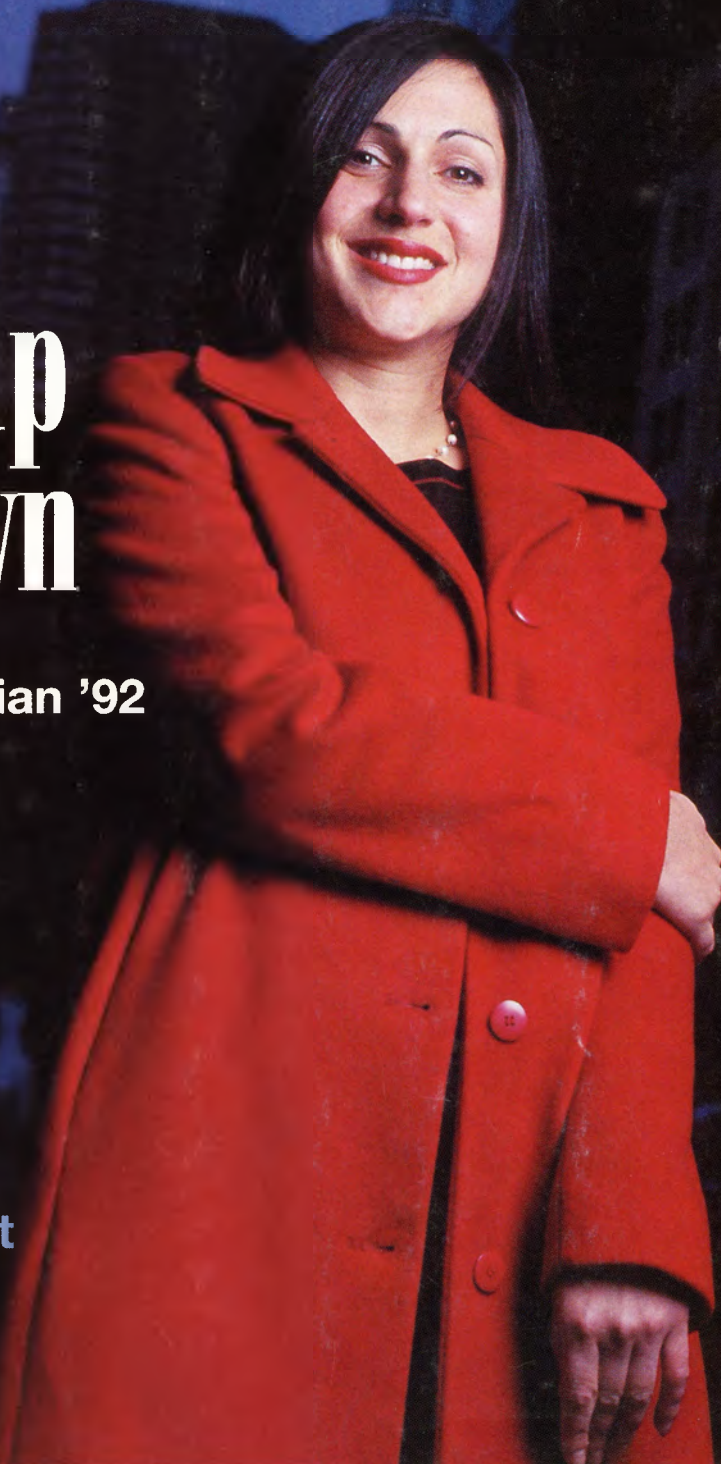
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Bracing for Budget Cuts

\$hock and surprise were felt around the UMaine campus in early December when President Peter Hoff announced to faculty and staff that Governor John Baldacci '86 was proposing a \$13 million cut to the University of Maine System. The Orono campus might have had to bear as much as \$6.5 million of the burden—an especially difficult situation considering only half the fiscal year remains.

The cuts are being called for to help cover a \$108.5 million deficit in the state's budget.

On January 6, the governor's office reduced the original size of the cut to the UMaine System to \$7 million. But even that size cut would be very difficult for the UMaine System to absorb and chancellor Joseph Westphal was working hard for a resolution that protects the quality, access, and affordability of our universities.

"The budget proposal compounds a problem that the trustees, presidents, and I have been wrestling with for months—an anticipated \$13 million increase in operating costs due to higher health care premiums and a modest increase in employee compensation," Westphal said.

At the UMaine campus president Peter Hoff asked for an immediate freeze on all but essential hiring and also asked faculty and staff to curtail expenses and postpone equipment purchases wherever possible.



State Senator Mary Cathcart with her new Black Bear license plate. Cathcart was the sponsor of the Black Bear plate legislation in the Maine Senate. (Photo by Kathy Rice '83.)

New Black Bear License Plate Hits the Highways

The much anticipated Black Bear license plate is now adorning motor vehicles around the state of Maine. The new plate went on sale November 1 and is currently available at town offices as well as motor vehicle offices.

The plate features the word "Maine" in blue lettering at the top with "The University of Maine" at the bottom. On the left side of the plate is the full color Black Bear athletic logo. There is an extra \$20 fee for the UMaine specialty plate (\$15 for renewal). Ten dollars of the fee is tax deductible and will go to support the Maine Black Bear Scholarship Fund.

Peter Hoff Will Stay at UMaine

After his selection as a finalist for the presidency of the University of Texas at Arlington, UMaine president Peter Hoff withdrew his name from consideration before a final choice for the position was made.

"I'm very honored to have received such a positive response from the board of regents and others involved with UT-Arlington," Hoff said. "After careful consideration I have

concluded that the state of Texas is not ready to commit the resources necessary to allow that university to advance in the way its proponents envision. I am very pleased to be continuing the work we are doing at UMaine."

Hoff has served as UMaine's president since August 1997, a six and one-half-year tenure—the longest for a UMaine president in 38 years.

Catch Black Bear Sports on the Web

In what is thought to be a first in the nation, WABI in Bangor has begun "webcasts" of UMaine sports events on the Internet. Since mid-September the station has broadcast four Black Bear football games and several hockey games.

The games that are broadcast can be viewed either live or archived by logging on to: watchmainesports.com. The cost is \$14.95 for each webcast.

WABI is hoping the Internet option will be especially popular with Black Bear fans in areas such as Presque Isle and Portland where UMaine games are not carried. It also expects to attract UMaine alumni from outside the state. (From a story in the *Bangor Daily News*.)

System Trustees Approve Property Exchange

The University of Maine System trustees have approved a property exchange with the city of Bangor. The agreement would give the city three buildings and land adjacent to the Maine Business Enterprise Park (near the Bangor International Airport) where the UMaine System offices are currently located. In exchange, the System would relocate to the historic W.T. Grant building in downtown Bangor.

If the exchange is finalized, it is expected to help the local economy.

Steve Kahl '77 President-Elect of Water Resources Institutes

University of Maine scientist Steve Kahl '77, '82G, '98 Ph.D. will become the next president of the National Institutes for Water Resources (NIWR). Kahl is director of the Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research at UMaine. He also coordinates Maine's federally funded water resources research program. The Mitchell Center is one of 54 such research centers around the nation that make up the NIWR.

Kahl believes that his leadership position with NIWR will help UMaine raise its visibility and open doors for research funding agencies. His responsibilities will include testifying before Congress on water related issues and working with federal agencies to enhance research and manage-

ment of water resources. He also expects to spend a good deal of time working closely with the four members of Maine's congressional delegation.

Kahl will be the first NIWR president from



Steve Kahl

New England and just the second from an eastern state.

He has built a strong reputation as director of the Mitchell Center. Most water projects in the state are connected with the center and in its most recent program review, the U.S. Geological Survey cited it as "a model for national water centers."

Kahl's own research focuses on watershed processes that affect water quality in streams, lakes, and groundwater. He has worked closely with state and national organizations on issues such as acid rain, mercury, and salt contamination.



Four of the Black Bears who were inducted into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame in October. Left to right are: Harold Violette '60, Bill Reynolds '86, Cindy Blodgett '98, and Chris Imes '95. (Photo by Kathy Snow Rice '83.)

UMaine's Newest Hall of Famers

Cindy Blodgett '98, one of the most prolific scorers in the history of NCAA women's basketball, was one of six former Black Bear greats to be inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame during a Homecoming 2003 weekend banquet sponsored by the "M" Club.

Also inducted were Ed Bogdanovich '54, '64G, Terry Horne '61, Chris Imes '95, Bill Reynolds '86, '92G, and Harold Violette '60.

Blodgett led her UMaine teams to four consecutive conference championships and four straight appearances in the NCAA Tournament. She ranks sixth on the list of all-time NCAA Division 1 scoring leaders with 3,005 points. She once held 20 UMaine records and still holds 18 of those today. She was twice named America East Player of the Year. Following graduation, she was drafted by the WNBA.

Ed Bogdanovich was a member of the football and track teams. He helped lead the football team to Yankee Conference titles in 1951 and 1952. An All-Yankee Conference Team selection in 1951, he led the Black Bears in scoring for two seasons and in rushing for three seasons. As a member of the track and field team, he was Yankee Conference champion in the shot put in 1952.

Terry Horne won six letters as a member of the track and field team. He was New England discus champion in 1960 and Yankee Conference champion in 1961. He was also Yankee Conference champion in the hammer throw for three straight years.

Chris Imes was a key factor in the Black Bears' first national championship run in 1993. He was Hockey East Player of the Year in 1995 and runner-up for the Hobey Baker Award in 1995. He also played on the 1994 U.S. Olympic Team.

Bill Reynolds, a catcher for the baseball team for four years, compiled a career .306 batting average while hitting 36 home runs. He helped lead the Black Bears to three College World Series appearances. He holds a UMaine record for consecutive home runs with four.

Harold Violette was one of the top linemen in UMaine history. He earned All-Yankee Conference and All-New England honors in 1958 and 1959.

Grant Will Help Students Train at Jackson Lab

Starting next spring, University of Maine students training to be science teachers will work alongside Jackson Laboratory scientists as part of an innovative new program funded by a \$230,000 Balfour Foundation Grant.

Candidates for master of science in teaching degrees will spend a semester helping scientists research areas including genetic diseases, developmental biology, and aging.

Called "Mastering Science," the new program is expected to attract more science and math teachers and improve teacher education and professional development. (From a story in the *Bangor Daily News*.)

Paper Snowboards?

Students on this year's University of Maine Energy Challenge team will have a natural advantage in the annual pulp and paper technology competition.

The students will be asked to design and build a snowboard using only paper and paper industry chemicals.

"In the past we've had to build a paper wind surfer and sail," noted professor John Hwalek, the team advisor. "We weren't able to test before the April competition last year. Now we'll be able to do that and it will be the teams from Florida and Georgia that will have a harder time."

McIntire Room Dedicated

Over 70 people gathered on October 8 to pay tribute to the late U.S. Representative, Clifford G. McIntire '30, and to dedicate the Alumni House event room named in his honor.

Speaking at the event were friends and family members, including Clifford's twin brother Smith McIntire '32.

Also celebrated was Clifford McIntire's crowning achievement in Congress, passage of the McIntire-Stennis Act. This landmark legislation established research in forestry as a specific part of the agricultural research programs carried out at Land Grant colleges in the United States. The act has brought in millions of dollars of research funding for the University of Maine.



Clifford McIntire's twin brother Smith McIntire '32 with his wife Charlene '32H (left), and Clifford's daughter Patrice McIntire Andrews '58.

Capturing that Maine Spirit

The Spirit of Maine Achievement Award is presented to a young UMaine graduate who has not only achieved, but also demonstrated initiative.

It would be hard to find someone who has shown more initiative since graduation than 2003 Spirit of Maine recipient Matthew Kenney '88. Before the age of 30 Matthew had opened his own very successful restaurant in New York's East Side. He became one of New York's "celebrity chefs," receiving a guest spot on the "Today Show" and gracing the pages of numerous prominent magazines.

Matthew then proceeded to open a total of seven restaurants, wrote two cookbooks, and began a line of food products. He is currently refocusing his career on what he loves best—food design and concept with emphasis on health and nutrition.



Bookstore, ROTC Boost Troop Morale

This fall the University of Maine Bookstore, University of Maine Printing Services, and the UMaine Army and Navy ROTC collaborated on a project to boost the spirits of Maine military personnel serving overseas during the holiday season.

One thousand UMaine postcards were made available on campus for members of the University of Maine community to write a message and send to a Maine service man or woman. The bookstore covered the cost of mailing to all personnel serving in Maine Reserve or National Guard units. Printing services donated the printing of the cards and ROTC helped to facilitate the process.

A Super Season for Women's Sports

The fall of 2003 brought record breaking success for the University of Maine women's soccer team. The Black Bears finished the season 13-3-3, the best record in the history of the school, and came extremely close to winning the America East Championship, losing to Boston University on penalty kicks following overtime.

"I have never been more proud of a group as I am of this team," said Maine head coach Scott Atherley '89, '91G. "We wanted to win, but I couldn't ask for more effort from our team. We have come a long way in four years with this program—from the bottom of the league to the championship game."

The Black Bears were recognized for their excellent play with an array of regional and national awards. Three members of the team, Annie Hamel, Katie



All-America East selection Katie Hodge

Hodge, and Allison Kelly were named to the America East first team. Jen Buckley and Linda Consolante were named to the second team, while Heather Hathorn was an Honorable Mention selection.

Hamel and Hodge were also named to the New England Women's Intercollegiate Soccer League Association's All-New Eng-

land second team. Hamel was the team's leading scorer with six goals and nine assists. She ended her career as UMaine's all-time leading scorer with 58 points. Hodge scored a team-high nine goals and added one assist for 19 points. She had three game-winning goals.

The UMaine field hockey team also completed an outstanding season with a 15-6 record. It too made it all the way to the America East Championship game, losing a close one, 2-0 to the Northeastern Huskies. It was the second straight season that the Black Bears made it to the championship game.

Honored as first team All-America East selections were UMaine's Karly Bundy, Rebecca Ouellet, and Jaye Lance. Karen Magno and Rachel Hilgar were named to the All-Conference second team.

Bundy and Lance were also selected by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association to the Northeast All-Region team.

Blueberries and Blood Pressure

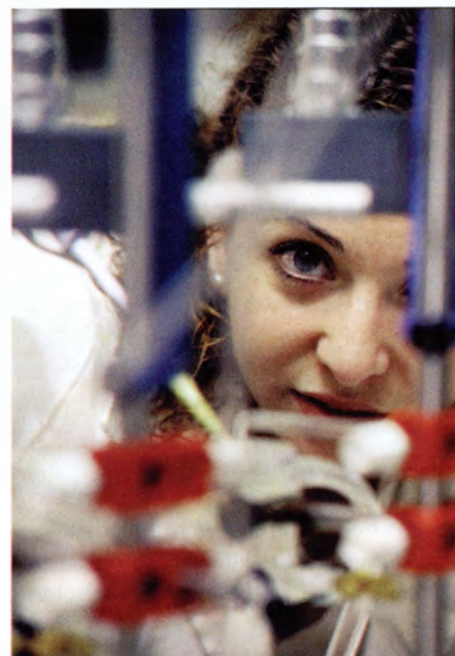
A University of Maine nutritionist has found evidence that consumption of wild blueberries can reduce risks associated with cardiovascular disease by helping arteries to relax. The project is the first using rats fed blueberry diets to demonstrate a relationship between consumption of whole wild blueberries and processes that can lead to high blood pressure. The study was published earlier this year in the *Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology Journal*.

Dorothy Klimis-Zacas, a professor in the department of food science and human nutrition, led a team of graduate and undergraduate students in a two-year research project that was supported by the Maine Agriculture and Forestry Experiment Station, the Maine Wild Blueberry Commission, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Wild Blueberry Association of North America.

"Our experiments focused on the effect of whole wild blueberries on the biomechanical properties of arteries as related to cardiovascular disease," says Klimis-Zacas. "This is the first in-vivo study to examine this relationship."

The researchers found that arteries of laboratory rats fed a diet enriched with wild blueberries generated less force in response to phenylephrine, a stress hormone, than did arteries in rats fed the same diet without blueberries.

The finding is important because the force with which an artery responds to stress can directly affect blood pressure.



UMaine researcher Dorothy Klimis-Zacas

Bringing Back the Bears Den

The Class of 1944 funds a new version of the once popular UMaine hangout.

When Al McNeilly '44 was finishing a tour of the newly renovated Memorial Union a few years ago, he inquired as to where the Bears Den was going to be. The tour guide told him that there were currently no plans for a Bears Den, but that the once popular student hangout could eventually get placed in one of the building's remaining open spaces.

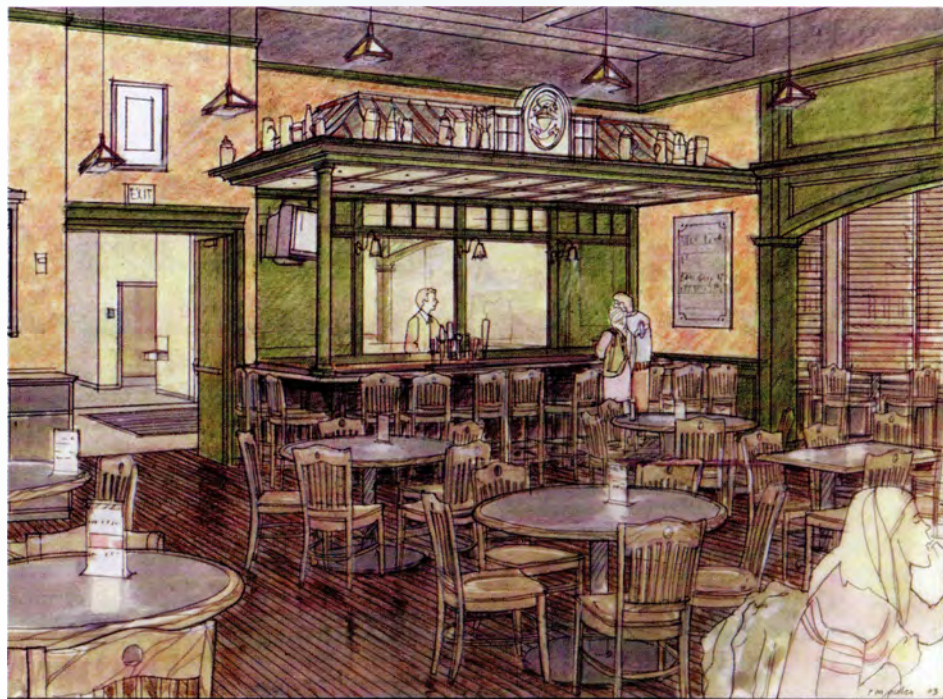
McNeilly thought that getting a Bears Den in the Union would be a perfect project for his class' upcoming 60th Reunion. He asked some university folks what a new Bears Den might cost and was told about \$80,000. He was confident that his class could handle that. After all, the '44 class was one of the most generous in UMaine history—it was the class that gave the major support for the Class of 1944 Hall, as well as for the Bodwell Lounge in the Maine Cener for the Arts. And it was a '44 graduate, Robert D. Buchanan, who made the naming gift for the new Alumni House.

McNeilly contacted '44 class president Al Ehrenfried, who liked the idea immediately. McNeilly then got on the phone and started getting pledges from classmates who had been major supporters of the university in the past.

But as the class was engaged in raising the money for the project, it became apparent that all the appropriate places to house a new Bears Den were already taken.

"The only places left were cubby holes," McNeilly says, "and I knew that wouldn't work."

McNeilly was told that there was another possible place on the Union's first



An architectural rendering of the new Class of 1944 Bears Den in the Memorial Union.

floor, adjacent to the new Marketplace food court. A new lounge called the Stillwater Canal Company served alcohol and was meant to be a gathering spot for students. But it just wasn't a very warm or inviting place.

So why not turn the not-very-popular Stillwater Canal Company into a pub-style Bears Den? WBRC Architects/Engineers was hired to do the plans. McNeilly and his '44 classmates liked their designs, but the bid for the project came in at \$160,000, double that of the original concept.

Once again McNeilly got to work contacting the class' leadership group. Within a week he had enough pledges to cover a big part of the revised Bears Den project. Class officers are now asking other members of the class to give the support needed to complete the project.

Work began the last week of classes in December and the Bears Den was open for business shortly after the start of the spring semester in January.

Students returned to find a transformation from a conventional lounge to an authentic English-style pub. A rugged wood floor takes the place of the composition covering; specially designed blinds subdue the light from the floor-to-ceiling windows; and lowered ceilings, wall finishes, a canopied bar, decorative light fixtures, and accessories all help create a special atmosphere.

Danny Williams '91, '94G, director of the annual fund, says the goal of the Class of '44 and the designers was not to replicate the original Bears Den physically, but to capture its spirit.

"Like the old Bears Den, it will be an intimate place where people can get together socially—to talk, to share ideas, to have fun," Williams said. "I think it's going to be very popular. But there is a whole generation of students now who don't know what the Bears Den is. It's going to be something new for them."

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Joe Lamothe '84 and Dick McNeary '65 put in some hard work cooking up the lobsters for the annual Rochester, New York, alumni lobster bake in September.

About the Cover:

Four of the major contributors to the amazing 1964 UMaine baseball team (left to right): Joe Ferris '66, Dick DeVarney '66, Carl "Stump" Merrill '66, and coach Jack Butterfield '52. The '64 team was UMaine's first to earn a trip to the College World Series in Omaha. They went on to shock the college baseball world by finishing third in the CWS, including upset wins over perennial powerhouses Arizona State and the University of Southern California. See page 25 for more on the team's 40th Reunion during Homecoming 2003.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 24	Boston, MA	Black Bear hockey: UMaine vs BU, with pregame rally at The Tonic, 1314 Commonwealth Ave. in Allston—5 p.m.
February 18	Scottsdale, AZ	Alumni gathering hosted by Stephanie Barry Brown '65 and Michael Brown—6:30 p.m.
February 19	Tucson	Alumni reception and luncheon at the Mountain Oyster Club—11:30 a.m. Hosts: Robert B. '68 and Cynthia Gray Cobb '69.
February 20	San Diego	Alumni reception and dinner at the Handlery Hotel and Resort—6 p.m.
February 22	Augusta	Women's basketball game at the Augusta Civic Center—1 p.m.
March 7	Fort Myers, FL	Alumni gathering, details TBA.
March 8	Sarasota, FL	Alumni gathering, details TBA.
March 9	St. Petersburg, FL	Alumni gathering, details TBA.
March 10	Vero Beach, FL	Alumni gathering, details TBA.
March 12	Ormond Beach, FL	Alumni gathering, details TBA.
March 14	Augusta	Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter meeting at the Augusta House of Pancakes with guest speaker UMaine football coach Jack Cosgrove '78—11:30 a.m.
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 to Faith Varney at 781-3038 or Carolyn Bull Dahlgren '56 at 846-5092.
April 16	Hallowell	Performance by UMaine student singing group, Renaissance, at the Hallowell City Hall Auditorium—7 p.m. Sponsored by the Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter.

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

Alumni House Endowment Campaign passes \$2 million milestone

The Buchanan Alumni House Endowment Campaign has now reached \$2.1 million, passing the halfway mark toward its ultimate goal. The success of the fundraising effort to date can be attributed to the gifts of numerous generous UMaine alumni including a strong commitment from the Classes of 1954, 1955, 1959, 1964, and 1969.

In just 18 months the Alumni House has become a landmark for the UMaine campus and a place of pride for alumni, students, faculty, and staff. Funded entirely from private support, it has quickly become recognized as one of the finest facilities of its kind in the country. The endowment will provide the more than \$200,000 per year that is projected to keep the facility in pristine condition.

To find out more about the campaign call the Alumni Association at: 207-581-1138 or the University of Maine Foundation at 207-581-5100.

Black Bear clothing/gear now available on-line



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Bill Johnson '56 (left) with wife Mary Atkinson Johnson '55 and UMaine president Peter Hoff.

CCAC Honors Bill Johnson '56

Bill Johnson '56 was the recipient of the 2003 Outstanding Alumni Award presented by the Cumberland County Alumni Chapter (CCAC) at their annual meeting on October 16 in Portland. The award, which was presented by CCAC president Carrie Dunbar Kinne '82, honors a local alumnus "of outstanding leadership and success in life, profession, business, and public service." Bill is a former alumni association board member, vice chair, and chair who now serves as a University of Maine System trustee. In addition, Bill had a successful career in business and was also a much-liked mayor of the city of Saco.

Other highlights of the evening included remarks by alumni association president Jeff Mills '82, UMaine president Peter Hoff, and UMaine athletic director Patrick Nero.

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Raise the Steins to Dear Old Maine

Volunteer Edie King '67 gives her steins and her time to her alma mater.

Edie McVay King '67 began immersing herself in Black Bear traditions before she ever took a class at the University of Maine. The summer following her high school graduation, she memorized the words and learned the melody to the "Maine Stein Song."

Her connection with the song didn't diminish when she graduated and as an alumna she began to collect steins from her travels around the country and the world. The first one was purchased at Disneyland, subsequent ones from trips to Michigan, Switzerland, Germany, Bermuda, and the Bahamas.

The collection grew—huge steins, small steins, midsize steins. She had it in the back of her mind that when she was no longer around, she would leave the collection to the Fogler Library. But once she set her eyes on the alumni association's beautiful Buchanan Alumni House, she changed her plans.

"When I saw the new alumni house, I thought, why not have them here for everyone to enjoy, right now," she says. "More people get to see them, and to be honest, I enjoy them more here than I ever did at home."

Now Edie's steins grace the halls and rooms of Buchanan, for all to see and adding a festive "Black Bear" atmosphere to alumni events.

The completion of the Alumni House also inspired Edie to begin volunteering her time



Edie McVay King '67 with some of the many steins she has donated to Buchanan Alumni House

to help the UMAA. Since September 2002 she gives at least two full days a month to the association, cheerfully doing whatever tasks are needed—from getting out mailings to answering phones to helping prepare for special events. During busy times like Homecoming and Reunion she puts in extra days.

That's quite a commitment considering she has a two and one-half-hour round trip drive from her home in Waterville.

"She makes a big difference," says director of alumni programs Paula Sheehan Paradis '71. "She's a terrific worker who graciously schedules her time around our needs. And she is very involved and in tune with the operation. And when we have busy times, she's always willing to do more. It really feels like she is one of the staff."

Edie's excellent work habits were honed at the state public health lab in Augusta where she worked as a microbiologist for 25 years.

Although her career focused on the kind of bugs that invade the body, one of her hobbies is studying and collecting the type of bugs that crawl and fly. And that interest in entomology has led her to more involvement with her alma mater. She is an active member of the Friends of Dr. Edith Marion Patch, the group that is continuing the legacy of UMaine's pioneering entomologist by restoring the Patch House on College Avenue and turning it into a center for entomology, the environment, and education.

Edie and her husband, Louis '60, are also big Black Bear hockey fans and support the Annual Fund at the President's Club level.

Class Notes

Golden Bears

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Here's wishing all Golden Bears a happy, healthy 2004! We haven't heard any news recently, so please take a moment and let us know what's happening. If you received a holiday card from a classmate, please share the news with the rest of the Bears.

1935

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Dear classmates,
This column is being written in September but you will be reading it in early January. So Happy New Year, everyone!

Betty Davis Story has a story to tell. She has been made the only female member of VFW Ross Post No. 9437. She is well qualified for this honor since she served in the armed forces during World War II from August 1943 until the end of the war, most of which was spent in the Pacific area. Betty studied home economics at UMaine and was teaching at Lee Academy when she enlisted. Under date of April 10, 2003, the *Courier-Gazette* ran a story of Betty's tour of duty in Hawaii, Okinawa, and Japan. She served as an Army dietitian and was mustered out as a first lieutenant. Betty was married to Edward Story and they had one daughter and one grandson. Her present address is: 113 Doyle Road, Whitefield, Maine 04353-9750.

May you all have a happy and prosperous new year.

Don't miss a single issue!
Be sure to renew your alumni membership promptly.

College of Her Heart, Always

After 76 years Ruth Hitchings Allee '27 still has the Black Bear spirit. Three times every week at her residence in Mount San Antonio Gardens in Pomona, California, a pianist plays during the dinner hour. Toward the end of the hour Ruth stands up, and with her lovely voice sings the "Maine Stein Song." Ruth, a young-looking 97-year-old, is a former teacher who worked in, among other places, Turkey and Costa Rica.



1936

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I am indebted to Hope Wing Weston of the Class of 1937 for this column. She writes that in the year 2002 a pink horse chestnut tree was planted in memory of her late husband, **Pete Weston**, the long time president of our class. It is located in the Kennebec Valley Garden Club Park in Augusta. Near this tree is a huge stone shelf which is inscribed with his name. In this park there are many plantings as well as trees surrounding a large pond containing pink water lilies which bloom all summer long. Pete's tree should be loaded with large pink blossoms next spring.

Hope goes on to say that Pete's first job after graduation was with a magazine publisher called the Vickery and Hill Publishing Company of Augusta. Later he went to work in the engineering office of Bath Iron Works. After seven years there he started with Westinghouse and remained with them for 28 years

until he retired in 1976. During these working years he took up flying as a hobby, and together with Hope he went fishing in many of the ponds and lakes all over the state of Maine.

Of all their travels before and after retirement, Hope enjoyed most their two visits to Manila in 1956 and 1982. Hope was born in Manila in 1915. She grew up in that warm wonderland with Filipino, Chinese, Spanish, American, and European friends, and she thought the whole world was the same. Hope got a shock when she arrived in Orono in 1933 in the midst of the Great Depression. The Philippines never felt any depression at all. The arctic-like winters of sometimes 50 or more below zero were not among her expectations either.

When she first visited Manila in 1956, the city was shining in the glow of their recent independence, but the battered hulks of many ships of war were belly up in the once magnificent harbor. When she returned in 1982 the battered hulks were gone, but the shine and polish of the city of Manila was no longer there.

In the latest issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* I read with sorrow of the passing of Dick Gaffney, Class of 1935. I did not know Dick

until he came out for the indoor track team in the winter of his senior year. It still remains a mystery to me as to why he did not compete during his sophomore and junior years, as he soon became the "designated" broad jumper. It was an event in which we were short in manpower, as it had been a second event for a sprinter or high jumper until Dick came along.

I have before me right now a tattered yellowish brown faded clipping from the *Bangor Daily News* dated 10 March 1935, which states that Richard Gaffney came in second in the broad jump helping us to defeat Boston College by the score of 80 1/2 to 45 1/2. I should add that the name "broad jump" was changed to "long jump" probably because they jump a lot farther out there now than we used to.

The following week Dick won the long jump with a leap well over 21 feet. That day we beat our powerhouse rival, Bates. I recall that our coach, Chester Jenkins, thought that we might lose this one.

1937

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Had a surprise phone call from **Ed Stuart** recently. He is still working as a forester in Hayes, Virginia, but on a reduced level. Hayes is in the Blue Ridge Mountains, a beautiful part of the world. He now works two days a week, a prelude to complete retirement one of these years. We compared notes on what had happened to people we both knew in our undergraduate days. And that was a sad business. Most of them are no longer with us.

Hope Wing Weston took her annual migration to Florida in October. Her life in East Winthrop is still pleasant but in the winter Florida is more attractive and she often gets to a gathering of alumni there.

Go Black Bears!

1939

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Four queries for information from classmates brought in four fact-filled letters. I am so thrilled by this happening for our column!

A long letter from **Charlotte King Pierce** included an impressive multicolored picture of her in the Wooster, Ohio, Sunday paper. Her "Cutouts from the past" was also titled "Pierce's passion for paper dolls." Her love of collecting them began in childhood and continues till this day. She has 129 valuable books, the largest number being historical. Today, her favorite dolls range from historical to literary, based on their educational and aesthetic value. A second clipping pictures Charlotte with the Wooster Delta Zeta alumnae. She is active as public relations chairman and local editor of the *Lamp*, a national publication. A third clipping describes the Civic Club Bridge Marathon in which she and her partner reached the highest score ever for one day's game (a game is 20 hands). This is a highly competitive occasion consisting of skilled players only. To fill in her spare time, Charlotte has written a treatise about the whaling industry in colonial times. Growing up in Bath, Maine, prompted her interest in this subject. Bravo, Charlotte, for keeping so active when you are about to turn 87 years old.

Ralph Higgins sent news of the New Jersey alumni during the summer and fall. The June Monmouth Raceway picnic was a big success. Following was the 2003 golf scramble at the Bunker Hill Golf Course. During this event, Ralph worked as an all-around volunteer. The event netted \$2,840 for the scholarship fund. The latest Maine student benefiting from the fund received \$1,455.

Ralph keeps busy working with the auxiliary of the University Medical Center at Princeton chairing the book booth as usual, and working on collections for the fall rummage sale as well.

A few months ago, he and other Maine alumni friends went to Boston to see a Red Sox-Cards game at



Claire Sanders '34 (left) enjoys visiting with Margaret Radke at the president's brunch during Homecoming 2003.

Fenway Park. Parking on an entry ramp of a huge parking garage proved unwise. After the game, upon returning to the site, their car proved almost impossible to find. Finally, by the time they had found it, it was too late to celebrate the Cards' victory. A sad ending? No. A



Charlotte King Pierce '39 is an avid collector of paper dolls, with a collection of 129 valuable books. She is also active with the Wooster, Ohio, area Delta Zeta alumnae, a competitive bridge player, and has written a treatise about the whaling industry in colonial times.

good time was had by all!

Sounds as though Ralph keeps busy with his various activities. Thanks for your newsy letter, Ralph.

A letter from **Ellie Crocket Hutchinson** tells of her granddaughter Laura's achievements. In her senior year at Commonwealth College at the University of Massachusetts, she holds a four year scholarship dependent upon her keeping a 3.8 average. In spite of her academic load in pre-med, she is a member of the crew. So successful during her junior year, the crew participated in the Henley Regatta on the Thames in England. Her sister Christa, an honor high

school senior and star athlete, specializes in winter and summer track. In 400 meter hurdles she is first locally and in the state, and second in New England competition. She did very well at the Junior Olympics in Miami in August, also. Ellie's son John Jr., their father, was a star athlete at Brown. During the 125th anniversary of Brown football, he was voted the most popular half-back of the '60s, and he was honored at a dedication party during the fall football season.

Merrill "Pappy" Bradford sent along a newsy letter in his inimitable handwriting. His wife "Willie" was paid the ultimate compliment recently when she was mistaken for her son's, Dr. John Bradford, wife at the hospital. I'm sure that she has been on cloud nine for some time!

Pappy attended his 60th reunion at Harvard Law School last year. One of only twelve attending, he reports that he had a wonderful time seeing old friends and their wives.

Not long ago, Pappy reports that he won the "Retired Skippers" sailing race at Castine on his son's J-35 with all Bradfords for crew. Modestly, he says that he didn't know that he was so good!

Questioning me about our 65th Reunion, Pappy volunteered to help if we were to have it. It is my understanding that we will have our own table with the Senior Alumni group. Hopefully, we will have a good number attending.

I recently made a flying trip to

Maine to attend the memorial celebration of the life of a dear friend. Held at the Sewall House in Bath and followed by dinner at the Lodge in Woolwich, I was both sad and happy to be in that special place. The lovely weather and special ambiance made me homesick and wishing I could stay for a longer time.

