

The University of Maine

**DigitalCommons@UMaine**

---

University of Maine Alumni Magazines - All

University of Maine Alumni Magazines

---

Winter 2006

## Maine Alumni Magazine, Volume 87, Number 1, Winter 2006

University of Maine Alumni Association

Follow this and additional works at: [https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/alumni\\_magazines](https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/alumni_magazines)



Part of the [Higher Education Commons](#), and the [History Commons](#)

---

This publication is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@UMaine. It has been accepted for inclusion in University of Maine Alumni Magazines - All by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@UMaine. For more information, please contact [um.library.spc@maine.edu](mailto:um.library.spc@maine.edu).



Winter 2006

# MAINE

University  
Collection

A l u m n g a z i n e



## The Fisherman Scientist

MacArthur Foundation "genius"  
grant recipient Ted Ames '68, '71G

There is life after racing for  
horses at UMaine's Witter Center

Across North America  
on a Harley-Davidson

Bold ideas for marketing  
the new World Trade Center

Plus CLASS NOTES





# The Charles F. Allen Society is CHANGING STUDENTS' LIVES

THE CHARLES F. ALLEN SOCIETY recognizes donors who have included a planned gift of at least \$10,000 to benefit the University of Maine in their estate and gift plans. While the University may not receive most planned gifts until sometime in the future, we would like to know about your intentions so that we can thank and recognize you now.

Planned gifts have helped many UMaine students who might not otherwise have been able to afford a college education to pursue their goals and dreams. When you write or review your will, please consider leaving the University a charitable bequest through the University of Maine Foundation for future generations of UMaine students.

If you have already provided for the University of Maine in your will, trust or other form of deferred gift, you automatically qualify for membership in the Charles F. Allen Society. Please inform us of your intentions.

For further information on planned gifts or how to remember the University of Maine in your will or trust through the University of Maine Foundation, please contact Amos Orcutt, President/CEO.

Jessica Paul '06  
Chemical Engineering



Two Alumni Place  
Orono, Maine 04469-5792  
207-581-5100 or 800-982-8503

[www.umainefoundation.org](http://www.umainefoundation.org)

100 Foden Road, Suite 303, W. Building  
South Portland, Maine 04106  
207-253-5172 or 800-449-2629



# MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR GIFT

## ... Another Option for Leaving Your Legacy

The University of Maine Foundation established a **donor-advised** fund program for charitably-minded alumni and friends of the University of Maine. The central objective of this program is to meet the diverse philanthropic needs of the University's many alumni and friends, while raising permanently endowed funds for the benefit of the University of Maine.

A **donor-advised** fund enables you to streamline the management of your charitable gifts. Through a **donor-advised** fund, the Foundation can receive, invest and administer gifts to the University and other charitable organizations on your behalf.

Alumni and friends are increasingly confronted with options for charitable giving. By making gifts through the Foundation's **donor-advised** fund program, contributors can share their good fortune with the community while also receiving a tax benefit. Plus, our one-stop service enables donors to pool their charitable assets and invest them wisely, thereby increasing the amount available to the organizations they support.

A **donor-advised** fund with the Foundation may be created through a gift or by will or trust with no initial start-up costs and few administrative obligations. Other advantages include:

- the freedom to add to or make grants from the fund at any time
- all correspondence and paperwork handled by the Foundation staff when grant recommendations are made
- a cost-effective alternative to the legal intricacies of establishing and operating a family foundation
- a way to remove assets from the donor's estate
- possible qualification for full federal income tax deductibility up to 50% of adjusted gross income

We encourage you to leave your legacy so generations of students and others will benefit from your foresight and generosity.

Two Alumni Place  
Orono, Maine 04469-5792  
207-581-5100 or 800-982-8503



[www.umainefoundation.org](http://www.umainefoundation.org)



*"Started in 1934, the Foundation is now managing more than \$150 million in assets. We are committed to providing alumni and friends of the University of Maine with quality service that has been the hallmark of our success."*

*Amos E. Orcutt '64, President/CEO*

100 Foden Road, Suite 303, W. Building  
South Portland, Maine 04106  
207-253-5172 or 800-449-2629



# MAINE

## Editor

Jim Frick

## Editorial Assistants

Abigail Zelz

Betty-Jo Watt

## Design

Jim Frick

## Design Consultant

Mike Mardosa '73

## Alumni Association Officers

Bion A. Foster '68, '70G, Chair

Sandford Blitz '92G, Vice Chair

Stephanie Barry Brown '65, Vice Chair

Catherine Cleale '86, Vice Chair

Barbara Brown Dalton '81, Vice Chair

Suzanne K. Hart '68, Treasurer

M. Perry Hunter '52, Vice Chair

Gregory D. Jamison '72, '98G, Vice Chair

Douglas E. Kneeland '53, Vice Chair

Nancy Prisk '72, Vice Chair

Todd D. Saucier '93, '97G,

Acting President

## UMAA Board of Directors

Stanley C. Allain '61

Peter T. Berry '61

Dwight S. Blease '83

Rachel L. Bouchard '91

Elizabeth Cleale '00

Perry R. Clough '63

Candace A. Guerette '83, '86G

A. Jeffrey Harris '72, '87G

Alton M. Hopkins '50

Dione Williams Hutchinson '54, '71G

Jonathan P. LaBonte '02

James M. Leger '00

Kurt R. Marston '74, '79G

John M. Rohman '68

Dianne McLaughlin Tilton '81

Brooke D. Wagner '86

Jeffrey M. Wright '73

## Publications Committee

Kristen Andresen '97

Nonni Hilchey Daly '59

Nancy Morse Dysart '60

H. Allen Fernald '54

Douglas E. Kneeland '53, Chair

Steve Riley '50

Jeff Tuttle '91

MAINE Alumni Magazine is published four times per year by the University of Maine Alumni Association for dues paying members of the Association. Membership dues are \$40 per year. The editorial office is located at One Alumni Place, P.O. Box 550, Orono, ME 04473-0550. Telephone: (207) 581-1137. Postage paid at Burlington, VT 05401.

## We're not ready for retirement living!



## But we are ready for...

- Someone else doing yardwork & maintenance
- Someone else doing housework
- Great fitness programs, Tai Chi & yoga
- A gym and indoor heated swimming pool
- Access to golf and wooded hiking trails

Now this is living! If you're ready for an active, maintenance-free lifestyle, call  
**THE HIGHLANDS!**

Call a member of our Marketing Team today to find out more about our many different Independent Lifestyle choices available.



## THE HIGHLANDS

*Gracious Retirement Living*

Visit our website at: [www.highlandsrc.com](http://www.highlandsrc.com)

1-207-725-2650 / Toll-Free 1-888-760-1042

26 Elm St., Topsham, Maine 04086





## Alumni Magazine



Page 8

**4** Around the Campus  
*News from the University of Maine.*

**8** After the Finish Line  
*There is an active life for retired racing horses at UMaine's Witter Center.*



Page 12

**11** A New Era for the Visual Arts  
*With a beautifully renovated Lord Hall for its new home, the visual arts at UMaine gain more than just space.*

**12** The Call of the Road  
*Karen Larsen '92 fulfilled her quest for adventure by taking a solo motorcycle journey across North America.*

**16** Bold Ideas in a Global Economy  
*Class of 1985 member John Coleman has steered his VIA Group to success with innovative, exciting marketing ideas.*

**18** The Fisherman Scientist  
*Stonington lobsterman Ted Ames '68, '71G also just happens to be a groundbreaking researcher.*



Page 16

### Plus Mainely People with:

Classnotes, alumni events, weddings, obituaries, and more.

Cover photograph by William Drake



### Fighting the flu

A UMaine researcher was recently approved for a \$615,155 grant by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to try to find a way that human cells might reject invasions by influenza, HIV, Ebola, and other viruses.

Assistant professor of physics and astronomy Sam Hess, who worked at NIH before coming to UMaine, has received a "career award" to study how viruses penetrate cellular membranes and what might be done to block infection.

"We're doing something that hasn't been done," Hess explained, "...using lasers and spectroscopy to see what's going on in a virus."

### Biodiesel project promising for northern Maine

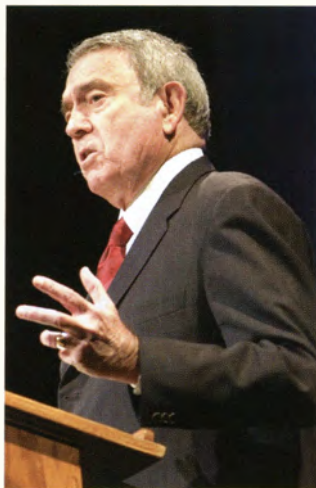
As a UMaine Cooperative Extension crops specialist, Peter Sexton has played a key role in examining biodiesel as an alternative form of energy for northern Maine. Working through a cooperative arrangement with the Presque Isle firm, Regent Associates, he contributed to a feasibility study for the Houlton band of Malisset Indians that may make the region a key supplier of refined biodiesel products. The facility could produce up to five million gallons of biodiesel per year for distribution in the state of Maine. It would create a demand for oil crops which could, in turn, be a boon to Maine farmers.

Former CBS News anchor Dan Rather addressed a full house at the Maine Center for the Arts on November 1, as the guest speaker for the 2005 William S. Cohen Lecture Series.

Rather, who joined CBS News in 1962, called for a return to independent journalism, warning the audience to take a critical view of what they see and hear in the plethora of "new" media outlets.

"You need to ask yourself: Is more better, and is all that calls itself news really news," he said.

The event was the fifth in the lecture series, which in the past has featured such important political leaders as Senator John Glenn and former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Cohen, a former U.S. senator and secretary of defense, delivered the first lecture.



*Dan Rather  
Delivers 2005  
Cohen Lecture*



### Students restore family's classic tractor

For 50 years, several generations of the Noyes family operated this 1944 John Deere tractor on the family farm in Orrington. In 2001, Worth Noyes '29 donated the tractor to UMaine from which he earned his degree 76 years ago. Since that time UMaine students have worked under forestry department lab coordinator, Kenneth Dresser '71, to restore the classic farm vehicle. At a ceremony in November, five members of the Noyes family were on hand at the Page Farm and Home Museum to see the result. Pictured above are: Worth, Michael, Melanie '89, and Chris (completed a year at UMaine before joining the Marine Corps this fall).

### UMaine launches jazz studies minor

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recently announced the creation of a new minor in jazz studies at the University of Maine. The program, which will be under the direction of music professor and UMaine Jazz Ensemble director, Karel Lidral, is designed to offer students a significant and in-depth experience in jazz.

The focus of the program is the study of jazz through the art of improvisation. The program will also feature courses in jazz arranging skills and in jazz history.

### Legendary teacher/coach receives national award

University of Maine professor and former Black Bear football coach Walter Abbott '58, '65G has been recognized for distinguished service by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Abbott, whose teaching and coaching at UMaine since 1960 has trained and influenced thousands of students, was honored in Orlando in December. He was one of just 14 people in the country presented with the honor this year.

In addition to his renowned teaching and coaching abilities, Abbott was called upon by two UMaine presidents to lead the athletic department through difficult times. Throughout his career, Abbott has been actively involved in improving high school athletics in Maine.



## New dome will enhance practices for athletic teams

Thanks to the generosity of longtime benefactor Larry Mahaney '51, '55G and his son Kevin, Black Bear student athletes who play football, soccer, baseball, softball, and field hockey now have a more functional indoor practice space with a state-of-the-art artificial surface.

The Mahaney Dome, a 38,000-square-foot facility located directly behind Memorial Gym, was inflated in early January and was being used by UMaine baseball and softball teams at the start of the spring semester. It stands 55 feet high at the center.

"This facility will have a tremendous impact on our program," said interim



athletic director Blake James. "A state-of-the-art indoor practice facility will help ensure the future success of Black Bear athletics.... We needed additional indoor training space. It will get a tremendous amount of use."

Businessman Kevin Mahaney donated \$1 million to the project in honor of his father, who has advocated for such a facility for many years.

"The Mahaneys' generosity is overwhelming, and this gift is very much ap-

preciated," said UMaine president Robert Kennedy. "We are very fortunate to have friends like Larry, who demonstrate their loyalty and support in such meaningful ways."

Another UMaine alumnus, former UMaine football star and Denver Bronco linebacker John Huard '67, contributed \$20,000 toward the new turf surface. Huard is president of Northeast Turf, Hue, the company that installed the FieldTurf surface.

## Search Renewed for Alumni Association President

The University of Maine Alumni Association (UMAA) began a search for a new president and CEO this winter, with interviews of top candidates scheduled to be completed by early April and the new UMAA leader on campus by this summer.

The search was started after interim president Donna Keirstead Thornton '78, '79G announced that she had accepted a position as associate vice president for alumni relations at Rutgers University. She will also serve as executive vice president of the Rutgers University Alumni Federation. Thornton will be the chief administrator for alumni offices in New Brunswick, Newark, and Camden.

Thornton began working at the alumni association in 1999 as the annual fund and membership director. In the spring of 2002 she assumed the job of operations director for the association. She was appointed interim president in December 2004.



Donna Keirstead Thornton '78, '79G

"Donna has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities, both as operations director and in her 13 months as interim president," said alumni association chair Bion Foster '68, '70G. "We're sad to be losing her, but we also understand what a wonderful opportunity this is for her. I

have no doubt that she will be very successful leading Rutgers into a new era of alumni relations."

During the search for a permanent UMAA president and CEO, financial director Todd Saucier '93 '97G will serve as acting president. Saucier, a native of Ashland, Maine, has worked at the association since 1999.

"Todd has done a great job here for seven years," Foster noted. "As acting president he gives us stability and a solid understanding of the whole alumni operation."

UMAA board members Greg Jamison '72, '98G, John Rohman '68, and Foster will also represent the association in meetings and events as well as provide leadership during the transition period. In addition, Jamison has agreed to devote time to the Association working with Saucier to assure continuity in alumni operations until a permanent president is on board.



### Room named in honor of Barbara Bodwell



University of Maine graduate and student volunteer program advocate Barbara Bodwell '45 was honored at a well-at-

tended reception in December at UMaine's Memorial Union. President Kennedy and dean of students Robert Dana participated in the program, which featured the formal dedication of the Barbara Higgins Bodwell '45 Center for Service and Volunteerism. The facility is located on the third floor of Memorial Union.

### Students take first in international competition

Competing against 19 other teams from as far away as Eastern Europe and Asia, a UMaine team of two students and a recent graduate won first place overall and a \$5,000 prize in an international business plan competition held in December in Canada.

Team members included UMaine junior Brigham McNaughton, senior William Sulinski, and engineering alumnus Matthew Rodrigue '04. Their winning business plan was a marketable proposal to improve the efficiency of home heating oil delivery in frigid climates.



### Centerpiece of new Nutting Hall Courtyard

The Forest Hart sculpture "Cub Scouts" was unveiled in October as part of a three-year celebration of the 100th anniversary of the UMaine forestry program. The sculpture becomes the centerpiece for the renovated Nutting Hall Courtyard. The work was funded by private donations from alumni, faculty, students, and several Maine-based companies.

### Abram W. Harris Award presented to "Faculty Five"

Five UMaine professors who helped get the state of Maine to understand that university research could improve the economy were honored in October by the University of Maine Foundation's first President Abram W. Harris Award. The award, recognizing people who have had a transforming impact on the university, was established by Abram W. Harris's grandson, A. W. "Pete" Harris '50.

Dubbed the Faculty Five, George Jacobson, Stephen Norton, George Markowsky, Malcom Hunter '74, and David Smith '56G, '58G undertook a grassroots campaign in 1995, to travel across Maine spreading the word about the need for greater state investment in university research. Their efforts helped create the Maine Economic Improvement Fund.

### Six Inducted into UMaine Sports Hall of Fame

Former basketball standouts Dean Smith '89, '91G and Jamie Cassidy '00 headed a list of six deserving inductees into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame.

Smith led the North Atlantic Conference in scoring in his senior year at UMaine and is 10th on the all-time Black Bear scoring list with 1,131 points. Smith also excelled in the classroom, and in 1990 became the first and only UMaine student/athlete to ever receive the Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship, awarded to America's top scholar/athlete.

Cassidy ranks third all-time in UMaine



Dean Smith

scoring and in 1999 was named America East Player of the Year.

Also inducted were:

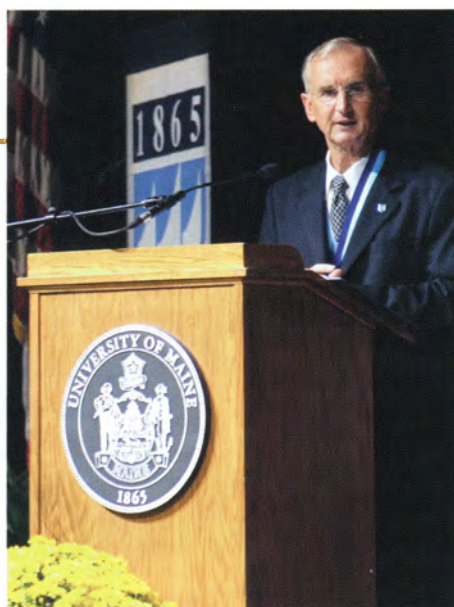
- Baseball standout Dan Kane '88, who was a member of the Black Bears 1984 and 1986 College World Series teams and ECAC North Player of the Year in 1987.
- Former Black Bear ice hockey goalie Scott King '90, who still holds the record for games played and saves and is tied for the most wins.
- Track and field star Freeman Webb '33, who participated in the 1932 Olympic Trials, tying for third in the pole vault.
- Former three-sport coach, the late William Kenyon, whose teams won five state series championships.



## University Gears Up for Ambitious Fundraising Effort

It didn't take Robert Kennedy long to show he was serious about his goal of leading UMaine to a new level of excellence. Just a few months after being inaugurated as the University of Maine's 18th president, he announced that the university was launching a \$150 million comprehensive campaign that will support scholarships, professorships, research, innovation, cultural events, and athletics. The University of Maine trustees approved the UMaine fundraising plan in December. It will be the largest fundraising effort in the history of the university.

"This will take UMaine to the next level and guarantee that we can compete with the best universities in the country," Kennedy said. He emphasized that the money will be used to enhance the university across the board.



President Robert Kennedy

Kennedy noted that because of declining state funding for higher education, "It's never been more critical that we secure additional public and private support for the university."

A committee headed by UMaine alumnus H. Allen Fernald '54 will spend the coming year planning the national campaign. That committee will work closely with the university's various fundraising groups including the alumni association, the UMaine Foundation, and the development office. Leaders from each of those entities expressed optimism about reaching the \$150 million goal.

Among the major areas of need targeted for the University of Maine comprehensive campaign are:

- \$40 million for endowed undergraduate scholarships and student fellowships at the graduate level.
- \$60 million for endowed chairs and professorships.
- \$40 million for capital improvements including the Fogler Library and the Maine Center for the Arts.
- \$10 million to promote and enhance specific programs.

## Engineering Student Helps Design New Future for Maine Boating Industry

Covert military operations can be a pain in the neck—and the back, shoulders, and legs as well. Known for its speed and maneuverability, the Mark V Special Operations Craft gets U.S. Navy SEAL teams in and out of sticky situations fast, but the aluminum insertion vessel's speed and durability come at a cost: repeated impact as the boat skips across the waves can mean injuries for the sailors on board. But UMaine graduate student Kate Stephens '05 is out to change all that, and she may help give a boost to Maine boatbuilding in the process.

Stephens, a student with a talent for math and an interest in design, completed her civil engineering degree last May and is now pursuing her master's in mechanical engineering. And she's taking the reins on a project aimed at improving the Navy's Mark V.

She is a key player in the cooperative effort involving UMaine, the Office of



Naval Research, and the boatbuilding team at Hodgdon Yachts in East Boothbay. The project brings together cutting-edge composites technologies, spearheaded by UMaine's Advanced Engineered Wood Composite Center (AEWC), and the tradition of quality at Hodgdon.

The project's success could mean hundreds of millions of dollars in contracts for Maine's boatbuilding industry.

While the project is aimed at improving the original Mark V wherever possible, the primary goal is to use specialized composite materials in the hull and elsewhere that can absorb the shock created by high-speed travel across the water.

By dampening the effects of the boat's repeated impacts, the new materials can help to protect the crew from injuries. Working with her advisor, the AEWC's Bob Lindyberg, Stephens has developed an innovative impact test that was used to select the composite material with the greatest shock-absorbent properties.

"Bob and Kate's work in the composites lab has played an important part in the project all along," noted Steve Von Vogt, president of Maine Marine Manufacturing. He added that because of the collaboration with UMaine, his team is able to compete for a future \$200 million contract.

*Story and photo by Dave Munson.*



# After the Finish Line

When standardbred horses retire from harness racing, they aren't finished. At UMaine's Witter Center, these beautiful animals are used for recreation, education, and as proud participants in the UMaine Drill Team.

*By Nonni Hilchey Daly '59*

If you're a fan of horse racing or just an animal lover, you might have wondered what happens to those graceful and powerful animals once their racing careers are over. Yes, we've all heard about the ones who retire and make a small fortune providing stud service for the next generations of racehorses, but very few of them ever do that. And there are the horror stories about the "glue factory" but that isn't the norm either.

In fact, for most horses, there is a life after racing, thanks in no small part to places like the University of Maine's J. F. Witter Teaching and Research Center.

I'm the proud owner of two Maine standardbreds who are currently racing in the harness world and being a part of their world is one of the most satisfying things I've ever done for myself. And as a racehorse owner, and a UMaine alumna, I'm enthusiastic about the work they are doing at Witter and I wanted to share their

accomplishments with alumni magazine readers.

## THE WITTER CENTER

The Witter Center is one of the least well-known jewels in the crown of the University of Maine. For much of the institution's history, the farm was located on the campus where dairy cows and chickens were presumed to be a part of the campus head count—I'm sure they were in my day! As the campus grew, space for new buildings and parking areas made the farm area premium space. As a result of a horrific fire in 1972, a new animal science research facility was built at the perimeter of the campus, and the dairy herd, some sheep, and chickens went to live there.

In 1996, after a series of budget cuts left the Witter Center in a sad state of disrepair, the dairy herd was sold and the farm was closed. Using the proceeds from the sale, renovations were done and the new farm opened in 1998, as the J. F. Witter

Teaching and Research Center. The center includes a 35 tie-stall dairy; a livestock barn; a horse barn with stalls for boarding; classroom, laboratory, and lounge space; and a house for the livestock program manager. A campaign for the construction of a new and badly-needed indoor livestock arena is currently underway.

The Witter Center is now the home to a herd of registered Holsteins, Black Angus and Belted Galloway brood cows, a flock of Suffolk sheep, and a herd of standardbred horses used for teaching and research purposes. Most of these herds were developed from donated stock, along with the phenomenally successful frozen embryo program that is a hallmark of cutting-edge bovine research at the Witter Center and in the animal science programs.

One exciting program that emerged from the rebirth of the Witter Center was the equine business management program, part of a bachelor of science degree in resource and agribusiness management at



the University of Maine. This program provides a basic level of applied business and economics and also includes coursework in equine management, animal science, and participation in hands-on equine activities including an internship.

Many UMaine students in the program board their own horses at the University of Maine Witter Center and ride in the university's fields and forests. Students can also participate in various equine activities including the drill team, the dressage club, and the equestrian team.

### THE STANDARDBRED

The state of Maine has a long history of harness racing using the durable standardbred. The standardbred is truly an American treasure, with its origin dating back to early colonial America and its contribution to American history is immeasurable. He was "everyman's" horse.

This horse was both a companion and a partner in recreation. The thrill of holding the lines behind a fast trotter was not for the wealthy alone—harness racing was a sport that was truly a democratic one and began with duels along community dirt roads and gradually progressed into the

sport we know today. It began as friendly competition between neighbors and friends, and grew into a celebrated sport of athleticism and skill.

The name "standardbred" originated from the standard time a horse needed to travel a mile in order to be registered in the original 1871 studbook. The first "standard time" required the horse to travel one mile in three minutes, and was later revised to one mile in 2:30 for the trotters and one mile in 2:25 for the pacers. The sport and its athletes have grown to where a mid-1:50 mile is the goal for good pacers and most successful trotters race the mile in the very low 2:00s or high 1:50s.

For those who aren't familiar with the gaits, a trotter moves with alternating legs—if the right foreleg is forward, so is the left hind leg. A pacer, also known as a "side-wheeler," travels with lateral pairs of legs moving in synch and most often wears a pair of "hopples" to help keep the gait. The right fore and hind legs move in unison, then the left.

Pacers are generally faster than trotters, even if the majority of those racing trot naturally when they are exercising or are no longer at the track.

### AFTER THE FINISH LINE

Once their racing days are behind them, (harness horses are not allowed to race competitively after the age of 14) there is obvious concern about a population of older horses with no homes and nothing to do. Not to worry! The Standardbred Pleasure Horse Organization (SPHO), with a chapter in Maine, serves as a clearinghouse for horses looking for homes and a chance to be a pleasure companion to people who love riding and equitation. They sponsor training clinics, competitions, trail rides, pleasure exhibitions, and provide a full calendar of activities for those who wish to involve their horses in lots of different kinds of work. They also provide a clearinghouse for people who are looking for horses or who are looking to sell or place horses in a good home.

The work of the Witter Center underscores the popularity of the breed with people who have learned to admire their athleticism and their stoic understanding of being handled and touched and "dressed" and "undressed" and bathed and lunged—the training a harness horse undergoes makes it perfectly suited for the rigors of handling and training for the



The UMaine Drill Team during practice at the Witter Center. Team members include Samantha Foster '06, Katelyn Romano '08, Kara Pietroski '06, Angela Young '06 (captain), graduate student Katrina Black, and alternate Sheena Curry '06. (Photograph by William Drake.)



show ring and for pleasure riding. One person described them as “bombproof” in their ability to stand distraction and noise and action, which are what surrounds them on race days. Student workers at UMaine help the racehorses make the transition from the track to the pleasure pasture, the show ring, and the trail.

