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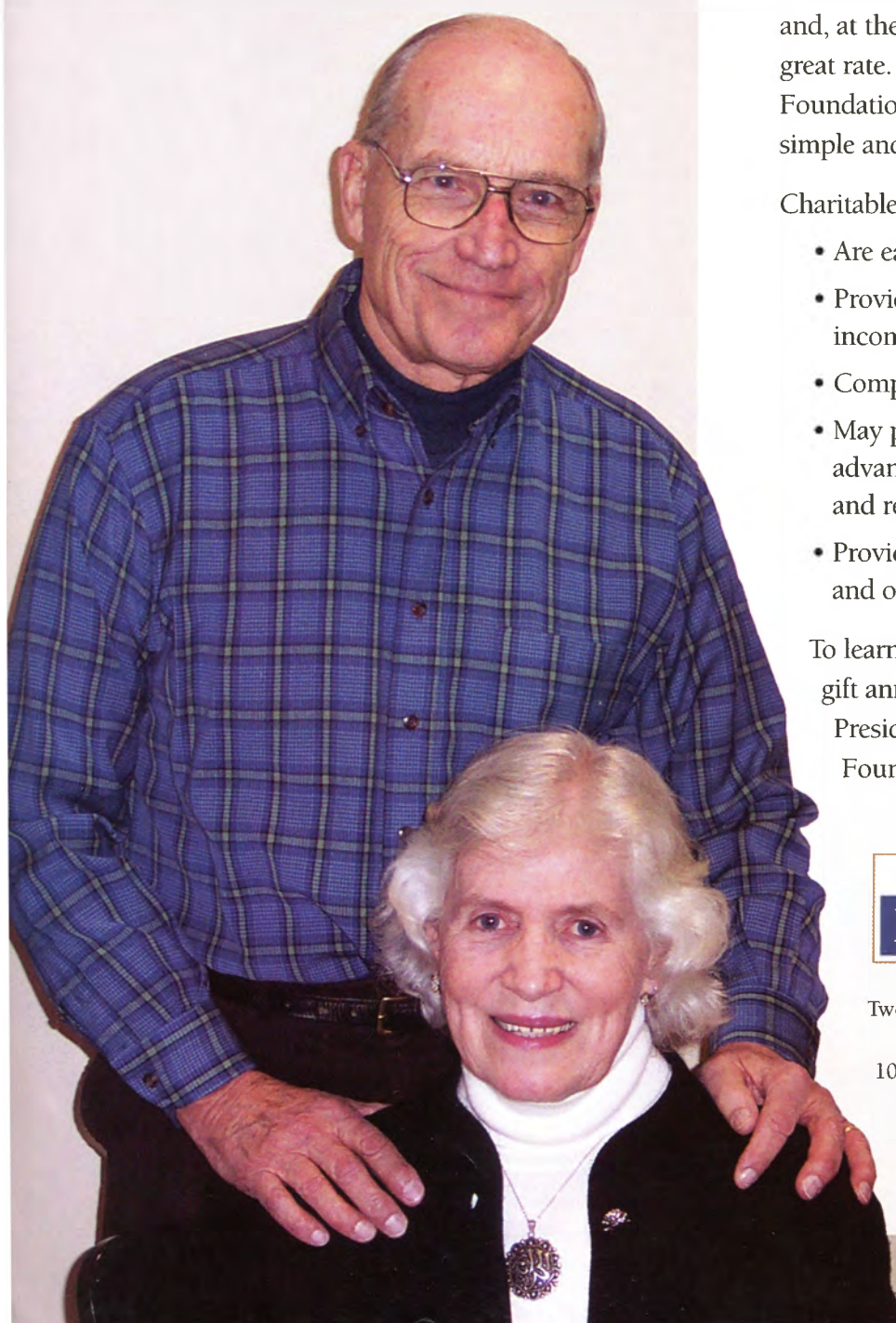
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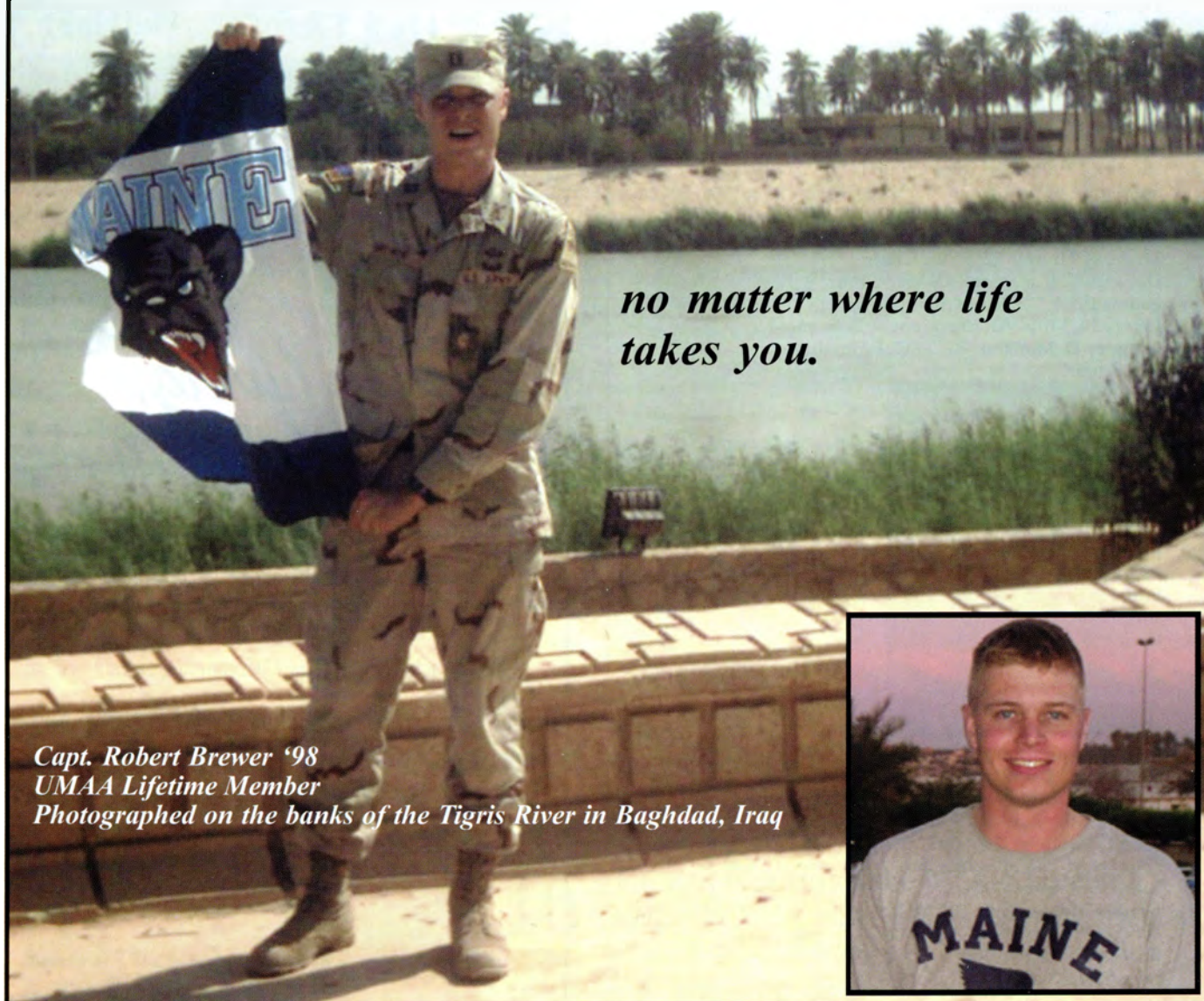
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### System Funding Cuts Trimmed to \$4.95 million

The good news is that the state budget cut to the University of Maine will not be nearly as bad as originally proposed. The bad news is that it's still going to hurt.

A state budget passed in late January calls for a \$4.95 million reduction to the University of Maine System (UMS)—\$2.4 million of which will come from the UMaine campus. Governor John Baldacci's '86 original proposal called for a \$13 million reduction in funding to UMS to help make up for an expected \$113 million deficit in the state budget.

The legislature took another step that could ease the budget pain by allocating a portion of any possible budget surplus for student financial aid and research and development.

In a memo to the campus community, UMaine president Peter Hoff noted that due to a larger than estimated enrollment, the university would be able to absorb \$1.4 million against the state reduction. He added that the remaining \$1 million would be prorated to each division on campus.

While appreciating the lower cut, UMS chancellor Joseph Westphal noted that any reduction "lowers the bar on our competitiveness and our ability to provide high-quality education to our students."

In addition to this year's cut, UMS will be facing an additional \$1 million cut in FY 2005.



Photograph by Michael York

### Recognizing UMaine's Scholar/Athletes

Receiving the 2004 Dean Smith Awards at UMaine's Scholar/Athlete Day were senior hockey goalie Frank Doyle (far right) and senior field hockey player Rebecca Ouellet (second from right). Also on hand for the ceremony were "M" Club president Nonni Hilchey Daly '59 and Dean Smith '90, '91G, for whom the award is named. The award honors a male and female student/athlete who have demonstrated outstanding academic and athletic achievement and community service.

Also recognized were 168 student/athletes who achieved a grade point average of 3.0 or better. This was the largest number of honorees in the program's history. Five student/athletes achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA.

### Countering the "Brain Drain"

It seems like everywhere you go in Maine these days, folks are concerned about the "brain drain"—losing too many of our college educated young people to out-of-state jobs. Well there is some good news from the construction management technology (CMT) program at the University of Maine. One hundred percent of the 2003 CMT graduates are employed in Maine, including a number who went elsewhere but have returned to the state.

According to Knud Hermansen, a professor in engineering technology, CMT graduates are in demand and finding employment readily in Maine.

"We have graduates employed all over the state in companies such as Sargent & Sargent, Nickerson & O'Day, Cianbro, H.E. Sargent, Fusco, and Knowles Industrial Services Corporation, just to name a few," he noted.

### Bog Boardwalk Draws Over 15,000 Visitors

More than 15,500 people visited Orono's Bog Boardwalk in its first year, according to director Ronald Davis. The boardwalk will open for its second season in May.

"The boardwalk has become a major outdoor recreation destination in the Bangor area," Davis said. "It's attracted people from more than 15 other states and 15 countries. It's a quiet and beautiful place, and it can be a great learning experience."

The mile-long boardwalk is a public service of its sponsors: University of Maine, Orono Land Trust, and Bangor.

### Who Gets the Fish?

By studying the early creation of international laws that divided up what once were the world's most lucrative fishing waters off the Canadian Maritimes and New England, UMaine Ph.D. student Brian Payne '01G hopes to help prevent overfishing elsewhere.

In the next year, he will spend time in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Ottawa, Ontario, studying the creation (between 1871 and 1910) of legal boundaries and fishing rights in the North Atlantic. A historical perspective can help policymakers create more successful management policies, he says. The Canadian Embassy recently awarded Payne a \$5,800 research fellowship grant.



## Helping Small Businesses Get Out Their Message

**W**hen Nathan Hankla '02 was a junior in the University of Maine's fledgling program in new media, he and some friends in the program had an idea for a new business. They wanted to provide "information design" services—from developing a Web site to branding and brochure design for small businesses who were trying to get up and running with limited resources.

They took their idea to the Target Technology Center in Orono where they were encouraged to develop the concept.

Hankla says that "natural selection weeded out" his five friends, so he decided to start a company himself.



Now three years later, that company, versionZero located at the Target Technology Center, has nearly 20 consistent clients.

"There seems to be a nice niche in this area for my services," he says. "Quite a few people are starting up small companies due to the mill closings and other layoffs."

When Hankla works for a client, he does extensive research, trying to learn everything he can about the company.

"I like to take a new company or business and start a brand for them—unified business cards, Web site, signs, brochures,"

Hanka explains. "I can do all that for them, so they don't have to go to several different design companies."

When he isn't working for clients, Hankla is busy finishing up an individualized master's program in liberal stud-

ies. He's also teaching an introductory new media course and assisting in another on film.

When he graduates, Hankla, a native of Georgetown, Maine, plans to stay in the area and continue to develop versionZero. He says he'll soon be coming to a crossroad where the company will need to expand and take on employees or get "sucked up" by a larger company. Being used to setting his own direction, he thinks he'll opt for keeping versionZero in Orono and taking on more help.

## Report Documents University's Importance to the State Economy

It's well known that the University of Maine provides a top quality education at an affordable price, that it's the state's leading research institution, and the only place awarding doctoral degrees and fielding Division I sports teams. Now it turns out that UMaine is also a vital part of the state of Maine economy.

A recent report by the university's department of resource economics and policy shows that the university generated an estimated \$578 million in Maine in 2002 alone. When compared to the \$87.5 million in state appropriations, that means that every \$1 in state appropriations generates approximately \$6.60 in total state economic activity.

"We've become one of the largest employers and contributors to the state's economy—generating about 580 million dollars of economic impact in our state," explained Jake Ward, director of research and economic development. "It's a ma-



jor part of our overall economy."

Indeed, with more than 5,000 workers (including student workers), the university is now one of the ten largest employers in the state. In addition, the economic activity generated by the university, along with spending by its employees, students, and visitors, supports an additional 3,600

jobs across the state.

The report, written by Thomas Allen '80, '84G, an associate scientist with the department of resource economics and policy, and Todd Gabe, assistant professor of resource economics and policy, was shared with state legislative and business leaders.

In breaking down the university's \$289 million of expenditures, Allen and Gabe reported that \$67.1 million was for purchases of goods and services and \$159 million for wages and benefits. These two expenditures generated a total economic impact of over \$332 million in the state. Additionally, the university spent \$25.4 million on capital construction in FY 2002. Those capital projects supported 414 jobs with a total economic impact of \$66.1 million.

A complete copy of the report can be obtained by contacting Gabe at [todd.gabe@umit.maine.edu](mailto:todd.gabe@umit.maine.edu).



### UMaine Students Meet the Challenge

A team of 12 University of Maine mechanical engineering students took a first place award for fuel economy and placed third overall in the annual Clean Snowmobile Challenge hosted by the Society of Automotive Engineers. The competition, which included 14 teams from across North America, took place in March in Houghton, Michigan.

Led by associate professor Mick Peterson, the engineering students received the Gage Products Award for best fuel economy and tied the University of Wisconsin/Platteville for the Emitec Award for best value.

During the competition, students put their snowmobiles through a 100-mile endurance run. Other parts of the competition included a sound test and a presentation for a panel of judges.



Kenny Abbott and Adam Caldwell with the UMaine Snowmobile Challenge entry. Photo by Andrew Davis from *The Maine Campus*.

### UMaine Develops Stronger Building Panel

The home of the future may stand up better to earthquakes, hurricanes, and other stresses as a result of a newly patented invention at the University of Maine. Engineers in the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center (AEWC) have developed a reinforced building panel that substantially increases the structural strength of a typical house.

In March a patent was granted to AEWC director Habib Dagher and William Davids '89, '91G, professor of environmental engineering. UMaine will have the right to license the technology for commercial development.



### Alumni Grant Helps Create Opportunities for Grad Student

For Rebecca Chalmers, receiving a Nancy Morse Dysart '60 Travel Grant from the UMaine Alumni Association has meant help in her ability to present her research to her peers.

Chalmers, a graduate student in the ecology and environmental science program, was awarded the grant to help her pay for a trip to the Self Help for Hard of Hearing People conference in Seattle in 2002. At the conference she learned about equipment that will aid her in making presentations at professional conferences. Rebecca, with the support of another alumni association travel grant, will utilize that equipment to present her research on a rare salamander species at the 2004 Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. Chalmers was one of 27 groups or individuals receiving travel grants.

### Milestone Research on Acid Rain

Researchers studying the environmental consequences of acid rain have reached an important milestone, adding evidence for a theory that has been the focus of much scientific debate. Publishing in the December 2003 issue of the *Soil Science Society of America Journal*, a team at the University of Maine reported that a modest addition of acid in a paired watershed experiment resulted in a decrease of crucial nutrients in forest soils.

For more than 30 years, scientists in Europe and North America have recognized that acid rain could spur the loss of nutrients that are important for growing trees. Nutrients moving out of the soil into lakes and streams could also affect water quality. Nevertheless, observations that such losses have occurred have often been dismissed as extreme cases or as a result of natural changes in forested landscapes.

At the Bear Brook Watershed in Hancock County, Maine, a research team led by UMaine scientists has now documented that under carefully controlled conditions, treating a watershed with additional acids accelerates the loss of two critical nutrients, calcium and magnesium.

"No one else has shown this at an ecosystem scale in this region," says Ivan Fernandez '78G, '82 Ph.D., UMaine professor of soil science and lead author of the paper.



**A**s a former Zen Buddhist monastic as well as a student and teacher of spirituality, ecology, and nonviolence, Hugh Curran '89G has spent much of his life promoting contemplation and peace issues. So when University of Maine Peace Studies Program director Phyllis Brazee asked Curran, an adjunct professor in the program, if he would like to organize a peace conference at the university, he quickly agreed.

Peacemaking in the 21st Century: Inner Peace, Outer Action will take place on campus June 18-20. Its goal is to provide a forum for a wide range of people interested in peace issues from Maine and throughout the world.

"We're formulating it around many peace issues, rather than focusing on one particular issue," Curran says. "We realize that there are a lot of different views as to what peace is. If you talk to an artist, that term might be more aesthetic than political. To a Native American it might be more spiritual—related to rituals and personal transformation. In meditation practice it's about inner peace."

So Curran borrowed a concept from a documentary he saw about the Dalai Lama in Northern Ireland which was also called "Inner Peace, Outer Action."

"From beginning to end the conference will move from inner to outer action," Curran explains. "On the first morning we will have speakers and workshops on peacemaking and the great contemplative religions. That afternoon we'll have sessions with yoga, acupressure, DansKinetics, and other healing arts. By the second and third days we will move into the area of social/political issues and action."

Highlighting the entire weekend will be a series of notable speakers including Thailand native Sulak Sivaraksa, who founded the *Social Science Review*; UMaine's own professor of philosophy and internationally renowned Gandhi



Hugh Curran

## Inner Peace Outer Action

*University to host conference on  
Peacemaking in the 21st Century*

expert, Doug Allen; former *Washington Post* columnist and teacher of nonviolence Colman McCarthy; *Hope Magazine* publisher Jonathan Wilson; Native American scholar Wayne Newell; and well-known peace activist, Kathy Kelly.

Curran attempted to get Nobel Peace laureate and UMaine alumnus, Dr. Bernard Lown '42 to be the conference's keynote speaker. But unfortunately the world famous physician and humanitarian had a previous commitment overseas.

In addition to the many speakers, panels, and workshops, the weekend will also feature art exhibits, a jazz performance, and Native American drumming and storytelling.

It's all part of a goal to have the conference be a forum for people exploring a wide range of peace themes—from spirituality to art, from storytelling to dance, from compassionate living to activism.

One of Curran's most difficult jobs has been getting funding for the project. He felt strongly that for the conference to be inclusive the registration fees needed to be moderate. Indeed the fee for the entire weekend is just \$150 with accommodations available for as low as \$26 a night.

To help subsidize the conference's costs, the peace studies program received a small Haymarket Grant as well as some funding from the Maine Community Foundation and the Maine Humanities Council. Breaking even financially will now depend on the number of participants.

"We need a minimum of 200 people," Curran says. "If we get 250-300 we will be in good shape."

Curran is optimistic that participation will be high. He said he has been getting a steady flow of inquiries from around the country.

He's also optimistic that the conference will become an annual event and also stir interest in the peace studies program—a program he says has few resources and struggles just to get by.

"This conference means a lot to the program," Curran says. "We're a marginal program and we hope this will give us some footing and visibility."

Besides Brazee, who is half-time, and Curran, an adjunct professor who does not get a salary but is paid by the course, the program consists of just a part-time administrative assistant and other part-time faculty members.

The limited resources mean a good deal of the work in the program needs to be done by volunteers. Curran, for example, is not getting paid for any of the time and effort he's putting into organizing the June conference.

For more information on Peacemaking in the 21st Century call 207-581-2609. To register you can call 207-581-4094 or log on to: [umaine.edu/conferences](http://umaine.edu/conferences).



# Restructuring the University System

Sweeping proposal would consolidate campuses, save money, and, theoretically, strengthen the flagship institution in Orono.

**I**t will still be called the University of Maine System (UMS), but if the changes proposed by the UMS chancellor and board of trustees in late March become a reality, public higher education in Maine will have a dramatically different look.

Motivated by a desire to increase collaboration and reduce competition among its campuses, as well as to make the system more cost efficient, the UMS is proposing restructuring its current seven institutions into four. In addition, two-year programs would be phased out and shifted to the community colleges and all of the state's distance-learning sites would be eliminated. The Calais, East Millinocket, and Penquis Centers would be closed.

The proposal would take about five years to implement with an estimated savings of more than \$15 million.

Under the plan, the University of Southern Maine (USM) would be expanded to include the current University of Maine at Augusta campus as well as numerous system centers in southern and western Maine. While USM's geographic reach and total enrollment would increase, its scope would be limited—it would not become a significant research institution.

The Fort Kent, Machias, and Presque Isle campuses would become one rural



System chancellor Joseph Westphal

comprehensive institution under the name of the University of Northern Maine, offering both bachelor and graduate programs. The University of Maine at Farmington would stay a liberal arts college with strong teacher training programs.

As for the University of Maine, the UMS proposal calls for strengthening and enhancing the system's flagship campus with emphasis on a national mandate and a greater research capacity.

"We have not been investing in the University of Maine," chancellor Joseph Westphal told the *Bangor Daily News*. He noted that the system is focused on "making sure we don't undermine the core educational institution in Maine."

At the same time the chancellor said that the UMaine campus needs some reform. "People there need to be excited about the place and we need to give them the tools to get vitality back to the institution," Westphal said.

System trustee Jim Mullen '72, '75G

who calls the new proposal "bold, but necessary for the times" believes it will be a real boost for the Orono campus.

"Strengthening the UMaine campus was one of the very first things we focused on," Mullen, who chaired the UMS strategic planning committee noted. "There was agreement that we need to devote the resources to the most important institution in the system."

Mullen added that one of the major beneficiaries of the new focus will be the Fogler Library.

But along with the increased resources will come a major reevaluation of the University of Maine's programs and mission.

"The university will have to take a hard, top-to-bottom look at itself," Mullen says. "It cannot be all things

to all people. There will be a skinning down. UMaine, and all the campuses, will need to put resources and emphasis on the things they do best and eliminate other things that are not central to their mission."

Mullen believes that with the \$50 million financial structural gap that UMS faces, the trustees and the chancellor had no choice but to make major changes in the way the university system is structured.

"Business as usual was not an option. If we keep going with the system we have, we'll continue to have across-the-board cuts and all the campuses would move in the direction of mediocrity," he says. "This gives us the chance to refocus on our strengths."

Mullen's feelings were echoed by vice chancellor Elsa Nunez, who wrote the UMS report.

"If we don't do this, what are we going to do?" she told the *Bangor Daily News*.

**For more on the UMS proposal log on to: [maine.edu/spp](http://maine.edu/spp)**

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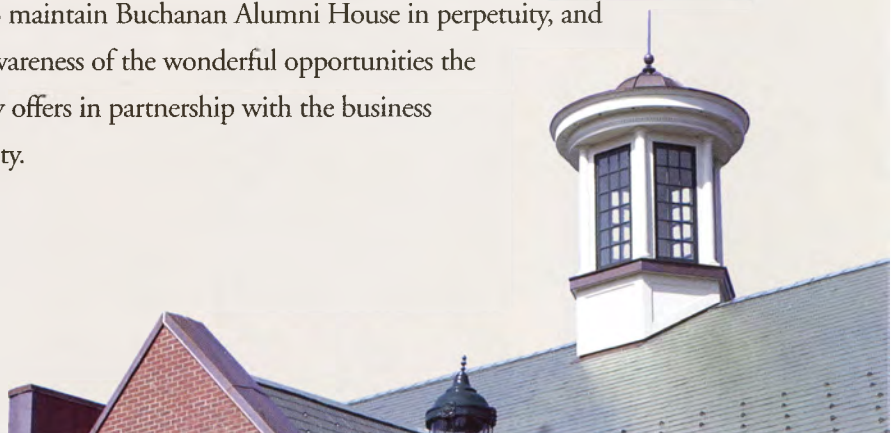
Bion and Dorain Foster recently expressed how proud they are to accept the challenge of co-chairing the Corporate Gifts Committee for the "Pride of Place Endowment Campaign." As President of the Greater Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce, Bion is acutely aware of the University's role in the state's infrastructure and economic development. He and Dorain believe that the creation of a permanent endowment is a must to keep Buchanan Alumni House in its current pristine condition. This facility will be the first building on campus to be endowed. The Fosters and the other Honorary Trustees agree that this facility must be faithfully maintained to help promote the University of Maine, our region, and our State.

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Elizabeth Leighton Furlong '52  
David L. Hale '53 and Marion Young Hale  
Barry J. Hobbins '73 and  
Donna Monson Hobbins '73  
James D. Jenkins '66 and  
Anne M. Jenkins '67  
Edward D. Leonard '65 and  
Sandra Blake Leonard '65  
Ralph E. Leonard and Anita S. Leonard  
Nancy B. Prisk '72  
John M. Rohman '68 and  
Lynda M. Rohman '86  
John I. Simpson '71  
Walter P. Stinson '68 and  
Ellen K. Stinson '68  
Richard A. Stover '51 and  
Mary Whitcomb Stover '50  
Donna Keirstead Thornton '78  
Bobby Whitten in Honor of  
Colonel Albert W. Stevens '07

# Pride of Place

## ENDOWMENT SOCIETY

### PRIDE OF PLACE SOCIETY

\$500,000 – \$1,000,000

Buchanan Alumni House occupies pride of place at The University of Maine and has set a new standard of excellence for our alma mater. The Pride of Place Society represents the highest level of commitment to its goals and preservation.

### CUPOLA SOCIETY

\$250,000 – \$499,999

The crowning glory of Buchanan Alumni House is its handsome, classically designed cupola that is constantly illuminated. Gifts to the Cupola Society sustain Alumni House at the loftiest levels.

### URSA MAJOR SOCIETY

\$100,000 – \$249,999

Pinpoints of light inside Buchanan Alumni House's cupola represent Ursa Major, "The Great Bear." A visual metaphor for the MAINE black bear, the Ursa Major Society encourages donors to "reach for the stars."

### SIX COLUMNS SOCIETY

\$25,000 – \$99,999

The six columns in the Grand Foyer represent the University's first graduating class — the Class of 1869 — and its six members. Gifts to the Six Columns Society symbolize the leadership spirit of these pioneering alumni.

### HERITAGE SOCIETY

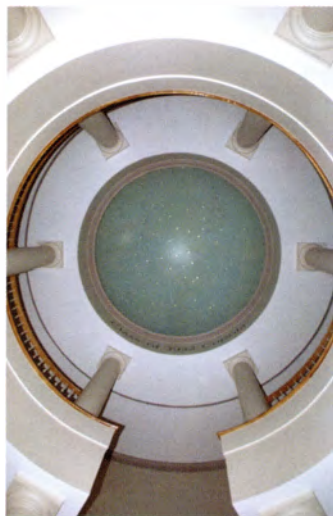
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More than any other facility on campus, Buchanan Alumni House captures the heritage of our alma mater. Donors to this society preserve this long legacy of excellence with their major gift.

### CORNERSTONE SOCIETY

\$5000 – \$9999

The foundation of every home begins with its cornerstones and this society recognizes donors whose gifts are the beginnings of a great legacy.



### HONORARY TRUSTEES

#### *Co-Chairs*

Anne & Richard Collins '61, '59

#### *Leadership & Major Gifts*

##### *Committee Co-Chairs*

Kathleen & Stanley Allain '61

Pearlee & Robert Buchanan '44

Shirley & H. Maxwell Burry '57

George Campbell '71, '79G

Susan & P. James Dowe '72

Kimberly A. & James H. Goff '63

Charles Hutchins '85H

Dione & Frederick Hutchinson  
'54, '53

Anita & Ralph Leonard

Sandra & Edward Leonard  
'65, '65

Yoriko & \*David McClure '50

Lynda & John Rohman '86, '68

Sally & Thomas Savage '68

Bonnie & W. Tom Sawyer, Jr.  
'70, '70

Vivian & William Treat '40

### EX OFFICIO

Robert Daigle '71

#### *Corporate Committee Co-Chairs*

Dorain & Bion Foster '68, '70G

Dianne Hoff

President Peter Hoff

\*deceased







# Pride of Place

BUCHANAN ALUMNI HOUSE ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

## The Class of 1954 Stands Tall

A HALF CENTURY AGO we were anticipating our graduation and the responsibilities that would accompany the next exciting phase of our lives. We had worked diligently through four years of college and were now eager to meet our next set of challenges. Throughout our separate journeys, now spanning five decades, we have seen the world and enjoyed many wonderful life experiences. It is hard to imagine we are now eagerly looking forward to our 50th class reunion, a time to meet again, celebrate, and share memories with dear classmates and friends.

Buchanan Alumni House — a Place to Call Home — provides the perfect setting for us to rekindle friendships and relive the memories of our tenure at the University of Maine. As one of the classes who contributed to this special project for our 45th reunion and now our 50th reunion, we recognize that private support through an endowment fund will ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy Buchanan Alumni House forever. This beautiful facility provides a comfortable setting for us and other reunion classes to gather.

Much of the success for Buchanan Alumni House belongs to the many other classes who also have contributed so generously. **We, the Class of 1954, stand tall and are happy to be counted with more than 14,000 individuals who supported this project. We encourage and challenge each class to be generous and consider a gift to the “Pride of Place Endowment Campaign.”** We all need to do our part to ensure that the place we call “home” is forever and always kept in its beautiful condition with funds provided from a permanent endowment.

We are especially proud of UMaine’s current and future students and trust that our successes will demonstrate how a solid education can provide a lifetime of limitless opportunities.

E. Timothy McManus  
President, Class of 1954

The Class of 1954 Senior Class Officers: Left to right: Thomas Fallon, treasurer; Marjory Robbins, secretary; Davis Wiggins, president; Donald Poulin, vice president



*The Buchanan Alumni House  
Timeline Gallery*





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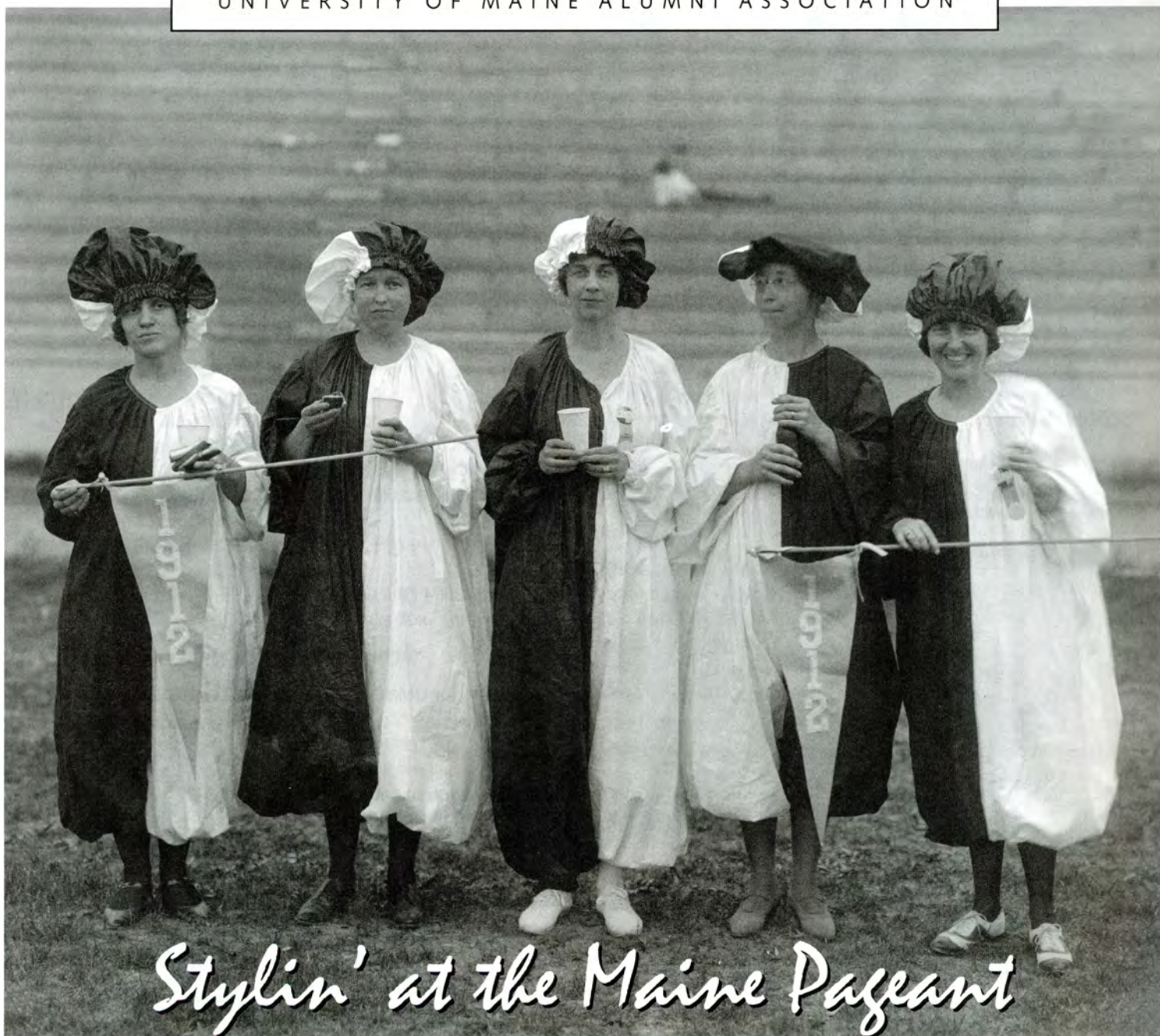
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*Stylin' at the Maine Pageant*

REUNION 1922



# Alumni News and Events



## "Spring Swing" in Florida

University of Maine Foundation president / CEO Amos Orcutt '64 (far right) at the Sarasota alumni reception with Lois Doescher Atkins '48 and Marvin Atkins. The event, one of five held in Florida in March, drew about 50 UMaine alumni and friends.

## About the Cover

Class of 1912 members who, as part of their 10th Reunion, participated in the Great Maine Pageant of 1922 celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first University of Maine commencement. Left to right are: Helen Worster Cleaves, Edith Folsom Sawyer, Hazel Mariner Buzzell, Ruth Merrill Dana, and June Kelley.

The pageant involved over 300 participants, recreating highlights of the university's history, as more than 2,500 spectators looked on. The following description appeared in the Summer 1922 *Maine Alumnus* magazine:

"Seldom does a dramatic representation of the history of an institution become part of the history itself, yet so ably and wonderfully was the Maine Pageant rendered June 4 that popular opinion will always keep the spotlight of history focused upon it."

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Friday, April 16, 2004

#### *Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter Event*

Performance by Renaissance - UMaine's talented female a cappella singing group  
7:00 p.m. - Hallowell City Hall Auditorium, 1 Winthrop Street, Hallowell  
RSVP by Friday, April 9 to 1-800-934-2586

### Tuesday, May 18, 2004

#### *Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter Annual Meeting & Dinner*

Augusta Country Club, Manchester, Maine

Guest Speaker: TBA

5:30 p.m. social, 6:00 p.m. dinner

Separate invitations will be mailed in April to KVAC members.

### Friday, June 4 to Sunday, June 6

Reunion 2004 at the UMaine campus

### Thursday, August 5, 2004

#### *Portland Alumnae Club Meeting*

Summer Coffee/Garden Party at the home of Joan Fuller Russell '56

464 Gray Road (Route 100), Falmouth, 10:00 a.m.

RSVP by August 2 to Agnes Ann Walsh '41 at (207) 885-1414 or Barbara Akeley Seaman '45 at (207) 883-7010.

### Monday, August 16, 2004

#### *Cumberland County Alumni Chapter 2004 Golf Classic*

Spring Meadows Golf Club, Gray, Maine 8:00 a.m.

Shotgun start, scramble format

Great prizes, celebrity golfers

Proceeds benefit CCAC Scholarships for UMaine students from Cumberland County.

For more information, contact Kurt Marston '74, '79G at [kmarston@woodardcurran.com](mailto:kmarston@woodardcurran.com)

**Area mailings will be sent prior to each event. You can call 1-800-934-2586 or log on to: [mainealumni.com](http://mainealumni.com) for updated information.**



## Attention Alumni

The University of Maine Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, June 6 at 10:45 a.m. in the McIntire Room of Buchanan Alumni House on the UMaine campus. All University of Maine alumni are welcome to attend.