I hope your Christmas was a blessed and happy time and may the New Year bring peace to us personally and to the entire world. All for now, ELD

1941

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A Maine Hello to all of you '41ers! Please observe my change of address because I now have a mailbox that wants mail—please oblige! From April 7th to July 31st—four very hectic months—I was clearing out a nine room house and barn of memorabilia that had accumulated for over 100 years. The family home which my grandfather built and where my father and I were born was situated in the middle of a city block surrounded by fields and trees. In my lifetime I had three different addresses but always lived in the same house—cities grow and develop! Now there will be 10 houses on that block—they call it progress! At my request all that I knew has been demolished and I plan to avoid the site until the scene changes. I have truly downsized as I have a nice apartment at Piper Shores, a life care community, beautifully situated on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean. The amenities are many, the residents and staff so friendly and sociable, the programs, study groups, etc. so varied and interesting. Then there is the security for one's future as well as the present; there is another building which houses assisted living and skilled nursing units. Yet can you believe this one? I dashed to 8 AM mass one Sunday recently as I was expecting friends for breakfast at 9:30. They were bringing everything; my only chore was to brew the coffee. About 10 AM we were interrupted by a phone call from the receptionist's desk, "Was I all right?" I had not yet opened my refrigerator door, thus a check on my welfare!

One of our own has been honored by the alumni association as the recipient of the alumni career award, the association's most prestigious award. Congratulations to **George Ellis**! We are all so proud that George has been recognized for his outstanding career as a gallant army officer, an economics professor, the youngest president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston where he served for seven years, and as CEO of banks and businesses. George's life's work is marked by outstanding achievement and dedication. The recipients of the Class of 1941 Scholarship fund for the 2003-2004 academic year are Jennifer Piper, a senior majoring in landscape horticulture from Troy, Maine, and great niece of **Allan Piper**, and Nathan Burnett, a first year student, majoring in international affairs and economics from Presque Isle, Maine, and a grandson of **Mary Boone Smith**.

A note of thanks has been received from Nathan, expressing his pleasure and gratitude for the award and saying he phoned his grandmother with the good news. Our fund provided \$1,960 in scholarship assistance this year so you can realize the good your support of the class can do.

Forrest Whitman retired last spring from the Charles A. Dean Memorial Hospital board of directors after a tenure of 30 years. For 25 years he led the board of directors and now will remain as an honorary member. It was announced at a retirement celebration in his honor that a scholarship in his name will be established at Greenville High School for students who will enter postsecondary education in the health care field. **Vernon Johnson** wrote glowingly about the winter months spent at Lauderdale by the Sea in Florida at which time he attended an alumni gathering. His oldest son lives in Fort Lauderdale, is CEO at Holy Cross Hospital, and a '65 graduate of Maine. (You know it's so convenient to pen a few lines on that form "So—what's new?" which appears in the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. Hint, hint!) **Meredith Dondis** of Rockland is very much in the news lately. Because his license was suspended when he was driving the wrong way on a one-way street, the state mandated that he take a driving test. His lawyer feels that his repeated failures of the tests were due to the fact that he took the tests too soon after suffering a heart attack. After a complete recovery, Dondis passed his driver's test but

the license is limited to driving within 25 miles of his home. This restriction is what he is appealing to the Superior Court. Meredith has had a driver's license since 1937.

There have been two area alumni gatherings this summer. **Charlene Perkins Strang** and **Dan Hatch '49** co-hosted a reunion for about 65 alumni at the Highlands in Topsham. A delicious luncheon was served and our president, Dr. Peter Hoff, presented a video which was a tour of campus showing the renovations to the old buildings and construction of new ones—very informative for anyone who hasn't been on campus lately. **Joyce Ramsay Carter**, **Anna Verrill DeMunn**, and I gave Charlene class support. **Connie Philbrook Leger** and yours truly were the only two from our class at the annual Wit's End picnic in August. The main representation at that affair is by the Class of '42 but the group was smaller this year. We do remember, but did we return and reconnect at Homecoming this fall? The **Winston E. Pullen** Carriage House dedication ceremony was held on Saturday, October 4th, as part of the many Homecoming activities.

Linwood Day, a Maine born journalist, died last June in Davis, California. Lin worked for the *New Jersey Chronicle* and the *Philadelphia Inquirer* before becoming a reporter for the *Portland (Maine) Press Herald* in the 1950s. Eventually he moved to California where he was a political reporter, feature writer, and then editor of the *San Mateo Times*. He won numerous journalistic awards for his investigative reporting on the disappearance of Amelia Earhart. He covered subjects such as the Patty Hearst kidnapping, 1978 Jonestown mass suicide, and the rise to prominence of Ronald Reagan to name a few. His book, *The Constitutional Conservative: Poetry of a Cause*, was used as a political science textbook. At the time of his death he was working on a book about his experiences as a newsman. Our sympathy to his daughter and family.

Keep well and keep in touch!



Charlie Smith '41 talks with **UMaine student Casey Dexter** during the Senior Alumni lunch at Homecoming 2003. Casey is a recipient of a Senior Alumni scholarship. Last year the group gave out more than \$80,000 in scholarships to University of Maine students.

1942

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I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and I wish you a happy, healthy new year.

Our class extends sympathy to **Jane Page Wells** on the death of her husband, James Doriing Wells on July 6, 2003.

The Portland Alumnae held their annual summer tea on August 7th. It is always a delightful time as so many alums who are visiting in the area attend. **Betty Honan** and myself were the only '42ers and you can imagine that more talking was done than eating that day. On June 25th many alumni gathered at the Highlands in Topsham for a lovely luncheon. President Peter Hoff brought us up-to-date on the present and future plans for the university. Class of '42ers present were: **Barbara Savage Thompson**, **Jo Blake Bail**, **Priscilla Thurlow Anderson**, **Jan Woodward Beedy**, **Booth Leavitt**, and myself.

The usual summer outing at Wit's End was held on August 26th—always a great time, good food, good company, and good weather. Remember all classes are

welcome. The '42ers were **Larry and Mary Cowin Leavitt**, **Paul Beegel**, **Jan Woodward Beedy**, **Dotty Gilman Locke**, **Priscilla Thurlow Anderson**, **Nancy Philbrook**, **Marion Lundgren Kelly**, **Florence Atwood Butterworth**, **Barbara Savage Thompson**, **Jo Blake Bail**, **Mike Roy**, **Nat Crowley**, and me.

The 2003 Distinguished Maine Professor is Kevin Boyle '78, an environmental economics professor. Along with the award, he received a \$4,200 prize, a distinctive blazer, and a pewter medallion, all generously funded by the Class of 1942. If you have never attended the luncheon at reunion time when this award is made you have missed a very impressive ceremony. Previous winners are seated at tables with class reunion alumni. Each recipient graciously shares his/her academic role.

The following letter from **Robert "Bob" Deering** is so impressive that I want to share its entirety with you. Bob's address is: 1202 Villanova Drive, Davis, California, 95616.

"Recently my wife Alice and I returned from an interesting trip to Mali and Timbuktu in West Africa. After teaching six years in Saudi Arabia and Australia I returned to Davis, California, where I resumed a private practice in landscape architecture—working primarily on west coast projects.

"We were especially interested in the architecture, archaeology, and the landscape of Mali. While there we visited huge mud mosques and the great mosque at Djenné, an Enesco site. Our guide in Timbuktu was one of the Blue Men of the Tureg. Traveling to Mali we flew Air France from Paris to Bamako, the capitol, and on an old Russian plane from Mopti to Timbuktu. Here in the landscape massive baobab trees grow which the local peoples use the bark fiber to make rope. They also have hollowed out many of the trees to provide homes for their families and/or livestock.

"In our travels through the country we were joined at several places by a wonderful French film company doing geographic types of films of the native people and archaeological sites. At other places we became acquainted with a group of French medical people looking at the problems there.

"But one of the highlights of the trip was a trip to The Bandiagara Escarpment in the Dogon county. Here colorful dances by costumed men on stilts were performed. On the face of the escarpment round

stone towers were built for burying their dead."

Our class extends sympathy to the family of **Clinton L. Bardo** who died September 5, 2003.

1943

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Confession! **Walter Brady's** name was inadvertently omitted from the list of class attendees at Reunion and I apologize for this.

Quiz: do you know who was instrumental in giving the go-ahead to begin the "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" show on television?

Answer: **Donald "Bucket" Taverner**, president of Pittsburgh public television station WQED in the 1960s. This decision by Bucket enabled Rogers' idea of an educational program for children to become a reality. It became the longest running (1968-2000) TV children's program and one of television's highest-rated programs for which Rogers received four Emmy Awards, more than two dozen honorary degrees, and a Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Olive Rowell Taverner remembers Rogers as a "truly gentle and kind person." Wasn't it good for America that Donald Taverner was in the right place at the right time to make the right decision!

This item, which appeared earlier this year in the *Kennebec Journal*, was forwarded by the alumni office. Just by coincidence a letter describing the professional careers of a scientist and a telephone conversation with another fellow classmate revealed that these two '43ers were classmates at Bangor High School as well as at the University of Maine. **Frederic Leonard** and **Harold Mongovan** were friends and were members of the track team at Bangor High. **Frederic Leonard** continued his interest in track as a member of the university track team whereas **Harold** was on the ski team. Following matriculation at the University of Maine **Frederic Leonard** served in the military from 1945-1947 when he returned to the university to earn his M.S. degree in 1948. For the next 16 years he was stationed at the U.S. Army Biological Laboratories at Fort Detrick, Frederick, Maryland. From 1948-1955 he was first a research microbiologist and then moved on to

become chief, orientation branch, where he organized and trained a team of professional briefing associates and he personally developed and participated in daily briefings to senior military personnel such as the joint chiefs of staff, NATO representatives, members of Congress, and the intelligence community. Then, as assistant director for biological research, he received and evaluated complex, interrelated research programs and approved all publications for the scientific literature. He then became chief of the medical bacteriology division. (In the intervening years he was awarded an earned doctorate from George Washington University in 1955.) Dr. **Leonard** then moved to the National Science Foundation where he served briefly as program manager, interdisciplinary research program. He then assumed responsibility for all administrative and scientific aspects of projects totaling nearly \$16,000,000. As associate program director of the Behavioral and Neural Sciences Division he completed his tenure at the National Science Foundation.

Frederick Leonard's career culminated with a three-year association (1977-1980) with The Leonard Wood Memorial (American Leprosy Foundation) where he was responsible for supervision of research programs related to leprosy problems. In addition, he worked with the clinical facility in Cebu, Philippine Islands, and with other leprosy organizations. **Frederic** lists his professional interests as environmental biology and ecology; public health and microbiology; management of research programs, and neuroscience. We can be proud of his contributions to the scientific community over the years.

Harold Mongovan was one of the stalwarts of the Class of 1943 who attended Reunion. He enjoyed Reunion weekend, but was disappointed not to see as many friends as he had hoped to—and isn't that the way most of us felt!

Harold was in the F-5 program at the university. In 1943 he entered the service as a naval aviation fighter pilot and received his wings in 1945. A year later he began working for American Cyanamid in Chicago, an association that would last until 1983. He worked his way up from salesman to district salesman to regional sales manager. Over the years he moved 10 times, noting he especially enjoyed the seven-year assignment in Toronto.

Harold related that he continues

to enjoy retirement. He and his wife enjoy traveling. They have been to Ireland a number of times and also France, Spain, Jerusalem and the Holy Land, Hong Kong, and Thailand. Their favorite area, however, is the Eastern Europe block of countries. Travel in the United States has taken them to the "four corners" of Colorado, to the artifacts of the Anasazi Indians known as the ancient ones. A recent historical trip "In the footsteps of Lewis and Clark" took them to Montana—beginning and ending at Great Falls. His wife also shares his love of skiing and over the years they have often met with Colorado friends to ski there—not that Laconia is that removed from skiing, is it? They enjoy their cabin on Green Lake in the summer. **Harold's** other sport interest is fishing which he does a lot of. He is especially fond of Atlantic salmon and will go far afield to fish Atlantic salmon—like New Brunswick, Labrador, Alaska, and Russia (above the Arctic Circle).

Four sons and a daughter round out the Mongovan family. Two sons are in Phoenix, Arizona—**Hank III**, a law enforcement officer, and **David**, who is associated in a sales capacity with a law firm. **Jack**, in San Francisco, is involved with special effects in movies and television, and **Nancy** works as a dietitian in Chicago. **James**, disabled, lives in New Hampshire.

Ran into **Esther Whitman Crowley** and **Nat '42** at Wits End this summer. They are retired, living in Stockton Springs which has been their home for 27 years. She spoke mainly of her grandchildren who are also UMaine alums. She related that they are "spread out" throughout the United States—one being a producer for Fox Television in Denver. One has just returned from Iraq to **Fort Stewart**, **Nathaniel Clark '00** is now a teacher and coach at **Husson College**, whereas **Katie Clark '00** has her law degree and is now practicing law in Florida.

1944

60th Reunion
June 4-6, 2004

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Summer reunion 2003 for the Class of '44 was a huge success!

Hosted by our congenial classmate, **Al McNeilly**, at the Owls Head Transportation Museum and led by our able class president, **Al Ehrenfried**, on a pleasant August day on the mid-coast of Maine—everything went like clockwork. We gathered in a reserved conference room at 10 AM, enjoyed coffee and doughnuts as we socialized. A guided tour of the museum preceded a delicious buffet luncheon including lobster, fresh from **McNeilly's** traps, and Maine blueberry pie. After lunch, a business meeting where we were brought up-to-date on recent campus news by **Pat Cummings '89**, '44H and other staff members of the alumni association. A comprehensive report on the new Bear's Den project was given by **Linda Casteris-EI-Hajj**, architectural consultant, and **Bill Charland**, UMaine facilities manager. A discussion of this project followed. The upcoming 60th Reunion of the class in 2004 was noted and brochures were passed out outlining plans and arrangements that have to be made in preparation for that event. We're looking for a big attendance for the 60th! Present for this day at Owls Head were 19 from the Class of '44, 16 guests, 8 UMAA staff, and one from WBRC (consultants for the Bear's Den project). Attendees by name: **Midi Wooster Roberts**, **Al** and **Jo-ann Ehrenfried**, **Joe** and **Joy Iveney Ingalls**, **Earland Sleight**, **Al McNeilly**, **John** and **Doris Suminsby**, **Frank** and **Mary Ellen Gilley**, **Russ** and **Barbara Higgins Bodwell '45**, **Dorothy** and **Sam Collins**, **Dick** and **Marion Fuller**, **Al** and **Edie Young Hutchinson '48**, **Bill** and **Dodie Spach**, **Margaret McCurdy Cook**, **Marcia McCarthy Brown '43**, **Jean** and **Ginny Hufnagel** and daughter and granddaughter, **Jerry** and **Edith Kagan Grossman**, **Dick** and **Jan Hale**, **Gerald** and **Ruth Tabenken**, **Isabel Ansell Jacobs '45**, and **Charles Stickney**. There was also a nice contingent of staff members from the alumni association.

Al Ehrenfried gave **Joe** and me a copy of a book he has written, *Trinity Church and "The Place"*. The book traces a very interesting and rewarding period during the 1970s when dedicated members and clergy of Trinity Church in Concord, Massachusetts, initiated a program for young people in the community to have a place to call their very own; a place where boys and girls could come and share common problems and concerns of that era. **Al** will continue to be an active participant in this program. The book is ex-

tremely inspiring and beautifully written. We urge you all to contact Al and to read his book.

A note from **Esther Holden Hopkins**: Esther and Jack had intended to be with us at Owls Head but Jack fell only hours before the Reunion, breaking three ribs which suddenly altered their plans. Jack has recovered and is probably feeling much more comfortable by now. In her letter Esther describes a glorious day and reunion she had with **Arletta Thorpe Rice**, **Ginny Goodrich McIntire**, and **Martha Allen Irvine**. The '44 ladies and Arletta's daughter, Becky, enjoyed a long lunch hour somewhere in the Portland area. Esther says, "Time had not passed in many ways. Our remembrances were fresh and special."

Rhoda Tolford Stone spent a few weeks on Peaks Island this summer. Regretfully, we were not able to get together with her as we were at our summer place in Perry, Maine.

The death of my college roommate and dear friend, **Dolly Lamoreau Reed**, saddened our summer. We were unable to get into Fort Fairfield for the funeral because of a traffic jam that day caused by the Phish concert at Limestone Air Base. However, she will be remembered fondly by us and many members of the Class of '44.

When this column appears in print the holiday season will have come and gone. We wish you all a happy and prosperous new year. Keep those cards and letters coming!

1945

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Barkley Goodrich wrote a nice long letter which included obituaries of Wayne Stacy who died July 21 at his home in Westbrook. Wayne was graduated from Porter High School in Kezar Falls, and attended UMaine, Orono, for two years before enlisting in the U.S. Army in June 1943. He served in Europe as part of the 320th Infantry Regiment's 35th Division which took part in the Battle of the Bulge where he received numerous decorations. He

returned to the university in 1946 and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in education in 1948 and 1949, respectively. He taught and coached at Waldoboro, and later taught and coached in South Portland before moving to Vermont in 1954 to become a high school principal in Canaan, Orleans, and Whitingham, as well as in Walpole, Massachusetts. He served as a part-time officer in the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service on the northern border of Vermont. Wayne was a member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity, the National Education Association, and Westbrook Warren Congregational Church. He continued his avid sports interest in coaching and officiating high school basketball for many years. We send our sincere sympathy to his wife of 52 years, Elizabeth, four children David, Donna, Mark, and Michael, and eight grandchildren.

The second death notice was that of Foster Jacobs '48 who died in July also. He was graduated from the university in '48. Foster was a brother of Steve Jacobs '44, thus a brother-in-law to **Issie Ansell Jacobs**. We offer our sympathy to the family.

Bark and Libby Tufts Goodrich '49 spent three months in Sarasota, Florida, and visited Ralph '54 and **Carolyn Chaplin Grant** in Fort Myers at their lovely, new, well situated apartment. The Grants were planning to visit with family this past summer as well as with **Connie Carter Lamprell** in Kittery, and as many other "old" friends as possible. Bark gave me a good laugh, Charley, when he described your "get out the magnifying glass letters"! He's correct, but I have a glass and your letters are always welcome gifts to me and the class. Bark and Libby also make a couple of visits a year with Marge and **Bob Chase**. We thank you for your input to this column, Bark!

Norma MacKenney Peterson sent in her new address: 418 Knotts Valley Lane, Cary, North Carolina (north that is!) 27519. Telephone (203) 762-8107. I'm glad the post office got that location straightened out, Norma. **Myrle Sawyer Andrew** sent us a card telling us about her move from her house into a nearby senior residence—you didn't tell us your address! The alumni office also sent in an interesting profile of **Bob Martin**. He and Dottie live in Belgrade. Bob traces his ancestry to the *Mayflower*. His grandmother was a descendant of Oceanus Hopkins, the only baby born during that ship's

historic voyage across the Atlantic! Bob gave quite a picture of living a full and satisfying life. He was graduated from Maine in the accelerated program, and joined in the efforts of World War II with a degree in civil engineering. He returned to Maine two years later on the GI Bill (didn't we all?) and earned a master's degree. He worked in the department of transportation in Augusta, and married the boss' secretary, Dottie. "The best thing that ever happened to a Yankee." Bob says he loves Dottie as much now as he did when he married her. "She is my memory and my best hearing-aid, and she can see better than I can too!" Bob has made quite a name for himself because of his lovely gardens (nearly 10,000 square feet) with everything from tomatoes, peppers, and melons, but the gladioli are what catches the eye. He develops his own varieties, hybridizing them through cross pollination. He has two on the national market: Lady Jester and Raspberry! Bob says if he could live his life over he would pursue his horticulture or meteorology interests more.

He set standards for his life which he said were difficult to do at times, but he tried to do them as nearly as he could. His final statement was, "Keep your sights on your goal of perfection."

I was in the process of writing this column when I was interrupted (pleasantly) by a call from John Buckley '49. He was in Rockport, Massachusetts, for the summer—where he grew up. His home is now in Miami. He called to tell me he was catching up on *Mainely People* and the alumni magazine and was surprised and pleased to read our column concerning him and his career which was quite successful. I invited him back to join the Class of '45. I believe he graduated Maine in '49 before going to Harvard. So I'm incorrect when I say, "Old news is old." It can be new to someone. Thanks again, Buck.

Al Barmby and Thelma sent a synopsis of their family's trip in July across Dixieland. They traveled from Huntsville, Alabama, to Biloxi and Gulfport, Mississippi, down to Orlando, and on to Boca Raton, Florida. Returning via the turnpike to Valdosta, on to Atlanta and then to Leeds, Alabama, they arrived home August 3. They put some 2,100 miles on to the car. One could take a trip vicariously from your terrific description of the country—now rest up for next year!

Connie Carter Lamprell made it under the wire! From Carolyn Chaplin Grant's plans to visit as many friends as possible, we learn she did! On August 25th eight '45ers met at the Bodwell's cottage on Highland Lake, Falmouth, for a marvelous get-together. Connie said it was a wonderful time with **Barbara Higgins Bodwell**, **Dottie Currier Dutton**, **Peg Brown Bunker**, **Doris Emery Spencer**, Carolyn Chaplin Grant, **Ada Minott Haggett**, **Ruth Higgins Horsman**, and herself.

I traveled everywhere this past summer: to Maine, New Brunswick, Minnesota, and New Hampshire but missed getting together with Marty '49 and **Mary Hurley Rissel**, **Gerry MacBurnie Roley**, and **Pat Holmes Maines**. **Jennie Manson Herman** and I got together in New Hampshire for about four hours at lunch. She was visiting her sister in Centre Harbor and had just returned from Maine—Seal Harbor, etc. and she did get to spend an overnight with Pat! On June 18th my grandson, Bill and his wife, Bevin, presented the family with a son—Brody—yes! I'm a great Mamie! My son Scott is healing well and back traveling to work in Boston daily! Thank you all for your letters of hope and caring. Prayer works! Praise the Lord!

If I haven't included your news, it's because this column is due by September 20th and I don't want to be late again. As you can see, you received it after the holidays! So write anytime and I will get it submitted sometime. It is rewarding to hear from as many of you. Are you sure there isn't someone who would like to pick up my job?

1946

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Many thanks to **Betty Perkins Stebbins** who wrote with the following news:

"I talked to **Joan Potter Robart** and **Evie Shaw Moulton** recently. I can understand now why you don't receive more news for your column. Nobody has any news to speak of—just hanging in there! Joan is still in Centerville on Cape Cod. She did tell me that **Jeanne Ross Nelson** is living in Salem, Massachusetts,

now. Joan had a wonderful trip to Italy a year ago—a postponed trip as she had originally planned to go on September 12, 2001. Evie was in Damariscotta for a couple of weeks this summer. She has a condominium there. She visited with **Roberta Dow Giampetruzzi** who is living in Whitefield, Maine. **Don** and I spent more of the summer in Kennebunk, just enjoying the change of scenery and visits with family. Anne Chaplin Gould '78, **Ginny's** daughter, visited one day. It was so nice to see her and hear what all of the family is up to."

I called Evie and Joan to see if they knew anything about Tri Delt and the fact that Alpha chapter is gone from Orono. Gerry MacBurnie Roley '45 had mentioned on a Christmas card that it was gone. It was news to them.

Happy New Year to you all, and please send in your news!

1947

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It's a great day when I receive a letter from friends or family and today I heard from classmate **Jane Longfellow Cullen**! Jane and Bill '44 have been married 55 years (marvelous, I say). They live in Waterville and enjoy a quiet life in retirement—gardening, reading, and playing bridge. Jane said she has lunch with a group of '48ers several times a year. Their son, John, (Brown University) is a women's soccer coach and assistant athletic director at Bowdoin. One daughter Peggy (UConn) is a physical therapist and therapy manager at the Maine Veterans Home in Scarborough. She has two daughters, Allyson, a senior at Drexel University, and Heather, a freshman at Boston University. Jane and Bill's other daughter Kate (St. Anselm) is a home health nurse and the mother of seventh grader Andrew and fifth grader Emily.

I think the Cullens should be very proud of their family. Seems as though they did everything right! (I'd like to put a good word in for UMaine to Andrew and Emily.) The news which I don't like is the sad news—when we lose a classmate. This time we have sad news—

although I prefer to think of it as — how fortunate we were to have had them in our lives.

On July 11, 2003, **Margaret "Peg" Spaulding Brooks** died at her home in Bangor. We all knew her as Peg Spaulding during our college days—and she knew everyone, as she was actively involved in clubs, classes, and athletics all over campus. After graduation she married Walter C. Brooks, O.D. and they had four children: Daniel, Susan, Andrew, and Mary. Busier than ever with family, church, community activities, and all the volunteer work, she never forgot her friends "from age three to 98" or the University of Maine. When Walter passed away after 31 wonderful years together, Margaret filled her world by sharing herself wholeheartedly with family, friends, community functions, and the needs of others. Her treasures and her pleasures. We'll always think of her as our class treasure.

Our condolences go to **Barbara Mills Browne** on the death of her husband Justice Robert L. Browne '48 on August 14, 2003. He was a Maine boy from Farmington and he and Barbara met at the University of Maine during the theatrical production of *Harriet*. I always associate Barb with the Maine Masque and I remember seeing Barb and Bob together. Who knew then what a grand future was in store for them! They were married, had a daughter Melinda, and two grandchildren, Erik and Nicolina. Barbara continued with drama and speech, teaching, tutoring, coaching, and eventually department head at Bangor High. Very talented.

And Robert worked through the court system: lawyer, judge of the municipal court and district court, and then justice for Maine Superior Court. He knew the law and he cared for the people. His fellow judges remembered him as a "gentleman's gentleman." We shall think of him as a Maine boy who became a Maine Supreme Court Justice—and more than that a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. We share your loss, Barbara.

And then I had a call from Florida. Charles "Chappie" Chapman '44 phoned to tell me his wife **Dorothy Salo Chapman** had passed on April 5, 2003. Having known Dottie from our first days at Maine, I knew just how very special she was. Energetic, naturally friendly, a very bright girl—and lots of fun. They had been married 53 years "perfectly married" and he was thinking 53 years isn't long enough. It's never easy.

I knew Dottie's folks and they were very special people too. They'd invite us girls for the weekend to Union, Maine, where they had a chicken farm. At least six of us girls (who lived at ATO our first semester in Orono) would take the bus (gas rationing—remember?) to Rockland and Mr. Salo would pick us up, deliver us to Mrs. Salo (the best cook in the USA and Finland) who would insist we eat—all weekend. Warm, wonderful family-style weekends—relaxing, eating, gabbing, and giggling. Those wonder years—the memories do help.

By the time this is in print, it will be the holiday season. Best wishes to all, and stay with us.

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The alumni office mailbox came up empty since our last column.

However, the '48ers luncheon group met at Lauria's in Augusta on August 20th, and we did glean some information from the attendees. We found that **Miriam Hepburn Mosley** and husband, Bud '49, flew to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where they boarded the Norwegian liner, *Skye*, for a five port junket in the Caribbean. They loved the casual ambiance of the *Skye*, with its no formal attire format. **Pauline Parent Jenness** has also been to San Juan, Puerto Rico, recently. She visited the family of a young man who lived with her while he attended the community college where Pauly was a faculty member. Pauly keeps busy in the Portland area where she resides. For the past 10 years, she has given two days a week to interlibrary loan. She is active in her church, is always immersed in sewing and craft projects, and spends a fair amount of time with her computer. We love her e-mails! We were pleased that **Margaret "Scuffy" Gorham Murray** could join the luncheon group at Lauria's for her first time with us. Scuffy lives in Tennessee, but spends time at her cottage in Ocean Point during the summer months. We're hoping she'll join us again

next summer. **Al** and **Mary Marble Burgess** '46 have had a busy summer at their cottage on Lake Wessersunett in Madison. Their family all came to Maine this summer. Must have been wall to wall Burgesses as Al and Mary's family includes four children and eight grandchildren. Al and Mary are in Maine from late May until mid September before returning to their home in Oklahoma City. **Margaret Watson Savignano** visited **Bonnie Andrews Slager** and Bonnie's 101-year-old mother at Bonnie's summer cottage at Southwest Harbor. Bet those gals had a good time reminiscing about college and their freshman year at Colvin Hall. Al '44 and **Edianne Young Hutchinson's** granddaughter, Phoebe, was married this summer at a lovely ceremony on Great Diamond. Phoebe is the daughter of Becky Hutchinson Joyce '82 and Chris Joyce '80. **Lois "Toni" Doescher Atkins** and husband Marvin visited **Helen Noyes Taylor** this summer on their way to Houlton, Toni's old home. Toni was at our 50th Reunion and she was missed at the 55th Reunion. We'll put the pressure on to join us at the 60th!

We are so saddened by the loss of our dear classmate, Judge **Robert Browne**. Bob was on the executive board of our class at the time of his death and had been an active member of our class since his graduation. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Our deepest sympathy is sent to his family.

We are also extending condolences to the family of **Mary "Pete" Sawyer Casey**. Pete had been joining the luncheon group regularly and we so enjoyed her wit and humor. Her granddaughter was awarded one of the Class of '48 scholarships and she enjoyed being at the presentation.

We have also learned of the passing of **Wayne Stacy** of Westbrook, Maine. Our sympathy goes out to his wife and family.

We have also lost another of our fellow classmates, **George Millay**, of Bowdoin. Again, we send our sympathy to his family.

Your two correspondents do hope all you '48ers will keep us informed as to your happenings and activities during the months ahead and before our next deadline. Christmas cards make for wonderful catch up notes but we'll take anything from e-mails to pigeon carrier messages. So if you can't catch a pigeon, drop a line to the alumni office or one of us. Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year to all.

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By the time you receive this column, here in Maine we will be well into our cold and snowy winter season. The holidays will be over and we will be looking forward to spring. I hope you are all happy, healthy, and ready for the new year 2004 when we will be celebrating our 55th Reunion.

News from **Germaine Bellefleur Simanonok** arrived with my packet from the alumni office. Gerry is living at 13601 Paysen Drive, Westminister, California, 92683. She is a real estate broker with Century 21. She writes, "I have worked in real estate since 1974 and am giving retirement major thought. It's time to do a little traveling, which of course would include Maine, to visit family and friends."

Paul J. Mitchell, chairman of the board and president of GHM Insurance Agency in Waterville, Maine, was elected president of the Maine Insurance Agents Association of the casualty insurance business. He began his career in New York City with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. He later transferred to Liberty's home office in Boston. In 1964 he purchased the J.B. Friel Agency in his hometown of Waterville, Maine, and the Friel Agency became the forerunner of the present GHM Agency. GHM has a staff of 26 people, serving customers in Maine, Massachusetts, and New York. After graduating from the University of Maine, Paul received his master's degree from Columbia University. In May, governor John Baldacci '86 recommended him to the 16-member University of Maine System board of trustees.

I received a card from our Class of '49 alumni president, **Jayne Hanson Bartley**. She writes, "I'm glad to report that the 55th Reunion committee has started meeting to plan our get-together for next year (2004). News will be forthcoming in the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* and a special mailing, so save the dates for another wonderful opportunity 'to



Participating in the dedication of the Class of 1950 Flag Plaza at Homecoming 2003 in October are (left to right between ROTC students): UMaine first lady Dianne Hoff, UMaine president Peter Hoff, and Class of 1950 president Al "Hoppy" Hopkins.

Class of 1950 Dedicates Campus Flag Plaza



entrance on College Avenue, right across from the Buchanan Alumni House.

As ROTC students raised each of the three grand flags—the state of Maine flag, the University of Maine flag, and the American flag—the Black Bear Marching Band performed a series of patriotic songs. Then class president Al Hopkins led those gathered in the Pledge of Allegiance. Both Al and UMaine president Peter Hoff spoke at the event.

The idea for the plaza was inspired by the

opening of the Buchanan Alumni House in May of 2002.

"It was at that event that a group of us felt that an array of three flag poles right at the campus entrance would be a lot more inspirational than the two small flags attached to Alumni House," Al Hopkins explained.

The following August, at its annual meeting in Salmon Falls, the class voted to allocate \$25,000 of its funds to the flag plaza project. A committee that included class members Henry Saunders, Norm Gray, Ruth Holland Walsh, Bill Bodwell, and Hopkins began working with university officials on the location and design of the plaza.

"All of our active class members—100 percent—were behind this," Hopkins said. "There are many veterans in our class. We endured the hardships of the Great Depression and World War II. There is a strong spirit of patriotism, love of flag and country, and a dedication to America and the University of Maine among the members of the Class of 1950."

raise the steins to dear old Maine.' I will keep you posted."

Sorry this column is so short but the deadline for this issue is September 20th and news has been especially in short supply over the summer months. Please write or e-mail me. I need your input.

1950

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The day dawned bright and sunny on Thursday, the 7th of August as I headed from Mystic to our annual gathering of the Class at the Salmon Falls Country Club. Prexy **Maggie Mollison McIntosh** and our hostess **Gerry Lamb Kenneally** were at the door to greet us as we "talked fast" to get caught up on everyone's activities before the meeting was called to order. Brother **Bill Bodwell** came in from Brunswick; he is still working and is very involved in many projects within his community and with the university. It was superb to see **Dick and Flo Madocks Fairfield**, **Bob Lincoln, Al** and **Lorraine Mosher, Al** and **Joy Levesque, Elbert Prince, Floyd** and **Dorothy Smith**. We all felt a tremendous sense of loss knowing that our Veep **Ray** would be with us in spirit only—but were warmed by the excellence of our memories and also some of Ray's memorabilia and awards that Gerry brought to share with us. **George Gray** paid tribute to both Gerry and Ray—tracing their romance as undergraduates, their first jobs at the high school at Wytopitlock, and then their sterling careers in education. In attendance were 28 classmates and spouses in addition to representatives from the university: Dan Williams '91, '94G from the alumni office, Pat Cummings '89, '44H from the development office, and Dan Willett '69, '70G from the UMaine Foundation office in Portland. We were delighted to greet **Charles "Slim" Broomhall** who was back East from Green Valley, Arizona, on his annual trip to see family. He came with **Ellie Hansen Brockway** who noted that Slim still can bat a ball out of any ballpark! We were so pleased to see **Leah Moulton Nelson** who came over for the meeting from Brunswick, **Caroline Strong** from Vassalboro, and **Beth Judkins Rich-**

ardson from Ocean Park. There were a few classmates from the Portland area including **Dick Watson, Roger Percival, and Dick Hewes**. There were many who had hoped to play a round of golf after the meeting, but the rains came and thus everyone had to forego what had originally promised to be a superb afternoon on the lush green fairways! Highlights of the meeting: **Henry Saunders** and **Sherm Cole**, both of whom are very involved with the University of Maine Foundation, reported on the myriad opportunities for giving/investing available to classmates through the Foundation. Henry and his wonderful wife Marjorie recently hosted a 50th wedding anniversary party at their summer home in Sebago Lake; they met in New York where both were on active duty in the military—Marjorie as an Army nurse and Henry with the National Guard.

What a great half-century they have shared together!

In the absence of our treasurer **Alton M. "Hoppy" Hopkins**, who was doing an insurance audit in Ohio, Henry brought us up-to-date plans for the dedication of the 1950 Flag Plaza during Homecoming '03; you may remember last year that we allocated \$25,000 for the construction of the plaza. The project has been completed well within budget estimates. Of concern was how the area is to be maintained in years to come. Approved was a motion that read, "The balance of the \$25,000 for the plaza, poles, and flags will go to the University of Maine Foundation for maintenance of the plaza." It was also noted that there remains some \$5,355 in the class fund—and with our 55th coming up in '05, we will undoubtedly utilize some of those monies.