Donations of mares to the UMaine equine program (the first in 1997, a standardbred mare named, appropriately Moose) have provided a population of retrained adult horses and their yearlings that are offered for sale and find homes with people who have come to admire this breed for all of its positive attributes. In addition to the standardbred herd at Witter, many students bring their own horses to UMaine and, in exchange for work or payment, can board them at the equine center and have them available for work in the training ring and out on the trails surrounding the farm. Many of these students are involved in the equestrian team; six impressive young women who ride transitioned standardbreds comprise the drill team.

### THE DRILL TEAM

The drill team makes many appearances throughout the state showing what can be done with a horse that once only knew life on the track and in the race paddock. They demonstrate all gaits—walk, trot, canter, and gallop—do barrel racing, jumping, driving (carts) and race under saddle just for the fun of it! They are asked to lead parades and do demonstrations for all sorts of events and the standardbreds never cease to impress people who are curious and ask, “What breed of horse is that?” The term “thoroughbred” is a lot more well-known than “standardbred”, but the work at Witter Center and the work of these dedicated students and trainers is narrowing the knowledge gap.

The drill team performs at July Fourth special events at Bangor Raceway at historic Bass Park, the home of harness racing in central Maine. This past year, they also joined with the SPHO group to do a demonstration for interested race fans.

Retired harness horses were available to meet-and-greet in the show paddock at the raceway and the horses and riders marshaled each post parade of racehorses before the race started.

Well-known Maine standardbred breeder, Donald Marean of Lindon Farm in Hollis, has a long involvement with the university’s equine program. When the “new farm” opened in 1998, the Mareans donated a stallion, Night Country, to its breeding program. Since then, they have donated retired racing mares and provided insemination services for these mares to produce youngsters (who do well in yearling sales throughout the state). The university benefits from these sales. The mares are also retrained as pleasure horses and are sold to the riding public and serve on the drill team while in residence in Orono. Donald and his wife, Linda, are always happy to have the horse van with the drill team and riders stop at their horse farm and spend the night in their barn on their way to an exhibition. For many of these horses, it is a trip “home.”

“It’s very gratifying to see people want to continue and enhance the quality of the standardbred in Maine by doing responsible breeding and by retraining those who can have a good life after their racing years are over,” Marean says.

Many Maine harness people are members of the Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association (MSBOA), the current president of which is Diann Watson Perkins ’59. This group is dedicated to the Maine Standardbred, now a recognized breed, and supports stakes-racing competitions each year for two and three-year-old colts and fillies—pacers and trotters.

These horses never forget that they spent some of their life on the track and memories must flood back, because it is a major accomplishment for some of the drill team members to lead the parade of horses and sulkies before a race, all the while making sure that their horses don’t decide to join the race!

But, the standardbred as a pleasure horse is becoming so much more popular that web sites of horses looking for homes

or for sale are readily available. SPHO groups are very active in all states where harness racing is popular and pleasure riders are seeking out the standardbred as their horse of choice. Much like the greyhound adoption services for former racing greyhounds, the adoption and retraining programs for these racehorses are becoming more well known and, as a result, more horses are saved from destruction and go on to live satisfying pleasure lives.

A woman from Massachusetts looking for a new pleasure horse visited the Witter Center and posted this tribute to one of the SPHO discussion boards. Her very positive post ends with my suggestion to all who read this article—when you are on campus ... do as she says! It will be an impressive and memorable experience.

“All I can say is WOW! These horses and students are phenomenal. I had a great visit yesterday thanks to Kara and her friends Jenn and Katelyn. The day was very hot and the horses were sweaty and not too happy to be inside (they are out 24/7) but impeccably behaved. The girls patiently put up with my videotaping horses standing still, horses standing outside, horses hand trotting and walking in the hot sun, and everyone’s favorite... yes—the flex test.

“The University of Maine should be proud to have ambassadors like these young ladies promoting their program and this wonderful breed. If anyone has any questions about the program or horses that I can answer please don’t hesitate to ask! It was so much fun. Try to visit if you can!”

*The author gratefully acknowledges the assistance of Greg Cuffey, president of the Standardbred Pleasure Horse Organization of Maine. In addition, thanks to Kara Pietroski, student equine manager at Witter Center and to Don Marean, a well-known standardbred breeder in Maine and a director of the United States Trotting Association. Last, but not least, she thanks both her beautiful Lacy Asset (see photo on page 8) and majestic Bruizer’s L’il Star for letting her into the world of the standardbred, the excitement of racing, and the satisfaction of knowing that a horse doesn’t need to be finished after the finish line!*



WINTER 2006

YOUR CLASSNOTES PUBLICATION

# M *ainely People*



VOLUME 19, NO. 1

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



## **"OLD SCHOOL" HOCKEY**

**Maine Hockey, circa 1923**

**ALSO INSIDE**

**Classnotes**

**Alumni Events Calendar**

**Obituaries**

**Weddings**



# Alumni News and Events



Jennifer Huerth '01, '03G

## Working to build UMAA's financial independence

It's been said that every great university needs a strong, independent alumni association. As the University of Maine continues to grow in importance to the region, and also gains national prominence with its research, the UMaine Alumni Association is being called upon to provide a greater level of service and support.

To meet that increasing need, the Association is looking to solidify its financial future. Toward that end it created the Endowment for the 21st Century and hired Jenn Huerth '01, '03G as director.

Jenn is currently making personal contacts with UMaine alumni, explaining an insurance-based program that allows alumni to pool their gifts to dramatically leverage the significance of their contributions. A second part of the program is directed specifically at alumni between the ages of 75 and 85.

"The program is off to a very successful start," Jenn notes. "In fact the company we're partnered with told us this is the best start they have experienced. Alumni have responded favorably, and the alumni association and the UMaine community have been very supportive."

Jenn lives with her family in Hampden.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Saturday, March 4, 2006

Alumni luncheon and reception

Sarasota, FL, at Lakewood Ranch Holiday Inn—11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
followed by optional walking tour of new Lakewood Ranch, Main Street

Host: John Rohman '68

### Sunday, March 5, 2006

Alumni luncheon and reception

Naples, FL, at The Club Pelican Bay—12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Hosts: Dick & Sue Warren (tentative)

### Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Alumni reception and hors d'oeuvres

Home of Allan S. '65 & Susan Lawlor Arch, Ft. Lauderdale, FL—6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
(tentative)

### Wednesday, March 8, 2006

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

12:00 p.m. pre-game event—1:00 p.m. UMaine baseball vs. Monmouth

Hostess: Liz Hitchcock Locke '77

### Thursday, March 9, 2006

Fort Pierce/Vero Beach Alumni Picnic—Bring your own picnic (grills available)

Pepper Park, N. Hutchinson Island, FL—11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Hosts: Dick '56 and Betty Brockway Nevers '56

### Saturday, March 11, 2006

SeaWorld Viva La Musica Festival

Discounted admission for park open 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

UMaine Alumni Association lunch at 12:00 p.m.

### Monday, March 13, 2006

Daytona Beach Boat Club reception and luncheon

419 Basin Street, Daytona Beach, FL—11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Host: A. W. "Pete" Harris '50

### Thursday, March 16, 2006

Cocktails and hearty hors d'oeuvres reception

10 Junket Street, Palmetto Dunes Plantation, Hilton Head, SC—6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Hosts: Bion '68, '70G & Dorain Foster '68H

### Thursday, April 6, 2006

Portland Alumnae Club meeting & potluck luncheon

At the home of Doris Ramsay Smith '53

221 Beech Ridge Road, Scarborough, ME—12:00 p.m.

Hostess: Doris Ramsay Smith '53

### June 2-4, 2006

Reunion 2006

Senior Alumni and Classes of 1941, 1951, 1956, 1961, and 1966





Basil "Joe" Staples '35, '36G (standing, left) enjoyed the annual Rochester Alumni Chapter lobster feast on September 24 with his son John, his daughter-in-law Annette, and his grandson. Basil is the founding member of the chapter, and also the 1935 class correspondent. At the event UMaine's Debbie Neuman spoke about the university's new Innovation Center.



Three members of the 1952-53 UMaine basketball team attended the Senior Alumni luncheon at Alumni House prior to attending a very exciting Black Bear vs. Boston University men's game in the Pit in early December. Left to right are: John Norris '54, Woody Carville '53, '54G, and Keith Mahaney '57, '68G. All three men have been voted into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame.

## BODWELL MOTORS

Ford-Lincoln-Mercury-  
Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge



Good Luck Black Bears!  
Bill Bodwell '50

169 Pleasant Street, Brunswick, ME 04011  
207-729-3375

### About the Cover

This photo of members of the 1923 University of Maine hockey team was taken at their makeshift outdoor rink where the Memorial Gym parking lot is now located. The 1923 team, coached by Joseph Murphy, was the first to play hockey as an official varsity sport. They compiled a respectable 2-3 record. Because of the difficulty in maintaining an ice surface, hockey was discontinued several years later and didn't return until the completion of the Alford Arena in 1977.

### No Clarity on Track Men

There were several responses to our request to identify the UMaine runners on the cover of fall *Mainly People*. Unfortunately, the respondents didn't completely concur on who the runners were. Three of four people did identify the runner on the left as Harry Folster '57. Two respondents identified the other runner as Paul Firlotte '56.



# Spring Swing 2006!

*Join the University of Maine Alumni Association for Spring Swing fun!*

*Sing the "Stein Song" with MAINE alumni and friends at gatherings*

*listed below. New this year are events at SeaWorld / Orlando*

*and Hilton Head, South Carolina!*

*Details at [www.mainealumni.com](http://www.mainealumni.com) or 1-800-934-2586!*

Sarasota  
Saturday, March 4th

Naples  
Sunday, March 5th

Ft. Lauderdale  
Tuesday, March 7th

Boca Raton  
Wednesday, March 8th


Ft. Pierce / Vero Beach  
Thursday, March 9th

Orlando / SeaWorld  
Saturday, March 11th

Daytona  
Monday, March 13th

Hilton Head, South Carolina  
Thursday, March 16th

*\*All events are subject to change. Check website for current information.*



The University of  
**MAINE**  
**ALUMNI**  
ASSOCIATION

[www.mainealumni.com](http://www.mainealumni.com)



# Classnotes



## Senior Alumni

### Reunion

June 2-4, 2006

**William D. Currie '52**  
**6 Blueberry Cove Road**  
**Yarmouth, ME 04096-6524**  
**(207) 846-3993**  
**wdc@maine.rr.com**

Several Senior Alumni activities took place during the Homecoming 2005 weekend. At the Senior Council meeting **Dick Sprague '50**, chair of the fund raising and allocation committee, reported that efforts are well underway to meet or exceed our scholarship goal to raise \$82,620 that was approved earlier by the council. This year the council approved financial support for 39 Don Taverner Nontraditional Scholarship Award recipients. Additionally, awards were also granted to: three Distinguished Students in the visual and performing arts, four Distinguished Scholars, and three students who were Top Scholars. Congratulations to these outstanding students. We need to get behind this effort to support these worthy and talented students. Dick also reported that work has begun to update the video that was used to tell the Senior Alumni story. He expects to have it ready for a preview and distribution in the near future.

The third annual Senior Alumni homecoming luncheon continues to be successful and well attended. Again this year, there were over 70 attendees. We were pleased to have Leonard W. Kaye, D.S.W./Ph.D. as our guest speaker. Dr. Kaye is

director of the university's Center on Aging. His words and thoughts were well received.

It was a great weekend. Classes other than the 50-plus reunion classes scheduled for meetings this year celebrated their reunions during Family and Friends weekend and during Homecoming weekend.

At the council meeting president **Jayne Hanson Bartley '49** appointed members to serve on the nominating committee. They are **Hank Woodbrey '53**, **Jean McIntire White '52**, and **Woody Carville '53**. They will meet next year and have their recommendations for the council meeting next spring.

Jayne also requested interested council members to sign up to review scholarship applications for next year. Bill Currie '52, scholarship

committee chair, will meet with staff members and Giana Marrs of Student Financial Aid to review the process that will be used this coming year.

That group met in November. The completed Taverner applications will be mailed to review committee members in mid-February. The full review committee will meet in early March to go over the material submitted by the applicants, and determine the successful recipients.

The award letters will be sent to scholarship recipients in late March. There are approximately 15 committee members made up of council and non-council members who volunteer to participate in this important phase of the Senior Alumni's mission.

Now for news about our senior

alumni members: The Senior Alumni activities committee continues to be a busy group. The committee arranged a luncheon on December 10th prior to the UMaine/Boston University men's basketball game. The game was again played in "The Pit." The committee welcomes all thoughts regarding future events. We'll keep you posted.

Thanks to our "Golden Girls:" **Jean Grindle Carville '54**, **Ruth Folger Goff '48**, **Thelma Crossland Robie '49**, and president Jayne Hanson Barley '49. Our thanks and appreciation to Paula Sheehan Paradis '71 of the alumni staff for her great assistance.

Three of our council members recently joined the Class of 1952 on their Norwegian coastal voyage with a three-day stopover in Iceland. Members included Jayne Hanson Bartley '49, **Bill Currie '52**, and Jean McIntire White '52. It was a wonderful trip by the '52ers and friends. Twenty-six people made the 14-day tour. More details are available on page 15.

A July news article in the *Bangor Daily News* had a nice write-up on the Hampden firm Sargent & Sargent which purchased the H. E. Sargent Company. The article highlighted the uniting of the two family building companies. The article included a nice photo of **H. E. Sargent '29** sitting with John Simpson '71, '83G, the company's CEO. Sargent & Sargent, a Hampden company headed by Sargent's grandson Herb R. Sargent, recently purchased H. E. Sargent from Fru-Con Construction Corporation of Missouri. From all indications it was reported to be a great union of two outstanding firms.



Helping to celebrate the 100th birthday of George Dow '27 (left) on July 23rd were UMaine Foundation president Amos Orcutt '64 (center), and former Maine Commissioner of Agriculture Robert Spear '65. The event was held at Nobleboro Central School.

George is a former director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station. Since retiring, he has devoted almost three decades to researching and preserving the history of Nobleboro, including founding the town's historical society. His work has been very influential in the movement to establish local mid-coast historical societies. (Photo by Lola Orcutt.)

## 1935

**Basil G. Staples**  
**275 Colwick Road**  
**Rochester, NY 14624**  
**(585) 247-6509**

Dear Classmates,  
 The deadline for submission of this column has come about all too soon and the news from you has not met the demand.

A short note was received from "**Huck**" Sawyer with no news except



that he is now living at: 10 Laurel Cherry Court, Homosessa, Florida. This column is dependent on news from you members. I can not report those interesting events if I do not know they happen. Please tell me what you are doing. The other classmates would like to hear about them.

I am in the midst of cutting 20 face cords of firewood for my own use. My house should be comfortable this winter in spite of the cold Rochester, New York, weather. I would be interested in learning if any other classmates are burning wood and if so, are they cutting it themselves? It is good exercise and you get warm twice, once when you cut it and once when you burn it. You should be receiving this sometime in January, so Happy New Year, everyone.

## 1936

**Kenneth L. Ireland**  
1100 North Abrego Drive  
Green Valley, AZ 85614  
(520) 625-1421  
kireland3@cox.net

I am enclosing a group picture taken on my 92nd birthday of about half of the 30 members of our special group at the Country Club of Green Valley. I am the one near the center (a friend's hand is on my shoulder) in a pink T-shirt which is my Tiger Woods outfit. I'm hoping that some of it will wear off onto me and let me play a better game. So far it has not happened.

The group had a special chocolate layer cake made for me by our chef who is very good at desserts. It shows how friendly this group has been to me. They average about 75 years of age and not one is over 86. We all tee-off at 7:30 a.m. every day during the summer heat so that we finish 18 holes by 11:30, before the heat becomes unbearable. I play only three or four days per week, but some of the younger guys play almost every day all year long.

Our normal membership is 300 members, but right now we could use about 20 new members because two new semi-private courses were opened in Green Valley this year, and they have taken away some of our lukewarm members who play only once or twice per week. It costs them about \$20 each time they play. At our private club

the ones who play five or more times per week pay only about \$10 per round. We have paid an initiation fee of \$2,000 to \$4,000.

Larryl Matthews, the dean of engineering, has played twice with our group, and I am sure that he would recommend it.

## 1937

**George W. McLellan**  
2600 Croasdaile Farm Parkway  
Heritage Hall Apt. C115  
Durham, NC 27705-1350  
(919) 384-2429  
g.w.mclellan@att.net

The big news this time is that **Ernie Dinsmore** does not plan to go to Maine this summer. For how many years have you been making this trip, Ernie? He turned 90 on September 11 and maybe this is a good time to think of things less taxing. Those assisted living places look more attractive all the time.

## 1939

**Edna Louise Harrison "Squeeze" Dempsey**  
2526 Carrollton Road  
Annapolis, MD 21403-4203  
(410) 268-1888  
eldempsey@comcast.net

A welcome call from **Lucille Bell Grange** was upbeat all the way. Lucille and George '37 celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on October 14th. They celebrated their 25th family reunion during the first week of August on the Outer Banks of North Carolina with 26 family members attending. They flew from their home in Sun City Center, Florida, to Baltimore, and then spent a week with son Chip in Gaithersburg. Then to Virginia where they spent a week with daughter Terry Straight in Virginia, en route to the Outer Banks. On the way they attended the wedding of their seventh grandchild.

On the 20th of July they attended the birth of their third great-grandson, and both held him when he was just one hour old.

They had great weather for the entire time at the Outer Banks and it has been decided that this was the last time that they would all get

together there for their family reunion. Travel and vacation plans make it very complicated for everyone concerned.

Polly Jellison Weatherbee '40, wife of the late **Art Weatherbee**, also lives in Sun City. Lucille reports that Polly recently enjoyed a great trip back to Maine and that she and Polly lunch once a month.

Recently, I received a very special memory booklet from **Harry Halliday**. This booklet is titled *Three Beautiful Women as One*. Divided in three parts, section one has pictures of Harry and Charlotte during happy times on the first page. We then are given a special picture of Charlotte, the musician, his wife of 51 years, and mother of his three children. This busy homemaker and mother also became a realtor before retiring. She then took up drawing, oil painting, and sculpting at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Charlotte and Harry decided to enjoy retirement on Cape Cod at King's Way in Yarmouthport, Massachusetts. Golf and art took up much of her time until an illness ended her life in 1993.

Part two of the memory booklet concerns the life of Elizabeth Daniel Halliday, known as Betty. Harry and Betty were high school sweethearts, who ended up each going their own way before getting together again many years later. After three years together, the two split up—probably because they both needed to do some growing in various ways.

Betty had been widowed three years when she and Harry were to meet again. As it turned out, Harry came back into Betty's life at a perfect time, and as she said, "He came back into my life when I needed him most."

The third beautiful woman in Harry's life was his only daughter, Sue Ann Dickert, who departed this life in 2002. Harry's page devoted to Susie shows a large heart in the center with a picture of Harry and Sue titled "Pals Forever."

In retrospect, while carefully examining Harry's colorful and unusual booklet I have come to the conclusion that it is a true labor of love on many fronts. The writing of it, the selection of pictures, and the arrangement all show great perseverance in bringing the whole thing together in such a special way. In doing so, somehow it is my hope that this has helped Harry to deal with what has to have been a very heavy and sorrowful load of memories. We all thank you, Harry, for sharing it with us.

A note from **Ralph Higgins**

brings news of trouble with his last printer. His new one accurately printed a list of his many, many performances during these many years. He adds a note that he is still doing the *Nutcracker* and *Sleeping Beauty* with the Suburban Dance Force.

Please tell us all your secrets about your varied doings over quite a long time. You give our class a certain air of the creative and the artistic, Ralph. Thanks for that.

My printer is giving me some challenging moments these days, especially as far as margins and a few other areas are concerned. (A new printer is supposed to be on the way.) I love my new computer, but have so much to learn. My grandsons can be helpful in this regard, if and when they have a free moment for grandma!

## 1940

**Ginny Pease Dogherty**  
Granite Hills Estates  
16 Walnut Drive  
Augusta, ME 04330-6032  
ginnydpd@adelphia.net

Greetings from Granite Hills Estates in Augusta. I have been living in a cottage here for over five years and I really enjoy it. I am fortunate to have two children who live very near me and it was just moving from one part of the city to another. I keep busy with the Friends of the Maine State Museum, the Pine Tree State Arboretum, church, gardening, and bridge. Our UMaine alumni group meets often and it is always great to see other alumni friends. We are planning a university luncheon here at Granite Hills in the spring so I hope I will have news of that for you in the future.

Reunion was so much fun last June. Since then there have been several mini reunions. **Margaret Steinmetz Mosher** met with **Ruth McClelland Jewell** and **Maxine Robertson Furbush** back in June after the UM reunion, and they visited with **Paul** and **Ruth Worcester Johnson** in Buxton. Margaret, Ruth, and Maxine added a visit to **Margaret Peaslee Danforth** in Manchester, New Hampshire. Margaret wrote that she had one daughter in Maine, another near her in central New York, and one son in Honolulu. All of their families got





**Class of 1936 correspondent Ken Ireland celebrated his 92nd birthday with friends at the Country Club of Green Valley in Arizona. Ken is the seventh person from the right. Ken plays golf at the club all year, usually about three or four days a week.**

together in New York in August and had a wonderful time.

Another mini reunion was at Barnacle Bill's in Ogunquit when **Bill** and Vivian **Treat** met for lunch with **Alice Ann Donovan Poeppelmeier**, **Polly Jellison Weatherbee**, and **Barbara Welch Wilson**.

I talked with Barbara, **Dwight Barrell's** wife, one day, and she told me that Dwight is not well and would enjoy hearing from old friends. They live at: 5 Tow Patch Lane, Concord, New Hampshire.

I also had a telephone visit with **Dick Morton** several weeks ago. He lost his wife earlier this year and is lonely, but he has three children who live fairly near him. He was looking forward to a grandson's wedding.

**Helen Maling Walker** is living in her home of 46 years in Yarmouth. She keeps busy with local clubs, church, knitting, bridge, and gardening as well as the UMaine alumni. We had fun on the phone discussing her two cats, Pip and Ginger, while I only have one, Buttercup!

**Esther and Roger Trask** live in Florida in the winter and spend summers at Beech Hill Pond in Otis, Maine. Roger enjoys oil painting and says that his painting is much better than his golf game. He told me that **Oric O'Brien** and his wife, Lois, also spend their winters in Florida but come back to summer in Maine at Bottle Lake in Springfield.

In September there was a luncheon at the Highlands in Topsham. It was great to see Helen Maling Walker and Alice Ann Donovan Poeppelmeier there as well as about 60 other alumni from around mid and southern Maine. It was a real treat also to have our university president there. Dr. Robert Kennedy told us about many exciting things that are going on at the university. This luncheon is the fourth gathering of Maine alumni at the Highlands.

It would be great to hear from some of you. What would we do without email and cell phones? Please keep in touch.

## 1941 65th Reunion June 2-4, 2006

**Agnes Ann Walsh**  
15 Piper Road K322  
Scarborough, ME 04074

A Maine Hello to all '41ers! A reminder—our 65th Reunion is in 2006! The dates are June 2-4, 2006. Can you believe it? Our commencement was that long ago! This year's freshman class of 1,823 students is the largest in 15 years, thus increasing the total enrollment with 47 states represented plus many foreign countries.

**Charlene Perkins Strang** with Barbara Savage Thompson '42 and Dan Hatch '49, all residents at The Highlands in Topsham, hosted a luncheon in September for area alumni at the facility. This is the fourth year for this event and there was a record attendance to help them christen the new deck off the dining room as well as enjoy the camaraderie of UMaine alumni. Dr. Robert A. Kennedy, our new president, spoke about the University of Maine: Building on the Past, Preparing for the Future.

Our class was represented by **Constance Philbrook Leger**, **Anna Verrill DeMunn**, Charlene, and yours truly. Charlene also attended the Portland Alumnae summer coffee in August. **Alma Hansen Langlois** has been writing a monthly column, "Mirror on Manchester,"

about the history of Manchester, New Hampshire, which is published in the *New Hampshire Sunday News*. In May the Manchester Historic Association presented its annual historic preservation awards at a banquet in Bedford. Alma received the association's Education Award for "fostering interest in preserving Manchester through her teaching and her writing." Alma taught English and was advisor for the school newspaper for 21 years and retired from Central High School in the mid 1980s.

A landmark date, September 23, 2005—our 18th president, Robert A. Kennedy, was installed in a most impressive ceremony at the Maine Center for the Arts. Meredith Strang Burgess '78, Charlene's daughter, was one of several offering greetings; Meredith spoke as chairman of the University of Maine board of visitors. A reception followed in a large tent set up in the parking area near the center. It was a gala weekend in Orono—the installation on Friday and the Charles F. Allen Society luncheon at the Buchanan Alumni House on Saturday with Bill Cosby in a late matinée at the MCA. Community receptions were scheduled to meet Dr. Kennedy in Portland, Belfast, Bangor, and Presque Isle; the one here was held at the Peter A. McKernan Hospitality Center (a very scenic location) on the Southern Maine Community College campus in South Portland. I had the pleasure of presenting Dr. Kennedy with a cake as everyone serenaded him—it was his birthday! His wife, Mary Rumpho-Kennedy, a professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at UMaine, revealed that secret at the installation reception. (During the local reception there was a good omen—a double rainbow over Casco Bay!)

Last weekend on a tour of the

upper level of the Buchanan Alumni House I saw, in the University of Maine Foundation area, the UMF Library that was presented in memory of **Winston Pullen** and there was a framed picture of Win. Also the carriage house that bears his name is a wonderful addition to the area near the Page Farm and Home Museum. The UMaine sports teams will be playing games here in Portland this year; the football team began the season with a win over Albany. Now we look forward to basketball and hockey.

**Joyce Ramsay Carter** and John '42 are joining seven other UMaine graduates here at Piper Shores. Their new address is: 15 Piper Road, J228, Scarborough, Maine 04074. **Glenna Johnson Smith's** birthday celebration in June was a big surprise for her, but what a coincidence—about 100 invitations sent and 85 guests attended for her 85th! It was always a joy when my students matriculated at UMaine and some I've kept in touch with. Now I am so proud to learn that three of my former students at Thornton Academy: Mary Atkinson Johnson '55, and Milton '51 and Joan Vachon Victor '52, received Block "M" awards at the 2005 June reunion.