## 2004 alumni award recipients announced

One of the highlights of a UMaine reunion is the Sunday morning awards breakfast (this year on June 6). At this annual event the alumni association recognizes outstanding individual achievement as well as service to the University of Maine and its alumni body. This year's award recipients are:

### **Alumni Career Award**

Olympia J. Snowe '69

### **Bernard Lown '42 Humanitarian Award**

John McMichael '71

### **Pine Tree Emblem Alumni Service Award**

William Bodwell '50

### **Fogler Legacy Award**

Chandler Cushman Harvey (1890) family

### **Black Bear Awards**

Stuart P. Haskell '56, Jean G. Hufnagel '44 (posthumously), Phillip '64 and Susan Keene Morse '64, and Gary F. Thorne '70

### **Block "M" Awards**

Ralph E. Barnett '49, '50G (posthumously), Jayne Hanson Bartley '49, Albert D. Ehrenfried '44, Charles '54 and Elizabeth Leighton Furlong '52, Edie McVay King '67, and Allen '73 and Patricia Meyer Morell '73

### **Hilda Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award**

Nancy Schott Plaisted '53

## Black Bear clothing/gear now available on-line



Great Black Bear alumni gear from the University of Maine Alumni Association On-Line Store is now available at: [mainealumni.com](http://mainealumni.com).

Jackets, sweat-shirts, fleeces, tees, polo shirts, kids' clothes, tote bags, blankets, and more

can now be ordered via our secure website. We'll ship directly to your door. Just pick your item, choose your UMaine logo, and we take care of the rest. Proceeds benefit the UMAA's student programs.

Show the world you love your Black Bears! And UMaine gear makes great gifts!



Among the UMaine alumni and friends who got together for an alumni dinner at the Handlery Hotel in San Diego on February 20 were (left to right): Jill Murray (wife of Ken Murray '68), Dr. Robert Buchanan '44, and Pearl Buchanan.

## Western Alumni Gatherings



Among those attending the February 19 alumni luncheon at the Mountain Oyster Club in Tucson were (left to right): Dorain Foster (wife of Bion Foster '68, '70G), Robert Cobb '68, Cynthia Gray Cobb '69, and Steve Adam from the UMaine College of Engineering.

## BODWELL MOTORS

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Good Luck Black Bears!  
Bill Bodwell '50

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# Finding Their Niche

UMaine alumni Richard St. Pierre '90 and Langley Willauer '93G merge their talents at Integrated Mapping Services.

**W**hen there is a power failure or a leak in a water line, utility companies can spend precious time tracking down the source of the trouble. But with the help of UMaine alumni Richard St. Pierre '90 and P. Langley Willauer '93G some utility companies are becoming much more efficient at tracing and even preventing problems.

The success of Richard and Langley's company, Integrated Mapping Services (IMS), is a result of the ability to utilize geographic information system software to build computer maps of any utility system—poles, wires, transformers, switches, etc.

The new opportunities for IMS are also a result of utility deregulation which forced companies to become more efficient.

"Traditionally, the utilities used hard copy maps to assist them," Langley explains. "What we do is get the information transferred into a data base and get it back out as a digital map. When the lights go out, people start calling and then folks start tracking down the problem. One of the applications that we work on is taking the location of those calls and placing it on the geographic network. It can then predict which device might have been affected."

The intricacies of various utility systems present a real challenge for IMS. But it's just that challenge that seems to make Langley and Richard thrive.



**Richard St. Pierre '90 (left) and Langley Willauer '93G**

"Langley calls them puzzles," Richard says. "We get a lot of satisfaction in solving these puzzles. It forces you to be innovative."

Richard started IMS in 1996 in Holderness, New Hampshire, with just a desk and a single software license. Meanwhile Langley, who studied math at Brown, was starting a company of his own called GeoConnections in Camden, Maine.

The two UMaine graduates had known each other from when they both worked at the James W. Sewall Company in Old Town in the early-mid 1990s. But they hadn't stayed in touch.

They met up again at a trade show in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, in 2000 and realized they shared common interests and goals.

"I was at a point where I needed to grow the company," Richard notes. "At the time I was doing a lot of work converting hard copy maps to digital—that's where the industry was heading. I realized we couldn't support the development side of things to break into

the bigger markets. Langley and I talked, hit it off, and decided to pool our resources."

But the merger didn't include consolidating office locations. Richard, as chief financial officer, remains in Holderness where he manages the business functions of the company. And as chief technical officer, Langley still operates out of a downtown Camden office.

The two communicate regularly by phone and e-mail but also meet face-to-face at least once a week. Those trips aren't too tough to take given the beauty of the IMS office locations—at the foothills of the White Mountains and overlooking Camden Harbor. The company's Christmas card message is, "from the mountains to the sea."

"Location doesn't make that much difference in this business," Langley explains. "We do have to travel to meet and build relationships with our clients, but we

work in real time with all our customers—we access their systems through the internet. They have trust in us and our work."

IMS now employs a total of 17 people in the two locations including two other UMaine alums, Scott Gould '95 and Jonathan Brady '87.

All of the UMaine grads stay in touch with the spatial information science and engineering department at the university.

"The university is on the theoretical side of the field, we're on the application side," Langley explains. "But we keep in touch because we actually run up against the type of problems that UMaine folks are working on."

So IMS seems to have found a successful niche. And it's one that brings Richard St. Pierre a good deal of satisfaction.

"Everyone finds a purpose," he says. "I get a great deal of satisfaction from this work—and it was the University of Maine that has allowed me to pursue it. We are all enthusiastic here. And our customers pick up on that enthusiasm."

# Class Notes

## Golden Bears

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Greetings, Golden Bears! We hope this finds you spotting robins, admiring tulips, and enjoying other signs of spring. Please let everyone know how you're doing. Send a note—your fellow Golden Bears would love to hear from you!

## 1935

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While I am preparing this column before Christmas, you will not receive it before the end of March.

So, Happy Easter!

The news from you this time has trickled down to zero. I suspect you are so busy with Christmas problems that you forgot to tell me about that new great-grandchild. In order to keep this column alive and possibly entertaining, I am resorting to a bit of nostalgia in the hopes that some of you will respond with your ideas and happenings.

Here is my first try at some 1935 class nostalgia:

Early in the 20th century high up above the waters of the Stillwater there was a building known as Oak Hall. And it came to pass that in the fall of 1931 a goodly number of the students of the Class of 1935 were assigned rooms in the aforesaid edifice.

Out in front of Oak Hall there was a cannon probably of Civil War origin. Undoubtedly, said cannon was placed there for patriotic duty, but the freshmen in Oak Hall decided that it was serving no useful purpose and proceeded to alter the status quo.

My only involvement in that escapade was being awakened in the middle of the night since my room at #204 was one of the near-

est to the site of the explosion.

While, as I recall, no physical damage was done, the university authorities took a dim view of the act and proceeded to alter the cannon so that the performance could never again be repeated. To my knowledge, no one was ever prosecuted for the prank, but I have in my files the names of some of those involved and a detailed description as to how the performance was conducted. Should there be any classmates interested in adding to this story, please feel free to let me know.

## 1936

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My column was again saved from oblivion by another member of another class. John Gowell of the Class of 1938 sent me a Christmas card along with a new map of the Biddeford to Kennebunk area including the beaches. My old hometown of Goose Rocks Beach has finally emerged from the fine print onto equal recognition along with Wells Beach and Old Orchard Beach. When I was a freshman at Orono no one from Portland had ever heard of Goose Rocks even though it is just 15 miles by boat and 30 miles by road. In 1932 the winter population was 63, but swelled to over 1,000 by summer residents.

Goose Rocks' only claim to fame is the two-week stay of Arthur Conan Doyle in 1906. He made only one trip to America and liked Goose Rocks so well that he spent most of his time there. If he had been trying to escape from Dr. Moriarty he could not have found a better place.

John also reminded me of the time in 1939 and 1940 when I was his roommate, along with **Jim Haggett**, at Old Mill Place in Trumbull, Connecticut. It was a large rambling stone house right next to a brook which overflowed its banks every time it rained and it filled our cellar waist-deep with freezing water. Jim

did all the bookkeeping and gave each of the 12 inmates, including Ted Butler '35, a bill at the end of every month. It averaged about \$28.50 including a barrel of beer dropped off every Friday night. We had a busy housekeeper who was an excellent cook.

Adolf Hitler soon changed all that. We gave up this watery Garden of Eden, and each went his separate way. John gave up his management trainee job with Remington Arms and became a naval officer, and Jim was transferred by General Electric to their plant in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Ted kept his job as a special agent with the Traveler's Insurance Company, but was transferred to Phoenix, Arizona, and I gave up my job of selling specialty steels to be the metallurgist for one of my customers, the High Standard Manufacturing Company of New Haven.

They landed a British contract long before we went to war.

In less than two years they grew from a 35-employee manufacturer of 22-caliber target pistols to a 2,000-employee manufacturer of 50-caliber Browning machine guns, first for the RAF and later on for the U.S. Air Force.

Just before sending in my column, I got the sad news that **Francis "Mac" McAlary** died on 8 October 2003. I first met Mac when he was just behind me in a line to matriculate in September 1932. As the line was long and slow we got to know each other's life history. I did not see much more of Mac until we started to meet at reunions. I recall that at our 50th Reunion I found myself in a golfing foursome lined up again with Mac, along with my freshman roommate, **Dana Sidelinger**, and my later roommate, Jim Haggett. Jim suggested that it would be more interesting if he and Mac played as a team against Dana and me, with a wager of two dollars per man. At the halfway point they led us by three holes. On the back nine Dana and I started to catch up and both of us parred the long 17th hole at Veazie to bring the match to a tie. In spite of all our efforts Mac and Jim both beat us on the final hole. The two dollars they each won would have been considered a good day's pay when we were kids in Maine.

The story of Mac's life and career

was in the on-line obituary section of the winter issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. (You can log on to: [mainealumni.com](http://mainealumni.com) and click on the obituaries.)

Just two days ago I got a note from Jim Haggett telling me that Fran, his wife of more than 62 years, had passed away on 21 November at Mashpee on Cape Cod. The sad news came as a great surprise to Lee and me.

Whenever we had met them at their homes in Wellesley or at Mashpee on Cape Cod and at several reunions at Orono, Fran had seemed to be in tip-top condition. Many times while we were playing golf on Cape Cod, Jim would tell me that Fran was "pumping iron" at the gym. We will miss her very much.

Jim says that he was asked to spend the winter with his son Greg and wife Deb in Connecticut, but he will be back in Mashpee on Cape Cod in the spring.

## 1937

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**Henry Lowell** writes that he is enjoying the retired life at Heritage Tradition, part of Sun City West in Florida. One of his daughters lives in Lewiston, Maine, and the other in Bloomfield, Michigan. The Lewiston daughter recently sent him a map of the Orono campus and he is really impressed with the growth. Would like to visit and see the campus in real life.

The campus would welcome you, Henry.

**Dinny Dinsmore** writes that he is enjoying Barefoot Bay, Florida, this time of year and still plans on spending his usual three summer months at Orange Lake in Maine, where he spent a cool, foggy summer this year. But he added three delightful weeks in England this year where he visited Joan's cousin and family.

**Tom Evans** celebrated his 90th birthday last May and in November



celebrated the marriage of one of his grandsons in Indianapolis. He now has six great-grandchildren. Congratulations, Tom!

## 1939

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Sitting in the middle of a winter storm and with no Christmas cards received, doing my spring column is challenging, to say the least. Also, with no news from any of you dear classmates, the thought of no column has crossed my mind.

What could be of interest to you all? Surely, we remember professors who pushed us to do our best, or perhaps the opposite. Can you go back in time to picture events on campus that open up warm memories to you? If so, why not send them on. Put your hand to paper, e-mail me, or give me a call.

Remembering our long winters and short springs enables me to picture myself, circa '37, arriving at Grand Central Station en route for Easter vacation. Clad in my vintage raccoon coat, boots, etc. I was shocked to see everyone else dressed for spring!

Anyway, spring will be on the way when you are reading this and other items of interest in your *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. Perhaps birds will be singing and flowers budding when you are reading this column.

Addenda: Linda Pellicani McClane '70 was kind enough to send me the sad news of the passing of "Mac" McAlary '36. Friends and Kappa Sigma members will have fond memories of him during our freshman year. Thank you, Linda, for your thoughtfulness.

In answer to my e-mail, I learned from **Ralph "Hig" Higgins** that he is as busy as ever. During the first weekend in December, he did four performances of *The Nutcracker* with the Suburban Dance Force. If that wasn't enough to tire him out, the next week saw him doing six more *Nutcrackers* with the Belle Mead Ballet. Ralph, please clue us in on the secret of your amazing physical ability and your continuing supply of energy!

All for now, ELD



**Writer Miriam Colwell '39 visited the Buchanan Alumni House on March 22. While attending a luncheon she signed her three books which are part of the collection in the Allain Library.**

## 1941

**Alma Hansen Langlois**  
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Although I am writing this on a bitter cold winter day, by the time you read it, it will be spring. What a wonderful season spring is! I hope it finds all of you well and happy.

A nice letter arrived from **Vernon Johnson**. (Thank you, Vernon. We wish more would follow your example and write.) He is now 86 years old but still plays golf and pool and volunteers at a local hospital two nights a week. Vernon went to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in January to visit a son and grandson and will be there until April when he returns to his home in Northampton, Massachusetts. Vernon's son is a '65 graduate of Maine.

Another busy member of our class is **Glenna Johnson Smith**, who still writes a column for the magazine *Echoes* published in Aroostook County and described as "The Northern Maine Journal of Rural Culture." It is one of my very favorite magazines, and I don't even come from The County but it is just so interesting. In addition to her column, Glenna is also an associate

editor of the magazine as well as poetry editor. She also helps with mailings and deliveries. In the October-December 2003 issue there is a picture of Glenna reading her column, "The Week That Had Two Tuesdays."

A nice article about **Agnes Ann Walsh**, my college roommate and co-writer of this column, appeared on the front page of the *Sentry*, a weekly newspaper of South Portland and surrounding towns. It dealt with her closing up her 103-year-old family homestead to move into a condo in Scarborough. Moving was a big job for her (her family home had 10 rooms and a barn), but she is happy in her new condo.

Sadly we have lost several classmates in 2003, and our very deepest sympathy goes out to their families. They include **Frances Sawyer Alford**, **Clifford Bailey**, **Virginia Howe Delaney**, **Beatrice Austin Hanson**, **Ada Towle Hawkins**, **Harold Millay**, and **Theodore Sobel**. Agnes and I had already reported the deaths of **Linwood Day**, **Thomas Fairchild**, **Paul Dumas**, **Hugh Murphy**, and **Kenneth Robertson** in earlier issues.

**Elizabeth "Lib" Peaslee Cain** is doing well and keeping very busy. Among her many activities is driving for Meals on Wheels. Lib has four children. Her son Steve has been a

tape editor for ABC television for over 25 years. You can often see his name on credits at the end of a program. Her son David is a book illustrator in New York City, while her son Bob is a doctor of internal medicine in Charleston, South Carolina. Daughter Mary, who is trained in design, is a homemaker and very active in school activities. What a wonderful family, Lib! Lib lives in Damascus, Maryland.

As for me, I am starting a career as monthly columnist for the *New Hampshire Sunday News*. The column is called "Mirror on Manchester" and consists of brief accounts of the history of Manchester. Grandma Moses was 78 years old when she took up painting (just a kid) so at 83 I'm in good company.

Congratulations to classmate **George Ellis** who was recently named recipient of the Alumni Career Award, the highest award given by the university. This award is presented to an alumnus/a "who has revealed the quality of educational excellence as encouraged by the University and who has exemplified distinguished career achievement in professional, business, civic, or other public service arenas." George is certainly an excellent choice.

Since George received this award, we wondered what other awards had been presented to members of the Class of 1941 over the years, and there have been many. For example, the Pine Tree Emblem Alumni Service Award, given in recognition and appreciation of "outstanding service rendered in promoting alumni work" has been given to these outstanding members of our class—**Helen Wormwood Pierce**, **Winston Pullen**, and **Phyllis Smart Young**.

Helen Wormwood Pierce also received the Golden "M" Award at our 50th Reunion. This award is made to the person chosen by classmates as having done the most for the class through the years.

Another honor, Block "M" Alumni Activities Awards, are given to recognize "Alumni who maintain and develop strong and active good will for the University through work in local alumni events, class activities, and/or the University of Maine Alumni Association."

Among the Class of '41 members who have been recipients are **Milford Cohen**, **John Dyer**, **Constance Philbrook Leger**, **George Nystrom**, **Charles Smith, Jr.**, **J. Alice Smith**, and **Agnes Ann Walsh**.

Several Black Bear awards



presented "in appreciation of outstanding service to the University through multiple endeavors" have also been made to members of our class. Recipients include John Dyer, **Carlton Payson**, Helen Wormwood Pierce, Winston Pullen, and Agnes Ann Walsh. It's easy to see we have had many outstanding people in our class, and I'm sure in the future there will probably be more names to add to this list.

Well, folks this is all the news for now. And to be very repetitious, please send Agnes or me a letter telling us what you are doing or what your children or grandchildren are doing. We would love to hear from you, and so would all our classmates. Stay well!

## 1942

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Hopefully by the time you read this column, spring will be just around the corner as bulbs, buds, and green grass are showing up. **Preston Earl Robinson** died September 28, 2003. Our class sends sympathy to his family.

**Arthur and Doris Boyd** have a new, new address: 270 Saratoga Boulevard, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866. This address is different from the one they had when they first moved to New York.

Just about the time I thought this column would be the shortest ever, **Priscilla Thurlow Anderson** and **Dotty Gilman Locke** came to my rescue with a wonderful newspaper article from *Northern Light*, November 13, 2003, about the Philbrook Farm Inn in Shelburne, New Hampshire, run by **Nancy Philbrook** and **Connie Philbrook Leger** '41 along with **Connie's** children, **Ann** '67 and **Larry Leger**. The inn was started by **Nancy and Connie's** great-grandparents in 1861 and is going strong to this day. With many generations of guests coming back each year there is something for everyone including winter sports, horses, hiking trails that are connected to the Appalachian Trail, and many more.

The main building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as "The oldest inn in the nation continuously owned and operated by the same family." In 1984 the inn

received the J.M. Smucker Award for "Best in American Country Cooking" and in 1985 **Nancy and Connie** received the "Heroes Award for Hospitality." **Priscilla** also gave me a copy of the July 1997 issue of *Gourmet Magazine* which featured the inn and gourmet holidays in New Hampshire's White Mountains. **Nancy and her niece, Ann**, prepare all the homemade meals from scratch and **Connie** is the inn's hostess, bookkeeper, and **Shelburne's** town clerk. I can attest to **Nancy's** cooking as she always has a special treat for us at the annual mini Maine reunion at Bear Pond every August.

So, my good classmates, you have read about the best inn in the country which is open December 26 through Columbus Day.

Congratulations, **Nancy and Connie**, you deserve the very best for your dedication, hard work, and your hospitality.

And we received a new address for **Lois "Buddy" Long Stone** and **Bill** '46, G.W. and L.L. Stone. They are now at: 202 Brooksby Village Drive, #214 in Peabody, Massachusetts, 01960.

## 1943

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'Top o' the morning to ye all!—and a wee bit more about a reunion attendee.

**Richard "Dick" Martinez** and **Marie** faithfully attended the gamut of programs at Reunion 2003. They enjoyed Reunion weekend, but missed seeing fellow classmates. However, on the way home they stopped to visit **Gil Carlson** and **Elaine** on their island off the coast of Friendship, Maine.

This was the third class reunion for the **Martinezes**, having attended the 45th and 50th Reunions as well as the 60th.

**Dick** didn't exactly have his running shoes on as he ventured from New York state to the University of Maine but he surely had them on during his freshman year. This is fitting, isn't it, when one considers that the reason he chose to come to the University of Maine was his interest in attending a college which was in the IC4A league. He was a member of the freshman cross-country team which brought honor to

the university and thus the team when it was elected to the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame for the 1939 IC4A National Cross-Country championship. The team first won the Freshman Intercollegiate title for the state of Maine and then won the New England Intercollegiate title and lastly in New York City, the IC4A Freshman title. **Dick** continued on the varsity team though college.

He was elected president of the freshman class and vice president of the junior class. These were the two class offices which he held. Following college he served his country in World War II in the North Pacific and the South Pacific. He was wounded in the service of his country.

**Dick** majored in business administration which field he pursued after matriculation at the University of Maine, holding administrative positions with various corporations in New York. Forest Hills has been "home" since marriage—in the same house! That is a landmark! He retired in 1982; since then his volunteer activity has centered on his neighbors and his church. He allows that he is "great for picking up people at airports."

**Marie** held the position of executive secretary for U.S. Aviation Underwriters in New York City for 46 years. Two sons and a daughter have followed a business bent also—**Christopher** as a sound engineer, **Matthew** works for Thomson Financial as a tape editor, and **Amy** is a registered representative for Merrill Lynch.

One way to get **Dick and Marie** back to Maine might be along the order of the "Bert Pratt Mini Reunions" of the '90s. How about it?

It is sad to report the death of **Francis Brown** on October 12, 2003, at the Maine Veterans' Home in Bangor. Over the years he proved to be a very loyal Maine alum, which institution was dear to him. He served 14 years on the board of trustees of the university system. He was honored for his service in 1983 with a Black Bear Award and in 1986 with the Presidential Achievement Award. He was presented the Distinguished Service Award in 1987 by the University of Maine at Machias; most dear to him was the conferring of an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree by the University of Maine System which citation read: "No Trustee ever had greater influence on colleagues, and none ever had a more agreeable gift of persuasion. We honor him not only for his smile and his stories, for his energy and determination, for his leadership and

his courage, but most of all, for the love he has shown for this institution and for those who work within it." Following this he served as trustee of the University of Maine Foundation. A room in the new Buchanan Alumni House has been named for him.

**Francis Brown** majored in chemical engineering. Following matriculation, he served in the U.S. Army in World War II as a radar officer in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. After military service he received a Juris Doctor degree from Boston University School of Law. **Francis** was the senior partner of the **Brown, Tibbetts, Churchill, and Lacasse** law firm, the largest in Washington County. For eight years he was a member of the Maine Board of Bar Examiners and for 13 years was a member of the advisory committee to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court on criminal rules of procedure.

He was an active community service volunteer in Calais; director and president of the Calais Regional Hospital; trustee and president of the Calais Free Library; trustee and active committee member of the Calais United Methodist church; past District Governor of Rotary District 781, and a member of the American Legion.

In 1989 he became the first U.S. chair of the newly created St. Croix International Waterway Commission. He was honored by the Calais Chamber of Commerce as Outstanding Citizen, receiving the Arlo T. Bates Award for Outstanding Community Service, Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, a Jefferson Award, and the Washington County Economic Development Award. We remember him also for his continued dedication and service to the Class of 1943! This man wisely used his talents to benefit others. He will be missed.

Another recent death is that of **Doris Dixon Griffith**. Perhaps you will remember her as a lively member of The Maples back in 1939.

We extend our sympathy to the **Brown and Griffith** families.

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# 1944

60th Reunion  
June 4-6, 2004

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While attending our summer Class of '44 reunion at the Owls Head Transportation Museum, a Stearman Army Air Corps PT Trainer was called to our attention. The airplane was a gift to the museum from classmate **Charles Stickney**.

From the *Delta Airlines News*, October 1975, "When Charlie Stickney's Stearman aircraft can get away from its responsibilities in the ice cream selling business it likes to show off its acrobatics...with a slight tinge of nostalgia for the days when it performed similar antics in the line of duty over the cotton fields of the South." When Stick was president and owner of Deering Ice Cream back in the '70s, he used this plane for displaying the Deering name at air shows and static displays. But beside the Deering emblem was the emblem under which it had served for 19 years—dusting.

After World War II the Stearman Trainer saw service with Delta Airlines Agricultural Division as a crop duster for the cotton fields of the South. U.S. Army airplanes were first used to drop insecticide to fight caterpillars on Ohio catalpa trees as early as 1921. This concept was extended after much research and study by a young farm agent, named C. E. Woolman, to dust the South's primary crop—cotton. A powerful dry powder insecticide, calcium arsenate, was used. Woolman went on to become founder and former CEO of Delta Airlines. The Stearmans, trained for rigorous service, were surplus and readily available and could be easily modified for agricultural work. *Ship 88*, Stickney's Stearman, joined the Delta fleet in 1947. In 1966 Delta's agricultural division was losing money and was liquidated. *Ship 88* was among the aircraft sold to the highest bidder. After six years of serving various owners in different ways, a florist in St. Louis, Missouri, sold the plane to Stickney in 1973.

A recent note from **Eleanor Leh Hepburn** says, "Having fallen in love with Florida on my first visit



**Charlie Stickney '44 stands in front of the Stearman PT Trainer he donated to the Owls Head Transportation Museum.**

here, age 12, I finally located here permanently seven years ago. We have wintered here since my retirement in 1981. My companion, Al Ward, and I travel extensively. Cruise number 35 is upcoming. I have a wonderful life."

Jack and **Esther Holden Hopkins** were at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) in Boston where Jack has a wonderful laminated furniture piece, a combined chair and side-desk, on exhibit. MFA has also published an illustrated story about the artistic career of Jack Rogers Hopkins, who is regarded as a leader in the field of "artistic furniture design." MFA has also asked if they can make Jack's piece a part of the museum's permanent collection.

From **Midi Wooster Roberts**, now back in Hobe Sound, Florida, for the winter, came word that Ernie Roberts was inducted into the Publisher's Sports Writers Hall of Fame at a gala black tie event during the publisher's conference in Aruba at the end of October. Midi says that they were treated royally, enjoying the presidential suite of the Hyatt Regency. They loved Aruba, the weather, the beach, the food, the golf course—everything.

**Al McNeilly** reports that things have gone well in moving the Class

of '44's 60th Reunion project forward. Al says, "The revival of the Bear's Den will be another contribution to our alma mater that we can be proud of." The drawings were approved, a favorable bid came in, a contractor was signed on, and the Bear's Den reopened in January. **Al Ehrenfried**, our president, adds, "We can look forward to celebrating our 60th Reunion on campus in both the Class of '44's Bear's Den Pub and the Class of '44 Hall. Our class continues to set the pace on the UMaine campus. You can reflect that pride in your next column, and encourage classmates to participate however they can, financially."

Our first Christmas card was from **Rhoda Tolford Stone**—sorry to hear that Rhoda won't be coming to our 60th Reunion because of another commitment. Rhoda leads a very busy and happy life among family in the Sarasota area. Hope our paths will cross next summer when you visit Peaks Island.

A closing note: Find a copy of the November 24, 2003 *New Yorker* magazine and on page 56, read the article, "Class Notes." This proves that you all have some news item to send in to the class news editor.

Keep those cards and letters coming!

# 1945

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Class news in the last edition of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* was very good! Thank you all for your contributions. This edition is thinner, but don't let it discourage you—I'm sure you have many activities which will be interesting to us, so take out that pen or keyboard and let us know how you are.

I was pleased to receive such a contribution from the alumni office. **Ellwood Titcomb** and his sisters, Gladys Titcomb MacLeod and Ruth Titcomb Currier, attended a senior alumni reunion of graduates of Brewer High School. Gladys was Class of 1930, Ruth the Class of 1933, and Ellwood Class of 1941. It was also a time to celebrate Ellwood's older sister's 90th birthday! Ellwood is living in Lake Helen, Florida. The Titcombs are members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the state of Maine. How about letting us in on your activities and immediate family, Ellwood!

I parked my car in July after traveling around the country for six years on the National Council of the Order of the Daughters of the King. It was a highlight in my living and a great blessing to serve Jesus Christ this way. Of course I'm still active on the local level in diocese and parish.

My granddaughter, Erika, and I traveled to the Maritimes again and visited my cousins. That's always a treat. I also attended a "Camps Farthest Out" in Southwest Harbor in October. This trip was shared with a friend from Florida. We "did" New Hampshire, wept a few tears for "The Old Man"—lunched at the Mount Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods, crossed Kancamangas Highway and went up the coast from Portland to Acadia. We swung through many towns and I wished I had carried my directory—I remembered classmates from Wiscasset, Blue Hill, Damariscotta, Seal Harbor, Phippsburg, Rockland, Belfast, Bath, Bar Harbor, Boothbay, Brooks, Camden, Cape Porpoise, Ellsworth, Georgetown, and Northeast Harbor. We didn't get to all of them but I had some good memories. I got in touch with Frank

Gilley '44 in Surry—he and Mert were roommates their freshman year in Oak Hall. Today I received word that Frank died November 29th. This is a tough job.

We left 2003 with memories of classmates who left us during the year for a reunion with others gone before.

I'm still waiting for a "taker" as scribe for the class. Please share your news and interests.

## 1946

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Dear classmates of 1946,  
Well finally! I actually had a note from Alton Cole '52. He writes that he and Alice had a great evening with Doug '49 and **Mary Libby Collins** before Xmas at Sugarloaf. The Coles and Collinses are volunteering at the Sugarloaf race camp. Al reports that the Collinses had a wonderful barge trip in the south of France in October. The Collinses are at their ski house for February and March and maybe April. So how is this for news? Thank you, Alton. Happy New Year.

## 1947

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Dear Class of '47, please send in your news. There must be something you can tell us. Are your crocuses up, have you been on an Elderhostel trip, or did you see a classmate somewhere? Please write something so we can include it in this column.

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## 1948

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Greetings, '48ers! Alas! The cupboard was bare for the class correspondence news. Even the weather failed us, as the luncheon gals got together at Lauria's which usually yields some items for this column, was canceled because of a stormy, miserable day.

**Ruth Preble Finney** phoned and suggested asking for news of any 50th wedding celebrations for you classmates. It must be about that time for many of you. How about retirement activities? A recent interview of co-correspondent **Barbara Sullivan Knowlton** revealed the following about her busy life. I learned that she knits, quilts, and sews for her family and St. Mark's Church in Waterville where she has just finished a term for the Martha Guild. She also serves on the altar guild there. She volunteers at Maine General Hospital and is an active member of the Waterville Women's Club. She recently got an All Maine grads table together for the Waterville Women's Club luncheon which included Jane Longfellow Cullen '47, Marjory Robbins Lalime '54, **Lancy Carter Bradshaw**, and herself. She's a busy gal.

As for me, I'm spending three months in Arizona this winter where I hope to be busy with some traditional recreational pursuits. That's a fancy way to say I'm going to loaf! Sure do love that sunshine.

Now write and tell what you're doing. We need your news.

## 1949

*55th Reunion*  
*June 4-6, 2004*

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On a very stormy Wednesday in Oc-

tober, we drove to the Captain Daniel Stone Inn in Brunswick, Maine, for our '49ers Ladies Lunch. Our spring and fall lunches are a tradition the Class of '49 women have carried on for many years and we were not about to let the weather interfere with our plans. **Mary Wiswell Libby** and her sister, Joan Wiswell Beach '51, arranged the lunch. We were very pleased to have so many from the classes of '50 and '51 join us for the occasion. Those attending were: **Evelyn Ellsworth Dearborn, Rosemarie "Jinx" Gagnon Hallsey, Thelma Crossland Robie, Dorothy Averill Hawkes, Mary Wiswell Libby, Frances Callan Rogers '50, Lois Ann Nicholson Healy, Marion Stanley Burns, Barbara Haney McKay, Sasshy Foster Addor, Marion "Lexy" Carter, Barbara Thompson York, Helen Beckler Mooers '48, Verna Wallace Andrews, Babs Pulsifer Kilgore, Beverly Bean Strout, Janice Crockett Fuller, Jane Hastings Folsom, Caroline Strong '50, Louise Litchfield McIntire '50, Shirley Jackson Hilton '50, Jennie Hilton '50, Virginia Stickney Cooper '50, Joyce Pray Borkowski '50, Joan Wiswell Beach '51, Frances Pratt Caswell '51, Nancy Whiting Sears '51, Mary Hastings Dumas '51, Cynthia Pierce Richardson '51, Margaret Laliberte McCann '51, and Ellen Stratton Turner '51.**

**Donald E. Collins** of Caribou, Maine, was elected vice chairman of the board of directors of the University of Maine Foundation at the board's October 2003 meeting.

I received a note from **Vance** and **Evelyn Ellsworth Dearborn**, telling me about their travels this past year. When January arrived, they headed for a warmer climate and visited many states in the south and southwest. Evelyn told me it was Vance's goal to visit every county in the United States. Out of 254 counties, they only have six more to visit. They are avid bird watchers and they also enjoyed birding during their travels.

In October **Colleen "Sparky" Richardson Coates** and I flew to Las Vegas to try our hand at gambling. We stayed at Harrah's and toured all the other hotels on the strip. We limited ourselves to the quarter slots but unfortunately did not hit any jackpots. We saw a few shows; among which were Gladys Knight and the Pips. She can still sing "Midnight Train to Georgia" with gusto.

I was deeply saddened to read about the death of **Ralph E. Barnett** on December 3, 2003. I had talked

with Ralph on the phone the previous week and he told me he was scheduled for open heart surgery at the Eastern Maine Medical Center on December 2nd. He was a very active member of our Class of '49 reunion committees, past and present, and he will be greatly missed by all his classmates.

Ralph was a civil engineer and owned a tax preparation business where he was active up until his death. He was a past president of the Augusta board of aldermen, a former member of the 99th Maine State House of Representatives, and ran for State Senate in 2002. He was a member of the Land Use Regulation Commission, treasurer of the Brookton Forest City Community Center, and a member of the East Grand Chamber of Commerce and the East Grand Medical Center. He was also a member of the Masons and the Danforth Methodist Church. He is survived by his daughter, Jane Barnett, of Virginia, and a sister, Frances Hostetter, of California. His constant companion, Maggie, his Scottish terrier, also survives him. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his family.

Your reunion committee has been hard at work making plans for our 55th Reunion on June 4, 5, and 6, 2004. Alumni class president, **Jayne Hanson Bartley** and her committee hope that you will save these dates and join them in Orono for a memorable 55th.

Happy spring!

## 1950

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We are still so delighted with the dedication of the Class of 1950 Flag Plaza during the Homecoming festivities, and wish so that you could have been there too. Treasurer, **Alton M. "Hoppy" Hopkins** received a letter from Claude Junkins, the facility manager in Orono who oversaw the entire project, remarking that the Flag Plaza is a real class act—as is our Class of 1950! He drives by the Flag Plaza every morning—checking daily to see that things are "ship-shape" and so they are! And we are indeed a class act!

And on to the next project! The Class is on a search for missing



members of the Class of 1950 so that we can aim for a fine attendance at our 55th Reunion in May/June of 2005! We have names of far too many classmates who are "lost" for one reason or other, and thus need to enlist your assistance—letting us know the address and/or other pertinent information you might have on any of our missing. I shall include a few names and last known addresses in the next few columns, hoping that you might know one or two, and where they are! **Harry E. Arader** was last known to be at P.O. Box L, St. Michaels, Maryland 21663-0360; **Dr. Richard P. Bouchard**, 11550 Piping Rock, Houston, Texas 77077; **Joseph R. Dewar** (no other information); **Reginald K. Page**, last known at 1244 Forest Avenue, Portland, Maine 04103; **James T. Snider**; and **Chen T. Yen**. Anything you could do to help locate any of our 287 "lost" classmates would be greatly appreciated. Bob Potts of the alumni staff has put the entire list out over the University of Maine alumni web page; please peruse the list and let either Bob, Prexy Maggie, or me know the updated address/information so that we may update our lists. The web page is: [www.mainealumni.com](http://www.mainealumni.com). Prexy **Maggie Mollison McIntosh** is recovering from hip surgery performed in December and would delight in noting any "finds" from you—she can be reached at: P.O. Box 476, York Harbor, Maine 03911.

We received a thank-you note from Jessica J. Deane, one of the recipients of the Class of 1950 Scholarship for this academic year. Jessica, granddaughter of classmate **Richard Watson**, wrote that she is a junior majoring in biological engineering with a biomedical engineering minor. She noted that, "The Class of 1950 has done a lot for the University of Maine. I feel privileged to be a recipient of your generous scholarship. It is an honor for me and my family." And we are delighted to have been able to assist Jessica!

**Chester Kennedy** and his wife Patricia celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary in October of '03. Chet enjoys their retirement on Cape Cod with duplicate bridge, book collecting, and "playing" with the computer. Their two-year-old Westie keeps them young and on the move! Chet is feeling very well after a very successful heart procedure, and is looking forward to our 55th in '05! Catherine Bardsley (1112 Woodside Drive, Hanahan,

South Carolina 29406-2218) recently wrote that her husband and our classmate, **Albert Bardsley**, died in August after an illness of several years. He had retired as supervisor of computer operations from the Charleston Naval Shipyard and also from the Stratford High School where he taught data processing. He served during World War II in the Army Air Corps with the 13th Jungle Air Force in the Philippine Islands, and was a 50-year member of the Quantabacook Masonic Lodge #129 AFM. He remembered the most memorable experience he had as an undergraduate was living in South Apartments and considered the most remarkable change in his life was the fact that he "moved" from agriculture to data processing.

Please let me hear from you, for this column can only be as lengthy as the information we have on hand to report! We look forward to seeing you at the August gathering of the Class of 1950 at the Salmon Falls Country Club just outside of Saco. The date is August the 5th, the time is 10 a.m. We shall conduct the business of the class, get caught up on one another, and share a bountiful luncheon before heading to our respective homes. Please be in touch with me or Prexy Maggie for more information.