We were also pleased to receive notification that two descendants of the class were awarded scholarships for the 2003-2004 school year in the amount of \$2,870: Jefferson P. Hobbs II, grandson of **Martha Fogler Hobbs** and Don Hobbs '49, and Jessica J. Dean, granddaughter of **Richard D. Watson**. Just a reminder that the guidelines of this particular scholarship state that it is the responsibility of the descendant scholarship applicant to make his/her relationship known to the office of student financial aid at the time of the application—and that because the fund is in the University of Maine Foundation at Orono, recipients must be enrolled in the university at Orono.

Maggie reminded us that she is

trying to get into print remembrances of our experiences in World War II, the Bar Harbor Fire, Korean War—plus personal experiences and memories of organizations and departments of the university during our era on campus. Classmates who have authored publications are also asked to submit copies to her so that they can be placed in the Buchanan Alumni House library. She requests one to two pages of double spaced typed copy to be submitted to her at: P. O. Box 476, York Harbor, Maine 03911-0476. Many thanks.

Our final order of "business" was conversation and a sumptuous buffet luncheon before wending our way home. Planning proceeded for our 55th Reunion at our next meeting set for 10 a.m. on Thursday, the 5th of August 2004 at the Salmon Falls Country Club—right outside of Saco. More later!

Later in the month of August, Brother **Bill Bodwell** and **Maggie** met with a group of classmates at the China Rose in Brunswick—specifically to work out logistics of a phone-a-thon to urge as many classmates as can be at the Homecoming festivities. Seen thoroughly enjoying the fabulous Asian buffet were: **Austin Treworgy** and **Nicholas Smith** and his wife who live in Brunswick, **Beverly Jordan Spear** and **Ginny Stickney Cooper** who hail from Wiscasset, as well as **Louise Litchfield McIntire** and **Foster Treworgy** from Harpswell.

I received a great letter from **Everett Gerrish** (1940 Manor Circle, Grinnell, Iowa, 50112) who said that despite the fact that he has lived 53 years in the Midwest (and is a Minnesota Gopher fan—except when they play the Black Bears!) he keeps strong Maine ties. He and his wife Verna spent June at a lake cabin in Wayne, and then celebrated their 50th anniversary in Kennebunkport—which time coincided with the visit of the Bushes! He said that their lodgings at the Cape Arundel Inn overlooked Walker Point so that they had a distant view of the activities at the compound—and were interested in the security operations which were very professional and unobtrusive.

He said that he visited this summer with **John Carlton** (who lives in Wiscasset and has retired from years of teaching at UMVTI—a vocational branch of Maine in Auburn), **Ray Woodman**, and **Norm Worthington**. Both Ray and Norm have retired from the Maine Department of Transportation and live in

Auburn. Everett reported that **Boyd Fuller** (Waseca, Minnesota) who was best man at his wedding, retired as a professor at the University of Minnesota and attended a World War II reunion in October. **Richard Bubier** has returned to Auburn following a career in engineering in Worcester, Massachusetts. Everett's letter was very upbeat—how wonderful if he and Verna could join us in Salmon Falls next August! (Think about it, Everett!) **John Tolman** began serving as interim pastor at the Farmington Falls Union Baptist Church in July—interesting that he began his ministry at the same church some 46 years ago when he served as a student pastor. After John "retired" from the New Sharon and Shorey Chapels, he and Jane spent three months as missionaries at Christ Church of Maracairo, Venezuela, an international interdenominational fellowship, the only English speaking Protestant church in that city. They returned to Maine where he served as interim of Moose River Congregational Church in Jackman—and is now "home" in Farmington.

We were saddened to read of the death of **Fernand Pontbriand** in August after a year-long battle with cancer. He was owner of Lost Valley, a 240-foot tall mountain that has been described as "Maine's biggest little ski area." He was determined to preserve the lodge and slopes for the public—and "fought off" lucrative offers from developers, for he wanted that area open for the local children who could learn to ski there. It was said that Lost Valley became a learning mountain, a place for young people to learn how to ski—and then move on to the bigger mountains. Fern said, "We teach them and lose them. It is our niche." Olympian Julie Parisien learned to ski at Lost Valley, as did so many other young people. It was not just a winter resort, for in the summertime, Lost Valley became a beautiful setting for weddings and banquets. Fern was very community minded and a great organizer; he hosted many gatherings designed to keep people connected, such as the "Out to Lunch Bunch Group." Many shall miss this great man who inspired many with his compassion, wit, and humanity.

Here follows a post script to the column—added after my return from Homecoming festivities on 3, 4, and 5 October—and the dedication of the Class of 1950 flag plaza.

Homecoming 2003 was an action-packed weekend what with reunion classes, activities galore,

and football and hockey games on the agenda. And there was great anticipation on the part of our classmates as we approached the time of the dedication of our gift of love to the university. Saturday morning dawned clear and cool with just a few wisps of clouds dotting the horizon. We thought sunshine! Some 35 classmates plus alums gathered by the newly completed flag plaza directly behind the University of Maine sign at the corner of College Avenue and Munson Road. The plaza had been landscaped with elegant plantings as well as colorful chrysanthemums—and all was in readiness at the three flagpoles for the colors to be raised by members of the honor detail of the ROTC—immaculate in their Class A uniforms and standing at rapt attention as we walked toward the plaza. The University of Maine Marching Band then approached the area, resplendent in their uniforms and in a tight formation. We were ready to begin! Hoppy, chairman of the flag plaza committee, spoke about the sacrifices our class has made and the fact that the plaza will be symbolic of our dedication to flag and country. President of the university Peter Hoff, an honorary member of the Class of 1950, greeted us and thanked the class for the elegant plaza. He noted that the Orono campus is the “flagship” of the University of Maine system and that our gift that marks the “gateway” to that campus.

The granite marker that stands at the base of the poles was unveiled with the inscription:

“Class of 1950 Flag Plaza

The end of the Great Depression and World War II

The start of a new era of growth and excellence”.

At that point, though there was an extensive and rather ominous looking cloud cover and the wind began to gust away, we remained undaunted—and so moved as the flag ceremony commenced. As a bugler played reveille, the flag of the United States of America was raised—and we watched as it flew in solitary splendor while we repeated The Pledge of Allegiance and sang “The Star Spangled Banner.” Needless to say, one and all were filled with such pride and emotion. I could tell you that the wind caused my eyes to water, but not so. Tears of joy were making their collective way down all of our cheeks! Then the flags of the University of Maine and the state of Maine were secured to the grommets and raised to stand



Jim Holland '54 and sister Ruth Holland Walsh '50 enjoying the president's brunch at Homecoming 2003 in October.

just below the U.S. flag. You don't know what a superb sight it was to see those three flags waving in the wind—elegant and regal! The band played (and we sang!) “America the Beautiful,” “You're a Grand Old Flag,”...and finally we sang the “Maine Stein Song,” led by Brother Bill Bodwell who had been the drum major of the University of Maine Marching Band when we were undergraduates. And what a touching moment that was!

The class retired to the music room of the Buchanan Alumni House for a champagne celebration hosted by George and Norma Mooers Gray '52. Toasts were given by Dianne Hoff, our prexy Maggie, Hoppy, and George Gray. It was at this reception that the Class of 1950 Alumni Achievement Award was presented to Al “Hoppy” and **Dottie Lord Hopkins** for their work on the flag plaza as well as their work through the years for and with the class.

As many as were able made their way to the Alford Sports Stadium to watch Maine win over Richmond. Though the foliage was not yet in full color, the view from our seats was reminiscent of the views of yesteryear—and we remembered. It was just superb to have been in Orono—and we were all so pleased with all that had transpired over the weekend!

Go Black Bears!

1951

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Classmates who were involved in the planning for our 50th Reunion enjoyed the summer meetings that were held to organize it and thought it would be fun to have another summer meeting. On August 13, 2003, 35 classmates and spouses got together for a picnic at the cottage of **Forrest and Frances Pratt Caswell** in Harpswell. Joining us were **Dan Willette '69, '70G** from the University of Maine Foundation and **Danny Williams**

'91, '94G, director of alumni giving. After a social hour with drinks and appetizers, **Jack Ryder**, class president, welcomed everyone and called for a moment of silence to remember those classmates no longer with us. Then we all sat down to a lobster feast with all the fixings. Following the meal, **Dan Willette** and **Danny Williams** brought us up to date with facts about enrollment and general news about the University of Maine. We concluded with a rousing rendition of the “Stein Song” that could be heard across Harpswell Sound. Attending were **Joan Wiswell Beach** and her husband **Dale**, **Russ Meade**, **Roy Trafton** and his wife **Ella**, **Ellen Stratton Turner**, **Mary Hastings Dumas** and **Bruce Folsom '49**, **Penny Gupitill Higgins**, **Dick Noyes**, **Jack and Joyce McGouldrick Ryder**, **Elwood Beach** and his wife **Virginia Norton Beach '52**, **Nancy Whiting Sears**, **Virginia Stickney Cooper '50**, widow of **Douglas Cooper**, **Arthur Dentremont** and his wife **Jeanne**, **Virginia Nickerson Cooney**, **Emma-Lou Ingraham Czarnecki** and her husband **Herman**, **Elton “Gus” and Paulina “Boo” Robbins Gosse**, **Hal and Marilyn Drake Marden**, **Milton Victor** and his wife **Joan Vachon Victor '52**, **Floyd and Isabelle “Pepper” Burbank Milbank**, **Gerald Robbins** and his wife **Maxine Gray Robbins '52**, **Joanne Mayo Nyerges**, **Cynthia Pierce Richardson**, and **Frances Pratt Caswell** and

her husband **Forrest**. **Mary Hastings Dumas** and **Bruce Folsom** have volunteered to host a picnic next year at their summer cottage. All class members are welcome. Keep an eye out for notices of this event.

Jack and Joyce Ryder recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Russ Meade reports that in addition to bouncing from one Elder-hostel to another, he spent two weeks in Romania rebuilding a small Unitarian church in a Transylvanian village.

The grandchildren of **Hilda Livingston Miller** and husband **Stan Miller '49** visited **Pepper and Floyd Milbank** at their cottage on Lake George, New York, last summer. **Hilda and Stan**, who live in Tustin, California, sent regrets that they were unable to attend the picnic.

Joan Wiswell Beach reports that her husband **Dale** was honored at a surprise birthday party at Lake Placid, New York. Twenty-one family members attended. **Joan and Dale** spend the month of July at their cottage on Lake George and come to Maine as often as they can. **Jo** plays tennis and is involved with historical society and community activities.

Emma-Lou Ingraham Czarnecki and her husband **Herman** have a new granddaughter, **Erica Louise**, born May 10, 2003.

Ellen Stratton Turner's granddaughter, **Sarah Ellen Furey**, a graduate of Greely High School, entered the University of Maine School of Nursing, Class of 2007, in September 2003. She is the daughter of **Wendy Lynn** and **John Furey**.

Joanne Mayo Nyerges of Westlake, Ohio, now summers at 7 Warren Street, Wiscasset, Maine 04578.

Cynthia Pierce Richardson has moved from Eastport, Maine, to 190 Alton Road, Augusta, Maine, 04330.

Ruey Stevens Baldwin and her husband **John** have moved from Winn, Maine, to 56 Sunny Hollow Place, Bangor, Maine, 04401.

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From the cupola, and again I have just been infused with joy and pride

from looking up at that cupola with a backdrop of hot September sunshine and the clearest blue sky Maine could possibly offer. Twelve members of our class (and 20 or so with spouses and guests) were at the mini reunion at the Buchanan Alumni House on September 12. A time for greeting was spent outside on the newly completed patio. One patio focal point is a graceful flow form, indeed a captivating work of art. Vincent Hartgen would be pleased, I know. He would realize that the University of Maine is one baby that has come a long way since he taught us between 1948 and 1952. **Margo "Flutter" Floyd Cobb** was the first to greet me. Seeing her was great. We had all missed her at our 50th. Now she is busy writing another book.

Jean McIntire White and Linwood '54 inquired about Edwin Young '40 and his children. Edwin was president of the university during the '60s. Edwin's late wife, Phyllis, was my first cousin. While Edwin was in Maxfield at his camp in July, his daughters, Jill and Dorothy, needed to return to their respective jobs at the Widener Library at Harvard and The Texas Water Commission in Austin. Edwin spent a few days with me in Hancock. We both enjoyed my 55th Old Town High School reunion at the Black Bear Inn. Our class president, **Ralph Leonard**, recalled with Edwin a time when Ralph had inquired about purchasing land from the university on Stillwater Avenue on which to build a new Old Town United Methodist Church. Edwin's answer was that no land grant college was allowed to sell any land without an act of Congress. Ralph knew our legislators in D.C. of course, so down he went and got the job done. Edwin said how much that helped him later when he went back to the University of Wisconsin as well as every other land grant college in the country. I had not been aware that Jean and Linwood White's children were the same ages and great friends with the Youngs' children.

A few months ago I had tried to reach the head of the American Legion in Howland to ask about having an American flag holder placed on my husband, Hubbard's, grave in Maxfield. A classmate named **Clarence Neal** came to speak to me and it seems he was the person I had been trying to reach.

Other classmates at Orono that day were **Virginia Norton Beach** and her husband Elwood "Woody"



Hank Woodbrey '53 (left) and Al and Dorothy Lord Hopkins '50 admire the new alumni association coat that was on display at the Senior Alumni lunch during Homecoming 2003. The coat is available at the Association's on-line store at: mainealumni.com.

'51, and co-president **Alton Cole** with his wife Alice. They had just returned from Scotland and were feeling the effects of changing from Scottish time to Eastern Standard. **Perry Hunter** was with us, generously tipping the waitress with a hug each time she delivered his next course. **David Tibbetts** and his wife Beatrice were there from Bangor as well as **Marcel Dyer** from LaGrange. Four people who sat at the table where I sat had LaGrange, Maxfield, or Howland connections. A photographer took a picture of the group and they were ready for us to each take home when we left the campus.

A savory lunch was served after which co-president **William "Bill" Currie** welcomed and updated us on future gatherings and our class scholarship fund. He reminded us again to be sure to have our descendants attending the University at Orono go to the student financial aid office and explain that they have parents or grandparents who were members of the Class of '52. Hopefully he or she would then receive monetary help with tuition expenses. We want to thank Danny Williams '91, '94G and Paula Sheehan Paradis '71 from the alumni association for explaining our class monies and their allocations. Their continued support is appreciated. Also thanks to Dan Willette '69, '70G from the University of Maine Foundation office who was also with us.

I rode to Orono with **David Fox** who spends summers in Hancock.

On July 2, the Foxes were with another couple when a car hit the van in which they were riding. Both David and Jan Bishop Fox '54 were hospitalized, but are well on their way to recovery. David had played nine holes of golf pulling his own cart at the Trenton course a day or so before we went to Orono. After the accident Michael Dodge and his wife Nancy came to check on the Foxes and found them in good shape. They left for New Smyrna Beach, Florida, on September 20 for what we all hope is a safe and happy winter.

Co-president Bill Currie sent a follow-up e-mail today stating that we have approximately \$8,000 in our class fund. A choice of three ways to use this money could be 1) to support the Buchanan House maintenance fund, 2) to support the Senior Scholarship Fund, or 3) to support our own Class of '52 Scholarship Fund. No doubt a decision will have been made before you read this column three months from now.

Mary-Ellen Chalmers Weldon flew from San Francisco in July to spend a month at her camp on Holbrook Pond. Much of her time was filled entertaining family, but she and her daughter, Ann Weldon Blanke '76, did come to Hancock one day for lunch. Mary-Ellen is having some problems with her vision and she is not driving now. Fortunately, her son lives near San Mateo, where there is also a convenient transportation system.

Remember to send news, and everyone enjoy the holidays.

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I just heard from my son in California that I have another grandchild coming in June, so this will make 13! How am I ever going to remember all their names, plus their animals, etc! What's even more wonderful—they plan to spend the baby's first Christmas in Maine. And my son Dean and his wife, Connie, are expecting twins next spring. Another set of twins in the family!

It's rainy and cold outside, but by the time you read this, we could be up to our necks in snow. May we emerge bright-eyed and bushy-tailed from our long winter's sleep! Of course, meanwhile you can write, e-mail, visit, or call me any time to say you're still alive out there somewhere.

Thank goodness for the class Memory Book that many of us bought at the 50th Reunion (or later). It's a godsend and saves me a lot of time, energy, and money. And if you don't have one, give Kari Wells at the alumni association a call and if there are any left, and you send along your \$15 to the University of Maine, she'll gladly mail you one. (I have two extras, so you can also call me.) And if you didn't get a 1953 50th Reunion class photo (8x10 color), give Cynthia Growe, department of marketing, 5761 Keyo Building, Orono, Maine, 04469, a call: 207-581-3759. Perhaps there are some left. That was also \$15 (includes shipping), payable to the University of Maine.

I hate to do this, grabbing from the Memory Book again, but it's an easy, inexpensive way to write about classmates for my quarterly column, at least for a little while longer. Then I'll go to the phone and start calling like I used to.

Now pull up a chair, sit back, relax, and read about some of our wonderful, bright, beautiful and handsome, witty classmates.

Cynthia "Cindy" Cowan Dunlap of Orono majored in zoology and was a member of the Maine Outing Club. She also hiked, skied, and studied. She and Robert have three

children and three grandchildren.

Cynthia is a homemaker and volunteers at Asa Adams School in Orono. (Do you remember Dr. Asa Adams in Orono? I always liked that name.) Cynthia is also membership chairman of the Penobscot Valley Ski Club and a member of AAUW (American Association of University Women).

Skiing at Bald Mountain was one of her favorite memories at UMaine, as was meeting her future husband and by now she and Bob must have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. That's great. I wonder how many of our classmates have celebrated 50 years of marriage. Please write me and tell me the secret(s) to a happy marriage.

Harold Eames lives in North Hampton, New Hampshire. (I lived there, too, some nine years in the middle 1960s, early '70s and would see Harold and his wife Gwen at their furniture store.) North Hampton is nice, not too far from the water and everything else. He and Gwen go south (Nov. 1-May 1) to Bonita Springs, Florida, where I'm sure they enjoy plenty of sunshine.

Harold, a Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity man, was also in ROTC (Army two years). He majored in zoology, and since I was a medical technology major, we were in quite a few classes together. Hey, what happened, Harold? Furniture and not a vet (like your late brother and classmate **Leonard**)?

He and Gwen have two children and three grandchildren and Harold, now retired, keeps busy. He's president of the local visiting nurses, a charter member of Rotary Club—Paul Harris Fellow, and is president of the local chamber of commerce. He also enjoys saltwater fishing.

"Football games, fraternity parties, and brotherhood of my friends in Lambda Chi" are among his favorite memories and the biggest change in his life was when he became "a father and then a grandfather."

Here's a consultant in Farmington, Connecticut, **Glenn E. Edgerly**, who lives in Meriden, Connecticut. At Orono, he was a member of Theta Chi fraternity, sang in the chorus, and studied civil engineering. He then went on to receive his MSME at RPI. He and his wife, Joan, who received her B.S. at the University of Connecticut and two master's degrees at Southern Connecticut University, have six grandchildren. As Glenn wrote, he has four plus three stepchildren.

Glenn worked for Pratt Whitney



Showing their Black Bear spirit at the Homecoming 2003 tailgate are (left to right): Rick Banton '49, B. J. Durgin Banton '47, Suzanne Jacobs Husson, Jerry Durgin '61, and Paul '54 and Jessie Leonard.

Aircraft in Connecticut, various places, for 33 years. He was an employee, then consultant to Energy Services. Also, a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, stationed in Ft. Devans, Massachusetts, building long-range radio antennas in the Northeast.

Glenn has, "too much work to do," he said. "Heavily involved in ground base aero-derivatives power plants." The most remarkable change in his life? "Getting divorced, remarrying, and picking up three stepdaughters that treat me as their natural father."

Lloyd Emery of Kittery Point, Maine, majored in electrical engineering, and he and his wife Nanette "Nan" have two children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Lloyd spent one year with General Electric, two years with Bangor Hydro, and 32 years as a retail fuel oil dealer, retiring in 1987. When he thinks of Maine, he remembers "the many friends made in four years."

Dave Field of Pendleton, South Carolina, spends June 1 to Oct. 15 in Shapleigh, Maine, with his wife, Dolores "Dee." They have two children and two grandchildren. Dave studied mechanical engineering at UMaine, was an ATO fraternity man, and a member of Tau Beta Pi honorary society. "I spent 34 years as a mechanical engineer at Detroit Diesel Division of General Motors," he said.

His special interests include being a member of The Society of Automotive Engineers and continuing active member of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Now retired he has a home shop,

does woodworking, fishes, and travels. His favorite memory: "Three great years at ATO and the many good friends made there."

Bob Field lives in Baileyville, Maine, when he's not in Aptos, California, from December to May. He majored in business administration, with advanced degrees of a M.A. at UMaine and an Ed.D. at Stanford and Nova universities. While at UMaine, he was on the dean's list, a member of Sigma Mu Sigma—physics honor society, and Phi Delta Kappa. He said: "Being a GI, with three babies, and a roller-skating rink to operate, (there was) no time for student activities!" I can believe that!

He and Virginia have three children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. His career? General Electric management trainee, high school principal, associate county superintendent of schools, district school superintendent, and WWII U.S. Navy electronics technician 1943-1946.

Community service keeps Bob busy: Lions Club, Boy Scouts community representative, Rotary, and youth activity chaperone. And during his spare time it's hiking, swimming, hunting, fishing, and U.S. and world travel with six cruises—Caribbean (2), Alaska, Mediterranean Sea, Rhine, Black Sea, Aegean Sea, Norway, and Arctic Circle. Where to next, Bob? He also likes carpentry, wood carving, and oil and watercolor painting.

"Socializing in the bookstore and Bear's Den, and going on trout fishing and hunting trips with professors and fellow students" are his favorite memories. The biggest

changes in his life? "Beginning as assistant superintendent and chief fiscal officer and advancing to associate superintendent and chief operating officer of a large California county superintendent of schools office for a period of 20 years."

Sally Pray Fogler lives in Exeter, Maine, and works per diem at Mayo Regional Hospital in Dover-Foxcroft. She retired from full-time work in May of 2002. A medical technology major, she married Tommy Fogler (now deceased) and has six children and 13 grandchildren. She said UMaine relatives are "too numerous to count."

She remembers, "How beautiful the campus looked on snowy days, and how cold! We finally could wear snow pants in '51 or '52." The most remarkable change in her life? "After raising six children and the death of my husband in 1974 I went back to school and graduated in '83 along with my youngest daughter. Have worked ever since in the lab in Dover-Foxcroft hospital." I think that's great, Sally. What fortitude! I still remember eating rabbit with them over in South Apartments! Thanks. And it was nice to spend some time with her in Bar Harbor at our 50th. She hasn't changed.

I received the sad news of **Glenn Folsom's** death shortly before press time. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife and family. I had recently talked to Glenn because when I was reading his bio, I saw listed among his favorite memories: "Trips to Bar Harbor for lobster and skiing at Sugarloaf (before there were any lifts)." Before there were any lifts? Did he live in the Ice Age? I just had to call and let him explain and here is what he said: "You walked up using something called 'skins.' They were long strips of animal skin that were strapped on and you walked uphill straight up. You took them off and skied down." He said it took longer to ski up than ski down and I can believe it!

Glenn and Mary Beth enjoyed a visit this past summer from **Don Stevens** of Chatham, Massachusetts. Don drove over to West Dennis and they had a nice chat.

Glenn was a sociology major, receiving his MBA from UConn in 1972. He belonged to ATO fraternity, played football two years and on the track team for four, and he also did "something called studying."

In the late 1950s, Glenn worked in Los Angeles as a test engineer and engineering writer for a small manufacturing company. From 1961 until retirement in 1993, he worked

at Pratt & Whitney Division of United Technologies as a proposal engineer and contract administrator.

Special interests include being a volunteer with the local Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) related to organ donation and the most remarkable change in his life?

"Heart transplant, absolutely, and we own a home at Cape Cod and Bloomfield, Connecticut."

Isabelle "Izzie" Stearns Foss, who majored in medical technology, lives in Temple, Maine. She was a Sophomore Eagle, All Maine Woman, played sports (field hockey and basketball), and was a member of the German and gymnastics clubs.

She married Norman '50 (now deceased) and has six children and 10 grandchildren. Her sisters, Ruth Stearns Shepardson '45 and Isadore Stearns '52, were also UMaine grads, as was her brother Harry P. Stearns '54. A retired medical lab technologist, she's now a homemaker. She keeps busy, you know Izzie, at Gold Leaf Institute (senior college), as a hospital volunteer-support team, and Resolution Team-Farmington Police Department, and sews for the Children's Task Force. And one other thing: "I doze a lot." Izzie, you can't do that! Oh, yes, you can.

"Living at The Elms, the cooperative dorm; and the friends that I knew and have maintained there" are among her favorite memories. Marriage and parenting changed her life remarkably. I bet they did.

Edwin "Brant" Frost III of Macon, Georgia, majored in business administration, was a member of Sigma Chi, a cheerleader for four years, was in ROTC Infantry, served our country from 1953-55, and then the Reserves.

He and Janet Beem Frost (Middlebury '55) have four children and nine grandchildren "so far." He married after the service in July 1955 and moved first to Georgia, then New York, and then back to Georgia in 1957. He became a technical sales representative for a pigment company serving the paper coating industry, then a manager, and then promptly quit in 1968 working in the presidential election campaign. He went into real estate in January 1969, became a broker, and formed his own partnership: Alexander, Frost, and Company in 1970. He has since sold the company and is semi-retired, (only working for friends needing help) since December 1998.

Brant has kept active in several outreach ministries and programs—

Episcopal Charities Foundation, Loaves and Fishes ministries, warden and vestryman in his church several times. He also spent 15 years on the board of directors and as a vice president of a large community theater and appeared in 28 stage productions in several different area theaters. He's appeared in three movies. Favorite plays? *On Golden Pond*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *Inherit the Wind*, *My Fair Lady*, *Hobson's Choice*, and *Music Man*. "Lots of great fun and memories!" He was quite the actor! Politics was also on his agenda. "Active for 40 years in local and state political activities as well as helping to set up and spend 10 years as vice chair of our county elections board; all helping to bring a two-party system to Georgia."

His favorite memories? "My days and lasting friendships at Sigma Chi, and great times as college football cheerleader chewing vodka-injected oranges, campus friends, freshman dorms, and ROTC summer camp at Fort Meade, Maryland.

"My Maine friends would say, 'You a churchman!' Well, guys, my church, my family, and my commitments to the community and charitable organizations are the most important things I do, or am about." Keep on going, Brant!

Melvin "Mel" Fuller and his wife, Barbara (a URI alumna), live in Damariscotta, Maine, and have three children and five grandchildren. Mel studied botany and received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. He was a Phi Kappa Sigma man and a member of Alpha Zeta (honorary agricultural fraternity).

Mel went on to become a university professor at the University of Georgia, University of California, Berkeley, and Brown University. Mel seems to have a few interests: board and past president of Gulf of Maine Foundation; on the board of Da Ponte String Quartet; and an honorary member of the British Mycological Society. He was also named Distinguished Mycologist by Mycological Society of America. His hobby? Weaving. What do you weave, Mel? Do you sell anything and where? (I called Mel and left a voice mail message.) A clinical professorship at UGA and *Who's Who in America* are also on his list.

Ralph Goodell of Cromwell, Connecticut, is another professor. He majored in history at UMaine, went on to receive his B.A. in history at Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, a master's in teaching English as a

second language at Columbia University, New York, and a Ph.D. in linguistics at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

He and his wife, Dinorah, a Vassar College grad, have three children and three grandchildren. His uncle Raymond Fogler '15 also went to UMaine.

Ralph spent eight and a half years in Kabul, Afghanistan, teaching at Habibia College, Kabul University, and 24 years in New Britain, Connecticut, at Central Connecticut State University, as professor of linguistics. One of his interests is the outreach committee at First Church of Christ in Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Eleanor "Ellie" Byron Gove of Lewiston, Maine, (May 1-Nov. 1), travels south for the winter to Tarpon Springs, Florida. A home economics major, she and Roy '52 have three children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Ellie, a seventh-grade language arts teacher, is now retired and volunteers at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. "In my younger years, I was active in Kiwanis, Lewiston Auburn College Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, keeping up with three active boys, and attending many Shrine functions (for 32 years) since Roy was recorder, part-time, for 32 years. Finally retired two years ago, so we spend six months in Florida. No snow!"

Forrest Grant of Bangor, Maine, with a seasonal address of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, is owner of the Calais Motor Inn on Main Street in Calais. A Phi Eta Kappa man, he majored in business. He and Anne have six children and eight grandchildren.

Forrest has been in the motel business 40 years this year and has been "motor-homing" for 20 years, eight to nine months a year. He loves it, he said.

The biggest change in his life? "While at U of M, I became an alcoholic and went on to drink seriously for 29 years. On June 17, 1978, I took my last drink. For these last 24 years, by the grace of God, I have had a wonderful life." Great work, Forrest!

An August 8 e-mail from **Lloyd Oakes** read: "The big 50 was just great for us this year...the 50th from Maine and our 50th wedding anniversary. For our really big celebration...we just returned from a tour and cruise to Alaska. What a trip! Flew to Fairbanks, then to Denali (with a very short/small view of Mt. McKinley), to Talkeetna

(where the main street is still a dirt road and the winter temperature is around minus 60), down to Anchorage and Seward to board the ship for cruising (and feasting) to Glacier Bay National Park, to Sitka for some fishing, then to the state capital of Juneau (no roads to it, only way to get there is by ship or plane), finally to Ketchikan and a shore trip to visit with the natives...finally to Vancouver, British Columbia, and long plane ride back to home." Hey, Lloyd, I'm still waiting for a photo or two (you promised), "when I finally get them dumped onto the PC." Congratulations to you both!

A copy of **Clayton "Clayt" Burnett's** Reunion information form was recently sent to me. It was too late to include in the Memory Book, but here it is now so that you can include it in yours. I called Clayt in Burlingame, California, just now and he said I could include his address, phone, e-mail in my class notes, so here they are. Address: 2800 Adeline Drive, Burlingame, California, 94010. Telephone: 650-342-4183. E-mail: clayglo1@msn.com (that's the number 1). He and his wife, Gloria, spend most of the summer in Hiram, Maine (some 35 miles north-west of Portland).

Clayt did get to our 50th (he had never been to a reunion before) thanks to **Vance Bakeman** (who also had never been to one before) for convincing him to go. Clayt said he and Vance were very close friends. He said Vance said to him that, "If I would go then others would go." And sure enough they did: **Bob McTaggart** and **Milt Leighton**, all four chemical engineering guys, and **Bob Ward**, a mechanical engineer, who was a friend of Clayt's at Kodak. Small world!

Clayt and Gloria have two children. Clayt was a member of the student chapter of the Chemical Engineers Society (1951-1953) and president one year. He said he lived in an apartment in Bangor his first year, at the home of Alton Ham (mechanical engineering professor) his second, third, and his senior year in South Apartments. The most remarkable change in his life? "Hard to say."

As to Clayt's professional career: Eastman Kodak (1953-1989) with assignments in Rochester, New York, Honolulu, and San Francisco. He also served two years in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Now he's an antiques dealer and collector, with a large collection of early American pattern glass attributed to the Portland (Maine) Glass Company,

circa 1863-1873. He also volunteers as a senior aerobics instructor in Burlingame and Millbrae, California. Thanks, Clayt, for keeping us up to date!

I received a nice letter from **Bill Hirst** of Port Richey, Florida, dated August 8. Here is what he had to say: "My sincere apology for not making the 50th Reunion, but a massive stroke changed our plans for many things.

"I spent five weeks in the hospital and have had therapy at least three times a week since then. It takes time to get this body working again. My wife Gail, of 36 years, has been overseeing my recovery and doing a great job.

"Since retirement in 1990 we have had the opportunity to travel the country five or six months a year in a motor home. We've seen wonderful things and met wonderful people. The RV has been sold and travels curtailed for this year, but hopefully we'll be back on the road in 2004 by car.

"I hope everyone had a fine time at the Reunion and would love to hear from anyone. Phone here is: 727-861-0987.

"Best wishes...and good health."
Bill's address: 8325 Elgin Drive, Port Richey, Florida, 34668. A speedy recovery, Bill!

Also, here's a new e-mail address for **Hank and Dawn Woodbrey** of Orono:

woodbrey@verizon.net. I asked if they had any news and here's what they e-mailed back:

"Not much news here. Just a busy household! Our granddaughter, Heather, who is a freshman in high school, her brother Ben who is in grade school, and my cousin's grandson, Matt Edwards, who is a sophomore at Maine, all live with us, as well as our son David and his wife Heidi. It makes for a busy schedule with seven family members. So far today, we have been to two soccer games. I never dreamed at age 71, our family would be increasing at such a rate!

"Two days after our 50th Reunion at Maine we flew to Denver, Colorado, to an Arabian Horse Show and were able to see our granddaughter, Sarah, win a championship at Region 8. Later on in the summer she took a Reserve Championship at the Youth Nationals in Albuquerque, New Mexico. From Denver we went to Omaha, Nebraska, to visit with our daughter Kim and family for two weeks. After getting home we drove to Sunderland, Massachusetts, to help some friends celebrate their



Doug Kneeland '53 (left) is presented with a plaque from fellow journalist Steve Riley '50 at the Maine Press Association (MPA) annual meeting in September. Doug was inducted into the MPA Hall of Fame at the event. (Photograph by Kevin Tenggren of the *Lincoln News*.)

Honoring a Lifetime of Journalistic Excellence

According to longtime friend and fellow journalist Steve Riley '50, Doug Kneeland '53 "never wanted to be anything but a newspaper man." And what a newspaper man he turned out to be, with a career that spanned 40 years and included high level positions on two of America's finest papers, the *New York Times* and the *Chicago Tribune*.

In recognition of his outstanding career, Doug was recently inducted into the Maine Press Association Journalism Hall of Fame at the group's annual meeting in Portland.

"He's our profession's equivalent of the triple threat quarterback, only better," said former *Philadelphia Inquirer* editor Gene Roberts. Roberts, who worked with Doug at the *New York Times*, was the keynote speaker at the event.

Roberts also noted that Doug was instrumental in helping develop the *Times* into the national newspaper it is today.

"In the late 1960s and early 1970s he was a pivotal force among a handful of others who revamped the *Times* nationally," Roberts said. "It might not have happened if it were not for Doug's eye for talent...his editing skills were immense, but so was his reporting and writing talent."

Doug's journalism career began even before he graduated from the University of Maine. As a junior, while working as the editor of the *Maine*

Campus, he took a job on the state desk of the *Bangor Daily News*.

He went on to work for two other small city papers before being offered a position with the *New York Times* in 1959. He worked as an editor on the national and metropolitan desks before moving to Kansas City to serve as Midwest correspondent for the *Times*. In 1970 he went to San Francisco as a roving national correspondent before taking the job of Midwestern bureau chief in 1977.

After 22 years with the *Times*, Doug joined the staff of the *Chicago Tribune* as national and foreign editor and then associate managing editor. Before his retirement he was the *Tribune's* public editor.

During his career Doug covered many of our country's most important stories including the Kent State shootings, the "Saturday night massacre" at the Nixon White House, the Senate Watergate hearings, the Charles Manson trial, the post Martin Luther King assassination riots, and several presidential campaigns.