**Ruth Tuttle Franson** died in August in Hamilton, Massachusetts, where she lived for over 50 years. Ruth, a well-known artist on the North Shore, was an art teacher in the Ipswich schools and Endicott Junior College as well as a member of several art associations. Our deepest sympathy to her family. **Charles Arbor** passed away in July in Jupiter, Florida. He earned his B.A. and M.Ed. from the University of Maine and taught and coached at Hallowell High School. In 1953 Charlie went to Cony High in Augusta where he taught before becoming



principal in 1963 and retired in 1976. He and his wife enjoyed their camp on Moosehead Lake and were famous throughout the north woods for their CB monikers, "Chucklin' Charlie" and "Moosehead Maggie." Charlie was predeceased by his wife and one sibling, Joseph.

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Reunion in June. If you do not plan to attend, please write us a note to share with our classmates.

## 1942

**Marion Libby Broadus**  
40 Oakland Avenue  
Westbrook, ME 04092  
(207) 854-4648  
mlbroadus@yahoo.com

Not much news this time around. Where are you? A note from **Ed Pitts**. He is doing preliminary research on the general topic of growing to maturity in coastal Maine 1919-1960. Now that is right up our alley. We can all relate to those years.

We as a class send our sympathy to the family of **Rebecca Hill Talbot** who died this past summer at her home in East Machias, Maine. Becky was one of those girls from our class who went to Louisville, Kentucky, to work for Seagrams right after graduation. Another of our classmates, **Booth Leavitt**, died in September. Booth was one of several classmates who changed careers sometime after the war. He graduated from the University of Maryland Dental School in 1947 and practiced dentistry in Auburn, Maine, for 35 years. I remember there were several men from other classes who went on to dental school, especially at Maryland.

**Barbara Johnson Tarantino** writes, "I am still going strong although I haven't sent news for some time. I have become active in local government. My latest foray was running for selectman—made it so I'm in for three years. It means I have to resign from the town budget committee. Since my husband passed away five years ago I have kept busy. Although I tried to convince them to come to UMaine, I have a grandson who's a sophomore at Worcester State and a granddaughter who entered Boston College in September 2005. In addition to my town activities, I am

involved with Grange, historical society, Women's Club, Retired Teachers, and church. It keeps me young."

Take a minute to write me with any news. It would be great to hear from you!

## 1943

**Helena Jensen**  
12 Frost Street  
Portland, ME 04102

**Walter Brady** was first awarded an athletic scholarship at the Huntington School for Boys in Boston and four years later he was awarded an athletic scholarship to the University of Maine. There he competed with classmates **Dick Martinez** and **John Stewart**. As an undergraduate he majored in physics. Later, he earned a master's degree with a major in finance and a minor in marketing. Following commencement, he served his country in the United States Navy attaining the rank of radiological defense officer of the first naval district.

Upon entering the business world, he spent five years in Canada, two years in Mexico, four years in Africa, and two years between England, France, and Germany.

You may recall he was present at the last reunion of the Class of '43 and he was also on hand for the 50th Reunion in 1993. Seven years ago he attended a mini reunion in Scottsdale.

**Annie Dowling Mawhinney** manages to keep the home fires burning at Spearin Drive, Orono. She often visits husband, Eugene '47, '49G at the Veterans' Home in Bangor and says he enjoys friends' visits. You may recall he received the Alumni Association's Distinguished Maine Professor Award in 1982. I last saw the Mawhinneys at the 2003 class reunion. At that time Annie and her "group of five" were reunited for a few days. The group of five has now become the group of four, which includes Annie plus **Barbara Leadbeater Lincoln**, **Ginny Conant Miner**, and **Olive Rowell Taverner**. They meet a couple of times a year at the County Farm Restaurant in North Whitefield.

Annie is active in her church where she heads up the service group. Interestingly, **Helen Deering Piper** serves on this committee.

The Mawhinneys are parents of a son and daughter living in the greater Portland area. Four grandchildren, ranging in age from kindergarten to college alumni, complete the family picture.

**Richard "Dick" MacMillan Pierce** was fond of outdoor sports—hunting and fishing—while he was growing up and that's why he majored in forestry. Following commencement he served his country in the United States Army, joined the National Guard, and later served with that unit for one and-a-half years in Korea. His first professional job was with the Maine Forest Service in the northern Maine town of Escourt on the Canadian border for a short time. He then continued forestry study at Yale University and earned a master's degree. This led to temporary work in Alabama, then on to Washington, D.C., when he was employed by the Timber Engineering Company in the research lab. Timber Engineering Company holds research contracts with various companies producing specific wood products.

Richard married and returned to Maine to work in Wilton for 12 years. Wilton was the main office for Forester Manufacturing, which also had plants in Stratton, Strong, and Mat-tawamkeag for the manufacture of white birch products such as ice cream sticks, toothpicks, and tongue depressors. Forester Manufacturing merged with Diamond International which foreign competition killed in time. The next 12 years were spent in the employ of Owens Illinois in Old Town whose specialty was molded pulp products such as "Chinet" molded plates and trays.

The Pierce family moved to Dixfield where Richard worked for the United Timber Corporation from which he retired at age 66. He continues to live in Dixfield where he is an active volunteer. He currently serves as treasurer for the Maine Tree Farm Committee. He used to be treasurer for the Small Woodlot Owners Association of Maine until "the computer put me out of business." For 30 years he was treasurer of the Maine Forest Products Council.

Now, what about the future of forestry in Maine? Richard said, "It will be difficult to maintain the potential of the past. Most wood paper companies with large tracts of land have sold to investment groups."

He must have been dedicated to forestry service and a good role model, for his two sons also majored in forestry at the University of

Maine. David '94 is currently with the Maine Bureau of Public Lands in Ashland, and R. William '94 is with the Timber Resources Group in Farmington. Daughter Marjorie is human resources manager for ARAMARK Corporation in Philadelphia.

Lastly, there is the "Highland Fling!" That is to say a trio of alums, residing at the Highlands retirement community in Topsham, hosted a luncheon and gathering of fellow members of the '40s classes on September 13. Hosts were Charlene Perkins Strang '41, Barbara Savage Thompson '42, and Dan Hatch '49. The Class of '43 was represented by **Gladys Clark McLeary**, **Francesca Perazzi**, and **Elinor "Coke" Cromwell Winslow**.

## 1944

**Joyce Iveney Ingalls**  
7 Seabury Lane  
Yarmouth, ME 04096

Time to say "hello" again and to share news of the Class of '44.

From the *Ellsworth American* came a story about the "greatest generation." This article honored the late **Bradley Bunker** of Franklin, Maine, who was in the Army Air Corps in World War II. Brad flew 35 missions as a navigator in a B17 Flying Fortress. Remarkably, none of Bunker's crewmates was wounded or killed during these missions they flew between May and November of 1944. Brad was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service.

Brad finished college at the University of Maine, receiving both his bachelor's and master's degrees. The Bunkers lived in Franklin, Maine, and Naples, Florida. We received word that Bradley died in August, and extend our sympathy to the Bunker family.

As many of you know, the Class of 1944 had a summer get-together and business meeting held on August 3 in Orono. **Joe** and I were unable to attend because of prior commitments so I take much of this from minutes prepared by Nancy Verrill of the UMaine Alumni Association and **Al Ehrenfried**.

Class members attending were: **Robert Beverage**, **Russ** and **Barbara Higgins Bodwell** '45, **Pat Cummings** '89, '44H, **Al Ehrenfried**, **Larry Graham**, **Dick** and **Jan Hale**, **Al McNeilly**, **Ernie** and **Midi Woost**.



er Roberts, Earland Sleight, Bill and Doris Kilburn Spach, and Charlie Stickney. The university staff and alumni association were also well represented.

In the Bear's Den, president Al Ehrenfried conducted the business meeting where all in attendance enjoyed lunch from the Marketplace food court and refreshment from the Bear's Den bar. Among the many topics mentioned and discussed were: renovations to the Class of '44 Hall; **Fran Sheehy Brown** and her husband Gerry's generous gift to completely refurbish the concert Steinway in Minsky Hall and to also gift a Yamaha rehearsal piano; Russ Bodwell's question of whether now there is a greater need for scholarships and professorships vs. facilities as other colleges are taking away top students by offering them much more than UMaine; the Bear's Den, which Mohamed Ali, dining services manager, reported as showing strong growth in use though in the first year operating at a loss; Charlie Stickney, Al McNeilly, and Mohamed Ali appointed a committee to order a pub sign for the Den and have it installed along with other plaques and display cases for memorabilia to give the Den a true pub feel; and further discussion and report on the Galaxy of Stars project at Buchanan Alumni House led by Dick Hale and Jim Frick.

This seems to be all of the news of the Class of '44 that has crossed my desk this summer. Please be in touch in the months ahead to make the next notes a little longer.

## 1945

**Carolyn Chaplin Grant**  
257 Canco Road Apartment 123  
Portland, ME 04103

Hi to all you '45ers! I've moved back from Florida to Maine after 20 years. We certainly missed many of you at the 60th Reunion last June. However, 28 of our classmates returned to a close and nurturing reunion. We truly enjoyed the new Buchanan Alumni House! It's on the corner of College Avenue and Munson Road on campus—the one that goes down past Balentine Hall on the left and Estabrooke Hall and Colvin on the right. (There are many buildings there since our days on campus, but these old dormitories still are there as landmarks.) Alumni House is directly across from Phi

## Earle Bessey '40 Honored at Nutting Hall Courtyard Dedication

1940 forestry graduate Earle Bessey was an integral part of the November ceremony dedicating the university's new Nutting Hall Courtyard. Not only was the placement of the centerpiece of the courtyard, Forest Hart's sculpture, *Cub Scouts* (see Around the Campus, page 6), made in his name, but his family also announced a scholarship in his name at the event.

Earle gave a thoughtful thank-you speech, highlighting the many changes in forestry during his long career. Earle was the founder and owner of E.D. Bessey & Son in Hinkley.

The courtyard project was funded through donations from alumni, faculty, students, Maine's natural resources industry, and other Maine-based companies.



Kappa Sigma. Dean Deering's home was on that corner, and they had to remove that home as well as the two next to it to make room for the new Alumni House.

It's a beautiful place with a lovely staircase going up in the rear of the lobby and a plethora of meeting rooms. How wonderful it is to see the staff in beautiful offices, and they are delighted with their new quarters!

We had our class luncheon there and **Connie Carter Lamprell** brought beautiful arrangements of light blue hydrangeas in clear blue vases—with blue napkins—so it looked delightful.

Connie also brought that great banner she made for our 45th Reunion. (She's changed the numbers at each reunion since to comply with our reunion years.) I believe **Jim Donovan** has arranged to have the banner placed with the other special items from our class archives. What a great addition that will be!

We had our class picture taken immediately following our luncheon and then President Jim called a short class meeting. We voted to keep our present officers, as they are all willing and very interested in keeping our class going. We are a "war time class" as World War II started on December 7, 1941, when we were

freshmen and ended in 1945—soon after our small graduation. However, the majority of our class servicemen returned as faithful students and many have remained faithful to the Class of '45, no matter when they graduated! Truly, I think Tom Brokaw's recent book, *The Greatest Generation*, certainly tells the basic story of your class's lifetime years. We are true survivors—or as the unsinkable Molly Brown would say, "We ain't down yet."

As for me, I had been living with my husband, Ralph '54, in Fort Myers, Florida, the past 20 years and truly loved the area. I still managed to stay close to the university in Fort Myers, as we hosted the University of Maine alumni luncheon the past 16 years. We always had a great turnout of 75 to 100. Many friends arranged their winter vacations to coincide with our annual luncheon! My husband Ralph was a tremendous help to me for these luncheons as was my friend Connie Carter Lamprell—after the luncheons we had many friends return to our home for real visiting time together and a larger support party! I believe we hosted from 1970 to 2004! And thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to gather so many friends and alumni together.

Unfortunately, I was unable to

continue this year as Ralph passed away on January 24th at Hope Hospice in Fort Myers. He had been ill for many years—but kept going (like the energizer bunny) until the past year. He'd had C.O.P.D. for many years and had been on oxygen the past year—but that vicious cancer found a vulnerable kidney and took his life away. I had a brother in Fort Myers but I felt totally alone and made a decision rather soon to return to Maine where my children are located. After my home was sold, I began writing to several retirement homes in the Portland area. On May 6th I flew up to my grandson, Alexander Treat's, graduation from Orono. There were over 2,000 graduates so they had to have two graduations—one in the morning and one in the afternoon! I stayed with Russ '44 and **Barb Higgins Bodwell** in their new home at Dirigo Pines. It's a beautiful homey place with a cozy fireplace and great floor plan. It was a wonderful opportunity to see it and visit as well. (I also saw them on their last day of the annual August vacation at Highland Lake in Falmouth that day before they left!)

This past year has been almost overwhelming for me—but my decision to come home to be near all of our children was the correct thing to do. They have been of invaluable help in getting me settled here in my new home at Canco Woods. My daughter Linda Bradley Osborn '69 was at their cottage near West Paris all summer as she retired as the special education teacher for the elementary school in Wingdale, New York. She was delighted to be able to stay into the fall with no responsibilities to return to school. She and her husband and daughter Missy moved all of the furniture into my new apartment here and Missy arranged all the kitchen and bathroom cupboards as well!

Then my daughter Cindy Bradley Brochu '73 and family came with all the electrical and technical things and my daughter Bonnie has been most helpful in getting me to the doctor's and other tasks. She and Dick's wife, Marilyn, moved a comfy recliner in one evening as they felt I needed it.

My son Dick flew down to Florida and packed and drove all my belongings of a lifetime back to Portland for storage—until I can get to it! I gave most of my large furniture to various family members—and special family items that they wanted to Ralph's three daughters. So everyone has been of great assistance and they



continue to call and stop by to visit—that's a major plus to returning to Maine. Now my holidays will be spent with family once again and I certainly look forward to that!

My newest family member is a kitty. Her name is Lady Kady but I seem to call her Snickerdoodle. She responds to most anything. She's a loving, purring bundle of fur who likes to curl up by me when I go to bed and she purrs us to sleep!

I've found some UMaine alumni here—Martha Allen Irvine '44 is one of them. Her late husband, Bill Irvine '42, was the chancellor of the earliest USM for a short time, then moved on to Vermont as a college president. Bill died several years ago of Parkinson's disease and dear Martha is confined to a wheelchair with M.S. but is cheerful at all times. Just yesterday I met Dick McCrum '53 who is a retired plant pathologist from the University of Maine. I believe he followed Roger Clapp whom I had as a professor. He received his master's at UMaine in 1953. Our '45 classmate, **Guy Bailey**, was here until last month when he and his wife were moved to the assisted living section, as they are not very well now.

Today I was invited by Helena Jensen '43 to a welcoming of our new UMaine president Robert Kennedy here in Portland. I've met him several times and found him warm and very friendly. So I also am planning to go to the next UMaine alumni "lobster suppa" here in Portland on October 6th. **Ben Warner** called today and is picking me up to go down to Kittery Point to pick Connie Carter Lamprell up and take us to lunch on my birthday. It will be great for all three of us—as Ben's wife is now confined to a special nursing home—and Ben has been suffering from shingles for several months. I read just last week that children who do not have chicken pox are very susceptible to shingles as adults! It's a dreadful condition.

**Barkley Goodrich** called on the weekend to bring me up-to-date on their lives. The most important thing is their son and his wife are building a home down near where the late **Joe** and Ginny Tufts **Chaplin** '46 had a summer home in Georgetown. Having a summer place they can retreat to in Georgetown with the cousins will be a great plus to **Barkley** and **Libby** and all the family.

Connie Carter Lamprell is going down to visit **Doris Emery Spencer** in Peabody, Massachusetts, for a few days. So I do keep in touch with as many classmates as possible.

Actually, I lived with Connie for three months in her beautiful home in Kittery Point and was there all summer awaiting an opening here in Canco Woods. It was great for us to be together again, just like old times as Estabrooke roommates.

On June 7, I was on my way to Lewiston when I became the victim of an automobile accident on Lisbon Street and ended up in the Central Maine Medical Center. It appeared that I had cracked some ribs but was O.K. other than being shaken up a bit. However, on Sunday three months later, Jim Donovan called Connie asking, "Do you know where Charlie is?" and she told him, "I sure do! She's sitting right here beside me," and she handed the phone to me. Jim asked, "Why didn't you let me know you'd been in an accident?" I told him I didn't even think of calling him. He reminded me that he was an orthopedic surgeon and that I really needed to be seen by one. When I reminded him that he is retired, he told me that his son, Matthew, was also an orthopedic surgeon and that he would make arrangements for Matthew to see me the following day! He looks like Jim—dark hair and eyes—and he had x-rays taken. He also arranged for a bone scan later that week. When I returned to see Matthew, he looked at me and said, "Before we go any further, you have to sing the 'Stein Song' for me!" That's when I finally said, "No, I have a dreadful voice and will not subject you to it. If you wish to hear the words I'll speak them." But he said, "A song or nothing!" So he went on to show me what I had—three breaks in my bones. There was little he could do—but I was instructed to do deep breathing exercises plus alternate heat and ice.

Connie was my "Nurse Jane Fuzzy Wuzzy," and she nursed me back to health. Thanks to Jim, Matthew, and Connie! How's that for devotion of classmates and their family as well?! I'm fine now!

P.S. My grandson is sales manager of a G.M. agency and was able to get a new car for me by the end of August! I So I'm back driving again. Very cautiously.

As I said earlier, this is your column. So keep those cards, letters, and phone calls coming so I can write a newsy column for you each time and keep you up-to-date on everyone.

It seems that time has taken a great toll on many of us—so that shows how very important it is to be constantly vigilant to share our

news—joyful or sad—we do care so much for one another, we are truly like an extended family. I'll do my best to keep it interesting and always feel so sad when a class correspondent must write, "no news this month." And I know how disappointed the classmates are to see that, so send me one spare bit of news each time something comes up and I'll keep our column going for all the '45ers.

## 1946

**Mary Spangler Eddy**  
10 Bryant Park Drive  
Camden, ME 04843  
(207) 230-6624  
maryeddy@webtv.net

I'm afraid there is no news to report this time around. Please make a New Year's resolution to send me a note, email, or call! Without information about what people are doing, there's no news for this column. This is the 60th year since we graduated and it would be great to get updated news on classmates for our spring class column

## 1947

**Mary "Chickie" Sawyer Jordan**  
6 Sea Street  
P. O. Box 223  
Northeast Harbor, ME 04662  
(207) 276-5362

Happy New Year, everyone! Here's wishing you a healthy, happy year. Please take a moment and send me some news—there must be something I can share with the class!

## 1948

**Lancy Carter Bradshaw**  
16 Birchwood Terrace  
Pittsfield, ME 04967  
lancy@midmaine.com

**Barbara Sullivan Knowlton**  
16 Lloyd Road  
Waterville, ME 04901

Salutations, '48ers,

We gathered news from classmates at the "kitchen cabinet" lun-

cheon held at the Daniel Stone Inn in Brunswick in late July. Fourteen '48ers were in attendance plus three guests; **Mary Marble Burgess** '46, **Jane Longfellow Cullen** '47, and **Evelyn White Desmond** '47.

**Marguerite Sullivan Powers** reported a busy summer with family guests from Uzbekistan and Kuwait, including a year-old grandson, who delighted all with his antics.

**Helen Noyes Taylor** enjoyed a lovely week at Sebec Lake with daughter Judy Taylor Graham and her family from Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and son Mike from Howard, Massachusetts. The old boat at the lake cottage (circa 1976) served the group well to revisit favorite spots there.

**Helen Wallingford Mawhinney** has been busy doing short trips. One particularly enjoyable excursion was to a Tattoo at Halifax, Nova Scotia. She also announced the arrival of a new great-granddaughter in Florida.

**Millie Morris Stengel** has had a new home built at Granite Hills Estates, and hopefully, by October, her new address will be: 3 Butternut Lane, Augusta, Maine.

**Margie Watson Savignano** had a wonderful trip to Newfoundland in June. **Willard Moulton** came and he reports that **Peen** is quite content at the Alzheimer's unit at the Barron Center in Portland.

**Al** and **Mary Marble Burgess** '46 reported loving their usual summer at Lake Wesserunsett in Maine with visits from family and other guests while there. In addition, they took an Alaskan cruise in May, and magnificent views of Mount McKinley at Denali National Park took their breath away.

Your two correspondents have a couple of items to add to our scribe task. **Lancy's** grandniece, **Ellie Carter Winchester** '09, is a member of the dance team at the University of Maine. Lancy attended the first home football game to watch her niece perform with the University of Maine Marching Band. **Barb's** grandson, **Carlisle Knowlton** '08, a Sophomore Owl at UMaine, is a recipient of the Class of '48 scholarship. As **Bugs Bunny** says, "That's all, folks!" Send us your news. We know you're out there and doing things! We want to know what, when, and where. Bye for now.

**Make someone happy.**  
**Email your class**  
**correspondent today!**



# 1949

**Dorothy Averill Hawkes**  
296 Mount Hope Avenue  
Bangor, ME 04401  
(207) 942-8348  
dorothyannhawkes@aol.com

I am very disappointed to say that my supply of class news has dried up. In all the years that I have been writing this column, I have never had this happen to me before. Please help me to keep your classmates informed of the happenings in your life by writing or emailing me at the address above.

It is with great sadness that I report that our classmate, **Paul G. Ford**, passed away on September 1, 2005. Paul graduated from Bangor High School in 1940 and Fryeburg Academy in 1941. An Army veteran of World War II, he served from 1941 to 1945 with the 152nd Field Artillery Band and in Europe with the medical detachment of the 114th Medics, 26th Yankee Division. Following his Army service, he resumed his studies and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Maine in 1949. At Maine he was president of Deutscher Verein, the honorary German Society. He received his master's degree from the university in 1952. Over a period of 39 years, Paul was an instructor of French, Latin, and German at Bucksport High School and Kent's Hill School in Maine and Bellows Free Academy in St. Albans, Vermont, where he taught for over 30 years. For some 28 years he was a part-time radio announcer in Maine for WLBZ in Bangor, WFAU in Augusta, and WWSR in St. Albans, Vermont. He will be remembered in the St. Albans area for his dry wit and precise command of the English language. A favorite was his morning show on WWSR radio called Greenwoods Grill in which he portrayed various local characters dropping by for a chat. Paul's wife, Joanne, predeceased him in 1998. Three daughters and five grandchildren survive him. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Paul's family.

Hope you have a great winter. Stay warm and healthy!

Find out about our Senior Alumni discount for lifetime membership. Log on to:  
**mainealumni.com**



**Class of 1950 leaders got together with alumni association staff members at the Samoset Resort in Rockland in early November. Front row, left to right are: Danny Williams '91, '94G (director of annual and reunion giving), Flo Maddocks Fairfield, Ruth Holland Walsh, Dorothy Lord Hopkins, and Margaret Mollison McIntosh. Back row, left to right are: Richard Fairfield, Al Hopkins, Donna Keirstead Thornton, '78, '79G (interim alumni association president), and Todd Saucier '93, '97G (alumni association director of finance). One of the things discussed at the meeting was the new Class of '50 Greatest Generation Awards which will honor class members who served in World War II.**

# 1950

**Ruth Holland Walsh**  
186 Jerry Browne Road  
Apartment #1112  
Mystic CT 06355  
(860) 536-6265  
rhwdbv@sbcglobal.net

I am settling into my new apartment in StoneRidge pretty well, though to my distress, I am still looking at boxes of pictures and sundry files that need to find a home pretty quick. This summer I kept on putting off needed chores for a rainy day—but unfortunately the rain was virtually non-existent in our immediate area from early June through mid-September, so I could find other activities to keep me occupied. Eventually I will find a place for everything, and then I must put things back in that place after using them!

As I think of this simple dilemma here in my corner of the Northeast, I am concerned about all of our citizens along the Gulf Coast in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama

and their horrific plight as a result of Hurricane Katrina. I called **Earle "Trapper" and Polly Curtis Clifford** who live in Baton Rouge and were impacted by the hurricane with its myriad consequences for so many. Polly said that though Baton Rouge itself did not receive tremendous amounts of rain, wind damage was incredible and they are still trying to put order back into their lives and their community. Their immediate neighborhood was strewn with fallen trees and power lines; cleanup has been hampered necessarily by rescue efforts in the New Orleans area, by the influx of many evacuees of the hard-hit areas, as well as by the presence of many poisonous snakes in and around their neighborhoods. She said that if the filmmakers were to make a movie about the events of the past few weeks, no one could/would believe that such a plot was plausible. Many evacuees from New Orleans continue to live with their families and friends in the Baton Rouge area—with homes sheltering 20 or more people—all of whom are struggling to cope with reality and bring order to the chaos of their

lives. She said there are so many instances of tremendous breakdowns in communications all of which compounds the anguish for all. She noted they are "survivors" in the finest sense of the word, and will overcome what has been. We know that life must proceed—and so it was "with visions of our beautifully lush campus in early June" dancing in our heads, members of the mid-century Class of 1950 met in early August at the Cumberland Club in Portland. We spent the early part of the meeting reminiscing about the 55th Reunion festivities in Orono, and later on got caught up with news from all. **Henry Saunders** was elected to serve with Brother **Bill Bodwell** as co-class agents. This action was necessitated by the death of our dear friend **Sherm Cole** who served in that capacity for many years. We were happy to greet Sherm's widow, Edie Snow Cole '53, as an honorary member of the Class of 1950.