## 1951

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**Hubert "Ted" and Shirley Howard Hersey** of Middletown, Rhode Island, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 13, 2003. Shirley, who was Middletown Teacher of the Year in 1990, taught in the Middletown school system for 32 years before retiring in 1993. She is a deacon at the United Congregational Church. Ted earned advanced degrees from Harvard University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He was a physics teacher, head of the science department, and coach of cross-country and track for 49 years at St. George's School in Middletown, retiring in 1999. He currently coaches track at Middletown High School. They have three children: Howard Hersey of Groton, Massachusetts, Sheryl Jacobs of Portland, Maine, and Dave Hersey

of Nashua, New Hampshire. They have six grandchildren.

**Lucien Theriault** writes that he retired in 1988 and relocated from Cleveland, Ohio, to Fort Kent, Maine, where he designed and built a new home. He does a lot of volunteering for the local ski area and the world class biathlon system. Fort Kent hosted their first World Cup Biathlon event March 3 to 7, 2004. Lucien spent most of the 2003 summer designing and installing a snow making system for the local ski area.

On October 15, 2003, some '51 classmates braved wind and rain to join the Class of '49 alumnae for luncheon at the Captain Daniel Stone Inn in Brunswick. Attending from our class were **Joan Wiswell Beach, Frances Pratt Caswell, Mary Hastings Dumas, Margaret Laliberte McCann, Cynthia Pierce Richardson, Nancy Whiting Sears, Ellen Stratton Turner**, and Virginia Stickney Cooper '50.

Plans are proceeding for a Class of '51 picnic to be held in the summer of 2004. Mary Hastings Dumas and Bruce Folsom '49 will be the hosts at their summer home on Mousam Lake in Shapleigh, Maine. All classmates are welcome. Look for the mailing and be sure to make your reservation.

## 1952

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News from the Cupola:

**John Pelletier** and Betty were at the Crocker House in Hancock in September. A group of us from Old Town High School gathered with our guest of honor, Olive Conley '38. Jaye McKenney '54, with his wife Shirley, and Howard Stevens '54 were there as well. Miss Conley was our English teacher at Old Town High School. Olive lives in Ellsworth in a house that her grandfather built circa 1850. John continues to lobster out of Steuben during the summer and returns to Old Town and Florida during the winter.

**Sally Arseneault Pedrick** has a woodcut, *Joule*, pictured in the October 2 issue of the *Lincoln County Weekly*. The article accompanying the picture explained that an exhibit titled Preserving Summer would be at the Round Pond Library Art Stu-

dio during October and November featuring oils, woodcuts, and fiber by Sally. Following Sally's graduation from Maine, she continued study at Northwestern University's School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Loyola University. Sally's paintings and woodcuts have appeared at the Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art in a series called War and Peace; and during a 15-year period at the Art Institute of Chicago Art Sales and Rental Gallery. Sally is a member of Maine Media Women and Maine Fiberarts. Congratulations to you, Sally, on your many creative accomplishments.

E-mail from **David Fox** and his wife, Jeanette Bishop Fox '54, assures us that their health continues to improve down in sunny New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

Homecoming included so many exciting activities. I was the house guest of Carol Prentiss Mower '53, so we first met for lunch at the Buchanan Alumni House for the senior lunch, which was delicious, by the way. From there we went to the dedication of the newly renovated Student Union Building, and what a beautiful place that has been turned into. President Hoff spoke about the added amenities and how grateful everyone was to donors. Free ice cream, popcorn, and blue and white strings of beads were our next rewards. Then we were off to a baked bean supper served at the Page Farm and Home Museum, which included their annual meeting. If any alumni haven't toured that place, at least a walk-through should be part of your next campus visit. Brownie's Kitchen is indeed such a treat to view. Carol and I went from there back to the Student Union (where, by the way, the food court seems as large as most malls) to watch a young magician perform. We were the only alums among about 500 cheering students. The magician was super, but we left at intermission fearing that we might be the future chosen stage helpers. On Saturday before the wet but winning game, I went to Stewart Commons for the rededication of that building. John Stewart was dean of men in 1952, and would have been 100-years-old that day. John would have been so proud of his many descendants who were present. His son Kenneth '65 with his wife, Diane, were there of course, and Kenneth spoke kindly about his father. Others did too with praise and a few anecdotes about John's campus days, Linwood



"Woody" Carville '53, among them. Priscilla LaFlamme (my cousin who worked for Webber Oil at Roy Brothers for 32 years) invited me to the big Webber tailgate party. A wonderful buffet was served and much enjoyed in spite of the brisk wind. Larry Mahaney '51 welcomed everyone present before the Webber employee of the month and the year were awarded.

On October 12, The *Maine Sunday Telegram* told of the 50th wedding anniversary of **Bernard L. Gardner** and **Phyllis Bruce Gardner**. The celebration was to be held the following weekend. A beautiful picture of the couple, taken when they were married at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, on October 18, 1953, accompanied the announcement.

**Harrison Richardson**, a Portland attorney, was quoted in the *Portland Press Herald* on August 27, concerning Stephan Gomes and Paris Minor, the former University of Maine students he was defending. Richardson said he had been a UMaine system trustee and on the board when the student code was created. He said the committee was never meant to adjudicate a case as public as this, where the young men would essentially be branded as rapists without any protections or procedures of due process. R. Christopher Almy, the district attorney and prosecutor, decided not to charge the men because he said he did not think he could prove the case in court. Richardson has filed a civil rights lawsuit against the university in U.S. District Court in Bangor. The university has filed a motion to dismiss the case which is awaiting a decision from the court. To read the original mention of Harry Richardson's firm deciding to take the case for Gomes and Minor, please refer to the Spring 2003 issue of *MAINE Alumni Magazine*.

The class is grateful to **Ralph Martin** and his wife, Guida, for hosting the annual meeting of class officers and reunion team last September 24. Twenty-two team members and guests attended. Donna Keirstead Thornton '78, '79G and Danny Williams '91, '94G of the alumni association and Dan Willett '69, '70G of the University of Maine Foundation also deserve thanks for attending. **Bill Currie**, our class co-president, summarized the way our scholarship fund is administered. He then explained the conflict with the new federal privacy law and the restrictions placed on what the university can reveal to our class.



The Class of 1949 reunion committee met recently to continue planning for their 55th Reunion celebration June 4-6. Left to right are: Evy Ellsworth Dearborn, Vance Dearborn, Jayne Hanson Bartley, Thelma Crossland Robie, and Arnie Davis.

Bill recommended that future awards be evenly divided among recipients. The motion to accept the recommendation was unanimously approved. **Alton Cole**, our other class co-president, will work with Bill and the university representatives to revise the '52 Scholarship Endowment Fund write-up. The fund has a fair market value of \$69,498—up about \$5,000 from a few months ago. From our class fund of \$8,000 the group unanimously approved a motion to contribute \$5,000 to the Buchanan Alumni House Building Maintenance Endowment Fund. Word has it that our cupola on that building continues to bring the Class of 1952 considerable recognition. Thanks, guys! Our 55th Reunion in 2007 was discussed and suggestions were received concerning inviting the Belles and Bell Hops (new name for The Memphis Belles since males have been added to their group) to entertain again as well as considering a late afternoon or vespers memorial service.

Bill Currie and Harriet viewed the fall foliage in New Hampshire and Vermont during October, and returned from a few weeks in the Great Smokies, near Gatlinburg, Tennessee. With friends they stayed at the Buckhorn Inn, which they would highly recommend to anyone looking for accommodations in that area. They were back in Richmond, Virginia, for Thanksgiving with a daughter's family. One of their

granddaughters graduates in May. She will take her spring break in Italy. The perfect country for a fashion design/merchandising major to take in the sights. Another of their granddaughters who is a college sophomore, will spend the next four months in Italy, Greece, Turkey, and Israel/Palestine (depending on the situation there).

Al Cole wants you to know that you were missed at the Academy 55th class reunion in Saco. **Ruth Drysdale Frazier**. I was supposed to tell you that months ago, Ruthie, but you know how well I procrastinate. Al and Alice Cole have moved to their Sugarloaf residence for the winter in that gorgeous Carrabassett Valley region.

**Jim McGlaufflin** was recently deceased. He was a veteran, and was only with our class at the Brunswick campus.

**Richard Stanford Harrington**, from Portland, died on August 17. Richard got a master's degree in education in 1971. While at the university he played baseball, basketball, softball, and ran track. He served in the Army from 1946 to 1948. He served in Okinawa during part of that time. Richard worked for Aetna, American Insurance Group and retired from U.S. Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Group in 1990. He enjoyed golf, travel, studying the Civil War, and the Red Sox. He always said that his greatest achievement was producing a fine

son. Our condolences go to his wife of 45 years and that fine son.

**Ralph Martin** just sent Bill Currie this obituary of Pat Nash Cushing. Pat started out in our class, but for some reason she graduated in February '53, and evidently elected to affiliate with the Class of '53. She died on November 28 in Estes Park Medical Center in Estes Park, Colorado. Pat Nash was born in Bangor in 1930. Her husband, Ray '51, of Estes Park, and several cousins survive her.

**Adelaide Grant Ruby "Gump"** and **Bill Ruby** headed west again to son Stephen's in Colorado for Christmas and on to California until the middle of January to be with daughter Anne and her family.

I began working at the Knowlton School in Ellsworth in October. Love the job with 17 first and second graders (and two other adults) in an after-school Aspire Program. I work Monday through Thursday from 2:30 to 5:00. I still have time to do two hours of pool aerobics Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. I only wish I looked like that is what I spend so much time doing.

Thanks for the news you sent, and please remember to keep me posted with anything new. Here's hoping we are into the beginning of a beautiful spring as you peruse this great issue of *MAINE*!

## 1953

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Here goes my spring column for 2004. Are you ready? I wish I were. Snow is on the ground as I write, but where you are it may be green grass, or something close to it. Did you winter well, make (and keep) some resolutions, and are you ready to take hold of all that winter energy you stored up somewhere? I think I need a few more vitamins.

So here goes. Here's an October e-mail from our "jellylady" classmate, jellylady@homerelay.net, a.k.a. **Trudy Harriman Metzger**, wintering in Titusville, Florida, and summering on Westport Island, Maine (May-October).

"My latest good news is that I now have a beautiful new grandson. He was born 10-25-03 at 4:36 a.m.



He's a keeper! My son gave him a very big name for a very little person, Jonathan Edward Theodore Metzger. The two middle names are the two grandfathers' names. So that gives me two granddaughters and one grandson. I know that everyone else is way ahead of me and is counting greats, but I'm thrilled to have these three dumpings in my life and living close enough that I can see them often.

"I had another wonderful summer in Maine at my place on Westport Island. **Carol Prentiss Mower** and I visited Burnt Island Light in Boothbay Harbor one day, had a guided tour, and learned about the restoration and preservation activity. She and I were volunteers again at the National Folk Festival in Bangor. What a wonderful event that was. Anyone in or near Bangor shouldn't miss it next summer. That will be the third and final year in Bangor.

"**Ann Twombly Bonang** had Carol and me and **Joan Dunton Strout** for lunch one day in Brunswick. It was lovely, her gardens beautiful, and fun to critique the reunion.

"I am getting ready for the first of the fall bazaars here in Florida that I participate in selling jelly. I made only 1,100 jars this year, down from about 1,500. Last winter's killing cold and July's excessive rain did many of the berry bushes in so I didn't get to pick as much fruit to jam up. But it was enough to keep me busy anyway. Westport Island artisans had a bazaar in the town hall and I unloaded a lot of it there so I didn't have to overload the van when traveling back to Florida.

"When I left Maine two weeks ago, I had to have the wood fire going 24 hours a day and now I'm shut in with the air conditioning running. It is so hot and muggy, I can't stand it. In September I had a trip through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. I'm planning to do an Elderhostel to the Texas coast in February to go birding."

Thanks, Trudy, for writing. Let's have more of you classmates doing the same. I'm not particular—a phone call (you can call collect), a letter, a visit, or an e-mail. I'd sure appreciate it and so would a lot of others. It's so easy to do, especially for those with a computer.

You must have read (in the winter issue of *MAINE Alumni Magazine*) the story about our classmate **Doug Kneeland** of Lincoln being inducted into the Maine Press Association Hall of Fame. I just want to say congratulations, Doug, from all

of us. It's great, you're great!

Congratulations also go to **Robert and Carole Griney Ford** of Jensen Beach, Florida, on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They were pictured in the *Kennebec Journal* on September 21, 2003. Bob and Carole were married August 22, 1953, at St. Joseph's Church in Gardiner, Maine, where Carole was a former resident.

And we can't leave **Leroy Peasley, Sr.** of Rockland out. He was chosen as the grand marshal of the 56<sup>th</sup> annual Maine Lobster Festival parade and in honor of the festival, Leroy wrote a song, "56 Years." He also wrote a poem about Rockland in 1985 titled "Back Home." His photograph appeared in the July 31, 2003, edition of the *Courier-Gazette*.

A former Marine and a teacher in Vermont, New York, and Rockland, Leroy was one of 103 Marines who worked with the Secret Service to guard President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In 1943 he was assigned to guard Roosevelt at Shangrila, now known as Camp David. The newspaper stated: "The young Marines fondly referred to the president as the 'old man.'"

It also stated that Leroy noticed only one flag flying on Main Street in Rockland on July 4, 1985. He went to the former publisher of the newspaper, Raymond Gross, who suggested Leroy present his idea to fly 62 flags to the Rockland-Thomaston Area Chamber of Commerce. I guess he did because with \$1,500 he purchased 31 galvanized flagpoles, each 21 feet long, and had Region 8 students cut the poles in half and "put a golden cap atop each one." He said the flags would fly on Main Street on special days. Thanks to donations from merchants, the number of flags grew to 150 on Main Street. He said after six years the program was passed on to the Spirit of Rockland organization. Isn't it amazing what one person can accomplish! Thanks, Leroy, for your Rockland spirit! By the way, Leroy, still active according to the newspaper, said he played basketball at the Rockland Recreation Center until he was 75! He's now 80. Keep on going!

I heard from **Ray Robbins** several times last summer and fall. 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 second son, "Jeff and I are in the old house in West Tremont.

"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 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 (Saturday). Successful one, too. Three lobsters were left and one homemade blueberry pie demolished! (Some opted for pie instead of a third lobster.)"

A September 3 e-mail came along with talk of blueberry pies his sister makes. He wrote: "I'm diagonally across the island from Bar Harbor, in the little village of West Tremont. Unfortunately, the wealthy people 'from away' have discovered it and they are gobbling up all the shore property they can get their hands on. Mine has a great view right across the harbor and we do have some lovely sunsets.

"Youngest son, Tim, is writing post cards, middle son, Jeff (the lobster cook!), is on the porch roof painting window frames and drawing sashes, and I'm going to send this and get back to work!"

And where was his wife, Mary? Well, along came a couple of photos with a letter dated 7 September: She was back in New York getting her garden in and the tomatoes set out. "She just now called me as she does every couple days. She's very tired tonight from working on the tomatoes all day. She now has 64

quarts canned and 27 one-pound bags of yellow string beans frozen. Mary is a farmer at heart!" I would say she is! Congratulations, Mary!

And another e-mail from Ray, dated October 15: "Mary and I spent two days coming up, had perfect weather and the colors were spectacular! We got here late yesterday afternoon and were not surprised to see and hear the rain and wind this morning. My sister and I took sandwiches over to Seawall (in Southwest Harbor) to eat while watching the raging surf at about half-tide. Nice!

"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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 his 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 50<sup>th</sup>...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 six or seven 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 of his move back to Maine. His new address is: The Woods at Canco #324, 257 Canco Road, Portland, Maine 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 had 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 Sunday *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 to 500 shells up. In other words, once you start, there's no black sky."

Stritch lives with his wife of 38 years, Bertha, 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 clubs 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. '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? I would say I'm not a ham or an entertainer—I'm just a humorous person. I prefer laughing to crying.'"

I'm still laughing (they say laugh-



**Bob Ehrlich '53 dances with friend Christine Luce at the 50th Class Reunion last June.**

ter is good for you), but I woke up this poor soul, one of our classmates, in California. I should have looked more carefully at his address. North Hollywood is NOT in Florida. He asked what time it was and I replied: "10 minutes of 10" and he said, "It's 10 minutes of 7 out here." Boy, did I apologize! He said: "I sleep a little late these days and stay up a little late, too." Anyway, he was a good Joe, but his name's not Joe, it's **Bob Ehrlich**. I told him to go back to sleep, but he said it was OK, so we stayed on the line for quite a while.

You could find Bob, a zoology major, out on the football field in 1949, '50 and '51, and at Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He then went on to receive his advanced degrees in chemistry at Northeastern. He also attained the rank of captain in the Army before leaving. In 1986, after close to 30 years, he retired from General Foods. He was first a research chemist, then technical service representative, research manager, and finally a plant manager. Since retiring, he's a part-time consultant. Author of six patents, he's developed a number of products. Congratulations!

Father of three and grandfather

of five, he was married to Patricia (now deceased) for 39 years. I'm sure many of you saw Bob at our 50th, with his friend Christine Luce, dancing away at his first-ever class reunion. I take that back. He did go to the 50th football reunion in October 2001 and mentioned **Dick Breen**, of Las Vegas, who was there. Bob said a lot on the team had died. Bob and Christine were both in Bar Harbor and Orono. He said he enjoyed seeing some of his old classmates he hadn't seen in 50 years and that he recognized most everyone: **Al Card, Ray Cox, Ted Tocci, Hank Woodbrey, Woody Carville, Joe Alex**, and others. "I had a good time," he said. "The one problem that I had at Orono was that it was hard to see everybody there. At Bar Harbor it was different (fewer people)." (And **Jim Thorne**, our classmate from Portland who attended a Reunion Committee meeting, was thoughtful and sent Bob a photo I took of Bob and Christine dancing. Thanks, Jim.)

Bob is a Madison High graduate (the school has since burned down) and he plans to attend the school's 55th. Bob likes to travel, swim, and enjoy his grandchildren. His favorite memory? "The camaraderie of the

members of the football team and my fraternity brothers at TKE." And the most remarkable change? "Getting married and raising three children—two sons and a daughter." Thanks, Bob, for not falling back to sleep, especially when I said, "Hang on, I have another call (call waiting)." How could I be so rude!

This wildlife conservation major and a Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity man was a member of the Forestry Club. His name? **V. Lee Grover**, of Toledo, Ohio. Father of six and grandfather of three, he's married to Eloise. His business? Board chairman of Alpha Omega Christian Communities for the Chemically Injured, of San Antonio, Texas. A wildlife biologist/forester, Lee is now retired. For 25 years he was employed with the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon, New Mexico, and Nevada, and for 12 years by private industry in Oregon, Maine, and British Columbia.

His special interests? Volunteer work with the chemically injured, author of a book titled *Environment & the End Times*, gives seminars on Creation and the End Times, and an active fisherman, bird watcher, and churchgoer. "Playing hearts Saturday nights" was his favorite memory at UMaine and the most remarkable change: "My acceptance of Jesus Christ as my personal savior and subsequent changes in my life."

A retired mechanical engineer, and father of two adopted children, **Howard Hede** of Stockholm, Maine, served in the U.S. Army Infantry from March 1943 to December of 1945. He saw combat and was wounded. Howard has served on town, county, and state committees and is a member of Veterans for Peace and Disabled American Veterans. His favorite college memory was: "conversations with other students" and life's biggest change? "I needed to continue learning always."

"Living in a fraternity house managed wholly by the brothers" is what **Don Higgins** of Saco, Maine, remembers best about college. A business administration major, he was a member of Theta Chi, Phi Kappa Phi, and Phi Beta Kappa. He and his wife, Ethel, have three children and six grandchildren.

His career? First lieutenant finance corps-U.S. Army; assistant supervisor auditor, Fort Dix; financial management trainee, also, traveling auditor at General Electric; treasurer/vice president of finance for Cole Enterprises of Bangor, Maine; and consultant in transporta-



tion financial management. I guess Don was busy. If not, these keep him active: Masons, Scottish Rite, Shrine, history, genealogy, hiking, dancing, and music. His quote on the most remarkable changes in his life: "Marriage, children, and surviving! Otherwise, the Internet and PCs."

"Father of four, grandfather of 12, great-grandfather of 18, and dean of a college," are the most remarkable changes in the life of education major **Darrell "Bud" Hilliker** of Jacksonville, Florida. Great-grandfather of 18! You win! Bud went on to receive advanced degrees from Husson College (where he played baseball and basketball), Hofstra University, and the University of Sarasota. He wrote that he taught and administrated for 12 years at the high school level, professor of business 40 years, and dean of a community college.

His special interests are "Too many to include. Main ones: Golf, fishing, hunting, and reading." His favorite memory: "Living with wife and four children in South Apartments; Dr. Hartgen's class."

"I'm a golf addict in South Carolina. I play down there quite a bit and I'm still working part-time, a few hours a week. Keeping my wife happy and golf—that takes up most of it." Do you know this classmate from Scarborough? Well, it's **Bob Hunter**, also a Lewiston High classmate of mine (and others), who moves around a lot with "all kinds of answering machines everywhere." You can find him in Oxford, Maine, on Lake Thompson (May-November, no phone until May). Then it's back to Scarborough for two or three months, and then South (with no definite telephone number, but remember "all kinds of answering machines everywhere.")

A civil engineering major, and now a semi-retired civil engineer, Bob received his M.S. degree from UMaine. He was also a Sigma Chi fraternity man (and remembers well the camaraderie there), a member of the student chapter of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and belonged to Tau Beta Pi honorary engineering society and Phi Kappa Phi honorary society. Bob and his wife Annunziata "Nancy" have two children and one grandchild. His most remarkable change? "Having three children will probably take care of that."

Of course we all know this retired agronomy major and our alma mater's former president, **Fred Hutchinson** of Lamoine, Maine, and

his wife, Dione Williams Hutchinson, Class of '54, don't we? Fred, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Zeta, and Phi Kappa Phi at UMaine, went on to receive his Ph.D. at Penn State University. Father of two and grandfather of four, Fred became a professor (1957-1972), college dean (1972-1976), college vice president (1976-1982), and our UMaine president (1992-1997). His favorite memory? "The presence and participation of President Hauck in many of our student activities." The most remarkable change? "The opportunity to become provost of the Ohio State University in 1998."

This classmate from Tucson, Arizona, remembers two things while at Orono: "One was that I was chairman of the Farmer's Fair planning committee. Seems sort of silly now, but I remember it as a big deal! The other was that I was social chairman of my fraternity for a year. The biggest part of the job was going to Bangor to buy 33 rpm records, and arranging dances, mostly with the Elms girls!" His name is **Philip "Ed" Johnson**, an agriculture major, who went on to receive his M.Ed. from UMaine, his M.S. from Penn State, and his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona.

And here's how the career of this father of four and grandfather of four went: "After U of M graduation and an M.S. at Penn State, I was a dairy farmer in Penobscot for some years. Then almost by accident, became the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and principal of the school in Blue Hill. Then an M.Ed., and principal of the Coffin School in Brunswick, followed by three years directing a federally funded school reform program, and a move to Tucson. Then a Ph.D. in adult education. For about 20 years I was a teacher and coordinator at the community college here. I also taught in the MBA program at the University of Phoenix. I did a lot of corporate training and consulting on a part-time basis. I retired about 12 years ago, and now do only occasional workshops or training programs, and a bit of writing. Mostly, I am enjoying life in the sunny Southwest!"

What does he like to do? "I enjoy long-distance motorcycle touring. For that matter, I went to our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion on a bike. I took a great trip to Alaska a few years ago, have been on many tours into Mexico, and around the national parks in the Southwest." Shortly after our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, he planned to take a tour across the U.S. to Portland, then fly to London, rent a motorcycle, and

tour part of England, France, Spain, and Portugal.

As far as his favorite memory goes: "No problem here, and it didn't even take place on the campus. I was awarded a scholarship to go to Europe for the summer to visit a number of young men in France, England, Norway, and Denmark who had visited the campus for a two-week stay as part of a Marshall Plan program. I spent about two weeks with each of several, at their homes, learning about their farming, culture, and family life. I gave many slide shows to campus groups when I returned. A really rich experience."

What remarkable change occurred in his life? "This would have to be in the area of values—spiritual, political, social, cultural. I entered and left the U of Maine as a very conservative person, surely a reflection of my Protestant, Republican, 'cool' parents, and with my share of prejudice. Then came the '60s, lots of reading and thinking, travel, graduate programs, and more academically oriented friends and colleagues. Over the years I have become more individuated, more liberal, more feeling-oriented, and frankly much happier with myself. It continues to be a great life!" That's wonderful, Ed!

Before I forget it, does your vehicle show your Black Bear pride and sport the UMaine Black Bear plate that came out in November 2003? My Honda Odyssey does. I really like the design, with the black bear to the left, some blue highlighting, easier numbers to read (so it seems, mine is UMO 53), and written at the bottom of the plate: "The University of Maine", which I just discovered today. I haven't seen another car with the bear plates, have you? Let me know. As the ad stated in the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*, "Once the cost of producing the plates is covered, the money raised will go to the Maine Black Bear Scholarship Fund administered by the University of Maine. The fund will support need-based scholarships for UMaine students." A good cause and \$10 of the fee is tax deductible.

While I think of it, at my granddaughter Margaux's Sea Road School in Kennebunk on December 4, whom should I meet, but Beth Leighton Furlong of York, Class of '52. I didn't realize who she was until somehow the UMaine connection was made. Beth was representing her daughter, Cynthia Furlong Reynolds, of Michigan, author and award-winning journalist, who

couldn't make it to the fair. She was sitting at a table with an illustrator and an author, and a stack of books. Of course I had to buy some of Cynthia's books: *M is for Maple Syrup: A Vermont Alphabet*, and *S is for Star: A Christmas Alphabet*, both illustrated by Pam Carroll of Carmel, California. Well, Beth and I talked a little and I found out she married Chuck '54, who is on the reunion committee. And the good news is that Ina Vanhee Schouwstra of Holland is coming to their 50<sup>th</sup> in June. I remember Ina, a zoology major, as being in our class, but I guess she graduated with the Class of '54.

"Living in North Dorms and classes with professor George Davis (education), Vincent Hartgen (art), and Dr. Speicher (biology)" are the favorite memories of **Gaylen "Gay" Kelley** of Lynnfield, Massachusetts, and Stockholm, Maine. Majoring in education, he went on to receive advanced degrees: M.Ed. (Boston University, 1954) and Ed.D. (Boston University, 1959). At Orono he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and president of Kappa Delta Pi.

Married to Glenice and father of three children and six grandchildren, Gay is a retired professor (Boston University, 1994), after 36 years and was director of media services and chairman of the academic program in educational media and technology at Boston University. His special interests? President-Society of Retired Faculty and Staff at BU in 1998-2001, and honored by Gaylen Kelley Laboratory for Distance Learning (2002) at BU, funded by graduate students and friends. And the most remarkable change? "I had the opportunity to have taught in the area of communications technology during a period of remarkable growth and change—from hand-made lantern slides to the Internet and computers. Working with many international students and international educators."

"Grandchildren—who could have imagined how much fun they would be." That's the answer **Jean Dolloff Kreizinger** of Newtown, Connecticut, filled out on her form for the Class of 1953 Memory Book. (I have two extra books and perhaps the university has a few, so give one of us a call if you want one. They're the greatest!) To get back to Jean (sorry, Jean), she majored in horticulture and received her M.S. and Ph.D. from Cornell University. And she was a busy student at Orono: Chi Omega sorority, *Prism* editor, newspaper business manager, orchestra



(cello), All Maine Women, and Phi Kappa Phi.

Mother of three and grandmother of six, and a Master Gardener, Jean was married to Harold (now deceased). Their daughter, Diane Ross '77, and Jean's brothers, Dana '63 and Jim Dolloff '65, also went to UMaine. Jean's career? Professor of biology at Western Connecticut State University for 31 years, retired but still teaching, and building committee co-chair for a \$48 million science building. As to her favorite memory: "This is very difficult because I loved all of it—working with the *Prism* editors in old East Annex. Dorm life in Estabrooke with Trudy Wyman and so many wonderful young women. It was an almost idyllic time. The war was over and times were good. Life was simpler." It certainly was, Jean.

I think of Westerns when I see this classmate's address: Fargo, North Dakota. Well, that's where Dr. **Leo LaChance** lives. A zoology major, with a M.S. and Ph.D. from North Carolina State, he remembers fraternity parties and balls, Maine Bear football games, and working in Oak Hall dining room. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Sigma Xi, and Maine Masque. He and Joan are parents of three and grandparents of two.

Now retired, Leo has had the following recent positions: deputy director, Joint FAO/IAEA Division; intern, Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna, Austria; director, USDA Metabolism and Radiation Research Lab, Fargo, North Dakota; and editor, *Annals of the Entomological Society of America*. And among his special interests? Judge for the U.S. Figure Skating Association. (I always wanted to be a figure skater, among other lofty ambitions.) His most remarkable change? Worldwide travel and working in a foreign country.

This welterweight champ, cross-county and track man goes by the name of **Tom Laskey** of Woodstock, Connecticut. A Phi Eta Kappa fraternity guy ("I had lots of fun with the guys at Phi Eta") and on the Interfraternity Council (V.P. of fraternity), Tom majored in mechanical engineering and is now a semi-retired real estate developer.

As to his career? "Between graduating in '53 and marriage in '58, I spent five fun-filled years of sun, surf, and skiing based in the Hartford area. I started as an engineer at Pratt and Whitney and in '59 became a manufacturer's representative. My first roommate at P&W was Jack Swigert who became an



## Carol Mower '53 Receives AARP Award

Class of '53 member Carol Prentiss Mower was recently honored by AARP Maine at its annual Volunteer Recognition Awards ceremony and luncheon at the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath. The ceremony recognized AARP volunteers and the community partners for exceptional service to older Mainers.

Carol was honored for her leadership in coordinating the AARP University held in Waterville last fall. AARP University is designed to educate older persons and their families about important issues that affect their health and wellness as they age. More than 200 people attended the AARP University, which included courses on mental aging, healthy eating, and legal issues.

astronaut (Apollo13) and my first son's godfather. As a wedding gift Jack gave me a book on real estate investing. The book said to start with a two-family (rundown in a good neighborhood)—and that's what we did and went up from there. After building several apartment complexes, I went into developing condos and homes in '84 full time. In the sixties I got quite active in Republican politics. In '65 was president of the Connecticut Young Republicans and was on the Connecticut State Central Committee for 13 years. Also was on U.S. Senator Lowell Weicker's staff for 16 years. Was enjoyable and enlightening—with him in Connecticut and D.C.—sat in on the Watergate hearings and was amazed how some of those involved (Halderman, Mitchell, and Erlickman) could tell the same lies and untruths several days in succession."

And how does Tom spend his time? "Various local boards and

commissions. At this point in my life I spend my time building (along with volunteering in Central America) to keep busy, gardening, golfing, fishing, hunting, skiing, painting, and working for my children at their homes." The most remarkable change? "Having three wonderful children, Kate, Greg, and Tom Jr. (Peter died in an accident at age 15) and six precious grandchildren."

This classmate is "Trying to keep up with 10 grandchildren." He's from Westminster, Colorado, and is a retired manager in the postal service. His name? **Emery Leathers**, father of six and married to Ruth. Government was his major and while a student he was manager of the tennis team, a Delta Tau Delta fraternity man, and a member of Scabbard and Blade. As to Delta Tau, he remembers "Helping wake up about 30 fraternity brothers about 3 a.m. on a Sunday morning after a Saturday night party and just barely surviving."

He also served two years in the military and retired from the Army Reserve as captain. History and politics interest Emery. Donation work in the neighborhood, swimming pool recreation, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, many years of church service, and hobbies do, too. The biggest change in his life? "Settling down and helping raise six children. Maturing." I guess we're all maturing, Emery, aren't we. It sounds a lot better than getting old.

Yes, Anne, **Don LaRochelle's** wife, my sister Lida, and I are still doing "circles" at Curves of Wells. I don't see the weight peeling off, but it's fun. So is lunch once a week and catching up on the news. Anne said I could print this one thing about her and Don. The two of them and two of their six children are on a 10-day Panama Celebrity cruise as I write this. I'd like to go on one, too. Any of you going or have been on a cruise? Write me. At this point, I must close or this will never get printed. My columns tend to be a little long as you probably noticed. But — be looking for some news of a possible class gathering in early June on the Orono campus this year. Something is in the works, but not yet finalized.

In the meantime, here's something for you to think about, taken from a piece titled *Noah's Ark* which **Hank and Dawn Woodbrey** e-mailed me: "Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs," and "When you're stressed, float awhile." Take care, slow down, and try to enjoy each day that comes your way.

## 1954

*50th Reunion  
June 4-6, 2004*

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Where will you be June 4-6? Over 200 of our classmates have mailed in their reunion questionnaires saying that they plan to attend, and another 15-20 are hoping to but were uncertain at the time. It's not too late to change your mind and join us even if we didn't hear from you or you thought you'd rather not.

Our class memory book will be



mailed to all class members. By the time you read this you may have already received your copy. I've enjoyed catching up through the forms you all returned and would like to share some of the news.

**Bob Savage** will not be able to be in Orono in June due to plans that take him to the west coast. Bob and his wife Susan (Stanford '56) have two children (twin daughters) and four grandchildren. He's retired from duties in Washington, D.C. with the CIA. A typical week includes double tennis Monday and Wednesday, golf on Tuesday and Thursday, volunteer work at the National Cathedral on Fridays, and weather permitting, biking on weekends. Bob adds—a tough life!

Retired after 30 years with NASA at JFK Space Center as aerospace technical document writer, program management specialist, and documentation/data storage specialist, **Mike Mogilevsky** will probably not attend reunion. He and wife Joan Russell Mogilevsky '53 live in Titusville, Florida, and have three children and four grandchildren. Mike says he's glad to have lots more time to read and pursue his favorite hobby: turning bowls and other creations from domestic and exotic hardwoods. He describes this as a very satisfying way to let the creative juices flow. Mike also keeps healthy by working out at the local fitness center.

A secretary/administrative assistant to scientific groups at Lamont-Doherty earth observatory of Columbia University for 25 years, **Joan Gillette Totton** lives in Nanuet, New York. She is still working part-time with one of the scientists helping to get his research ready for publication. Joan sings in her church choir, is treasurer of the Rockland Audubon Society, helps with fundraiser walks at Habitat for Humanity, and is happily getting back into golf. If you remember Joan you probably also remember she was on the All Maine hockey team and the tumbling club. Joan doesn't think she'll make it to Reunion.

A journalist for 17 years, plus work in public relations and in libraries, **Elizabeth "Tish" Hopkins Knight** is now seriously involved in peace activities and politics. She writes, "All my memories (of undergrad days at UMaine) are good to excellent." Tish and husband Dick '52 live in Rochester, New Hampshire, and enjoy skiing and visits with family (two children and four grandkids). She was not sure about attending Reunion but let's hope she



- Troops return home from the Korean War.
- "Dragnet," "The Millionaire," "Topper," and "You Bet Your Life" are the shows to watch on TV.
- "Mister Sandman," "Hey There," and "Sh Boom" top the music charts.
- The Dow soars to 403 while the cost of the average new automobile is \$1,950.
- On campus, the football team takes the state championship and Maine Masque presents *Night Must Fall* and *Comedy of Errors*.

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makes it.

Another "not sure" respondent **Ruth Bartlett Butler** lives with husband Frank '51 in Topsfield, Massachusetts, and summers on Peaks Island, Maine. Ruthie, an English major, has taught at both the high school and college level and is now doing free lance editing. They have three children and three grandchildren. As time permits she enjoys biking, walking, and cross-country skiing in addition to volunteer work at the library and serving as a guide and instructor at the Audubon Society.

Let's hope **Neil Nilson** and wife Gloria Keith Nilson '56 decide to come to Maine in early June. They live in Durham, Connecticut, where Neil does some volunteer work. They come to Lincoln, Maine, in the summer for fishing in the many lakes and streams in the area. Neil has retired after a long career as a psychologist including positions as

director of clinical services and superintendent at Long Lane School in Middletown, Connecticut. He and Gloria spend as much time as possible with two special granddaughters. The Connecticut Department of Children and Youth Services awarded Manager of the Year Award to Neil twice and he received the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association founder's Career Award for Services in Juvenile Justice.

Dividing his time between St. David, Maine, and Sun City, Arizona, **Lewis "Louie" Michaud** has three children—all UMaine alums—and four grandchildren. Louie and wife Rinette have the 175-acre family farm in St. Agathe, Maine, where they spend most of the summer, and during the winter Louie manufactures silver jewelry in Arizona.

**Gloria Parrella Huber** won't be joining us. She makes her home in Kaneohe, Hawaii, where she and her attorney husband Thomas Hu-

ber raised three children. Gloria joined the U.S. Army in a special program and became a registered occupational therapist. She has worked in medical centers in San Antonio, Texas; Denver, Colorado; Washington, D.C.; and Honolulu, Hawaii. Now that she's retired she serves on the board of Good-Will Industries of Hawaii and is a docent at Iolani Palace, a historical museum in Honolulu. She invites us all to visit.