Doug retired in 1993 to his home town of Lincoln where he currently lives with his wife Barbara. He remains actively involved with his alma mater, serving as an officer on the alumni association board, as chair of the publications committee, and attending as many Black Bear athletic events as possible.

Information and photograph courtesy of the *Lincoln News*.

Golden Anniversary.

"In August, we celebrated our own 50th anniversary for three days at a small lake in Down East Maine, with all of our family, relatives, most of our original wedding party, and friends. It was a very special occasion! It was a busy summer—and I guess I did have some news after all!" Well, I guess you did, Dawn and Hank! Where to next?

I sent **Eini Riutta Johnson** of Tucson, Arizona, some Reunion photos and she replied on a recycled birthday card in August: "Reunion was great—above and beyond my wildest expectations. All of you putting it together did a fantastic job! It was wonderful to be back in Maine to enjoy some "cool" and damp and chill, and lilac and ocean scents. I still occasionally discover that I am grinning as I recall some incident at Bar Harbor or Orono." We'll see you at our 55th, Eini!

I heard from Vance Bakeman by e-mail in August and he wrote: "I have been meaning to write you since we all met in Orono. For me it was a great experience as I had never been to a reunion before. I realize how much you, **Carol Prentiss Mower, Frank Pickering, Woody Carville**, and all of the others do to keep us in touch with one another. The whole Reunion was so well done and it was great to see so many friends and the good old Maine Hello! It was also special to see old roommates including **Fred Hutchinson** and Bob McTaggart. My thanks to you all for making this Reunion so very special."

Thanks, Vance. E-mail is great, isn't it!

Philip Haskell, a baron at one time and now an actor doing some 180 commercials (among other things), is another classmate I heard from this past fall. A Sigma Alpha Epsilon man, he called from his Brooklyn apartment where he lives. He said his roommate in college was **Don McGown**, pictured next to him in our class photo. He didn't realize it was Don until Don spoke up. Phillip called us "prime timers." That's a nice name! He said he has four children and several grandchildren.

He was a delight to talk to, with his English accent and all. He spoke of four weeks free vacation in Ireland where he played an American tourist. The film wasn't shown in the U.S. He spoke of Donald Spear '52 and somewhere this came up: "The Beauty Queen of Lianen." Perhaps that was in one of the 30 films he's done? "Very minor roles" in movies

he said. He also spoke of Barbara Wiggins and the 1953 student faculty skit. "I wrote the whole show and did a drag number as Sophie Tucker." Oh, Philip! He also said he met our classmate Glenn Folsom in Korea.

This was Philip's first time back to a reunion. I think we could safely say it was the same for quite a few other classmates, too. Thanks, all, for coming to our 50th!

Philip would like to hear from any classmates, so he gave me his address and telephone: 82 Pierrepont Street, Apartment 4B, Brooklyn, New York 11201-2406. His phone (unlisted), but he does want people to call: 718-852-7498. He said at some time he might go back to his family home in Bath. Philip, let us know of any change in address and phone!

Ray Robbins is another classmate I've heard from by e-mail and a letter with photos enclosed. Thanks, Ray, for keeping us all up to date. Ray lives in Pittsford, New York, and spends August and September in West Tremont, Maine. He majored in electrical engineering and was a member of Tau Beta Pi national honor society. He and Mary have three children.

Ray's career? Electrical engineer at Stromberg-Carlson Company, Acme Electric, Xerox Corporation, and three years in the U.S. Army Signal Corps. He retired in January 1993. He's very active in the Rotary Club in Pittsford and is a member of Christ Clarion Presbyterian Church. He also likes to garden, camp, backpack, and canoe, among other things. And I would add to that cooking lobsters!

His favorite college memory? "As a veteran having the warm Army clothing to wear while walking to classes during the winter!" And the most remarkable change since college? "Being married, a parent, and working in industry when there was still a feeling of mutual respect and trust between employer and employee!"

In one of Ray's e-mails, dated July 23, he said, "son #2, Jeff and I are in the old house in West Tremont. The multiclass gathering from my old high school in Southwest Harbor (Pemetic) will be Saturday evening, 2 August, at The White Birches in Ellsworth. I organize this affair each year for the first Saturday in August. Right now it looks like we'll have over 90 people there. I graduated in 1946. We have people coming from the Class of '34 through the class of '66. Very few

years won't be represented. It's fun!

"The surgery is over but the memory lingers on! It's not too bad, but I can't do much lifting, no heavy work, and lifting my canoe onto and off my wagon this year is out! I can sit on my porch, look across the harbor, and await the sunsets as I swat the mosquitoes. Oh, yes, I'll go to the shore now and then to eat lobsters or just cook hot dogs! Some Moxie, which I can't buy here in the Rochester area, is a must!

"I got out my 1953 and 1954 *Prisms* and looked at our pictures. Have you noticed how some of the others look ever so slightly older? We don't though!"

In a September 1 e-mail he wrote: "The second lobster cookout was yesterday. Successful one, too. Three lobsters were left and one homemade blueberry pie demolished! (Some opted for pie instead of a third lobster.) My youngest son arrived late Saturday afternoon. He'll leave on 15 Sept. and Jeff and I leave on 22 Sept. I may come back in mid-Oct. We've had some beautiful sunsets the past few weeks, right across the harbor. Enjoy the rest of the summer!"

He continued, "I never had any desire to go to Homecoming, since I'm not a sports fan, but now I would like it, just to see our classmates and others while we can still do it. That's what it's all about, anyway. People! Friends! Classmates! You might get to that Winterport Winery sometime." (I told him I won a \$25 gift certificate to the winery at our 50th and might stop in to see him in West Tremont some time.) "And remember, anytime you can be in this area during August or early September, you can always have lobsters on my shore. Seriously, Nancy, it would be nice to get some classmates together for that some summer. **Pete Douglas**, my roommate for a couple years, and best man at my first wedding, lives in Waldoboro with his wife. You must know some others along the coast or not too far away. What do you think?" (I think it would be fun!)

And **Zeke Mavodones** from Poughkeepsie, New York, wrote me an e-mail dated September 13: "Happiness tinged with sadness this year. In January my daughter gave birth to our first granddaughter...my youngest daughter and her husband came from Belgium to be the godparents at the Worcester Cathedral of St. Spyridon...a wonderful happy event...too busy with work and stuff to come to the 50th....Hooray, next off to Higgins Beach, Maine, for rest

and super-family visits and shaggy-dog stories amongst we four brothers...a huge family get-together with all the families of us four brothers...going by our younger names Sunny (Zeke), Soc (Socrates), Nick (Nicholas), Zahary (Zacharias)...we all happily planned and pledged to next year's event ...back to work in September.

"A sudden call in the night... Zahary my youngest brother died suddenly. All who have traveled this path know the sense of unreality that you have to live with...he had a hard row these last 6-7 years with dialysis three times a week...but he was the jolly life of any event he came to...well all I can say to all who read this is hug the guys you know and give the ladies a kiss...do not wait for the next day...do it now." Zeke, our thoughts are with you.

Now on to a couple of things the university sent me **Dr. Richard McCrum** wrote that as of last July, he moved back to Maine. His new address is: The Woods at Canco #324, 257 Canco Road, Portland, ME 04103. Make a note of his new address and give him a call or send him a note when you have time. I must! From the 2000 *Alumni Directory*, I learned that Richard went on to receive his Ph.D. from the University of New Hampshire and retired as a plant pathologist from the University of Maine. He lived in Palmetto, Florida, and was married to Arlene (now deceased). Welcome back to Maine, Richard!

And last but not least is a newspaper write-up, some four columns long, from the *Portsmouth Herald* dated July 6, 2003, about **C. Donald Stritch**. Remember Don on campus, campaigning in his long white robe and winning as mayor? Well, now he's a new addition to the Rockingham County Commission in Brentwood, New Hampshire. Congratulations! The article said: "Before he was a state representative, before he retired from a career as a school administrator, and long before becoming a county commissioner, C. Donald Stritch spent 17 years as a part-time professional pyrotechnician." You know what that is, don't you? Fireworks! His quote: "Ever watch a fireworks finale? You like the ending? We'll send anywhere from 400-500 shells up. In other words, once you start, there's no black sky."

Stritch lives with Bertha, his wife of 38 years, and has three children, Jaison (31), Brandon (28), and Jeanne (32). "In his younger years, the tall, lanky Stritch orchestrated

fireworks displays for cities and towns and club and amusement parks across the New England states."

And another quote: "To some, Stritch is known for his theatrics in front of an audience. He'll quote Shakespeare, for instance, and says it's part of the job."

He states, "You have to be a ham. There's a ham in all of us. This is entertainment. What else do you get from politics? Legislation?" he said. "I would say I'm not a ham or an entertainer—I'm just a humorous person. I prefer laughing to crying."

And with that, I will close for another three months.

Note: I do want to thank those classmates who sent me great Reunion photos. They were very much appreciated. Meanwhile, I hope you enjoyed the holidays and may you have a grand 2004. I do wish you all the best there is. Keep up the Maine spirit!

1954

*50th Reunion
June 4-6, 2004*

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The latest recipient of the Class of 1954 Scholarship is Kara R. Pawson, a senior majoring in elementary education. Kara is a 1997 graduate of Brewer High School.

Many of you were prompt in returning the Reunion Information forms—many with pictures. **Frank Schaible**, Thousand Oaks, California, sent along a 1950 shot of 10 buddies from North Dorm #11. He's very much interested in getting them back together in June at our 50th. If you remember living in North Dorm #11 chances are you're in the picture. Come join us and find out.

Edith Pierpont Bragg, Damariscotta, Maine, wrote about early adventures in Menlo Park, California, Lake Tahoe, football at Stanford University, and sailing in San Francisco Bay. Edith has two children and two grandchildren. She retired in 1992 after a career with the Department of Human Services.

Semi-retired but still consulting **Chan Coddington** of Murray Hill, New Jersey, served three and a half years in the Army and became an



Mary Atkinson Johnson '55 (far left) gets together with Class of '56 members (left to right): Carolyn Bull Dahlgren, Betsy Harvey Ruff, and Joan Fuller Russell in Buchanan Alumni House during the president's brunch at Homecoming 2003.

insurance agent with lots of time devoted to the local YMCA, Overlook Hospital, and the United Way. Presently he is active in two new ventures—a stem cell biotech company and a microbrewery. Chan is also helping the Class of '54 by serving as co-class agent.

Maureen Y. Fish, Danielson, Connecticut, writes that she summers in Belfast. She earned her MLS from the University of Rhode Island. Maureen will be coming to Reunion.

Our class statistician **Jerry Hallee** remembers competing successfully in athletic events winning a first place in high jump freshman year and also in the 1,000 yard run in the fraternity division junior year. Jerry has been active in the finance committee for the town of Arlington, Massachusetts, and for the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington. He and his wife, Pauline, have three children and five grandchildren. Five of his first cousins are UMaine alums.

After serving 14 years active and reserved in the Airborne Infantry, Captain **James Holland** received an honorable discharge. He taught biology for 40 years at Catskill High School where he also coached track, cross-country, volleyball, swimming, and basketball. An active runner, Jim has run 17 marathons and still jogs most mornings. A member of the Knights of Columbus, the Lions Club, and the American Legion, he continues to work part-

time at Saturn Auto Dealer of Albany. Jim and his wife, Claudette, have four children and six grandchildren. They are looking forward to June on campus for Reunion and plan to join the post-Reunion get together in Rockport at the Samoset Resort.

James H. Horsfall and wife, Dodie, Jacksonville, Florida, summer in Stoddard, New Hampshire. They have four children and four grandchildren. Jim and Dodie look forward to being at UMaine in June.

Fly fishing, grouse hunting, traveling, and golf are listed as **Leonard "Len" W. Horton II's** current activities. Sounds pretty good to me. Len has worked in the packing industry for 48 years. As owner of Universal Container he still works part-time. He and his wife, Joyce, live in Beverly Hills, Michigan, and will join us in June in Orono. Len recalls his Mohawk haircut and living in North Dorms.

After saying he retired in January 1998, **Storer Emmett** went on to say he was making preparations for a medical mission trip to Zambia in November-December 2003. Storer earned his M.D. from Johns Hopkins University and lives with wife Wilma Monroe Emmett '55 in Houghton, New York.

Actively practicing dentistry, **Jim Orino** says he still enjoys it after 42 years. He and wife, Wanda, live in Rumford, Maine, and are enjoying family things with their four children and eight grandchildren. Jim says he tries to fit in some hunting, fish-

ing, and even skiing when he can.

"Life is good!" writes **Janet Oliver MacKintosh** from Northeast Harbor. Jan and husband, Don '52, have two children and one grandchild. Now retired they ski at Sugarloaf in the winter and spend the summer cruising the coast of Maine in their boat (42-foot lobster yacht). They are looking forward to the June Reunion on campus.

From the 94 returns received so far I have developed the following statistics: approximately 70 percent plan to attend or hope to; 52 percent live in Maine, at least during the summer months; about 30 percent leave Maine for the warmer states during the winter, and the average classmate has 2.8 children and 4.7 grandchildren. It'll be great to get us all together!

1955

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Nice to hear from **Shirley Kirk Ayer** who indicates that she is still an active member in AAUW and is in three book groups but has given up all the boards she once was involved in. Her interest now is directed to her children and grandchildren. She had a visit from her old college roommate, **Marion Martel Touchette**, and the visit was a wonderful one. She said that Marion looks great. Shirley also had lunch with **Nancy Caton Dean**. Your life still sounds very busy, Shirley, and doing what you want to do and enjoying it is so important. Enjoy your winter months in Arizona and do keep in touch.

I have corresponded through several e-mails with **Everett Harri-man** and have learned about his life and happenings these past many years. Everett indicates that he did start out in our class (where his sworn allegiance lies), but because of the structure of his engineering classes so as to qualify for his master's degree as early as possible, he actually qualified for his B.S. in June 1956 and his M.S. in August 1956. He said that as a college of technology student taking around 23 credit hours each semester, he didn't create very much "flash" on campus in his spare time, but he's

enjoying an interesting professional and personal life, occasionally with a little stress and strife. Everett indicated that he still has an old fashioned coffee cup (1950s) that someone had left in his room after moving out that next June when Everett was a proctor in Oak Hall his senior year. He did live in Portland for 15 years but is now in Auburn, New Hampshire. While in Portland he was doing industrial consulting work in manufacturing improvements and market research with companies near and as far away as Brazil, Mexico, Canada, Scotland, Guatemala, and Greece. The work was fun and challenging, but he points out that delays at airports were no enjoyment. Everett did say, "My life is full and I enjoy good health and those are wonderful gifts, for sure."

A group of Sigma Chi's got together at Dick Clark's '56 beautiful home on Sebago Lake in September. Dick and his wife Julie royally entertained Al Bancroft '54 and **Mary Alice Hastings Bancroft**, **John** and **Anne Dingwell Knowles** '57, **Bill** and **Marilyn Pennell Johnson** '57, **Al** '54 and **Jody Owens Bingham** '56, **Mary Atkinson Johnson**, **Paul**, and me. It was nice to learn that John Knowles had finally retired. After several false alarms when we all thought John had retired, he and Ann are thoroughly enjoying retirement. They spent several weeks this past summer at their Cundys Harbor home. They are surrounded by wonderful family and thoroughly enjoy their grandchildren.

What a difference a good day makes in watching a University of Maine football game. After the terrible weather we had at Homecoming last October, the September football game in Portland was a dream come true for weather. It was almost warm enough so that sweaters and sweatshirts were a little bit hot for the occasion—a perfect evening for watching the football team win an exciting game.

President Marion reports that this year our Class of '55 Scholarship was in the amount of \$4,436 and that the recipients are relatives of our very own classmates. Michael Mayo, Jr. from Scarborough is **Ethelyn Gerrish Lord Treworgy's** grandson. Emily Allen from Bristol is the granddaughter of **Paul J. Cyr**. Jonathan Bradstreet from Albion is a nephew of **Richard Dodge, Jr.** Marion pointed out that this is the first time since she has been class president that the scholarships have

John Bridge '57 Recognized for Achievements in Construction

John Bridge '57, '63G was recently presented with the 2003 Major Achievements in Construction Award from Associated Constructors of Maine (ACM). The award is the highest individual construction honor presented in Maine.

John is president of the Augusta-based general contracting firm BridgeCorp. The company was founded in the 1880s by his great-grandfather, Amos Bridge. BridgeCorp has earned its reputation as an innovator in the field of heavy and highway contractors in the Northeast. The firm has earned three ACM Build Maine awards for construction excellence.

In addition to his business leadership, John is well known for his commitment to public service. In addition to serving two terms as mayor of Augusta, he successfully led a \$1.3 million fund-raising campaign for the United Way of Kennebec Valley.



gone 100 percent to relatives of the Class of 1955.

Congratulations to **Sally Allen Baker** who was one of three Bangor area women to earn a first place award in the 2003 Maine Media Women Communications contest. Sally shared first place for cartoons, black and white illustrations—other than photography. According to an article in *The Weekly*, "she was the idea person of the cartoon duo and is a vision-impaired therapist, educator, consultant, trainer, and author and believes that conveying humor is hard work and high art." Maine Media Women is a stateside professional organization which provides a forum for exchanging ideas, support, professional recognition, and clearinghouse for new developments.

Your 50th Reunion committee (12 attendees this time) met again in September to further plans for our 50th Reunion on June 3, 4, and 5, 2005, in Orono—preceded by two days in Bar Harbor on June 1 and 2, 2005. I will keep you apprised of final plans as they are made, but reserve now the above-mentioned dates in June of 2005.

Go Black Bears!

1956

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I am writing this column a couple of weeks early as Bing '54 and I are leaving tomorrow for our last boat trip of the season and maybe the last trip on this boat.

He has *Maud Lucie* on the market and she probably will no longer be ours for another boating season. We are going down east and are hoping the weather will cooperate for us. For those of you who do not live in the grand old state of Maine, the weather has not allowed for much water activities along the coast this year. Fog! Fog! Fog!

This past Wednesday we spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening with six other Sigma Chi brothers. We were at **Dick Clark** and his wife Julie's house on Sebago Lake in Windham. **Bill Johnson** (Big Bill) and his wife Mary Atkinson Johnson '55, **Bill** (Little Bill) Johnson '55, **Marilyn Pennell Johnson** '57, **Paul Butler** '55, **Janet Bishop Butler** '55,

Al Bancroft '54, **Mary Alice Hastings Bancroft** '55, **John Knowles** '55, and **Anne Dingwell Knowles** '57 were there. Dick's house is lovely—we had great food and a great time.

Speaking of Big Bill, he has decided not to seek a fourth term as mayor of Saco. He says 24 years of public service, six of those years as mayor, is a long enough time for public service. I quote from an article in the *Biddeford-Saco-OOB Courier*, "There's a time when there should be a change. I honestly believe this is the right time for the city to make a change. We have accomplished a lot, the city is in a good position, and we have the best staff in the state. It's time for me to take a step back..."

"Think about it, Mary and I haven't been on a real vacation for 24 years. In all that time, I haven't had a single Monday or Tuesday night off."

Charles Folsom was inducted on June 8th by the Maine Sports Hall of Fame in Bangor. Almost every inductee mentioned the coaches who influenced them in their early years and the importance of community support to their success. Other inductees were **Jack Scott**, **Thaxter Trafton**, **Wayne Champeon** '61, **Ordie Alley**, **Phil Emery** '57, **Shawn Walsh** (his wife Lynn accepted for him), and **Fred Brice** (**Barbara Carrey** accepted for him).

Your Reunion committee is still working on our big 50th and met in early October. Remember, if you have any suggestions or thoughts to submit, let one of the committee members know.

The recipients of the Class of 1956 Scholarship are:

Christopher Higgins, grandson of **Roger C. Tarbell**; **Megan Tapley**, granddaughter of **Haynes E. Hussey**; **Jason Ludwig**, grandson of **Edward A. Ludwig**; and **Virginia McIntosh**, daughter of **Alvah I. McIntosh**.

That's all the news I have. Remember to contact me by mail or e-mail.

Jody.

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1957

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The heat and humidity of the summer past will be but a memory when you are reading this news. On a foggy day we went over to Fort Popham for the arrival of the shallop *Elisabeth Tilley* built at Plimoth Plantation by the John Howland Society. John was the leader and manager of the fur trading post built in 1628 by the Pilgrims at Cushnoc Augusta. Emerging from the ruins of Fort Popham were **Dick Bastow**, his daughter Susan Weimer, grandson Ben Weimer, a 14th generation descendent of Mayflower passenger John Howland, wife Nancy Dodge Bastow, and son-in-law Carroll Weimer. Once the boat was tied to the wharf, they had a wonderful time looking it over and boarding, speaking with those who were sailing on it and becoming acquainted with other "members of the family" for the first time. Dick continues to enjoy teaching structures and land surveying, now at Central Maine Community College in the very same place he taught before—the technical schools have changed to community colleges.

The Children's Theatre of Maine has been an interest of **Merle Royte Nelson** since she joined as a teenager. Some of you remember working with her at Maine Masque. She and her husband hosted A Midsummer's Afternoon for the children involved at their home and the Children's Theatre of Maine presented a scholarship in Leonard and Merle Nelson's name for the theater's educational program this season.

At the annual meeting of the Northeast District of the Unitarian Universalist Association of congregations, **Charles Boothby** of Bangor was chosen president of the 28 congregations in Maine. He is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor.

Janet Newman Cutliffe is now living in Waterville and **Margaret MacKinnon McGrath**, Barbara Hasey Andrews '58, and **Barbara Swann Pineau** came from points east and west to



Nonni Hilchey Daly '59 and Bill Johnson '56 at the president's brunch during Homecoming 2003. Nonni was recently elected into All Maine Women and Bill, along with Jim Dowe '72, was elected into Senior Skulls.

check it out and review old times. **John and Jane Farwell Russell** have now enjoyed their second Christmas in their new home in Searsport, after a period of "being in two houses at once."

The ever growing "girls' get-together" was held in August at Flood's Cove with **Mary Flood Thompson** as hostess. This welcoming place has been in the family over 100 years and is now available as a setting for weddings and family gatherings in June, September, and October. There are 65 acres, 1 1/2 miles of shoreline, seven waterview cottages, great views, a private island, kayaks, a rowboat, and a playground for the little ones. They don't have "function tents," but know where they can be rented. John Flood '60, 77 Flood's Cove Road, Friendship, Maine, 04547, (207) 832-6237, capnams@midcoast.com is the person to contact if you are interested. If you have the ability, check out the website at: www.floodscove.com for some great pictures. Coming from the east in **Sally Cosseboom Webster's** van were **Judy Carroll Stockbridge** from Surry, **Mary Ella Ginn Averill**

from Bangor, **Janie Farwell Russell**, **Frannie Rich Secord** from Center Harbor, New Hampshire, and **Connie Doe Leslie**, who is still working with the Elderhostel programs that come to Belfast. **Ginnie Freeman '58** came from Kennebunk, **Barbara Coy Thaxter** from Warren, and **Anne Dunne Snow '58** from Port Clyde. **Jean Partridge Mason '56** came from Augusta, **Evelyn Whitney Foster '56** from Ellsworth, **Alice Kelson Longmore '56** from Sebago, and **Kay Fletcher Mosher '56** from Gorham found that **Carole Thomas Fryover** has lived in the same town these many years. **Barbara Swann Pineau** came from Bridgton and picked me up in Bath, and **Sandra Daley Denman '58** came in after doing errands. **Charlotte Swan** of Melrose, Massachusetts, and **Southport Island** came with **Pat Wade Fraker**, bringing cool drinks and ice. **Carolyn Skolfield** and **Janet Malcolm Logan** came from Harpswell. Janet quietly shared the news that, "Bob (Robert E. Buck '48) and I plan to be married September 13th. Bob is retired from the Air Force and the IRS. I've retired from H & R Block. We plan to travel to

warmer climates this winter. We will make our home in Harpswell." Best wishes to them both.

1958

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As I write these notes, the leaves are just beginning to turn, the kids have all gone back to school, summer will officially be over in nine days, and hurricane Isabel is on its way to the east coast. At the rate time has been flying around here, and I am sure at your house, our 50th will be here before we know it. Start now to contact your friends and make plans to be at the University of Maine on the last weekend in May 2008.

Received a copy of a photo which appeared in the *Bridgton News* in June of **Wayne Sanborn** and his mother in front of the Wayne Sanborn Activities Center in De Land, Florida. The city of De Land named the center after Wayne in recognition of his many achievements during his tenure as city manager. Elected to the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame in 1989 was the long time and current coach of the Scarborough High's Red Storm, **Philip T. Martin**. Phil, who has spent the past 50 years in baseball, says the change to Class A foes for Scarborough next spring will be a welcome challenge. Phil pitched for the university ball teams until he broke his elbow his junior year. Following college he became a local legend with the Twilight League. He began his coaching and teaching career at Hodgdon High in 1958, followed by a stint at Southern Maine Technical College before beginning at Scarborough. On June 27th some of the members of the class met for their annual get-together. This year our hosts were **Cyn Rockwell** and **Chuck Wright** at their summer home in Round Pond. A delicious meal was catered by the Anchor Inn in Round Pond. As usual there was plenty of good conversation, and lots of laughs, especially those created by two former junior residents in Chadbourne Hall—**Jane Wiseman Johnson '56** and **Alta Kilton McDonald '56**. Just ask about the "cat." The Wright Stuff, an antique shop owned and operated by Chuck, provided the perfect end to

our day. Lots of furniture, dishes, paintings, etc. at reasonable prices—a great place to spend a few hours.

More notes from the bio sheets—

Marcella Mitchell Shibles, wife of Foster Shibles, Class of '56, is the mother of three, the grandmother of nine, and has one great-grandchild. Mickie is retired and keeps herself busy as a member of the volunteer crew on the Grand Banks fishing schooner, *Sherman Zwicker*. She likes to travel and enjoys her grandchildren and great-grandson. Mickie says her fondest memories of UMaine are the friendships made that have lasted. The Shibles have been actively involved with American Field Service international/intercultural programs which Mickie says have enriched their family life through the hosting and chaperoning of American and foreign students. **Sandra Daley Denman** was a junior high home economics teacher for five years in Oregon until she retired to be a full time wife and mother. Moving back to her home town of Bath, she has been active with the Republican Party in the area, is a member of the P.E.O. sisterhood and the Junior League, and volunteers at the Mid-Coast Hospital in Bath/Brunswick. Sandy enjoys traveling and takes numerous day trips around New England. Sandy says she has too many great memories of UMaine to pick one, but says the most important to her are the lasting friendships. The most significant things in her life have been her two daughters (both graduates of the UMaine system) and the latest addition to her family—her new grandson born in May. Married this past February were **Roberta Wyer Dutton** to George Morrill '45 of Livermore Falls. The Morrills honeymooned in Hawaii and spend their time between Westbrook and Livermore Falls. **Sylvia A. Gadaire** retired from teaching in June 2000 after 38 years. Syl was a college prep math teacher in the Citrus County schools in Citrus Springs, Florida. She holds an M.A. from American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts, and still teaches two or three classes a semester at Central Florida Community College. Since she retired, Syl says she tutors six to eight kids a session in preparation for SATs and enjoys reading, painting (Japanese Simi-E style), gardening, and her computer. For three years Syl taught in military high schools in Korea, Okinawa, and Germany. She also taught for two years at a private



Among the many who turned out for the All Maine Women reunion at Homecoming 2003 were (left to right): Chandra Lull Luthian '93, Nancy Morse Dysart '60, Jean Grindle Carville '54, and Janis Coates '74.

school in Italy giving her a chance to travel to 26 foreign countries.

Since this column will be in your hands in January, let me take this opportunity to say Happy Holidays and a safe, happy, and healthy 2004.

Go Black Bears!



Among the Class of 1959 members who attended the Phi Kappa Sigma reunion at the Augusta Country Club in October were (left to right): Bruce Probert, Nancy Roberts Munson, Bob Munson, Sayward "Kiki" Ross, and John Day.

1959

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Hi '59ers! Our 45th Reunion—June 2004! That's this year! Hard to believe, you say! It sure is. It's time again to mark your calendars for our Reunion weekend which will be June 4, 5, and 6, 2004. Your class officers have already had several meetings and conference calls to start the planning and we are excited about it.

After some lively discussions led by our able president **Torrey Sylvester**, our class co-vice presidents, **Woody Hodgkins** and **Will Farnham**, have agreed to be co-reunion chairs and **Paul Desmond**, our class treasurer, will be class agent.

Other officers who will be involved with planning and arrangements include myself, **Carol Burry Gage**, and **Nonni Hilchey Daly**. So far plans will probably include a casual Friday night gathering, a golf tournament, lobster roll lunch, and gala reunion banquet. These class events along with all the other activities on campus should make for a great weekend. So...start planning now to join us in Orono!

Paul Desmond sends news that he attended the Maine-FIU football game in Portland and was able to talk about the upcoming Reunion with several classmates. Also attending the game were **Dick Collins**, **Will Farnham**, **Mary Ellen Sanborn Bradford**, **Duke MacKay**, and **Bob Sylvain**. Hope to see all of the above at Reunion.

Torrey Sylvester wrote that he and wife Jennifer celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary and took a wonderful three-week cruise on the Danube and Rhine from Amsterdam to Budapest. Jennifer is planning to retire this year after 25 years as director of an adoption agency. Torrey is still only thinking about the R word.

Everett Barnard of Augusta has retired after 44 years of service as a bridge maintenance engineer with the Maine Department of Transportation. Everett started this job several days after graduation and worked there ever since.

Bob and I recently attended a reunion of Phi Kappa Sigma brothers in Augusta. There were 23 brothers attending representing the classes of '53 to '62 including four from the Class of 1959 (see photo, bottom left, on this page).

John Day and wife Ellie have moved to Jefferson, Maine, from New Hampshire where they ran the Colby Farm Inn for many years. They have opened a unique gift shop, Days Emporium, in Newcastle

and invite all alums to stop by.

Bruce Probert and wife Joan Guse Probert '62 have lived in Searsport for 40 years. Bruce worked for the Sprague Company and has participated in many town activities.

Sayward "Kiki" Ross has lived in Farmington for many years and had an amazing 37-year teaching career. He has traveled extensively and has always been very active in the community. He has also held many important offices as a member of the Masons. Still active in the community, he is currently assistant fire chief and has initiated important programs in this field. One of his most notable activities is his portrayal of "Chester Greenwood," a Farmington native, born in 1858, who was the inventor of the earmuff and many other items. In this role he has appeared in many venues including being featured in "On The Road" with Charles Kuralt.

That's all for now. Don't forget to mark those calendars. More next time!

1960

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Before you pack away those holiday cards, please send one to me and tell me what's happening. We'd love to hear your news.

J. Morris Weinberg died suddenly in December of 2002. Morris was a member of Tau Epsilon Phi and a Senior Skull on campus. After graduating from UMaine, he earned his master's and Ph.D. He worked as general manager of Block Engineering, an electro-optics firm. Later, he went to Israel and founded and became president and chairman of Fibronics International, the world's first fiber-optic local area networking company.

Any donations in his memory may be sent to the physics department at the University of Maine. We send our condolences to his wife, Norma, and their family.

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Larry Schiner '61 honored by ECAC

Larry Schiner '61, '62G was recently named as the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Male Administrator of the Year.

Now in his 37th year at New Jersey City University and his 27th as director of athletics, Larry has been the chief architect of unprecedented growth and improvement in that school's intercollegiate sports.

Larry took over as athletic director in 1977 after serving as men's head basketball coach and assistant athletic director under Tom Gerrity. During his nine seasons leading the Gothic Knights he became the most successful coach in the program's history with 133 victories. He was twice named New Jersey State College Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and in 1980 was inducted into the New Jersey City University Athletic Hall of Fame. He's earned numerous other regional and national honors.

In 1995 Larry was also inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame for his achievements as a basketball player. As a power forward, he averaged almost 15.7 points and 10 rebounds a game. He averaged almost 20 points per game in his senior year and became the Black Bear's all-time leading scorer. The team had a 52-16 record during Larry's playing career.

Larry lives in Manalapan, New Jersey, with his wife Barbara.



1961

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Hurricane Isabel took out the electricity around this part of America but didn't dampen our spirits. We all raked leaves and dragged branches out to the curb. I called my husband, **Foe Meader '60**, from the office the day the hurricane was supposed to hit and asked, "What do we have around to eat?" He said, "Wait a minute, I'll check the cupboard and fridge." He came back on the phone and said, "Tomato soup and margaritas." Sounded like a plan to me!

I requested and got some interesting e-mails from classmates this fall. **Ruth Bouchard Klein** wrote and told me that many years ago she got her M.A. from Columbia

University in developmental psychology and devoted a great deal of time to research. After her son started school, she returned to teaching. Now, in retirement, she is learning to play the piano and is taking music courses at Bowdoin. Ruth tends her organic garden and lives a vegan life. Her fall garden consisted of lettuces and snow peas. She also dries onions and garlic for the winter. This gal stays busy.

I also heard from **Paul Daly** after his return from his vacation home in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. For the past two summers, Paul has been acting in summer stock. He was Captain Brackett in *South Pacific* and Merlin in *Camelot*. The productions were at the Church Hill Theater in Church Hill, Maryland.

Wally Hinckley wrote that he was in e-mail contact with **Jane Judy Carroll** but didn't give me an update on either of them. I know Wally has a number of Subway stores in Maine so assume that

business continues to be good.

Malcolm Hamilton wrote to tell me that he retired from Harvard after a 36-year career in the university library. After graduating from Maine, he taught English in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, for six years, followed by getting his master's in library and information science. While at Harvard, Malcolm served as head librarian at the graduate school of education, at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, as director of human resources for the university library, and most recently, as librarian and member of the faculty at the Divinity School. Malcolm added, "Harvard's library is the largest university library in the world and the oldest in the United States." Retirement hasn't slowed him down, however, as he is now studying the history of Scotland in the late Middle Ages.

Malcolm said that **Jim Annis** retired from Pratt and Whitney in Connecticut and moved back to Dover-Foxcroft. He is in his second term as state representative.

Marcia Sayward Blake visited with Jane Wilson Sturgis in Gloucester. Jane is teaching English in Auburn. Guy '63, her husband, assesses property in the area. Marcia's golf game has been on hold for a while so her hip replacement settles in. While recuperating at her daughter's, Marcia visited with **Jean McNeary Woodard**.

Dick Dawson wrote from the Gobi desert in Mongolia that he was on his way to the Siberian border where he continues working in the field of food safety. Dick and wife were in Boothbay in the summer for a short visit with his kids.

Pete Berry, retired U.S. Army general, was the graduation speaker for Washington County Technical College in Calais. The college president said that Pete, "has a strong message for the students. He was raised here and attended a three-room school and rose to one of the top positions in the Army!" Pete and wife **Gail McLain Berry** retired to Calais in 1998.

Frank Woodard, co-founder of the environmental consulting firm of Woodard and Curran, was 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 question now is how in the world did they get all of that onto one plaque!