We were delighted to welcome **Eva Burgess Newell** who arrived with daughter Brenda from their summer camp in Liberty. She said that they had a superb summer of



kayaking, canoeing, and just luxuriating in the peace and beauty of a Maine summer. She and Hank, who celebrated their 50th anniversary in January, have returned to Florida for the winter and ask one and all to give them a ring if close to the Melbourne area. Their winter address is: 975 Mayflower Avenue, Melbourne, Florida (32940) telephone: 321-255-6904. **Irv and Dottie Butler Marsden** were able to join us and how pleased we were to see them; they were in the process of selling both their summer and winter homes, and are building their new home in Deland, Florida. They both looked terrific and have boundless energy as they prepare to downsize from two abodes to one. The best part of such a project is when one can say that "all is accomplished!" We wish them well in their new home. **Elbert Prince** joined us from Falmouth; when he is not spending time with his 16 grandchildren, he travels throughout the U.S. doing engineering consulting work and looks fit as a fiddle! **Willard Sawyer** arrived from his home at: 18 Cat Cove Road in Stonington, Maine 04681—a mighty long trip for him, despite the beautiful day. We were happy to see **Dick Hewes, Caroline Strong, and Gerald** and **Jeanne Mayberry** come through the door! **Al** and **Joye Levesque** brought **Vincent Leblanc** and **Ellie Hansen Brockway** with them from the Lewiston/Auburn area. We know there were still many things to talk about as we parted after the luncheon for the Portland Museum of Art to view the beautiful exhibits therein, including a special show of Winslow Homer.

We were pleased to note the awarding of some 10 scholarships to descendants of the Class of 1950 who are attending Maine on the Orono campus. It is anticipated that the awards next year will be a bit more substantial, thanks to the generous contributions of classmates to the Class of 1950 Scholarship Fund during our reunion fund request. Modest scholarship awards were made for school year 2005-2006 to: Benjamin Barton of Winterport, grandson of the late **Niles C. Williams**; Jennifer Booth of Cumberland, granddaughter of **Paul G. Sheehy**; Lauren Cassidy of Bennington, New Hampshire, granddaughter of **Martelle Quint**; Jennifer and Jessica Deane of Winslow, granddaughters of **Richard Watson**; Matthew Ledoux of Standish, grandson of **Philip H. Lowell**; Jason McGann of Presque Isle,

grandson of **Maurice Fenderson**; Nokole Noddin of Holden, granddaughter of **Ray C. Noddin**; Caroline Seastrom of Rockport, granddaughter of **Rita Crabtree Elliott**; and Anna Snow of Manchester, granddaughter of **Edward Baylis**. Congratulations to these fine young men and women; how proud we are of them! Currently, the Class of 1950 Scholarship is available to descendants of the Class of 1950. When applying for the scholarship, applicants must make their relationship to the Class of 1950 known to the office of student financial aid. We are in the process of reviewing guidelines, and will keep you informed of all.

We reviewed the excellence of the reunion weekend, from our wonderful time and perfect weather in Bar Harbor, to the moving memorial service at the Flag Plaza honoring classmates who have died since 2000. A highlight of the weekend was the awarding of the first Greatest Generation Award—to **John Gee** of Chesterville, Maine. John distinguished himself as a member of an underwater demolition team who cleared obstacles from the landing areas in and around Utah and Omaha beaches just prior to D-Day in 1944—and more. Vice president **George Gray** noted that up to now we have not recognized our many brave veteran classmates who gave more than their fair share during both World War II and Korea. He stressed that it is vital that there be an effective vehicle to pay tribute to those classmates who were brave heroes in the defense of our country. Thus a motion to establish the Greatest Generation Award was passed unanimously; this award will provide an effective vehicle to pay tribute to classmates who served our country—over and above the call of duty. Application forms are now available from Dick Fairfield, 36 Walnut Street, Barrington, Rhode Island 02806. You can call him at 401-246-1065 or email: Dickf36@juno.com. Dick and his committee will review the forms and make award(s) annually to the heroes in our midst. The next award will be made in June of 2006. Please be in touch with Dick if you have any questions.

I was interested to read in the May 12th edition of the *Ellsworth American* an accounting of the World War II experiences of **Byron Meader** who grew up in Ellsworth and was a member of the U.S. Army during the war, with duty assignments in Guadalcanal, Mississippi,

and then in the European Theater of war fighting near the Siegfried Line and in battles for Frankfort, Kassel, and in Liepzig. He recalls his division fighting its way to the Elbe River where they met up with the Russians near a small village called Torgau on the 25th of April 1945.

He recalls a few days later witnessing the meeting of generals and their staffs from the Russian and U.S. armies as they met in greetings, signaling the end of a dreadful war. It was an awesome moment for him before returning to the states. Byron entered the university in the fall of 1946 and earned his B.A. and later his M.A. as an educator. Though active in the field of education, he was also a member of the Maine National Guard and was called to duty with the Selective Service System in New York. He became state director of the New York Selective Service System and attained the rank of colonel. After retirement, he and his family moved to Sun City, Arizona, though they maintain a summer home in Patten where one and all enjoy "hunting and fishing and being Mainers again."

I was so pleased to read that two of our classmates were inducted into the Maine Press Association Hall of Fame during a ceremony held in September. **Raymond E. Gross** was inducted into the prestigious Hall of Fame. Ray, former publisher of *The Courier-Gazette* in Rockland, served in that capacity for some 33 years before his retirement in 1992. He feels that newspapers should be active in their communities by providing a forum to share opinions. **A. Stephen Riley** was also installed into the hall. He was a reporter and editor for Guy Gannett newspapers for nearly 40 years and served seven years as the Maine Press Association's executive secretary. Stephen was also named the MPA's Journalist of the Year in 1989. We are proud of both men and their accomplishments! Keep on writing!

We heard from **Sidney H. Turner** who lives at: 231 Flory Heights, Center Rutland, Vermont 05736. Although officially retired, he is more than busy volunteering at his church, practicing his woodworking hobby, and gardening. He also thoroughly enjoys helping around his home—and noted that he is a good cook—preparing evening meals most nights! He still chuckles when he recalls a house party at his fraternity house when a very proper member of the house appeared

resplendent in his tuxedo—but wearing a pair of very worn sneakers! The outfit wouldn't even turn a head now-a-days, but it caused a bit of a stir some 55+ years ago!

We have set the next meeting of our stalwart crew next August the 3rd, 2006, at a location yet to be confirmed. We will let you know as soon as possible. Meanwhile, there was a gathering of the executive committee the first part of November at Maggie's time-share at the Samoset in Rockland—as we set in motion plans for our reunion gatherings. (Am still in awe of the millions of stars we could see from the shoreline.) We pondered the question whether to "meet" each June in Orono while planning in earnest for our 60th in 2010. Unbelievable concept, I know! Everyone stay well—and take those vitamins! Please drop me a note—we would all so enjoy hearing your news!

We are proud to announce that the new president of the University of Maine, Dr. **Robert Kennedy** and his lovely first lady, Dr. **Mary Rumpho-Kennedy**, have been named as honorary members of the Class of 1950. They became "officially" ours at a small ceremony during Homecoming 2005—and we are overjoyed that they are indeed members of our mid-century Class of 1950!

## 1951

### 55th Reunion

### June 2-4, 2006

Frances Pratt Caswell  
36 Sumac Drive  
Brunswick, ME 04011  
(207) 725-6084  
fcaswell@gni.net

The Class of '51 annual summer picnic was held on August 3 at the summer home of **Woody** and Ginny Norton **Beach** '52 on North Raymond Pond. Helping them serve the lobster dinner were: **Jack** and **Joyce McGouldrick Ryder**, **Mary Hastings Dumas**, and Bruce Folsom '49. Others attending were: **Joan Wiswell Beach** and her husband Dale, **Frances Pratt Caswell** and her husband Forrest, **Emma-Lou Ingraham Czarnecki** and her husband Herman, Ginny Stickney Cooper '50, **Emily Smaha Delmonaco**, **Ken** and Prudence **Dickey**, **Thelma Lord Dombkows-**



**Ki, Elton and Paulina Robbins Gosse, Edwin and Nancy Grove, Reginald Hall, Penny Guptill Higgins, Wendell and Claire Levasseur Hodgkins, David and Patricia Knudsen, Henry and Doris Laskey, Liza Zaitlin Levinsky and her husband Phil, Fred and Mary Lombard, Edwin Manzer and Mary Noyes Robbins '53, Russ Meade, Lloyd Mills, Richard Noyes, Frank Perkins, Gerald Robbins and Maxine Gray Robbins '52, Clair and Nadia Rand Shirley, Dick and Connie Lincoln Sweetser '52, Gwen Small Tupper, Ellen Stratton Turner, Milton and Joan Vachon Victor '52, and Hubert and Anne Woodsum.**

Representing the university were: Audrey Chapman '00, Paula Sheehan Paradis '71, Valerie Mitchell, Dan Willett '69, '70G, and Danny Williams '91, '94G. The following volunteered to be on the committee for our 55th Reunion in 2006: Jo Beach, Mary Dumas, Emily Delmonaco, Milt Victor, Russ Meade, Ellen Turner, Edwin Manzer, Emma Lou Czarnecki, Gerald Robbins, Ginny Cooper, Henry Laskey, Paulina Robbins, and Frances Caswell. Appointed to the fund raising committee were the class officers: Jack Ryder, **Bill Robertson**, Mary Dumas, **Ronald Noyes**, Clair Shirley, and Claire Hodgkins. Appointed to the nominating committee were: Russ Meade, Mary Lombard, Liza Levinsky, and Gwen Tupper. Keep an eye out for mailed details of our 55th Reunion.

Communications were received from several classmates who were unable to attend. **Charles McKay** wrote that he continues his volunteer work for fellow atomic veterans, widows, and genetically affected children. He considers himself blessed to have survived colon cancer and a quadruple by-pass which doctors attribute to radiation exposure at Hiroshima and the Bikini "Crossroads" atomic bomb tests. He was a Navy diver first class and was ordered to dive in the test area less than four hours after the blast. He divides his time among Florida, Maryland, and Maine. His address in Maine is: P.O. Box 40, Salisbury Cove, Maine 04672. **Richard Vasquez** wrote that his last visit to Maine was for the wedding of a granddaughter who is about to present them with their seventh great-grandchild. He lives at: 8, Allee J.B. Lulli, 78180 Montigny le Bretonneux, France. **John Bodey**, whose address is: 14 Cotswold Road, Bath, BA2 2DJ, United King-

dom, wrote that he hopes to attend our 55th Reunion in 2006. Nancy Knowles Moore '52 sent greetings from sunny Arizona. **Valerie Smith Stimpson** sent greetings to classmates. We received a letter from Michelle Fernald thanking us for the Class of '52 scholarship. She is an out-of-state student pursuing a degree in secondary education with a minor in life sciences. She is also a cheerleader. The scholarship is awarded to descendants of the Class of '51.

We were saddened by the sudden death on June 21, 2005, of **Duveen Bryant Dews**, who had attended our 2004 picnic. Denny taught in Dexter and Gray before teaching at Greely Junior High School in Cumberland-North Yarmouth for 20 years. She was a member of the Pine Tree Quilters of Norway, Vi's Quilters of Casco, and the Casco Village Church. She was predeceased by her husband Reginald Dews.

Elton and Paulina "Boo" Robbins Gosse have a new summer address: 11 Quartz Circle, Windham, Maine 04062. They winter at: 855 West Bella Vista Drive, Green Valley, Arizona 85614.

**Olive Cline Elliott** has moved from Standish to: 10 T Street, Rockland, Maine 04841.

Clair and Nadia Shirley were married on June 16, 2001, at Otis Baptist Church. Clair earned an M.A. at Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia, in 1992 and now serves on the board of regents. They spend their summers at their Beech Hill cottage and winters at Lake North, Florida.

Wendell and Claire Hodgkins report that they have four children located in Virginia, Texas, England, and Maryland. Wendell earned a J.D. degree at Georgetown University. They make their home at: 4317 Westbrook Lane, Kensington, Maryland 20895-4134, and come to the Berwick/Sanford area and Bar Harbor every summer.

Henry and Doris Laskey live in Winthrop, Maine. Henry retired as senior staff engineer for Simons-Eastern, consultants in pulp and paper mill design, in 1990. In retirement he has written three books on family genealogy: *Wolverton Family History*, *Wickett Family History*, and *Ancestors and Descendants of Samuel H. Laskey and Grace H. Wickett*.

Dick and Connie Lincoln Sweetser '52 of Sweetser Apple Barrel and Orchard continue to actively grow and promote Maine apples at

their home in Cumberland.

Dick Noyes reports that he is still a ski enthusiast. He spent the winter of '04-'05 skiing over the mountains of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, and plans to do a repeat performance in '05-'06.

Hugh Woodsum and his wife, Anne, winter in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and summer at their cottage on Green Pond on Oxford, Maine. Hugh is a retired supervisor for Westinghouse.

Emily Smaha Delmonaco lives in Green Valley, Arizona, in the winter and South Portland in the summer. She enjoys golf, tennis, and bridge.

Dave Knudsen, a retired electrical engineer, is an active participant in four candlepin bowling leagues. He is in charge of two of them. Another hobby is an old 34-foot power boat that he says is more work than it is worth.

Frank Perkins, a retired biologist with the National Marine Fisheries Service, says of our summer picnic that there was great lobster, great corn, and a great get-together.

Phil and Liza Zaitlin Levinsky are thrilled that their grandson Sam Levinsky entered the University of Maine in the fall of 2005. They continue to enjoy taking classes at Senior College at USM in Portland.

**Floyd and Pepper Burbank Milbank** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August 2005.

Penny Guptil Higgins still enjoys biking and recently took a bike trip with Senior Cycling that went from Maryland into Washington, D.C. She serves on the Senior College board of directors for UMA. In 2005 she attended the House of Delegates of the American Nurses Association. She escapes Maine winters for a warmer spot each year, Myrtle Beach, Saint Augustine, and Amelia Island so far.

Remember to mark your calendar for our 55th Reunion at Orono in June 2006.

## 1952

**Frances Smart Trefts  
40 Harbor View Drive  
Hancock, ME 04640  
frub@midmaine.com**

Hi from the cupola. And all was well there on August 17th when 20 classmates and spouses gathered at the Buchanan Alumni House for an executive committee meeting and tasty sandwich buffet lunch. The

social part of the meeting began at 10 a.m. in Orono. My enjoyment began when **David** and Jeanette "Jan" Bishop **Fox '54** picked me up at the Hancock Community Center. In Brewer, we stopped for **Mary-Ellen Chalmers Weldon**. At 10:30, we got down to serious discussion. Co-presidents **William "Bill" Currie** and **Alton "Al" Cole** got us on track by first reviewing the '52 Scholarship Fund and its recipients. Next, classmates deceased since our reunion in 2002 were remembered. Few knew that **William Ruby** was to be added to that list with sadness.

We talked about Bar Harbor being a part of our 55th Reunion coming up on May 30 and 31, 2007. So many expressed satisfaction with exactly the way we spent our time on the island in 2002, that we will do many of the same activities as a group, and of course individuals may pick and choose however they want to supplement the class happenings. Planning then moved on to our return to Orono and our exciting campus. The feeling that accompanies the reality that we truly have a mooring space at our own Buchanan Alumni House is a comforting one. A bit of a security blanket wraps me when I enter those doors, stand on that mosaic seal, and look up into the Class of '52 gift. If you have yet to take that trek, please do so at least in 2007. You may register there when you get to the campus. Thirty-five rooms have been reserved for our class at the Black Bear Inn (BBI). In 2002, I thought I registered early, but the BBI rooms were filled, so four of us went to The University Motel. That is a great place from which to walk to nearly every part of campus. If you want to stay at the BBI, a year ahead is not too early to reserve.

On Friday of the Reunion, there will be a Senior Alumni lunch with a meeting following. After a Friday afternoon vesper service in recognition of deceased classmates, we hope to have dinner with our own class. On Saturday, a class luncheon will be at the Buchanan House with our class business meeting. Saturday afternoon will allow time for campus and class activities. Before the all alumni dinner, our class will have a social hour at 5:00. The Class of '52 will have a reserved seating area at dinner as well as at the Sunday awards breakfast. Most eating and gathering places are to be announced. Paula Sheehan Paradis '71, director of alumni programs, was most helpful with our plans. We voted to set a minimum goal of \$55,000 for our class fund



build-up, Buchanan House maintenance and endowment, and '52 scholarship endowment. Danny Williams '91, '94G, director of the annual fund and reunion giving, guided us with some finance information. Nancy Verrill, annual fund and reunion giving assistant, sat at our table for lunch. She helped me set up a pledge plan toward the reunion goal. I know she would be happy to work with any of you who might want to do the same. The 1952 classmates attending the meeting and lunch were: **Virginia Norton Beach, Donald E. Burt, Marilyn Kilpatrick Burt, Margo Floyd Cobb, Alton Cole, Harriet Johnson Currie, William Currie, David Fox, Elizabeth Leighton Furlong, Dorris Mayne Lindquist, William Lindquist, Clarence Neal, Frances Smart Trefts, Mary-Ellen Chalmers Weldon, and Jean McIntire White.**

Beth Leighton Furlong gave me an email that she had received in March from **Mary Ellen Murphy Schrecengost**. Mary Ellen was recently one of the honorees at Denver Panhellenic's open house to honor presidents of local organizations. She is president of the Jefferson County Retired School Employees Association. There are 400-plus members. That is a big responsibility. Mary Ellen also serves on the boards of the Boulder cluster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the local board at King of Glory. As committee chair, she heads their 50th anniversary celebration in 2008. For that she is hoping she will still be around and mobile. She goes on to say that she doesn't usually toot her own horn so much, but after reading the news in our magazine, she decided to let people know that others out there are still quite active and proud of being so. Thanks so much, Mary Ellen, for that bit of news, and indeed you are quite active and all of us here at the good old University of Maine are proud of you, too. You are the only person who sent anything in for the column for this issue. Give yourself a pat on the back.

On June 22, the first annual Discover the Universe within the University of Maine System was held at the Bar Harbor Club. President Robert Kennedy was introduced by senator Dennis Damon, '71. President Kennedy updated us on many exciting goings-on at the university, including research, building, student enrollment, etc. The expansion and work with many other research facilities including Jackson

Laboratory, Eastern Maine Healthcare, The Lobster Institute, along with many others, indeed sounds as though our Land Grant college is really on the map. About 200 people attended the gathering in the newly renovated and refurbished Bar Harbor Club. That place has really been brought back from such a dilapidated state.

Bill Currie took a number of our classmates to Norway on a super cruise. I have already heard from **Ruth Drysdale Frazier** about what a great time everyone had (see opposite page).

## 1953

**Nancy Schott Plaisted  
7 Ledgewater Drive  
Kennebunk, ME 04043  
(207) 967-1380  
nan53@gwi.net**

I just heard from one Minnesotan (not a classmate) that we're at that stage in life where we're being called "recycled teenagers." That's a new one, for me at least, but with so many of us getting new parts, I guess we are just that. Well, how has life been for all of you? I hope quite well. Seasons go and seasons come don't they and this past summer went so fast, I really don't remember what I did. It was a good one though, weather wise, here in Maine anyway. It didn't start off great, but its end was terrific. What did you do? Please write or call and tell us all about it.

This column is not my usual one, as you can see. It's brief, too brief for me, but I'll make up for it next time. I promise. Sometimes procrastination can go too far and I reached that point or it reached me. But I will tell you some 15 of us class members had a nice get-together in Bass Harbor on August 20. I had called and emailed quite a few classmates in New England to let them know we were getting together that Saturday at the Seafood Ketch Restaurant down by the water. We had a wonderful time. The food was great and of course we, the Class of '53, were even greater. And the weather cooperated (until later in the day). I stayed in a hotel in downtown Bar Harbor the night before, and shopped and walked—and looked at yachts and watched people fish on the pier. I loved the sound of seagulls and the smell of the sea and just being alive!

We celebrated **Woody Carville's** 74th birthday (with two cakes). He made a mess with one, and I've forgotten who cut the other one, but it came out in nice neat slices. By the way, Woody, 74 candles (if you had them) produce 74 BTUs or 18,648 calories of heat (that's only 18,648 food calories). Those who made it to the gathering were **Woody and Jean Grindle Carville '54, Carol Prentiss Mower, Ray Robbins, Hank and Dawn Miller Woodbrey, Bob and Ginny Fifield** (who spend half their lives in their Cadillac, driving back and forth to California), **George and Rita Yardumian Weatherbee '54, Pete and Marlene Douglas, Cliff and Glynda Nielson**, and myself. Let's get more classmates together somewhere/anywhere next summer. Call our class president, **Helen Strong Hamilton**, in Bow, New Hampshire, at: (603) 224-4893 or email her at: [Helen.Hamilton@verizon.com](mailto:Helen.Hamilton@verizon.com) and let her know where you'd like to meet. It might be snowing where you are, but it's never too early—think summer!

When I called **Bill Donnell** for the Bass Harbor affair, he said he couldn't ride anywhere because he had a "notch" out of his back. But he hoped to go to the Blue Hill Fair, "just up the road a bit." If ever there was a Maine accent, he's the one who's got it! Hope you got there, Bill.

By the way, I've seen only one Black Bear license plate that I know of and somewhere I wrote down the plate number, or was it a word? But I can't find it. How many of you are supporting the university by buying that special plate, available at your local motor vehicle registry? Also, did you know there's a plant called the UMaine Daisy developed by University of Maine researchers? Its blossoms are yellow and it's derived from the black-eyed Susan. I was lucky enough to get such a plant at Reunion and it bloomed all summer! On the card that came with it were these words: "The goal of Maine's landscape horticultural program is to explore and develop new plants in an effort to increase the market share of Maine's nursery industry and enrich the diversity of our gardens." Keep up the good work.

I talked with **Paul Richardson** of Otter Creek, Maine. (I like that name, don't you? It's between Bar Harbor and Seal Harbor.) He couldn't make it to Bass Harbor as he was readying for new arrivals at his rentals that day. I will call you for next time, Paul.

I went to Oakland, California, in

June to celebrate my granddaughter Sage's first birthday. I walked Man-go Fang (the dog) and Sage most every day and got to see the little stucco houses (so close together) and all the pretty flowers up and down the sloping streets. Except for losing my suitcase for a few days (it never left Boston) and reserving what I thought sounded like a nice hotel (it wasn't), I had a grand time.

Note: I decided to save \$30 a month and just have basic TV and somehow I think I'm going to live. Maine and New Hampshire public broadcasting networks have some great programs (such as "The Flying Dutchman," and the "Irish Tenors"). I've also learned there are libraries out there, for videos, DVDs, books, and more, and at no charge. And then I finally decided to visit someone I hadn't seen in 30 years or more. We lived in the same apartment building in Ipswich, Massachusetts, back in 1954-55 and then pretty much kept in touch over the next 10 to 15 years. We each moved away, her husband died, and one day this past summer I called, got in my car, and drove to Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. I know how she must have felt seeing me, as I had to search her face for the one I used to know. Years do have a way of changing us, but somehow voices seem to remain the same. Why it took so long to see one another, I don't know. I do know I lost the chance to see another friend in New York as she died more than a year ago. I kept telling myself I'd go see her some day, but that day came too late.

I do want to include two emails I received recently and notes from two other classmates. This email from Dawn and Hank Woodbrey of Orono, dated October 22, 2005:

"Hank went to the 'M' Club breakfast this morning and our granddaughter and a friend are going to the game this afternoon. We are in the middle of soccer playoffs—our granddaughter is goalie for the varsity team at Orono High. They have been undefeated this year, so it has been fun to watch them. Yesterday they won their quarter-final game and go on to the semi-finals on Tuesday. After that it's basketball! They are having a team pizza party here after the game on Tuesday. I sure hope they win, or we are apt to see some long faces!

"Our bear came back a week or so ago and Hank has now put an electric fence around the bird feeder in hopes of keeping him out. I first saw him one morning in July right



# '52 Members Take a Cruise Along the Coast of Norway

Twenty-six Class of 1952 members, spouses, and friends took a memorable trip along the coast of Norway in September.

Organized by Bill and Harriet Johnson Currie, the group rendezvoused at Logan Airport for a flight to Iceland. Then it was on to Oslo where the group changed planes and flew to Kirkenes, the northernmost section of Norway, near the Russian border, and above the Arctic Circle.

After a day of rest, the group boarded the MS *Trollfjord*, one of the largest and newest millennium ships of the fleet, for a six-day voyage down the Norwegian coast.

The ship made a total of 16 ports-of-call. The group especially enjoyed the views of beautiful mountains, glaciers, and fjords along the way. Bill Currie said that the '52 group had their own special area for dining on the ship and reported that the food was "plentiful and delicious."

The group disembarked in Bergen, the second largest city in Norway, where they visited the home of composer Edvard Grieg and took a cable railway (funicular) to the top of a mountain for an impressive view of the city and the harbor.

Then it was on to Oslo, where they took a flight to Iceland and a two-day stay in Reykjavik. Everyone was impressed with the cleanliness of the city and the spectacular views.

"Our last night we celebrated Connie Bosworth's 75th birthday atop the Hotel Nordica's Panorama Room, where we could view the skyline as the sun settled behind the mountains," Bill Currie said. "What a great way to end our travels with classmates and friends. A great time was had by all."



Top photo: The MS *Trollfjord* harbored in Kirkenes Harbor.

Right photo: Class of 1952 members and friends aboard ship. Left row, front to back: Don Burt, Perry Hunter, Marilyn Kilpatrick Burt, Ginny Norton Beach, Woody Beach '51, Harriet Johnson Currie, Bill Currie, Alice Cole, Al Cole, and Jerry DiDonna. Middle row, front to back: Maurine Williams, Brigid DiDonna, Lin White '54, Jean McIntire White, Connie Bosworth, Bonnie Bosworth, and Muriel McAlister. Right row, front to back: Bill Cummings '51, Lorraine Cummings, Clarence Neal, Barbara Waters, Jayne Hanson Bartley '49, Ruth Drysdale Frazier, Dorrie Mayne Lindquist, Bill Lindquist, and Art McAlister.



outside the kitchen window. I was home alone and ran to get the camera, as I needed to prove that I really saw a bear! I needn't have hurried because he hung around for two hours. I started taking pictures through the window, but as we became better acquainted I opened the door and whistled at him. He posed for me and I got a roll of film of him, one of which I will use on my Christmas cards this year.

"Early this month, Hank and I went to **Peggy Given White's** camp at Peabody Pond and had a mini reunion with **Dee Draper Weidemeyer** and **Noni Dinsmore Mills** and her husband. Noni was at Maine for two years—so you may not remember her. Anyway, we had a great time reminiscing. Dee's mother and sister were there also. Her mother is 98 and is still beautiful and vibrant. Guess that's all my news."