Since she will probably be competing in the World Synchronized Swimming championships in Italy while we are at Reunion, **Amy Louise Brown Hicks** won't plan to make it to campus. Over the years Amy has been a gym/swing instructor for Needham Public Schools, the Charles River Family YMCA, and North Hill—a lifecare community for 430 residents with a health center for 70 patients. She earned national recognition from the National Water Fitness Association. She qualified for seven National Senior Games setting records in javelin and discus. Amy won a gold medal in the pole vault at the National Senior Games. She is currently coaching a youth synchronized swimming team for ages nine to 18. Amy's hobby is attending flea markets with husband, Henry, where they look for "performing" circus toys.

**Neil W. McGowen** and his wife, Barbara, of Glenburn, have been honored with a scholarship established in their name through the University of Maine Foundation. The scholarship, established by their son and daughter-in-law Stanton McGowen '70 and Kim Marchegiani '79 of Old Town, salutes Neil's ongoing commitment to his alma mater and his long-time membership in the Sigma Chi fraternity. In addition to the 50th UMaine Reunion, Neil and Barbara will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this year. Friends can reach them at: [barbneil@aol.com](mailto:barbneil@aol.com).

If you get the chance ask **Chuck Furlong** about his encounter with a skunk in the University Forest. He and wife Elizabeth Leighton Furlong '52 plan to join us on campus. Chuck formed his own international quality management consulting services company after 31 years with AT & T. His travels have included visits to small and medium size companies in Poland, Romania, and Estonia.

Come to Reunion—June 4, 5, and 6. It'll be great!

**Go Black Bears!**



# 1955

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After our last committee meeting in preparation for our 50th Reunion, president **Marion Bugbee Manheim** sent a letter to everyone on the committee summarizing what we had discussed. This letter was written when she and **Willie** were visiting in Branch Pond, Maine, before returning to their home in South Carolina.

There were members of the alumni association staff at our meeting who guided us in what direction we should be going and were very helpful. **Mary Litchfield Whitworth** and **Reg Bowden** will be working on our "memory book" which every 50th year class presents. They would appreciate any pictures or other pertinent information that they can use. **Shirley Bostrom Hargreaves** has already sent marvelous scrapbooks from her home in Florida, so this is a great beginning. Please look around your house, clean out your attic and basement, and send anything you have to either Mary or Reg (or send what you have to me, and I will see that Mary or Reg receives it).

**Liz Pierce Cross** has done "miles of footwork" and has chosen Bar Harbor as our pre-reunion destination. There will be both free time and planned time. **Sylvia Farris Keene** has coordinated a committee to work on the on-campus activities. Reg will also be in charge of our class memorial service for our departed classmates to be held at the Newman Center.

Following our meeting, several members of the committee toured Colvin Hall (our gift to the university at our 45th Reunion). Marion says that if you had visited the construction and seen the dust and grime at our 2000 Reunion, you should see it today! What a fantastic job has been done. Marion is "encouraging you to connect with old roommates, those you borrowed class notes from, or the ones who pulled you through rough spots..." and talk up our 50th class Reunion. She says, "remember, remember, and return to campus June 3, 4, and 5, 2005."

An article written by **John Douglas** to the *Bangor Daily News* in regard to the Lumberjacks, a semi-



**Roger P. Auclair '54, '56G and Suzanne Smith Auclair '88 recently celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary. Roger will be joining his classmates in June for their 50th Reunion.**

professional baseball team in Bangor, encourages those of you in the Bangor area to support this group. It's fun for kids from five to 95. John and his wife have thoroughly enjoyed games—win or lose.

I know that all of us either have already attained or will attain their 70th birthday shortly. My family gave me a surprise 70th celebration. It was a two-day event, and they prepared everything for that period of time from brunch to a buffet. This "surprise" was held in Newport, Rhode Island, where our daughter Julie teaches. They even surprised me with several of our friends from Maine and Connecticut attending. My other two daughters, Jill and Gail, and their spouses were a bit busy and did a great job. Even the grandchildren helped (in their own way).

That's all the news for now. Let me hear from you.

# 1956

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This edition of our news is yet another reminder to you that your committee is still forging ahead with plans for our 50th party in 2006. We

now have at least 36 classmates who have said they will help. You have probably heard from at least one member of the committee that we will appreciate all your help and input. I am sure all of us want you to know that we are not contacting you for monetary contributions (although those always help) but for your interest in making this a memorable event.

You have probably seen at least one article regarding our esteemed leader **William Johnson** being named as the recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award by the Cumberland County Alumni Chapter of the University of Maine. The award was presented on October 16 at the Holiday Inn Portland West in Portland. It was a grand occasion.

**Arthur Thompson** was awarded recognition by the Aroostook Mustard Running Club as their runner of the year. Art has been a long-time participant and advocate of road racing in Aroostook County. Art and his wife **Marilyn "Fritzie" Page Thompson** are both members of our reunion committee.

We hope that you have a great spring. Let us know of any ideas you may have for further plans.

Keep in touch.  
Jody

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# 1957

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A letter from Ted Leadbetter '63 to the *Bangor Daily News* asks readers to contact the New England Basketball Hall of Fame and urge them to give **Keith Mahaney** his rightful place in the hall as a pioneer of New England basketball. "The University of Maine finally recognized his accomplishments a few years ago and retired his number. We all agree this was well overdue. Many who saw Keith play say his wizardry on the court was matched only by the late Pete Maravich. His unselfish play and dedication to country caused Keith to cut his career short—while on his way to a Yankee Conference scoring championship—to enlist in the service. He certainly was the father of UMaine basketball and paved the way for others like Skip Chappelle '62, Rufus Harris '83, Pete Gavett '73, Cindy Blodgett '98, and many other great players to receive the recognition they deserve." How about a concentrated letter writing effort from those of us who can remember?

**Richard Fickett**, broker/owner of RE/MAX A-1 Associates has placed his real estate offices in Cherryfield and Machias under this affiliation. He has 32 years of real estate experience.

Receiving the 2003 Major Achievements in Construction Award from the Associated Constructors of Maine was **John Bridge** for "A career filled with impressive construction industry achievements."

I'm filing away the tale of **Jean White Conroy** and Ritt '60 rescuing a friend from a nursing home, not knowing just what weapons to take with them, but getting it done with no fanfare. You never know when you may need capable friends. They spoke of smelling fire whenever they went outside and having ashes everywhere in Westminster, California, last fall.

"I remember well a sage comment **Mary Flood Thompson** once made when we were eating at Estabrook and we were all wishing it was the weekend. She said we should be careful about wishing the week away. Now I focus on the day and be glad of it!" This was from **Frannie Roderick Soderberg**,



along with the news that their daughter Kathy is taking over the family insurance business so that she and Doug can play more tennis and golf, respectively. They enjoy desert resorts and planned to bring their daughter Karen along to meet their son Craig there on his way home from Indonesia.

The decision has been made that Maine's First Ship will be constructed on the Maine Maritime Museum grounds. 2007 is coming!

## 1958

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Sweetser, a mental and behavioral health care organization, presented the first Pendleton Awards on the occasion of their 175th anniversary this past October. Named for the late Irene and Carlton Pendleton, house parents at Sweetser, the award carries a \$500 cash gift to be presented by Sweetser to a charity chosen by the honoree. State Senator **Arthur F. Mayo** (R-Bath) was honored for his support of increased access to health care and the insurance parity law which gives equal coverage for mental health and substance abuse services.

An 18-member panel made up of coaches, athletes, and administrators, including **Walt Abbott**, former football coach at UMaine and now an associate professor of physical education, started work October 30th to develop principles and practices to be used at middle and high schools in the state as they attempt to improve their interscholastic athletic programs. The project, entitled *The Coaching Maine Youth to Success Initiative*, has been funded by a grant authorized by Congress. Some of the questions to be studied are the high rate of coaching turnovers, untrained and off staff coaches, not enough women coaches, competitive atmosphere in areas that put undue stress on student athletes, parents' unrealistic expectations, and the push for children to specialize at early ages. Robert Cobb, dean of the college of education and human development at UMaine, and Duke Albanese '77G '80G, former Maine commissioner of education, are serving as co-directors of the project.

*Barbara Spiller Currie '62*

## From Social Worker to Pastor

A January 24 article in the *Concord Monitor* featured Class of 1962 member Barbara Spiller Currie and her career change from social worker to pastor of the Deering (New Hampshire) Community Church.

Barbara received her master's degree from the University of Hawaii, and worked for many years with the mentally ill, the homeless, and the drug addicted.

After becoming involved in a religiously based community devoted to serving the less fortunate, she realized, "...the place I'd found the most joy and growth was the church setting." She went back to school for two years in California before then transferring to the Andover-Newton Theological School.

In her new position, Barbara is hoping to do more with kids in the area and to make the church a community center.

"The message is this: We're a safe place, a welcoming place, a place for those who are searching and those who don't quite know," she told the *Monitor*. "In my old life I was devoted to empowerment of others and self. That's the mission here, too."  
(Information and photo courtesy of the *Concord Monitor*.)



## 1959

*45th Reunion*  
*June 4-6, 2004*

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Hi there, '59ers! As you read this it will be less than three months until our 45th Reunion! And hard to believe, I have received no new news! Come on now, you can do better than that. Surely you could take a few minutes to send me an e-mail.

Bob and I did see classmate **Carl Edler** while we were all volunteering at an LPGA golf

tournament at Trump International Course in West Palm Beach. Had a nice chat with Carl and he, like us, volunteers at several tournaments in the area. He gets together quite frequently with classmate **Tony Vasquez** who lives in Fort Lauderdale.

Now—Reunion Time—I hope by now many of you have made reservations to be on campus June 4-6 for our 45th. Your officers have been meeting and making plans to make it a fabulous weekend. If you haven't been to campus in a while you will be excited to see the new Alumni House and new Student Union. They are truly amazing buildings and have done much to vitalize the campus. There is always something exciting to do at Reunion and of course the best part is seeing old friends.

Another important aspect of

Reunion is our class gift. Now you are saying, here it comes—they're asking for money again. Well, certainly as alumni we have a responsibility to support our alma mater. Think of what Maine has given you—friendships, education, ability to accomplish goals in life, and work. Now is the time to give back. Our gifts will make it possible to help maintain an outstanding campus building and give current and future students the opportunities that we had. Our class has received a challenge grant of \$50,000 from **Dick and Anne Adams Collins '61** and our executive committee has set a goal of an additional \$59,000 for our class gift. Please consider making your gift as generous as possible.

See you June 4-6 for our 45th Reunion!



# 1960

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**Harold Violette** was inducted into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame on October 3, 2003, at the Wells Conference Center.

Regarded as one of the top linemen in UMaine history, Harold was a three-year letter winner as a member of the football team in the late 1950s. He earned All-Yankee Conference honors in both 1958 and '59 and twice received All Maine honors. He also earned All-New England honors in '58 and '59.

Harold coached football at Winslow High School from 1969 to 1985 and served as head ice hockey coach from 1977 to 1991. He began his coaching career at Belfast High School where he coached Lions football from 1964 to 1969. You may have known Harold as "Tank."

**Bill Cumming**, long-time community and adult education director from Wiscasset schools, has retired.

**Fred Hartman** and his wife, Patty, are proud of their Wildlife Art Gallery in Whiting. The Wildlife Art Gallery, open year round, features art in pastel, watercolor, pencil, and pen and ink. The gallery also offers illustrated mini-cookbooks and shopping list pads. They create originals on request and handle mail orders through their web site at: [dnestdrw@localnet.com](mailto:dnestdrw@localnet.com). Their mailing address is: P.O. Box 105, Route 189, Whiting, Maine 04691.

# 1961

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E-mail brought me some class news. Had a long message from **Earl Jette**, retired and living in Hanover, New Hampshire. Earl is thrilled to have time for his family that includes mom, sisters, wife, five kids, and 12 grandchildren. In 2002, Earl, an avid skier, helped with the Winter Paralympics which followed the Salt Lake City Olympics. He writes that it was an incredible experience watching physically challenged skiers from all over the



**A**mos Orcutt '64 will receive the Alpha Gamma Rho's AGR Brothers of the Century Award at the fraternity's 100th anniversary celebration in Columbus, Ohio, next August. Amos, president and CEO of the University of Maine Foundation, currently serves as alumni treasurer on Alpha Gamma Rho's Psi chapter board of directors and was north-east regional vice president.

In its 100 years of existence, AGR, the national agriculture fraternity, has had over 58,000 members. It's one of 14 fraternities on the University of Maine campus. The UMaine AGR chapter will celebrate its 80th anniversary in April.

world perform at levels most able folks could not hope to reach. Also, Earl is interested in the Cree people and spent some time in Quebec learning about their culture and how they have adapted to modern life.

Last year Earl assisted at the NCAA Skiing Championships at Dartmouth. Even though he stays busy, Earl said he'd love to hear from classmates from the forestry college. If you would like his e-mail address, send me an e-mail.

**Etta Libby Davenport** and **Lois Woodcock** visited with Sheilya Wood Spiegel '62 this fall. Sheilya and her husband are the parents of three adult children. Etta teaches kindergarten in Old Town.

**Sam Goddard** writes that he retired after 40 years in the insurance business. Also he and his wife, Jan, have been Rotarians for 40 years. Jan was the district governor for central Maine, Quebec, and Canada as far north as the Arctic Circle. Since retirement, Sam has been managing his wood lots and doing various board commitments.

On a sad note, Sam told me of the death of **Terry Boutillier**. Sam and Jan visited with Terry this spring prior to his untimely death. Terry had been a teacher in Fort Kent before returning to his first love of farming.

In the newspaper, I've read that **Terry Horne** was inducted into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame this fall. Governor John Baldacci '86 nominated **Charles O'Leary** to a position on the UMaine System board. Charles is a former Maine AFL-CIO president. And finally, **Larry Cilley** was selected as the Wiscasset town manager after serving in an interim role for a few months. Larry has won acclaim nationally because of his innovative approaches to local government. He previously served as Topsham's and Bath's manager.

Life continues to be good for me. On the bragging rights side—daughter Ginge was selected to be the aide to General Barry McCaffrey for 2004. The general, when not on NBC, teaches political science at the U.S. Military Academy with Ginge.

# 1962

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As I sit here writing this column we have just finished wrapping Christmas presents and are getting ready to dig out from the first real snowstorm of this season. I expect, though, that you are reading this issue while a warm spring breeze helps your tulips and irises pop through the ground.

I received a nice e-mail from **Linda Gillies Patrick** in early December. She tells me that **Gary Cran** has taken over the chairmanship of the university president's development council. Also, Linda and Tom have been named co-chairs of the major gifts committee at UMaine. There are a number of projects in the works at Orono. The committee is raising money for a new studio in the visual arts building and the completion of the library terrace, which should occur this spring. We can be very proud that our class has such involved alumni. Besides taking an active part in the university's development, Tom and Linda also are regulars at the football games. This fall they spent some time catching up with **Ed Ranzoni**, and **Manch** and **Sandy Van Aken Wheeler** while attending a game and football dinner.

This past summer, **Peter Dow Bachelder** was the featured author at a book signing at the Simpson Bookstore on the UMaine Machias campus. Growing up in Cape Elizabeth, Peter developed an early interest in the sea. He is the author of four books centered around maritime life: *Shipwrecks and Maritime Disasters of the Maine Coast*, *The Lighthouses and Lightships of Casco Bay*, *Four Blasts: The Gale of November 1898*, and *The Great Steel Pier*. The latter is an illustrated history of the Old Orchard ocean pier. As director of information services for the Maine Publicity Bureau for over 30 years, Peter also has written the texts for a series of regional lighthouse maps and guides. Currently, Peter is living in Ellsworth and working on a book-length history of the Green Mountain Railway, a little known cog railway that for eight seasons ran visitors to the summit of Cadillac Mountain.

**Allan Whitmore**, chairman of the history department at the University



of Southern Maine, was guest speaker at the Bethel Historical Society last August. His lecture was entitled, "Ellsworth's George Washington Madox (1821-1882) and this Down-East Democrat's Surprising Linkage of Know Nothing Nativism to Radical Feminism and Marxism." Quite a mouthful! It seems that G.W. Madox was one of the assailants who, in 1854, was involved in the tar and feathering of Father John Bapst. Later, Madox became the chief supporter of Victoria Woodhull, the first woman to run for president and a member of Karl Marx's First International Party. Before coming back to Maine, Allan was a professor at Ohio State. He has written and lectured extensively on 19th century intellectual history of America.

As always, my plea to all of you is to keep us informed about what you are doing. Your classmates really do care!

## 1963

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No news is not good news! But, I have gotten no news!

I have been talking to **Jim and Joan Marshall Hanson** since Joni had knee replacement surgery in October. She is making progress with her walking, and knowing her, will be busy as ever, very soon. Just before the surgery, Jim and Joni went to Denver to see their son, Marsh Hanson, in a play, *Almost Heaven*, featuring John Denver's music.

Hope to report more in my next column.

## 1964

**40th Reunion**  
**June 4-6, 2004**

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Readings from **Sandy Phippen's** *Standing Just Outside the Door* and *Two Other Plays* were featured at a

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The Beatles took America by storm in February 1964, helping us through that long final semester at UMaine.

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Made in Maine Theater Workshop at the Bangor Public Library in September.

**Amos Orcutt** has been elected assistant treasurer of the University of Maine Foundation.

**Jerome** and Karin Olsen **Gama-che's** '67 son, Dustin '03, has graduated from the University of Maine and has been commissioned into the U.S. Army.

On a personal note, please note my new address for those many cards and letters I know will be coming my way.

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## 1965

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I have some news to share that I received in holiday cards: Doug '63 and **Judy Plummer Sanborn** are semi-retired now, working when they want to. Judy substitute teaches in a nearby elementary school and Doug is driving for Hertz Auto Rental, returning cars mostly to Boston from Maine. To help get them through the New England winter, they go south to Hilton Head, South Carolina, each February to golf with friends. Bruce '66 and **Caroline Fuller Hutchin-son** are preparing for retirement. Bruce is cutting back on real estate hours and Caroline is reducing her adoption supervisory position to a

35-hour week. Caroline and her sister Cindy Fuller Libby '67 went to New York in August to see their brother David in an off-Broadway play. It was a very memorable visit as they arrived in the heart of the city about an hour before the unexpected "Northeast Blackout."

**Ann Brown Lowrey** continues to live in Gaithersburg, Maryland, but gets to Maine frequently. She spends summers near her father at the family cottage on Norway Lake, and her sister Hope and husband Jack, who live in Auburn and also summer on the lake.

**Sanna Crossley Purcell** wrote that she and Bill spent Thanksgiving in Chicago, where their son Brandon is in a training program to be an options trader on the Chicago Exchange. In July, he finished two years with the Peace Corps in Benin, West Africa.

I received **Sally Day Brown's** annual holiday letter with a nice family photo. They are now living permanently in Florida. In October, Sally was ordained by the Hartford Association as minister in the United Church of Christ at her sponsoring church, Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Hartford, Connecticut. Three weeks later, she was installed by the Florida Conference as the associate pastor of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Ocala, Florida. Their son Jonathan was recently certified as a project management professional and works at Massachusetts Financial Services. Their son Jeffrey is doing a fellowship in sports medicine at UConn.

**Lori Brower McCarron** wrote that she enjoys reading the class notes and looking for news of people she knew at UMaine. She retired last December after 32 years of teaching biology and microbiology at Hudson Valley Community College. Since then, Lori has been enjoying a lot of volunteering, especially for the Nature Conservancy and her local library.

*Taproot*, a special newsletter for the Nature Conservancy, featured an article on Lori who was the 2003 recipient of the David Van Wie Stewardship Award. The Eastern New York Chapter presents this award yearly to recognize outstanding efforts in significantly advancing the science and stewardship program of the chapter. As an example of her energy and dedication, Lori snowshoed up and down steep terrain for nine hours to help mark boundaries in a preserve. Two weeks later, she spent hours in the



pouring rain planting seeds at another preserve. Lori and her husband Michael are very active in a soaring club in Saratoga County, where she has over 1,000 hours in sailplanes. She still gets back to Maine every summer, as her brother has a cottage on Great Pond. Lori may be contacted at:

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I received an e-mail from D. Cheryl Erins, MBA, F.A.C.M.P.E. director, business operations, Phoenix Physician Services, Division of Sinai Health System, Westchester, Illinois. This is our classmate, **Sherry Gibbons Erins**, who manages the business end of a 200-physician medical group affiliated with Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago.

Cheryl wrote she has always enjoyed reading the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* but had never sent any information. She and her family have gone occasionally to a basketball game when the Black Bears played one of the teams in Chicago. Following graduation, Cheryl was a teacher. She was beaten up in a riot during the Black Panther days so made the decision to leave teaching and go into physician administration. She has a master's degree in health care management. Cheryl has been married to a Latvian architect for 35 years and they have a summer residence on a lake in Michigan, where they hope to retire in the next couple of years. They have three children: Karina, who is married and has a master's in medical illustration, but is a professional ice skating coach of two Olympic-rated skaters; Andreis, who is a teacher and professional volleyball coach; and Kristina, who just got married last year and is a construction specialist for a major accounting firm.

While at UMaine, Sherry sang with the Dirigos (remember them?) and the University Chorus. Her interests now lie in the Latvian Community in Chicago, where she folk dances and sings in the well-known Chicago Latvian Choir. They travel all over the country, most recently to San Francisco, and in the past few years Cheryl has sung solos. Would you believe Cheryl also raises orchids, and has over 150 of them!

Have you noticed that all the news this issue is about female classmates? What are you men up to? E-mail, phone, write by snail mail, or stop by. I really enjoy hearing from all of you!

## Go Black Bears!

## Faye Somers '64 writes history of Saint John Vocational School

Faye Somers '64, '67G spent 23 years of her life working at the now closed Saint John Vocational School in New Brunswick offering career training to young people in eastern Canada. She had a first-hand understanding of that institution's significance to the region.

When she retired, she set out to document the school's historic importance and in 2001 her book, *Saint John Vocational School: In Retrospect*, was published by DreamCatcher Publishing.

At Saint John Vocational School Faye taught both academic and vocational classes. Thirteen of her 23 years were spent teaching and training hairdressers. She also spent 10 years as senior guidance counselor and head of the guidance department.

Faye also spent over 12 years serving as vice principal of the Kennebecasis Valley High School in Quispamsis, a suburb of Saint John.

Throughout her career in secondary education, Faye contributed her knowledge and experience in theatrical costuming, make-up, and hair work (she received training in Hollywood) to student plays and productions. In retirement, she remains active in community theater in both New Brunswick and Florida.



## 1966

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As I write, howling winds are ushering in yet another blast of cold air, turning this November into a climatic roller coaster. Yesterday, a sweater was all I needed; today I shivered in my overcoat! But what does that matter? As you're reading this, autumn and winter are memories and spring is again making a comeback. Thank goodness! And so, with that warming thought in mind, I'll get on with it. Unfortunately, I have very little news—

Last month, I received a wonderful e-mail from **Paul Sullivan**, who continues to serve as vice president

and general tax council for Exxon Mobil Corporation in Dallas and is responsible for the company's worldwide tax affairs. We're talking billions of dollars here! Meanwhile, when not in Dallas, he and Barbara, his wife of 37 years, spend their days enjoying their Wilton, Connecticut, home. Best of all, their daughter has made them the proud grandparents to two boys—twins were on their way in February. My heartiest best wishes and congratulations!

My only other news is to let you know that **Patricia Zich Worthen** has been named as a trustee for the Abbe Museum in Bar Harbor. She is an educational technician specializing in reading at the Conners-Emerson School in Bar Harbor and is also a member of the American Society of Botanical Artists.

I wish I had more to tell you; there just isn't any more. I miss Maine so much and hearing from you always makes me feel a little

closer to it. So, please, send along the news of all your doings, so that I can share them my next time around. In the meantime, stay well, keep busy, and enjoy.

## 1967

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Since our 16 to 17 inches of snow on the 7th and 8th of December, it's shaping up to be a white Christmas here. When you take time to reflect over 2003, share the high points of what's happened for you and yours—or plans or resolutions for 2004.

**Jane Wing Giglio** was the first to respond. She retired after 28 years in elementary education. She taught second grade in Manchester, Maine, for the last 17 years. Jane and husband Ray celebrated with a trip to France in September including Normandy (by bike), Brittany, and Paris. She went to visit at **Ellen "Toot" Willey Wentzell's** coastal cottage this summer and **Joan "Perks" Perkins Clark** was there as well.

**Michael McNamara**, president and CEO of Peoples Heritage Bank, was elected chairman of the Maine Association of Community Banks. The association represents 22 member banks in Maine and this was the 110th annual meeting! Michael may be done bank hopping by now. As you may recall he headed up Key Bank in 2000 and had previously worked with Fleet and Merrill banks. It's an understatement to say he's actively involved in charitable and civic organizations! He serves on the board of directors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Portland, also the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, Maine Medical Center, Maine Life Care Retirement Community, and Maine Economic Research Institute. He received the 1999 Humanitarian of the Year Award from Spurwink Institute.

Your classmates would like to hear from you. Write or e-mail your class correspondent or send your news to:

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# 1968

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**Carli Burke, Sue Adamski Silvest-  
er**, and I met at the Maine UNH  
game this fall. We joined around 40  
other alums and enjoyed the brisk,  
clean air of Durham and had a  
chance to catch up on Maine news.

**Elsie Stetson Whidden** writes  
that she has been teaching high  
school English at Deering High  
School for 18 years. She is the  
publications advisor and oversees  
the school newspaper, which has  
been top in the state for two years,  
and their literary magazine, which  
received a high rating from the  
National Council of Teachers of  
English.

**Sandy Copp Frost and Peter  
Frost** live down in Mobile Bay,  
Alabama, on the gulf coast and write  
that they have a married son, a 13-  
year-old grandson, and a Dalmatian.  
Sandy enjoys fishing and gardening  
and loves living in the warmer  
weather.

**Nancy Stone Fergus** lives in  
Waltham, Massachusetts, is married  
to Dr. Paul Fergus (a Bowdoin  
graduate), and writes that she has a  
two-year-old granddaughter and her  
other son is expecting in April.

**Marc Michaud** was recently  
appointed director of the division of  
public information and education for  
the Maine Department of Inland  
Fisheries and Wildlife. Marc is a  
retired teacher and has served as a  
state representative during the  
120th Legislature, is a Master  
Guide, a member of the Sports-  
man's Alliance of Maine (SAM),  
Maine Snowmobile Association, and  
Maine Bowhunters Association.

**Marc and Claudette Rodrigue** of  
Lewiston celebrated their 35th  
wedding anniversary. Marc is cur-  
rently employed by Banknorth in  
their technology department.

**Elaine McClay Albright**, former  
UMaine dean of cultural affairs and  
libraries, is partially retired and is  
serving as Fogler Fellow for library  
development, helping to raise funds  
for the library expansion project.

University of Maine professor  
**Alfred Bushway** has received two  
awards for his teaching, research,  
and technical assistance to the food  
products industry. The Institute of  
Food Technologists awarded Bush-

## Richard Fox '68 Honored by Society of Civil Engineers

Richard D. Fox '68, '70G was  
recently awarded the John I.  
Parcel-Leif J. Sverdrup Civil  
Engineering Award from the  
American Society of Civil Engi-  
neers. The award is given an-  
nually to an individual who has  
demonstrated outstanding  
engineering management skills,  
leadership, and integrity.

Richard is president of Camp, Dresser, & McKee (CDM) in  
Cambridge, Massachusetts. After receiving his bachelor's and  
master's degrees from UMaine, he went on to earn a J.D. degree  
from Suffolk University. He is a registered professional engineer  
in five states, a Diplomat of the American Academy of Environ-  
mental Engineers, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

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operations firm specializing in helping clients improve the  
environment and infrastructure.



way its 2003 Elizabeth Fleming Stier  
Award for pursuit of humanitarian  
ideals and significant contributions  
to the food products industry and the  
public. Al also has been selected by

Purdue University in West Lafayette,  
Indiana, to receive the Outstanding  
Food Science Award given to an  
alumnus. Purdue is where he re-  
ceived his master's and doctorate.



**Roderick M. Ladd '67** of Homer, Alaska, completed a 250-mile journey  
on the Yukon River last summer with his wife, Margaret Hodsdon Ladd  
'68, and their dog Ginger. Rick, who was recently reelected to the  
Homer City Council, says he and Margaret are enjoying their outdoor  
adventures in the Yukon Territory during retirement.

# 1969

## 35th Reunion June 4-6, 2004

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By now you should have marked  
your calendars and made plans to  
return to Orono for our 35th Reunion  
June 4-6, 2004. Invite classmates  
who you haven't seen in years to  
join you in our Reunion activities.  
The committee is hoping to reach  
our class fund goal of \$35,000 for 35  
years. No gift is too small.

**Brent Slater** of Bangor has been  
elected clerk of the board of direc-  
tors of the University of Maine Foun-  
dation. The Department of Inland  
Fisheries and Wildlife commissioner  
has promoted **Dennis McNeish** of  
Winthrop to be the department's  
fisheries research and management  
supervisor. McNeish has been a  
fisheries biologist for over 30 years  
and served previously as a fishery  
resource planner. The board of  
trustees of Opportunity Farm of New  
Gloucester has approved the nam-  
ing of a new residential home to  
provide shelter and service for  
young women in need of support in  
honor of Senator **Olympia J.  
Snowe**. The home will be built and  
opened in 2004-05. Also, in Wash-  
ington, the Natural Resources Coun-  
cil of America honored Senator  
Snowe for her "responsible steward-  
ship of our natural resources." Army  
National Guard Commander **Jeff  
Peterson** of Brewer has been  
awarded the Bronze Star Medal "for  
coordinating and leading outstand-  
ing aviation support during his de-  
ployment in Afghanistan." He had  
been commander of the lone Army  
airplane unit in the combat zone.  
**Cheryl MacDonald Clark** of Ken-  
nebunk received the Robert L.  
Woodbury International Scholarship  
at the 2003 Recognition Day cere-  
monies at USM. Send your class  
news to the alumni office and plan  
on attending our 35th Reunion June  
4-6.

For UMaine news, Black  
Bear sports, alumni  
events, and more  
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# 1970

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It is good to see signs of spring once again as it was a long winter. I have only a few items of interest on our fellow classmates but I would love to have a lot more to report. So don't hesitate to drop me a line, either electronically or the old fashioned way!

Last fall, I had the good fortune to play golf with both **Sally Torrey Leclair** and **Janis Poirier Ackendorf**. We were on the same team in a Women's Maine State Golf Association tournament held at Penobscot Valley Country Club in Orono. Sally lives in Belfast with her husband, Art '69, and she is the principal at the McGraw School in Hampden, Maine, and Janis lives in Winslow with her husband, Gary '71. It was fun to reminisce about the "good old days" at Maine and we also finished in the money!

**Donna Libby Hathaway** was honored by the Piscataquis (Maine) Regional YMCA for her efforts and hard work which led to the construction of the YMCA in Dover-Foxcroft. Donna also is a trustee and officer at Foxcroft Academy, a member of the Piscataquis County Economic Development Council, and a director of Pine Crest Development Corporation. **George Smith** lives in Mt. Vernon (Maine) and is the executive director of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine. Last fall, **Stephen King** received the National Book Award for lifetime achievement. The award is \$10,000 and a medal for Distinguished Contributions to American Letters. Stephen stated that he returned the cash to the National Book Foundation for the support of their many educational and literary outreach programs for youth and that he kept and would treasure the medal for the rest of his life. Shortly after receiving the award, Stephen was hospitalized in Bangor for pneumonia.

**James Burke**, who has taught school for 32 years, was named elementary technology integration coordinator for S.A.D. 17 in the Bridgton (Maine) area. **Bernard O'Mara** became a judge for the state of Maine District Court for Aroostook County. Bernard has been a lawyer for 30 years in Aroos-

took and was nominated by Governor John Baldacci '86 in August 2003. **David Cook** has written a book on the history of Winthrop (Maine). He is a retired history teacher from Winthrop High and he is currently teaching history at Central Maine Community College in Auburn. David is a Vietnam veteran and he was the first combat veteran from that war to attend UMaine. **Eric Nuse** recently retired from the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department to become the executive vice president for the International Hunter Education Association which is located in Wellington, Colorado. **Carol Connors May's** son, Army lieutenant Michael May, has been awarded the Bronze Star for valor in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom at a ceremony held in Baghdad. Michael is a Maine graduate in the Class of 2000.

# 1971

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Happy spring! I'm back! Okay, I've been remiss in my duties. Maybe you can tell that there hasn't really been any news written by me for a long time. That was Abby the ghostwriter last time. I, like everyone else at this tender age, have had a lot of things to deal with over the past months, and I just couldn't get myself together to put things in writing. For one thing, I paralyzed a vocal cord, which tolls the death knell to a classroom teacher's career. Perhaps it was all those long wrestling seasons with my sons, and my abuse of the karaoke machine. Nevertheless, throughout last school year I was teaching first graders to read, while taking six more credits for certification. So now I teach reading one-on-one to little kids. Fortunately, I love it. I have just a little voice left, and I didn't want to risk surgery, or, worse yet, retire. I still support the university's department of what used to be called foreign languages for the strength they gave me to teach French all those years, and the inspiration they gave me to keep on traveling and learning.

Please, if you have e-mailed me with news and I told you it would be in the column, send it again. Everyone has gotten lost because I haven't kept up the column. I know I



Brig. General John Libby '66



Maj. General Joseph Tinkham '69

## Changing of the Guard

The duties of adjutant general for the state of Maine were passed from one distinguished UMaine alumnus to another in January. Major General Joseph Tinkham '69 retired from the military and Brigadier General John "Bill" Libby '66, '67G was chosen by Governor John Baldacci '86 to replace Tinkham, who served in the position for four years. The two men have had somewhat parallel military careers dating all the way back to the Vietnam War where they both served in the 1st Cavalry Division.

The adjutant general is commander of the Maine National Guard. He also is responsible for veterans' benefits and for the state's emergency management agency.

Libby will be promoted to major general, the rank that goes with the adjutant general position.

Since the events of September 11, 2001, the job of adjutant general has taken on a much higher profile. In addition to a great deal more attention being paid to security issues, the Maine National Guard now has 1,000 of its troops mobilized and deployed as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"What used to be a real quiet department in state government, that awaited two weeks of annual training for guard folks and the occasional flood that emergency management deals with, is now dealing on a daily basis with preparing troops for Operation Iraqi Freedom and preparing for homeland security," Libby said in an interview with the *Portland Press Herald*.

In the same interview, Libby credited his predecessor with cultivating the next generation of leadership for the Maine National Guard.

Since taking over as adjutant general, Libby has named a fellow UMaine alumnus to a high level position in the Maine National Guard. Bucksport resident Colonel Robert Carmichael '79 is now assistant adjutant general. He formerly served as full-time chief of staff. In his new part-time position, Carmichael will be promoted to brigadier general.



answered several of you and thanked you for the news, but now you are lost out there. Please resend, and don't be hurt that you haven't seen your news here. It's just me, trying to keep up with everything, in order to stay in touch with you. I got overwhelmed, and I really am sorry.

In business, **Bruce Benway**, hired in 1994 to be the first Biddeford city manager, left the post in June of 2003. At that time he was actively pursuing another position as manager of another city. And where are you now, Bruce? **Robert Daigle** of Camden was elected chairman of the board of directors of the University of Maine Foundation at the board's 2003 meeting. He is president and CEO of Camden National Corporation. **John Simpson** of Bangor is now treasurer of the Foundation. **Roberta Searles Smith** is currently the Camden town manager. She was formerly a Vermont town manager, living in New Hampshire, who came from Maine. **Paula Day** is director of development for the Western Mountains Alliance.