Saw in the *Down East* magazine book catalogue that **Anne Wescott**

Dodd's children's book called *The Story of the Sea Glass* was named one of *Yankee* magazine's top 100 Classic Children's Books. Booklist describes the book as "a tender picture book for those who are in love with the ocean, sea glass, and idyllic stories." Speaking of books, **Edgar Alward** recently published his memoirs called *Now I am an Old Man: Odyssey of a Teacher*. He writes, "In spite of nearly failing freshman English composition, I spent 54 years teaching high school and college students how to write and speak effectively." Another book for Edgar, co-authored with his wife Jean, is *Punctuation Plain and Simple*. In 1994 Edgar was honored with the associate professor emeritus in English status by Westfield State College.

Amos McCallum from Saco was elected national president of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at its annual convention in St. Louis. Amos said that being selected to hold this office is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon an Elk.

On the home front, Foe and I attended the Lobster Maine-ia sponsored by the New Jersey alum society and had great fun, as usual. Youngest daughter, Gingee, who is now instructing in political science at West Point, has been selected to be General Barry McCaffery's aide during 2004. General McCaffery, a military analyst for NBC, also teaches at the academy.

1962

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Happy holidays to all of you. I hope the season brought you joy.

Warren Southworth was recently granted emeritus status at Eastern Maine Technical College. Warren is a 35-year veteran at EMTC. He has been a faculty member and leader at the college since 1968, two years after the school opened. He taught English, oral communication, and literature, and for 26 years was chairman of the humanities and English departments. "Creating excellence in the academic environment" is widely known as one of Warren's major initiatives.

Dr. **Joel Eastman** is professor emeritus at the University of South-



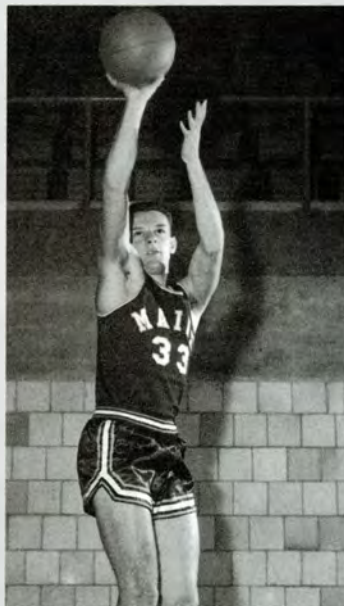
University of Maine dean of engineering **Larryl Matthews** (far left) and development officer **Pat Cummings** '89 (second from left) visited with retired Army Colonel **Bill Smullen** '62 and his wife **Mary Lou** during a recent trip to upstate New York. Bill, who served as chief of staff for Secretary of State **Colin Powell**, is currently director of national security studies at Syracuse University's Maxwell School and a professor at the university's Newhouse School of Public Relations.

Skip Chappelle '62, Rachel Bouchard '91 Inducted into Hall of Fame

Well known former University of Maine coach and Black Bear basketball star, Thomas "Skip" Chappelle, was recently honored for his outstanding career by being inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame.

Skip, an all-New England player at Old Town High School, was UMaine's first 1,000 point scorer and a three-time Yankee Conference scoring leader. He became the Black Bears' coach in 1968 and ended his 20-year career with a record of 270-229.

Inducted along with Skip was UMaine women's basketball great, **Rachel Bouchard** '91. Rachel, now a real estate lawyer living in Falmouth, also served as an assistant coach at UMaine and the University of Southern Maine and as head coach at Yarmouth High School. She says the highlight of her basketball career was leading her 1986 Hall-Dale team to a state championship.



Skip Chappelle practicing at the Pit in 1962.

ern Maine. After graduation from the University of Maine, Joel earned his Ph.D. in United States history at the University of Florida. He taught American and Maine history at Southern Maine for over 30 years. A frequent lecturer on local and Maine history, he is also co-editor of *Maine: The Pine Tree State from Prehistory to the Present*. This past spring Joel was the featured speaker at the Bethel Historical Society. His topic was the Cumberland and Oxford Canal. At the time it was undertaken the canal was the largest and most expensive construction project in Maine history. More than 150 boats used the waterway on a regular basis transporting lumber and other wood products out of the forests of the state during the early part of the 1800s.

More academics: **Winston K. Crandall**, instructor at the University of New Mexico, received his doctorate in statistics from the University of New Mexico this past spring. His dissertation was entitled "Selection Criteria for Log-Linear and Location Models." Now that's a mouthful! Before going to New Mexico, Bill served as a weather officer in the U.S. Air Force, retiring in 1992 as a lieutenant colonel.

August was a great month for the Zitons. Frank and I became grandparents for the first time on August 5th. I was honored to be asked by daughter, Julie, and her husband, Tom, to be present at the birth of young Kathryn Diane. Naturally, she is the light of our lives and "the smartest, most beautiful baby." As you can see I am in full grandmother mode—have pictures, will travel.

Let me know what is happening to you and how your holidays went. I look forward to keeping in touch.

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Norma Towne Clayton was at the Reunion, but for those of you who did not catch up with her, she is the director of planned giving for West Chester University in West Chester, Pennsylvania. She lives in Newark, Delaware, with husband, John. Norma has been a loyal alumna, attending just about every reunion. She says college was a life chang-

ing experience for her. **Barbie Dale McLeod Holtry** lives in Gloucester Point, Virginia, with retired colonel Anthony Holtry. She has been a community volunteer her whole life and is currently working with the Red Cross. **Lois Murdock Libby** did make it back for the Reunion. She and Larry live in Ohio, but Larry is on loan to Michigan State, so they are enjoying seeing many old friends in East Lansing. They were at MSU for many years and their two girls grew up there. Lois enjoys spending time with their three grandchildren.

Baron Hicken writes that with son, Mark, he met **Chubb Michaud** and his son, Matt, in Costa Rica for Father's Day weekend. This was the second annual outing for the group. Chubb lives in California and Baron in New Jersey. They played golf, went fishing, and ate!

Gary Dorsey writes that he and his wife, Felice, have lived in the Chicago area since 1986. He is a major accounts manager for a telecom company called Hutton Communications. They love to travel and went on a cruise to Hawaii last summer. He has two grown sons.

Alton Hadley has been hired as the new town administrator for North Haven, Maine. He began his new duties July 1.

Nancy Buckminster Lane, Elaine Farashian, and Marcia Roak Fitzgerald were on an Alaskan cruise last May. They were part of a group of eight, which included Nancy's dad, Lloyd Buckminster, a member of the UMaine Class of 1937.

Linda Ellis Bennett sent some pictures she had taken at the Reunion in May. She enjoyed her time with **Marti Lowden Scarlett, Louise Clark Ellis, Nancy Starrett Watson, Nikki Kimball Groff, and Lois Murdock Libby**. They were all disappointed with the low turnout, but had a wonderful time visiting each other.

According to our new class president, I am still secretary and will be writing the notes for the next five years. **Irv** says, "We have a large executive committee made up of most of the Reunion classmates who agreed to make calls to classmates and get news for the class secretary." I hope this happens and many of you will be contacted. I will be in Florida for January and February, but home in March in time to write the next installment of the class notes.

Go Black Bears!



Thirteen members of the 1964 UMaine baseball team returned to campus for a 40th Reunion dinner at Homecoming. Back row (left to right): Arthur Heathcote '66, Dick Kelliher '66, Joe Ferris '66, Ron Lanza '66, John Hutchins '67, and Brent Keene '65. Front row: Dick Perkins '66, Dick Flaherty '65, Charles Newell '66, Dave Thompson '64, Carl "Stump" Merrill '66, and Tom Murphy '65. Larry Coughlin '65 is seated in front.

Celebrating That Magical "64" Season

It was the team that came out of nowhere and put Black Bear baseball on the map. Coached by a former football star, the late Jack Butterfield '52, and made up primarily of underclassmen, many from the state of Maine, the 1964 UMaine baseball team surprised the nation with a string of upsets and an amazing third place finish in the College World Series (CWS).

The team's CWS performance was the catalyst for a long run of national success for the UMaine team, with return trips to the College World Series in 1976, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, and 1986.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of that historic '64 Black Bear team, and to celebrate, players and coaches returned to Buchanan Alumni House for a reception and dinner during Homecoming 2003.

Among those who attended were two of the '64 team's biggest stars—catcher Carl "Stump" Merrill '66 and the College World Series Most Valuable Player, pitcher Joe Ferris '66.

Merrill batted an impressive .327 for the '64 season, but more importantly was a defensive

anchor behind the plate and a fiery team leader on the field. During that sophomore season he didn't make an error or allow a stolen base.

Fellow sophomore Ferris was equally impressive, going undefeated in 1964, with two wins and one save in the CWS.

Of course there were plenty of other heroes. Dick Doloff pitched a magnificent game to defeat powerhouse Arizona State in the opening CWS game. Shortstop Dick DeVarney and third baseman Dave Thompson led the team in batting, each with an impressive .333 average.

It was a true team effort—everyone made a contribution.

Linwood "Woody" Carville '53 served as an assistant to Coach Butterfield in 1964.

"It was a privilege to know and work with the members of that team," Carville says. "They were talented, but their main assets were confidence, hard work, and cohesiveness. They were terrific representatives of the University of Maine. That was reflected in the fact that they quickly became the fan favorites at the world series in Omaha."

1964

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Marty Milliken Round wrote that she has begun her last year of teaching and will then be dividing her time between St. Augustine, Florida, and Sebago, Maine. Marty said **Jack Fabello** had retired from teaching in Massachusetts. She also told me that **John Gilbert** has retired and is running a Christmas tree business in Litchfield, Connecticut, as well as spending some time hiking the Appalachian Trail.

There was an article in the *Bangor Daily News* in June discussing **Sandy Phippen's** latest work, a piece for the Maine High School Drama Festival. *Standing Just Outside the Door* is a 40-minute script that premiered in Skowhegan and had a weekend run in Orono. Congratulations, Sandy.

1965

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It is autumn as I am writing this column but you will be reading it in the middle of winter.

I really enjoyed reading a recent article in the *Ellsworth Weekly*, one of my hometown papers, celebrating the 20-year tenure of **Pat Ramsdell Foster** with the Ellsworth Public Library. I like spending time in her pleasant work domain when I am visiting in Ellsworth. I have known Pat since the sixth grade and admire her passion and commitment. When I was in high school, I used to help my sister, Mary, who was a student employee at the library, and it was a much different place then. Through her "foster care," Pat has helped move the Ellsworth Public Library into the 21st century—additions, renovations, new programs and publications, computerization. It is

now one of the best-run libraries in the state.

Each month the *Boston Sunday Globe*, in "Transitions," profiles individuals who have made significant changes in their work lives. Highlighted last April was **Hank Schmelzer**, who left an executive position as president and CEO of New England Funds, a Boston mutual fund business, to head the Maine Community Foundation, a nonprofit foundation based in Ellsworth. Hank finds his work "more satisfying" and says he is "a lot happier person at this stage of the game." Hank and his wife, Cynthia Livingston, live in Somesville, on Mount Desert Island.

In May at its 36th commencement, Eastern Maine Technical College granted emeritus status to two long-time faculty members, both of whom were retiring. One was **Loring Kydd**, of Deer Isle, a mathematics, physics, computer, and surveying instructor and math-science department chairman for 25 years. As a leader at the college since its founding, he developed marketing to attract women students into a primarily male environment at EMTC.

At their annual retirement dinner, the Brewer Education Association honored six of their members for 247 combined years of service to the students of Brewer. Among those honored was **Jacqueline Beck Norton** for 35 years of teaching.

I was in Maine for over three weeks in August. A highlight of my visit was a walk on the newly constructed wheelchair accessible boardwalk through the Orono bog. For those of you who didn't take field trips with a UMaine botany class, it is located off Stillwater Avenue, near the Bangor City Forest. There is even a docent present.

When I was visiting my sister Jean Tapley '69 in Blue Hill, **Glenna Renegar Bingham** stopped by one day with lunch. She and Lee '63 live on Fox Run in Surry. Lee is now senior vice president of SCA Stockholm (formerly Georgia Pacific Tissue). They have twin sons: Brad and his wife Buffy live in New Boston, New Hampshire, and Brad is in sales at SCA; Jonathan and his wife Nola live in Bethesda, Maryland,



Pat Ramsdell Foster '65 was recently featured in an article in the *Ellsworth Weekly*. Pat is celebrating her 20th year at the Ellsworth Public Library. (Photograph courtesy of the *Ellsworth Weekly*.)

where Jonathan is in dermatology residency at Bethesda Naval Hospital and Walter Reed Army Hospital. Glenna and Lee recently bought a winter home in Scottsdale, Arizona, only two blocks away from good friends Mike and **Stephanie Barry Brown**, who are both retired and live in Andover, Massachusetts, and have a summer home in South Blue Hill. Glenna shared the following news: **Pearl Robinson Mattson** and her husband Perry are retired and live on Newbury Neck, Surry, Maine; Terry '61 and **Kathy Gould Christy** live in Standish. Kathy designs and makes jewelry and Terry is a teacher in Windham; **Bill Gould** is still practicing dentistry in Calais and he and his wife, Gail Dettmer Gould '67, have a new vacation home in Patten Bay Cove, Grand Lake Stream. Their daughter Christine is an attorney in San Francisco.

My college roommate, **Caroline Fuller Hutchinson**, and I and two close friends from elementary school days drove from Maine to Lake Winnepesaukee to visit our friend from high school, Marnie Blaisdell Shulz, in Laconia, New Hampshire.

I received an e-mail from **Stu Gerald**. He and **Maggie Edgar Gerald** like their new home in Madison, Alabama, a suburb of Huntsville, where they have lots of old Army friends. From May to November, they continue to enjoy being on Long Pond in Belgrade Lakes, where Stu grew up. Their son Jason was married this summer in Minnesota. In September, Maggie hosted a 60th birthday party for Stu at the Village Inn across the lake from their home. Stu is semi retired, but enjoys the flexibility of doing independent consulting for the Army and companies doing business with the Army.

This summer, **Dorothy Clark Jordan** and her husband Vernon were Grand Marshals of the Warren Day Parade. They have been residents of Warren for over 56 years. Dorothy retired from 29 years of teaching fourth and fifth graders and enjoys painting, designing homes, and collecting antiques. Vernon was a school principal, who recently received an award from the Baptist Churches of Maine for being an ordained minister for over 50 years.

I received sad news from **Pam Braley O'Leary** in Orono. She informed me that **Bob Browne** died the end of August on his golf course in Vassalboro. He went to Cony High in Augusta with Pam. His wife, **Julie Love Browne**, was also a classmate of ours.

News articles have been rather sparse lately. Now that you have my e-mail address, please let me know how you are and what you are doing.

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It may be cool and breezy as you read this, but for me right now the dog days of August are enjoying their last gasp. I'm already back at school, leaves are starting to fall, darkness is coming earlier and earlier, and before long, I'll be shivering again—just like I did in Alaska! Yup! I was Yukon bound this summer with 14 other widows, traveling around that majestic state both by train and ship. If you ever have the opportunity to follow in my tracks, I hope you do. It is a splendid place—at least in the summer when the

temperatures rise and the sun never sets. But, as they say, that was then and this is now, so on to your news—

I've learned that **William Moulton** and his family have owned Nehumkeag Island in the Kennebec River for over 100 years and that bald eagles nested nearby on Pittston Island. However, in the 1960s, chemical contaminants destroyed the birds' natural habitat. Now, though, I'm glad to say that the eagles are back where they belong thanks in large part to William who agreed to modify his logging and farming methods. He says, "I knew it was just a matter of time before they returned on the old nest on my island."

Meanwhile, **Harry Tomah** has retired after 36 years of teaching and coaching in Wells, Maine. During that time, he touched the lives of more than 4,000 teenagers! Instead, he'll now be spending his days on the board of selectmen, but says, "I'll just miss being able to say 'I'm a teacher' when someone asks me what I do. I always took pride in that." Also in the field of education, I've learned that **Steve Gardner** has left his post as girls basketball coach at Orono High School to accept a position as principal of a K-8 school in Sedona, Arizona—one of my all-time favorite places! At the same time, **Pam Hennessey** has stepped down as athletic director at Husson College after 17 years, electing instead to take on a full-time position in their physical education department. Her teaching career has spanned some 35 years! Word comes too, that **Ruth Goller Brinster** is still working at Keansburg High School, although no longer as a world history teacher. Instead, she now is responsible for delivering the school's language arts and math basic skills program. Meanwhile her husband, **Stanley Brinster**, is making a full recovery from heart transplant surgery, and we send him our very best wishes.

Joe Perham, a humorist, was the featured artist in the Mahoosuc Arts Council's Meet the Artists series highlighting the lives and work of selected Oxford County people. Having retired as an English and speech teacher, Joe now spends his time as an after-dinner speaker and Maine humorist. You may have even seen him on Charles Kuralt's "On the Road!"

And finally, I've heard from **Anne Cathcart Spruce**. Anne recently retired from her position as a clinical microbiologist, and she and her



Enjoying the president's brunch at Homecoming 2003 are (left to right): **UMaine Foundation President Amos Orcutt '64**, **Jane Fitzpatrick Johnson '69**, **Scott Johnson**, and **Lola Orcutt**.

husband, **Murray Spruce '65**, have sold their Massachusetts home and are building a winter home in Bolivia, North Carolina—on the golf course, near the ocean! Sounds grand! Meanwhile, they are now the proud grandparents of Matthew and were anticipating the birth of their second grandchild in September. I can imagine nothing sweeter and wish them much happiness.

And that's it this time around. I love hearing from you, learning of all your achievements and life style changes, so please keep the e-mails and letters coming. In the meantime, stay well and enjoy these fine days. I miss you all.

1967

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Does anyone have any exciting or at least, newsworthy plans for this winter? Send me a left-over Christmas card or something. News is scarce. **Judy Jones Blake** came from North Carolina during the summer for a long list of events: family homestead, 40th high school reunion, and to see son Rob and daughter Meg. Meg, from Cumberland, is in the process of making grandparents of Judy and **Dick Blake**. I might have gotten together with her but I was off camping with countless grandchildren. The garden

was the only thing that kept me home in the summer.

There has been honorable mention of a number of class athletes. **Walter Nelson** retired from his position as athletic director and administrator at Lowell High School, Massachusetts. His former roommates, **Frank Koris** of Rumford and **Carl Freyermuth** of Plymouth, Massachusetts, were on hand for the retirement party. There's a new tribute to former UMaine football stars at the Harold Alfond Sports Stadium. The Ring of Honor is located above the east stands. **John Huard** is the first inductee based on overall football achievements and chosen by the athletic department. Huard's UMaine achievements were followed by four seasons in the NFL (Denver Broncos, New Orleans Saints) and then a couple of seasons with the Canadian Football League's Montreal Alouettes and Toronto Argonauts.

Maine's former commissioner of inland fisheries and wildlife department, **Lee Perry** has been nominated by Governor Craig Benson to head the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. There's a vacant two-year post to fill.

How many mayors and city managers does it take to change a light bulb? That's what Augusta is left to wonder after city councilor **Stan Koski** was relieved of his 30 years of service in traffic light maintenance. The rain, snow, sleet, hail, and dark of night position has saved the city \$250,000 by Stan's estimate as he has never charged for his labor or the use of his trucks. Now,

as an elected city councilor, a conflict arises with his traffic light repair work. He has also taken issue with the city's expenditure of \$27,857 for light replacement. Stan reminds all that he openly pledged "to do everything reasonably possible to restrain the cost of city government" when he ran for the council seat. At best he remains controversial.

1968

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I am slowly but surely beginning to hear from you. I am just an e-mail away and I know there are lots of classmates out there who are dying to hear from you.

A note from **Peggy Basso Hoffman**, fellow Phi Mu, said, "I am happily married to my husband, Jeff, of 32 years. He was a TKE at the University of Akron. He works for Northrop Grumman and travels all over the world. I have been fortunate to be able to travel a lot with him this year. We have three children: Eric who is in the Navy and is married with two children. They live in Japan and we have been to visit them numerous times. Our daughter (also a Phi Mu) will be graduating from Kennesaw State University in December and hopes to start teaching overseas. Our youngest son (also a TKE) is a second year (sophomore) student at Georgia Tech. I am the director of asset management at Kennesaw State University Foundation, which is in a suburb of Atlanta, Georgia. The university is part of the university system of Georgia and has an enrollment of about 18,000." My memories of Peggy are a big smile, lots of energy, and a great laugh. So good to hear from you, Peggy, and glad life is treating you so well.

From **Carolyn Clarke Hughes** who lives in Portland—a number of Class of 1968 alums attended the UMaine vs Florida International football game in Portland, Maine, on September 13th, including **Jane Huard Richards**, **Carol Utterback Guerrin**, and **Erik and Donna Porter Erikson**. Carolyn is really trying to mobilize Maine alums in the Portland area, including upcoming hockey games. Anyone interested

can contact her.

Some of us attended the Maine/ UNH football game in Durham in November. My daughter Betsy is a Ph.D. candidate at UNH and also did her undergrad there. I am sure we have many other alums with kids who attended UNH. Here is the perfect opportunity to show up and cheer for the best team—go Maine Black Bears!

Bion Foster wrote, "As chair of the University of Maine Alumni Association, I wanted to let our classmates know the extent that the Buchanan Alumni House has been visited and used by alumni and friends. The fund-raising effort to build our alumni house, the largest private fundraising event in the university's history, has paid handsome dividends! Our beautiful new 'Place to Call Home' is indeed that—our home away from home while visiting our alma mater. Once again, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the thousands of alumni who made this possible. We also invite all alumni to consider a gift to our Buchanan Alumni House Endowment Fund, to insure that our beautiful new home will remain that way—new! The funds will be invested with the University of Maine Foundation, with the earnings assisting in the operations and enhancements at Buchanan Alumni House."

Shirley Hanson McCarthy and her husband **Bob** operate a B&B in Lititz, Pennsylvania. **Carli Burke** and her husband Peter visited them and say it is not to be missed. Bob McCarthy retired from government service with a few good stories to tell while they were there for breakfast. Shirley said they started looking for a B&B in the D.C. area where they have lived and spread out from there. The house has five bedrooms that are just delightful, and there are rolling hills and Amish wagons, beautifully kept barns, really pristine landscape.

Tony Filauro, after working for Great Northern Paper for over 25 years, is doing consulting work in forestry and forest management. Congratulations, Tony, for receiving the Presidential Field Forester Award from the Society of American Foresters.

Al Bushway is a food science professor at Orono.

Susan Derosier Trynoski of Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, coordinator of the elementary division at Wyoming Seminary Lower School in Forty Fort, received the prestigious Francis and Louis Maslow Award for excellence in teaching. She is for-

merly of Presque Isle.

David S. Palmer is a certified prosthodontist and has opened a restorative dentistry practice in South Portland. He is a retired U.S. Air Force colonel. **Nancy Randall Clark** retired from Freeport High School. She also served as president of the Maine Teachers Association. In addition she had a second career for 20 years serving in the state legislature. **Bill Byrne** has been a professional natural history photographer for over 30 years. He has been published in magazines and journals such as *Natural Wildlife*, *Smithsonian*, *Audubon*, *Sports Afield*, *Massachusetts Wildlife*, and many others. He resides in Peter-sham, Massachusetts.

Until next time—a wonderful holiday season to you all.

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When you read these notes, winter will have appeared, but I am writing after returning from a trip to campus in late September. It was Family and Friends Weekend, and we had visited our son Ben who is in his second year at UMaine. The campus was beautiful as always, and that friendly Maine Hello still exists. To add to the excitement of the weekend, I saw another classmate and Alpha Phi sister, **Judy Groot Savary**, at Governor's. Her son is also a student at UMaine. I reminded Judy that our 35th Reunion is coming up June 4-5, 2004. I hope

that all of you have received your initial information about our Reunion and the festivities that are planned especially for the Class of '69. Mark your calendars and contact as many classmates as possible to make that trip to Orono in June. If you haven't seen the campus in years, you will be amazed at the changes, yet when we meet with our classmates, it will seem as if we never left campus. Remember even if you can't make it to the Reunion, send us your news to share with classmates.

Frederick Campbell is general manager of Varian Vacuum Technologies, part of Varian, Inc. His wife, Nancy, is director of pupil personnel and special education for the Dedham school system. Nancy and Fred just celebrated their 25th anniversary. They live in Walpole, Massachusetts, and have two sons.

Roger Roy is an associate professor of mathematics and business at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. The University of Maine Stillwater Society honored U.S. Senator **Olympia J. Snowe** in May with its Presidential Achievement Award. The Stillwater Society was created in 2000 to recognize alumni who have made a significant contribution to the university and have helped foster the university's growth, partnerships, and good will. When Senator Snowe accepted the award at her alma mater, she remarked, "As a place of higher learning, the University of Maine has always distinguished itself as a bright beacon of light and as a center of promoting the liberty of thought. Certainly it was that way for me, and it fills me with pride to tell people I graduated from the University of Maine."

It should also be noted that **Richard Robertson** received special recognition for his 30 years of service to the Farm Credit of Maine. Kudos! **John Peters**, president of Downeast Energy Corporation, Brunswick, has been elected to the

board of directors of Norway Savings Bank. Robert and **Ruth Drake Ives** were awarded the *Lincoln County Weekly's* 2002 Community Service Award in recognition for their good deeds. Ruth and her husband have founded many community service programs and activities. The Iveses began The Carpenter's Boatshop in 1979 as a "way to enter into a different form of ministry by creating a home, a community, and a school." They also helped form the Community Housing Improvement Project as well as helping inspire other projects that focused on helping low income families find affordable housing. **Donette Dahlgren Leighton's** daughter Ashley was salutatorian for the class of 2003 at John Baptist Memorial High School in Bangor. Donette and her family live in Glenburn.

Jonathan Ford of Eddington is the state office representative for Senator Susan Collins at her Bangor office. Jonathan has worked in the Maine forest industry and has served as president of the Maine Forest Products Council and as director of business development at J.M. Huber/Huber Resources Corporation.

Mark your calendars and send your Reunion information to the alumni office. Think how exciting it will be to renew old friendships at the place those friendships began—"the college of our hearts always."

1970

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My mailbox has not been overflowing, so the news will be brief this time. **Norma Holmes Manter** has retired from the principalship of the Fort Fairfield (Maine) Elementary School. Another educator, **Carol Canty Alley**, has also retired from the Brewer (Maine) school system after 40 years of service. **Stephen King** and his wife, Tabitha Spruce King '71, are the major contributors to the establishment of the Beth Pancoe Aquatic Center in Bangor, Maine. This swimming pool will be opening June 2004. Stephen has also started to write a monthly column for *Entertainment Weekly*. This is the first regular column he has

Your Classmates Would Like to Hear From You!

We know you enjoy reading about what is happening in your classmates' lives. Well, they would love to hear from you too! It could be a new job, retirement plans, children or grandchildren, volunteer work, hobbies, memories of your days on campus—anything you want to include.

Just write or e-mail your class correspondent or send your news to: abigail_zelz@umit.maine.edu.

done since "King's Garbage Truck" ran in *The Maine Campus*. I remember that, do any of you? Speaking of *The Maine Campus*, **Andy Lacasse**, who was the advertising director and business manager of the paper, was awarded a Medal of Honor by Le Club Calumet in Augusta, Maine. He is a regional vice president of Gardiner Savings Institution. **Russ Van Arsdale** is with Northeast Historic Film of Bucksport. This past summer he was one of the judges for the Orono (Maine) High School Film Festival.

Hope that everyone's holidays were joyful and that everyone will keep that New Year's resolution to drop me a note and tell me what you have been up to in the past 33 years!

1971

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Happy holidays, everyone! We'd love to hear from you, so please jot down your news and send it along.

Joseph Donald "Don" Cyr of Lille-sur-St.-Jean and a professor at the University of Maine at Presque Isle, has been appointed to the Maine Arts Commission by governor John Baldacci '86. Don teaches in the history and art departments and is a history Ph.D. candidate at UMaine. He is an enthusiastic researcher and historian of Acadian culture and performs Acadian dance.

Donald Beckwith of Yarmouth was profiled in a story about the revaluation of real estate property in southern and coastal Maine. Donald, a third generation farmer, found his land had increased in value by 280 percent and his taxes had climbed accordingly.

Recently relocated from Presque Isle to Gorham is **Neil Piper**, vice president of Farm Credit, the largest cooperative and agricultural lender in the state. Neil was recognized for 30 years of service to Farm Credit.

Dennis Damon of Trenton, Maine, is a member of the Maine Legislature.

Why not consider a Lifetime Membership?



The Class of 1973 presented a \$25,000 check to help with renovations at Fogler Library during the class's 30th Reunion at Homecoming 2003. Left to right are: alumni association staff member Kari Wells, '73 co-presidents Patti and Allen Morell, class treasurer Larry LaPlante, Fogler Library interim director Joyce Rumery, and '73 class agent Glen Foss.

1972

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Congratulations to **Valerie King Osborne**, director of the Old Town Public Library, who was chosen as the Outstanding Librarian of the Year by the Maine Library Association earlier this year.

Ruth York Faut of New Gloucester, Maine, is an event planner at Pineland Farms. To quote the clipping, "Ruth's work experiences as an office administrator, legal administrator, real estate coordinator, and relocation administrator all helped to prepare her for the intensive organizing, coordinating, and managing needed to throw an unforgettable function."

Brenda Wells Joseph has been hired as the new special education director in Farmingdale, Maine. She has been a distinguished educator with the Maine State Department of Education for the past two years. For seven years she was a K-5 special education teacher for the Winthrop school system. Brenda's husband, **George Joseph**, is superintendent of School Administrative District 8 in Vinalhaven. They live in Fayette.

Scott '97 and **Alan Pangburn**, owners of the Save-A-Lot franchise,

are moving their grocery store from the Dover-Foxcroft Shopping Plaza to the former distribution center of Moosehead Manufacturing Company.

Erika LaForge, daughter of Marie and **Paul Laforge** of West Enfield, Maine, was named salutatorian for the Class of 2003 at Penobscot Valley High School. She will attend the University of Maine, where she plans to study civil engineering.

Aaron Doody, son of **Eldon** and **Donna Deabay Doody** of Millinocket, Maine, was one of three valedictorians for the Class of 2003 at Stearns High School. He will attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study engineering.

On a sad note, our classmate **Nick Susi** died last June of an apparent heart attack. Our condolences to Nick's wife **Martha Connors Susi** and their children, Nate and Abbi.

1973

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The last of my piles of Reunion update forms came in August. Please continue to let us know what you are up to. Take a few minutes to drop the alumni office a note or e-

mail me to keep us up-to-date.

Richard and Marshalyn Wing Baker are busy in Belgrade. Marshalyn is a middle school math teacher at Messalonskee and Richard is the DEP shoreland zoning director. Their son Ryan graduated from UMaine in '01 and son Randen is a freshman this year. Terry '69 and **Paula Barnaby Smith** are in Cumberland. Paula is a guidance counselor at Freeport High School. **Donna Burton Eckman** is the mother of five children and owns a daycare center in Topsfield, Massachusetts.

Dean Bither has been busy this past year or so with the weddings of both of his children, Alexis and Eric. **Mark Hunter** has taken over the management of some famous (for parties) apartment houses in Orono, including 100 North Main Street (which is just around the corner from where Steve and I lived when we first were married). **Lucy Larlee Girodet** and **Darrell King** were honored for 20 years of service as teachers in Brewer. **Gabby Price** is the new athletic director at Husson College in Bangor. **Michael Gosse-lin** received the Olmstead Prize from Williams College for excellence in teaching. Graduating seniors nominate teachers who have influenced their intellectual and personal growth. Michael teaches physics at Waterville High School. **Steve Cottrell** has been hired as the part-time superintendent of the Monmouth School District. **Ernest Kilbride** of Carmel received the prestigious Silver Beaver Award from the Katahdin Area Boy Scouts of America.

1974

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Okay, Class of '74, we ARE getting old! Plans are underway for our 30th Reunion and we need your help. A small but ambitious committee has started the preliminary discussion. We welcome anyone interested in joining us for this memorable event. It will be held during Homecoming weekend of 2004 (the exact date has not been announced, but count on October). Members of our class who live in Maine are really needed to keep the plans moving forward. If

you would like to be on the planning committee, contact me or Kari Wells from the alumni association at: Kari_Wells@umit.maine.edu.

There will be more details in the next issue.

Now on to the news. Congratulations to **Raymond Anderson** for completing the Kennebec Leadership Institute sponsored by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce and the University of Maine Augusta. Raymond works at Maine General Medical Center. The leadership program trains representatives of businesses and organizations in advanced leadership skills.

Robert Baldacci, Jr. of Bangor is busy in commercial development along the Penobscot River. He was given development rights to construct a commercial restaurant space and may consider some other uses for adjoining spaces. It sounds like the Baldacci restaurant legacy will continue for many more years.

We had a note from **Mark Brady**. Though currently living in the Raleigh, North Carolina, area, he recently bought some property in Harpswell for vacation/retirement. He also recently joined Avant Consulting as the principal in their new North Carolina branch office.

Glenn Porter and his wife, Jean Deighan, are "reviving a dream" in Bangor. They purchased the Morse building on Harlow Street. Although she had always been attracted to the building, there was a great deal of work, particularly in the historic preservation area, that presented challenges and patience. We are pleased to announce that she has completed the project and runs her investment advising business from that locale.

As of this writing, the district court has endorsed the appointment of **Charles Laverdiere**. He has been a practicing lawyer in Wilton and is also a former legislator. If appointed, he will serve as the primary judge in Skowhegan.

My apologies to **Peter Nielsen** for temporarily losing his update. He and **Mary Richards Nielsen** are celebrating 28 years of marriage this fall. And he completed his master's degree in public administration. He is town manager in Wilton.

Warm regards to everyone from Florida.

Your classmates want to hear from you! Why not e-mail your class correspondent today?



This group of Class of 1973 Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity brothers enjoyed getting together at their 30th Reunion during Homecoming 2003. Left to right are: Gordon Cooper, Quentin Young, Robert Muller, and Jerry Lewis.

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Best wishes for the new year, everyone! Hope you're ready for the cold, snowy winter. Whether you revel in winter activities, look forward to escaping to a warmer spot, or hibernate till spring, please send us your news.

1976

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Hello, '76ers! If you haven't been back to the university for a while, you will be amazed at all the construction and renovation going on around the campus. It certainly has changed since our days back in the



Enjoying a pregame reunion at Homecoming 2003 were Class of '78 members (left to right): Rinda Ward White, Gregory Gallant, class president Meredith Strang Burgess, Linda Card LeBlond, and Stephen Arsenault.

'70s.

I haven't heard from anyone for quite a while. Please send me a quick e-mail and I will include it in our next column. Here are some clippings about '76ers in the news.

Terry Kenniston has been named athletic director in Belfast. **Keith Trembley** has recently expanded his business with the purchase of Paul Davis Restoration franchise in South Portland. **John Rogers** was featured in an article in the *Kennebec Journal* about his position as director at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. **John Donahue** has been named as the new mill manager at the Sappi Fine Paper's Somerset Mill in Skowhegan.

Dennis Castonguay has been named mill manager of the International Paper Company mill in Bucksport. **Becky Bubar** was honored by the Brewer Education Association for 20 years of service. **Jane Searles** has recently completed her M.S. in community economic development from Southern New Hampshire University.

1977

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Hi everyone. Hope you've had a good holiday season. Isn't it amazing how time flies? Seems like just yesterday it was summer and now here we are facing another brand new year. I do want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy 2004.