And this email from **Ray Robbins**, of Pittsford, New York, dated October 17 read:

"I'm sorry, but I won't be going back to my favorite state this fall. It's a long drive, gas is too expensive. I may be getting another new knee, and I have to get the roof on the old West Tremont house shingled before the whole inside of the house falls in!

We've had some rain out here but apparently nothing like Maine and the rest of New England have had! Please give my regards to our classmates this weekend! I wish I could be there!"

Thanks for the emails, guys, and Hank and Dawn, I want one of those black bear Christmas cards! Please!

And these two notes that arrived in the mail:

First, the one from **Guinny and Bob Fifiel** of Baileyville, Maine. (He and Guinny also live in Aptos, California, from December to May.)

"Thanks so much for sending the great picture of all of us at the luncheon we had. And we had such a nice time—hope we can do it again! We also were able to stay with my friend in Bernard that night—my friend from the seventh grade in Wakefield, Massachusetts. We go back a ways!

"Bob had his two cataract operations in Ellsworth and seems to have come through fine. He opted for the more expensive lenses and doesn't even need glasses.

"We are closing up Stonington house now—we have been lucky to have warm weather. The water is almost lapping at the doorstep with the high tides in the last storms.

"We will be watching for the



**Among the Class of 1953 members who gathered for lunch at the Seafood Ketch in Bass Harbor last summer were Phi Mu fraternity brothers (left to right): Hank Woodbrey, Cliff Nielson, and Woody Carville '54G.**

January 2006 alumni magazine with your column. If we get it—always iffy with forwarded material but I have cousins in Gorham (Class of '43) who can watch for it! " (Their winter address: 7548 Arden Way, Aptos, California 95003.) Thanks, Guinny.

And the university sent this note along from **Harold** and **Gwen Eames** of North Hampton, New Hampshire (Bonita Springs, Florida, November 1-May 1):

"We are truly winter wimps and left New Hampshire September 17. When you called this summer you said you wanted to follow up on our snowboarding grandkids. Our son Chip and wife Donnee built a wonderful home on Sugarloaf Mountain. Emily (22), Ben (13), and Jessica (15) were in the Nationals (snowboarding) each in their age group at Copper Mountain, Colorado. The girls came in fourth in their age group and Ben had a bad spill and was something like 15th."

And to all you classmates out there in this big, wide, world: Please write. I would love some news, any news, and so would your classmates! There must be something happening in your lives!

Well, I'm off to have a valve job (and it's not my car), so I really must close. As my five-year-old grandson Max said tonight: "Hope you're having a good operation while you're sleeping. They're going to cut your neck and do the heart thing, but don't worry, you'll be asleep." I most certainly hope so! See you in the spring! And I do apologize for the brief column. It's not my style, but life has been so busy. Keep smiling and laughing, and doing all the fun things in life.

## 1954

**Beverly Heal Balise**  
37 Glendale Road  
Belmont, MA 02478-2921  
(617) 489-3333

My summer was most enjoyable—ocean beaches, Katahdin views—lots of family get-togethers. Not really much news but fun.

**Faye Irish Henderson** with husband, Harry '52, had a trip to New England in August visiting relatives and enjoying the Maine scene. A highlight was a visit with their son, Stephen, his wife, Diana, and their daughter, eight month old Caroline, in Hamden, Connecticut, where Stephen is assistant professor of art at Quinnipiac University.

I have enjoyed being your class correspondent, but would like someone else to take over the job. Please contact Abby Zelz at (207) 581-1137 or abigail.zelz@umit.maine.edu if you are interested. Duties are not difficult. Happy New Year!

## 1955

**Janet B. Butler**  
116 Oakhurst Road  
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107  
(207) 799-1550  
JanetBUME@aol.com

It has been only a few months since our 50th Reunion, but the memories certainly do linger on.

It was nice seeing **Ellie Pfeifer Bennewitz** and her friend, **Pierce**, at Reunion. She said that **Pierce** enjoyed meeting her friends and classmates for the first time. They stopped in Washington, D.C. for three days on their way back to Arizona. Four days after returning to Sun City, Arizona, **Ellie** took off for a land/cruise tour with **Holland America** to Alaska with some of her lady friends and said that she had a great time and took lots of pictures. Thank you, **Ellie**, for the picture that you sent to me that was taken at Reunion.

How pleasant it was to see **Fran Lunt Flewelling** in June and get caught up on what has been taking place in her life the past 50 years. **Fran** majored in elementary education and although she taught four years full time, before her children were born, she did a variety of paid and unpaid tasks which were related. She married **David Flewelling** in 1957. **David** was in our class for three semesters. They had three children, one of whom got his doctorate from the university, one who was in the Class of '83, and one who received a nursing degree from USM. Unfortunately, **David** died in 1973, but **Fran** still resides in Presque Isle where she has served several years on the University of Maine at Presque Isle Foundation. Nice to see you, **Fran**, and hope we'll see you again next reunion.

**Bill Tiedemann** has many fond memories of UMaine. His favorite professor was **Dr. Merchant** who was not only a professor, but he hired **Bill** to work for him in the summers. **Bill** says, "When we were in the County, he came up and I was going to drive him back in my Model A (1930) car to Orono. We would get going about 55, and he would want me to slow down or just go a little slower 'to look at the fields' or just anything to go slower. He didn't even smoke his cigar because he was nervous and ready to hold on to anything. We made it in great shape." **Bill** still owns the same Model A today. **Bill** had a grain store in Steep Falls, Maine, and at the same time had about 100 head of milkers that he tended to (with some help). **Bill** is still on the board of directors at the Steep Falls clinic—40 years will you believe! He served as president of Kiwanis for a year. **Bill** says, "Now that I'm retired, I only work when I feel like it at about 40 hours per week, except when we go to Florida or head west." Nice to see you and **Lorraine** at Orono.

After graduation, **Harry Sylves-**



ter lived in Massachusetts for 13 years and he says, "We saw the error of our ways and moved back to Maine." Harry spent 25 years building and designing classic Whitehall sailboats. He and his wife have an interest in the Littlefield Gardens and have supported that in memory of their son, Michael. They continue to return to the University of Maine to speak to classes on learning disabilities. Writing the book, *Legacy of the Blue Heron*, has been a highlight of Harry's life and a small miracle of sorts, he says.

Father **Don McAllister** recalls fond memories of his days at the University of Maine. The Maine Masque Theater was his forte in extracurricular activities, and he was associated with 14 of the 16 productions. After graduation, Don went on to get two Ph.D.s—one in history and one in clinical psychology. He says that he will always be grateful for the good basic education he received from Orono. Don retired recently as chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Portland where he served for many years. As of September 1, 2005, Don moved to Dover, New Hampshire, as the cathedral residence where he was residing in Portland was turned over to Catholic Charities for their offices.

**Earl Mushroe**, who now resides in Windsor, Connecticut, says, "My years at the university were very happy ones, and I remained for a fifth year in pulp and paper management. My education served me well during my 40 years in the industry. It is wonderful to return after 50 years and see so many classmates." It was nice seeing you, Earl, and hope we will see you at our next reunion.

**Laura Wilson Messinger** has come back to live near the campus. She enjoys the fun of hiking on the biking trails, going to basketball games—the women's team—and has had a chance to talk with the tremendous students who attend the university. These memories have not erased completely the many memories she still treasures of those years in the early '50s.

**Jon and Lois Pratt Pulsifer**, who were very valuable members of the 50th Reunion committee, had a great reunion. They remember their four years at the University of Maine with much fondness—their classes, activities, and friends.

**Bill and Connie Lewis Calkin** write, "Reunion was well organized and such fun to see so many classmates. The University of Maine will always hold a special place in our hearts even though we live in the



**Jan Bishop Butler sent in this nice Class of 1955, 50th Reunion photo taken at the Saturday evening banquet. Left to right are: Ruth Thompson Baxter, George Palmer, and Liz Pierce Cross.**

Rocky Mountains." It is always a pleasure to see Bill and Connie and we hope that we will see them before our next reunion.

**Peter and Peggy Libby Standley** '53 had a great time at Bar Harbor and Orono and Peter enjoyed seeing all his former roommates, friends, and many classmates.

**Bill and Marilyn Pennell Johnson** '57 joined us for dinner the Wednesday evening we were in Bar Harbor. They are still busy with their apple industry in Hiram, Maine. Also with us were **Ab and Kay Fletcher Mosher** '56. Always nice to see these two faithful returnees every five years. Another couple we see often at reunions are Gloria and **Al Healey**, who travel from Vermont to be a part of our class festivities. Lynn and **Erv Bickford** are always to be counted on at reunions. **Dexter** and Gloria Trafton **Earley** '56 arrived in Orono, and we hope to see them next March when we travel to Venice, Florida, where the Earleys have a condo and which is in the area where we will be spending a month.

Another couple whom we didn't get to talk with very much but were so delighted to see were **Hank Meinecke** and his wife, Joan, who enjoyed the great weekend in June. He said, "It was great to see so many old friends at reunion and only a little sad to see that some had aged so much that I could hardly recognize them (even sadder, that some had aged so much that they could hardly recognize me!)" He says the food and food service were outstanding. He indicated that due to some confusion about his mailing address, he was not able to contrib-

ute to the Memory Book. Hank retired from the Army Night Vision Lab in 1995 and in less than two weeks was in an "I don't know how I ever found time to go to work" mode. He and Joan are active in environmental conservation activities. They travel extensively in their motor home. Hank said that a three-month trip to Alaska in 2002 somehow stretched out to 10 months.

It was great to see **Marion Martel Touchette**, who lives in Pawleys Island, South Carolina, and to meet her friend John. She comes to Maine at least once a year, so I told her she had better call us the next time she comes and plan to visit with us. She spent some time in July and August in Ticonderoga, New York, where she used to live. She can't believe she has spent almost half of her life as a southerner! Marion spends a great deal of time cooking which she loves to do. She says she gives away most of the "stuff" she makes to her friends. We wish we were neighbors of hers! I do want that pound cake recipe.

It was nice seeing **John and Ann Dingwell Knowles** '57. John is retired finally and does a lot of work around his house and at his summer retreat in Cundy's Harbor.

Who traveled the furthest to be at Orono in June? It was **Cynthia Nelson** who is a professor at a university in Egypt. It was great to see her and we look forward to seeing Cyn again very soon.

One of the most pleasant surprises was to see **Nancy Karakas Reed**. She and Hale '54 live in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. We hadn't seen each other since 1955. We didn't get a chance to talk very

much, as everybody was dispersing to go into the dining room at the Buchanan Alumni House. She did tell me that she will call me the next time she comes to Portland. Remember that, Nancy!

There were so many, many others who joined us for our reunion. I would hesitate to list them all for fear of leaving someone out. I do hope that those who I didn't talk with will write me, email me, or call me on the telephone. I would sincerely appreciate it and would love to hear from you.

Hope you all have a wonderful holiday season!

## 1956

### 50th Reunion June 2-4, 2006

**Joanne Owen Bingham**  
9 Acorn Lane  
Scarborough, ME 04074  
bing@worldnet.att.net

I am writing this a week earlier than the deadline as next Monday, Bing '54 and I are taking off for points West. Two years ago, on our way to Houston, Texas, we took a detour and did part of the Lewis and Clark Trail. This year we are picking up where we left off, and driving through to Oregon. We will drive for three days straight, and from then on we will follow the trail with its multitude of points of interest. We plan on at least four weeks, and it might be extended, depending on how we feel after a month on the road. We are driving our Windstar, not a camper. But we have taken out the middle row of seats to allow space for all our gear if we need to camp along the way. It should be a blast, and we are both looking forward to it.

I had only one news item about our class. **Dana Devoe** has been reappointed to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court Advisory Committee on Probate Rules. Dana, who is a retired lawyer, lives in Orono.

So I am repeating what the committee told me to remind you all. Next June many of us will be descending on our beloved campus to make merry!

Please plan on being there to share all the fun. The committee for our big day has been very busy—one of the areas discussed was the compilation of a memory book which



## Carl Anderson '56

# "If There's Snow, I'm Skiing!"

Carl Anderson '56 started skiing before he was in kindergarten and has never stopped. In fact, his cross-country skiing skills have gotten more impressive with age—last winter he finished first in the 70-74 division of the 2005 American Birkebeiner.

Carl is modest about his achievements. "I've finally learned that the trick to racing is just to outlive the competition," he jokes.

Although Carl has skied all his life, he really got involved in competition after his youngest daughter and her family settled in northern Sweden. He notes that from their home, he and his son-in-law are able to ski throughout Sweden, Norway, and Finland.

With all the skiing he's done, Carl has had some memorable experiences. He's competed several times in the Swedish Vasaloppet which is billed as the oldest, longest, and biggest race in the world. The race is 54 miles long and generally has between 12,000 and 15,000 participants. In 2000, Carl was pulled from the competition with a "frozen face" caused by the extreme cold that reached 31 degrees below zero.

But the next year, Carl came back and completed the 2001 Swedish Vasaloppet. It was a special experience.

"This was the winter right after 9/11 and it was a fantastic thrill to ski down the main street of Mora, Sweden, to the finish line wearing red, white, and blue and hear the crowd cheering me as an American. I couldn't keep the tears from running down my face."

In 2003 Carl competed in the Finlandia Hiihto. He struggled throughout the race, and a few days later discovered why when a doctor diagnosed him with pneumonia!

Carl retired from the United States Forest Service in 1985, but says he still gets calls to work.

"There is so much construction activity in this general area (he lives in Oregon) that the lumberyards insist that I come back and bend nails and make sawdust," he says. "At the end of some days, my volume of sawdust exceeds the volume of lumber that I started with in the morning! This manages to keep me in beer money and finance my way on the cross-country ski circuit."



will be coordinated by **Faith Wixson Varney** and **Betty Brockway Nev-ers**, so if any of you have any ideas, pass them along to Faith and Betty. There will also be a pre-reunion gathering in Bar Harbor that **Rick Starbird** is putting together. A block of rooms will be available at the Bar Harbor Inn. That gathering will begin on Wednesday, May 31. There will be a bus to take us on tours around Acadia, with a lunch at the Jordan Pond House, then back to Rick's for a cocktail party, then on out to a lobster bake.

We will have a hospitality room at the Doris Twitchell Allen complex. There are rooms set aside at the Bangor Motor Inn and the Black Bear Inn, so get your reservations in early so as not to miss out. You can see that your committee has really been hard at work. Please support them by being there to celebrate our big 50.

Another reminder is of the scholarship that is available to eligible descendants of class members. If you have a member of your family who is thinking of attending the university, keep that in mind. The Class of '56 Scholarship Fund recipients for 2005-2006 are: Christopher Higgins, grandson of the late **Roger Tarbell**; Megan Tapley, granddaughter of the late **Haynes Hussey**; Jason Ludwig, grandson of **Edward Ludwig**, Virginia McIntosh, daughter of the late **Alvah McIntosh**; and Caroline Seastrom, granddaughter of the late **Chauncey Grinnell**.

We also are probably eligible for the 70+ lifetime membership discount when we join the alumni association, so take that into consideration the next time you pay your alumni dues.

That is all I have for now. Keep us posted on your doings, whether they be mundane or fantastic!

Jody

## 1957

**Elisabeth (Liz) A. Hibbard Smith**  
P.O. Box 143  
Phippsburg, ME 04562  
(207) 389-1816  
lizles35@clinic.net

In early May, **Merle Royte Nelson** was reappointed to the Maine Community College board of trustees. **Ann Dingwell Knowles** retired as a member of the University of Southern Maine board in August and is currently serving as president of the

Mercy Hospital auxiliary board. She is enjoying being involved in the new Fore River Project.

The '57 reunion committee enjoyed a pleasant lunch and afternoon at the camp Bev Cecchini's folks acquired in Blue Hill "back when we all were young." No traffic could be heard, the loons came to investigate, and not another cottage could be seen from the place. Attending were **Lois Whitcomb**, **Connie Doe Leslie**, **Carl Beaulieu**, **Pat Wade Fraker**, **Margaretmary McCann**, **Judi Smith Davis**, Les '63 and me, and **Jiggs** and Bev. We went over the preliminary schedule of the Golden Reunion on June 1, 2, and 3 in 2007. We're going to need your assistance in getting a memory book together. We've opted to go with 3x5 or 4x6 blowups of your favorite snapshots from your college days. Please note the people by name, the place even if instantly recognizable to you, and the year on the back. You either know, or will find out, that many of the places have changed quite a bit since '57. The nomination committee will be Jiggs, Margaretmary, and Claudie, all of whom would be glad to have your input.

Carl Beaulieu writes of his cruise on the *Queen Mary 2*, "It's a beautiful, very large ship, 1,132 feet long with many amenities, such as 10 dining rooms. Capacity is 2,620 passengers served by a crew of 1,253. I was impressed with the minimum engine sensation. Throughout the ship one feels no vibration at all. Only aft is there a barely perceptible pulsation. In addition, the two sets of stabilizers make for smooth sailing, even in rough weather. The cruise was a double crossing, New York to Southampton and back to New York. The morning dance lessons and evening dancing were a pleasure."

The summer 2005 get-together of Maine alumnae was a lovely garden party in Pat Wade Fraker's cool shaded yard. Balloons marked the turns and blue table coverings were well secured. A trio of "sixties" from the Boothbay area were a welcome addition to the mix—Linda Gillies Patrick '62, Carol Pratt Jorgensen '61, and Chalmers Loud Lewis '60, who provided Pat with reliable assistance. **Kali Perkins** is blooming again, the haircut—as in Balentine days, the color striking and suitable. **Barbara Coy Thaxter** reported that her children had surprised her on her 70th, "by not even telling Bruce." **Frannie Rich Secord** had visited the Bangor area



"girls" and was to join her son's family camping out on Hermit Island afterward. Connie Doe Leslie managed to corral **Margaret MacKinnon McGrath** and bring her along to renew acquaintances. **Mary Flood Thompson** and Alice Osier DePatsy '58 came over from the next peninsula. **Lois Whitcomb** and Jean Partridge Mason '56 drove from the Augusta area, and **Janet Higgins Nolan** from camp near Kents Hill. Alice Kelson Longmore '56 and Kay Fletcher Mosher '56 are still traveling together from the Gorham area. Cynthia Rockwell Wright '58 came over from Round Pond. Doris White Smith '58 came with Sandra Daley Denman '58 and they "did Boothbay" on the same day. Ann Dingwell Knowles, **Janet Malcolm Buck**, **Carolyn Skolfield**, **Claudia Halle Higgins**, and I met in Bath to car-pool down and visit on the way. Pat read letters from some of those who were unable to join us before we broke up to leave. More than one comment on the quality of the food at these gatherings has been heard—"We have some good cooks in our group! Didn't eat much the rest of the day."

**Joel Stinson** said, "I enjoy running track and field as well as tennis at various senior games events held in Maine or elsewhere. I also enjoy getting out to dig a few clams whenever my back is not bothering me too much. Also, my wife, Carol, and I enjoy spending time with our grandchildren Mack (age 9) and Ketty (age 7) who live nearby in Brunswick."

## 1958

**Mrs. Leo M. Lazo (Jane Ledyard)**  
49 Martin Street  
West Roxbury, MA 02132  
lmlazo@juno.com

Retiring from the board of directors of the Maine Mutual Group this past April was **Hollis Irvine**. Hollis, who lives in Caribou, has served on the board for 18 years, serving as vice chairman from 1997 to 2005. **Louis Cook** writes that he is thoroughly enjoying his close to eight years of retirement. He plays golf frequently at Goose River Golf Club in Rockport, baby-sits his grandchildren, and joins with the members of the Waldoboro Lions Club every other week for a meeting. **Patricia Clapp Gray** is one of six new trustees appointed in June to the board of



Members of the Class of 1957 got together last summer at the Cecchini camp in Blue Hill to work on plans for their big 50th Reunion celebration in June 2007. Left to right are: Jiggs Cecchini, Lois Whitcomb, Bev Cecchini, Judi Smith Davis, Liz Hibbard Smith, Margaretmary McCann, Les Smith '63, Carl Beaulieu, and Claudia Halle Higgins. Taking photos were Connie Doe Leslie and Pat Wade Fraker.

directors of the Bagaduce Music Lending Library in Blue Hill. A long time member of the Bagaduce Chorale as well as lifelong resident of the town, Pat was a lab technician for Blue Hill Memorial Hospital. She is also a past president of the George Stevens Academy's board of trustees. A note from **Nancy Carroll Mello** states that they are living seven miles north of Port Charlotte, Florida, and at that time (early spring) had had no damage from the hurricanes. Nancy had been in Massachusetts last December visiting family and friends, but most especially for the wedding of her youngest daughter, Kimberly Weaver. Kim is the daughter of the late Earle R. Weaver '60. Had a long email message from **Carole Buzzell Ranco** in answer to questions regarding the induction of the late **Ron Ranco** into the Wells High School's Hall of Fame. The inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame dinner was held in November of 2004. Ron was one of ten inductees who it was felt had brought honor and recognition to the high school.

Ron, who transferred from Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1952 became "one of the most versatile athletes to participate in Maine State Athletics." He played baseball, basketball, ran track, and was a member of the football team for one season. "Ron is one of the few five-letter men (one year) in Maine history." While at UMaine, Ron was accorded All Yankee Conference honors several times.

"The Ladies who Lunch" on the

last Friday in June met at **Cyn Rockwell Wright's** home in Round Pond again this year. Much laughter, much talk, plus great eats made for a joyful day. Thanks go to the Wrights for being great hosts again. One of the ladies who faithfully attends these luncheons is **Priscilla Pfeiffer Wonkka**. Many of you may have recognized her as the girl sawing in last spring's *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. Priscilla and hubby reside in Florida for part of the year where she leads a writing class called Life Stories/Creative Writing. Most of the members of the class are writing their memoirs—more events in their lives than strict from cradle to grave. Some members also write poetry as well. Priscilla is a musician professionally and a church organist, but says she tries to write each week. When they are in Massachusetts, she says that is a little harder to do as they baby-sit the grandchildren, work on the house, and enjoy their families.

Again a reminder to pay your alumni dues. Keep your letters and cards coming—it's the only way we are going to know what you are or are not doing. Mark your calendars for our 50th Reunion. If you have any great ideas about how to bring our classmates out for the festivities, please contact one of the class officers so that it can be discussed at our planning sessions. We would really like to have a large group in attendance, particularly those classmates who have not attended past reunions. They really are fun, with a chance to renew old friendships.

## 1959

**Nancy Roberts Munson**  
106 Coventry Place  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418  
(561) 694-9984  
munsons@aol.com

Hi folks—Not much news this time, sorry about that. You have to keep up your end of the bargain.

**Roger Pellerin** was honored by the Lawrence High School Alumni Association as one of three Bulldog Award honorees. Roger is retired after a 32-year career as an agricultural research engineer. After serving in the Army he worked for the Keyes Fiber Company as an engineer, then as an agricultural engineer for the Cooperative Extension Service at UMaine, followed by a position as research engineer in the department of agriculture and biological engineering at Cornell University.

Miller's Restaurant in Bangor has closed its doors after 55 years of being a dining institution there. Classmate **Joanne Banks Miller** is the wife of Sonny Miller, the restaurant's founder. Several hundred longtime patrons joined the Miller family on their last night of service.

**Bob** and I have finally become grandparents! Sara Catherine was born to son Steve and wife, Catherine, in May in Atlanta.

At a Phi Kappa Sigma reunion in Augusta in October there were four '59ers in attendance—Bob, **John**



**Day, Bill Hutchinson, and Sayward Ross.** It was a treat to see Bill Hutchinson who has recently returned to the U.S. after many years abroad and is living in West Virginia. Bill lived and taught English in China for 10 years, Thailand for six, and spent one year in Nepal teaching in a ghurka school. Before he left China he made his English lessons on tapes for all the junior and senior high school students. He feels that the next several generations of Chinese will be speaking English with a Maine accent!

John Day and wife, Ellie, live in Jefferson and are the proprietors of Day's Emporium, a wonderful gift shop on Route 1 in Newcastle. They have recently also gone into the engraving business and do awards, trophies, etc. They invite everyone to stop by and say "Hello."

Sayward "Kiki" Ross continues to be very active in the town of Farmington. As a result he was recently honored as Volunteer of the Year and Man of the Year. He continues to be active as deputy fire commissioner and has been involved with promoting the firefighters' program in the schools which has received statewide recognition. His favorite role continues to be taking the part of Chester Greenwood, an illustrious resident of Farmington. Chester's claim to fame was inventing the ear muffs and he has become a folk hero in the area. Twice a year Kiki portrays him in various festivities and parades.

That's all I have. Hope for more news next time. It's up to you!

## 1960

**Diane Faucher Roderick**  
52 Fern Street  
Bangor, ME 04401

**Michael W. Demo** and his wife, Carol, live in Canaan, Maine. Mike is now retired from North Maine Woods and works part-time as a forest consultant. He and his wife have two children and five grandchildren. His favorite activities are hunting and chasing grandchildren.

**William H. Parker** and his wife, Joan Currier Parker '59, live in Amesbury, Massachusetts. They spend February, March, and April in Kolao, Hawaii. William and Joan have four children.

**Gerry Anne MacKinnon** (formerly Mrs. Alfred Mandigo) lives in Hillsboro, Oregon. She is retired



Among the large group of Class of '58 members who attended a June gathering at the home of Cynthia Rockwell Wright were, left to right (back row): Ginny Freeman and Cynthia Rockwell Wright. Middle row (left to right): Priscilla Pfeiffer Wonkka, Judy Demerchant Cohen, Sylvia Gadaire, Roberta Wyer Morrill, and Abigail Daley (guest). Front row (left to right): Judy Clayter Arey, Debbie Plummer Leubbers, and Judy Murray Benson. The annual gathering, which started as a group of Pi Beta Phi sisters, has met for about the past dozen years. The number at the gathering has grown over the years as they realized that more classmates lived in the area and others retired to Maine.

from Portland Public Schools, Portland, Oregon. She has five children and one grandchild.