**Jane Stinchfield Willett** is a member of the Gorham Town Council.

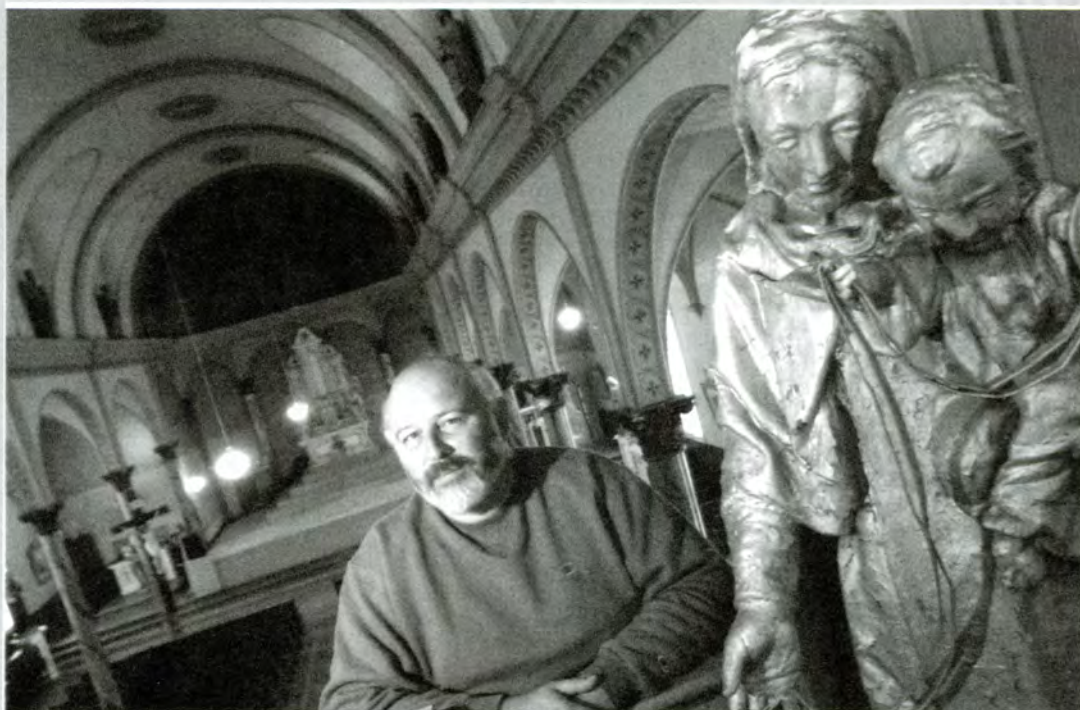
**Emerson Brooks** is technical manager for the Otis Mill branch of the specialty paper group of Wausau-Mosinee Paper Corporation.

In education, **Peter Washburn** has retired as principal of Farrington School in Augusta after 32 years with the Augusta schools. He will spend his time now with his wife, Holly, and their three grandchildren.

**Cathy Kindbom Lewis** is principal at the Ella Lewis School in Steuben.

**Nancy Bane Schuster**, get in touch with me! Your e-mail no longer works and I need to hear your latest news.

**Clifford Rosen**, M.D. has disproved his hypothesis that two medications will keep aging bones stronger and healthier. He was halfway into a two-year national study, and released the initial findings in September in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. In a "non-medical nutshell," (my interpretation of what I read), his findings indicated that Alendronate, (trade name Fosamax), which inhibits the loss of calcium from bones and improves bone density, and parathyroid hormone, or PTH, which works by stimulating growth of new bone, work differently but do not necessarily work much better when taken together, which is good news to the consumer. Please consult your own doctor about the study, rather than accepting my interpretation of anything medical.



Don Cyr next to the statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel that once stood outside the decommissioned Catholic church he has been restoring in Lille. Photo by Gabor Degre, courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.

## Restoring and Preserving Acadian Heritage

"It's a life's work," said Joseph Donald "Don" Cyr '71G, in a recent article in the *Bangor Daily News*. He was referring to his ongoing effort to restore Le Musée et Centre Culturel du Mont Carmel, a decommissioned Catholic church in Lille, Maine. Don and his assistant, Terry Helms, have already put almost 13 years of work into the restoration. That has included scraping a single layer of paint to reveal delicate patterns throughout the church.

The restoration is an all-encompassing project, but Don's work doesn't end there. He's an adjunct professor at the University of Maine

at Presque Isle and continues to commute to Orono once a week to work on his Ph.D. in Canadian-American history at UMaine. He's a member of the Maine Arts Commission and the Maine Humanities Council. In addition, he also travels throughout the state to perform traditional Acadian clogging.

All his pursuits stem from a singular goal—to restore, preserve, and promote Acadian heritage on both sides of the border.

From a story by Kristen Andresen '97, courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.

So there I was, standing in line, coming home from Nantucket last spring, trying to mind my own business, with which I have always had a problem, when I spotted this nice-looking young man wearing a Maine Bears football shirt. So, with my usual grace, I climbed over everyone in line, tripping on suitcases and children, trying to get to my new friend. Well, I complimented him on his choice of shirts and asked him why he was wearing a Bear shirt, and he told me he was **Rod Sparrow**, former Black Bear football player, and that he had graduated with us in 1971. And like the rest of us, what a nice individual he has turned

out to be! He is living in Acton, Massachusetts. Now does life get any better than running into Bears in flight? I will continue to hunt Bears in airports, but can't see you without the requisite insignia. Please sport Black Bear regalia when traveling. I have the power to make this mandatory. Don't make me use it. Don't you all have a story that great? Send them to me before you forget them! Be lazy—e-mail me from work!

And by the way, although I receive clippings of divorce notices from some Maine newspapers, it's my own personal philosophy that I won't include them in the column un-

less I'm notified by the individual(s) involved. If I don't get clippings from all 50 states, I'm not going to focus on Maine divorces. Those of us in the other 49 states deserve equal treatment.

## 1972

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I was pleased to receive notes



directly from two classmates. One was from **Anne Jellison**, who would like to reconnect with **Dee Martin-dale** and **Jane Sezak**. Dee and Jane, where are you? Send me a note and I'll forward it to Anne. Anne changed jobs last August and is now the superintendent of schools in Winchester, Connecticut. She and her husband traveled to Australia and New Zealand for six weeks last summer and upon their return, Anne began her work in Winchester.

**Herb Short** sent me the following e-mail, "I am now employed as a senior electrical engineer with Di-Giorgio Associates, an architectural design firm headquartered in Boston with an engineering branch in Farmingdale, Maine. Most of our work involves the design of new or renovated health care facilities such as hospitals, medical office buildings, and retirement and nursing homes. I have been a professional engineer for 25 years and am currently registered in 13 states. I reside in Cumberland."

Congratulations to Thelma and **Richard Rand** on their 40th wedding anniversary last August. It sounds as though they had a wonderful celebration with family in Presque Isle.

After retiring as superintendent of Old Town schools, **Owen Maurais** continues his involvement in educational concerns. He is providing leadership and coordination for the Penobscot River Educational Partnership. A professional development network, consisting of eight area school districts, a regional vocational-technical center, and the University of Maine. He will work on partnership development and communication, and be a resource connection between the university and public schools.

In Deer Isle, **Georgia Soucie Pashley** has moved from her educational technician position to the position of elementary art teacher.

Finally, I have very sad news. **Jan Lilley Additon's** husband, Ken Additon '71, died on November 23, 2003, following a courageous battle with cancer. Anyone who had the pleasure and honor of knowing Ken realizes the gift the world has lost. Our most sincere sympathies to Jan and their two sons, Chris and Matt.

**Lifetime membership in the alumni association is a smart investment!**

## 1973

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**Theresa Dilando**, a breast cancer survivor, volunteers in a one-on-one program at the Dana Farber Hospital in Boston. She encourages all women from the Class of 1973 to go for their annual mammogram.

**Nancy McAdam Prue** has retired from teaching seventh grade math at Noble Middle School in Berwick. **Roger Carr's** daughter, Elizabeth, the first U.S. test-tube baby, met with her first doctor, Dr. Fred Wirth, this past fall at Simmons College where Elizabeth is a senior.

**Marshalyn Wing Baker** has been selected to participate in the National Science Foundation Mentoring Network. **Ron Cote** was inducted into the Maine Sports Legends Hall of Honors in September. **Wendy Poore Cowan** began teaching special education at Wells High School this past September. **Ralph Townsend**, a professor of economics at UMaine, recently wrote an op-ed piece for the *Bangor Daily News* concerning budget cuts at the library.

The Class of '73 is represented in the Baldacci administration. The Maine State Senate confirmed the appointment of **John Cashman** as commissioner of the department of economic and community development. **Trish Riley**, the director of the governor's office of health policy and finance, is the governor's principal liaison to the Dirigo Health board.

**Dan Michaud** lives in Plainsboro, New Jersey, with Nancy and has three sons, Michael (23 and recently married), Joseph (17), and Stephen (13). Dan is a senior vice president of Global Excess Partners in Manhattan. On September 11, 2001, Dan was working for Kemper Insurance at the World Trade Center and at work at the time of the initial impact. He wrote a story about his experiences for MSNBC (<http://msnbc.msn.com/id/3071362/>). His family has a camp at Eagle Lake where they spend a few weeks each year.

I am waiting for you to send me your reunion stories. (Steve and I were unable to attend due to family commitments that weekend.)



**Steve Wood '73** was recently the subject of a feature article in the *Sunday Eagle Times of Claremont, New Hampshire*. Steve retired as the forester of Sullivan County, New Hampshire, after nearly 30 years of service. His interesting life has included a stint as a cowboy in Arizona, and frequent portrayals as Abe Lincoln. As you can see from the photo, Steve has a close resemblance to the 16th president.

## 1974

**30th Reunion at Homecoming**  
**October 22-24, 2004**

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It's early December as I prepare this edition of the class notes and Maine (and the entire northeast) is digging out of that wicked nor'easter. Our youngest son works for the city of Portland and we know he's been up many hours clearing the streets and sidewalks. Call us wimps, but we don't miss the snow!

Congratulations to **Robert Baldacci** on his engagement to Meghan Herguth. They are planning a September 2004 wedding. **Steven Grindle** was the newest math teacher at Hazen Union in Hardwick, Vermont. The former IBM engineer has made this mid-career move to

full-time teaching and also does contract teaching for Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts.

We are happy to welcome **Bill MacManus** back to Maine after an 11-year absence. This fall, he assumed the role of assistant principal and director of co-curricular activities at Lawrence High School. Some of you might remember that he was an eastern Maine basketball official for many years and coached the John Bapst basketball team to the Class D state title in 1982.

**Katherine Musgrave**, professor emeritus and consulting dietitian to the University of Maine, was selected as Maine's Outstanding Older Worker for 2003. Although Katherine retired in 1985, she continues to work a full schedule as a teacher and consultant dietitian. She also does nutrition education workshops and teaches a course at Penobscot Valley Senior College.

The town of Richmond has a new town manager. **David Peppard** was a town selectman for nine years and filled in as interim town manager when the former town manager resigned earlier in 2003. David retired last year from his first career—28 years in the Maine Warden Service. Best wishes on the new career!

The town of Freeport reported that **Richard Robinson** was hired for the fall of 2003 to teach English. He earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from UMO.

**Richard "Dick" Shaw** writes the news and is in the news. Richard received a first place award from the Maine Press Association for his layout work on the editorial page of the *Bangor Daily News*. Kudos to you!

Don't forget our 30th Class Reunion is scheduled for Homecoming weekend in the fall. Hope to see a lot of familiar faces.

That's all the news I've received this time around. Hope you are all enjoying 2004 and that spring will be just around the corner. Go hockey Bears!

## 1975

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Hope everyone is surviving the winter! Not much news to report, so



please drop me a line. **Larry Perry** is a financial planner and has owned and operated Financial Alternatives for the past 14 years. His oldest son, Chris, is a senior at Babson and Kyle, his youngest, is a freshman at UMaine. His wife, Sue, works part-time for the South Portland schools as a social worker. There was a mini reunion of UMaine grads at Larry's 50th birthday party in September.

**Peter Smith** is a business consultant. One of his children is a sophomore at Williams and the other one is a senior at Carrabassett Valley Academy.

**Bonnie MacPherson Grant** is working for WPXT in Portland.

**Elaine Willis Morin** is teaching special ed in California. Her daughter, Emilie, is a second year law student at USC. Her son, Nate, is working as an analyst for Accenture in Chicago. Her other two sons are at Notre Dame: Eric is a junior and Scott is a freshman.

**Isabelle Birdsall Schweitzer** moved to Lansing, New York, as her husband is doing research for Cornell University. Emily is five years old, Meredith is a sophomore at Bates, and Chris is a senior in high school.

As for me, this is my 27th year of teaching. I have been at Lincoln Middle School for the past 17 years. We spent the past year looking at colleges with our daughter, Lindsay, who is a senior at Deering High School. UMaine is certainly on her list!

Well, a short column—I need to hear from you!

## 1976

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Hello '76ers! I hope you are surviving the winter! I have only heard from a few folks this time so I hope you take a moment and drop me a letter or e-mail to include in our next column.

**Joe Gallant** has been named the new principal of Old Town High School. Joe previously worked as director of instruction for the Brewer schools. **Peter Russell** has founded a new consulting firm called Russell Municipal and Private Consulting located in Meredith, New Hamp-



Maine humorist Tim Sample with chef Cheryl Wixson '76. Photo by Kevin Bennett, courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.

## "Suppah" Time

When cook Cheryl Wixson closed her restaurant 10 years ago, she thought it would be great to get into television work. Her wish came true last fall with the premiere of "What's for Suppah? Beans, Blueberries and Beyond" on Maine PBS. The show features Cheryl, who develops the menu and prepares the meals, and Maine humorist Tim Sample, who reports on the sources of the food (mostly from Maine) and also assists Cheryl in the kitchen. It can be seen on all Maine PBS stations on Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

In February the "What's for Suppah" stars co-hosted a fundraising dinner for University of Maine athletics. The event raised over \$16,000 for the Black Bear Scholarship Fund.

Cheryl, a Bangor resident, is also a writer and an educator. She is currently working on a doctoral degree in food science.

shire. **Keith Trembley** of Keith Trembley Builder was recently recognized as one of the top 500 remodeling businesses in the country by *Qualified Remodeler* magazine.

**Cheryl Wixson** and comedian Tim Sample have joined with Maine PBS in the production of a new 13-part cooking series called "What's for Suppah?" that began airing last fall.

Thomas Davies '74 sent me an article from Clemson University's student newspaper about '76er **Jack Leggett**. Jack is baseball coach at Clemson University and has successfully led his team to the College World Series four times and has an overall record at Clemson of 475-194.

## Go Black Bears!

## 1977

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Hello again, everyone. This is another one of those really short columns. Just a couple of items to report.

**Danny Michaud** is the superintendent of School Union 104, which comprises Eastport, Charlotte, Dennysville, Pembroke, and Perry. **J. Duke Albanese**, former Maine Commissioner of Education, is overseeing the Coaching Maine Youth to Success Initiative, a congressionally authorized two-year grant "that hopes to improve the

training of coaches and come up with concrete solutions schools can use to shape their interscholastic athletic programs." He is also currently the lead policy advisor for the Great Maine Schools Project at the George Mitchell Scholarship Research Institute in Portland.

And that's all I have to report. As we eagerly await the arrival of spring, it's time to get out of that rut. So drop me a note and help liven up our class notes!

## 1978

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Greetings, classmates. Fortunately I have received more reunion update forms so we've got news!

**Joseph Pate** is the president of Exposure, an event development company. He and his wife, Susan Heinonen Pate '85, have two children and reside in Orrington, Maine.

Candia, New Hampshire, is the home of **Alvin Mun**, his wife Peggy, and their two sons. Alvin graduated from the New England College of Optometry and is an optometrist at Eyexam 2000 in Manchester, New Hampshire. He volunteers for his church and is a Cub Scout leader. He says having two sons is a lot more complicated than he ever thought it would be!

"Graduation" was the favorite college memory for **Terry Curtis Higgins**! She is married to Steven Higgins; they have two children and live in Surry, Maine. Their daughter, Nicole, is currently a student at UMaine in the Class of 2005. Terry is a microbiology supervisor at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth and she enjoys boating, making quilts, needlepoint, music, and attending sports events with her children.

**Gloria Hric** is a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston, Maine. She spent 10 years in education and then went back to school to become a registered nurse. She also served eight years in the Naval Reserves. In the winter she likes to snowshoe, cross-country ski, and snowmobile. In the summer, gardening, walking, and



reading are on the agenda.

**Emil Genest** is the assistant superintendent of schools in Hampden, Maine. He and his wife, Rebecca, live in Brewer and he has two children. He is chair of the Bangor Region Leadership Institute, a member of the Maine School Superintendents Association, and a volunteer coach/referee for the Brewer Police Athletic League. Joining ATO and living in the house for three years is his favorite UMaine memory!

Retiring after 20 years in the Army, **Brian Knowlton** now works for MBNA in Belfast, Maine. He lives in Dexter and volunteers for Meals for ME, enjoys auto racing, and is active in veterans' organizations.

It was great to see **Suzanne Percival Schneider** at our Reunion. She and her husband, Buzz, and two daughters live in Marblehead, Massachusetts. She took an extended leave after 9/11 from U.S. Airways where she was a flight attendant. She enjoys skiing, boating, and traveling. One of her favorite UMaine memories is the blizzard of '78.

**Paul Tinkham** is an environmental engineer in Jacksonville, Florida. He and his wife, Robin, breed West Highland White Terriers and he enjoys golf, gardening, and traveling.

**Ellen Honan** of Portland, Maine, is the K-4 language arts coordinator in the Yarmouth school department. She received her master's in literacy from the University of Arizona at Tucson.

One classmate who seemed thrilled to see everyone at Homecoming was **Kathie Smith Purdy**. She and her husband, Jim, live in Saco, Maine, and she is proud to be the mother of two UMaine students! Her son, Joseph Gunn, was in the Class of 2003 and daughter Kelly Gunn is in the Class of 2005. Her daughter took some great pictures at our Reunion—thanks, Kathie!

**Rinda Ward White** is a planning engineer and has been with Verizon in Bangor, Maine, for 24 years. She is married to William White and they have two children. Daughter Alayna is a first year student at UMaine. Rinda fondly remembers the social activities at York Hall!

Another classmate in the medical profession is **Stephen Nightingale** of Ellsworth, Maine. He is an internist/pediatrician at Coastal Health and Skin Center. He and his wife, Katie Russell Nightingale '83, have three children and he enjoys running, cross-country skiing, swimming, and cycling.

Children's book author Lynn Plourde '77

## Pulling Magic Out of Thin Air

Lynn Plourde '77, '78G was known for always having her head stuck in a book when she was growing up in Skowhegan in the 1960s and '70s. But although she had a love of words and writing, she didn't know any authors. It never occurred to her that you could make a living creating stories.

So when Lynn enrolled at the University of Maine, she majored in speech therapy, earning both her bachelor's and master's in that field. She went on to enjoy a 21-year career as a speech therapist. But the love of books, especially children's books, stayed with her.

"It took me many years to realize that being a children's book author could actually be my full-time job," Lynn says. "I started to think maybe, just maybe, I could write picture books."

But the career transition turned out to be more difficult than she thought. For 13 years she collected nothing but rejection letters from publishers. Then, in 1997, she got her break and her first book, *Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of the Rud* (illustrated by John Schoenherr), was published.

"A few times during those 13 years I did think about giving up," Lynn says. "I thought maybe I wasn't good enough. Maybe I wasn't meant to be an author. But I didn't give up because I loved creating new stories—it was like pulling magic out of thin air."

Now, just seven years later, Lynn has authored 11 books for which she has received numerous honors. Her book *Wild Child* was chosen as the American Booksellers Association Kids' Pick List for 1999. Another, *Snow Day*, was named a *Los Angeles Times* Best Kids Book.

Her latest book, *The First Feud* (published by Down East Books and illustrated by Jim Sollers), is described as a "tale of foolish one-upmanship between Mt. Katahdin and the sea."

Although her occupation requires her to



Lynn Plourde reads one of her books to kids and parents at the UMaine Bookstore last fall.

spend long hours working alone at home, Lynn is committed to getting out to meet her young readers. She does numerous "author visits" to schools and also teaches courses and workshops on children's books.

But writing is her main focus, and with a notebook full of story ideas, she looks forward to producing many more books in the future.

"One of my greatest abilities is my creativity," she says. "I have hundreds and hundreds of ideas: the challenge is finding the time, the words, and the special way of turning those ideas into stories."

Lynn says she is often asked if she will try her talents at writing a "chapter" book.

"I hope someday I will grow up enough to write chapter books," she says. "I have a few ideas for chapter books, but they seem so hard!"

Lynn currently lives in Winthrop, Maine, with her husband Paul Knowles '89G, '99G and their teenage daughter Kylee. She also has two stepsons who are finishing college. For more information about Lynn's newest book you can log on to: [www.downeastbooks.com](http://www.downeastbooks.com) or call 1-800-685-7962. Lynn's web site is: [www.lynnplourde.com](http://www.lynnplourde.com).



We have one career update to report this time. **Terence Cronin** is the long term care liaison at Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice.

Last but not least, I would like to thank you all for your support the past five years. **Linda Card LeBlond** will be taking over this column in the next issue. Her address is: 380 Spurwink Avenue, Cape Elizabeth, Maine, 04107-9615. It has been a pleasure to reconnect and get updated on a lot of your lives. I would also like to thank the University, especially Abby Zelz, for their assistance. As an undergraduate at Maine, you don't realize fully the bonds that are formed. When my father, Francis A. Brown '43, passed away in October of 2003, the university and ROTC representation at his funeral was remarkable and it meant so much. We Maine grads are a special bunch and it will forever be "the college of our hearts always!"

## 1979

### *25th Reunion at Homecoming October 22-24, 2004*

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Is spring around the corner? Hope so.

This may be our shortest column ever; I hope it prompts you to send me some news.

**Randi Weisberger Cohen** has been elected president of the Ohio Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, and also serves on the executive board of the Ohio Counseling Association. Randy writes she is "still looking to return to Maine and buy a small place on the rocky shores of the Atlantic" where she can "sip her morning coffee and hear the tide crashing on the rocks below." You can find her at: [www.randicohen.com](http://www.randicohen.com).

**Suzanne Comey O'Brien** has been appointed director of laboratory services at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington. She joined the hospital in 1992, and has over 20 years of experience in clinical labs. Suzanne lives in Norridgewock with her husband Michael, and they are the parents of two college age children.

**Scott Flanders** is an art teacher at Wells High School, and previously taught at the University of New England.

That's all, folks.

## 1980

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Happy spring, everyone! The days are longer and brighter and the snow is melting. So put away that shovel, pick up a pen, and send in your news! We'd love to hear from you.

## 1981

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As I write, it's winter in Maine. Brrr. Kind of warms me up to think that this will appear in the spring issue! Don't know what we'd do in these parts if we didn't have UMaine sports to occupy us at this time of year. The long, cold weeks seem to go a little faster with hockey and basketball games sprinkled in. Before we know it, it will be high school tournament time and we'll enjoy some good old high school basketball at "The Mecca," the Bangor Auditorium. It seems weird to be watching our friends' kids now playing for various high school teams. Isn't it time you dropped me a line to tell me what you and your kids are up to now?

Kudos to two of you who answered my plea for news via e-mail this past time. **Christine Phillips Williams** sends her update from Tewksbury, Massachusetts, where she and husband, Bryon '79, '81G live with their two sons. Christine stayed home with her boys until 1989, when she started work for the Army as a civil engineer. She left the Army in '94 to work with the Environmental Protection Agency and now manages five federal facility Super-

fund sites as a remedial project manager out of their Boston office.

**Carl Fischer** may have gotten his degree in journalism, but his ROTC training at Maine seems to have been a larger influence on his life. He writes that he recently returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He's still an Army man—a lieutenant colonel—and is an instructor of strategy and operational art. Kansas has been home since 1995 and Carl is working toward his Ph.D. in education, hopefully completing it in 2004! He and wife, Carol, have a son in college and a daughter in high school. We thank Carl and all of our classmates who serve our great country during these unsettled times.

Classmate **Anne Michalec Payson** also visited Afghanistan this past year. She had lived in Kabul with her family from 1970-72, while her father taught engineering at Kabul University. She is now part of a nonprofit group called Advocates for Afghanistan, with goals of correcting misconceptions that Americans have about the country and to aid the Afghan people in rebuilding their country. Group members who toured the country were former students together in Kabul, many of whom have kept in touch over the years.

In career news, **William Ziemer** is now superintendent of S.A.D. 31 in Howland. **Carol Whipps Leick** is the curriculum coordinator for S.A.D. 57 in Sanford. **Eugene "Geno" Murray** was named CEO of the Charles A. Dean Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home in Greenville this past year. Geno rose through the ranks at C.A. Dean, starting as an ambulance attendant more than 20 years ago. Congratulations! Air Force Senior Master Sergeant **Darren Obermeyer** graduated from the U.S. Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Maxwell Air Force Base—Gunter Annex in Montgomery, Alabama. Darren is the weather superintendent for the 20th Air Support Operations Squadron at Fort Drum, Watertown, New York. A special pat on the back goes to **Dianne McLaughlin Tilton** who received a Deborah Morton Award at the University of New England's Portland campus this past fall. The UNE board of trustees honored five Maine women for their career and public service accomplishments, as well as their leadership in civic, cultural, and social causes. Dianne is director of the Sunrise County Economic Council and lives in Har-

ington.

This is the first column I've written since the passing of my father, Francis A. Brown '43 on October 12 of last year. I know many of you have also dealt with the loss of parents in recent years and it's never easy, no matter what the circumstances. Some of you may remember my dad from his days on the university board of trustees. Graduates in 1979 and 1980 will see his signature on your diplomas! He was a tireless advocate for students and earned the respect of the faculty as well. His real job was that of a small town lawyer, but he put in countless hours traveling the state of Maine for our university system for 14 years. He was the son of a paper maker from Woodland, Maine, and he knew first-hand the value of a good education. He wanted all kids from small towns in Maine to have the opportunity that he had. I miss him like crazy, but I know the University of Maine is a better place today because of him. My sister and I have ensured that his dream will live on with the establishment of a scholarship fund in his and my mother's memory at the University of Maine Foundation. He was a true *Maine man*.

## 1982

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**Dot Doten Piper** (business administration) is cochairing, with her husband Greg, the United Way of Kennebec Valley Campaign. Their goal is to raise \$1.3 million. Dot and Greg live in Manchester with their two daughters.

**Dave Ennis** (political science) is serving his fourth term on the Windham town council, where he is the only Democrat. He has been active in town politics since moving there with his wife, Kathleen, in 1984. Dave managed the Seacoast Fun Park for 10 years, but is now taking temporary teaching assignments. His name keeps surfacing as a possible candidate for the state legislature—possibly as a Republican.

**Jody King** (physical education) has been teaching physical education at Scarborough High School for a number of years and has served as assistant girls' tennis coach in the



past. This year she is coaching volleyball, a new varsity sport at the school and one that seems to be sweeping many of the schools in southern Maine.

**Michael Lyman** (resource and business management) works for Sullivan Paper Company in West Springfield as the facilities manager. For the past several years he has coached the junior varsity soccer team at Agawam High School and this year moved into the position of varsity coach. He lives in Feeding Hills, Massachusetts, with his wife, Laurie, and their two children.

**Dr. Janet Whatley Blum** (education) is on the faculty of the Sports Medicine Department of the University of Southern Maine. She is helping to direct a five-year study for the Maine Bureau of Health focusing on lowering obesity rates through activity and nutritional intervention. In this study approximately 800 Maine students will track their eating and exercising habits. Half of the students will be from schools that allow junk food items to be sold on their premises, the other half will be from schools which prohibit these products. The outcome of this study will be of great interest to all!

**Rick Wilson** (education) is now serving as the assistant principal of Gardiner Area High School (S.A.D. 11). Previous to this he was a teacher at Traip Academy in Kittery.

## 1983

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**Robert H. Sprague** is a library assistant at the Bangor Public Library and lives in Orono. He is a NASCAR fan and he recalls fondly the Wednesday nights in the Bear's Den with friends.

**Carolyn Cohan Susi** and her husband, Scott, have four children. They live in Gorham, where she is a Stampin' Up! demonstrator. Rubber stamping is also her hobby. She says having twin boys when her first child was only 21 months old gave new meaning to "pulling an all-nighter." Carolyn loves being a mom.

**Daryl J. Massey** is a court security officer for the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department and

lives in Bangor with his wife, Wendy, and one child. He retired in 1999 as a senior patrol sergeant at the Brewer Police Department.

**Jim Rose** is owner of Rose Bicycle in Orono. He and his wife, Laurie, have two children. He is active in Orono organizations and serves on the board of the Orono Land Trust, Orono Village Association, and Service Learning Advisory Board. He is an avid cyclist and skier.

**Mary Rossi Buck** is a physical therapist in Rockland. She lives in

Camden with her husband, **Blaine Buck**, and their two children. Mary served in the U.S. Army and is now a lieutenant colonel in the Maine Army National Guard. At UMaine she was on the gymnastics and ice skating drill teams and served as an R.A. in Hart Hall.

**Patty Blumenstock Gaynor** is a sales rep for Schering Pharmaceutical. She and her husband, Ken '82, live with their two children in West Falmouth, Massachusetts. She was co-captain of the swim team her senior year at

UMaine, and continues to swim competitively (2002 New England Masters Swim Meet at Harvard) and serves as a swim team official. She is a member of Phi Beta Phi sorority.

**Elizabeth Alice Kreigh** is owner of K&M Gardens in Lisbon Falls. She and her husband, William, have one child. She is a landscaper/gardener and has been an Androscoggin County master gardener for many years.

**Janet Sue Robbins** is manager of art and production at the McGraw-Hill Companies in

## Michael Crowley '81 to Chair Folk Festival

Just a few years back Michael Crowley '81 succeeded fellow UMaine alumnus John Rohman '68 as mayor of Bangor. Now Michael is taking over another important position from John—chair of the highly successful National Folk Festival.

Michael, who is vice president for development at Eastern Maine Charities, believes the festival is an example of the effectiveness and potential of a creative economy.

"I recognize how important the festival is to the state of Maine and certainly to this region," Michael told the *Bangor Daily News*. "...It also adds great credibility to the role of tourism in the state and our ability to compete nationally and internationally."

The festival drew more than 80,000 participants in its first year, 2002. By the second year that number grew to 110,000.

As chair, Michael will provide organizational leadership for the festival's board of directors and help coordinate fund-raising efforts.

John Rohman, the president and CEO of WBRC Architects/Engineers, will remain on the festival's executive committee. John served as festival chair in 2002 and 2003 and played an instrumental role in getting the event to Bangor. In addition to his numerous commitments to the arts, John serves as a member of the University of Maine Alumni Association board of directors.



John Rohman '68 and Michael Crowley '81 at the Bangor City Hall.



Rockland. She lives in Camden where she has started a small book publishing company called North Wind Publishing. She enjoys choral singing and was a member of the Oratorio Society at UMaine.

**Ann Elise Taylor** is a part-time instructor at Richmond Community College in Hamlet, North Carolina, where she also lives. She has one child. Ann remembers the beautiful campus and wonderful professors and fellow students at UMaine. She lived in Mexico for some time and enjoyed being immersed in a different culture and learning to speak a foreign language.

**Lynne Boretti Rinaldi** is a social worker who has been a stay-at-home mom since the birth of her first child in 1997. She and her husband, Samuele Rinaldi '89, have two children. She is involved in the PTA at her children's schools and serves on the board of directors of a local mothers group. Lynne says she enjoyed the social life while at UMaine and has fond memories of meeting her future husband at a party during her sophomore year.

**Sidney P. Tripp** is the president of Proactive Resources, an advertising agency in Portland. He is an antique collector and lives in Portland, where he is restoring a Victorian home on the Western Promenade. Sidney's favorite college memories are too numerous to list, but here are a few: punk parties, Bumstock, Oronoka, the Oriental Jade, Grateful Dead concerts, and the Mudbowl.

## 1984

*20th Reunion at  
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Hello, everyone! Happy spring!  
Hope you are all doing well.

I heard from **Deb Verrill Sapientza**, one of my Knox Hall buddies. She is still with the same company that she started with right out of college, Analog Devices, where she is a senior product/test engineer. She has done a lot of traveling including Europe, Japan, Finland, and an African safari on which she saw the mountain gorillas! She

married a wonderful guy on December 2, 2000, and on December 17, 2002, they had a daughter named Abby. It was great to hear from Deb, who I have not seen in over 15 years!

**Timothy Farmer** is one of only 100 educators nationwide to win a Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. Timothy has been the principal of the Remington School in Franklin, Massachusetts, since it opened seven years ago. Each award recipient received a check for \$25,000 and a trip to Washington for a two-day conference and awards ceremony. Congratulations!

**Julie Treadwell** is serving on a panel working on the Coaching Maine Youth to Success initiative. This panel hopes to improve the training of athletic coaches at middle and high schools and to come up with concrete solutions schools can use to shape their interscholastic athletic programs. A preliminary list of recommendations is due in spring 2004. This sounds like a trailblazing initiative and I look forward to seeing the results. Julie serves as athletic director at Maine Central Institute in

Pittsfield, Maine.

**Kimberly Ridley** is editor of *Hope* magazine, an award-winning solution-oriented journal about people working to create positive change in all areas of society and culture. *Hope* reports on grassroots activists and visionaries who are finding ways to address some of society's most pressing problems, such as violence, poverty, injustice, corporatism, and environmental degradation.

Maine Sports Hall of Fame member **Ann England-Maxim** returns to the UMaine athletic department as director of academic support services. She spent the last four years in the academic and career exploration program, the last three as its director.

BTI Financial Group has a new president, **James A. MacLeod**. He oversees the operations of the three subsidiaries of BTI Financial Group: Bar Harbor Trust Services, Block Capital Management, and Dirigo Investments, Inc. BTI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bar Harbor Bankshares. Previously, MacLeod was senior vice president of the trust division and corporate secre-

tary for Merrill Merchants Bank in Bangor where he led the trust and investment management functions for six years. He received his LL.B degree from the Franklin Pierce Law Center in New Hampshire and his LL.M from Boston University.

**Anne Lauze Brooks, M.D.**, is in practice in Waterboro, Maine, with two other pediatricians. She resides in Lyman with her husband Andy and their seven (yes, seven!) children. She is on the board of directors for The House of St. Joseph's.

**Becky Wyke**, who is Governor Baldacci's '86 finance commissioner, has been named an ex-officio, non-voting member of the board of directors of Maine's ambitious Dirigo Health Plan. The controversial Dirigo Health legislation aims to expand access to affordable insurance coverage by 2009 to all Mainers who need it. It is a huge undertaking!

**James Manzer, P.E.**, has joined the team of engineers at Ames Architects and Engineers. His experience includes management of industrial, transportation, and remediation projects from site and structural to utilities and mechanical systems. He is a member of the American Society of Professional Engineers and the National Society of Professional Engineers.

**Robert Sinclair** is the assistant principal at Orono High School. Sinclair previously was assistant principal for Bucksport High School. He is a 1972 graduate of Orono High School and an Orono resident. He and his wife, Sally, have four children.

It is so exciting to have lots of news to report. Please keep your e-mails and notes coming! Your classmates want to know what you have been doing. And, remember, we celebrate our 20th Reunion this year! I am looking forward to seeing many of you Homecoming weekend. Mark your calendars and make your reservations now! Have a great summer!

## 1985

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As I sit and write this column, the snow is swirling around the window

### Your Classmates Would Like to Hear From You!

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

Name:

Place of residence:

Class year:

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

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



and the kids are home from school for their first snow day. What fun!

**Donald Soctomah**, of Princeton, Maine, is a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and formerly represented the tribe in the Maine Legislature. He is currently the Passamaquoddy tribal preservation officer and was recently elected a trustee for the Abbe Museum in Bar Harbor.

**Dan Costigan** has taken a job as director of the basketball-oriented Hancock Sports Academy. Dan served as the men's basketball coach at the University of Southern Maine for seven years and was named Little East Conference Coach of the Year in 1999-2000.

**Lisa Baldacci** will direct the northern Maine field office of Democratic presidential hopeful Senator John Kerry. Lisa is an attorney and sister of Maine governor John Baldacci '86.

**Keith Brenner** has been named an associate of Harriman Associates, a full-service architectural and engineering firm with offices in Auburn and Portland, Maine. Keith joined Harriman Associates in 1993 and provided structural design for many of the firm's largest and most complex projects, including the 270,000-square-foot Noble High School in North Berwick, Maine. Keith lives with his wife Michelle Collins Brenner '86 and their 12-year-old daughter Shannon in Casco.

The New England Bible College in Portland has installed Dr. **Andrew Alexson** as its sixth president. Dr. Alexson lives in Brunswick and was previously at Practical Bible College in Binghamton, New York. He holds a doctorate of ministry from Covington Theological Seminary in Georgia and a master's of divinity in pastoral leadership from Columbia International University in South Carolina.

Army Reserve command sergeant major **Ronald Kilby** has graduated from the two-year U.S. Army sergeants major academy nonresident course (NRC) at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas. He is a battalion command sergeant major assigned to the 2nd battalion, 304th Regiment, 98th Division in Saco, Maine.

**Kevin Jordan** is the new principal at Piscataquis Community High School in Milo, Maine. He has also worked as a mathematics teacher, physical education and wellness instructor, athletic director, and assistant principal at PCHS. He lives in Dexter with his wife Anne-Marie Crane Jordan '92 and their two children.

**B**arry Maloney '89, '91G is currently serving as interim chief executive of Westfield State College in Massachusetts. He will serve in the position until newly appointed president, Dr. Vicky L. Carwein, takes office in June.

Barry held the position of executive assistant to the president for four years. He says he was honored to be selected by the college's board.

"Although it will be a challenge, I'm excited about the opportunity and determined to do my best to keep the college running smoothly until Dr. Carwein's arrival."

Barry is a native of Springfield, Massachusetts, and currently lives in Westfield, where he serves on the water commission and on the board of the local chapter of the American Red Cross. He began his administrative career as a residence hall director at Westfield State College.



Air Force lieutenant colonel **Dennis Lisherness** has assumed command of the 45th Space Communications Squadron at Patrick Air Force Base, Cocoa Beach, Florida. The squadron operates and maintains communications and computer systems, airfield facilities, and wide-band communications equipment for more than 10,000 personnel at Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station to ensure space launch readiness.