Unfortunately, for this column I don't have much news to report. Only one item has come across my desk and that came by way of the good folks at the alumni office. **Dick Balentine** is a biology teacher at Hampden Academy. Having also served as cross-country coach for the past 24 years he has now taken on the additional duties of coaching the boys and girls indoor track. Dick "tries to run five miles each day, both for personal fitness and perhaps to serve as an example for the many student-athletes he coaches."

That's all I have to report. Again, happy New Year. Hope to hear from you soon.

1978

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Greetings, classmates. We have a few career highlights to begin with this issue. **Steven L. Gagnon** celebrated his 25-year anniversary with Key Bank in 2003. He resides in Caribou, Maine, with his wife and three children, and is responsible for expanding corporate finance activities in Aroostook County.

Kevin Boyle was named the 2003 Distinguished Maine Professor at UMaine. Kevin teaches environmental economics and environmental quality and has been the author of more than 150 published research papers. Congratulations!

Marc Malon, a chiropractor in Biddeford, Maine, was re-elected to a three-year term as a trustee of the Logan College of Chiropractic board of trustees.

Now, thanks to our 25th Reunion in October, we have some classmate updates! **Stanley R. Howe** lives in Bethel, Maine, and has been the executive director of the Bethel Historical Society for 29 years.

Do you remember the 1977 Homecoming Queen? It was our own **Karen Ross Bouchard** who now lives and teaches in Belfast, Maine. She has two children and is active in the Lioness Club, MEA, NEA, and Belfast Teachers Association.

Butler, Pennsylvania, is the home of **Stephen N. Cahoon** and his wife and three children. He is the pastor of the Meridian United Presbyterian Church there. One of his favorite UMaine memories was "hanging out in front of Oak Hall!"

John "Jack" Morrison, Jr. is the chair of the math department at Thornton Academy in Saco, Maine. He and his wife, Sheri, have two children. He was a 4th floor Dunn guy who loved intramural sports!

Barbara Dewitt Olson lives in Norway, Maine, and works for the Growth Council of Oxford Hills. She has three children and is active in Leadership Maine, Project Graduation, golf, and church boards. Do you still play tennis, Barb?

Thomas McNeice of Needham, Massachusetts, works for CDM in Cambridge and has two children.

Dorothy Duffy-Quinn is a business writer in West Newton, Massa-



Class of '78 members at their 25th Reunion during Homecoming 2003. Left to right are: Rinda Ward White, Tim Williams, Pamela Dunham Astbury, and Robin Perry.

chusetts. She has one daughter, Juliette. She is currently taking a full load of English and language courses at a local college. Dottie's favorite UMaine memory is "walking to class when it was snowing—gently!"

Atlanta, Georgia, is the home of **Stephen Brown** who is now retired and enjoys skiing, bicycling, and golf. The former ATO and ROTC member remembers fondly dorm life and the cafeteria—believe it or not!

Kathryn Bourgois is a faculty physician at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, Maine. She is married to David LaBrecque and they have two children. She enjoys

going to their camp on Sebec Lake and boating, canoeing, and hiking.

Another "medically inclined" classmate is **Cary J. Stratford** of Alstead, New Hampshire. Cary is a partner in Emergency Services of New England. He received his P.A. from Yale and is president of the P.A. Academy of Vermont. He and his wife, Rebecca, have two children and enjoy skiing, music, saltwater fly-fishing, and motorcycling.

Kathleen A. Parent is retired and lives in Quincy, Florida, where she is interested in photography and jazz.

The University of Louisiana at

Lafayette employs **Wayne "Harpo" Harper** as the rec sports director. Wayne and his wife, Sheree, have one child.

Pam Vowles St. Peter works for the Maine Leadership Consortium in Augusta. She and her husband, Anthony, live in Hallowell and have two children. As a matter of fact, their son, Benjamin, is a member of the UMaine Class of 2003!

John and Michelle Ellis Barron live in Yarmouth, Maine, with their three children. John is the chief financial officer of Cole Haan.

Watch for more updates in the next column! Until then, all the best in 2004 and send me some news!

1979

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Happy holidays! It's hard to get "in the spirit" when it's hazy, hot, and humid as I write this. Wish we had some of that weather now!

On to the news: **Carol-Lynn Saliba** is a senior vice president at Citizens Bank New Hampshire, responsible for sales management support and training. She and her husband and daughter reside in Bedford, New Hampshire. **Johnny Carpenter** of Etna, Massachusetts, has been mobilized to Cuba for an extended tour. He has been employed by the state of Maine for 19 years; he and wife Sharon McCarthy reside in Etna.

Dave Ives (our former class president) has received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from St. John's Preparatory School, based on commitment to "faith, family, and service" as well as professional success. He is chief executive officer of NiiS/Apex Group Holdings, headquartered in Salem, Massachusetts. He and wife Pam Burch '80 have two sons, one of whom entered St. John's last fall as a member of the Class of 2007.

Brent A. Snowden is the primary project engineer for Maine's Department of Transportation in Kennebec and Somerset counties. He has worked for the department for 24 years, and has a 14-year-old son.

News of the next generation (can you believe it): Jean Hamlin, daughter of Neil and **Barbara Cummings Hamlin** of Milo, was valedictorian of



Enjoying the Class of '78 post-football game reception at the President's House at Homecoming 2003 are: Pete Libhart, Mary Rogers Libhart, Sue Higgins Leonard, Greg Leonard, and Stephen DeStefano.

Penquis Valley High School and attends Dartmouth College. Sarah Saucier, daughter of Richard '80 and **Karen Pickett Saucier**, was valedictorian at Stearns High School in Millinocket. She is attending the University of Maine to study chemical engineering.

Matthew Quimby of Orrington, son of Linda and **Steve Quimby**, received scouting's Eagle Scout award. For his Eagle Scout project, Matthew built storage shelves at the Center Drive School in Orrington.

Two D.C. interns: Eric Penley, son of Robert '75 and **Candy McKeown Penley** of Holden, interned at the office of U.S. Senator Susan Collins and now attends Bowdoin College with a major in government and Spanish. Joshua Yardley, son of Rita '81 and **Shawn Yardley** of Bangor, interned with Senator Snowe. He is attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

That's all our news. Please make a New Year's resolution to drop a line (or an e-mail) to update your classmates.

1980

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Greetings, everyone, and happy New Year! Before you put away those holiday cards, send one to me and let me know what's happening! Even if nothing in your life has changed, your classmates want to know where you're living, what you're doing for work and fun, and what's going on.

You needn't win any awards to be in this column—we want everyday-type news—whether it's new brakes for your car or a new hamster, we want to hear from you!

1981

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Okay, class! I don't want to hear your excuses! I complained in the



Class of 1978 friends Harry Hinrichsen (left) and Larry Reynolds at Homecoming 2003. Larry was Bananas when he was a student at UMaine.

last column about a lack of news and this time I'm down to two clippings and one e-mail! Now, if you're like me, you check e-mail everyday and fire off a bunch everyday—business or personal. Please—add me to your list and send an update on you, your family, your job, your new home, your latest trip, whatever! Just send me something! Perhaps I should offer some incentives—I may need to speak to the staff at the alumni association about that! In all seriousness, this is your column. Please help out by dropping me a couple of lines.

Jean Bingham gets top billing in the column for sending me an e-mail! She lives in Durham, Connecticut, with her three children, and is a marketing manager for the Postal Payment Solutions Group at Pitney Bowes. Her kids are active and keep her busy as an assistant scoutmaster and Odyssey of the Mind coach. This past August, she scaled Mount Katahdin with a group of scouts, which included her 12-year-old son. She comes to Maine often to visit her parents and ski. She'd love to hear from classmates in her area of Connecticut. Her e-mail address: jbingham2@comcast.net.

In news "ripped from the headlines," **Barbara Park Toner** traveled to Brazil this past summer on a fellowship from the Earthwatch Institute. She teaches biology at Skowhegan Area High School and hopes to use her experiences in Brazil to broaden the horizons of her students back in Maine. Another educator, **Nadine Dede**, is now the principal at Fruit Street School in Bangor. She was previously the

principal of the K-8 Tremont Consolidated School.

I had a little blast from the past this fall when I attended the Art Garfunkel concert at the Maine Center for the Arts. What a talented man! It was well worth the ticket price to hear his renditions of all those Simon and Garfunkel tunes that we listened to growing up. "Bridge Over Troubled Water" gave me goose bumps, as I remembered those old high school dances and a few old flames! "Cecelia" got everybody rocking in their seats! And, of course, he had just announced his reunion with Paul Simon—why couldn't he have brought him to Maine? If they showed up in your area, I hope you didn't miss it! We had some great music in the '70s. Let me know if you've caught any reunion tours lately.

That's all, folks! I hope by the time you read this, my mailbag or my in-box will be overflowing and that our UMaine winter sports teams will be chalking up lots of victories. Support your alma mater by attending a game this winter or sending along a donation for the Black Bear Scholarship fund. Go Black Bears!

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

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1982

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Hope everyone had happy holidays! Here's what's been going on with our classmates over the past few months!

Ed Bunker (broadcasting) writes to us from Studio City, California, that he is "healthy, happy, and having a blast working in the music/entertainment business." After 14 years with the music company BMG he left for a small label called Squint Entertainment. A successful company, it was soon consolidated with Warner Brothers Records in 2001. Since then Ed has founded his own company, No Problem! Marketing which specializes in music marketing and working with bands to incorporate music into their brand advertising and marketing strategies. He would love to hear from classmates! His e-mail is: Ed@NoProblemMarketing.com and his company website is: www.noproblemmarketing.com.

Paula Robb Eppich (education) is now a literary specialist at Lake Region High School in Bridgton, Maine. She has served in S.A.D. 61 since graduation, teaching five years as a Title 1 teacher and 16 years as a classroom teacher in the elementary schools.

Dr. **Archie Green** (zoology) has returned to his hometown of Rockland having joined the medical staff at Penobscot Bay Medical Center and Glen Cove Internal Medicine Associates. Following our 1982 graduation, he attended and was graduated from the University of New England in Biddeford with a degree in osteopathic medicine. After residency, he served as an internist in private practice in Falls Church, Virginia.

Tom Hamilton (public management) recently accepted the position of finance director for the city of Norwalk, Connecticut. Previous to this, Tom served as director of finance for the city of West Haven (1992-1996) and a director of administration for the city of Stamford (1996-2003).

Claire LaBrie (who received her master's in literacy education) has assumed the duties of president of the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities. Claire has served as special education

administrator for 15 years, seven years in the Cape Elizabeth school department, two years in S.A.D. 52, and six years in S.A.D. 27. She has also served as a resource programs teacher in S.A.D. 27 and administrator of special education in Fort Kent. She resides in Gorham with her husband, Larry Thompson.

Jeff Ogden (business administration) has been promoted to branch manager of the Bangor Street branch of Fleet Bank in Augusta. He has more than 25 years of supervisory experience in retail sales, most recently with Carrols Corporation of Syracuse, New York. He resides in Clinton.

Gail Orndorf-Sperry (master's in education) has retired after 34 years of teaching, 22 of those years spent with Brewer students.

Joanne Stuart Potter (education) is now serving on the S.A.D. 60 school board. Employed at her family owned business, S.T.S. Construction, she has been very active in school activities of her hometown of Lebanon.

Mark Waite (electrical engineering) is the co-founder of a new business called Launch Momentum, a company designed where technology innovators can bring their ideas and see if those ideas offer a real opportunity for business success. It will do the ground work for companies interested in going to a venture capital firm, offer a fresh team to existing companies for a fee, and help emerging companies become viable. Since graduation, Mark has worked for Toshiba, Raytheon, IBM, and numerous other small and large companies. In 1999 he and a few other entrepreneurs started a semiconductor company named Extreme Packet Devices in Ottawa. The company was bought a year later by publicly traded company, PMC-Sierra. Mark resides in Falmouth. His new company's website is www.launchmomentum.com.

Ellen Randall Dunn wrote, "I am living in South Portland with my husband Hank Dunn '86 (who I met while we were living in Hannibal Hamlin Hall a million years ago) and our two boys, Isaac (5) and Nathan (3). I left Maine for a few years to earn an MFA in creative writing from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, but these days I'm a full-time, stay-at-home mom. A special hello to Singers alumni!"

Births:

William and Cheryl Hodsdon **Hunt** '84 had twin girls: Cassidy Alana and Meredith Ann, born June 20, 2003, in Portland.

Sandy Cyrus '78

Feeling Fully Alive Through Yoga

Sandy Zuk Cyrus '78, '96G is the owner/operator of Full Circle Yoga Studio in Orono. She opened the studio in October 2002 after completing her 200-hour teacher training at the Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health.

Although most of her students come to yoga classes to relieve stress or to increase flexibility, Sandy says she gradually introduces them to the idea of yoga as a complete system for living.

"Yoga is the oldest holistic system of personal development," she explains. "Through daily practice I've developed a mental and emotional clarity that allows me to live my life with relative ease. Living mindfully and with awareness has been the key to me feeling fully alive."

Just recently, in September of this year, Sandy added flamenco dance classes to the eight yoga classes a week she offers at her studio and on campus through the University of Maine recreation department.

Sandy performed as a soloist with the UMaine dance company in the 1980s, studying modern



dance from Jennifer Trowbridge and Spanish dance from her mentor, Teresa Torkanowsky. In 1992 Sandy traveled to the newly established American University in Bulgaria, where her late husband, and former UMaine theater department chair Al Cyrus, started a curriculum in theater and Sandy instituted a dance program.

Sandy is also very involved with theater. During her college career, she was often involved in Maine Masque Theater productions as an actress, stage manager, or choreographer.

At UMaine, she directed opera theater productions of *Trial by Jury* and *The Marriage of Figaro*. From 1980 to 1993 she

was director of the Theater of the Enchanted Forest.

Currently, Sandy serves as artistic director of Orono Community Theater.

Sandy lives in Orono with her husband Vince Lewey and her daughter Hannah Cyrus. Her older daughter, Afton Cyrus, is a music major at Brandeis University.

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Karen Durgin Martin lives in Taunton, Massachusetts, with her husband, Frederick. She is owner of a pet sitting business.

K. Todd Chamberlain lives in

Alexandria, Virginia, and works for the U.S. Army National Guard. He and his wife, Pam Powell-Blake Chamberlain '93, have one child. At UMaine he was in ROTC and the marching band, and has fond memories of attending hockey games.

Karen Guillerault Stanhope is manager of accounting projects for Hannaford Brothers. She and her husband, Andy, live in Scarborough.

Gert Nesin is an education professor at UMaine and lives in Old Town. She earned her Ph.D. at the University of Georgia.

Michael P. Murphy is a product engineer for Ameron International and lives in Tustin, California.

Daniel B. Ralston is director of special education at Howard Center for Human Services. He and his wife, Paula, have one child and live in St. Albans, Vermont. At UMaine he was a member of ATO fraternity and was involved in lacrosse and intramural sports. The most remarkable change in his life since graduation is discovering a career working with troubled youths and their families, and creating a family of his

own.

Robert Fitta is advertising director for *Harvard Magazine* in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He and his wife, Lisa, have two children and live in Danville, New Hampshire. While at UMaine, he served as sports director for WMEB.

Douglas A. Stephens lives in Greenfield, Massachusetts, and is the father of two children. He works at Ainsworth Associates.

Julie Tibbetts Talmage is a guidance counselor at Jay High School. She was in ROTC while at UMaine and after graduation entered the U.S. Army, where she served with the 9th MP Company in Fort Lewis, Washington. Julie has three children. She recalls Hart Hall adventures as her favorite college memory. Don't you know it, Julie!

Brenda Duncanson Lorentzson is a kindergarten teacher for the Clay County School District in Orange Park, Florida. She and her husband, Joseph, have two children. Brenda was named Teacher of the Year at Jacksonville Heights Elementary School in 1999-2000. Her favorite college memories are her senior year as an R.A. in Oxford Hall and being a varsity cheerleader.

Stephen J. Bradstreet is office manager for Environmental Engineering and Remediation in Portland and lives with his wife, Mary, in Gorham. They have two children.

Wanda Libby Wright is a computer scientist with the Department of Defense. Her husband is Robert. She had the opportunity to live in England for several years.

Brian L. Champion is an attorney for Verrill and Dana in Portland and lives with his wife, Lori, in Saco. They enjoy sailing the Maine coast aboard their 30-foot sloop, *Euphoria*. Brian is on the volunteer planning committee for the Good Shepherd Food Bank and participates in the Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project.

Kimberly Joan Antal is self-employed as a market researcher and lives in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. She is an avid cook/baker with a special interest in international and healthy/natural foods cooking. The Cooking Club of America recently published five of her recipes in a book. Among her favorite memories of college are the gorgeous summers on the Orono campus and the excellent food!

Elizabeth Day-Francis is married to Stephen Francis, and they live in Woodbridge, Connecticut, with their two children. Betsy is a professional figure skating instructor as well as a dance instructor. She



Katherine Foy Bartley '87 (left) and Elanna Crowley Farnham '81 enjoy tailgating before UMaine's Homecoming 2003 football game on October 4. Elanna has the rare distinction of having had two children play Division I sports at UMaine. Her daughter Katie Clark '00 was a member of the women's basketball team and son Nat Clark '00 was on the Black Bear football squad.

was a member of Phi Mu sorority and has fond memories of hockey games, friends, and Greek week-ends.

Thanks for your news, everyone! Wishing you all a wonderful new year!

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Winter is back! It is time to take out those skis and snowshoes, boots and mittens, sleds and shovels. It is also time to think about New Year's resolutions. I usually resolve to exercise more, play more, and relax more. Have any of you made any resolutions? Are they more original than mine and, if so, would you like to share them with the rest of the class?

We went to Homecoming the first weekend in October. The weather was cold! For the second year in a row, we went to tailgate but did not go to the football game. The rains started shortly after the start of the game. We got out just in time.

Dolly Bartley was at tailgate (and she probably stayed for the game). She lives in Sidney, Maine, with her husband Dan Littlefield '88 and their two sons, Thomas (10)

and Peter (8). She is a happy and busy stay-at-home mom. She volunteers at school and church, and she runs the after school program at the elementary school.

Andrew Frawley's parents were at the game also. They tell me that Andy is married to Julie Hung Frawley '85 and they have 11-year-old twins, Erica and Samantha. They live in Wayland, Massachusetts, and summer in Kennebunkport.

I received an e-mail from **Ben Alexander**. He is living in New York City, working on a Ph.D. in history at the City University of New York Graduate Center. In addition, he is teaching a couple of history classes part-time at St. Francis College in Brooklyn and pursuing play writing. His play, *Chemistry Lab*, ran for three weeks at an off-off-Broadway theater in March. He and his theater associates are trying to get it picked up for something bigger. How exciting!

Merlene Sanborn was presented the 2003 G. Clifton Eames Leadership Award at the Bangor Region Leadership Institute's alumni association dinner. As director of the Penquis Higher Education Center in Dover-Foxcroft, Merlene championed the development of the Penquis Leadership Institute, which is modeled after the Bangor Region Leadership Institute. Merlene lives in Brownville.

Thomas Nash is Windham's new director of adult education. He previously served in a similar post in Sanford. He lives with his wife and

three children in Falmouth. After graduation from UMaine, Thomas received a master's degree in adult education from the University of Southern Maine.

Raymond J. Nowak is chief executive officer of Farm Credit, Maine's largest cooperative and agricultural lender. The cooperative held its annual stockholders meeting in Lewiston this past spring. Raymond reviewed the highlights of 2002, which included a \$1.3 million patronage refund to its customer members, an eight percent growth in loan value, excellent credit quality, strong earnings of \$2.5 million, and a strong balance sheet with over 18 percent capital.

Cheryl Hodsdon Hunt and William Hunt, Jr. '82 are the proud parents of twins, Cassidy and Meredith, born June 20, 2003. They live in Portland.

That is all the news I have this time. Start thinking about Homecoming 2004 when we will celebrate our 20th Class Reunion! If you live outside Maine, you can make it part of a long weekend or a week-long vacation. As you recall, the foliage is gorgeous in October and the days are crisp and bright. The university has many events planned, cultural as well as athletic. I hope many of you will make it for what promises to be lots of fun.

In the meantime, what's new with you? Let me know and I will get it in the next column. I wish you all a happy and healthy 2004!

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Happy New Year! Please drop me an e-mail. Not much news to report this time, and you know this is the first place you turn to read!

James Boothby and his wife Eileen and daughter Samantha live in Enfield, Maine. James is the principal at the Ella Burr School in Lincoln and served as interim superintendent of schools for Ellsworth over the summer. James was offered the interim superintendent position following the resignation of **Jack Turcotte**. Jack took advantage of a Maine law which allows educa-

tors and state employees the opportunity to retire and begin collecting their pensions, then take the same or another education job at full pay without losing retirement benefits. As of press time, Jack planned to re-apply for the superintendent's position for the Ellsworth, Maine, schools.

Dexter (Maine) Regional High School dedicated its 2003 yearbook to **John Edward Walshe** who taught science to students in Dexter for 30 years. John earned bachelor's degrees in engineering and teaching and a master's degree in education from the University of Maine. Congratulations!

Robert Pastorelli is a lieutenant colonel in the Army stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Bob is a commander of Advanced Individual Training Battalion, providing training and support to over 700 soldiers. Bob lives in Joppa, Maryland, with his wife, Anna, and youngest son Bobby. Bob's older son attends Georgia Tech.

Wishing you good health and good fortune in 2004.

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Hi classmates! As I write this, it is a beautiful, breezy almost 80° day! Boy, summer flew! We really tried to get outside this year and had a blast exploring many Maine touristy and out of the way spots! Hope you are having a wonderful winter and made it to Homecoming in October. There was plenty of great stuff to do and see! Here's the news—

Our classmate, the governor, **John Baldacci** has lots going on, needless to say! But after years of riding as a passenger in the United Bikers of Maine-sponsored Toys for Tots ride, he kept his promise of riding a bike in this year's event if he were elected governor. John has purchased a 2003 Harley-Davidson 883 Sportster! He said he was really looking forward to "enjoying the Maine countryside and all the nooks and crannies I couldn't get to otherwise." He has already completed a rider education course and has received his motorcycle endorsement.



Serving in Iraq

Major Scott Hill '87 is serving with the 411th Civil Affairs Battalion U.S. Army Reserve Unit out of Danbury, Connecticut. He has been in Iraq since March and hopes to be back home by April 2004. When not on active duty, Scott is an engineer for the Connecticut Department of Transportation. He is married to Rebecca Vietze Hill, a Class of '86 graduate.

Also John ran in the August Peoples Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race as part of the Seeds of Peace team. Seeds of Peace is the Otisfield-based organization that brings together youth from across the globe to promote tolerance and understanding. John is the first Maine governor to run, though he did participate last year as a U.S. Representative. He joked that he was in the "10 minute, golf-cart category" and said he just wanted to finish. He especially says that he likes to use the race as a good chance to meet people. The fans are very involved in the race, lining Cape Elizabeth's streets with cheering, signs, and lots of music. Sounds like it was lots of fun and it's for a good cause!

Received a great note from Tamara Burk '87. She enclosed the new faculty information from Columbia College, South Carolina, too, of which she and husband Dr. **Kirt Moody** are now members. After dating at UMaine, they married in '92. Son Roscoe Griffith Burk-Moody was four in November and they live in South Carolina.

Kirt received his Ph.D. at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and College of William and Mary. After serving as visiting assistant

professor (earth and environment) at Mount Holyoke College, he is now an associate professor of biology and environmental science at Columbia. The college notes that Kirt's career includes numerous contributions to publishing, research, and conferences. Tamara also writes that as well as teaching and writing, Kirt is an accomplished artist and is currently finishing a children's book!

Also fun to hear from **Roland Lamothe II**! He, Sharon, son Tony, and daughter Erika live in New York state. Roland received his MBA from Rochester Institute of Technology in '96 and is currently the manager of treasury operations for Rochester Gas and Electric.

Love it, please keep the notes coming! Classmates want to hear from all of you!

Principal **Randall Rolfe** has left Williams Junior High School in Oakland, Maine, (just a few miles from our front door!) to take a job with the Federal Department of Homeland Security.

Christopher Baldwin of Brunswick, Maine, joined the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District as district engineer for the Urban Stormwater and Soil Erosion Control programs.

Registered nurse **Shirley Palm-**

er Richardson is the recipient of the 2003 Calais Regional Hospital (CRH) Excellence Award. Shirley started her nursing education in the Maine System at Calais, later received her B.S. in nursing at UMaine, and recently completed a course in perioperative nursing through USM. She has also passed the specialty exam in medical-surgical nursing (RNC).

Shirley has spent most of her hospital career at CRH as a staff nurse and two years ago joined the surgery department as a recovery nurse. She is also very active in the community. She's been a leader in the CRH Eastport area diabetic support group and is a trained hospice volunteer. In addition, she's served as a preceptor in mentoring nursing students and as a quality improvement team member at the hospital.

Shirley, Doug '71, and daughters Haley and Arielle live in Eastport, Maine. CRH notes that this honor is given to an individual who exemplifies teamwork and respect for people, service to others, outstanding customer service, and dedication to quality."

Priscilla Chandler Wendall has been named the new Deer Isle-Stonington High School principal. Penny was the principal of the Deer Isle-Stonington elementary schools from '90 to '95 before serving as principal to the Bristol Consolidated School for three years.

Currently, Penny is one of Maine's Distinguished Educators hired by the department of education (DOE) for special projects. For the past two years, she has served as a regional coordinator for a new teachers induction and mentoring program offered through the DOE. Also, she is a certified literacy specialist and taught in Fairfield and Readfield before coming to Deer Isle. She says she is "truly excited to be back working on the island."

Our classmates are working, learning, growing! Congrats to all! Please drop us a note or an e-mail, even if your news is like mine and involves such serious pastimes as trying to be in the sun as much as possible, ha!

This column **George** and I have a challenge to all of you! Everyone, please send a holiday card to your classmates saying hi and letting us know what you've been up to and who you've seen!

And while you already have pen, paper, stamps, etc. out — just include one more to us! All classmates who send a card with news are put

in a random drawing for a small UMaine gift certificate! Happy Holidays from your class!
Take care,
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Hi, everyone, hope your holidays were wonderful. Please take a moment to drop me a note before you pack up those cards. Whether you're just shovelling snow, sledding with your kids, skiing, or hunkering down till spring, we'd love to hear your news. Best wishes for a great 2004!

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Another winter—how is it time flies by faster the older we get? By now our 15th Homecoming Reunion has come and gone. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend. I would love to hear from those of you who were lucky enough to attend. How was it? Any changes? Did you see any old friends? Make any new ones? Notice my e-mail address and drop me an update.

Family news:

Kathleen Doherty Cooledge and her husband, Sean, of Westbrook, are the proud parents of a daughter, Morgan Katherine, born May 23, 2003, at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

Michael Harjula and his wife, Lynda Sarazen Harjula, of Portland, are the proud parents of twin boys, Ryan Thomas and Brayden Alexander, born March 20, 2003, at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

Peter McGonagle and his wife, Tammi Hachey McGonagle, of Portland, are the proud parents of a son, Nicholas Thomas, born May 29, 2003, at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

David Sands and his wife,

Karen, of Bangor, are the proud parents of a son, Troy Michael, born May 10, 2003, at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor.

All other news:

Lillian Cote, of Milo, is the branch manager of the Hogan Road (Bangor) branch of Bangor Savings Bank. She joined the bank in 1998 as the Howland branch manager. She has extensive banking experience and has completed several American Institute of Banking courses. She holds an associate's degree in business management.

D. Loren Fields was named one of three 2003 Bulldog Award winners at the Lawrence High School Alumni Association banquet in Waterville last July. Loren Fields, Class of 1983 at the high school, was awarded this honor for his contributions in music. Loren received his bachelor's in music education from the University of Maine, specializing in the French horn. He returned to Lawrence in 1995 to serve as director of bands. He has been a major contributor to the success of Lawrence's new Williamson Arts and Technical Center. He played a pivotal role in the two outstanding concerts by the U.S. Air Force Band of Liberty. He volunteers his expertise to student theater productions, musical concerts, and talent shows. He has performed at the middle school at Yokota Air Base in Japan. He is a member of the Maine Music Educators Association and serves on the executive board of the Maine Band Director's Association. As a professional musician, he has played with many symphonies, the Air Force Band of Liberty, and many orchestras. He has performed on stage with Barry Manilow, Colin Raye, and Bob McGrath ("Sesame Street"). He is a founding member of the Manchester Brass Quintet and is currently a member of the Downeast Brass. Loren is also very active in Drug Abuse Resistance Education as a consultant to the Kennebec County Sheriff's Department. He and wife, Anjelika, live in Augusta with their daughter, Dakota, and their son, Darius.

Kevin Geel is a district-wide coordinator for S.A.D. 61 school board (Lake Region High School). Kevin received his master's in special education in 1988 from the University of Maine.

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I'll start the column off with e-mails I've received, in hopes that more of you will e-mail me with your news. Please note I have a new e-mail address: toothdoc94@comcast.net.

Walter McKee graduated in '93 from the University of Maine School of Law, and currently chairs the Maine State Bar Association's criminal law committee. He is also on the board of directors of the Kennebec Valley United Way. Walt works at Lipman, Katz, and McKee in Augusta.

Suzanne Connelly Becker lives in London with her husband Thorsten and daughter Sydney Ruth, who was born on April 20, 2003. Suzanne and her husband work for Fidelity Investments, although she is on maternity leave until the end of this year. She notes that maternity leaves are much longer in the UK!

Scott and Jennifer Dill Ouellette write that they have been living in Mobile, Alabama, for seven years. Scott is a sales engineer for Falk Corporation. Jennifer works for famous prom and bridal gown manufacturers (Tiffany Prom, Jacqueline Bridal, Christina Wu Bridal) and coordinates all of their showrooms around the country. She also designs prom gowns. Scott and Jennifer have adopted two retired greyhounds (Tizzy and Greta) and a toy poodle (Hobie).

Scarlett Paddock DeShong lives in Maui, Hawaii, with her children Roman (7) and Wyatt (3). She owns S.P.S. Consulting (that stands for service, spas, and activities) and manages Hale Lele Vacation rental (whose website is: DeluxeRental.com). That's a long way from Orono!

Bob Corkum has retired from the NHL. While playing for seven NHL teams, Bob played in 720 games and amassed 97 goals and 103 assists. He lives in Newburyport, Massachusetts, with his wife Jessica and their four children. He intends to finish up his degree and would like to get into coaching.

Christopher Decker was awarded the Master's of Business Administration Teacher of the Year award from the college of business administration at the University of Nebraska-

ka at Omaha. He is an assistant professor at the school, and has published articles in established journals and presented papers at national meetings. He received his master's degree in economics from Boston College and his doctorate in business from Indiana University in 1995. He lives in Omaha with his wife Jennifer and two children.

Doris Belisle-Bonneau is assistant superintendent of School Administrative District 11, made up of eight schools in the Gardiner, Maine, area.

Paul Knowles is assistant superintendent of School Administrative District 9 and was recently presented with the Outstanding Leadership Award at the 92nd annual Maine Superintendents' Conference. This award recognizes Paul's exemplary leadership capacity in education programs, service to the education profession, and professional service to the Maine School Superintendents' Association.

Edward Clifford is the new city manager in Biddeford, Maine. Prior to taking this new position in Biddeford, Ed was assistant city manager in Norwich, Connecticut.

Steve Woodard was recently promoted to vice president at Woodard and Curran, a 450 person environmental consulting firm integrating services in engineering, science, and operations. Steve leads the industrial wastewater team, and specializes in troubleshooting and designing wastewater treatment facilities for the pulp and paper industry, the U.S. Navy, and public operation treatment systems. He is an adjunct professor at UMaine, and earned his master's degree in civil engineering from UMaine, and a Ph.D. in environmental engineering from Purdue University.

James Hodgkin is the new superintendent of School Administrative District 43 in Maine, which serves the Rumford and Mexico area. He was most recently principal at the Monmouth, Maine, middle school.

Kelly Brennan Potter has been named director of academic and career planning at Maine Central Institute. She resides in Waterville, Maine, with her children Lauren (13), twins Brian and Matthew (10), and husband Greg.

John Doe, previously principal at Schenck High School in East Millinocket, Maine, is the new superintendent of schools for School Administrative District 25.

Heather Newman MacKinnon and her husband George '88 have

recently moved to Brunswick, Maine, after being out-of-state for 13 years. George works for the Maine Municipal Association as their underwriting manager, and Heather is at home with their two children.

Darlene Alexis Thurlow received her master's in art therapy from Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut, in 2001. She lives in East Haven, Connecticut, with husband Sean and daughter Logan, who was born on September 1, 2001.

Dan Kelley is the new vice president of finance and operations at the Sepboard Federal Credit Union in Bucksport, Maine. Dan and his wife Valerie are the parents of Megan and Colby.

Ann Lindeman was recently promoted to branch manager of the Bangor Savings Bank's Winslow office. She is involved in the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce and is treasurer of The Salvation Army unit in Unity. She lives in Waterville, Maine, with her husband Scott and their daughter Jessica.

Doug Going has opened Xtreme Fitness in Kennebunk, Maine, with business partner Ellen Dyer '84. Featuring a weight room, exercise program space, tanning booths and beds, and a child care facility, Doug says he can help anybody build his or her body.

Baby news continues—**Terese Danowski** and her husband Andrew Young are the proud new parents of Madlyn Irene Danowski Young, born on March 14. They reside in Cumberland, Maine.

Our Homecoming Queen **Sarah Simmonds** and her husband Timothy Ziobro '91 welcomed Adeline Elizabeth Simmonds Ziobro on April 28. They reside in Falmouth, Maine.

David '90 and **Megan Effner Sliwinski** welcomed Zoe Nadia on May 16. They reside in Westbrook, Maine.

James Fox and his wife Danielle Tetreau-Fox '92 welcomed Daniel Hanigan on July 8. They reside in Freeport.

That's all our news for now. I apologize for the lack of a column last issue! I hope you all had a happy and healthy holiday season and I wish you a wonderful New Year!

Your classmates would love to hear from you!
E-mail your news to your class correspondent.



Major Peter Buotte '88

'88 Graduate Leads Effort to Help Iraqi Schools

Working in education is nothing new to Army Major Peter Buotte '88. He was an art teacher in New York City before enrolling for a master's program at Maine College of Art. But working to rebuild the schools of Baghdad was a challenge he never expected.

Peter, a member of the U.S. Army Reserve's 411th Civil Affairs Unit, worked closely with the Iraqi Ministry of Education to get the school buildings in Baghdad in shape to open this past fall.

According to Peter almost all of the more than 10,000 schools in Iraq are in a state of neglect. In an *Associated Press* story from August, he was optimistic that 40 percent of the schools in Baghdad would be able to open for the fall semester.

His responsibilities included helping to come up with plans to upgrade the schools' plumbing and electrical systems and fix structural flaws.

Peter arrived in Kuwait in March 2003 and moved to Iraq on April 6 alongside the 82nd Airborne Unit. His group settled into Baghdad in the presidential palace in July. That was a wel-

come change from weeks of sleeping in dusty military vehicles in the desert.

Just recently, Peter presented a proposal to the Iraqi Ministry of Culture to organize a competition among Iraqi artists to create four new sculptures to replace the ones of Saddam Hussein at the presidential palace.

"The heads will be taken down, melted down, and then recast into the winning designs," he explained in a letter. "The new pieces will then be put onto the palace cornices."

Peter further noted that the intent is to provide an opportunity for Iraqi artists to express their vision of a new Iraq in a very prominent, permanent place.