**Waldeck E. Mainville, Jr.** and his wife, Helen, have four children and four grandchildren. They live in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

**Suzanne Hackenberg Fox** lives in Pennsburg, Pennsylvania. Suzanne

has two children and since March 2004 has been retired. She worked as a guidance counselor for 11 years and as a bridal registrar and consultant for 19 years.

**Doris Randall Souviney** taught school for more than 50 years, starting in a one-room school with 45 students, grades one through

eight. Doris has four children and lives in Dresden, Maine. She is now 88 years old.

**Kay Sawyer Hannah** is retired from a career as a speech language pathologist. She now is an artist (watercolor and pastel) exhibiting at Pemaquid Art Gallery, Pemaquid Point. She and her husband, Peter Hannah '59, have three children and seven and a half grandchildren.

**Nancy Small Moran** and her husband, William Moran, live in Sarasota, Florida, in the winter months and Higgins Beach, Scarborough, Maine, mid-June to mid-October. They have two children and one grandchild.

**David Clement** lives in Cornville, Maine, with his wife, Sherry Barstow. They have two children and four and a half grandchildren. Dave is retired from SAPPI in Skowhegan and still does forestry work. Summer and winter, Dave and his family enjoy their camp on Worthley Pond in Perry, Maine.

**Arthur "Ace" Conro** lives in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. He teaches at Wareham High School in Wareham, Massachusetts. He and his partner, Tina Varzeas, have two children and three grandchildren. Art is a track and field official for major collegiate and high school events as well as the Boston Marathon.

**Richard Hogan** and Nancy Nichols Hogan '62 live in Dedham, Maine, and Naples, Florida (winter). They have two children and three grandchildren.

**Jonathan Ord** and his wife, Susan, live in Fairview, North Carolina.

**Dr. Arthur W. Harris** retired in 1999 from Lockheed Martin-Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory and is enjoying every minute of it! He and his wife, Judy, have three children and one grandchild. They live in Alplaus, New York.

**Donna Pissak Ricker** and her husband, Elliott Ricker, live in Indiantic, Florida. Donna is retired from Nazareth area school district in Nazareth, Pennsylvania. They have one child.

**Marcia Carsley Munn** and her husband, Ed Munn, live in San Diego, California. Marcia and Ed have two children. Marcia retired from teaching in 2001.

**Betty Colley Shibles** and **Mark Shibles** live in Mansfield Center, Connecticut. Betty works for the Mansfield Public Schools in Storrs, Connecticut. Mark is professor emeritus and former dean, school of education, University of Connecticut. Betty and Mark have two chil-



1959 Phi Kappa Sigma classmates got together for a mini-reunion in Augusta in October. Left to right are: Nancy Roberts Munson and fraternity brothers Bob Munson, Bill Hutchinson, John Day, and Sayward "Kiki" Ross.



# Class of 1960 Celebrates its 45th in Style

It may have been chilly and wet outside, but there was plenty of warmth inside Alumni House in late September when over 45 members of the Class of 1960 gathered to celebrate their 45th Reunion.



Class president Nancy Morse Dysart with Maine humorist Gary Crocker '74, who had the Class of '60 laughing on Saturday afternoon.



Left to right: Dick Hogan, Prescott Cheney, Donna Aloise, and Nancy Nichols Hogan.



Barrett Gates (left) and Gary Munkhoff (right) at Friday's class dinner.



Steve Howe and Bob Sterritt look over the '60 yearbook before Friday evening's class dinner at Alumni House.



Enjoying Friday evening's class reception are (left to right): Connie Atherton Martin, Chalmer Loud Lewis, Nancy Morse Dysart, Sandie Page, Gail Mallett Rae, and Debbie Arnold Parlin.



dren and three grandchildren.

**Nancy Winter Spooner** lives in Amherst, Maine. She owns Tannery Loop Collectibles and Antiques. She retired from Affiliated Laboratory in Bangor in 2001.

**Albert B. Caron** is retired from the Naval Undersea Systems Center. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Port St. Lucie, Florida. They have three children and four grandchildren.

**Gail Rae Carter** writes that she is still teaching at Greely High School in Cumberland, Maine. She lives in Portland, Maine. She also works with the Maine State Museum Commission and the revitalization of the streetscape of downtown Gardiner, Maine. Gail has two children and two grandchildren.

**William Bryant** and his wife, Patricia Gagnon Bryant '59, live in Errol, New Hampshire. They sold their sailboat, which they lived aboard for six years in the Caribbean and other locales (2000). Since then they've done extensive traveling—Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, China, and Alaska. They have three children and one grandchild.

**Sandra Page** lives in Brattleboro, Vermont, and Poland, Maine (July, August, September). She is now retired and happily so, although she loved her job.

**Diane Faucher Roderick** and husband, Gil Roderick '59, have a new grandson, Owen, who joins big brother Carson (6) in Fair Oaks, California. Parents are Heather Roderick Chubb '86 and Wayne Chubb '85.

## 1961

### 45th Reunion June 2-4, 2006

**Judy Ohr Meader**  
19332 Hempstone Avenue  
Poolesville, MD 20837-2133  
meaderj1@westat.com

The New Jersey Alumni Chapter held its annual day at the track at Monmouth Racetrack. Winning and losing from the class were: **Larry Schiner** and wife, Beth; **Charlie Hunnewell** and wife, Lila; **Ernie Ridlon** and wife, Connie; and **June Toulouse Heintz**. The New Jersey group started the fall season with a Lobster-Maine-ia also. Anyone living in New Jersey who would like more

information on the state organization should email me. Additionally, if you live in the greater D.C. area and want information on the Maine State Society of the Capital Area, I can provide that too. Both organizations are a lot of fun.

**Charles O'Leary** is the newest member of the university's board of trustees. Charles was nominated by Governor Baldacci '86 as the government sought to maintain a numerical status quo between men and women on the board.

Retiring from teaching this year is **Laura Wilson Sturgis**. Laura received special recognition for serving as president of the Auburn Education Association in past years. Barnes and Noble recently announced that it completed the ninth printing of *Punctuation Plain and Simple* by **Edgar Alward** and his wife, Jean. So far 68,000 copies are in circulation. The book was featured at all Barnes and Noble stores as part of its back-to-school promotion.

You know the drill. Write or email me, please. Your classmates ARE interested in your goings and comings.

## 1962

**Diane Ingalls Zito**  
24 South Hill Drive  
Bedford, NH 03110  
bluwatersailors@comcast.net

Happy Holidays to all of you. I hope that this issue finds you all in good spirits.

This summer **Elizabeth Ames Moran** retired from her position as director of the Camden Public Library. During Liz's tenure the library went through a multi-million dollar expansion. The development of a high tech information system and the restoration of the library's historic landscaped grounds were part of the extensive changes that took place in the 1990s. However Liz, like so many of our classmates, is not happy to just sit back and relax. This fall she became head of the new Camden History Center, a non-profit organization that aims to digitize collections from all the area historical societies. Everything from handwritten deeds to photographs of the movie *Peyton Place*, filmed in Camden in the 1950s, will be available to viewers online.

In June, Governor Baldacci '86 appointed **Matthew Scott** as chair-

man of the Maine Board of Environmental Protection. Matt, an aquatic biologist, lives in Belgrade Lakes. He brings valuable experience to this new position. During his career, Matt has served as executive director of the Maine Low Level Radioactive Waste Authority, chief biologist for the state environmental department, and deputy commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Since 1997 he has served as a consultant to nonprofit organizations within the state. Matt joined the environmental board in 2003. This July, the Maine governor also appointed classmate **Carl Bradford** to serve another term as active retired justice to the superior court.

The Maine Press Association inducted **David Lamb** into its Hall of Fame this September. David was a foreign correspondent for the *Los Angeles Times* for more than three decades. He covered many major stories including the Vietnam War, the Iranian revolution, and the war on terror in Afghanistan and Iraq. David is also the author of many informative and entertaining books. He has a style that engages the reader from the first page and holds his attention to the last. During David's career he's been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize eight times.

**Phillip Lessard** started a hobby in 1984 that has been keeping him very busy since he retired from Sherwin-Williams a few years back. He collects vintage model fire trucks. Phil has a fleet of over 350 laid out neatly in his Lewiston basement. Many of these engines bear the names of large fire departments like New York City and Philadelphia, but others, like a baby blue model, represent volunteer fire departments from small rural towns across America. These departments often had their trucks painted in non-traditional flashy colors. Among Phil's favorites are a 1941 Ford pumper and an old 1930s model that reminds him of the trucks owned by the Auburn department when he was a boy.

This summer I had the opportunity to spend several days with **Gale Brewer**. We were vacationing at the same time in Bar Harbor during July and then Frank and I met up with her again while traveling in California during the month of August. Gale, who lives in Sausalito, works for Charles Schwab and Company. As I write this column, Gale and her sister, Joyce, are enjoying Greece on a UMaine-sponsored cruise. She has promised to send me news of the trip for a later column.

That's all for now. Write or email me with your news.

## 1963

**Barbara Fowles Allen**  
2690 Falls Road  
Marcellus, NY 13108  
barallen26@aol.com

**Bernd Heinrich** had an exhibit titled *The Naturalist as Artist* on view from July to October at the L. C. Bates Museum in Hinckley, Maine. Bernd had attended Goodwill-Hinckley School from 1952-1959. He has written 15 books and won the John Burroughs Medal for nature writing. He was elected to the National Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2004.

**Elaine Farashian** visited **Marcia Roak Fitzgerald** over the Labor Day weekend. They enjoyed the sights of Boston together and called on **Carolyn Vickery Burks** at her home in Southborough, Massachusetts.

Due to a lack of information, this is the extent of this column. Let's hope that the next one has something more to go on!

## 1964

**Ginny Bellinger Ollis**  
4022 Front Street  
San Diego, CA 92103  
(619) 574-5138  
GinnyOllis@aol.com

A big Maine Hello to all of our classmates! The installation of our new Orono president, Robert A. Kennedy, obviously brought to mind our sophomore year when our President Kennedy, John F. Kennedy, came to the Maine campus at Orono just a few weeks before his death, and spoke to our entire student faculty body with his theme of contribution and participation in making our country serve everyone. The legacy of those years—Sargent Shriver's Peace Corps, Robert F. Kennedy's continuing the promise, and all of us products of that era—still shines so brightly. I love seeing it in so many of the class notes!

And we have too few notes. Email is easy now, so please take a moment and send me your notes.





## Celebrating their 40th

Class of 1965 members gather in the Treat Room at Buchanan Alumni House following a class luncheon during their 40th Reunion in September.

Yes, we would like to know what you are doing.

Recognition and celebration were given to **Clayton Rogers**, the man who has continuously been the organist at the Columbia Street Baptist Church in downtown Bangor for 50 years. Clayton also celebrated 55 years with his wife, Ruth, in September. **Delmont N. Merrill**, Iwo Jima veteran, was featured in a story in the *Ellsworth American* this summer. Again we Americans are very aware of the commitment and courage of our armed forces, and unlike the public chaos given to our Vietnam soldiers, are again appreciating and supporting our troops in the very best ways.

Retirement is another theme among so many of our classmates, and **Sandra Tinkham Coolidge** is leaving her 48-year teaching career. Having hated school as a child, Sandra spent almost five decades trying to make it a different experience for her students, and judging by the sentiments expressed by her "kids" all these years, she succeeded mightily.

As a country we are coping with the results of someone "messing with Mother Nature" as the old margarine commercial used to say. I am sure those in our generation are among the kindest, following the path of "asking what we can do for our country" lit so many years ago. And please write!

## 1965

**Sylvia A. Tapley**  
21 Durrell Drive  
Fairfield, CT 06824-5062  
(203) 259-3292  
fax (203) 259-1305  
satapley@juno.com

Here are some notes from our 40th Class Reunion luncheon. Twenty-one classmates signed up for reunion activities. The official class luncheon business meeting was held on Saturday, September 17. A thank you to Nancy Verrill of the alumni association staff, who was the official class notes taker. Elected officers for 2005-2010: president, **Horace Horton**; vp/co-class agent, **Henry Schmelzer**; secretary/class correspondent, **Sylvia Tapley**; treasurer, **Harry Ellsworth**; class agent, **Stephanie Barry Brown**; reunion committee, **Glenna Renegar Bingham** and **Lisbeth Wiley Chapman**. A memorial list was distributed and there was a moment of silence to honor our deceased classmates. According to treasurer Harry Ellsworth, the class has raised \$29,180 toward our class goal of \$50,000. Please continue to send in donations, specifying Class of 1965, to the alumni office. Class superlative gifts were handed out to the most grandchildren, shared by

Stephanie Barry Brown and **Win Robbins**, and to the owner of the oldest car. Thanks to the generosity of Mike and Stephanie Barry Brown, an oil painting on canvas *Great Plains Express* by Thomas Elmo Williams, was donated for a drawing for anyone giving a reunion fund gift pledge over \$500 to the Class of 1965. This was won by **Jane Tompkins Miller**.

Most of the following news came from the reunion information forms. **Sandy Arbour** spent the summer unpacking stuff. In July she retired from the Department of Defense Schools, having spent 38 years teaching in Turkey, Japan, and Germany. Sandy loves to travel and has been all over the world. Her favorite UMaine memory is the special friendships made during her freshman year. Sandy lives in Augusta in her family home. Another longtime teacher is **Joyce Britton Stevens** who has lived in the Pacific Northwest for 35 years. In 1989, Joyce was selected for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics. She is now a mathematics specialist in a very rural, mountainous, agricultural region covering 12,000 square miles in the state of Washington. She has three children and nine grandchildren and enjoys many outdoor mountain activities. Stephanie Barry Brown retired in 2000. She enjoys golf, boating, travel, and her involve-

ment on the UM alumni board.

I received an email from **Dave Brooks**. He had hoped to attend our 40th Reunion (and actually even had airline reservations) but because of the September date, needed to teach his classes at Texas A&M University. He and his wife, Anne, are expecting grandchildren in the next few months.

**Marguerite Buck Fleming** is retired after teaching grade three for nearly 30 years in Maine S.A.D. 67. She lives in Lincoln and enjoys her flower gardens and reading and is a Meals for Me volunteer.

If you are a viewer of the "UM Weekly" TV program, you may have recognized the student walking towards the camera during opening credits for years as **William Buckley**. Bill is president of Coffee News, USA, the world's largest restaurant publication and the largest franchise publication. As assistant director of Business Network International, he helps families start their own business in publishing.

**Carrie Burton Floyd-Wiles** emailed that she and Garl have a new schnoodle puppy, Sunset, who is keeping them busy.

One of our Sophomore Eagles is now the Reverend **Sally Day Brown**. She and her husband, Roger, continue to like Florida. Sally works mornings at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Ocala where she is associate pas-



Engineer turned artist, Tom Paiement '65

## Choosing the Harder Path

After graduating from UMaine with a mechanical engineering degree in 1965, Tom Paiement quickly landed a good job in Los Angeles as a flight test engineer. He liked the work—it paid well and he had a comfortable life.

Then one day he was invited to visit an artist's studio with a friend. That event marked the beginning of a major transition in Tom's life.

"This artist was doing some really interesting abstract work," he recalls. "I'd never really been exposed to anything like it. I had an epiphany right there and then. I said to myself, 'I really don't know what this guy is doing, but I want to do it.'"

Tom started taking art courses. Eventually he got serious enough to work out a deal with his company where he could work as an engineer halftime so he could devote more time to painting. But even that wasn't enough. He quit his job and began doing art full time.

Tom made enough to pay the rent, but with no job or family in California, he decided to return home to the Brunswick area of Maine. Once back, he realized he needed money to buy a place to live. Just about that time he got a call to teach math at the local high school. Interestingly, the person he replaced was fellow UMaine graduate, Carl "Stump" Merrill '66, '76G. Tom and Carl had also been high school teammates in both baseball and football.

"Carl got called to baseball spring training," Tom explains. "He was teaching math and I was asked to fill in for him. He never went back to teaching, so I ended up in the job for five years."

Carl, of course, went on to a highly successful career in baseball, including a stint as manager of the New York Yankees.

In the late '70s Tom left his teaching position wanting to spend more time on his art. For a while he worked testing soils, seasonal work which paid well and gave him great flexibility.

Eventually, he built a studio and both he and



his wife were able to make a living from their art.

Another major transitional event occurred for Tom in 1979 when he met artist Mauricio Lasansky, who headed the fine arts program at the University of Iowa.

He was visiting a friend in Iowa City for Thanksgiving when the friend suggested he go see Lasansky's drawings.

"She said his work reminded her of my stuff," Tom recalls. "I went to the exhibit and his stuff really knocked me over."

Tom tried to get to meet with Lasansky, but was unsuccessful until he happened to mention that he was from

Maine. It turned out that the Iowa artist had a summer cottage on the Maine coast and loved the state.

"He invited me over the very next day," Tom says. "We hit it off right away—he liked my work."

Lasansky invited Tom to enroll in his master of fine arts (MFA) program. Tom explained that his educational background was in engineering.

"He said that was perfect," Tom recalls. "He understood that good artists have a balance between the left brain and the right brain. But he also told me that with art, I was choosing the harder path."

Tom ended up working with Lasansky for five years, earning an MFA and serving for a while as a teaching assistant.

"I worked very closely with him," Tom says. "It was a really important experience for me."

Tom's most recent work, which he calls his "fret board series," was inspired by his fascination with music and his love of the guitar. *Acoustical/Visual Resonance II* was on exhibit in the fall at Greenhut Galleries in Portland. Tom explains that the works explore linking guitar sounds to the images in his head.

In addition to Greenhut, Tom is represented by Boston's Arden Gallery, Knoxville's Bennett Galleries, and the Pisano-Belushi on Martha's Vineyard.

tor. Afternoons she enjoys clubs, exercise activities, and sports like golf.

I received a copy of a letter to Horace Horton from **Parker Dena-co**. He is retired but keeps busy doing some ADR work, mediation, arbitration, and the proverbial "rent-a-judge" assignments. Parker and his wife, Gayle, have a new home in Dover, New Hampshire, and spend time at their summer cottage in Northport, Maine. The past winter they spent time in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. In May, they traveled to Paris and then visited one of her sons, an Air Force captain in Germany. An overseas trip in September kept them away from our Reunion.

**(Helen) Ann Downing Gallant** retired as English department chair in Manchester, Connecticut, in 1999 and is now working as a grade six language arts and social studies teacher in Old Town. She also mentors students at the middle school. She and 10-15 ladies who graduated from Bangor High School in 1961 get together once a month to eat and laugh. A favorite UM memory is dancing in the gym at formals to bands like Lionel Hampton and Lester Lanin. She also mentioned President Kennedy's speech at the University of Maine a month before his death and thereafter "the campus feeling that a friend was gone."

Harold (aka Harry) Ellsworth is a realtor, selling properties on Cape Cod. He wrote that it's, "the best job I have ever had!" Formerly, he was a biology teacher at Boston Latin School and then a restorer of antique American furniture. He is an active member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Provincetown and loves working out (lifting weights) at the local gym.

An email from **Stu Gerald** brought the happy news that he and **Maggie Edgar Gerald** are now grandparents. Their son Jason and his wife, Tanya, had a son, Alexander Baron Gerald, in Cincinnati. Stu is still busy consulting with the Army in Huntsville, Alabama. **Sue Healy Gray** retired in June after 37 years as a teacher of English and department chairperson in Enfield, Connecticut.

Remember who played football four years and was selected 1963 Harold Westerman Award winner? That was **Leon "Lee" Harriman** who retired in 1998 as assistant principal of Morse High School in Bath. During his 32 years in education, he coached football 21 years, taught physical education eight



years, served as director of athletics for 17 years, and assistant principal six years. He was an assistant football/basketball coach at UMaine from 1971-73. In 1974, he was named Coach of the Year when his Waterville team won the state championship. Lee is now helping as consultant for UMaine in the Sports Done Right program and with football at Morse High School. He and Nancy have two daughters "who have become great mothers." **Herb Hoppe** retired in 2003 as an educator in Falmouth, Maine. He was a math teacher, department chair, and coached track and cross-country. In 1985 he received a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching. Herb and his wife Carolyn, a UM Portland alum, have three children and one grandchild. Describing his favorite UMaine memory, Herb wrote, "The whole experience was first class, enriching, enjoyable, and lasting."

Sophomore Owl, Senior Skull, participant in the congressional internship program, **Wayne Johnson** was an impressive "man on campus." Now in his 60s, he is becoming an impressive world-class athlete and is training for the 2008 paralympic summer games in Beijing, China.

**Marilyn "Mal" Morton Hylan** retired from teaching in June 2000 but still spends two-three days a week for Maine S.A.D. 9 on certification and consultant staff development. She is presently a deacon at Old South Congregational Church in Farmington, takes care of her granddaughter, and spends summers at Pemaquid. A favorite UM memory is President Kennedy's campus visit.

Retired from public school teaching since 2001, **Judy Kimball Field** presently is a part-time instructor at Columbus State Community College in Ohio. She is active in the first Unitarian Universalist Church and volunteers through church for social justice issues.

**Eric Lahti** hasn't had a dull moment since his retirement in 1998 from teaching history at Carrabec High School. He is an active Master Maine Guide, part-time archeologist, and involved with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. Eric keeps busy with his granddaughters "who need to learn to fish, identify rocks and a myriad of other natural items." His favorite memory of UMaine days is fishing with friends at Nesourdnhunk Lake on Maine Day.

Dr. **Charles Little** is now working full time in the emergency depart-

## 39 Years of Service

Sarge Means '66 holds a photo of himself when he was just beginning his military career in the mid-'60s. After 39 years of service, Sarge retired from the Army last spring as chief warrant officer five (the highest rank for a warrant officer). He served in the Vietnam War as forward air controller and a pilot.

Sarge spent a good part of his career training pilots. During his final years of service he flew executive jets in the Army's premier jet detachment. His passengers were the Secretary of the Army, the Army Chief of Staff, four-star generals, and an occasional U.S. senator.

He will continue to live in Alexandria, Virginia, with his wife, Stephanie, but plans to spend summers in Sargentville.



ment at Stephen's Memorial Hospital in Norway, Maine. He and Mary live in South Paris, close to Sunday River Ski Area where he has a camp. Charlie rekindled an interest in old cars. He still has a '56 Thunderbird that his folks used to lend him when he was in college. He has acquired two Model T Fords and a 1931 Model A Roadster that he is restoring. A favorite memory of UM days is driving around campus in a 1931 Ford Model A Roadster with Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity brothers in the rumble seat. They took short cuts on the sidewalks, clearing the way with the "ah-oh-gaa" horn. Charlie also has fond memories of "pizza and a couple of beers" at Pat's.

Last May, **Nancy Pearson Kinney** retired from the Washtenaw Community College professional faculty. She has accompanied her husband Mark '66 to Hungary, where he has a Fulbright Fellowship (lectureship). Nancy likes to tell friends that she went to college with Stephen King '70 who wrote a gossip column (*Maine Campus*) called "King's Garbage Truck."

**Patricia Ramsdell Foster** wrote that the most important changes in her life since graduation were raising a family and changing careers. Pat was a French major and taught school but is now director of the Ellsworth Public Library. She is on the University College at Ellsworth advisory board and belongs to the

Rotary Club.

I had a nice phone talk with **Sharon Records Record**. Sharon Records and Duane Record were high school sweethearts in Livermore Falls. Sharon taught English while Duane became an ob/gyn physician. Sharon has traveled extensively with family members and friends. She went to China and then Peru and Bolivia with **Elaine Manter Gifford** and her husband, David. In Carlsbad, California, in February '03 and January '05, Sharon had a rendezvous with Elaine (who lives there) and her college roommate, **Brenda Webber**. The three also got together in February '04 in Barefoot Bay, Florida, where Brenda lives winters.

It was good to hear by email from my Chi O sister **Roberta Roak-Foltz**. She and husband, Art, are living in a motor home on five acres in Oregon. They love the freedom of being able to go anywhere and have their home with them. In December they will travel to Sarasota, Florida, again to an RV resort called Sun-N-Fun.

**Bonnie Schlosberg Fortini** is director, part-time, of an adult education program in Machias. She has received recognition for her work as an adult education director twice since 1999. Under student activities, Bonnie wrote "hmmmm—mostly studied?" Later, she remarked how much her variety of past endeavors and studies have helped her do so

many different things she never imagined. "An added plus is that I'm still at UMaine-Orono frequently." She and James '64, '67G have two adult daughters, Ellen and Toni.

**Ed Schultz** wrote that he spends his days "dreaming of retirement!" He served with the Army in Vietnam and has spent most working years as a manufacturer's representative. He enjoys skiing, mountain climbing, and traveling. The most important change in his life was becoming a parent of twin daughters.

Another Senior Skull and president of the Student Senate, **Stanley Sloan** has 32 years of U.S. government service including: officer in the Air Force, intelligence officer at the C.I.A., research manager, and senior specialist at Congressional Research Service Library of Congress (he retired from the latter position in 1999). He now consults, writes, and lectures at Middlebury College, Vermont. Sloan has published extensively: books, journals, articles, op-eds and reports for Congress. His latest book, published in August 2005, is *NATO, the European Union and the Atlantic Community: The Transatlantic Bargain Challenged*. Sloan divides his time between home in Richmond, Vermont, camp at Lake Groton, and "on the road," mainly in Europe. He lectures at the NATO College in Rome, Italy, four times a year so he and his wife, Monika, feel like honorary Italians.

**Patricia "Pat" Mills Stevens** is an assistant attorney general for the state of Maine. **Win Stevens** is senior partner in a 31 lawyer firm, Rudman and Winchell Law in Bangor. Their three daughters, Kathleen '93, Amy '94, and Sara '96 all received B.A. and M.A. degrees from UMaine. On how do you spend your days now, Pat and Win wrote "work-golf-golf-work!"

I had a surprise phone call from **Barry Titcomb** who had just read my last class notes. Senior year Barry dated my sister Louise '68 while I was dating a fraternity brother of his, so we used to talk a lot. Barry has been a math teacher and department head at Rumford High School. He and Wendy have four children and built their dream home in Weld.

**Carol Whitehouse** is a teacher and current activities include volunteer work with the Landmark Society of Greater Utica and the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute. **Jack Wilkins** retired in 2001 from Bradlees when the company went out of business. There are many including



myself who really miss the Fairfield Bradlees store. Jack and his wife, Barbara, moved permanently to New Hampshire from Massachusetts after her retirement in August.