Happy spring! The sunshine should feel warmer and the days seem a bit longer when you read this. Please take a minute to drop me an e-mail. We'd love to hear from you!

## 1986

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George and I truly hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year! Now that the snow and cold are going by (I am assuming, hoping, as I write this in late December), thoughts of sun-

shine and "easier" weather are here! Happy spring!

**Sarah Tenney McGuire** and husband Steve welcomed their second child Elizabeth this past September! Elizabeth, older brother Kevin, and their parents live in Littleton, Colorado.

As president and chief operating officer of advertising agency Allen and Gerritsen of Boston, **Andrew Graff** manages daily operations, nearly \$136 million in billings, and 100 employees. He also spearheads the agency's effort to patent a business method process known as "high value role" which identifies steps a client company can take to figure out and communicate the role it plays for its business customers. Andrew, who is also active in trade organizations like the American Association of Advertising Agencies and the Ad Club of Boston, spends time volunteering for the Nomar Garciaparra's 5 Fund and as the Massachusetts coordinator for The Partnership For A Drug Free America.

He also encourages the firm's employees to spend time on volunteer projects at least twice a month, saying as a corporate citizen it's really important "to give back to the community and help people."

**Teresa Wark Hagelin** joins Oxford Hills Comprehensive High

School as guidance counselor. After earning her B.S. in business administration and a master's in counseling from UMaine, she held the post of academic counselor at Maine Central Institute (MCI) in Pittsfield for the past six years.

Caribou city manager **Stephen Buck** received the Maine Town and City Managers Association "2003 Rookie of the Year" award at the group's annual August meeting. Stephen has been at Caribou since August 2001 and was previously the town manager of Corinna.

Lucinda Hebert, mayor of Caribou, said, "I and several others here just think that he faced a lot of challenges when he came here and he took them on with both feet running from the start. It's the way he has addressed the challenges facing the city."

Dana Lee, chairman of the Maine Town and City Managers Association award committee adds, "the competition is tough for the Rookie of the Year."

Governor **John Baldacci** was "leader of the pack" in September as he rode his new Harley-Davidson in the annual charity ride that makes Christmas brighter for many Maine children. The Toy Run started in 1981 as a relatively obscure event with about 80 motorcyclists and now typically brings out 10 to 20 thousand bikers! It is considered Maine's largest one-day charity event.

The ride ended in Augusta's Capital Park across from the state house where three big Salvation Army trucks were being filled with toys and games. Last year over 10,000 presents were collected and the Salvation Army expects to top that this year!

**Matthew Cielinski**, DMD and his family have moved to Keene, New Hampshire, where he has opened a new practice. After receiving his B.S. in biology at UMaine and his Ph.D. in cell biology at UMass, Matthew was with Boston's Forsyth Dental Center, the largest private dental research center in the country. Wanting to work one-on-one with people, he earned his dentistry degree at BU and worked in Boston for a year and a half. Moving to Keene and getting out of the big city became possible when a retiring dentist was selling his practice overlooking the Ashuelot River. Matthew, wife Jill Gallagher Cielinski '85, and new son Cameron are really enjoying the area—a good mix of young college people and older people who have chosen Keene to retire. They also enjoy fishing and



day hiking.

**Robert Marcotte** has been named an associate of Harriman Associates, a New England architecture and engineering firm. Bob is a mechanical engineer and has been with Harriman Associates for over 15 years. He provides hands-on design in heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems, and supervises drafters and interns working on computer assisted design and drafting (CADD). The company says his "project experience is extensive and includes work for government, education, health care, corporate, and retail." Bob is also a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers and a Maine Registered Professional Engineer. He and wife Laurie live in Poland.

Our classmates continue to do interesting and fun things! Congrats to all!

Here at home, I continue my part-time customer service job at L.L.Bean in Waterville. Needless to say, December is nuts! Goes so quickly, this is my fifth holiday season working there. **George** still really enjoys his engineer manager position in urban and arterial with the MDOT. Was 17 years with the DOT recently! And I recently had my big 4-0! That was a shocker, ha!

Please drop us a line or an e-mail telling us what you and your classmates are up to!

Until next time,  
Donny

## 1987

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Hi, Class of '87. I know you're busy, but please take a moment to send in your news. Even if your address, job, car, dog, or routine hasn't changed in years, we'd still like to hear from you. And if something has changed, please tell us about it.

For UMaine news, Black Bear sports, and upcoming alumni events log on to:  
**mainealumni.com**



### Army Meets Navy in Iraq

Getting together in front of a defaced mural of Saddam in Kirkuk, Iraq, are UMaine graduates Army Major Richard White '89 (left) and Navy Lt. Commander Jeffery Mason '91, '92G. Rick is currently serving in HHC, 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry. Jeff is currently assigned to CJTF-7, where he is director of contracting.

## 1988

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By the time you read this, winter will be on its way out and we'll all be Irish for a day (St. Patrick's Day). I want to share with you some news

about my dear friends Rick and **Jennifer Anahid Link Blaisdell**. I've stayed in touch with Jennifer since our graduation and have followed her husband's career with keen interest. They have been married for nearly 15 years and have a beautiful six-year-old daughter, Anahid. Rick's assignments have taken them all over our great country as well as Korea, Germany, and currently England. They recently learned that Rick's next assignment is Colorado beginning this

summer as lieutenant colonel. To my sorrow and despite all my travels, I never got to see them in Germany or England. Fortunately now I will be able to see them since they will be closer. Colorado is one state I am interested in visiting and I look forward to our children getting to know one another. Although the distance has been great, it has never interfered with our enduring friendship for which I am truly blessed.

I also would like to mention that not one classmate dropped me a line to tell me about our 15th class Reunion. I can only assume that it was not well attended. That's all my news for now—on to our fellow classmates.

Congratulations to **Alicia Anstead** who was the first place winner of the Maine Press Association's Critics Award. Alicia also spent two weeks in Iraq with fellow journalist, Peter Davis, last summer. They visited cities and towns from Baghdad and Basra to towns in northern Iraq. Alicia had the opportunity to see first hand the effects of the fall of Saddam Hussein and the impact of the American presence in Iraq. Following her trip, Alicia published 10 articles detailing her conversations with Mainers, including soldiers, business people, and members of the transitional government. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in literature from American University and is a doctoral candidate at the University of Rhode Island. In 2000-2001 she was a fellow at the National Arts in Journalism program at Columbia University.

**Mike Bordick** has announced his retirement from major league baseball after 13 years. Mike will always be known as the consummate professional, role model, and overachiever. He has never forgotten his Maine roots. He exudes humility and class and has been honored for his off-field charity work. He is known for his tremendous work ethic and presence in the clubhouse. His impressive career resumé shows that he played in 1,720 games. He always worked hard, did his best, persevered, and most of all never lost touch with his roots, his devotion to his family. He is an inspiration and will be greatly missed in baseball.

Army major **Peter Buotte**, a native of Augusta, is working closely with Najdat Abdul-Aziz of Iraq's Ministry of Education to repair hundreds of Iraqi schools. Peter is a



member of the U.S. Army Reserve's 411th Civil Affairs Unit in Danbury, Connecticut. The 1984 Cony High School graduate is helping devise plans to upgrade the buildings' plumbing and electrical systems and to fix structural flaws. He entered Kuwait last March and moved into Iraq in April alongside the Army's 82nd Airborne Unit. He had enrolled in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program while earning his bachelor's degree in French at the University of Maine. He also speaks some Korean, Russian, and Arabic. He is a trained sculptor. He previously taught art in New York City and was enrolled in a master's degree program in art education at the Maine College of Art in Portland before being deployed to the Middle East.

**Kevin Grass** is the principal of Central Aroostook Junior/Senior High School (S.A.D. 42). He taught agriscience and has been an advisor since 1992 before being hired as principal.

**Peter Mastrangelo** and his father, Ralph, are the owners of Mastrangelo's Carpet Craft in Concord, Massachusetts.

Congratulations to **Jonathan H. Perkins**, the newest captain at the Kennebec sheriff's office in Augusta, Maine. Prior to this promotion, he held the position of sergeant for two years. In order to join management, he had to relinquish his membership in the Kennebec Sheriff's Deputies Association, a union he founded four years ago, as well as his regular patrol duties. He jokes that he now "drives a desk" (and not a car!). Perkins was raised on a farm in Belgrade, where he and his wife, state trooper Dianne Perkins-Vance, have now settled. He continues as a member of the deputies dive team and is certified by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy as a firearms range instructor. He has also met the requirements and will receive his bachelor's degree in public administration from the University of Maine at Augusta very soon.

**Thomas E. Tiller** and his wife, Sue, of Southport Island, are the owners of the original business YWorry Marine Services. They use boat watermakers to create fresh water from salt water for island houses. Tom will install a system he designed using the same reverse-osmosis technology employed on high-end yachts. This system is vital in areas where fresh water is scarce. Tom and Sue have worked with watermaking systems aboard

**J**oan M. Fortin '91G is now a shareholder at Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, one of the largest law firms in New England. She is a member of the municipal department of the firm and practices in all areas of municipal and education law.

Joan, who earned her law degree from Northeastern, is a former law clerk to the Honorable Paul L. Rudman. She received her undergraduate degree from Colby in 1988 before completing her master's degree at UMaine. A native of Benton, Maine, Joan now lives in Portland.



boats they maintain for owners around the world. Their new company, Advanced Water Options, will be a division of YWorry Marine Services. Tom has his engineering degree from UMaine at Orono and has been a boat captain for years. Although the idea of desalinization for fresh water has been in existence for some time, the actual application for private home use is not common due to the cost and time involved in using the technology. Good luck to Tom and Sue as they delve into their new business.

**Jennifer Pierce Ziegler** teaches physics at Boothbay Regional High School. Last year, she was an ed tech at Southport Central School. She earned a B.S. at the University of Maine and has worked as a bookkeeper, vet tech, and rural development specialist.

That's it. Kristin

## 1989

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Happy spring, everyone!

Hope this time of year finds you all thawing out after an unseasonably cold winter, at least in New England. As I write this column today, all schools in the Boston area have been closed due to the sub-zero temperatures—the first time I ever remember such a thing!

Our news this time is a bit

sparse. Let's get into the habit of keeping each other better informed! Please note that I have a new mailing address, but my e-mail address is still the same. Please use it to let me know what's new in your life!

**Bruce Johnson** is working in the ACT Program (Alternative Choices for Teens) in Brewer, Maine. The program helps high school students who, for various reasons, do not succeed in a regular high school environment. Bruce is an ed tech III and well-known local magician, who took his act to Russia last summer. He plans to teach a course in introductory Russian to the ACT students.

We've got award-winning classmates in publications! Among recent winners in the annual Maine Press Association Better Newspaper contest are: **Scott Haskell**, who won third prize in photography in the scenic category; **Doug Kesseli**, who was a member of a four-person team winning first place for a spot news story; and **Becky Bowden**, who won third place in the feature headline category. Congratulations!

**Alan Stearns** is a commissioner in Maine's Department of Economic and Community Development. He was previously director of the DOT's environmental office and prior to that, director of the DOT Office of Policy Analysis and Communications. Alan earned his B.A. from Brown University and after receiving his master's degree in public administration at UMaine, got his law degree at the University of Maine School of Law.

**Paul Knowles** is the new superintendent of the Gardiner, Maine-based School Administrative District 11. He resides in Winthrop with his

wife Lynn Plourde '77, '78G and has three children—Lucas (23), Seth (22), and Kylee (17).

**Sandra Girard Emerson** is the new vice principal at Piscataquis Community High School in Guilford, Maine. She was the wellness instructor there for four years prior to being chosen as vice principal.

That's all the news this time around. Don't be shy—share your news with our classmates!

## 1990

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We have been back in Maine for over a year and can't believe how the time has flown. We are enjoying being closer to family and being back in Maine.

Happy spring to those of you who live in the warmer climates and actually have this season. In Maine it is mud season and we are looking forward to summer. I have to admit I miss Virginia in the springtime.

**Steve Merritt** writes that he and his wife, Wendy, had a baby boy, Justin Edward, in June. Justin weighed eight pounds 14 ounces and was born less than 30 minutes after Steve and Wendy arrived at the hospital. Baby Merritt joins his sister Jessica. Thanks for writing in, Steve!

Steve and his family live in Candia, New Hampshire. He works for Intel Corporation as a senior systems engineer designing software used for application development on Intel based Linux and Window platforms.

**Averyl Marshall Hill** owns her own business, Hillstock LLC in South Portland. She researches images in which the copyright has expired; digitally restores these graphic images; creates clip art, and then licenses these images to the public. She focuses on images from the Victorian era through World War I and specializes in holiday themes. The website for Hillstock LLC is: [www.vintageclipart.com](http://www.vintageclipart.com).

**Art Greenlaw** retired as the principal of Millinocket Middle School. He is working as the defensive backs coach at Husson College. He enjoys working with the student-athletes and likes the com-



Aynne Brown Ames '93

## Keeping Community Theater Alive and Growing



**F**or much of her career, Aynne Ames '93 has helped community theater groups and school drama programs get started and on the road to success. Now she faces a different challenge. As the new artistic director and theater manager of the Belfast Maskers, she inherits an established and respected organization. Her goal now is to make it grow artistically and to keep the theater's seats filled.

Aynne would seem to have just the right background for the job. She was the founder of Cold Comfort Summer Theater in Castine in 1971, and directed that organization for more than 21 years, by which time it was a respected summer stock theater. She has also developed theater programs in numerous schools, including the Maine Maritime Academy.

By the time she entered her forties, Aynne had lots of experience in theater. What she was missing were the academic credentials. So following her divorce in the 1980s, she decided to return to school to complete her degree in theater at UMaine. It was a difficult adjustment.

"You go back as an older person in your forties and you say to yourself, 'How am I ever going to do this?'" She said, "I mean the last time I took science the big story was that they had invented the wheel!"

But it didn't take Aynne long to get back into

the swing of things. She thrived in her classes and in 1993 was honored as the outstanding graduate in the college of liberal arts and sciences.

Attending UMaine in the early 1990s was something of a family affair for Aynne. Her son Matthew Ames '90G (now a college drama professor) completed his master's degree just as Aynne was starting school. And daughter Allison was also attending UMaine at the same time.

It was a scramble to keep herself and the family going through those college years. In addition to taking a full load of courses, Aynne continued to work with the drama groups at George Stevens Academy and Maine Maritime and even became a sorority mother on campus.

"I was thrilled that I did so well, because I worked so hard for it," she said. "And I really received a great deal of support from professors—folks like Norm Wilkinson and Al Cyrus."

Following her graduation, Aynne had no job prospect and really could no longer afford to live in her house in Castine.

"I thought that I should take advantage of my freedom and continue my education," she said.

Aynne was accepted into a master's program at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. She received scholarship money from various sources and was off to study in Greece.

After completing the program, she got a job as an English speaking drama teacher at an international school outside of Athens. All together she ended up staying in Greece for five years.

Aynne has an ambitious agenda for the Belfast Maskers and its 70-seat, newly renovated waterfront theater. First, the group will expand its offerings from five plays last year to eight for the 2004 season. There will also be alternative programs for people interested in more experimental theater. And she plans to offer a variety of workshops, from acting to masking.

Stemming from her love of working with young people, she wants to start a teen program as well as an offering for small children in the summer.

"It's a wonderful opportunity and I'm excited about it," Aynne said in an interview with the *Courier-Gazette*. "It might not work, but I bet it will. If it doesn't, it will have been a noble experiment...and that's the way to live life."

petitive schedule of Division III athletics.

**Denis Cranson** has left his executive director position at Eastern Maine AIDS Network (EAMAN). He left to pursue his doctorate but he still volunteers at EAMAN. While serving as the director for 13 years many programs were created, such as, "providing one of only two state-certified syringe programs in Maine; creating S.A.F.E.R., a peer education training program for area youth; establishing the AIDS network as the initial site for oral HIV antibody testing in Maine; creating the Quality Care Consortium for HIV Care," and many other innovative programs.

**Amadou "Coco" Barry** lives in Montreal, Quebec. He is proud that his former UMaine basketball coach, Thomas "Skip" Chappelle '62 was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame.

This past fall **William Reynolds**, a former UMaine catcher, was inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame. He was a four-year letter winner and helped lead the baseball team to three NCAA Regional and College World appearances. Congratulations!

## 1991

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Happy spring to all. If you cannot see the ground where you live yet, I'm sure it is just around the corner. Think warm thoughts.

**Jeff Tuttle** was recognized for his writing in the newspaper analysis category at the annual Maine Press Association Better Newspaper contest. Jeff writes for the *Bangor Daily News*.

**Joyce Longcore** of Orono was recognized for her achievements and path-breaking work in the natural sciences at the 2003-04 Maryann Hartman Awards ceremony on the University of Maine campus in October. The award is given to Maine women with strong records of public service.

**Scott Kadey** has completed additional training with the U.S. Navy. Scott graduated from the Basic Enlisted Submarine Course at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut. During the six-



week course, he learned the basic theory, construction, and operation of nuclear-powered submarines. He joined the Navy in March 2003.

Wedding bells will be ringing this summer for **Steven Kydd** who is engaged to Sarah Taylor. The couple lives in Venice, California, and both work for Yahoo! Internet Company in Los Angeles. Steven is employed as director of business development.

There is only one classmate with baby news to report. **Shelley Danforth Farrington** and her husband Matt are the proud parents of a new daughter, Avery Jane. Avery was born on July 17, 2003. She is welcomed home by five-year-old big sister, Gracie, who is thrilled to have a baby sister. The family lives in Millinocket where Shelley has been the editor of *The Community Press* newspaper for the past year and a half.

We'd love to hear from more classmates next time. Maybe we should have a postcard contest. Send me a postcard from the farthest distance, with the funniest picture, or most reflective of a UMaine experience, and perhaps I can rustle up a special prize for the best. See you next time. Cheers!

## 1992

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Hello, everyone! I have very little to write this column so this will be short and sweet. **Jody Benner** reports that he has been promoted to associate head coach for the women's basketball team at the University of Maine. He is a 10-year veteran of the program and will continue to coordinate recruiting and scheduling, while also assisting with scouting, game preparation, and player development.

**Kate Charest** will relocate from Massachusetts to become Marshwood High School's new assistant principal.

This is all I have this time around. Hope everyone is well and enjoying spring.

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Lutenists and guitarists Scott Lemire (left) and Seth Warner '94

## Debut Recording for Seth Warner '94

Seth Warner '94 studied biology at the University of Maine, but he obviously spent much of his free time practicing music. Seth and fellow musician Scott Lemire have just released their impressive debut recording titled *The Leaves be Green: English lute duets*. The CD features compositions by English renaissance composers John Dowlan, John Johnson, Francis Pilkington, and Thomas Robinson.

After graduating from UMaine, Seth went on to earn a master's degree in musicology from the University of New Hampshire. He is a top notch soloist and ensemble player on lute, theorbo, and guitar. He has taught on the faculty at the University of Maine at Farmington and currently maintains a busy private teaching practice in Portland.

Seth's CD is available at Bull Moose Music, Borders, and the CD Authority in South Portland. It can also be ordered on-line at: [www.sethwarner.com](http://www.sethwarner.com).

## 1993

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Thank you once again for all the e-mails and notes.

I received some baby announcements to share with you all.

Congratulations to Scott and **Karen Cyr Cummings** who had their third child on August 12, a boy, Connor James Cummings. Connor has two big sisters, Ashley and Sarah. **Ken and Bethany Austin Light** had their second child in January. They have a son, Thomas,

who became a big brother. Congratulations to **Kathryn Ryder** who gave birth to a little boy, Austin Jacob Chiles, on January 8. Baby Austin weighed eight pounds two ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

There is some exciting wedding news. **Sandra Ann Kearns** married Frank Rogers on October 11th. The wedding was held at the Lucerne Inn. **John Versteeg** and Kathy Wall have announced their engagement. Congratulations. John is currently working at IDX Corp. in Boston, and Kathy is employed by JP Morgan Chase in Lowell, Massachusetts.

We have some new job changes to share.

**Cordelia Kellett** is the new education services coordinator for Maine Public Broadcasting. **Chad**

**Kempton** is the interim principal of Gardiner Area High School where Rick Wilson '82 is the assistant principal. **Erica Nardi** has become the new director of resource development and public relations at Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield. And congratulations to **John Holyoke** for receiving an award in the annual Maine Press Association Better Newspaper contest.

I look forward to getting your e-mails and notes. Enjoy the spring weather once it gets here.

## 1994

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It's holiday time as we are typing this to you (apparently we were left off all of your Christmas card lists). In our respective locations, we've even had snow! Yes, it does occasionally snow south of Maine—most people just don't know how to drive in it. But hopefully, when you receive this, it will be getting near thaw time! In other words, you should be making plans now to come to our 10 year Reunion this fall. It's not too early to start planning to get together with your old friends, classmates, dorm neighbors, and us, your ever-reliable class correspondents. Not so much news to report this time, and we were tempted to make things up—things like Stacey winning the lottery and Beth being nominated for the Supreme Court, but we figured that would be silly and juvenile and our big fat lies would be uncovered. Then we pondered making stuff up about our fabulous Class of 1990 classmates. But we're fairly certain that there is some fact checking done on these columns, so we decided just to stick to the truth and make it short and sweet this time. So, here it is—the news:

**Christopher Ray** has joined the Portland design department of Criterium-Mooney Engineers. **Amy Sechrest Bragg** was given an award for continuing education from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Amy works as



a speech-language pathologist in the Voices to be Heard program at the Warren Center for Communication and Learning. **Leslie Mulhearn** was appointed to director of clinical services at Mid-Coast Mental Health Center. **Tim Archambault**, who works for the *Bangor Daily News*, received a first place award from the Maine Press Association. Tim was honored in the advertising category. **Kara M. Tierney-Trevor** has been hired as a social worker at South Portland High School. Kara was previously a clinician at the Community Counseling Center in Portland.

Please, please write to us. Have an extra holiday letter floating around? Send it in. Let us know you're out there and at least skimming the column. We know you've already blown most of your New Year's resolutions, so just make a belated one and vow to write to us, just once this year!

## 1995

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Good day, fellow classmates. I hope that spring weather has started to make some sort of appearance where you are, and if it hasn't I hope it does soon!

Old Town High School is the new professional home of **Donna Miles**. Donna will serve as a physical education and health teacher. **Eric Steeves** has been transitioning to a new position with Millinocket schools from Schenck High School. Eric was the guidance director for Schenck High School and will work in a similar capacity for Millinocket. Also in education, S.A.D. 35 in Eliot has hired two new assistant principals, one of whom is our classmate, **Scott Edwards**. Prior to his new position, Scott taught math at Telstar Regional Middle/High School in Bethel, and has the distinction of having attended high school himself in the building he will now watch over.

In September, **Carrie Davis** completed Basic Hospital Corps School at the Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Illinois. Carrie is a Navy petty officer 2nd class and during the 14-week course she learned a wide range of

medical procedures to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses. In other military news, Air Force captain **Christopher Lane** received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award at the Western New England College Academic Honors Convocation held last May. Chris is currently serving as an assistant professor of aerospace studies in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Back in October, UMaine held its annual Sports Hall of Fame induction banquet at the Wells Conference Center and our own **Christopher Imes** was one of the honorees. Chris helped lead the Black Bear hockey team to its first NCAA National Championship back in 1993, which I am sure many of us remember well. Chris had an outstanding career at UMaine. He ranks as tied for seventh in career games played with 156 and is tied for third in single season games played with 45. Chris was captain of the NCAA finalist 1994-95 team, and was the runner-up for the Hobey Baker Award that year as a defenseman. Chris was named the Hockey East Player of the Year in 1995, and was twice named to the NCAA All-Tournament team. Chris finished his career at UMaine with 26 goals, 79 assists, and was twice an All-American. Additionally, Chris played for Team USA in the 1994 Winter Olympics and played in eight games. Congratulations, Chris!

The entrepreneurial bug has caught **Carrie Carmichael Madden**. Carrie and her husband, Ryan, opened the Old Country Store on Route 2 in Greenbush last June. The Old Country Store serves as a convenience store, lunch counter, and game-checking station.

My last little bit of news involves the engagement of our classmate **Laura Carnes**. Laura, owner of her own public relations firm, Carnes Communications in Portland, will wed Jason Gall, a managing partner of J&R Associates, in June.

Well, unfortunately, that about wraps it up from the Class of 1995. I hope this finds you well and please be sure to drop us a line when you have a minute—we'd love to hear from you!

Let your classmates know what's going on in your life. Write or e-mail your class correspondent.

## 1996

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**Garrel Craig** has joined Bangor Savings Bank as branch manager at the Hammond Street location. How about the rest of you? We know there's news out there—it could be as big as a baby or as small as the message in a fortune cookie. Regardless of how mundane or momentous, your news is important to us and we'd love to hear it. Please write!

## 1997

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Happy spring, Class of '97. We want to hear your news. Whether you're still searching for that elusive dream job, continuing your education, or you're focusing on an upcoming vacation, we'd love to hear what's going on. Please send a note to share with the rest of the class. There's just this bit of news this time—**Robbin Lanpher** is engaged to Aimee Cram. The couple is planning a fall 2004 wedding. He is employed by the Maine Department of Transportation.

## 1998

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Another hearty Maine Hello from Baghdad! If all goes well, when this is published I anticipate being in my last days in Iraq and soon on my way back to Germany. I thank everyone for their support over the past year while I've been deployed. Special thanks go out to the alumni association for the care package with Moxie and lobster; alumni in

Rochester, New York, for sending the banner (Who from 1998 signed? I expect to hear from you soon!); *L.A. Times* reporter and author David Lamb '62 for stopping by at the palace; and fellow Betas and Skulls.

Last fall several of our classmates started new positions in the education field in Maine. **Brendon Cates** is currently teaching math at Machias Memorial High School. He recently returned home to Cutler. After graduation, Brendon worked for a computer consulting firm in Portland. At Old Town High School, **Shannon Gallant** is also starting to teach math. **Sandra Smith** is the new guidance counselor at the Central Aroostook Junior/Senior High School. She previously worked as a counselor at Houlton High School and also at the department of human services.

Best wishes go to **Dereck Treadwell**. Last fall, he was named the coach of the Husson College men's and women's cross-country teams. He is also currently a member of the Nike Farm Team, a national running team, and is training for the 2004 Olympic Trials.

**Kristina Foster Dean** is a computer professional at QuickSilver Courier Service in Bangor. QuickSilver is proud of all the experience that Kristina brings to their business: from project and employee management to designing business processes and solutions.

Last summer, **Elizabeth Moulton** performed in two operas in New York City as part of the American Singers' Opera Workshop, a seven-week program for aspiring opera singers. She sang in the role of Principessa in Puccini's *Suor Angelica* and Zita in *Gianni Schicchi*. She was also a member of the apprentice program for the Sarasota Opera from January to March 2003.

Congratulations go to **Cindy Blodgett** for her induction into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame on October 3rd. Cindy had already been inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame.

Before everyone gets busy with their summer activities, drop a line to let us know what you're up to!

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# 1999

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Hello, everyone! Here's the latest installment of news from the Class of 1999.

In September 2003, **Misty Edgecomb's** reporting was recognized in the annual Maine Press Association Better Newspaper contest. Her awards included first place in the investigative report (weekend) category; second place in the continuing story (weekend) category with co-writers Deborah Turcotte and Mary Anne Lagasse; and second place in the feature story (weekend) category.

Several classmates made career changes last fall. **Joshua A. Radel** was recently promoted to vice president and portfolio manager for Block Capital Management in Bar Harbor. Josh and his wife, Tammy Cyr Radel '01, live in Ellsworth. The Coriander Bistro in Sharon, Massachusetts, recently hired **Rebecca Newell** as a sous chef. **Carl Wilson** is a marine resources scientist at the department of marine resources in West Boothbay Harbor. He studies lobster populations.

**Laurie Laviolette** recently joined Mount Desert Island Hospital's Behavioral Health Center as a therapist. She provides individual counseling and group therapy sessions on anger management and relapse prevention.

**Karin Marshall Wilkes** has opened her own graphic design office in Ellsworth. KMW Design creates advertising and marketing with an emphasis on corporate branding. Congratulations and good luck on your exciting venture, Karin! In the world of education, **Greg Hughes** is now teaching physical education for kindergarten through eighth grade students at Whitefield School. He lives in Pittsfield. **Eric Gilman** has been on the staff at East Grand School in Danforth for four years. Last fall, he was transferred from the middle school to the high school social studies program. **Jennifer Major** is now teaching social studies at South Portland High School. She previously taught in Ellsworth. **Mary Hasenfus Miller** teaches music and drama at Boothbay Regional High School.

On the romantic side of things, **Michelle M. Foster** will soon be

*Cary Weston '94 and John McClay '95 of CM Weston*

## Listening to The Client

Cary Weston '94 and John McClay '95 of CM Weston have a simple, organic business philosophy—take the time to listen to your clients and understand what they really want.

Cary, the owner of the three-year-old Bangor ad agency, believes good business is all about building relationships.

"People want that," he says. "They want you to take time to listen to their ideas, needs, and concerns. Too often that doesn't happen in this business."

So far the concept is working. CM Weston has a growing number of clients in the region including the towns of Bucksport, Milford, and Hermon, a retirement complex in Belfast, a car dealership in Houlton, a major regional furniture company, and the University of Maine Foundation.

Starting his own company was something Cary wanted to do ever since he was an accounting student at UMaine. After graduation he worked in various capacities, including advertising, sales, and marketing, for several local companies.

In 2001 he began to see opportunities for his own ad agency and "got permission" from his wife to make the big leap.

"That was a tough morning," he remembers. "You wake up and realize that you are self-employed and unemployed at the same time."

For the first year he worked out of a back bedroom in his home. But he quickly got to the point where he realized he needed an appropriate space for meeting with clients. He moved to an office on Main Street in Bangor.

Meanwhile, he also realized he needed more help to deal with clients and expand his services. He had kept in touch with his old Bangor High School and UMaine classmate, John McClay, who was doing work on corporate presentations in Boston. He contacted John and asked



**Cary Weston '94 (left) and John McClay '95**

him to join the agency as an associate.

"I left Bangor thinking the grass would be greener in the big city," John says. "But after a few years, I realized life was pretty good in Bangor. I came back last June and feel very fortunate that things have gone as well as they have."

CM Weston has just moved into a new office on Central Street, where in addition to Cary and John, it employs a graphic designer and a programmer.

But true to their simple business approach the two don't plan to grow too fast.

"We don't want to get over ambitious," Cary says. "We don't believe in the 'build it and they will come' approach. I worked for a company that did that and it didn't work out. We'll let the business grow at its own pace. If we take care of our customers and provide a quality product, the growth will take care of itself."

One thing the two associates are looking forward to is filming a tour in Europe for an international soccer client. The job will take them to Iceland, Scotland, and England in July, including the chance to meet and film the world famous Manchester United soccer team.



marrying Shane Smith. The couple resides in Palmetto, Florida. Michelle is employed by IBM Global Services in Tampa. **Sara Davis** is engaged to **Bruce Rideout, Jr.** They live in Bangor where she is a veterinary technician and he is a process controller for Lane Construction. A July wedding is planned.

I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather now that spring is right around the corner. Of course, some of you may have balmy temperatures year round, but we won't know about that unless you send us your news! Go ahead, brag to all of us here in New England! Feel free to send me an e-mail at [aldq@rcn.com](mailto:aldq@rcn.com) or contact me at the address listed above.

## 2000

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As the weather warms and the signs of spring start to appear, it brings back memories of the beautiful day in May 2000 that we all congregated on the Alford stadium field for graduation. I hope you are enjoying your spring and getting ready for a wonderful summer.

Many of our classmates have begun new endeavors and careers in the new year. Classmate **Dan Cashman**, a radio and television personality in Bangor, signed a book contract with Beach Town Press. You can look for his book this summer or visit <http://www.beachtownpress.com> to learn more about the book. **Scott Kenney** of Bangor received the chartered financial analyst designation that was administered by the Association for Investment Management and Research. The CFA charter is the only globally recognized credential for investment analysis and management. Scott works for Bangor Savings Bank.

**Karen Thomas** has begun work on her production of a version of the *Princess and the Pea* which she calls *Once Upon a Mattress* at Winthrop High School. She was hired as the first director of the town/school-run center for drama. She is currently teaching two acting classes and two theater production classes at the high school level, plus managing the new drama program.

## Your Classmates Would Like to Hear From You!

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

Name:

Class year:

Place of residence:

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

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Hello, Class of 2001! As we approach our three-year anniversary of graduation, take a moment to remember some of your favorite college memories. What was your favorite place to eat? What was your favorite thing to do on a Friday night? Did you go to every hockey game? Do you still keep in touch with your roommates? Do you remember any classes? The answers to all of these questions are what made our time at the University of

Maine so special and so memorable to so many of us. However, we have all graduated and moved on to many diverse and exciting life opportunities. Read on to find out what your classmates have been doing.

**Danielle Pelletier** recently made a career move by becoming part of the Giraffe Events team located in Falmouth. She is a logistical producer. This marks a move all the way from Bangor where she previously was with WBRC Architects. **Chris Frank** recently offered advice to a legislative panel designed to help Maine's students in their college and career aspirations. The panel also discussed ways in which to encourage graduates to remain in Maine once they have received their degree. Chris noted that he stayed because the university assisted him in opening his own business, Intelligent Spatial Technologies, located in

Orono. Chris's business produces software for hand-held devices.

Many graduates of the Class of 2001 are dedicating their lives to the education of America's youth by teaching, working as an administrator, or assisting a school department's endeavors. Here is what some of us are doing to help education. **Christopher Strange** received his bachelor's in music education and went on to receive a master's degree from the University of Kentucky. He was recently hired as an elementary district-wide band instructor in S.A.D. 61. S.A.D. 8 has named **Susan Pratt** their new assistant superintendent. Susan, a Farmington native, will be returning home to fill the position after 18 years as a teacher in S.A.D. 58. A teacher at Old Town's Stillwater Montessori School, **Joanne DeFilipp Alex** has won the school a \$500 grant from the National Geographic Society Education Foundation. The grant will be used to allow all students, grades one through six, to become what they are calling "Habitat Heroes." They will complete such projects as a butterfly garden and volunteering hours. Joanne's application was selected from a pool of national applications.

A graduate of the business administration program, **Brandi Pomeroy** will wed Dr. Carlos Cunha in a fall 2004 wedding. Brandi is currently obtaining her master's degree from Emerson College in Boston. Congratulations and good luck to the happy couple!

This magazine is our way of keeping in touch and sharing in the successes of our fellow alumni. Please write to the alumni association with your news about jobs, babies, engagements, weddings, and anything else that you want to share! We want to hear from you! Thank you to all and have a wonderful spring!

## 2002

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Hopefully, as the snow starts to melt, our classmates are rejoicing in their many accomplishments.

**Beth Paradis**, a science teacher at Nokomis Regional High School, has been selected to participate in



the Northern New England Co-Mentoring Network. It helps connect new teachers with experienced teachers to learn different types of teaching techniques. **Meredith Gray** teaches third grade in Deer Isle as a long-term substitute. **Keturah Petrell** recently accepted a Spanish teacher's position at Old Town High School this past September. **Renee Miller** is an education technician III in School Union #49 for third and fourth grades. **Kate Loveless** accepted the position of cheering coach for the University of Southern Maine. She led Old Town High School to the championship in 2002.

**Adele St. Pierre** was the driving force behind the French Canadian Festival, *Terre pis Ciel*, which was held back in August 2003 in Livermore Falls. A five dollar per carload donation went to establishing a scholarship that will be going to a Jay or Livermore Falls student who wants to study in Quebec City. Not only is Adele the founder, she is also the director of the event. It is such a great accomplishment for the community and for her.

**Jim Leonard** joined the staff of *The Courier-Gazette* as a sports and general assignment reporter. **Katie Gardner Cates** is a registered nurse at Down East Community Hospital in the nursery. She currently lives in Cutler, Maine.

Some classmates sent news from out west. **Dawn Conary** sent us news that she is now living in Phoenix, Arizona, and is employed as a personal trainer for LA Fitness. She is planning a wedding for June 26, 2004, in Old Town. **Cherry Cannon** works at Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort in Mammoth Lake, California, as a marketing coordinator. She recently accepted a position at Mammoth Hospital as the public relations assistant.

While **John Forester** was interning at the Wilmington Saturn plant as a student, he suggested that they donate vehicles to the university's engineering college for research. Saturn kept their word and this past fall the college of engineering received some vehicles from Saturn as a donation for research.