The proposal seemed appropriate for Peter, who is himself a trained sculptor.

Peter enrolled in the Reserve Officer Training Corps while earning a degree in French at UMaine. He also speaks some Korean, Russian, and Arabic.

He intends to complete his master's in art education when he returns from Iraq.

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I hope everyone enjoyed the winter holidays. My twin sister and her family who live in Seattle were able to visit Maine. In addition, we were able to spend time with Kevin's parents who retired to North Carolina. Our other exciting news is that we are expecting our second child in February. Our lives are definitely busy!

David and Megan Effner Sliwinski '89 had a daughter, Zoe Nadia, in May 2003. **John and Lee Scola O'Leary** reside in Gloucester, Massachusetts, and wrote to announce the arrival of their son Daniel Peter O'Leary who was born on October 1st. John is the NE sales manager for Imation Corp and Lee is the corporate marketing manager for RIS Paper Company. Congratulations!

Marcus A. Librizzi, an assistant professor of English, was awarded tenure status at the University of Maine Machias. He has taught at the University of Maine Machias for six years. Marcus received UMM's Frederic A. Reynolds Award, the only annual recognition award for outstanding teaching, in 1999 and 2002. Previously he taught in a part-time position at UMM and the University College at Bangor.

Guy Perron is pursuing his master's degree in educational administration at the University of Maine and volunteering as an assistant coach for the UMaine hockey team. He is glad to be back in college hockey. For the past six seasons he had coached the Chicago Freeze of the North American Hockey League.

Greg Cronin is the new head coach of Bridgeport Sound Tigers of the American Hockey League. Recently he worked as the New York Islanders' assistant coach from 1998-2003.

After five years **Perry Boudreau** stepped down as the Brewer High School wrestling coach because he wanted to spend some more time with his family. He developed the program from its infancy and was instrumental in creating feeder programs and interest in the community.

Please send me your news so



Among the Class of '93 members who celebrated their 10th Reunion at Homecoming 2003 are (left to right): **Kassie Stevens Walker**, **Danielle "Dee" Daigle Saucier**, **Chandra Lull Lothian**, **Todd Saucier**, **Jennifer Cochran**, **Diana Tibbetts Richardson**, and **Shannon Coiley**.

that I can include it in the next newsletter.

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It's the start of another year, and there are so many resolutions to keep—eat better, exercise more, work less and play more, and of course, send a note to the alumni column. The last one is the easiest. Just drop a postcard in the mail or send off a quick e-mail and let us know what's going on in your life.

Kathy Karlsson, former basketball player for the Black Bears, has been promoted to associate head coach with the Merrimack College women's basketball team. She recently finished her fourth season at Merrimack as the top assistant and recruiting coordinator. Last season the team compiled a 21-9 record and advanced to the NCAA Division II playoffs for the first time in school history.

Another former women's basketball player at UMaine was recently inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. **Rachel Bouchard** was honored for her

outstanding performance at Hall-Dale High School and for her stellar career at the University of Maine. She is second on UMaine's all-time scoring list with 2,405 points.

Maureen Sweeney Smith was approved as a candidate for tenure at the University of Maine where she is an associate professor of history. Last summer, **Scott Kadey** completed an eight-week U.S. Navy basic training course at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois.

Steven Lavoie has been hired as the new Hall-Dale Middle School principal. He accepted this position after serving five years as the principal of Brunswick Junior High School and 16 years as the assistant principal of Williams Junior High School in Oakland.

The Mayhew board of trustees has appointed **James Nute** as the new executive director. Mayhew is a year-round non-profit agency working with New Hampshire boys. James has been involved with Mayhew programs since he was a summer counselor in college. Other positions he has held with the agency include community outreach counselor and program director. James comes to Mayhew from the Rochester Middle School where he was a special education counselor.

Kalia "Kitty" Breskin was a candidate for Boothbay Harbor selectman. Kitty has political experience as chairman of the Boothbay Harbor Democratic Committee. She

is a civil engineer in the highway program at the Maine Department of Transportation and plays in the Mayflower Hill Brass Quintet.

Additions to our Black Bear families in 2003 include a baby boy, Andrew James, born to **James Bourget** and Jennifer Eldridge Bourget '93 on June 17. The Bourgets live in Poland, Maine. **Timothy Ziobro** and Sarah Simmonds '89 welcomed a daughter, Adeline Elizabeth, into their Falmouth home on April 28. **Matthew Broughton** and Jennifer Bowman Broughton '92 of Gouldsboro, are the proud parents of a daughter, Grace Sutton, born on March 24. Brian and **Carolyn Palombo Clement** of Falmouth welcomed a daughter, Camille Grace, to their family on March 1.

Best wishes for health and happiness in the new year.

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Hello everyone! I don't have much news to report this time around—everyone must be recovering from the crazy holiday season. I hope everyone had a great holiday.

On with the news—I have many new births to report; I guess everyone is keeping busy! Congratulations to **Tom** and **Cindy Kivler**, who had Halorie Grace on May 2. Marla and **Vince Dickinson** welcomed home William Vincent on March 11. March 12 was the day that Gregory and **Keirstin Teel Trefsgar** celebrated the birth of Abigail Suzanne. Lisa and **Chad O'Connor** had a son, Garrett Charles, on March 31.

Congratulations to Matthew '91 and **Jennifer Bowman Broughton** who gave birth to a daughter, Grace Sutton, on March 24. Daniel Hanigan was born to James '89 and **Danielle Tetreau-Fox**. Reverend **Robert Vodra** and **Keri Yankus Vodra** celebrated the birth of their son, Glenn Kevin, on April 17. Robert has accepted a position with the Presbytery of New Hope at Camp Albemarle, Newport, North Carolina. He is minister and director of the year-round camp. Keri has accepted work with Weyerhaeuser working in forestry. She will be working with private land owners on the Tree

Farm Program.

In sports news, **Garth Snow** has been re-signed with the New York Islanders and **Todd Sniper** has been named women's soccer coach at St. Joseph's College after spending eight years as an assistant at the University of New England.

Bruce Lindberg was recently unanimously appointed to principal at Mountain Valley High School. He has spent the last seven years as principal at Piscataquis Community High School. **Paul Stearns** was selected to be the new S.A.D. 4 superintendent in Guilford. Lastly, **David Williams** has been chosen as the new finance director for the city of Bath. Please send along all your Christmas news—this column is too short! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Enjoying the president's brunch at Homecoming 2003 are (left to right): Brent Littlefield '93, Gretchen Littlefield, and Larry Mahaney '51, '55G.

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Happy 2004. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are enjoying the winter weather. We have lots of baby announcements to make in this issue. My husband, Todd, and I had our second little boy, Jack Aidan, on September 4th, 2003. **Daniel and Caroline Drinon Murphy** had a little boy, Ryan Patrick, on March 4th, 2003. Dan is teaching and coaching at Avon Old Farms School in Avon, Connecticut. **James '91 and Jennifer Eldridge Bourget** had a little boy, Andrew James, on June 17th, 2003. **Diane Denman Johanson** and her husband Todd welcomed Carter Reed on May 28th, 2003. Diane returned to the republican office of the Maine Senate on August 11th, following a three-month maternity leave. Vince and **Marla Koza Dickinson** had a son, William Vincent, on March 11th, 2003. **Jonathan '94 and Johanna Howison Becker** welcomed Colby Reed on February 21st, 2003. Michael and **Amy Pedersen Wardwell** had a little girl, Melanie Truth, on April 4th, 2003. Carmen and **Mitchell Thomas** had a little boy, Elias Edward, on April 5th, 2003. Thank you for all the e-mails and cards with all the exciting baby news.

Congratulations to Shannon Gardner '94 and Geoffrey Curtis who were married on September

13th. Their reception took place at Eastern Point Yacht Club in Gloucester, Massachusetts. Shannon's bridesmaids were other UMaine alums, Kim Albert '94, Ylva Dahling '95, Christi Nesbitt Marchette '94, and **Barbi Orlando**. Shannon and Geoff spent their honeymoon in Bermuda and are living in Winchester, Massachusetts. I look forward to hearing more news in the upcoming months.

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Hello again, classmates! It has come to our attention that another opportunity for shameless self-promotion is at hand. And we, your incredibly loyal, ever devoted class correspondents, want nothing more than to share this opportunity with you. Apparently, the time has come for nominations for the Hilda Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award, which is presented annually to an alumnus/alumna for exemplary service to the class as class correspondent. For more information, you can log on to: www.mainealumni.com/ster.html.

Don't you think it would be heartwarming to nominate your favorite Class of 1994 columnist for this award? Just in time for our big 10-year Reunion next year? We think so, if we do say so ourselves. Who else brings you such breaking news—mere months after its occurrence?

And speaking of breaking news (or is that the sound of breaking hearts?) classmate **Brent Littlefield** (yeah, yeah, he affiliates with the Class of 1993, but so what) is officially off the market. Yes, classmates, it's true. He tied the knot on July 26th in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, at the spectacularly beautiful Glen Manor House. A wonderful time was had by all, and there is absolutely no truth to the vicious rumor that the bride tried repeatedly to make a break for it. Brent's dad conducted a lovely ceremony, although at one point black helicopters appeared out of nowhere and seemed to hover over the proceedings. Really. We're pretty sure that it was just a coincidence, but you just never know with Brent! In attendance were many Maine politicians, including our very own **Stavros Mendros**, lots of UMainers and Lambda Chi Alpha brothers, and Stacey's confused fiancé, who was mystified by the rousing rendition of the "Stein Song" after dinner. Cheers to Brent and Gretchen.

Just after the trip to Rhode Island for Brent's wedding, **Stacey** decided that after 10 years in Washington, D.C., it was time for a change. As you can see by the new address above, this city mouse has high-

tailed it to the country. She's currently working as a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, where she stumbled into yet another UMainer, Teri Langlois Levandoski '68, who originally hails from Castine. Everybody join hands and sing, "It's a small world" with us. Now, on to more news.

Mark Richard has been hired as an assistant professor of social studies education and social science at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. After receiving his master of arts from UMaine, Richard went on to receive his Ph.D. from Duke University. Prior to coming to UMFK, Richard had a position teaching at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics. **Jane Smith** was appointed principal at Woodland Elementary School. She previously served as principal at Dr. Levesque Elementary School in Frenchville. Jane received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Maine and is currently pursuing her doctorate degree. Casey Murphy, the wife of classmate **Michael Murphy**, is the new campus minister at the Catholic Newman Center at UMaine. The couple now lives at the St. Mary's rectory in Orono with their three-year-old daughter, Kyla.

A final note of explanation is in order. The great staff at the UMaine Alumni Association compiled a thick packet of clips for this column that would have allowed us to trumpet the achievements and good news of several more of our classmates, however, Beth (apologetically admits that she) misplaced the clips. While we are hopeful that they may turn up and perhaps make it into the next column, we urge any of you who may have changed jobs, gotten engaged, or had children to send us an e-mail or drop us a note and let us know.

1995

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Happy snow, everyone!

I hope this finds you all snug and warm, fighting the snow and cold with a warm drink and/or heart. I don't have too much to spill this time around, so I will make my plea for tidbits early. Write me an e-mail or

give me a call—your classmates would love to hear from you!

Classmates have added some new additions to their (and our) families. Amy and **Robert Strong** of Portland have been oohing and ahing over Cameron Kenneth, born on May 27th. Marcy and **Marc Poulin** of Dover-Foxcroft have been smiling at Maranda Kaylee, born on April 28th. And Michelle and **Kevin Bouchard** of Caribou are hopefully getting more rest now with Hillary Martin born on March 5th. Congratulations to you all and best wishes with the babies!

The Maine State Police awarded **Pat Hood** the Trooper of the Year award at their annual awards ceremony. Pat works with Troop D, which covers Knox County, and handles as many as 80 complaints a month.

The new Messalonskee Middle School in Oakland's S.A.D. 47 has a principal in **Mark Hatch**. Mark was the assistant principal at Messalonskee High School until this past summer when he started taking on new duties at the middle school. Construction on the middle school was completed this summer and the school is intended to ease space concerns in lower elementary schools as those students expand into the old Williams Junior High School. Mark is a resident of Oakland and prior to his position with Messalonskee High School he taught science at Erskine Academy in South China. The middle school's capacity is 650 students.

Bonnie Munroe Sammons, a Messalonskee High School earth science teacher, traveled to the Pantanal region in Brazil with a fellow Skowhegan biology teacher in August. They and seven other educators were awarded fellowships from the Earthwatch Institute to help them explore the worlds of science for their students. Bonnie and other Earthwatch volunteers in Brazil help scientists track jaguars, observe giant river otters, or mist-net birds. Bonnie also traveled to the Andes of Peru and the Indonesian rain forest with Earthwatch previously.

The UMaine men's soccer team had a new assistant coach this year, fellow alum, **Peter Rivard**. Peter was a graduate assistant with the North Dakota Sioux for the 2002 season, leading them to a 10-6-1 record, which qualified them for the playoffs for the first time. He also coached Cheverus High in Portland from 1998-1999, culminating in a Western Maine runner-up finish in 1999.

And, a fellow classmate, **Annie Hager**, has certainly broadened her skills since graduating from UMaine with a M.S. in forest ecosystems science. Annie has created a business of quilt making, which includes quilted lampshades that were on display at the Ashland, New Hampshire, Village Artists and Gallery last winter. Annie and her husband live in Plymouth, New Hampshire, and her work has been shown in many galleries in Vermont and New Hampshire. She has also taught classes in New Hampshire and more information regarding her quilts can be found at www.anniehagerquilts.com.

That's all I have for you this time around. May you enjoy the peace and tranquility that comes with the snow and season and we hope to hear from you soon.

1996

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Greetings, 96ers! What have you been up to lately? Please send a note telling us what you've been doing. Your classmates want to hear from you!

I have some very sad news to report. On July 17, 2003, we lost one of our classmates when **Ryan Wright** of Houlton was tragically killed in an automobile accident. He was only 29 years old. Ryan was employed as the marketing agent for Crop Growers Insurance Services. He is survived by his wife Tennille, his parents Dana '68 and Nancy Wright, many other loving family members, and many wonderful friends. Ryan will be sadly missed by many.

Jennifer Dobbins recently received her master's degree in social work from Boston College. **Christine Nealley** received her master's degree in nursing at Husson College. Christine lives in Millinocket and has two daughters in college, Kimberly and Kara. Mt. Ararat High School has a new varsity boys basketball coach, **Aaron Watson**, who has previously coached at Thomas College, Orono High School, and Hampden Academy. Aaron was formerly director of basketball operations at UMaine.

Margaret Houghton is the new principal at Fort Fairfield Elementary School. Margaret is active with the Fort Fairfield Snowmobile Club and the Potato Blossom Festival Committee. She was named S.A.D. 20 Teacher of the Year in 1999.

Jennie Poulin Franceschi works as a civil engineer in the Biddeford planning office. She works on projects in the city's engineering and code enforcement departments. **Michael Dunn** is the new membership director at the Bangor YMCA. He had previously worked as a field director for a U.S. Senate candidate and communications director for a state Senate office.

Mark Koza and Jennifer Schlenker '95 were married in Bermuda in July. The couple lives in Boston. **Krystyne Doherty** is engaged to Albert Cheever. Krystyne is a marketing assistant in New York City and is the producer of the ALL Friends Cabaret. **Lynn Witten** has married Nathan Bustard. Lynn is employed by Benton Elementary School. **Michael Casey** was recently wed to Christine Barricelli. Michael is a graduate of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and is employed by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department. Congratulations to all of these classmates!

Pete and Kim Croteau Gambardella welcomed their first child, a son, Ryan Michael, on August 28th. The family lives in Mansfield, Massachusetts.

Looking forward to hearing from other classmates soon. Best wishes to everyone!

1997

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Greetings, Class of '97
With another year upon us, it is important to reflect on our accomplishments. Our classmates have been very busy.

Scott Pangburn has been busy expanding his Save-A-Lot franchise, creating jobs for the communities of Dover-Foxcroft and Monson.

Gretchen Frank has been busy as a deck hand for Casco Bay Lines in Portland. In this capacity Gretchen is responsible for the deck of the boat, keeping an eye on passengers, and loading and unloading

freight.

Steve Stinson was recently appointed head coach of the Greely Rangers, a team which has jumped from a developmental league to Class V.

Patrick Masters is an engineer with Fidelity Investment in Boston.

Jason Clark has been busy in his Bar Harbor studio, Copper Creek Metal Arts, creating one-of-a-kind garden sculptures.

Congratulations to **Marija Radsky** who was recently engaged to Shannon Grange. Congratulations also to **Derek Rossignol** on his engagement to Kristi Connors. Derek is employed by Lohmann Animal Health International.

Congratulations to **Melodie Baxter Rand** and **Parker Rand** on the birth of their daughter, Marah Patricia.

Please keep us posted on your happenings. We would love to hear about your adventures. May the new year be a time of peace, wonder, hope, and success for you all.

Cheers and best to you!

1998

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A hearty Maine Hello and Happy Holidays from Baghdad! I'm living in the remains of Uday Hussein's party palace on the Tigris River in the Adhamiya District of Northern Baghdad. I arrived here in May with the 1st Armored Division. I've been busy working with the citizens in the creation of seven neighborhood advisory councils and the Adhamiya District Advisory Council. These councils are the interim representative system and foundation for democracy in the city of Baghdad. I also assist in the organization of projects in improving the community, including installation of the Internet in a local school; this was a first for Iraq! It is amazing to watch a community recover from a war and help a government grow and mature right before your eyes. I anticipate my deployment here to last until May.

First, a special thanks goes to my close friend **Adam "Hoagie" Fisher** for covering down on the fall issue while I was hitting the ground

over here. Sorry that I missed your wedding over the summer.

Matt Haney assumed the position of athletic director of Sumner High School in East Sullivan, Maine, which also involves four K-8 schools in School Union 96 and running the intramural program.

UMaine basketball legend **Cindy Blodgett** is co-owner of the Summer Skills Hoop Camp in Waterville with Julie Bradstreet '92. Cindy recently played for the Springfield (Massachusetts) Spirit in the National Women's Basketball League and finished the season with a 17-4 record.

Author **Jean Hay Bright** of Dixmont recently received two first place awards and an honorable mention for writing in the 2003 Maine Media Women Communications Contest. Jean is a former newspaper editor and reporter.

Cori J. Dionne returned to Maine from Framingham, Massachusetts, to work as an auditor for the state. His wife, **Cindy Campbell Dionne**, left her job as conservation administrator for the town of Framingham that she held from April 2002 until August 2003 to follow Cori to Maine. Cindy originally beat out more than 20 competitors for that job. She had previously put her wildlife ecology degree to work for Geological Services Corporation in Hudson, Massachusetts, and for the Massachusetts State Division of Fisheries and Wildlife National Heritage and Endangered Species Program.

Michael Faloon is putting his finance degree to use as a municipal bond analyst at Standish Mellon Asset Management in Boston. Michael is also working on his master's degree at Northeastern University. He was recently promoted and married to fellow UMaine grad Stephanie Leigh King. His fraternity brother in Phi Gamma Delta, **Scott Butterfield**, is a business analyst for Hewlett Packard and is also working in Boston.

Congrats go to **Eric Simonds** for his promotion to manager at the Maine Youth Center in South Portland.

Rob Curry writes, "I was married on June 21st to Jennifer Fecteau of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Jennifer is a 1995 graduate of Northwood University, West Palm Beach, Florida. We honeymooned in Mexico in the Mayan Riviera and returned home to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where we currently

Beta Brothers in Baghdad

When Army Captain Rob Brewer '98 saw fellow Beta Theta Pi fraternity brother David Lamb '62 on satellite TV asking questions at a press conference in Baghdad, he sent him an e-mail. Rob then arranged for a meeting with Dave at the U.S. Army compound in Uday's palace. As reported in the last issue of *Mainly People*, Rob is serving as fire direction officer and battalion civil military officer with the 1st Armored Division. David, who has covered conflicts around the world since the 1960s, is in Iraq as a correspondent for the *Los Angeles Times*.



Rob Brewer '98 (left) with David Lamb '62 in Baghdad.

reside."

I hope you all have a great holiday season! Please drop a note to let me know what presents you received and New Year's resolutions that you've made or anything else that may be going on in your life. I'd love to hear from you in my last months here before I return to Germany. (Note: Address and e-mail above will reach me wherever I may be.)

1999

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Hello, Class of 1999!

The summer and fall of 2003 were busy with weddings for some of our classmates. **Nicole M. Travis** married James M. Smith in October. The couple honeymooned in Aruba and lives in their new home in Hanover, Massachusetts. **Susan Gilpatric** married John Smart in Kennebunk in August. They traveled to Montego Bay, Jamaica, for their honeymoon. **Amy Standing** married Art Robinson in Attleboro, Massachusetts, in July. In September, **Tammy Pontau** married Ryan Keaten in Bethel. The couple resides in Fryeburg and Tammy is studying elementary education at the University of New England.

Michael D. Amos of Old Town recently joined the data services team at the Pittsfield office of Cianbro, after working as lead programmer for Sewall Company. **Michael Carstens** recently received his doctorate in optometry from New England College of Optometry in Boston. Dr. Carstens has been accepted for a residency in ocular disease at the Baltimore VA Medical Center.

James B. Allen spent most of 2002 in Daejeon, South Korea, teaching English to students aged four to 50! At last report, Jim had returned home to China, Maine, and was planning to travel to Tokyo, Japan, to teach extracurricular classes for several months.

My husband, Ray '97, and I welcomed our second child, Acadia Madelaine, on September 3. Our older daughter, Avarie, is now in fourth grade. I am enjoying my time as a stay-at-home parent, mixing motherhood with freelance web design while trying to catch up on sleep!

Any news that you'd like to share with the alumni community can be included in the column! Just send your news about marriages, family, new homes, your recent vacation, a special accomplishment, or a new job to me via e-mail at: aldq@rcn.com or to my snail mail address listed above. It's been over four years since we graduated, so please send us an update! Best wishes to everyone for the winter holiday season.

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The holidays always bring a busy time of the year for all of us, but also the memories of the beautiful snow-covered UMaine campus. The mall's trees covered with snow and those walks to the Union or the café all bundled up to stay warm. As you are sending out your annual Christmas cards to keep friends and family in touch with what is going on in your lives, drop me a line so I can keep your classmates posted on your life events since UMaine.

As for me, **Heidi Dombrock**, I just survived my first hurricane with my experience of Isabel. We were hit pretty hard here in Maryland and the school I teach at was closed down for a week because of lack of electricity. The whole experience somewhat reminded me of the ice storm of 1998 we lived through during our time at UMaine.

Two of our classmates are beginning new chapters in their professional lives. Town officials in Damariscotta, Maine, announced that **Bill Post** has been hired as administrative assistant for the town. Bill left his previous job as Waldoboro administration assistant for this new position. Classmate **Shontay Delalue** will begin a new chapter in her life as she graduated from UMaine with a master's degree in education (individualized program) in May 2003 and will be leaving her position as the assistant director of admission at UMaine to take a similar position as dual enrollment coordinator and academic advisor at the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau, Alaska. If anyone has any thoughts or words of advice as she begins her new adventure in Alaska she would like you to e-mail her at: shakeea78@yahoo.com. We wish these classmates good luck in their new endeavors in life.

Other classmates are beginning new stages of their personal lives with wedding bells and births. **Dawn Berry** has announced her engagement to Brian Keyes and the couple is planning a spring 2004 wedding. Dawn is employed as a nurse by the Women's and Children's Health Unit and emergency room at Frisbie Memorial Hospital in Rochester,

New Hampshire. **Jodi Fadrignon** has announced her engagement to Christopher Mason and the happy couple is planning an August 7th, 2004, wedding. Jodi is currently pursuing a master's degree in counselor education at UMaine. She is employed by Child Development Services in Bangor. Wedding bells rang on August 30, 2003, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Orono for classmates **Katrina Bence** and **Eric Rutherford**. Katrina is employed as a kindergarten teacher at Asa C. Adams Elementary in Orono. Eric is employed by Bangor Savings Bank. Also classmate **Brice Leblanc** and his wife, Jennifer, of Buxton, Maine, welcomed a new son, Elias Valton Louis, into the world at Mercy Hospital in Portland, Maine. We wish all these classmates happiness in their new lives together.

To the UMaine Class of 2000, I hope your 2003 was filled with many great memories and experiences and I hope 2004 brings happiness and joy to all of you. Keep me posted on these memories and joys!

2001

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Winter is upon us yet again and college seems farther and farther away for many of us. However, that means we have moved on and found new jobs, loves, and aspirations. Many of us are returning to school. Some of us have found new careers and even more have found the love of their life and are committing.

Sandra Blake, who graduated with her degree in public administration, has recently become Searsport's new town manager. She will be relocating to the community from Bath along with her 12-year-old daughter. Sandra was a non-traditional student who attended the University of Maine when she was 39 years old. She earned the position over 15 other candidates. We wish Sandra all the best of luck.

Over the past few months, quite a few members of our class have gotten engaged. **Ryan Paul Baker** is engaged to Samantha Rae Tardiff. He is currently working as a chemical engineer at International

Paper in Bucksport. They will wed on July 31, 2004.

James Patrick Pelletier was planning an October marriage to Julie Ann Murray. James is currently working at S.W. Cole Engineering.

Also, **Catherine Henrick**, who is employed by VIP Mortgages in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, will marry David Twiss on September 24, 2004. Here's to all the happy couples!

We did not receive a lot of news this time around. Our lives are all very busy but please forward us any news you may have on jobs, moves, engagements, marriages, or births! We all want to know what you're doing! Hope to hear from you soon!

2002

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This holiday season some of our classmates have a little more to celebrate. Some have expanded their families either with that special someone or with a new bundle of joy. **Rebecca Albright** welcomed a son, James Weinand, into the world on July 11th and **Brian Cote** welcomed a beautiful daughter, Elaina Cote, on March 26th.

Mary Kathleen Rose Johnson got engaged to Samuel Brombert. "Casey" is pursuing her master's degree in mass media communications at UMaine and plans on graduating and getting married in the summer of 2004. **Michele Mathieu** got engaged to Jason Burgess. Michelle works as a family support specialist for Sweetser. She plans on getting married on July 24, 2004.

Kelli A. Moore recently got engaged to Douglas Raineault. Kelli is currently working as an accountant for Deloitte and Touche in Washington, D.C. An August 21st, 2004, wedding is planned. **Robert Sherman Smalley** got married to Nicole Young on June 28th. Robert currently is an auditor for Foster, Carpenter, Black, and Company and is also pursuing his master's in accounting.

Kelly Sheldon and Ryan Barnes '01 got married on July 12th. Kelly works at St. Matthew's University in Windham and Ryan works for Gorrill-Palmer Consulting Engineers in Gray.

Many of our classmates have celebrated career successes. The Augusta dairy sales team of Blue Seal Feed has hired **Marsha Bryant**. **Mark McAllister** is attending medical school at Dartmouth Medical School and plans on specializing in pediatric oncology. **Daniel Baker** will be teaching social studies at Old Town High School and also taking on the challenge of being one of the football coaches for the school. Dan taught at Nokomis Regional High School last year. As a code enforcement officer **Ben Johnson** has trained to detect odor levels and is able to pinpoint their source after complaints are filed. **Aaron Boyd** graduated from One Station Unit Training at the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia. Also celebrating military success is **Cullen Wilson** who graduated from an automated logistical training course at Fort Lee in Petersburg, Virginia.

As always, I would love to hear any news that you would like to share with fellow classmates. I hope that everyone has a great holiday season and a very successful New Year!

2003

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We are seeking a member of the Class of 2003 who would be willing to serve as the class correspondent. Duties entail writing a class column four times a year. No references required, no pay offered, and yet the rewards are great—you will help to hold your class together by keeping them informed of each other's jobs, moves, changes, and achievements. If you are interested, please contact Abby Zelz at the above address.

In the meantime, here's a sampling of what the Class of 2003 is doing. After working as an ed tech for the summer reading program during the summers of 2002 and 2003, **Melissa Doyen** joined the Fort Fairfield Elementary School where she is a Title 1 teacher for kindergarten through fifth grade. First grade teacher **Deborah Rackliff** began teaching first grade after years as an ed tech. **Kristy Bronsberg** teaches health at S.A.D. 57 in

Waterboro. In Saco, **Katherine Nicketakis** teaches both French and math at Thornton Academy. Music teacher **Sarah Dow** has joined the middle school in Yarmouth. At the Edgcomb elementary school, **Elizabeth Blake** teaches fourth, fifth, and sixth grade science, as well as teaching one section of social studies. **Amanda Brooker** teaches at Jay's high school. At East Grand School, **Kimberly Stairs** teaches first grade, and **Tracey Brackett** teaches physical education to students in grades kindergarten through high school. **Meg Chamberlin** wrote, "I have been hired to teach second grade in Carmel Elementary School. I'm not far from the university living in Winterport so you'll be sure to see me at hockey games, football games, and other functions!"

Chad Skillin has joined the family business, Skillins Greenhouses, which has locations in Falmouth, West Cumberland, and Brunswick. **Chris Gray** is a single-family housing assistant in the state office in Bangor. He provides clerical and office duties related to single-family housing. **Travis Ruggiero** wrote to say that he was living in Vancouver, British Columbia, and was "in the process of becoming a certified personal trainer, applying to the University of British Columbia physical therapy program for admittance in September 2003. I have a work permit application being processed here in Canada, which means I can't return to Canada if I leave! Jobless and poor!"

Please send in your news so we know what everyone is doing!

New job? Wedding?
Travel? Children?
Grad School?

Your classmates would
love to hear from you.
Take a minute to e-mail
your news to your class
correspondent.

Weddings

1948

Robert Buck to Janet Malcolm Logan '57 on September 13, 2003, in Brunswick, Maine. They honeymooned at Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire and live in Harpswell, Maine.

1975

J. Hilary Billings to Jana Boody '91 on July 19, 2003, in Northeast Harbor, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Italy and reside in Bangor.

1982

Mona Roy to Wayne St. Peter on June 21, 2003, in Kenduskeag, Maine. They live in Kenduskeag.

1987

John Eastman to Anne Lane on July 20, 2003, in Wells, Maine. They plan a Caribbean honeymoon and reside in Wells.

1989

William Scott Wescot to Xiao Li Wu on June 3, 2002, in Las Vegas, Nevada. They reside in Las Vegas.

Bruce Dechaine to Celeste Deschaine on May 3, 2002, in Waterville, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and live in Winslow, Maine.

Ed Radgowski to Nicole Clovis on September 28, 2002, in Arlington, Virginia. They reside in Vienna, Virginia.

1990

Kevin Davis to Rachel Quenk on August 24, 2003, in Hollis Center, Maine. They live in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

1991

Jeremy Matthew Bate to Rebecca Lee Wallace on July 26, 2003, in Brunswick, Maine. They took a wedding trip to the Poconos and reside in Topsham, Maine.

1992

Michael Edward Reagan, Jr. to Kate Elizabeth Braunfels '95 on August 8, 2003, in Sabattus, Maine. They took a wedding trip to the White Mountains of New Hampshire



Melinda Warino, Class of 2002, was married to Beat Hug on October 11, 2003, in Bern, Switzerland. After a honeymoon in Paris, France, they now reside in Basel, Switzerland.

and live in Portland.

Crystal Patric Whitney to Mark Alain Fortin on June 21, 2003, in Merepoint, Brunswick, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Brunswick and Portland and reside in Norridgewock, Maine.

Kevin D. Stone to Elaine M. Johnson on June 21, 2003, in Cundys Harbor, Maine. The couple honeymooned in Connecticut and resides in Phippsburg, Maine.

1993

Denis Tucker to Cristie Marsh '97 in West Dennis, Massachusetts. They honeymooned on St. Lucia and reside in East Granby, Massachusetts.

David Louis Longtin to Wendy Louise

Shimshak on June 29, 2003, in Paler, Alaska.

Brynn Lee Hale to Stephen Salvatore Rinaldi on April 19, 2003, in Skowhegan, Maine. The couple honeymooned in Key West, Florida, and resides in Orlando, Florida.

Steven C. Reynolds to Julie A. Swagler on May 30, 2003, in St. Lucia, West Indies. They honeymooned in St. Lucia and reside in Saratoga Springs, New York.

1994

Dwight Donald Anderson to Tricia Marie Gervais '95 on May 24, 2003, in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. They took a wedding trip to St. Lucia and live in Dayton, Maine.

1995

Jamie Snow to Liza Imperial on April 22, 2003, in Las Vegas, Nevada. They vacationed in Maine and live in North Las Vegas.

Judson Merle Raven to Susan Elizabeth Burnham on June 21, 2003, in Southwest Harbor, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Iceland and live in Carrboro, North Carolina.

1996

Dana Eleen Annissa Gillespie to David Lloyd Herzer, Jr. on June 28, 2003, in Portland, Maine. They took a honeymoon trip to England, Scotland, and Ireland, and reside in Portland.

Anthony Wolverton to Kelsey Marie Albanese on June 28, 2003, in Brunswick, Maine. They took a wedding trip to the Hawaiian Islands and live in Portland.

Recently Married?

Send information (and a photo) about your big day to: Alumni Publications, P.O. Box 550, Orono, ME 04473 or e-mail: abigail_zelz@umit.maine.edu

Lynn Melissa Whitten to Nathan McLeod Bustard on July 26, 2003, in Fairfield, Massachusetts. They took a cruise to the Bahamas and live in Fairfield, Maine.

Jessica A. Smith to Daniel M. McManus on June 21, 2003, in Stratton Mountain, Vermont. They spent their honeymoon in the Bahamas and reside in North Bennington, Vermont.

1997

Jeffrey C. Marean to Stephanie G. Dulac on March 22, 2003, at Nassau, Bahamas. They live in Eliot, Maine.

1998

Kristie Lynn Bilodeau to Scott Michael Bessey on June 27, 2003, in Portland, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Mexico and reside in Portland.

Sandra Marie Bisson to Michael Alan Poczobut on July 19, 2003, in Barre, Vermont. They took a trip to Massachusetts and live in Barre.

Stephanie Smith to **Eric Turgeon '01** on August 31, 2003, in New Gloucester, Maine. They plan a winter honeymoon to Mexico.

Chad Bartlett Michaud to Sara Lindsey Burnett on July 5, 2003, in Dedham, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Jamaica and reside in Rochester, New Hampshire.

April Stankevitz to Ted Taylor on August 9, 2003, in Orono. They spent their honeymoon in the western Caribbean.

Scott James Flagg to Sara Beth Parker on August 8, 2003, in East Orrington, Maine. The couple honeymooned in Nova Scotia and resides in Gray.

1999

Eric Maxham to Lori Buono in Sutton, Massachusetts. They took a trip to Stowe, Vermont, and live in southern Maine.

Gregory Sponberg to Nicol Smith on April 16, 2003, in Franklin, Tennessee. They honeymooned in Northern Ireland and live in



Many UMaine alumni were on hand for the wedding of Ryan Bishop '99 and Michelle Girard '01 on September 20, 2003, in York, Maine.

Chicago, Illinois.

Kristi Ann Spinney to Lucas Alan Miller on June 27, 2003, in Camden, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Quebec City and reside in Newcastle, Maine.

2001

Krista Reed to **Kevin Todd '02** on June 21, 2003. They took a wedding trip to Europe and live in Troy, Maine.

Eric Wasileski Swallow and **Marci Aldene Corrigan '02** on August 2, 2003, in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. They reside in the Belfast, Maine, area.