Well that's the news from this neck of the woods. Be sure to keep sending me your news so we all can enjoy what you are up to.

## 1966

### 40th Reunion

### June 2-4, 2006

**Carol Jesraly Josel**  
227 Canterbury Court  
Blue Bell, PA 19422  
(610) 277-2711  
Ajesq@aol.com

First they drooped, then they browned, then they died—my flowers, that is. With temperatures hitting the nineties day after day and little rain, this summer broke all records for heat and humidity—and made me long for fall. And I'm a teacher who hates the cold! At any rate, it'll be wintry as you read this column, so keep warm and stay well, enjoying all of your days. And so saying, here's my news this time around.

**Sarge Means** has retired exactly 39 years after being commissioned as a second lieutenant in Hauck Auditorium on June 1, 1966. He attended fixed wing flight school in '68 and then spent 18 months in Vietnam as a forward air controller and VIP pilot. Then in 1974, Sarge attended helicopter transition course en route to an assignment in Hawaii followed by stints in Germany and Korea. Stateside assignments took him to Alabama, Georgia, Colorado, California, and Virginia. Actually, at one time or other, he's found himself in all 50 states and 19 countries. As he says, "Not bad for a guy who, as a youth, thought driving from Boston to Orono was the adventure of a lifetime." But I digress...In 1980, Sarge reverted to warrant officer and attained the highest rank, that of chief warrant officer five. For the most part, though, he served as an instructor pilot in helicopters and airplanes, and completed his career flying executive jets in the Army's premier jet detachment. "We flew the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff, Army, and the significant four-star generals. I was also fortunate to fly several United States



**Steve Maines '66 holds up a flag similar to ones used to mark locations of bodies of tsunami victims buried in Sumatra. Steve, a professional photographer from Abbott, spent a month in Sumatra helping victims of the disaster. "It's impossible to describe in words the destruction," he said. Steve also noted that the people of Sumatra were "the happiest and warmest" he'd ever met. (Bangor Daily News photo by Diana Bowley.)**

senators, congressmen, and cabinet members." Meanwhile, Sarge and Stephanie have been married since 1978, and have two children, Todd and Carrie, along with three grandsons. Future plans include lots of time in Maine, touring America, visiting friends, and playing lots of golf. As he says, "Thanks to the University of Maine ROTC, I've had a wonderful life." May it only keep getting better and better!

Meanwhile, **John Libby**, the adjutant general of the Maine National Guard and commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans, and Emergency Management, was promoted to the rank of major general during a recent ceremony. I congratulate him and thank him for his service.

Also serving others is **Steve Maines** who spent a month helping

the victims of the December 26th tsunami in Sumatra. He found, though, that as much as he gave, he also received and says, "I met the happiest and warmest people I've ever met, and they had nothing." He adds that first they mourned their losses and then focused on rebuilding and living. Steve is now back home working in a peer mentoring program in the Guilford area schools.

Finally, in the news is **Carolyn Bragdon Bridge** who will return as S.A.D. 31's interim superintendent to run the school system and marshal plans to build a new secondary school through the state approval process. The \$8.9 million school is expected to open in September 2007, and with her 29 years of experience, Carolyn is the perfect choice to fill this position. I wish her continued success.

So it goes...Please let me hear from you, so I can share your stories with everyone. And be sure to put our upcoming 40th Reunion on your calendars. We need to gather once again, raise a stein or two, and celebrate each other and our many accomplishments.

## 1967

**Carol Heber Lane**  
77 Dirigo Drive  
Bangor, ME 04401  
(207) 942-7321

What with the war, terrorists, and natural disasters, I wonder if **Cindy Fuller Libby** sees much of husband, John '66 He was promoted in the spring from brigadier general to major general of the Maine National Guard. Bill, as we all know him, has been serving as commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans, and Emergency Management.

**William Alexander** was honored last summer by the Lawrence High School Alumni Association. He received the 2005 Executive Award for service as science teacher, department chair, class advisor, school board member, and school booster. Although retired, he still serves on the S.A.D. 49 board from Albion where he lives with wife,

Julie. He has seen and overseen many changes during his tenure. In the first half of the sixties, lab science was for college prep students only. Now there are more overall science choices and they're more diversified and specialized.

**Philip Caverhill** also retired last spring. He was principal of Woodland Consolidated School for 32 years. He established a number of programs: PTA, athletic department, physical education, health class, special education, and the music program. He's probably best known for instituting the athletic program and managing every aspect of it at no cost to the school. He hosted bean feeds and various other events to raise money for trips. He always maintained that involved, interested individuals perform better as students. With more family time scheduled, he also plans to travel, ski...did I mention the home in Florida?

## 1968

**Penny Robinson Blaisdell**  
Two Harding Lane  
Marblehead, MA 01945  
(781) 631-0085  
penny.blaisdell@comverse.com

**Lonnie Labbe Corey** writes:

"I've been working on the project Orphans of the Storm here in the Bay area, rescuing Katrina and Rita dogs and cats. We've reunited 10 animals with their owners already and the stories will warm your heart. I just delivered chocolate lab 'Jake' to the airport in Oakland (California) en route to Houston, Texas, where his 83-year-old dad (and his daughter) from Lake Charles, Louisiana, were both there to meet him.

"The Marin Humane Society where I volunteer has spearheaded a campaign to airlift dogs and cats from the shelters in the 'war' zone so that more animals can be rescued from the disaster areas. We have taken in hundreds of animals, from Chihuahuas to Great Danes. Two Danes came in together and I thought of **Roz Gay** who had a herd of them for a while back in the '70s. It's been the most rewarding work I've ever done. We have a few benefactors who have chartered flights for these airlifts, and volunteers including local vets, who have made this possible. Last week we took in 54 dogs. Many had been in their crates for three days—hungry, thirsty, and sick. Their recovery has



been miraculous and they're now well-fed, clean, healing, and getting a lot of love and attention. These animals are clearly owned, loved, well-behaved, and we're making all efforts to find their owners to return them healthy and safely. The first reunion of owner and dog took place a month or so ago. There wasn't a dry eye for miles. I just can't go back to the corporate world after this."

**David S. Palmer, DMD, FACP** writes:

"Thanks for keeping us up on what's going on with our classmates from 'the good ole days.' Undergrad was a good time of life—but right now is a great time of life. Permit me to update you and our classmates on what I've been doing.

"Now a retired U.S. Air Force colonel, I am a dentist—actually a prosthodontist (sort of the 'spare parts' guy for dental needs). About two years ago Linda (my wife of 34 years and a registered nurse) and I opened a dental office in South Portland. We have a total of five people on our staff and are having the greatest time! It is said that if a man can find a profession that he loves, he'll never have to work a day. That's my story.

"Although happily addicted for many years, after joining Triple-A, I have managed to kick my Corvette habit. I still keep up on the newest horsepower ratings, though. My mother tells me that my present car, a BMW, is much more grown-up.

"Linda and I enjoy living in Portland, a short drive from many gorgeous lakes and rivers for kayaking. Both our children, Whitney, 25, and Christian, 30, are married. Chris is a father, and we are grandparents, to the world's most beautiful two grandchildren. Paradoxically, the grandchildren make us feel so very young, not old, at all. They are the ultimate good time. Life is about relationships, with family being the most important. Linda and I are among the luckiest people in the world, as our family is fantastic. Life really is, in fact, good! The guidance I received way, way back in Orono has kept me in good stead through my life."

**David Crook** writes:

"After a brief retirement, following over 30 years as District Attorney of Somerset and Kennebec Counties of Maine, and an early tour of duty in the '70s as a special narcotics prosecutor for the city of New York, I discovered that I was too young to retire. This year I started a criminal defense practice in Waterville/Augusta with attorney Tom Ferris.

## Dr. Gary Gibbons '68 to head Quincy Medical Center

Class of 1968 member Gary Gibbons, M.D. was recently appointed president and CEO of the Quincy Medical Center in Massachusetts. He had previously served as the hospital's chief of surgery.

After receiving his bachelor's degree from UMaine, Dr. Gibbons earned his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati. He completed his surgical residency at Boston Medical Center and New England Deaconess Hospital. During his career, he has pioneered many of the current treatment approaches for diabetic patients with lower extremity problems.



Thirty years of training as a state's attorney provided an easy transition into criminal defense work.

"This summer was particularly busy. Both of our children were married. We enjoyed seeing Robert Scribner '70 and his wife, Lucille 'Lucy' Levesque Scribner '71, and David Belyea (a Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity brother, Class of '69) and his wife, Sheila, at the wedding. Dave Belyea and his wife live in Caribou, Maine. Bob Scribner and wife, Lucy, live in Charleston, South Carolina."

**Bion Foster** writes:

"Dorain and I have enjoyed a very busy summer, and are looking forward to a busy fall and winter as well.

"We sold The Lucerne Inn this summer to a couple from Maine, and are currently evaluating two additional business interests and investments in Maine, along with the seven other companies that we continue to own and operate here in Maine. This sale will provide us with the additional time that we needed to spend at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, where we have a real estate development company that is expanding aggressively.

"I was recently appointed by Senator Olympia Snowe '69 as a member of the Small Business Advisory Committee for the General Services Administration in Washington, DC. This committee provides advice and recommendations on a range of policy issues affecting small business and its role in providing goods and services to the GSA and the Federal Government.

"Although I am currently a step-grandfather, with four grandchildren by Dorain's two daughters and their families, I became a grandfather this year also. Even more reasons to try to find time in our hectic schedules for what is really important in this life! I look forward to being a 'grampie,' as I'm sure we are all finding out!"

**Bob Lackey** writes that he and his wife, Lana, are still living in Corvallis, Oregon, where Bob is senior fisheries biologist with the EPA research laboratory and a professor of fisheries at Oregon State University. Their son and grandchildren live in Texas, while their daughter is on a one-year teaching assignment in Slovakia.

## 1969

**Bill and Andrea Hayes Lott**  
11 Bayberry Drive  
Eliot, ME 03903  
chipper23@comcast.net

It is early September as we write this column, and we have just returned from a visit to Orono where our son is a student. There was much activity with the arrival of freshmen and the return of the upperclassmen. Think back to the days you lived on campus and think about the classmates you met. Let them know your current news through us or the alumni office.

**Richard Gleason** of Auburn has joined the University of Maine's

business school's advisory board. Dick is president of Gleason Media Services in Auburn, and he has also been a part-time marketing instructor for the University of Southern Maine's college in Auburn. He has owned or managed six AM and FM radio stations in western Maine. Dick is chairman of the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce, has served as an advisory board member with Central Maine Community College, and is a recipient of the Maine State Senate's Business Cornerstone Award. Dick was the founding president of the United Way of Oxford County in 1989.

**Bill Hahn** was in the construction and development business for over 21 years with partner **Joe Cloutier** at Pen Cedar Crest Motel. **Edward French** of Bangor has accepted a two-year assignment with the Peace Corps to serve as a health volunteer in Tanzania, Africa. Edward worked for Sweetser as director of child and family community-based services until July 2004. Recently, he worked for Innovative Fitness as director of marketing and development and as a consultant to the Maine Children's Alliance. **Gerald "Jerry" Butts** retired from Abbott Laboratories after 31 years. He opened an office for financial services at: 685 U.S. Route 1 in Scarborough and loves being his own boss. **Linda Millett Hatch** of Corinth graduated in May 2005 from Bangor Theological Seminary with a master of divinity degree. She is serving as the interim pastor at Springfield United Church of Christ. Linda has been a teacher, homemaker, and caregiver over the past 30 years. **Douglas M. Smith** of Dover-Foxcroft was reappointed to the Supreme Judicial Court's advisory committee on probate rules. Doug practices with Eaton Peabody, was a member of the 105th-107th Maine Legislatures, and has been judge of probate for Piscataquis County since 1979. **David Gautschi** of Trenton is a trustee of the Bagaduce Music Lending Library in Blue Hill. Prior to moving back to Maine, Dave was a firm director at Deloitte and Touche in Seattle and leader of the firm's eBusiness practice. He was also a founder of Janus Strategy Laboratory, a simulation-based model that has been used widely to transform telecommunications operating companies. Dave has served on the faculties of Cornell, Yale, and the University of Washington. He received his Ph.D. in business administration from the University of California, Berkeley.



# 1970

**Jean Willard Young**  
70 Robin Hood Drive  
Brewer, ME 04412  
(207) 989-5340  
iglfm@adelphia.net

So what's new with the Class of 1970? **Russ Longtin**, who has been a professor at Johnson State College in Vermont for 19 years, performed in a production of *Barrymore* in the title role this past year. After Russ graduated from UMaine he worked briefly as an actor in New York and then completed his doctorate in acting/directing at the University of Michigan. **Erin Young Woodsome** has become the assistant principal at the Poland (Maine) Community School. Erin has taught for more than 20 years in the fields of special education, literacy education, and alternative programs. Before going to the Poland Community School, she taught special education at the Mast Landing School in Freeport, Maine.

At the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2005, **Stephen King** gave the commencement speech and his recommendations were: hug and kiss whoever helped you get to this day; do not live in this place (Orono) like you are still an undergraduate; don't forget you're a physical being, take care of your body and the planet; don't forget you're a mental being with a humongous hard drive at your disposal; give away a dime of every dollar you make; and stay in Maine. Good advice, I think.

I had a phone call from **Nick Collins's** wife one morning! She wanted to let Nick's classmates know that they live in Brewer, Maine, (just a street away from me!) and that he retired from Eastern Fine Paper in 1998 as the vice president of the coded product division. Since then he has started two businesses, Penta-Tech Coded Products, which manufactures silicon paper and is based in Rochester, New York, with its business office in Hampden, Maine, and Holden Family RV. He and his wife, Linda Jarvis Collins '71, have two children. Lisa is a physical therapist and Matt is track coach at Brewer (Maine) High School. Matt also works at Holden Family RV.

Another classmate also contacted me! **Sally Devereux**



Classmates from high school through college

**Getting together for their 35th Brewer High School reunion at Jeff's Catering last July were UMaine Class of 1974 members (left to right): Diantha Hawkes Grant ('74 class correspondent), Dave Ellis, Tom Drew '79G, Beth Boudreau Husson, Bruce Larson '78G, Nancy McCormack Whitney, and Judy Mullen Rowe.**

**Ellms** and her husband, **Chip Ellms** '71, have lived in Saratoga Springs, New York, for over 20 years and they have raised three children (and now have two grandchildren). Chip retired from Naico Chemical Company in 1998 and was able to devote much of his time to Choose and Cut Christmas Tree Farm which they started in 1984. Sally is still teaching third grade and not ready to retire yet! This past fall, they started a corn maze. It was open from September to the end of October. More information is available at their website, [www.ellmsfarms.com](http://www.ellmsfarms.com). Another thing that Sally wanted me to pass on is an upcoming Tri Delta reunion for those in the classes of '69-'73 on June 30 and July 1, 2006, in Portland, Maine. Anyone interested in more on this event, contact Sally at: [salgal7870@aol.com](mailto:salgal7870@aol.com). So, please keep those cards and letters (also phone calls and emails) coming!

# 1971

**Barbara McCarthy Allen**  
103 Rutland Court  
La Plata, MD 20646-3501  
[jacques-beau@comcast.net](mailto:jacques-beau@comcast.net)

Happy New Year, everyone! Can you believe that this spring marks 35 years since our graduation? That has given us lots of time to do

things—both mundane and interesting. Please write and tell us what's been going on in your life for the past three and-a-half decades! Surely there must be something you can tell us!

# 1972

**Anne Dearstyne Ketchen**  
446 Brook Street  
Carlisle, MA 01741  
[anneketchen@comcast.net](mailto:anneketchen@comcast.net)

Hello classmates. **Mark Wellman** is the publisher of the new magazine *Bangor Metro*, which debuted last May. The magazine focuses on businesses, lifestyles, and opinions in eastern Maine. It will be published 10 times a year. You can check it out at: [bangormetro.com](http://bangormetro.com).

An article from the July 12 *Bangor Daily News* told the almost incredible story of a violent summer storm that struck at the heart and livelihood of Tide Mill Farm in Edmonds, Maine. Tide Mill Farm belongs to **Jane Bailey Bell** and her family. Fourteen of their 26 cows were killed when a single bolt of lightning struck the 45-foot tall spruce tree near which the cows had taken shelter. Luckily, Jane's family was unharmed.

**Thomas DiPaola** is the new superintendent of schools in his hometown of Westerly, Rhode Is-

land. Thomas began his career as a special education teacher, and also served as Providence's associate superintendent for special services and Pawtucket and Central Falls' administrators of special education. At one time he headed the Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project, a program that helps schools and parents provide quality education to all children. Most recently, he spent five years as the director of the Office of Special Populations at the state Department of Education where he oversaw the education of children who are disabled, learning English, and gifted or talented. He has also taught at local colleges for the past 25 years.

**Dr. Carolyn Reed** delivered the keynote address at the University of Maine Farmington commencement ceremony last spring. A Farmington native, Carolyn is a nationally recognized cardiothoracic surgeon, director of clinical affairs at Hollings Cancer Center, former director of the center, and a distinguished civic leader in Charleston, South Carolina. In her address, Carolyn encouraged the graduates to become lifelong learners: "Do not doubt you have the ability to leave footprints in time."

Send me your news!

# 1973

**Rachel Davenport Dutch**  
2202 Spyglass Hill Circle  
Valrico, FL 33594  
[redhed47@juno.com](mailto:redhed47@juno.com)

**Denise Lord** of the Maine Department of Corrections has been named the public administrator of the year by the Maine Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. **Fred Wingate** has been named Citizen of the Year of Hallowell. **Mike Thurston** ended his decade-long position as coach of the Old Town High girls' softball team this past season. **Stephen Telow**, program manager for Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment (ASPIRE), won the U.S. Small Business Administration's Maine's 2005 Women in Business Champion for his work helping women find employment and get off welfare. **Stephanie Brewer Slocum**, former head of the Brunswick Downtown Association, is now executive director of the Freeport Economic Development Corporation.



# 1974

**Diantha Hawkes Grant**  
3945 Octave Drive  
Jacksonville, FL 32277  
(904) 743-4696  
Dgrant6052@aol.com

Hello again from sunny Florida. I took three trips to Maine last summer, but Labor Day weekend took the cake—absolutely fabulous weather. We tripped over for a quick tour of Bean's (and Ben and Jerry's) and a lobster roll at the Harraseeket Lunch and Lobster. Gosh, it's good to get back from away.

Now for the news!

**Bob Baldacci** has joined Ocean Properties of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and Delray Beach, Florida, as vice president of development. If memory serves me correctly, that's the Walsh empire of hotels. We wish him well in this new venture.

There is a lot of hope and some bittersweet hoping in the life of **Bill Fairchild**. He's been a baseball coach for 30 years at Oak Hill High School and is now dealing with cancer. On the upside, his son, Tip, was signed to the Houston Astros Tri-City Valley Cats in Troy, New York. Best wishes to Tip for a long and successful career and our thoughts and prayers to Bill in his battle.

One thing can be said about many UMO grads; they are persistent. **Dean Hall** has coached track and field at Lisbon High School for 27 years. In that time, he has racked up 11 boys' conference titles and four girls' conference titles. Way to go, Dean.

Another Hall, this one **Ted**, is now principal at Yarmouth (Maine) High School. He spent nine years at Souhegan High School in Amherst, New Hampshire. Ted was also on the teaching faculty in Wayland, Massachusetts; Catalina Foothills High School in Tucson, Arizona; and Brown University. He and his wife, Molly, have two sons.

Lawrence High School honored several alumni with its 2005 Bulldog Awards. One of the recipients was **Cathy Ellis Hebert**. Her award recognized her work in the family business, Sunset Greenhouses, along with her activity in many organizations that support plant growers and florists. She also worked with state representatives on various legislative issues in Maine. Congratulations to Cathy.



**Class of '75 members and former Kennebec Hall dormmates (left to right): Nancy Pistaki Chard, Nancy Simmons Dias, Mary Reynolds-Moussa, and Ellen Schoebel Hansen '74 got together recently in Portland.**

Shelburne, Vermont, is the home of UMO alum **Stephen A. Unsworth**, a partner in the law firm of Unsworth, Barra & Jarrett, PLC. He was elected president of the Chittenden County Bar Association. His practice focuses on real estate, landlord/tenant issues, wills and probate, and business representation. His Juris Doctorate is from Western New England College.

I had an email from my Phi Mu sorority sister, **Michele Montanti Scheffler**. She and her husband, Rich, live in New Jersey but spend summers in Maine. We got together for a little UMO nostalgia.

And speaking of nostalgia, I celebrated (?) 35 years from Brewer High School. It's always fun to catch up with everyone.

Please let us know what you are up to. We really want to know! Stay warm.

# 1975

**Nancy Pistaki Chard**  
35 Candlewyck Terrace  
Portland, ME 04102-1515  
ntlc@maine.rr.com

Hope you all are enjoying the winter season. Five of us alums got together to enjoy the *Magic of Christmas* at the Merrill Auditorium in Portland: John '73 and **Jane Leavitt Daly**, Scott and **Sharon Sell Merrill**, Larry and Sue **Perry**, and

Tom and I.

**Bob Miller's** third child is a senior at Syracuse University. **Isabelle Birdsall Schweitzer** is living in Ithaca where her husband is doing research at Cornell.

# 1976

**David Theoharides**  
18 Transalpine Road  
Lincoln, ME 04457  
(207) 794-6258  
dtheo@sad67.k12.me.

Hello '76ers! The cold days of winter are here and I'm looking for information from my classmates to include in our column. It's hard to believe it is almost 30 years since we all received our diplomas from UMO. Where has the time gone? Our kids are graduating from college, getting married, and we're becoming grandparents! Please take a few moments and drop me an email to include in our next column. Your classmates want to know what you've been up to.

My wife, Jane Goodwin Theoharides '75, and I had the opportunity to spend two weeks in Australia last summer visiting our daughter, Caroline, who had been studying at the University of Melbourne for the spring semester. Jane and I still live in Lincoln where she is a teacher at Mattanawcook Junior High School in Lincoln and I'm the principal! Our daughter is a senior at Colby College in Waterville.

In the news: **Steven Mark DeAngelis** was named by Maine education commissioner Susan Gendron as a finalist for the national 2005 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Steve is a science teacher at Maranacook Community High School in Readfield. **Todd Burpee** of Bucksport earned a silver and bronze medal for cycling at the National Senior Games in Pittsburgh last June.

As you can see our news is a bit thin this issue. Enlighten us all with an update! See you next time.

# 1977

**Pearl Turcotte Gapp**  
7468 Dugway Road  
Clinton, NY 13323  
(315) 853-6851  
Fax: (315) 859-4807  
pgapp@hamilton.edu

Hi again, everybody! I'm afraid the amount of news this time around is pretty slim, but thanks to my good friends at the alumni office I do have a couple of noteworthy items to pass along.

**Roland Shaw** has retired after serving for 14 years as principal of the Dr. Charles C. Knowlton School in Ellsworth. In June **James C. Morse, Sr.**, superintendent of schools in the Kennebec Valley region, was awarded the Outstanding Educational Leadership Award from the Maine School Superintendents Association.

**Jeffrey "Steve" Kahl** is the director of the Center for the Environment at Plymouth State University in New Hampshire. Steve, who is nationally known for his research on acid rain and water quality in lakes and streams, received his Ph.D. in watershed geochemistry from Maine in 1998. In his job at the CFE, he works collaboratively with local, state, and national agencies and organizations to develop research on the New England environment and translate that research for the benefit of area citizens. The center also provides advanced undergraduate and graduate education and internships in environmental science for PSU students.

As always, keep in touch. I hope you'll enjoy the upcoming winter and holiday season. And with that in mind, send pictures, too!



# 1978

**Linda Card LeBlond**  
380 Spurwink Avenue  
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107  
(207) 799-0545  
lleblond@maine.rr.com

Greetings to everyone. It is sunny and 65 degrees as I write this; however, that will be a distant memory when you read this column. **John W. McNulty** of Dover-Foxcroft has been named president and managing director of Orion Timberlands. A division of Seven Islands Land company, Orion is a forest management company which will conduct forest operations in Maine as well as the northeast region of the U.S.

**Kevin Boyle**, a University of Maine resource economics professor, is the director of the new Center for Tourism Research and Outreach. The center, based at the Orono campus, will look for ways to boost tourism, gather and share information with tourism businesses, and determine the academic programs necessary to train a new generation of entrepreneurs, managers, and skilled employees to work in the industry. It's hoped that the new tourism initiative will help stem the flow of young people leaving Maine by creating jobs and new academic programs that will interest students pursuing careers in tourism.

**Ralph Turner**, owner of Laughing Stock Farm in Freeport, is laughing all the way to the bank as he has found an alternative way to heat his greenhouse. He is using cooking oil from restaurants, straining out the food bits, and then using the oil as fuel to heat his 7,500 square foot greenhouse. Ralph says that even when he factors in the cost of labor and materials, it costs him between twenty and thirty cents a gallon to burn the used cooking oil.

As I don't receive many emails from you, my fellow classmates, telling me of the interesting details of your life, I have started seeking out other '78 graduates. As I live in Cape Elizabeth, I have details of three classmates whom I see around town.

**Mike McGovern**, who has been the town manager of Cape Elizabeth since before I moved here in 1990, has recently been elected to the board of directors of Rotary International. Mike has been a member of the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club since 1986, and has

## Kathy Green '77 now chief operating officer at Food Lion

Kathy Williams Green '77 was recently promoted to chief operating officer at Food Lion. In her new position, Kathy is responsible for the company's retail operations, merchandising, marketing, and distribution network.

Food Lion operates more than 1,220 stores and employs over 70,000 people.

Prior to her promotion, Kathy was senior vice president of retail operations-north. She came to Food Lion in 2002 from that company's sister supermarket chain, Hannaford Brothers. She began her career at Hannaford as a part-time service clerk while a student in high school and later at UMaine.