**Jonathan LaBonte** is working as an engineering consultant for Factory Mutual Insurance Company conducting risk assessment at commercial and industrial locations throughout the northeast. Just after graduation, he was appointed to serve as a director on the board of the University of Maine Alumni Association, with a seat on the long range planning committee. In Mas-

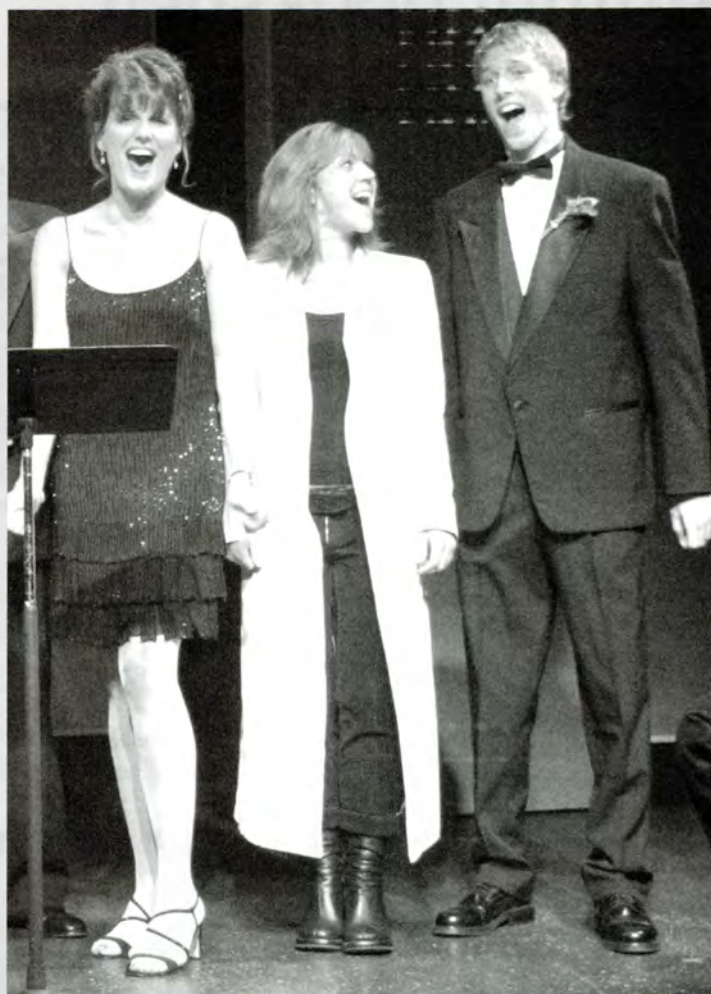
## Matthew Small '02 Performs at NYC Theater Opening

Class of 2002 member Matthew Blake Small performed last fall in the gala opening of the Abingdon Theatre Company's new June Havoc Theatre. The new 98-seat venue is named for 91-year-old stage and screen veteran June Havoc.

The gala included appearances by *New York Times* writers Frank Rich and Alex Witchel, director and playwright Martin Charnin, and performers Lucie Arnaz, Laurence Luckinbill, Andrea McArdle, Charlotte Rea, and others.

Small serves as director of marketing and development for the Abingdon, an off-Broadway company that develops and produces new American plays. The company was recently recognized by the American Theatre Wing for consistent commitment to excellence in theater for the fifth consecutive year.

Matthew returned to his hometown in Windham, Maine, in December to appear as a guest artist with the Windham Chamber Singers in *An American Family Holiday* at the North Windham Union Church.



Performing at the gala opening of the June Havoc Theater are (left to right): Lucie Arnaz, Andrea McArdle (Broadway's original Annie), and Matthew Blake Small. Not shown in the photo is Laurence Luckinbill.

sachusetts, he has joined the Order of the Knights of Columbus (Council #252) and, through his position on the board of directors for his building association he is working to coordinate a renovation and capital campaign for their reception and meeting building. He currently lives in Plaistow, New Hampshire.

Some classmates are also anticipating starting a new life with that special someone. Two classmates, **Kimberly Crouse** and **Robert Pontau**, are planning a June 2004 wedding. Kim is employed by Woodard and Curran in Portland. Robert is employed by Harry Cooker and Sons Construction in Thompson. **Kelli Moore** and Douglas Raineault set a wedding date of August 21,

2004, at the United States Naval Academy Chapel in Annapolis, Maryland. Kelli is currently working as an accountant for Deloitte and Touche in Washington, D.C.

As always, I would love to hear from you. I hope that you have a great spring!

## 2003

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The Class of 2003 has a new class correspondent thanks to **Sara Green**, who will write a 2003 column beginning with the summer issue of *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. Please send your news to the alumni association or to her. Her e-mail address is: Directorsara@msn.com and her mailing address is: 134 4th Street, Bangor, Maine 04401. Have a great spring, everyone!

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# Alumni Bookshelf

## A MOTHER'S DREAM

David Packhem, Jr. '79

Illustrated by Iona Tate Desmond '62

Worzalla Publishing Company, 2003



This children's story told in rhyme begins with the birth of a baby daughter and her mother's dream about the baby's future. The dream prompts

the mother to sew an elegant dress for her daughter. Although other events in the girl's life prevent the mother's dream from becoming reality, the dress plays a role in another girl's dreams and future.

The pastel illustrations by Iona Tate Desmond add warmth and life to the story.

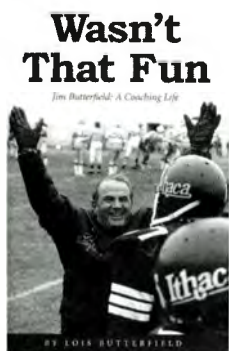
Proceeds from the sale of this book will benefit Project G.R.A.C.E., a Scarborough, Maine-based non profit that helps people in need.

## WASN'T THAT FUN

JIM BUTTERFIELD: A COACHING LIFE

Lois Butterfield

Maple-Vail Book Manufacturing Group, 2003



Many alumni will remember UMaine football player and coach Jim Butterfield '53, '58G. Now, Lois Butterfield has written this book about her husband, who became well known for his 27 years as head football coach at Ithaca College. Mrs. Butterfield enriches

this retrospective of her husband's life and coaching career with old photos, numerous anecdotes, and letters from former players.

The book also includes the names of the many players Jim coached, the game scores, and the Xs and Os that illustrate different plays, strategies, and formations. A whole chapter is devoted to his years as a student

and coach at the University of Maine.

After his first seven years as head coach at Ithaca, the team had a 29-29 record and Jim wondered if it would improve. The next year the team reached the Stagg Bowl. In 1997 Jim was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. He retired in 1993 and died in 2002.

Jim Butterfield's career was a family matter, and Lois notes that her own health sometimes suffered as she got caught up in the stress and excitement of the football season.

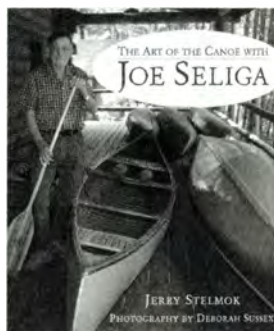
"The coaches are so busy that there is no room for nail-biting and self-doubt. The same could not be said of the wives and family members," she writes.

Books can be ordered from NJ Distributing, 170 Office Park, Pittsford, New York, or [www.thebutterfieldbook.com](http://www.thebutterfieldbook.com).

## THE ART OF THE CANOE WITH JOE SELIGA

Jerry Stelmok '70

MBI Publishing Company, 2002



Joe Seliga of Ely, Minnesota, is a master craftsman who has constructed more than 650 canvas-covered cedar canoes. Author Jerry Stelmok, himself a builder of canvas-covered wooden

canoes, chronicles Joe's childhood experiences with canoes, his career, and the role of his wife in his work. He describes Seliga as a young man repairing the family canoe, the brief period when he built fiberglass canoes, and the last canoe that he built with his wife.

The second half of the book focuses on the construction of a wooden canoe under Seliga's expert hands. In the cinder-block garage behind his home, Seliga built canoes while he was employed in mining and continued during his retirement. Many color and a few black and white photographs show Joe Seliga's canoes, his workshop, and the master canoe builder at work. Throughout the book, owners of Seliga canoes pay tribute to the handsome crafts that handle so well.

## RAISING FINANCIALLY FIT KIDS

Joline Dudley Godfrey '72

Ten Speed Press, 2003



Is your child a spend-thrift? A giver? A hoarder? A scrimper? Or maybe, just downright oblivious to money? Do you know how to make financial fitness fun? Do you know where your child is on the developmental map of financial readiness and where

he needs to be by the age of 18?

*Raising Financially Fit Kids* is designed for adults—parents, grandparents, mentors, advisors, and educators—who want to help give kids the financial skills that are required to exercise good judgement, practice responsible habits, and live financially sound lives. At the heart of the book is an understanding that financial literacy is not just about money, but about launching great kids. The book also addresses protecting children from the pressures of marketing that target children, and discussing sound financial values.

Author Joline Godfrey '72 presents many examples and offers a developmental map that covers specific money skills that children of different ages can master. The map gives parents a step-by-step approach to helping their children become smart money managers and responsible decision makers.

## WHEN SOFT WAS THE SUN

Merle Hillman '48

Puckerbrush Press, 2003



This novel, set during the five years following the end of World War II, opens and closes with haying scenes on the Adams farm in rural Maine. Three generations of family live and work on the farm. Family relationships, the responsibilities that



the farm requires, young men coming of age, the arrival of outsiders, and changes in technology all create tensions among the different characters.

Merle Hillman depicts the daily and seasonal rhythm of life on a farm, with its cycles of milking, planting, haying, and harvesting. Underlying the descriptions of farm work, recreation, and daily conversations around the dinner table are themes of duty to family, to country, and the beckoning of the world beyond the immediately familiar surroundings.

**THE MOMS' GUIDE TO MEAL MAKEOVERS: IMPROVING THE WAY YOUR FAMILY EATS, ONE MEAL AT A TIME!**  
Janice Newell Bissex '81 and Liz Weiss  
Broadway Books, 2004



Janice Newell Bissex '81, former dietitian for the U.S. Senate, has teamed up with journalist and editor Liz Weiss to concoct this family-friendly cookbook and nutrition reference. They suggest ways to boost the nutritional value of foods that

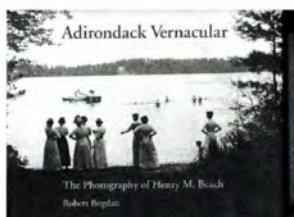
children typically enjoy, and offer five strategies to improve eating habits.

The authors critique convenience foods such as hot dogs, boxed macaroni and cheese, and pot pies, and offer suggestions about the nutritional value of different brands. They have also taken 120 recipes and reworked them. With each recipe, a nutritional chart shows how the revised recipe boosts the nutrients, reduces the sodium or fat, or otherwise improves the overall health of the dish. No recipe is complex, and each can be prepared in a short period of time.

"Our criteria were simple," they write, "to weave super nutrition into each recipe...making it healthier than the original, maintaining or improving the flavor, and speeding up the prep and cook time whenever possible."

Bissex is a sought after speaker and nutrition consultant for restaurants and food companies. She lives in Melrose, Massachusetts, with her husband and two daughters.

**ADIRONDACK VERNACULAR**  
THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF HENRY M. BEACH  
Robert Bogdan '62  
Syracuse University Press, 2003



Henry M. Beach was a prolific and accomplished upstate New York photographer who documented the North Country during the first

quarter of the twentieth century. His photographic legacy is explored in this volume, where more than 250 of his photos show central and western Adirondack inns, towns, logging camps, scenery, and people engaged in work and play.

More than a compilation of photos, this book explores the life of Henry Beach, his subjects, the photographic technology of the period, and how he made a living with his photos. Although he was a commercial photographer who specialized in panoramic and post-card photography, his images are not simply of tourist attractions and lodgings, but also of industries, steamers, schools, people relaxing on verandas, and other subjects.

Anyone interested in the history of the Adirondacks or rural early twentieth century life will enjoy this look back at another era.

**OLD LAGRANGE VOLUME I**  
Compiled by Bill Sawtell '71, Josephine Blake Bail '42, and others  
Moosehead Communications, 2003

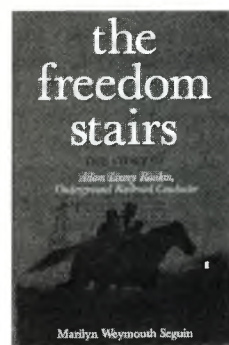


The compilers of this volume have arranged a chronological history of LaGrange, Maine, from the time David Hinkley settled there in 1822, to recent years.

This paperback history contains numerous anecdotal profiles of people, places, and events. Compiled with the assistance of many people, Bill Sawtell '71 and Josephine Blake Bail '42 have

pulled together numerous resources to offer a broad outline of the town's history. There are brief descriptions of past residents, farms, schools, the church, and Grange. The town's inns, mills, stores, and the railroad contributed to the close-knit community's character. Old black and white photos of mills, woodsmen, farms, and former residents further illustrate the town's residents and buildings.

**THE FREEDOM STAIRS**  
THE STORY OF ADAM LOWRY RANKIN, UNDERGROUND RAILROAD CONDUCTOR  
Marilyn Weymouth Seguin '73  
Branden Books, 2004



Suppose your sleep was disturbed once or twice a week by a soft rap on the door. Perhaps you'd have to dress quickly before running to the barn to saddle the horses. Then you might have to ride ten miles or so on horseback, in the dark, with a trembling soul clinging to your

back—or perhaps you'd be hiding several souls in the wagon you were driving, hoping not to hear the sound of pursuing horses. What excuse could you give for being out alone in the dark?

Marilyn Weymouth Seguin relied on Adam Lowry Rankin's autobiography to tell the story of an Ohio family's role in the underground railroad. The Rankin family helped more than 2,000 slaves to freedom. One of the fugitives was an inspiration for Eliza in Harriett Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

## Alumni Authors

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# Weddings

1984

**Peter Michael Domino** to Julie Kay Fredrickson on June 28, 2003, in Holliston, Massachusetts. They honeymooned in Georgetown, Maine, and live in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

1987

**Andrew Chebishev** to Sara Carpenter on October 5, 2003, in Wayne, New Jersey. They honeymooned in Hawaii and live in Boonton, New Jersey.

1991

**Gary Taylor** to **Tiffany Mosher '92, '94G** in Hanover, Massachusetts. They honeymooned in Hawaii and live in Marshfield, Massachusetts.

1993

**Jenifer Joy Hochstrasser** to Robert L. Martin, Jr. on July 27, 2003, in Vancouver, British Columbia. They took an Alaskan cruise and reside in Tucson, Arizona.

**Kimberly Hoppe** to Richard Laney on September 13, 2003, in South Portland, Maine. Following a wedding trip to Nova Scotia, they live in Sebago, Maine.

1994

**Paul Marquis** to Alicia Estes on August 2, 2003, in Kittery, Maine. They took a honeymoon trip to Bar Harbor, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, and reside in Kittery.

**Brett Bailey** to Crystal Martin on August 15, 2003, in Benton, Maine. They honeymooned in Florida and live in Fairfield, Maine.

**Arnold Scott Clark** to Tamara Rinon Gallardo on October 4, 2003, in Mexicali, Mexico. They reside in Bangor.

**Matthew Thomas Knudsen** to Karen Theresa Greenwood on September 12, 2003, in Waitsfield, Vermont. They honeymooned in Italy and live in South Burlington, Vermont.

**Matthew Tonello** to **Karin Donovan '95** on August 16, 2003, in East Orrington, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Italy and live in Wellesley, Massachusetts.

**Aaron Daniel Conant** to Triste Marie Couombe on September 28, 2003, in Newport, Rhode Island. They took a wedding trip to Rome and Venice.

**Gordon Andrew Willey** to Amy Marie Louzier on September 20, 2003, in Lyme Center, New Hampshire. They live in White River Junction, Vermont.

**Jennifer Marie Tingley** to Robert David Prince on August 9, 2003, on Chebeague Island, Maine. They honeymooned in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and reside in Scarborough, Maine.



Among the guests at the wedding of Jennifer Schlenker '95, '97G and Mark Koza '96 were, standing (left to right): Michael Torrisi '96, Richard Radulski '97, James Douglas '97, Timothy Priestly '67, Christine Payne Koza '89, Christine Freeman Cascio '96, Marybeth Koza '94, Vincent Dickinson '92, Jessica Moody Dettore '98, and Alissa Findlan '99. Kneeling are: Shane Cough '95, Jeffrey Lallemand '95, Jessica Schlenker '02, Michael Koza '98, Mark Koza '96, Jennifer Schlenker '95, Lori Schlenker '91, Stephen Cascio '96, and Marc Dettore '98. The wedding took place on July 19, 2003, at Sonesta Beach Resort in Southampton, Bermuda.

ough, Maine.

**Dana Levasseur** to Kelly Morrison on August 30, 2003, on St. Lucia, West Indies. They reside in Birmingham, Alabama, and plan to move to Massachusetts.

1995

**Adam Hodgdon** to Cynthia Bruce on July 6, 2003, in Cape Neddick, Maine, on July 6, 2003. They live in Nashua, New Hampshire.

**Ken Olsen** to Sarah Delfausse on July 26, 2003, in Waitsfield, Vermont. They took a wedding trip to Carmel, California, and live in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

**Jennifer Athyn Schlenker '97G** to **Mark Alan Koza '96** on July 19, 2003, in Southampton, Bermuda. They honeymooned in Bermuda and live in Charlestown, Massachusetts.

1996

**Jason Harold Lyon** to Caroline Elise Bullock on September 6, 2003, in Stowe, Vermont.

They live in South Burlington, Vermont.

**Marco Cloutier** to Erin Allen on September 13, 2003, in Lewiston, Maine. They took a wedding trip to London and Paris and reside in Lewiston.

**Kristina Galli** to **Brennan Brown '97** on July 12, 2003, in York, Maine. They took a honeymoon in the Greek Islands and reside in Burlington, Vermont.

**Eric Swanson '98G** to Beth Rod on August 16, 2003, in Lyme, New Hampshire.

**Brian Alton Lougee** to Sarah Gibbs Beardsley on August 9, 2003, in Portland, Maine. They honeymooned in St. Lucia and live in Portland.

1997

**Dennis Ingvi Cushing** to Melissa Anne Mozley on September 6, 2003, in Norfolk, Virginia. They took a cruise to Mexico and reside in Virginia Beach.

**Derek Claude Pettengill** to Terri Renee Rager on May 30, 2003, in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania.



nia. After a honeymoon in Aruba they reside in Selinsgrove.

**Michelle Lynn Poulin** to Jason Dennis Grover on September 7, 2003, in Manchester, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Aruba and live in Augusta.

**Michael P. Flynn** to **Mary Kathleen Wells '98** in Lynnfield, Massachusetts.

#### 1998

**Sean William Walton** to Leah Beth Tortola on August 2, 2003, in Waltham, Massachusetts. After a trip to Tahiti and California, they live in Waltham.

**Brian D. French** to **Mary Graziano '01** on July 26, 2003. They live in Harrison, Maine.

**Leslie Thurston** to Philip Beck on July 12, 2003, in South Thomaston, Maine. After a honeymoon in Belize, they reside in Hampton, Virginia.

**Joseph Montgomery** to Renee Nieland on September 12, 2003, in Orlando, Florida. They took a Caribbean cruise and reside in Orlando.

**William Joseph Doughty** to **Erin Breheny Chamberlain '00** on November 9, 2003, in Narragansett, Rhode Island. They visited Scotland and Iceland on their honeymoon and live in East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

**Michel Lavoie** to Daisy Creamer on September 20, 2003, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. After a honeymoon in Aruba, they live in Barrington, New Hampshire.

**Garrett Colin Quinn** to Katie Nell Sydes on August 23, 2003, in Kissimmee, Florida. They spent their honeymoon in St. Lucia and live in Blairsville, Georgia.

**Kasey Allison Faunce** to William Alexander Harris on August 23, 2003, in Waterville, Maine. They honeymooned at Hilton Head, South Carolina, and reside in Scarborough, Maine.

**Jonathan P. Vigneault** to **Erika L. Ouellette '99** on June 7, 2003, in Freeport, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Mayan Riviera, Mexico, and live in North Yarmouth, Maine.

**Robert Curry** to Jennifer Fecteau on June 21, 2003, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Following a honeymoon in Mexico they live in Portsmouth.

#### 1999

**Sarah A. Cairns** to **Darryl F. Stewart, Jr. '00** on August 23, 2003, at Sebasco Estates, Maine. They honeymooned in Ireland and reside in Portland, Maine.

**Amy Lyn Standing** to Arthur Wayne Robinson on July 26, 2003, in Attleboro, Massachusetts. After a trip to Disney World, they reside in Westerly, Rhode Island.

**David Long** to Julia Quigley on May 24, 2003,



**Andrew Chebishev '87** was married to **Sara Carpenter** on October 5, 2003, in New Jersey. He and Sara met through a theater in Morristown, New Jersey. Andrew works as an electronic engineer for the U.S. Army.

in Beverly, Massachusetts. Following a wedding trip to Italy, the couple resides in North Reading, Massachusetts.

**Sarah E. Bourgoin** to Brian Trottier on October 3, 2003, in Mesa, Arizona. They honeymooned in San Diego and live in Mesa.

**Shawn Tewksbury** to Elizabeth Merrill on October 18, 2003, in Kezar Falls, Maine. They took a honeymoon trip to Bretton Woods and reside in Cornish, Maine.

**Jennifer Lyn Greenberg** to Michael James McCullum on August 30, 2003, in Orange, Connecticut. They took a wedding trip to Aruba and live in Portland, Maine.

**Tammy Lee Pontau** to Ryan Matthew Keaten on September 27, 2003. They live in Fryeburg, Maine, and plan a spring wedding trip.

#### 2000

**Garrett Ames Gustafson** to **Danielle Hope Myers '01** on September 5, 2003, in Bath,

### Recently Married?

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Maine. They honeymooned in the Dominican Republic and reside in Topsham, Maine.

**Eilean C. Moskey** to **Daniel L. Worcester '01** on October 25, 2003, in Dedham, Maine. They honeymooned in Montreal and reside in Newfield, Maine.

**Cynthia Ann Gorey** to **Corey John Gagnier '01** on September 27, 2003, in Lewiston, Maine. They honeymooned in Aruba and live in Lewiston.

**Maureen M. Dawson** to Donald C. Potter on July 12, 2003, at Jordan Pond, Acadia National Park. They took a wedding trip to Switzerland and Venice, Italy, and live in Winthrop, Maine.

#### 2001

**Laura Crockett** to **Robert Blake** on September 13, 2003, in Brewer, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Aruba and reside in Raymond, New Hampshire.

**Matthew Aaron White** to Heather M. Lary on May 24, 2003, in Plymouth, New Hampshire. They honeymooned in St. Lucia and live in Holderness, New Hampshire.

**Kelly Jean Angotti** to Jason Robert Falone on September 26, 2003, in Millinocket, Maine. They took a Western Caribbean cruise and reside in Dover, New Hampshire.

**Tara Lynn Sainio** to **Nathan Aaron Miller** on June 21, 2003, in Thomaston, Maine. They honeymooned on a Caribbean cruise and live in Union, Maine.

**Roger Gervais II** to Lori Lemieux on November 27, 2003, in St. Lucia, West Indies. They honeymooned in St. Lucia and live in Cedarburg, Wisconsin.

**Shaun M. Russell** to **Micheline D. Franklin '03** on July 26, 2003, in Portland, Maine. They took a trip to the White Mountains and reside in Milford, Maine.

#### 2002

**Aaron Joseph St. Pierre** to Jennifer Lynn Martin on June 14, 2003, in Bethel, Maine. They traveled to Hawaii for their honeymoon.

**Michael Stephen McIntire** to Amanda Ellen Scally on August 30, 2003, in Bath, Maine.

#### 2003

**Crystal Fox** and Loren Scott on September 13, 2003, on Folly Beach, South Carolina. They live in Goose Creek, South Carolina.

**Kelley Jo Tash** to Robert Stanley Legassie, Jr. on June 14, 2003, in Lincoln, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Hawaii and reside in Hampden, Maine.

**Jason Castonguay** to Meranda Hafford on August 9, 2003, in Wade, Maine. They honeymooned in the Pocono Mountains and reside in Fort Kent, Maine.



# Deaths

1929

**Alice Revere Lincoln Leanhard**, January 15, 2004, from Houlton, Maine, at 97.

1930

**Francis "Lefty" Clair Wright**, November 13, 2003, from Englewood, Florida, at 97.

1931

**Edward Creighton Bryant**, November 18, 1990, from California, at 82.

**Mildred Ellis Merrifield Walter**, December 19, 2003, from Waldoboro, Maine, at 95.

1933

**Enoch Harry Williamson**, December 29, 2000, from Tiffin, Ohio, at 90.

1934

**Reverend Wallace Henry Harris**, October 24, 2003, from Bar Harbor, Maine, at 96.

**John Norton Paul**, December 16, 2003, from York Beach, Maine, at 90.

**Dr. Abraham Everett Rosen**, May 15, 2003, from Worcester, Massachusetts, at 93.

1935

**Frederick Wilber King**, December 27, 2003, from Augusta, Maine, at 89.

**Paul "P.I." Irving Knight**, January 19, 2004, from Walpole, Massachusetts, at 89.

**Roy Howard Monroe**, December 15, 2003, from Milo, Maine, at 90.

1936

**Marion Agnes Hilton**, January 23, 2004, from Norridgewock, Maine, at 90.

**Helen Louise Buker Rochlin**, March 5, 2003, from Cambridge, Massachusetts, at 88.

1937

**Charles Barstow Buck**, November 29, 2003, from West Newfield, Maine, at 90.

**Fred Sanborn Judkins**, October 14, 2003, from Upton, Maine, at 87.

**Lucinda "Cinda" Ewer Rich Waterman**, November 27, 2003, from Camden, Maine, at 89.

1938

**Douglas Raymond Best**, October 28, 2003, from Stuart, Florida, at 89.

**Richard Horn Britt**, June 18, 2003, from Juneau, Alaska, at 86.

**Constantine "Chris" Ferrante**, December 3, 2003, from Westbrook, Maine, at 90.

**Edward Wiggan Pierce**, January 26, 2004, from Wooster, Ohio, at 89.

**Frances Louise Getchell Rodick**, January 26, 2001, from Bangor, Maine, at 83.

**Mary "Gena" Regina Shay Ryan**, March 27, 2002, from Lewiston, Maine, at 86.

## Class of 1944 Members Jean G. Hufnagel and Frank P. Gilley

Two prominent members of the Class of 1944, Jean G. Hufnagel and Frank P. Gilley, D.D.S., passed away in the closing months of 2003.

Frank, who died on November 29, graduated magna cum laude from the University of Maryland School of Dental Surgery. In 1947 he earned a M.S.D. degree in orthodontics from Northwestern Dental School. He worked as a highly-regarded orthodontist in Bangor from 1947 until 1988. During those years he served terms as president of the Maine Dental Association, the Penobscot Valley Dental Association, and was on the Board of Dental Examiners.

Frank served in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps during World War II and again in the Korean War, retiring as a commander in the U.S. Naval Reserves.

He was also very involved in the community, serving as chair of the Katahdin Area Council of the Boys Scouts of America and as a past president of the Bangor Rotary Club. He was a master Mason in the Tremont Lodge and a member of the Anah Shriners.

Frank loved outdoor activities and tree farming and was happiest when he was fishing, hunting, or working on his farm. He was a state of Maine Guide since 1948 and received a National Tree Farm Award in 1992.

Frank is survived by his wife of 59 years Mary Ellen Gilley and their five daughters.

Jean G. Hufnagel, who was known simply as "Huff" to friends and classmates, died on December 27 at the Waldo County Hospital.

Like many of his '44 classmates, Huff's studies were interrupted after the start of World War II when he was called to active duty in the Army Air Corps. He became an



**Jean "Huff" Hufnagel '44 receiving the Golden "M" and Block "M" Awards in 1994 from former alumni association activities director Nancy Morse Dysart '60.**

instructor at the bombardiers and navigation school at Selman Field, Alabama.

Following the war, Huff returned to the University of Maine to complete his degree in chemical engineering. After graduation, he worked for the Texas Oil Company as a salesman in Maine, Connecticut, New York, and finally Brussels, Belgium. He retired in 1981.

Upon his retirement, Huff became active with his UMaine class. He headed up the planning for the class' 50th Reunion in 1994—which included helping to raise over \$2 million for the Class of '44 Hall which houses the university's school of performing arts. For his hard work and leadership, he was presented with the Golden "M" and Block "M" awards from the University of Maine Alumni Association.

Huff moved back to his beloved Maine in 1998 where he continued to enjoy his hobby as a gifted story teller. He also greatly enjoyed hanging out with his old college pals.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years Virginia Hufnagel and his three children, including Dennis Hufnagel, Class of 1968.



1939

**Charles Edward Bartlett, Jr.**, January 14, 2004, from Eliot, Maine, at 88.

**Donald "Don" Herbert Perrin, Sr.**, December 30, 2003, from Dade City, Florida, at 87.

**Stanley Thayer Titcomb**, November 11, 2003, from South Otselic, New York, at 85.

1940

**John "Bob" Robert Cameron**, May 23, 2003, from Denver, Colorado, at 85.

**Lyndon "Doc" Joyce Grant**, December 11, 2003, from Sedgwick, Maine, at 86.

**Gooden Gray**, October 29, 2003, from Brooksville, Maine, at 85.

**Elizabeth "Lib" Catherine Mulholland**, January 30, 2004, from Lubec, Maine, at 86.

**Clarence LeRoy Pratt**, November 28, 2003, from Lyndonville, Vermont, at 85.

**Ralph Francis Whicher**, December 24, 2003, from Houston, Texas, and Wakefield, Massachusetts, at 86.

1941

**Sherman King Smith**, December 2, 2003, from Waldoboro, Maine, at 84.

**David "Dave" Wyman Warren, Jr.**, January 14, 2004, from Rockland, Maine, at 84.

1942

**George Barker Cunningham**, November 19, 2003, from Rumford, Maine, at 83.

**Irene Mae Knowles McGaughey**, November 22, 2003, from Mars Hill, Maine, at 82.

1943

**Charles Nichols Blanchard**, January 6, 2004, from Searsport, Maine, at 81.

**Charles Alton Markee**, December 30, 2003, from Hallsville, Texas, at 81.

**Edith Jordan Huntley Merrill**, January 6, 2004, from Old Town, Maine, at 81.

1944

**Frank Palmer Gilley**, November 29, 2003, from Surry, Maine, at 81.

**Philip Leigh Haines**, December 15, 2003, from Fort Fairfield, Maine, at 81.

**Jean "Huff" George Hufnagel**, December 27, 2003, from Belfast, Maine, at 83.

1945

**Charles William Camack**, December 8, 2003, from Camillus, New York, at 82.

**Dr. Robert Alexander Graves**, November 20, 2003, from Orono and Fort Fairfield, Maine, at 79.

**Clayton Wilber Holden**, October 27, 2003, from Rochester, New York, at 81.

**Horace Stanley Palmer**, January 30, 2004,



### Robert A. Graves '45, M.D.

Dr. Robert A. Graves '45 died on November 20, 2003, at his home in Orono. Because of the need for doctors in World War II, Bob left the University of Maine before completing his degree to attend the University of Rochester School of Medicine.

Following medical school, he married his UMaine sweetheart, H. Josephine "Jo" Otto '46, and worked for several years as a general practitioner in Fort Fairfield, Maine. That was interrupted when he was called to serve as an Army physician in Japan during the Korean War.

In 1959 Bob was hired by the University of Maine to be director of the Student Health Center, a position he remained in until his retirement in 1982. He was loved by UMaine students who referred to him as "Dr. Bob." From 1985 to 1997, he wrote a health column in the *Bangor Daily News*.

Jo died in 1993. Bob is survived by one sister, son Stephen '78, and three daughters including Betsy Graves Rose '89G and Deborah Graves Shoup '70. At Deborah's graduation, Bob was awarded an honorary bachelor's degree in zoology.

from China and South Bristol, Maine, at 81.

1946

**Harold Clement Parady**, October 25, 2003, from East Haven and North Branford, Connecticut, at 78.

1947

**Reverend Douglas William Auld**, December 11, 2003, from Yarmouth, Massachusetts, at

83.

**Evelyn "Foggy" Delia Fogg Blaney**, December 31, 2003, from Eliot, Maine, at 78.

**Wilfred "Cheesey" Cutler Chesebrough**, December 22, 2003, from Norwood, Massachusetts, at 77.

**Prudence "Prudy" Speirs Virgin**, January 16, 2004, from New Smyrna Beach, Florida, at 78.

1948

**Doris "Dottie" Elizabeth Merrill Condon**, November 28, 2003, from Old Town, Maine, and Mountain View, California, at 77.

**Lorna Fay Kramer Halpern**, November 22, 2003, from Framingham, Massachusetts, at 77.

**Walter Norman Low**, December 16, 2003, from Wilton, Maine, at 80.

1949

**Ralph Elbridge Barnett**, December 3, 2003, from Brookton, Maine, at 79.

**Robert Edwin Gates**, October 23, 2003, from West Enfield, Maine, at 77.

**Warren "Bud" Hubert Pressley, Jr.**, November 6, 2003, from Buxton, Maine, at 80.

**Lawrence Conrad Smith**, October 4, 2003, from St. Petersburg, Florida, at 77.

**Martha Powell Coles Wills**, December 30, 2003, from Lumberton, New Jersey, at 76.

1950

**David Armstrong (Eno Cimilluca)**, January 5, 2003, from Armonk, New York, at 78.

**John Ernest Barber**, December 13, 2003, from Hollis, Maine, at 78.

**Albert "Al" Bardsley, Jr.**, August 29, 2003, from Hanahan, South Carolina, at 80.

**William Robert Beyenberg**, August 28, 2003, from Norway, Maine, at 75.

**Joan "Jo" Engle Harvey Bither**, October 16, 2003, from Milo and Vinalhaven, Maine, at 75.

**Lorado Calvin Carter**, November 26, 2003, from Surry, Maine, at 77.

**Wade Augustine Comber**, December 26, 2003, from North Vassalboro, Maine, at 78.

**Alanson Merrill Darrell**, December 20, 2003, from Spruce Head, Maine, at 78.

**Gerard "Gerry" Amedee Faucher**, December 9, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, at 80.

**Harold Leroy Getchell**, November 2, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, at 80.

**Theodore Thomas Gingrow**, January 8, 2004, from Belleview, Florida, at 80.

**William "Bill" Raymond Johnson, Sr.**, October 28, 2003, from Port Orange, Florida, at 75.

**Lloyd Alexander Karkos**, January 8, 2004, from Centerville, Massachusetts, at 80.



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**John Lawrence Knight**, November 16, 2003, from Rockland, Maine, at 79.

**Richard Leslie Libby**, November 4, 2003, from Lisbon and Freeport, Maine, at 79.

**Dean Sawyer Pierce, Sr.**, December 9, 2003, from St. Paul, Minnesota, at 85.

**Richard Craig Sawtelle**, December 9, 2003, from Lyman, Maine, at 79.

**Herbert "Herbie" Alton Snowman, Sr.**, October 31, 2003, from Cleveland, Tennessee, and Waterville, Maine, at 81.

**Carroll "Terry" Franklin Terrell**, November 29, 2003, from Orono, Maine, at 86.

**William Rutledge Wiggin**, October 8, 2003, from Hamilton, Massachusetts, at 76.

**1951**

**Roger "Bishop" Carpenter Bailey**, October 24, 2003, from Falmouth, Maine, at 76.

**Nancy Louise Allen Carlton**, November 17, 2003, from Shapleigh and Springvale, Maine, at 74.

**Arthur Ward Reynolds**, January 8, 2004, from Dunnellon, Florida, at 76.

**Richard Melvin Stevens**, October 28, 2003, from Dallas, Texas, at 77.

**Philip Dana Wells**, February 4, 2003, from Vicksburg, Mississippi, at 80.

**1952**

**Harry Sawyer Brennan**, December 5, 2003, from East Winthrop, Maine, at 75.

**Payson Julian Brett**, January 2, 2003, from Montgomery, New York, at 72.

**John Gibbon**, April 6, 2003, from Morris Plains, New Jersey, at 77.

**James Harry McGlaufflin**, November 5, 2003, from Standish, Maine, at 74.

**Sydney Jerome Page, Jr.**, November 13, 2003, from Bangor, Maine, at 75.

**Charles Graham Paine, Jr.**, April 16, 2003, from Pinehurst, North Carolina, at 77.

**Frances Margaret Russell**, January 13, 2004, from Sun City Center, Florida, at 80.

**1953**

**John Alfred Bragoli**, November 20, 2003, from Pittston, Maine, at 74.

**Sarah "Sally" Ellen Brackley Breen**, October 14, 2003, from San Antonio, Florida, at 72.

**Patricia "Pat" Nash Cushing**, November 28, 2003, from Estes Park, Colorado, at 73.

**Glenn Raynor Folsom**, November 21, 2003, from Bloomfield, Connecticut, and Dennis, Massachusetts, at 72.

**Ben Frank Pike**, December 12, 2003, from Wayne, Maine, at 76.

## Ormand J. Wade Class of 1961

With the death of Ormand Wade '61 on January 14, 2004, the University of Maine lost one of its most loyal and generous graduates.

After finishing a degree in engineering physics from UMaine, Orm continued his education, earning a master's degree in management from MIT. He then began a career with AT&T advancing through the company's engineering, operations, marketing, and personnel departments. In 1983 he became president and CEO of Illinois Bell. In 1987 he was appointed president of the Ameritech Bell Group and later retired as vice chair of Ameritech.