Patrick T. Lyons to Leigh A. Stetkiewicz on June 7, 2003, in Fall River, Massachusetts. They took a trip to the Bahamas and reside in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

2002

Kevin Sean Gove to Sarah Jean Poirier on July 19, 2003, in Auburn, Maine. They honeymooned on the Maine coast and live in

Minot, Maine.

Lindsay Beth Wheelden to Daniel William Chadbourne on July 19, 2003, in Bangor. They honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii, and reside in Old Town.

Stephanie Gosselin to **Travis Alan Grondin** on June 28, 2003, in Waterville, Maine. The couple traveled to St. Lucia in the West Indies and resides in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Melinda Warino to Beat Hug on October 11, 2003, in Switzerland. They honeymooned in Paris and live in Basel, Switzerland.

2003

Justin Von Perry to Danielle Beverly Shannon on May 24, 2003, in Presque Isle. They honeymooned on a Caribbean cruise and live in Presque Isle.

Brian D. Tweedie to Jennifer Ann Johnson on May 24, 2003, in Manchester, Maine. They took a wedding trip to the southern Caribbean and live in Bangor.

Deaths

1924

Evelyn Taylor Sparrow, August 6, 2003, from Orono, Maine, and Largo, Florida, at 96.

1927

Clarence "Bill" Edward Otis, September 8, 2003, from Suffield, Connecticut, and St. Petersburg, Florida, at 97.

1929

Ruby Madolyn Carlson Williams, September 30, 2003, from Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, at 96.

1930

Mary Cecelia Crowley Mulvey, September 20, 2003, from Windham, Maine, at 94.

1931

Sara Crozier Jorgensen, October 6, 2003, from West Hartford, Connecticut, at 93.

1932

Ronald Everett Young, August 4, 2003, from Wethersfield, Connecticut, at 92.

1933

Leota Erma Howard Brown, October 2, 2003, from Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, at 92.

John Symonds Cunningham, September 21, 2003, from New Gloucester, Maine, at 92.

Courtney Earle Stover, September 26, 2003, from West Bath, Maine, at 91.

1935

Robert Edwin Lane, August 10, 2000, from Westbrook, Maine, at 88.

Robert McColl Young, March 24, 2003, from Naples, Maine, and Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, at 95.

1936

Richard Collette Knowlton, June 8, 2003, from Rockland, Maine, at 89.

Francis James McAlary, October 8, 2003, from Rockland, Maine, at 88.

1937

Howard Josiah Stagg III, September 16, 2003, from Naples, Florida, at 87.

1938

Lucille "Ceil" Anne Rankin Venskus, July 23, 2003, from Owls Head, Maine, at 86.

1939

Albert Harry Whiteley, September 6, 2003, from Limerick, Maine, at 87.

1940

Margaret "Peg" Maxwell Atwood, September 1, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, at 84.



Loyal UMaine alumna Evelyn Taylor Sparrow '24 (honorary) died on August 6, 2003, in Largo, Florida. Evelyn worked in the registrar's office of the university from 1926 to 1972. In 1992 she received the alumni association's Block "M" Award for her years of service as treasurer and secretary of the St. Petersburg, Florida, alumni chapter. She also received a 1971 Black Bear Award.

Phyllis Ruth Marks Cohen, May 2, 2003, from Boston, Massachusetts, at 85.

1941

Frances "Fran" Lenora Sawyer Alford, September 27, 2003, from Windsor, Connecticut, at 84.

Beatrice Austin Besse Hanson, July 15, 2003, from Brooks, Maine, at 94.

Ada Towle Hawkins, September 10, 2003, from Newfield, Maine, and Storrs, Connecticut, at 88.

Theodore "Shag" Sobel, July 29, 2003, from Miami, Florida, at 84.

1942

Clinton "Gus" Lloyd Bardo, September 5, 2003, from Wiscasset, Maine, at 83.

Wendall Taylor Butler, August 3, 2003, from Shapleigh, Maine, at 83.

Preston Earl Robinson, September 28, 2003, from Bucksport, Maine, at 84.

Thomas Till Sleeper, August 14, 2003, from Marblehead, Massachusetts, at 83.

1943

Francis "Brownie" Almon Brown, October 12, 2003, from Calais and Bangor, Maine, at 81.

John Garland Dickerson, Jr., July 25, 2003, from Jefferson, Maine, and Houston, Texas, at 81.

Merrill Lancey Donahue, September 4, 2003, from Belfast, Maine, at 82.

Doris Helen Dixon Griffith, August 1, 2003, from Portland, Maine, at 80.

Robert "Bob" Edward Rosie, August 14, 2003, from Ellsworth, Maine, at 83.

1944

Dolly Jean Lamoreau Reed, July 29, 2003, from Fort Fairfield, Maine, at 80.

1946

George "Griff" Clarence Griffing II, September 9, 2003, from Brunswick, Maine, at 79.

Lewis Ervin Webber, August 16, 2003, from Saco, Maine, at 91.

1947

B. "Rollie" Roland Babcock, September 30, 2003, from Phoenix, Arizona, at 77.

Melvin "Red" Jonathan Bartlett, September 7, 2003, from South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, at 76.

Helen Fortunes, July 24, 2003, from Orange, Connecticut, at 77.

1948

Justice Robert Linscott Browne, August 14, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, at 81.

Mary "Pete" Ethel Sawyer Casey, August 19, 2003, from Orland and Freedom, Maine, at 77.

John Kevin Collins, August 20, 2003, from North Hampton, New Hampshire, at 76.

Margaret Opal Smith Cushman, August 29, 2003, from Mars Hill, Maine, at 76.

Aldore Simon Lajoie, September 2, 2003, from Topsham, Maine, at 77.

Reverend Christine "Chris" McLean Parker, July 31, 2003, from Presque Isle, Maine, at 80.

A. R. "Reg" Roderick II, September 19, 2003, from Caribou, Maine, and Pacifica, California, at 76.

1949

Ralph Archie Stevens III, August 24, 2003, from Augusta, Maine, at 79.

1950

Stanley Putnam Greaves, August 26, 2003, from Mapleton, Maine, at 76.

Norwood Frederic Joy, October 9, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, at 79.

Carl Herbert Kalloch, September 13, 2003, from Rockland, Maine, at 80.

Russell Penney, September 11, 2003, from Camden, Maine, at 85.

Fernand Lucien Pontbriand, August 10, 2003, from Auburn, Maine, at 75.

Herbert Gerald Pulsifer, May 2, 1972, from Benton, Maine, and Honduras, at 54.

1951

Clyde Seymour Card, Jr., October 7, 2003, from Wellington, Colorado, at 75.

Ruel Parkman Cross, August 31, 2003, from Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, at 76.

Robert Gunnar Johnson, September 2, 2003, from Cape Elizabeth, Maine, at 75.

James Lewis Leotsakos, September 6, 2003, from Worcester, Massachusetts, at 81.

Adelbert Townsend Norwood, July 19, 2003, from Washington, D.C., at 74.

Raymond Lionel Ouellette, September 23, 2003, from Rumford, Maine, at 73.

George Stephens, Jr., April 12, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, at 84.

George Frederick Sullivan, October 8, 2003, from North Yarmouth, Maine, at 76.

1952

Richard Stanford Harrington, August 17, 2003, from Portland, Maine, at 75.

1953

Marion Jeanne "Stevie" Stephens Willette, October 8, 2003, from Caribou, Maine, at 91.

1954

Thomas Moore Brigham, July 3, 2003, from New Brunswick, Canada, at 70.

James "Mac" Cole McBride, August 19, 2003, from Spokane, Washington, and Norfolk, Virginia, at 71.

Kathleen Muriel Lancaster Morin, August 9, 2003, from Bangor and Auburn, Maine, at 82.

1957

Karl Vincent Kraske, September 4, 2003, from South Hadley, Massachusetts, at 68.

Carrie Arletta Brawn Neal, August 19, 2003, from Lincoln, Maine, at 91.

1958

Hugh Henry McCafferty, October 6, 2003,

Mary Crowley Mulvey, Class of 1930

A Lifetime of Service to Seniors

When Mary Crowley Mulvey '30 first became concerned about America's aging population in the early 1950s, there was no housing for the elderly, no AARP, and Medicare was still a decade away from being enacted. While the country's attention was focused on its youth, Mary knew that the elderly population was growing and would be facing serious problems.

For her master's thesis at Brown University, she did a comprehensive survey of seniors. When it was completed it was instantly recognized as a pioneering work and it launched her lifetime commitment to enriching the lives of the elderly.

Mary's full and inspiring life ended on September 20, 2003, in Windham, Maine. She was 94.

After her graduate work at Brown, Mary earned an Ed.D. from Harvard. But she was never really interested in pursuing an academic career. She was a woman of action. And for more than four decades she was one of the country's leading advocates for the elderly.

Her list of achievements is long and impressive. She was a major force in the drafting and passage of historic legislation including the Older Americans Act and Medicare. She was a participant in the first White House Conference on Aging in 1961, and was the cofounder and former vice president of the National Council of Senior Citizens. And in 1979, she was appointed to the Federal Council on Aging under President Carter.

In Rhode Island, Mary was associated with virtually every advance made for the elderly. She was the first director of the Rhode Island State Agency on Aging. Prior to that she was the chairperson of the Rhode Island State Council of Senior Citizens. She also spearheaded passage of the state's generic drug law.

Among Mary's many awards are: 1981 Rhode Island Woman of the Year; the Harvard Alumni Award; the Distinguished Achievement Award, the Bernard Lown '42 Alumni Humanitarian Award, and an honorary degree from the University of Maine; and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Council of Senior Citizens.



from Hebron, Maine, at 68.

Allen Perry Whitmore, October 4, 2003, from Belfast, Maine, at 71.

1959

Muriel Lane Anderson, August 12, 2003, from New Port Richey, Florida, at 86.

1961

Edward Burt Dunne, September 19, 2003,

from Farmingdale, Maine, at 70.

1962

Dale James Curry, July 26, 2003, from Enfield, Maine, at 64.

Sadie June Storer Jackson, October 5, 2003, from Weld, Maine, at 72.

1963

Arthur Deering Roberts, September 4, 2003, from Alfred, Maine, at 62.

1964

James "Bill" William Currie, September

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19, 2003, from Howland, Maine, and Kennewick, Washington, at 61.

Sarah White Jackson, July 18, 2003, from Greensboro, Vermont, at 95.

Naida Carol Hall Nowell Nixon, September 4, 2003, from Yarmouth, Maine, at 75.

Joanne Amelia LeGoff Perez, October 7, 2003, from Waterville, Maine, at 61.

Lois Haskell Vose, August 26, 2003, from Houlton, Maine, at 95.

Elaine Louise White, August 5, 2003, from Biddeford, Maine, at 77.

Charlotte Gibbs Wills, September 4, 2003, from Kennebunk, Maine, at 91.

1965

Robert Cobb Browne, August 27, 2003, from Vassalboro, Maine, at 60.

1966

Peter Stephen Paiton, September 10, 2003, from Barrington, New Hampshire, and Auburn, Maine, at 61.

1967

Lee William Sutherland, September 3, 2003, from Billerica, Massachusetts, at 71.

Wilbur "Bill" Geer Wright, Jr., August 5, 2003, from South Portland, Maine, at 62.

1968

Barry Wayne Crouse, March 16, 2003, from Atlanta, Georgia, at 60.

1969

Alma Inez Davenport, August 23, 2003, from Gardiner, Maine, at 84.

Jerry L. Durnbaugh Class of 1980

Highly respected journalist Jerry Durnbaugh '80 died on September 24, 2003. He was 72.

Jerry was best known for starting and developing the *Weekly Packet* newspaper in Blue Hill in 1960. On September 12, just before his death, he was inducted into the Maine Press Association Hall of Fame. Jerry was also an outstanding contributor to the Blue Hill community.

Jerry is survived by, among others, his wife Gayle Hineline Durnbaugh '70 and four children including Jennifer Durnbaugh Denlinger '82.

Francis A. Brown Class of 1943

With the death of Francis Brown '43 on October 12, the University of Maine lost one of its most loyal supporters. He was 81.

After receiving his degree in chemical engineering from UMaine, Francis entered active service as a radar officer in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. After finishing active duty he remained in the Army Reserve until 1967, retiring as a major.

Following the war, Francis earned a law degree from Boston University. He then began a distinguished career that included serving as county attorney for Washington County, serving as the president of the Washington County Bar Association, and selection as a fellow in the American Bar Association. His law firm, Brown, Tibbetts, Churchill, and Lacasse, eventually became the largest in Washington County.

Francis was also a devoted public servant and nowhere was his commitment stronger than to his alma mater. He served 14 years as a trustee of the University of Maine System, filling the positions of chair and vice chair. He also served on the University of Maine Foundation board, including a three-year term as president. For his outstanding service to UMaine, Francis received the Black Bear Award, the Presidential Achievement Award, and an honorary doctor of laws in 1987.

In addition to his second wife Reverend Laurel Brown, Francis is survived by his daughters and their spouses, Catherine Brown Lemin '78 and Ronald Lemin and Barbara Brown Dalton '81 and Bill Dalton '80.



Robert Thomas Fenderson, October 15, 2003, from Veazie, Maine, at 56.

1970

Laurie Ruth Wallace Daniell, August 12, 2003, from Hamden, Connecticut, at 57.

David Blaney Hall, October 13, 2003, from Scarborough, Maine, at 56.

James Michael Turner, April 25, 1998, from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at 51.

1972

Paul Darwin Andrews, August 15, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, at 51.

1973

Paul Watson Rutkiewicz, September 24, 2003, from Vernon, Vermont, and Grafton, Massachusetts, at 52.

1978

James "Jamie" Gerard Bouchard, September 3, 2003, from Anchorage, Alaska, at 46.

Maynard Lincoln Kreider, September 9,

2003, from Bangor, Maine, at 75.

1979

Caroline "Candy" Rose Hugo Young, August 23, 2003, from Portland, Maine, at 46.

1980

Jerry L. Durnbaugh, September 24, 2003, from Blue Hill, Maine, at 72.

Rhonda Rote, September 5, 2003, from West Gardiner, Maine, at 58.

1982

James R. Duncan, September 17, 2003, from Corinth, Maine, at 79.

1989

Joyce McKenzie Packard, September 20, 2003, from Newport, Maine, at 52.

1996

Marilyn Kaye Funk, September 7, 2003, from Queensbury, New York, and Bethel, Maine, on September 7, 2003, at 35.

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A Triumph for Popular Fiction

Stephen King '70 is honored for lifetime achievement by the National Book Foundation.

The National Book Foundation Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters—now that's a pretty lofty sounding award. Indeed, it's an honor usually reserved for America's literary heavyweights, writers such as Saul Bellow, Toni Morrison, Studs Terkel, John Updike, and Arthur Miller.

But this year, the National Book Foundation judges wisely took a broader look at the American literary landscape and recognized one of the world's best known masters of popular fiction, Maine's own Stephen King '70.

In his witty and insightful acceptance speech, King recognized that the National Book Foundation had opened itself up for criticism.

"I salute the National Book Foundation board, who took a huge risk in giving this award to a man many people see as a rich hack," he said. "For far too long the so-called popular writers of this country and the so-called literary writers have stared at each other with animosity and a willful lack of understanding."

King went further in trying to quell the controversy stirred by his receipt of the award.

"There have been some people who have spoken out who think it's an extraor-



Stephen and Tabitha Spruce King being interviewed upon their arrival at the National Book Awards ceremony at the New York Marriott Marquis Hotel in Times Square on November 19. Photograph by Stephen M. Katz, courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.

dinarily bad idea," he said. "There have been some who have spoken out who think it is an extraordinarily good idea. You know who you are and where you stand and most of you who are here tonight are on my side. I'm glad for that. But I want to say it doesn't matter which side you are on. The people who speak out, speak out because they are passionate about the book, about the word, about the page, and, in that sense we're all brothers and sisters."

Much of the rest of King's speech consisted of a tribute to his wife, Tabitha Spruce King '71, who he noted he met at the University of Maine in 1967.

He talked about the very tough years after graduating from UMaine when he and Tabitha had a young child and no money. There were times when he was ready to suspend his dream of becoming a writer, but she wouldn't let him.

"Tabby always knew what I was supposed to be doing and she believed that I would succeed at it," he said.

Of course Stephen King's commercial

success surpassed his or Tabitha's wildest dreams. Now, at 56, after more than 30 years as one of the world's bestselling authors, his work has finally attained recognition from the literary world.

According to UMaine English professor Welch Everman, who for years has taught a course on King's writings, that recognition for popular fiction is long overdue.

"I've often said that I am very uncomfortable with the division between high and pop culture. It suggests that what is popular is, for that reason alone, worthless," Everman said. "I'm glad to see the National Book Award people granting an award to Stephen King that helps to put that kind of judgment into question. Even more, I'm glad to see King acknowledged for what he's done for the book as a cultural artifact as well as for reading. He's gotten people to read and to enjoy reading—there are people out there who never would have read a book if not for Stephen King, and that alone deserves an award."

The Power of Positive Thinking

UMaine triple jumper Carly Bunyan believes optimism and attitude helped her survive brain cancer and get back to the athletic competition she loves.



By Mary Payson '05

Photographs by
Mike Mardosa '73

Story courtesy of *The Maine Campus*.

Carly Bunyan is a lot like any other college student. She enjoys being a member of the University of Maine track team, plays the guitar, likes to draw, and her favorite show is the animated comedy, "The Simpsons."

She's even thinking of switching her major, just like many students do again and again.

Yet to see Carly's broad smile or to hear her cheerful voice and bubbly laugh, you might never realize she has been through a whole lot more than the average college student. In fact, in 2002, Carly began a fight for her life. In the middle of spring semester she was diagnosed with a large brain tumor that required an immediate operation. Two days after the operation, she began chemotherapy treatments.

The summer after her freshman year, Carly started having what she described as, "terrible and constant headaches," which her doctor determined to be migraines.

The following spring, however, Carly had an incident that led her doctors to believe she was suffering from something much more serious.

"I went out for a run that day, and I got a weird tingle in my hand, but I thought it was nothing," Carly said. "When I got back home I took a nap, and when I woke up I started making some pasta. I was boiling some water, and the last thing I remember

is putting salt in the water."

At that point, Carly began having convulsions. She fell to the floor—hitting her head on the stove and pulling the boiling water on top of her. Luckily, her roommate was upstairs and he quickly called 911.

At the hospital, Carly went through a series of tests, and the doctors gave her the frightening news: she had a large brain tumor and would need surgery as soon as possible.

"All I could do was cry, and then the doctors told me I needed to call my parents and tell them, and I just broke down," Carly said. "My parents were home in Nova Scotia, and you can just imagine my mom's reaction when she heard the news."

Her parents "jumped in their truck and came right down" after the phone call, and Carly's "mum" became a great motivator and supporter during the ordeal.

"The hardest part was the long road trips to the hospital and the needles," Carly said. "I'm not a big fan of needles and the nurses said my veins were small and they could never find them."

In addition to the anguish of being stuck with needles,



Carly also described how horrible she felt when she first started chemotherapy. She was so sick that she couldn't eat for a week and a half.

"I lost a lot of weight," Carly said, adding that her dad would be happy to see her eating the sundae she had just ordered from the Freshens stand at the Memorial Union.

Carly believes it was her positive attitude that allowed her to make it through that difficult year successfully. With her most recent MRI revealing that the tumor is completely gone, Carly is back at UMaine and has even rejoined the track team.

"Carly is totally positive, she always has a positive approach. Her glass is always half full," said Jim Ballinger '66, '69G, the men's and women's track coach. "She leads by example and she has a very strong work ethic and personality. She is very empathetic: she's always interested in how the other members are doing. She's just an all-around great and nice person."

Carly's teammates

are equally impressed with her.

"Every time I see her, she has a smile on her face," said second-year teammate Steph McCusker. "She's very optimistic about everything."

Senior Claire Poliquin, the women's track team captain and Carly's roommate, said, "She's a reminder that no matter what happens to you in your life, you can always come back and start again: she's inspirational."

"Just seeing everything she has gone through makes us all feel very fortunate. But seeing how she's pulled through makes us all want to be better," noted another teammate, senior Scott Godsoe.

While Coach Ballinger appreciates the inspiration Carly provides to her teammates, he is also very interested in her performance.

"She's at a good stage right now," he said. "She is

working on conditioning and strength training."

Ballinger said he is optimistic that Carly, who competes in the triple jump, will place in all of the team's championship meets.

"All the team is pulling for her and hoping she does well this year," he said.

Carly's goals for herself are, "to just pass the year and get through it all." But she adds that it would be ideal to do well in the meets.

Carly said the experience has helped her mature and has changed her perspective.

"It really has changed my outlook on life. It's changed how I perceive things. It's changed for the better," she said. "The partying is not nearly as important as it was before. I don't need to go out every weekend. My friends and family have moved up a lot in importance to me."

Carly said she has a new appreciation for life and the things most people take for granted.

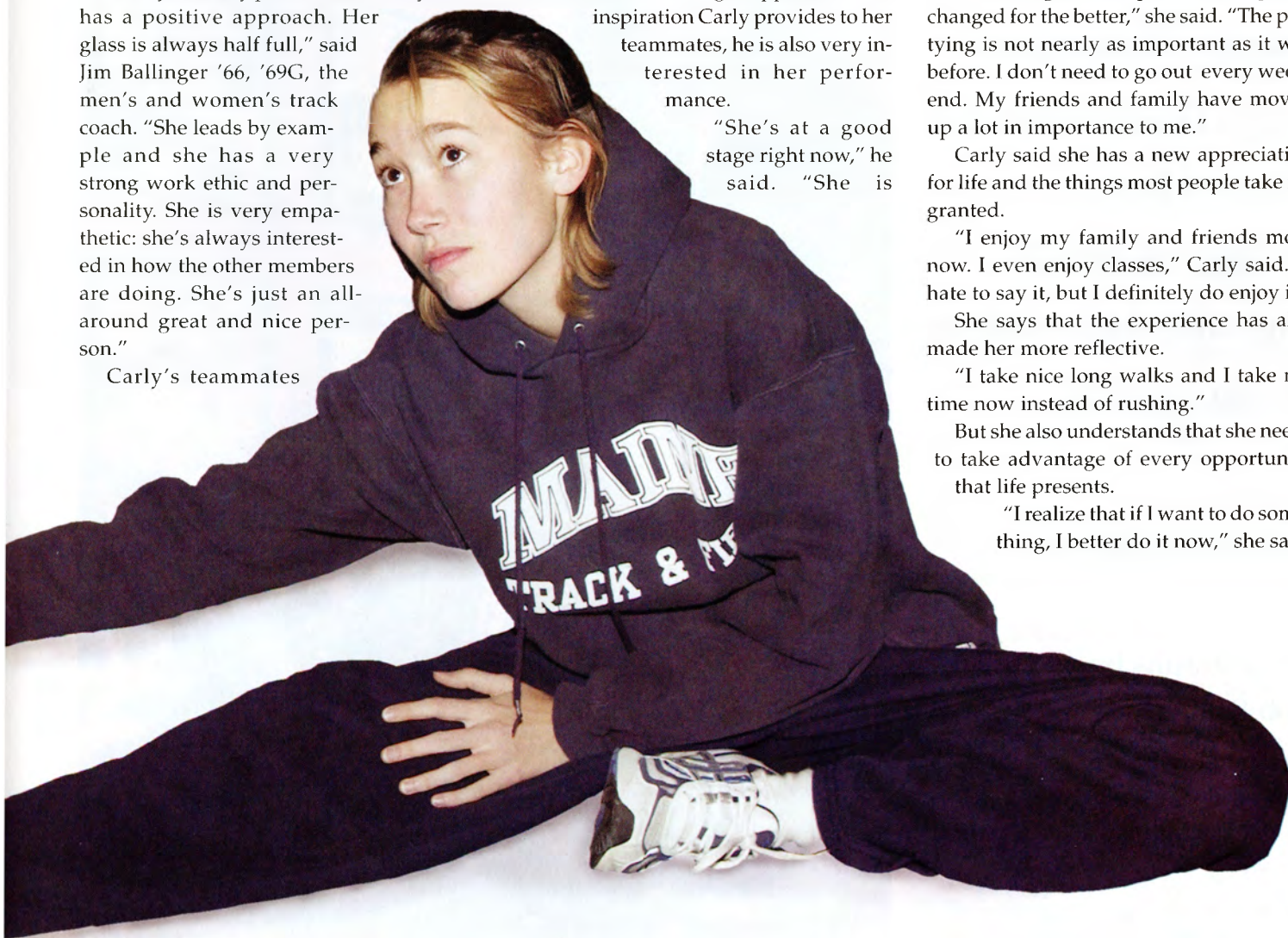
"I enjoy my family and friends more now. I even enjoy classes," Carly said. "I hate to say it, but I definitely do enjoy it."

She says that the experience has also made her more reflective.

"I take nice long walks and I take my time now instead of rushing."

But she also understands that she needs to take advantage of every opportunity that life presents.

"I realize that if I want to do something, I better do it now," she said.



All That's Fun and Hip in Beantown

As publisher of the increasingly popular *Improper Bostonian*, Wendy Semonian '92 helps Bostonians and visitors keep on top of fashion trends, nightlife, and culture in the big city.

By James Hain

Photographs by
Bob Perachio

Improper Bostonian publisher Wendy Semonian (sitting) with the magazine's operations manager and UMaine classmate Robyn Sarkisian.



Boston is best known for its rich history. But there's another whole side to this city—its vibrant and varied nightlife. In fact, Boston's wide selection of theaters, restaurants, and nightspots can seem overwhelming even to those who live there. On any given weekend, residents and visitors with a little extra cash and a limited amount of leisure time face the daunting task of choosing from literally hundreds of entertainment and dining options.

Since 1991, that task has been made simpler by *The Improper Bostonian*, a bi-weekly magazine dedicated to all that is hip, trendy, and fun in Beantown. It serves as a veritable bible for culture-seekers in the Boston area, and its readers can thank publisher and University of Maine graduate Wendy Semonian '92 for making it easy and fun to keep up with the latest trends, as well as finding *the* things to do in and around the city.

The Improper Bostonian, which is free in the Boston area (it is available by subscription elsewhere), contains everything from theater schedules and restaurant reviews to fashion spreads, vacation ideas, and interviews with celebrities who are from—or just passing through—the Boston area. Recent cover subjects have included Jay Leno, "Saturday Night Live's" Amy Poehler, Donnie Wahlberg, Red Sox short-stop Nomar Garciaparra, and actress Kate Bosworth. In its 12-year history, *The Improper Bostonian* has become an indispensable and cherished part of Boston culture, and boasts a readership of nearly 400,000, according to the latest Media Audit survey. It is available in newspaper boxes around the city, on newsstands, and is delivered to doorsteps around town.

"The common response from people is, 'I love Improper,'" says Semonian, who is gratified by the positive feedback she gets from the Boston community. A native of Newton, Massachusetts, Semonian expresses surprise at the level of devotion the magazine instills in its readers. "It's overwhelming," she says. "People are passion-

ate about their *Improper Bostonian*."

The transition from UMaine student to publisher was an unexpected one for Semonian. She majored in international affairs and Russian language at Maine, and initially planned to spend time in Europe before returning to the United States to look for a job in her field.

In August 1991, her brother, Mark, founded *The Improper Bostonian* and she worked for him as an intern the summer before her senior year. She returned to Maine in the fall and continued to pursue her degree. After graduation Semonian put her European plans on hold after receiving a phone call from her cousin, Robyn

Sarkisian '92, who had gone to work for *The Improper Bostonian* selling classified ads. Sarkisian convinced her cousin to join the fledgling magazine full time, and Semonian started as a classified account executive the following January.

"I didn't do my summer European trip," she says, "I ended up going to Greece and Turkey for a month. I got that out of my system a little bit. And then I just stayed at *The Improper Bostonian*."

Semonian worked her way up the magazine's ranks, and in July 2000 she became sales and marketing director. The same month, Mark Semonian left the magazine. Within a year, Wendy was promoted to associate publisher, and in March 2003 she took the reins as publisher.

As publisher, Semonian is responsible for the look, the theme, and the overall tone of the magazine. She faces the challenge of coordinating the magazine's multiple departments and producing a slick, 100-page magazine 25 times a year. That includes multiple theme issues devoted to dating, literature, music, even the best bartenders in Boston. Semonian also oversees a variety of social and charity events sponsored by the magazine (some 40 to 45 a year).

"We absolutely try to give back to the community," she says.

The Improper Bostonian is geared to the adventurous native as well as the uninitiated Boston visitor. In addition to spotlighting exciting events in Boston, the magazine often points out hot travel spots and worthwhile restaurants throughout New England. *Improper* even features personal ads, both in the magazine and on its website. Semonian's job is to tie it all together.

"I make sure that the magazine has a very strong mission and a strong identity and that all of the departments march to that drum," says Semonian. "My job is to make sure that we have a pretty specific mission and theme to the magazine and that we stay consistent."

As an example, Semonian cites the Fall 2003 Dining Issue, which featured "Fear Factor" host Joe Rogan sitting in a dark-



"We strive to have bold, strong, bright covers with themes that define *Improper Bostonian*. But at the same time we need sophisticated covers that will appeal to a city person."

ened apartment, staring into the camera and devouring a TV dinner.

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A recent issue of the magazine typifies its content. It includes a report on summer getaways in New England (Millinocket is included), as well as an interview with actor John Lithgow, who at the time was participating in an arts festival at Harvard. Splashed across the pages are myriad fashion spreads, recipes, and movie and music reviews, but the heart of the magazine is a 40-page "Cityscope" section detailing every concert, movie, gallery show, poetry reading, and any other noteworthy event in the area. Also featured in this particular issue is a nod to Boston's neighbor to the north: a feature on great places to eat in Maine, from Kittery to Yarmouth. It's clear from one read that *The Improper Bostonian* is not just a guide to Boston, but to all of New England.

Semonian found herself in charge of the magazine at a difficult time. America was gearing up for war with Iraq and the possible economic effects of that war left the future of the magazine in question. As a free publication, *The Improper Bostonian* depends almost exclusively on ad dollars for its survival and advertising is one of the first things affected by economic uncertainty. The magazine had only become profitable within the previous three years, and there was now talk of selling it. Semonian faced the challenge of keeping the staff moving ahead in the face of potential changes, including a possible change in leadership if the company were sold.

"Thankfully," she says, "everyone worked very hard and the business has grown by 10 percent this year. My goal for this year was to run a well-managed, extremely efficient, profitable, fun, creative, and exciting company and to continue my brother's mission, which was to grow *The Improper Bostonian* into the premier city magazine in the nation."

Semonian's journey up the ranks of *The*

Improper Bostonian marked the second time she followed in cousin Robyn's footsteps.

"I actually applied to the University of Maine after my cousin Robyn had been there for a semester," says Semonian, who also has an aunt who is a UMaine alum. Semonian and her cousin ended up as roommates.

Semonian speaks glowingly of her time at the University of Maine.

"Everything about Maine makes me

"I've had the privilege of viewing Boston through the lense of *The Improper Bostonian*, a growing city magazine, and getting firsthand contact with many of the people, places, and things that make Boston so exciting."

smile," she says. "I'm just in love with the state of Maine, the university, and my experiences I had there."

Semonian was a star athlete on Maine's tennis team (she was captain one year) and among the first students recruited for the noted Athletes for Sexual Responsibility program. Athletes for Sexual Responsibility, founded in 1990, taps young athletes to create videos and lectures geared toward their peers on subjects such as rape awareness and the dangers of drinking. The program, founded by Sandy Caron '79, '82G, has since been adopted nationwide by the NCAA, and a video featuring Semonian and some of her classmates was used at the national level. Semonian says that the les-

sons she learned from Caron are pertinent to her current career.

"She made me a team leader for one of her courses, as well as giving me the opportunity to be in the pilot program for Athletes for Sexual Responsibility and through those experiences, I learned how to teach and lead and manage situations. I learned from my experiences through working with her as a team leader, and through that program, that you need to believe in people and give them the stage to perform and the tools to perform, and great things will come from that."

Semonian says that her experience in the pilot program also helped prepare her for a career in the media. The students in the program were interviewed by numerous television stations and newspapers.

Caron remembers Semonian as an enthusiastic and diligent student.

"She was extremely dynamic—one of those students you never forget," says Caron. "There was no question in my mind that she would go very far."

Wendy Semonian may be busy bringing culture to Boston, but she hasn't forgotten her alma mater. She still maintains strong relationships with her friends from the University of Maine. Last year, Semonian and several other members of her class planned a get-together in Boston and with only a modest e-mail campaign they attracted over 400 alums to the affair, which raised over \$3,000 for the athletic department in memory of Maine hockey coach Shawn Walsh.

"There's sort of a magic to UMaine people that they're very excited to see each other," she says. She maintains close relationships with many of her friends from the University of Maine, and sees some on a regular basis in Boston.

"The friendships I had at the University of Maine are just solid and they're very natural and nice and I just feel lucky to have that foundation."

Semonian was not eager to leave that foundation behind. She had hoped to live in Maine upon her planned return from Europe, but twin family emergencies derailed her plans. Her mother was diag-

nosed with multiple sclerosis and, eight months later, her sister was diagnosed with cancer. Semonian's mother convinced her to come home, but it wasn't easy for her to leave Maine.

"I loved Maine and everything about it—the people, the university, the outdoors, the simplicity, and the beauty. I felt very comfortable in Maine." She did not share such a fondness for Boston. Semonian says she disliked Boston at first, and that her initial impression of the people was that they weren't as friendly as those in Maine.

"My mother said that you needed to create happiness wherever you go, and that after time I would like it. She was right!"

Semonian has since come to love Boston, and speaks enthusiastically about its many sites and its residents.

"The buildings and views are breathtaking, and the people, once you get beyond the surface, are friendly like Maine people. The city has grown considerably since my graduation. There are enormous numbers of restaurants, shops, and businesses. It's also a walking city. Everything seems to be within a three-mile radius."

She also notes the diversity of culture in the Boston area. "Unlike New York, many of the ethnic groups are segregated into different communities. Italians in the North End, Chinese in Chinatown. While this adds charm to the city, I would like to see some more integration. You literally can walk into one neighborhood and feel like you are in Italy and the next thing you are in China. It's really wild."

She says she didn't truly appreciate the beauty of Boston until she had visited other cities such as San Francisco, New York, Chicago, Paris, and Buenos Aires. In addition, Semonian says her work with *The Improper Bostonian* has enabled her to look at Boston through different eyes.

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Semonian says that she has kept Maine close by bringing elements of the state with her to Boston. She has a circle of close friends in Boston who were former classmates at Maine, including Robyn Sarkisian, who is operations manager for *The Improper Bostonian*. In addition, Semonian's friend Katherine Morse '94 lives right down the street from Semonian in the Beacon Hill section of Boston, and owns and operates a popular shop called Flat of the Hill. Semonian also cites Kristin Regis '92 and Valerie Mariani '91 as close friends from Maine whom she sees on a regular basis. All of them keep Maine in their hearts in other ways, she says.

"It's not uncommon to find Pat's Pizza in our freezers and potholders with Maine Diner on them! Most of my furniture and accessories are from Ampersand in Orono, Pallian in Wells, and the craft shows at UMaine during homecoming. If I can't live in Maine, I try to bring the whole feel of Maine to Boston. It calms me and makes me happy."



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