Throughout his distinguished career, Orm never forgot his alma mater. He offered his expertise and leadership abilities in a variety of capacities including service on the UMaine Board of Visitors, the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and the President's Development Council.

He also was a generous supporter of



**Ormand Wade (right) receiving the Black Bear Award from former alumni association chair Greg Jamison '72, '98G in 2001.**

the university, establishing a marine sciences fund in honor of his father and also providing a major gift to the new Leadership Center for students in the Memorial Union.

Orm is survived by his wife of 43 years, Miriam, and his two children, Valerie Bagg and Charles Wade, Class of 1983.

**Howard Dean Simpson**, January 6, 2004, from Dalton, Massachusetts, at 75.

**1954**

**Clay Gary Beal**, October 20, 2003, from Carson, Washington, at 71.

**Norris Dale Braley**, January 30, 2004, from Waldoboro, Maine, at 69.

**William "Bill" Lewis Muzzy**, December 2, 2003, from Greenville, Maine, at 69.

**Flora Olga Amatruda Thorp**, November 27, 1985, from Readfield, Maine, at 76.

**1955**

**Stanley Joseph Lavery**, April 27, 2003, from Sudbury, Massachusetts, at 77.

**Robert "Bobbi" Lewis McFadden**, December 16, 2003, from Trescott, Maine, at 69.

**Mary Ann Nickerson Osgood**, November 2003, from Kennebunk, Maine, at 70.

**1957**

**Lena Maude Clark Chandler**, November 19, 2003, from Phillips, Maine, at 96.

**Ann Chase Hussey**, January 19, 2004, from Winthrop, Maine, at 68.

**William "Bill" Frederick Vines**, November 25,

2003, from Rome, Maine, and Marco Island, Florida, at 68.

**1958**

**James Herbert Cole**, October 15, 2003, from Falmouth, Maine, at 72.

**William "Bill" Ogden Farley**, November 19, 2003, from Bingham, Maine, at 71.

**Ralph Erskine Pierpont**, January 21, 2004, from Kennebunk, Maine, at 72.

**Albert Armand Potvin**, November 16, 2003, from Old Orchard Beach, Maine, at 75.

**1959**

**Charles "Andy" Andre Charron**, May 28, 2003, from Fort Pierce, Florida, at 70.

**John Edwin Clements**, January 7, 2004, from West Enfield, Maine, at 72.

**Fred Ellsworth Davis**, January 13, 2004, from Auburn and New Gloucester, Maine, at 72.

**Elizabeth "Liz" Jane Pope Haggerty**, October 25, 2003, from Limington, Maine, at 66.

**Jeannine Elizabeth Morrow Schellhardt**, November 14, 2003, from Rancocas Woods, New Jersey, and Bangor, Maine, at 70.

**Joyce Louise Clark Swett**, January 23, 2004,



from Brewer and Stillwater, Maine, at 74.

**Donald Paul Woods**, January 26, 2002, from Grand Island, New York, at 64.

**1960**

**Bentley "Ben" Lawall Brown**, March 30, 2003, from Dewittville, New York, at 65.

**Hollis Frederick Letteney**, October 16, 2003, from Augusta, Maine, at 65.

**Elaine Valena Higgins Reddish**, January 1, 2004, from Mount Desert Island, Maine, at 66.

**Alfred Joseph Routhier, Jr.**, January 16, 2004, from Mexico, Maine, at 70.

**Richard Kittredge Varick**, October 27, 2003, from Damariscotta, Maine, at 71.

**Frederick Charles Wilbur**, January 6, 2000, from Rome, Italy, at 61.

**1961**

**Reginald Louis Dews**, January 19, 2004, from Otisfield, Maine, at 76.

**Michael Steven Needleman**, May 31, 2002, from Dallas, Texas, at 62.

**Ormand Joseph Wade**, January 14, 2004, from Southport, Maine, at 64.

**Ruth Frances Jordan White**, January 13, 2004, from Randolph, Maine, at 88.

**1962**

**Erma Marie Dimlich D'Alfonso**, September 26, 2003, from Port Aransas, Texas, at 92.

**Marion Beverly Perkins Goodenough**, November 18, 2003, from Pottersville, New Jersey, at 63.

**Dawn Daly Harvey**, January 17, 2004, from Halifax, Nova Scotia, at 63.

**Sheilya Eileen Wood Spiegel**, January 12, 2004, from Burnham, Maine, at 65.

**Clay Bonnie Tucker**, May 24, 2003, from Surprise, Arizona, at 63.

**1963**

**Donald Lee Philbrook**, November 25, 2003, from Auburn, Maine, at 64.

**1964**

**Sandra Minnie Guptill Powell**, November 23, 2003, from Fairfield, Maine, at 61.

**Andra Anne Thurlow Pruett**, November 28, 2003, from Winslow, Maine, at 62.

**1965**

**Emery John Gorondy**, September 8, 2003, from Centerville, Delaware, at 63.

**Dorothy Murphy Judkins**, November 16, 2003, from Stonington, Maine, at 93.

**1966**

**David Witherspoon Lowrance II**, November 1, 2003, from Sandwich, Massachusetts, at 59.

**1967**

## Carroll Terrell '50G

Much-loved University of Maine English professor Carroll Terrell died on November 29, 2003, in Bangor.

After receiving his undergraduate degree from Bowdoin in 1940, Professor Terrell entered the Army and served in World War II from 1941-45, attaining the rank of captain.

He began teaching at the University of Maine in 1948 and earned his master's degree from the university in 1950. He later earned a Ph.D. from New York University.

He was an internationally recognized scholar on the poetry of Ezra Pound and served as president of the Ezra Pound Society.

In 1971, he founded the National Poetry Foundation, cited as one of 10 Areas of Excellence in the University of Maine System. He also founded Northern Lights Press in Orono.



**William David Carsley**, October 1, 2003, from Stoneham, Massachusetts, at 59.

**Mildred "Beth" Elizabeth Kelley**, October 21, 2003, from Marblehead, Massachusetts, at 57.

**Russell James Ross**, November 9, 2003, from Cape Elizabeth, Maine, at 59.

**Lucille Reynolds Winters-Rainey**, November 20, 2003, from Waterville, Maine, at 85.

**1969**

**Robert William Hatch**, October 20, 2003, from St. Petersburg, Florida, at 56.

**Peter Wayne Lechman**, December 15, 2003, from Severna Park, Maryland, at 58.

**Sandra Lee Willey Pinkham**, December 13, 2003, from Old Town, Maine, at 64.

**1970**

**Paul Malcolm Grindall**, December 12, 2003, from Tucson, Arizona, at 56.

**Doris Moran Murchie**, January 11, 2004, from

Ellsworth, Maine, at 89.

**1971**

**Kenneth Elwood Additon**, November 23, 2003, from Turner, Maine, at 55.

**Mary Ellen Wickett Cunningham**, December 16, 2003, from Old Town and Charleston, Maine, at 54.

**Joanne Robinson Magill**, November 27, 2003, from Phoenix, Arizona, at 76.

**George Henry Murdock IV**, January 7, 2004, from Unity, Maine, at 78.

**Dora Cecelia Soucie Petrie**, October 21, 2003, from Bradley, Maine, at 78.

**1972**

**Jennie Merritt Gray**, November 26, 2003, from Hancock, Maine, at 85.

**Carol Francis Lawler**, December 8, 2003, from Hartford and Stafford Springs, Connecticut, at 53.

**Anna Lee Jipson Scribner**, January 20, 2004, from Machais, Maine, at 54.

**William Richard Wilson**, January 25, 2004, from Hermon, Maine, at 72.

**1973**

**Ethel Beal Backman**, October 20, 2003, from Newport, Maine, at 87.

**Mary Manon Dickey Bray**, December 1, 2003, from Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, at 72.

**Juliana Welch Jacobs**, July 18, 2003, from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, at 51.

**1974**

**Gilberta "Jill" Jandreau Pelletier**, January 24, 2004, from Greenville, Maine, at 79.

**1976**

**Virginia "Jinny" Evelyn Worthington Dolloff**, December 4, 2003, from Blacksburg, Virginia, at 49.

**1977**

**Joseph B. Cassidy, Jr.**, December 9, 2003, from Pittston, Maine, at 74.

**1981**

**Craig Steven Adamz**, December 28, 2003, from Blackstone, Massachusetts, at 43.

**Stephen Christopher Merrill**, January 14, 2004, from Portland, Maine, at 45.

**1984**

**David Jay Reynolds**, November 6, 2003, from Salt Lake City, Utah, at 43.

**1985**

**David Raymond Hicks**, January 16, 2004, from Bridgton, Maine, at 40.

**1989**

**Laurel Anderson Davis-Jeffers**, November 29, 2003, from Scarborough, Maine, at 35.



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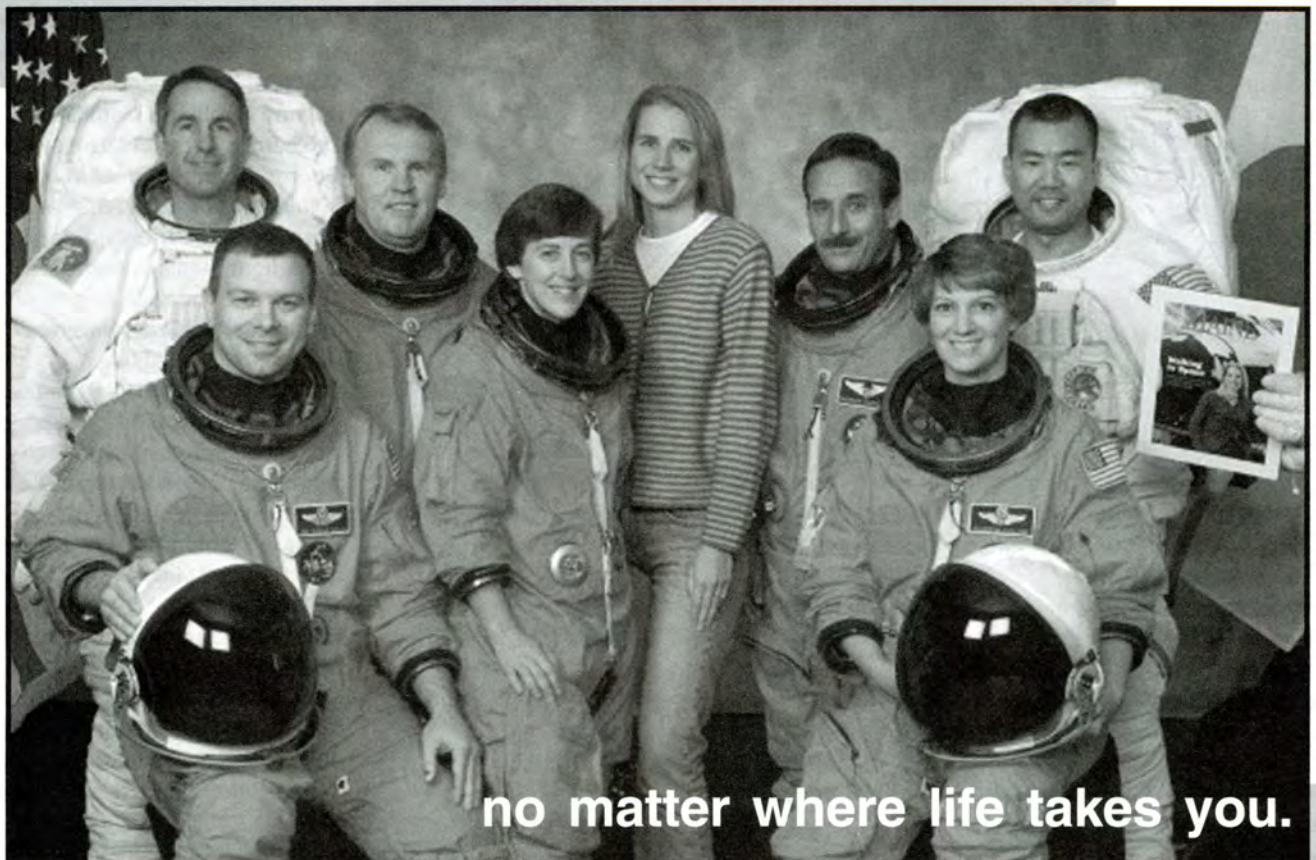


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# That Championship Season

**Z**oology books will tell you that Maine black bears are supposed to hibernate in winter. But the Black Bears of the University of Maine were not looking to rest in the winter of 2003-04. The men's ice hockey team finished one point out of first place in the regular season, won the Hockey East Tournament, and came within a goal of winning the national championship. The women's basketball team finished first in both the America East regular season and post-season tournament. And the men's basketball team compiled an outstanding 20-10 record and made it all the way to the America East championship game.

## SO CLOSE

The UMaine hockey team had one of the most successful seasons in its history—finishing with a 33-8-3 record. It was also one of the most exciting, with almost every game seeming to be decided by a margin of one goal, including the Hockey East and the national championship game. While Coach Tim Whitehead's team lacked an explosive offense, they received world-class defense from their two goalies, Jimmy Howard and Frank Doyle. Howard led the nation in goals against average

The Black Bears saved some of their most exciting games for last. In the Hockey East final, the Black Bears outlasted the UMass Minutemen in the longest game in Hockey East history—a triple overtime 109 minute marathon. Howard stopped 63 of 64 shots and Ben Murphy got the game winner in the 2-1 victory.

In the opening game of the NCAA Tournament, the Black Bears found themselves down 4-1 going into the final period, but put on an implausible four-goal rally to win over Harvard. The following night, UMaine was involved in another cliffhanger, finally defeating Wisconsin with an overtime goal by Mike Hamilton.

Maine defeated longtime rival Boston



The outstanding goaltending of Jimmy Howard (above) and Frank Doyle was the major factor in the Black Bears' success.

College 2-1 to get to the NCAA championship game against Denver. It was fitting that the season concluded with yet another thrilling one-goal affair. Unfortunately, this time, Maine came up just short in a hard-fought 1-0 loss.

## UMAINE WOMEN GET TO THE BIG DANCE

For the UMaine women the winter once again brought regular season domination over their America East opponents. In fact, UMaine built on its 2002-03 unbeaten conference streak well into this season, losing just one game to Vermont while compiling an amazing 35-1 America East conference

record in the last two seasons.

But unlike last year, the Black Bears didn't let that great regular season record get spoiled by a loss in the America East Tournament. Coach Sharon Versyp's players dominated their opponents and earned their seventh trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Playing a very talented and athletic Texas Tech team in the first round of the Midwest Regional in Missoula, Montana (a game televised on ESPN2), the Black Bears kept the game within reach, but eventually lost 60-50.

UMaine senior Heather Ernest was selected as the America East Player of the Year for the second straight season. She became the first back-to-back recipient of that honor since Cindy Blodgett '98 did it in 1996 and 1997. UMaine's Melissa Heon was an All-America East second team selection.

## BLACK BEAR MEN ALMOST BREAK THROUGH



Maine's Melissa Heon celebrates against Boston University. Maine beat BU for the America East championship.

The UMaine men also competed in the America East championship game, but unfortunately came up just a little short.

Coach John Gianini's team made a strong tournament run beating both Stony Brook and Binghamton to get to the championship game. Unfortunately, they went up against one of the great performances in America East Tournament history.

Vermont's Taylor Coppentrath, in his first game back from an extended injury, scored 43 points in the Catamounts 72-53 victory. The Black Bears ended the season at 20-10.



# Giving a Hand and Their Hearts to Honduras

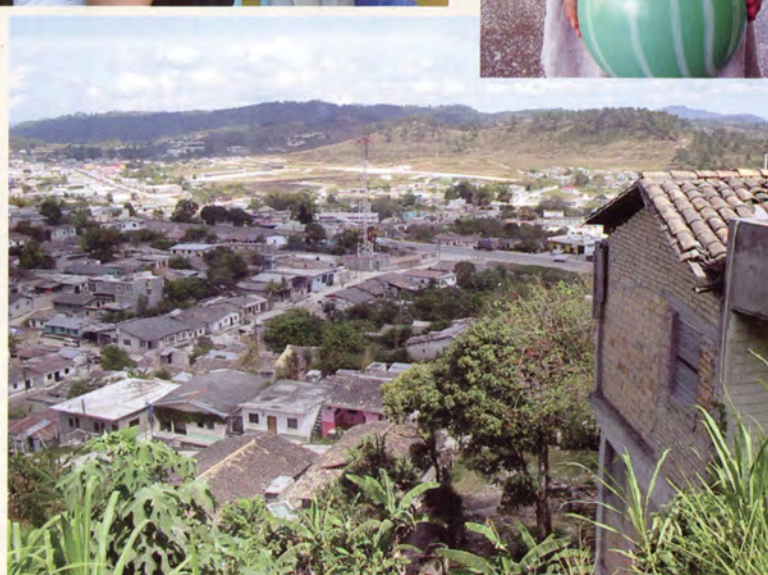
A group of UMaine students experience a rewarding alternative to the traditional spring break.

**T**he month of March means spring break time at UMaine. And while the winter of 2004 showed no sign of ending in Orono, a large number of students were thinking tropical weather and beach parties as they headed south for a few weeks of fun in the sun.

There was another group of students that headed for the tropics during break—but not for a vacation. They were off to Central America for a two-week volunteer stint in Honduras. The trip involved two groups of students, one from a specially designed Spanish language class and the other from an organization called REACH (Respect, Education, Action, Community, and Hope). The REACH group was partnered with Sustainable Harvest International, an organization with many connections in Central America.

All the students took two suitcases on the trip, one of which was left in Hondu-

Top photograph: Rebecca Brochu '05 gives a child comfort at a Honduran orphanage. Left center: UMaine Spanish professor Kathleen March with staff members at a home for the elderly. Right center: A Honduran orphan plays with a gift from UMaine students. Bottom: A view of Santa Rosa de Copan.





ras. Those suitcases were filled with everything from Band-Aids and clothes to school supplies such as pens and pencils—things most Americans take for granted.

Once they landed in Honduras the two UMaine groups parted ways. The REACH students traveled to the small town of Trasceros where they helped develop an educational center to teach sustainable agricultural techniques to farmers. Right now Honduran farmers often use slash and burn methods which rob the soil of nutrients.

According to REACH president Julia Monley '04, a senior Spanish major, the new techniques help both the environment and the farmers.

"It's great for the environment," she said. "It's also done in a way that it's good for the farmer too. My biggest hope is that it'll be used as a resource to make them comfortable and to make them want to change their patterns with farming."

Meanwhile the Spanish language group headed west, for the small city of Santa Rosa de Copan. There they stayed with host families and worked at two orphanages, a home for the elderly, and schools.

For most of the 30 students the trip was their first encounter with severe poverty. They had studied about Honduras for the entire semester, but research and reality can be two very different things.

"Anytime you go to another country there is an awakening of the differences," noted Kathleen March '02 Ph.D., the UMaine Spanish professor who led the 16 members of her class on the service-learning project. "Add to that the fact that Honduras is very, very poor. Everyday you see children whose bellies are swollen from malnutrition and starvation. The students were at orphanages where there was no running water, no hot water, no disposable diapers, and where kids just didn't have enough to eat."

In spite of living in the depths of severe poverty, March and her students were struck by the kindness and warmth of the people.

"It was really refreshing," noted Patrick Leahy '05. "The Honduran culture is so



Discussing their Honduras trip back on the UMaine campus are left to right: Lori Lommler '04, Andrew Rolla '04, Rebecca Brochu '05, Patrick Leahy '05, and Spanish professor Kathleen March '02 Ph.D.

open and friendly."

Rebecca Brochu '05 said she especially loved working with the Honduran children. She was struck by how kids with so little could give so much.

"They had so much positive energy. It was remarkable to us that these orphans had so little—were even malnourished, and yet they were still full of joy and affection."

**A**t the orphanage, the UMaine students helped with meals, changed diapers, and spent time reading to, and playing with the children.

"A lot of us left our hearts there," March said. "I think my students have a new concept about human relations—how you interact with people, how you respect others, how you put others first."

March said she is extremely proud of the way her students reacted to the dramatic contrast of Honduran life and culture. "They took the country on its own terms. They reflected a lot on what they were seeing and doing. They were careful, sensitive, and thoughtful."

Senior Lori Lommler '04 says she learned a good deal about community in Honduras, and the effect technology and development can have upon it. She says it wasn't only the stark contrast between the highly developed United States and Hon-

duras that made an impression, but the differences within Honduras itself.

"My first experience was in an area with no electricity," she said. "The sense of community there was so strong. Then we went to a place that had electricity, although it was still poor. I immediately noticed a difference. There was definitely less sense of community."

Lommler added that her experience made her think a lot about what's important in life.

"In some ways it was a harder adjustment coming back than going over," she said. "After being there and working with the Honduran people, well, a lot of the things we spend our time being so concerned about here just don't really seem very important."

For Kathleen March the trip to Honduras was everything she had hoped for—one of the most rewarding experiences of her long teaching career. She made ties, educational and personal, that she hopes to maintain and develop in the future.

And she feels strongly that one of the most important factors in the trip's success was the maturity and sensitivity of her UMaine students.

"I'm very proud of them," she said. "Everywhere they went they did a wonderful job representing the University of Maine. I would go anywhere with them."



# Intuition and Innovation

John McMichael '71 might be called the Thomas Edison of the biopharmaceutical world. His ground-breaking, creative approach to diseases and ailments is leading to new and effective medicines for both people and animals.

When John McMichael Ph.D. '71 left his hometown in western Pennsylvania to attend UMaine, he had every intention of studying forestry. But he soon found that he was much more interested in learning about the causes of human diseases and how they might be cured. Lots of ailing people are glad for that change of direction, the result of which has been a sterling career of discoveries and innovations in cellular signaling technology—discoveries which have led to numerous new and effective medicines.

"I think of him as a Thomas Edison kind of guy," says Ken Spaulding, a professor of biology at Louisiana Tech University who has worked with McMichael for 30 years. "He is probably the most innovative person I have ever known. His scientific intuition is amazing."

McMichael is president and chief scientific officer of the Institute for Therapeutic Discovery, a not-for-profit research organization that he leads from his home in upstate New York. The institute's mission is to discover and test medicines for diseases in people and animals. The primary focus is on chronic diseases of the immune, endocrine, and nervous systems that result from malfunctions in cell regulation. The institute's scientists identify molecules that



control biological functions. Those molecules are developed into medicines that, when given to patients in low doses, have a therapeutic effect by initiating communication or an exchange of energy between cells. This is called cellular signaling.

"All of our medicines are naturally occurring molecules that trigger a cascade of events resulting in a restoration of normal cell function," McMichael explains.

This is the process at work in the action of an anti-cancer molecule that he and some

of his colleagues are currently studying. They have already conducted several trials of the new agent.

"These trials show that the cancer cells treated with our medicine are not destroyed, as they would be with chemotherapy or radiation," he says. "Instead, they are stimulated to revert to the non-cancerous state. It is a completely different idea."

Spaulding, who often works on research projects with McMichael, says the idea is so different that "for years, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) just couldn't grasp it; it's such a new way of treating disease."

The Institute for Therapeutic Discovery is also currently collaborating with researchers at the University of North Carolina in studying a molecule for its potential to treat depression and anxiety.

"This molecule works in ways they have never seen before; it doesn't even reach the brain," McMichael says. "It simply triggers electrical and chemical signaling from cell to cell until the right cells are hit."

The institute currently has applications pending with the FDA for small, "proof-of-concept" clinical trials of four of its cell-signaling agents. One of these is the molecule that shows promise for treating depression. The other molecules will be evalu-

By Dick Broom

Photos by Tanya Bissaillon





When he's not at work developing new medicines, John McMichael likes to get out on his 100-acre farm in Delanson, New York, near Albany.

ated as possible therapies for conditions as diverse as urinary incontinence, shingles, and otitis media, an inflammation of the middle ear that is common in children.

Two other molecules are being evaluated for possible human testing as treatments for diabetes and cardiomyopathy, a progressive impairment of heart function.

McMichael founded the Institute for Therapeutic Discovery last year as a spin-off from Milkhaus Laboratory. Milkhaus is a for-profit biopharmaceutical company based in Providence, Rhode Island, that McMichael founded in 1993 and served as its president until 2000.

"The goal of the company has always been to discover new medicines, take them to the patent office, do the first couple of steps of FDA trials, and then license them out," he says. "We have no interest in being a fully integrated pharmaceutical company. Instead, we want to focus on discovery and

development."

Milkhaus licenses its products to pharmaceutical companies, which take them through clinical development and regulatory approval to commercialization. For example, Milkhaus has a licensing agreement with an Irish company, Elan, for a drug that is being developed for treating Alzheimer's disease.

"The clinical trial on that product is showing some pretty exciting results," McMichael says.

Because he is personally more interested in discovering new therapeutic agents than in developing them, McMichael decided to create the Institute for Therapeutic Discovery to focus on research and the initial stages of product testing.

"While we are doing that, Milkhaus can focus on raising money and spending it for the large FDA trials," he says. "With all the technology and all the discoveries we've

made, there is plenty of work to be done." McMichael has been working with cellular signaling technology since 1980, when he was a professor of biology and health sciences at Edinboro University in Pennsylvania. The specific mechanism of cell-to-cell communication that he has pioneered is different from the type of signaling technology now used in some other research labs.

"John's work is actually a step beyond what is commonly accepted as cellular signaling in 2004," says science writer Kenneth Smith. "The cascade of events that John's medicines put into motion are much more refined and subtle. I think it's fair to call him the father of this aspect or sub-set of the field." Smith is writing a book that focuses on Milkhaus and the Institute for Therapeutic Discovery in describing what it takes to develop a new drug and get it to market. The working title is *The Making of*



### *a Medical Breakthrough.*

That Milkhaus is unique in its approach to developing new weapons to fight disease "is evidenced pretty clearly by our track record in the patent office," McMichael says. "We have well over 100 patents and about twice that many applications pending. The fact that the patents keep coming is a sign that we are still leading the way."

When he refers to "we," he is being modest. He is cited as the inventor on most of Milkhaus' patents, which he has assigned royalty-free to the company.

"His interest is not in accumulating wealth," Spaulding says. "It's in finding ways to help people, and he's been very successful. There's not much to market yet, but I think it's coming very quickly."

It's that strong commitment to improving the health of people and animals that led the UMaine Alumni Association to choose McMichael as this year's Bernard Lown Alumni Humanitarian Award recipient. He will receive the honor on June 6 at Reunion 2004.

McMichael continues to serve on the Milkhaus board of directors. While that company focuses on treatments for human diseases, its wholly owned subsidiary, Milkhaus Veterinary Products, discovers and evaluates therapeutic agents for animals. Among its products in development are treatments for mast cell tumors and kennel cough in dogs. And an anti-inflammatory product that McMichael began working on before he founded Milkhaus is now widely used to treat muscle pain in horses and dogs that compete in athletic events.

McMichael attributes the success of Milkhaus and its spin-off enterprises to the quality of scientists and clinicians they have attracted.

"We have a good cross-spectrum of physicians, veterinarians, and research scientists," he says. "The physicians are wonderful clinical observers. The research scientists are all very sharp in their respective areas of microbiology, physiology, and immunology. Their collective talents have been the key."

Some of their research and development work takes place at the Milkhaus lab in Providence. But McMichael also has assembled a network of scientific collaborators around the country who, like Spaulding, are members of university faculties or are in private medical or veterinary practice. McMichael no longer does very much laboratory work himself, but is "the coordinator and stimulator of the group," Spaulding says.

"He thinks outside the box and isn't

**"His interest is not in accumulating wealth. It's in finding ways to help people, and he's been very successful."**

afraid to look at something in a totally different way. He not only sees the big picture, he can see pictures that nobody else can see."

Prior to founding Milkhaus, McMichael was vice president of Molecular Rx, a biopharmaceutical company focused on developing anti-inflammatory agents. During the previous five years, he conducted independent research and served as general manager of ImmunoTherapeutics.

Early in his career, McMichael spent two years at The Wistar Institute, an independent research institution in Philadelphia. He was on the faculty of Edinboro University from 1975 through 1986. Since 1988 he has been an adjunct professor of biology at the State University of New York at Cobleskill, and he serves on the advisory board for the university's science programs.

He grew up in Grove City, Pennsylvania, a small town about 50 miles north of Pittsburgh. Both of his parents taught in the local public schools. McMichael received his Ph.D. degree in immunology and virol-

ogy from Oregon State University after receiving his undergraduate degree in microbiology from UMaine. (While he was pursuing his degree, the name of the program changed from bacteriology to microbiology.)

"My first attraction to the university was the forestry program, which I never entered," he says. "I switched to bacteriology. I had never heard of such a thing, but I thought it must have something to do with disease, and that's what I was interested in. I really didn't know any more about it than that."

But he quickly found that the study of biology at the cellular level was, indeed, the right field for him.

"At that time, the number of faculty in the department of bacteriology was about the same as the number of students, so there was a wonderful opportunity to have daily interaction with the profs," he recalls. "It was a great group of profs because their interests pretty well spanned the spectrum of bacteriology and microbiology."

It was in a zoology lab at UMaine that McMichael met his future wife, Carol Roy '72. She was a nursing student from Westbrook, Maine.

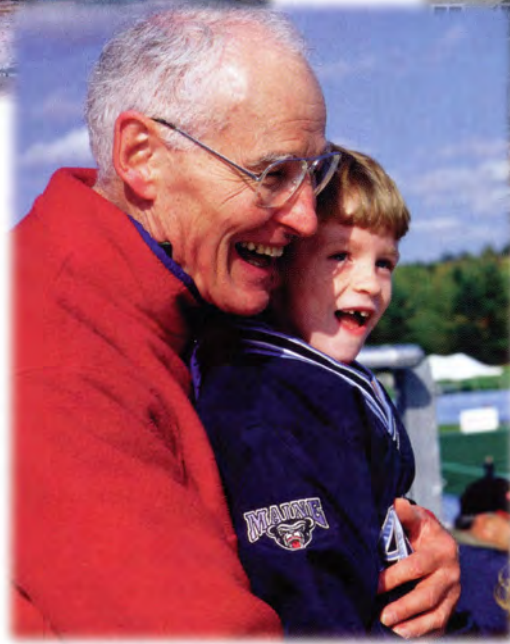
The McMichaels have two children. Their daughter, Heidi, is a special agent with the state department and is currently posted at the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan. Their son, Jeff, works for a company that provides security for the state department in Washington and for a number of U.S. embassies.

McMichael is a voracious reader with wide-ranging interests. He's a student of Thomas Jefferson, and he loves old houses, barns, and horse-drawn farm equipment. He and Carol live on a 100-acre farm in Delanson, New York, a small town west of Albany where John has served on the school board for the past 12 years. The McMichaels grow hay and raise about 35 head of beef cattle. They also keep one milk cow.

"He milks that cow twice a day by hand," Spaulding says. "That's an important think time for him, especially the quiet time in the morning."



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# There's Nothing Like Maine Hockey

NHL star Paul Kariya '96 reflects on his days as a Black Bear and his family legacy at UMaine.

**W**hen *Sports Illustrated* asked me to write an essay about Maine, I jumped at the chance. I lived there only a year and a half, during my three semesters at the University of Maine in Orono, in 1992 and '93. But in that short time I fell in love with the state. My first year there was unforgettable, the greatest period of my life in terms of personal growth. Certainly the Kariya family embraced Maine. My brothers, Steve '99 and Martin '03, both professional hockey players, also went to the university, and one of my sisters, Noriko '00, played field hockey for the Black Bears. That's 13 1/2 years' worth of Kariyas, if you add us up.

I'm not trying to flatter Mainers (they aren't very big on that), but as I see it the state is one of a kind. Here are three of the reasons I became a Mainer at heart:

**The natural beauty:** My hometown of Vancouver has mountains and coastline and fog, but Maine is special. In the fall we would sit staring out of the window during bus trips to games. You know how athletes always have something smart to say? On those trips none of us would say anything except to express our wonder at the colors.

I also loved the Maine snow. I used to walk from my dorm to Alfond Arena, maybe 10 or 15 minutes, in the snow for a game



Photo courtesy of the Colorado Avalanche

**Colorado Avalanche winger Paul Kariya '96, a seven-time NHL All-Star, won the Hobey Baker Award at UMaine in 1993.**

on a Friday night and think, "Ah, this is hockey." Ruined my only pair of dress shoes.

**The food:** Lobster, sure. Sometimes they even served it in the cafeteria. But everyone knows Maine lobster. They don't know the buffalo wings at Legends, which was one of the college hangouts in Orono when I was there—and actually affected my hockey career. When Boston University was recruiting me, they took me to the "Cheers" bar and a Bruins-Kings game at Boston Garden. Maine took me to Legends for those wings, which just about clinched it. I'd also be remiss if I didn't mention Pat's Pizza in Orono. Greasy. Thin crust. When I close my eyes, I can still taste their pepperoni pizza.

**The people:** I showed up in Orono with a suitcase, my hockey gear, a sleeping bag, and \$200 in my wallet. I wasn't quite 18. I was coming from across the continent. And people couldn't have made me feel more welcome. I got to know a lot of families in the community. When my father, T.K., died during last season, one of the first calls I got was from Bob Bazinet, who was like my surrogate father when I was in Orono.

Maybe it's because a Maine winter is pretty bleak, or maybe it has to do with the

Black Bears' two national championships and 12 appearances in the Frozen Four, but sometimes we seemed more like a franchise than a college team. Our coach, Shawn Walsh, forged a great tradition in Orono, and almost every player who went through the program responded with intense loyalty. Coach Walsh had a great presence, a wonderful way about him. Whenever we would travel as a group, he would make sure everyone got up and spoke. By the end of the season even the most tongue-tied freshman had gained the confidence to speak in public. Coach Walsh touched so many of us.

Mainers love hockey. NHL guys from BC and BU tell me they were actually a little scared when they played at Maine. We had a terrific team in 1992-'93—our goalies were Mike Dunham and Garth Snow '92—and our fans were always on the visitors. Now I'm playing in 20,000-seat arenas in the NHL, and the atmosphere isn't the same. Those 5,500 in Maine felt like more than 20,000. And the fans genuinely cared about the outcome and about us.

I remember landing in Bangor after we'd won the 1993 NCAA championship in Milwaukee. It was a 15-minute drive to campus, and there were people on the overpasses with signs congratulating us and cars honking their horns. There was a pep rally in the gym afterward. I never heard a rink louder.

I never feel like a visitor when I go back to Maine. I've always thought of the state as one of my homes. In the truest sense, I grew up there.

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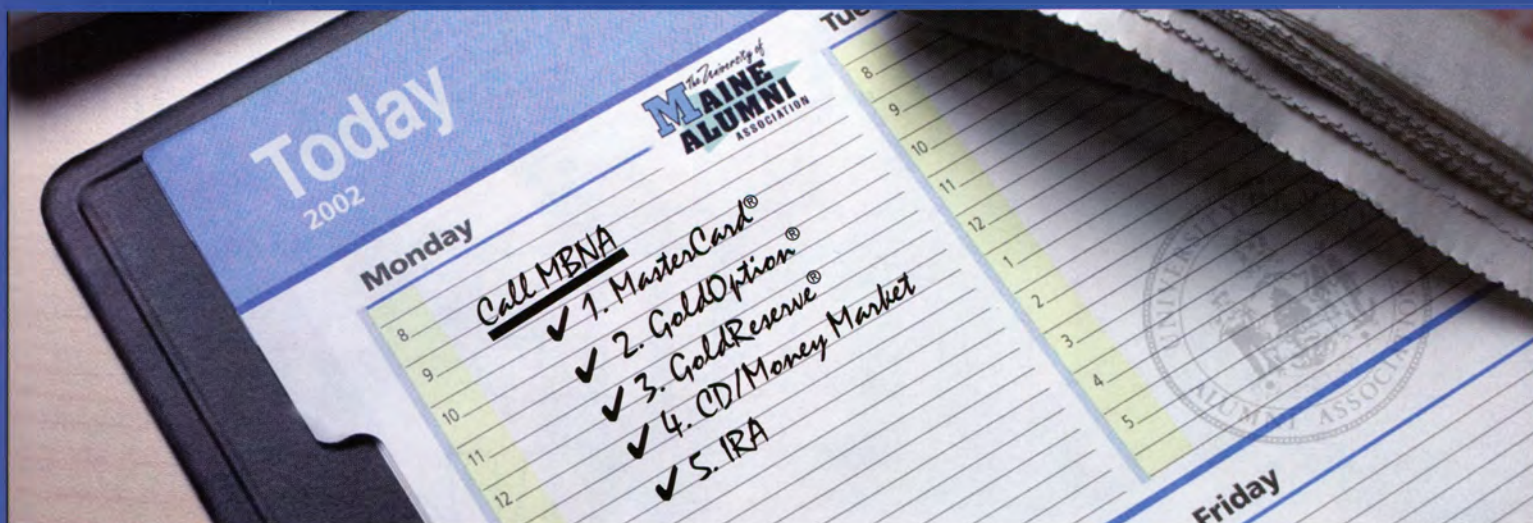
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