Kathy and her husband and two daughters now live in Davidson, North Carolina.



traveled extensively on Rotary business for years. Mike says that his strangest Rotary trip was to Denmark, where he met a Danish Rotarian who, when first married, lived in a house on Mitchell Road in Cape Elizabeth, where Mike once owned a home. Not only that, but Mike had been the roommate of the Danish Rotarian's son during his freshman year at Orono.

**Elizabeth Butterfield Webster** lives near me, and her daughter and my oldest son were in the same fifth grade class last year. Whenever I went to a class event and saw her, I

would rack my memory trying to remember why she looked familiar to me. Finally, at the end of the school year, I figured it out! In addition to her daughter, Elizabeth and her husband Russell also have a son who is a high school senior this year.

During the last school year, my first grade son, Ross, had a wonderful teacher named Mrs. Abbott. During one of our parent/teacher conferences, I asked her about her life: where she grew up, where she went to school, etc. She told me that she had grown up in Belgium but

had come back to the U.S. for high school and college. Of course I asked her where she went to college, and she said "UMO." When I asked when she had graduated, she said "1978." I was very surprised! Her maiden name was **Karen Fenno**, and we had acquaintances in common but had never met each other. She and her husband, Cliff '77, live in Portland; they have a son in college and a daughter in high school. Also, I want to add that she is an amazing teacher and I am thrilled that Ross had her for a teacher.

Nancy Schott Plaisted '53, always on the lookout for alums, reports, "At our local supermarket one day, I saw this gal in the check-out aisle wearing a Black Bear basketball jersey. Of course I had to ask her some questions. So on the back of my sales slip (dated September 11), I jotted down her name and bits of information. **Laurie Osgood Bjorn** was her name. A December 1978 UMaine grad, she played softball and basketball at the university from 1974 to 1978. She now teaches eighth grade health and phys ed at Sanford Junior High. A Kennebunk resident, she graduated from Old Town High and went on to teach in that town for 14 years."

I am making a plea to hear from as many classmates as possible. I know many people think that their lives are dull and no one would want to hear about it, but that is not true! What might seem mundane to you is interesting to the rest of us, so please email me!

I hope you all have a great winter.

# 1979

**Kim Marchegiani**  
33 Pride Street  
Old Town, ME 04468  
kraftymac@adelphia.net

Happy winter! The campus looked lovely decked out in her autumn colors this fall. I hope some of you got a chance to visit during Friends and Family Weekend, or while enjoying a sporting event. On to news of classmates.

**Robert Carmichael** was promoted to brigadier general at a ceremony in Bangor, and will serve as the assistant adjutant general for the Maine Army National Guard. Hand-picked by Major General John W. Libby '66, the adjutant general, he



Class of 1980 member Anne Gosselin Girard (left) enjoys a visit with classmate Charmy Cutler during Homecoming 2005 in October.



will focus on gaining and retaining Guard members, and on the impacts of mobilization on their families. Bob's wife, Shelly, and 13-year-old son Sam assisted in the ceremony, and got credit for their "incredible support." Bob will also remain in his civilian job as vice president of human resources and training for Maine Savings Federal Credit Union in Hampden.

**Peter Waterman** of Waterman Farms of Sabattus received the 2005 Maine Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder Award, honoring those who make outstanding contributions to the industry. Peter graduated with a degree in agriculture and resource management, and took over the farm from his father in 1981. Peter's wife, Cathi, and their two children are also active in the farm's operations and in 1994, the family was named Maine Farm Family of the Year.

**Patricia George Bernhardt**, a middle school teacher in Bangor who participated in a university research program, was selected to present her findings at a national science teachers' conference. During her research last summer (through a National Science Foundation funded program called Research Experience for Teachers), she investigated the effects of heavy metals and algae toxins in the ocean on zebra fish embryos. The program's aim is to educate and entice teachers about science and scientific research, encouraging them to bring that enthusiasm back to the classroom.

**Arlene McCurda Cole**, a 1947 graduate of Lincoln Academy, was named 2005 Alumna of the Year in Damariscotta. She served on the academy alumni council for nine years, and has recorded births, marriages, and deaths of alumni for the school for 15 years. Active in the community, she has served as a NOAA weather observer since 1965, written the history of Newcastle and of the local grange, and served as assistant registrar of voters since 1967. Her husband, George, previously received the Alumnus of the Year Award, making them the first couple to have both been honored.

Class of 1979 members:  
A 1979 UMaine man's class ring was found in Portland. Call Abby at: 207-581-1137.



## Artwork gets recognized

Kathy Snow Stratton '78 was recently chosen for a solo exhibit of her artwork at the Bromfield Art Gallery in Boston. The exhibit is scheduled for early 2007. It's the first time she has had a public display of her work. Kathy says her inspiration comes from the Maine wilderness. Her technique, called field painting, is similar to the style used by abstract expressionist Jackson Pollock. Kathy teaches art at Ellsworth High School. (*Bangor Daily News* photo by Erin Fredrichs.)

## 1980

**Rosemary Hydrisko Dougherty**  
100 Mooar Hill Road  
Hollis, NH 03049  
roserncs@charter.net  
(603) 566-8352

Hi there! It was wonderful to see so many of you at Homecoming! I can't believe we've been out of school for 25 years! Many things have changed for some of us, but for us as a group—we're still the fun and unique Class of 1980! Thank you for your generous financial contributions to the University of Maine this year, and in years past. The Class of 1980 continues to make an impact!

**Donald Holder** recently received two Tony nominations for his work in lighting design for the plays, *Gem of the Ocean* and *A Street Car Named Desire*. Don won a Tony in 1998 for *The Lion King*. Congratulations, Don!

**Kent Ouellette** recently received the sacrament of Holy Orders. Kent attended St. Mary's Seminary and

University where he earned a master's in divinity.

**John Foley**, a lawyer with offices in Boston, has been named associate publisher of the *Boston Irish Reporter*. After attending New England School of Law, John spent some time in London, working as an editor of *The Lawyer*, the largest newspaper for lawyers in Europe.

Keep in touch! Your classmates want to hear what you're up to this winter. Take some time during these blustery, cold winter days, and email or write us your news.

## 1981

**Barb Brown Dalton**  
5 Black Bear Drive  
Veazie, ME 04401-6929  
(207) 947-4827  
BDalton@wlbz.gannett.com

It's always interesting to read about the recipient of our class scholarship each year. To tell you how old we're getting (in case you hadn't realized

it!), most of the recipients over the last few years have been children of classmates. The lucky student this year is Craig Hanson of Wiscasset, son of **Linda Croteau Hanson**. I received a nice note of thanks from him saying that he "loves everything about UMaine" and that he now understands why his parents have always spoken so highly of the university. He's presently a sophomore majoring in wildlife ecology and hopes to pursue his master's in education following his undergraduate work. Glad we could help, Craig! Now my plea to all of you is to remember your class scholarship fund when you get your annual appeal letter from the alumni association—or any time when there's a little extra in the checkbook and you're looking for a tax deduction! Our balance is not one to be proud of and I wish we could help even more students. As we enter our 25th reunion year (yikes!) let's make a pledge to beef up that scholarship fund. Your son or daughter could be the next recipient!

In amongst the spam on my email, an update appeared from **Carl Fischer**! He finished active duty service in the Army this past April and has stayed on in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, with a military contractor working with simulations and experimentation. He's continuing work on his Ph.D. in education at Kansas University. He and his wife of 23 years, Carol, have two children; their son is at Kansas University and their daughter is in her first year at the University of South Dakota.

Tampa Bay Lightning coach **John Tortorella** signed on to a long-term contract extension this past July, which will keep him with the team through the end of the 2008-2009 season. John was named the NHL's Coach of the Year in 2003-04, after leading the Lightning to their first Stanley Cup title.

And finally (yep, that's all the news this time—you feeling guilty?) **Kay Byther Eames**, who received her master's in vocal performance in 1981, has earned certification as an associate of the American Guild of Organists. Kay has been music director at All Souls Congregational Church in Bangor for 31 years! Congratulations!

I hope to find more classmate messages among the spam in the next few months! Remember, our 25th Reunion is next fall, so let me know if you're willing to help round up classmates. A simple but valuable task would be to forward me



email addresses for other classmates. I'd also like input as to what activities you'd like to see at our reunion. I'm waiting to hear from you!

## 1982

**Scott Mower**  
231 Main Street  
Ellsworth, ME 04605-1613

Hope this finds everyone well and having a wonderful winter! Here's the news from our class!

**Jim Douglas** (education) has joined Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice as its first full-time bereavement coordinator, a position which actively partners with community groups and organizations offering bereavement support programs and volunteer training. Jim is also a recorded minister with the Religious Society of Friends (Quaker) and was pastor at Durham Friends Meeting in Durham, Maine.

**Paul Gooch** (education) retired from a 35-year career in teaching, 27 of them spent in the Farmington area where he has served for many years as the principal of Academy Hill School and Cushing School in Wilton.

**Jeff Hart** (education) and **Jamie Russell** (education) were each presented with Coach of the Year awards by the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches. Jeff coaches for Camden Hills High School in Rockport (Class B) and Jamie coaches for Piscataquis High School in Guilford (Class C).

## 1983

**Mary Ellen Matava Hackett**  
2401 Randolph Terrace  
Frederick, MD 21702  
(301) 631-0110  
maryellenhackett@msn.com

Hello, Class of '83. Although the holidays are over, it's never too late to send me a card with your news. Or if you've already broken your New Year's resolution, how about making a new one to write or email me? It only takes a few minutes. We'd love to hear from you.

## GO BLUE!



### "Idea Guru" visits campus

Doug Hall '81, "America's number 1 idea guru," visited the UMaine campus in September to speak to students at the innovation engineering pilot program. In his usual charismatic style, Doug joked around with students as he discussed strategies for success in starting a business. His book, *Jump Start Your Business Brain*, is being used in the curriculum. Doug, who is lending support to the fledgling program, praised his alma mater for being on the cutting edge in teaching and fostering innovation. (Bangor Daily News photo by Kevin Bennett.)

## 1984

**Louise Soucy**  
190 Main Street  
Southwest Harbor, ME 04679  
Lsoucy@adelphia.net

Happy Holidays! I hope you all had a marvelous summer and fall! The fall was really great and I am looking forward to a snowy, but not-too-cold winter. I have less news to report in this issue, so please, please send me yours. Your classmates want to know what is new with you.

My family and I made our annual trek to Homecoming in October. It was a gorgeous autumn day—the kind that I associate with UMaine. After the game, we went to Pat's like we always do. Despite Maine's loss to UMass, it was a great day.

I ran into a friend from high school who is also a UMaine alum. Tom '86 teaches English to middle school students in Brewer. He lives in Bangor with his wife, **Vicky Rudolph Burby**, and their two children. Vicky makes glass beads and says she does much of her business online. It was so good to see Tom and

catch up with him and to meet his family.

**Carl Soderberg** again ran in the Bar Harbor Half-Marathon. He finished with a fantastic time of 1:38:58 as he and the other runners battled the remains of Hurricane Ophelia. It is a beautiful course which makes its way through Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park.

I have lots of exciting news about our classmates who became teachers.

**Cynthia Renaud Alexander** is the new principal at the Etna-Dixmont School. She previously served as the curriculum coordinator for both S.A.D. 23 and 38. The school contains pre-kindergarten through eighth grade students.

Another classmate has been recognized for her achievements in education. **Pamela Whitten Caylor** was awarded the 2005 Kentucky State PTA Outstanding Educator Award. She lives in northern Kentucky and teaches at Beechwood Independent School, a K–12 school. The award was given for her innovative, school-wide program Camp-O-Read. It was held on the school's football field on Friday night, October 1, 2004. Families came to read

"under the lights," with more than 100 people taking part. Activities included family reading, individual reading, guest readers, and door prizes. Pamela has also recently published her first children's book called *Roar Like a Lion, Purr Like a Kitten: Living with A.D.H.D.* Congratulations!

**Joanne Thomes Gregory** of South Paris was honored as Teacher of the Year at Poland Community School. Joanne has taught kindergarten and first grade at the school for 20 years!

Wow! Both my children have amazing teachers this year and it makes such a big difference in their excitement about going to school in the morning.

We not only have outstanding teachers in our midst, but an outstanding father as well. **George Michael "Mike" Hammond** was named The Town Line Father of the Year for 2005. He was very involved with his son's preschool this past year. Mike works for Central Maine Power Company as a line clearance forester in the Skowhegan office. He and his wife, Mary, live in Albion with their son, Ethan, who is in kindergarten this year.

The Reverend Dr. **Tracy Reeves** has been appointed to the North Brewer-Eddington United Methodist Church. Tracy has served the United Methodist churches of the Schoodic Circuit—North Sullivan, Gouldsboro, and Prospect Harbor; the Easton and Mars Hill United Methodist churches; and most recently was primary pastor for Pine Tree United Methodist Ministries.

**Barry Dana**, former Penobscot Nation chief, is one of the participants in a documentary called *Homeland: Four Portraits of Native Action*. The movie and the following panel discussion explore what various Native American tribes have done in trying to keep their lands and cultures intact when faced with economic and political pressures.

That's the news for this edition. Isn't it great to read about what these classmates are doing? I bet our classmates want to read about you, too. Email me and I will get it into the next issue. In the meantime, think snow!

**Express your pride in  
UMaine by becoming a  
lifetime member of the  
alumni association.**



# 1985

**Suzanne Lynch Guild**  
34 West Street  
Manchester, ME 04351  
(207) 623-9404  
dsguild@adelphia.net

I just may be forced to do it! Our column is getting shorter and shorter. Don't be surprised to get a phone call from me asking for an update. Better yet, please drop me an email. No news is not good news for this job.

**Kathy Gibbs Heselton** resigned as the head softball coach at the Maranacook Community School (Readfield, Maine) after compiling a 48-9 record in three years. She cites her desire to watch her own children (ages 16, 14, and 13) play sports and an on-field injury while coaching third-base that spurred her decision to retire from coaching. Kathy remains employed at MCS.

**Mark McCarthy** and his wife, Erin, are expecting their third child in January '06.

**Lynn Twitchell** lives in Readfield, Maine, and has spent the past three years raising money for the town of Kaoma, Zambia, in Africa. Lynn began her relationship with the town through Habitat for Humanity and is in the process of starting a nonprofit named Women's Initiatives that Strengthen and Empower (WISE). The organization will give women in Zambia the opportunity to become self-sufficient through their basket-making. Lynn and her partners deliver donated basket-making supplies to the women in Kaoma. They, in turn, weave baskets that Lynn's organization provides to donors. The funds raised have been used to strengthen the town's water supply, purchase school books and uniforms, and to pay tuition for students to attend schools.

**Lisa Baldacci**, of Bangor, Maine, graduated from the Boston College Law School and has served as deputy general counsel in the Navy's Office of Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

All for now. Send me your holiday greetings! We really want to know what you've been doing for the past 20 years!

For alumni events, UMaine news, Black Bear gear, and more, log on to:  
mainealumni.com



Carey Kish '85, '87G (right) clowns around with Mark DeRoche during the Homecoming tailgate in October.

# 1986

**Donalyn Blanchard Macdougall**  
**George Macdougall**  
1 Davis Road  
Fairfield Center, ME 04937  
donnymac@webtv.net

Hi! By the time you read this, we'll be snuggling in for the winter; but right now it is so humid outside, that

even cold sounds appealing to me! Ha!

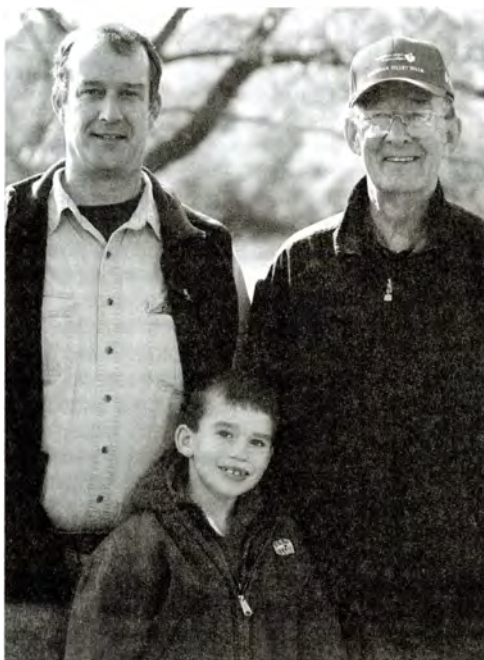
Hope you and yours had a happy, healthy fall! (I can't wait for the annual colors!)

In classmates' news—

Searsport selectmen have unanimously named **James Gillway** as their new town manager. James is a longtime resident of Searsport, where he lives with his wife and three teenage sons. He has been the interim town manager since the

end of April, as well as previously serving as a police officer and the chief of police. James says that he is "invested in Searsport. I want to be here for a long time." Selectmen also said that having "a longtime resident at the helm was important" and described James as a "calm, patient man" who "would do well in the post." He particularly wants to continue to offer the town accessibility to himself and the office as he strove for in the past with the police department and in community groups, such as the Boy Scouts. He will also retain his chief certificate, which would allow him to help out his town's police department in an emergency. Congrats, James!

Portland, Maine,



Three generations of Ryders enjoy Homecoming at Maine. Left to right are: Allan Ryder '82, '84G, his son Nick, and his father Ralph.

teacher **Regina Erskine** raised \$10,000 and rode her bicycle 3,000 miles to raise awareness of celiac disease. She had planned to bike coast to coast from San Diego to Savannah, then continue on home to Maine; but a pickup truck slammed into her bike on June 1st causing multiple painful injuries and scarring! Regina was determined to finish the task, and after a brief hospital stay and a week recovering in Mississippi, she got back on her bike! She and partner Alex Gerberick continued on, working back up to 50 miles a day. They cycled about 800 miles to Savannah, Georgia, reaching their goal of biking from one ocean to the other.

Regina says that during her stay in the hospital, she had even more "confirmation right there" of the need to spread the word about the disorder when the hospital staff asked her about conditions she might have. When she answered celiac disease, they asked her what it was. This disease is a "genetic disorder that causes a heightened sensitivity to gluten, a protein found in wheat, rye, barley, and many processed foods. The disorder damages the small intestine and nutrients aren't absorbed, leading to other health problems."

Regina and Alex arrived home to a wonderful homecoming reception. Along with friends and Lyman Moore Middle School students, she cycled around Portland's Back Cove into Payson Park where close to 200 people waited to help them celebrate. Regina is a health teacher at Lyman Moore and her students have greatly supported her, both before and after the accident. They followed the journey on a website where they were able to post encouraging messages, help to raise funds, and many wore green "making tracks for celiacs" bracelets.

In the past, she has also run the Boston Marathon and trekked the Appalachian Trail. Best wishes and take care, Regina!

Governor **John Baldacci's** climate efforts led him to be honored recently in New York City with a Climate Champion Award from a New Hampshire environmental group. The group, Clean Air-Cool Planet, is an advocacy group that encourages governments and businesses to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. They congratulated John saying that, "The governor has been active in making (climate) an issue...he and Maine have been willing to be seen as an example..." The group cited Maine's success in



increased use of renewable power, improved fuel economy, and reduced pollution of the state vehicle fleet, encouragement in and reduction of miles driven by state employees, the use of hybrids, more efficient state buildings using bio-diesel fuel, etc. Yeah Maine and John!

While in New York, John and members of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development visited the New York Stock Exchange, marking the exchange's opening bell. The group was there to emphasize the transformation of Maine's economy, traditionally reliant on industry, to one primed for business growth.

**Stefani Kenniston Lund** is the new language arts teacher at Rockland District Middle School. Though Stefani earned her broadcasting degree in '86, she later became very interested in becoming a teacher and went back to the University of Maine. She has substituted in the district for four years, leaving temporarily this year to drive almost daily to Orono for classes. She says she couldn't have done it without husband Michael's support. They live in Rockland with daughter Debbie and son Jason. On a fun, interesting note, Stefani said that she went to second grade in the same room where her school board meets and appointed her! Congrats, Stefani!

Hey, classmates! Never say Donny is shy, ha! I put out an email plea this summer to university grads at **George's** work, Maine Department of Transportation, to please drop us a note and catch us up! We received a great note from **Sharon Kennedy Peabody**, a dear person and friend, via her husband, Dale '83. Sharon lives in China, Maine. She returned to Orono and received her master's in communication disorders in 1991. She married a wonderful man, Dale Peabody '83, in 1991 and they have two children, ages 11 and 7. Her children are active in sports and love to go on family camping trips. After completing her master's, Sharon worked in private practice a bit, but eventually returned to work in the public schools. She currently works at Vassalboro Community School as a part-time speech pathologist; working with 30-plus children from kindergarten through eighth grade. She also holds a couple of private contracts that enable her to complete speech and language evaluations in local high schools. In her spare time, she is busy working as president of F.O.C.E.S. (Friends of China Elementary Schools), the China

schools' parent/teacher group. Duties include running the fall gift wrap fundraiser and organizing the annual winter craft fair. In the spring, the group also organizes a one mile fun-run and walk, encouraging the children and their family members to get out and exercise.

When not busy with work or parent/teacher organization activities, Sharon lends a hand in the town's recreation program, coaching recreational soccer, basketball, and China youth league softball. She is also on the board of Christian education at her church, China Baptist Church. Each summer she is involved in the vacation Bible school program—most recently as "GiGi the Giraffe" who was in charge of "The Watering Hole" snack area. Her newest adventure comes this November as she begins the basketball season as varsity coach of the China Lady Clippers. The China schools have adopted the Sports Done Right policy, which was developed at our alma mater! Sharon would love to reconnect with her buddies at Andro, so drop her (and us!) an email at: [sdpeabody@pivot.net](mailto:sdpeabody@pivot.net).

Thanks so much, Sharon, for the email! Your energy puts me to shame! Was so great to hear from you and to catch your classmates up on the last almost 20 years! Hard to believe—goes fast!

Sharon and Dale hold a special place in George and my hearts, as we were the ones who introduced them way back when she and I were with the Augusta school district and George was kind of new to the D.O.T. where Dale works also!

Also, the class received a very sweet thank-you note from the daughter of classmate **Lorna White**. Maxine White wrote thanking us for the Class of '86 scholarship. She wanted us to know that it "is much appreciated!" Maxine is a sophomore studying new media. Congrats and best of luck, Maxine!

**Edward Keefe** is the winner of our class column writer contest this time! Please email us, Edward, and let us know your mailing address and your choice. We have the large light blue "Go Blue" tee shirt or the medium dark blue "Maine Hello" polo. Both look like they may run a bit small.

Snail/email us and be entered into the next class column writer drawing! Remember, please put Class of '86 or Univ./UMO notes or such in the subject line, just in case.

Take care,  
Donny

## 1987

**Andrew P. Nagelin**  
56 Gibson Street  
Medford, MA 02155  
[anagelin@verizon.net](mailto:anagelin@verizon.net)

Here it is, time for the winter issue again. I just finished watching the first of the Red Sox/White Sox games in the AL Division Series where Boston lost 14-2. I'm hoping that when you read this the Red Sox are the World Series champs again. You gotta have faith in Red Sox Nation!

The New England Institute of Chemists awarded **Robert Van Milligan** the 12th annual NEIC Secondary School Chemistry Teacher Award this spring. Robert has been teaching at Brunswick High School for the past 20 years and focuses on bringing chemical literacy to all students, not just future chemists. In 1992 Robert was awarded the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship to do in-depth studies on the history of chemistry. Robert belongs to several professional groups and has worked to improve the teaching of chemistry in Maine.

**Deborah Myers Jamieson** is the new principal at the Pembroke Elementary School in Eastport, Maine. She has been at the school since 2001 teaching grades 7-8 and was the regional mentor for Washington County Schools for Governor Angus King's laptop computer initiative. She began her teaching career at Lubec High School in 1992 where she developed the first state vocational-aquaculture program, wrote and coordinated grants amounting to over \$50,000, and was named the district's Teacher of the Year in 1998. Before her teaching career, Deborah spent four years in Boston conducting research in microbiology and protein chemistry. Deborah has a master's in education from the University of New England and lives in Pembroke with her husband, Robert, and their children Brittney, Catherine, Rachael, and Robert Jr. **Jean M. Stevens Skorapa** received her Certificate of Advanced Study in educational leadership on May 14, 2005, from the University of Southern Maine. She is a curriculum coordinator for the Brunswick School Department and lives in Freeport with her husband, Victor.

**Heather Zakupowsky** and her husband, Walt, opened Orient Gardens in Orient, Maine, this spring. Heather has been in the greenhouse

business for 12 years and decided it was time to start a business of her own. **Mark Lembo** opened Acoustic Coffee on Danforth Street in Portland with Margaret Lyons this spring. Drop by for a cup of coffee, some good food, and a few tunes. **Sheila Hatfield** has joined The Housing Partnership in Hampton, New Hampshire. The partnership was founded in 1988 to provide affordable housing to low and moderate income families. Sheila is president of the Seacoast Homebuilders Association and a residential loan officer with Banknorth Mortgage.

## 1988

**Kristin R. Dane DiCroce**  
219 Cairn Ridge Road  
E. Falmouth, MA 02536-7927  
(508) 457-4918  
[zdicroce4918@gis.net](mailto:zdicroce4918@gis.net)

Hi everyone. I hope you had a happy holiday season. Before you put those holiday cards away, please send one along to me. Or please send me an email so I have some news to report in the next column. Whether you're shivering as you wait for spring or relishing the winter wonderland, please write!

## 1989

**Janis Broadbent Moriarty**  
279 Clifton Street  
Malden, MA 02148  
(781) 324-2554  
[toothdoc94@comcast.net](mailto:toothdoc94@comcast.net)

Hi, Class of '89ers!

News has been sparse in our last few columns but this time around we've got a hearty winter column to keep you warm! Here's what's new:

**Scott and Jennifer Dill Ouellette** write that they are now living in Charleston, South Carolina, having moved recently from Mobile, Alabama. Jennifer works for Tiffany Prom Gowns as a designer and marketing director and travels both nationally and internationally. Last year she coordinated a photo shoot in Paris!

**Steven Barker** took a one year leave of absence from his job as police chief in Brewer, Maine, to volunteer again as a police monitor



for the United Nations International Police Task Force. In 1998 Steven was in Bosnia and this tour of duty took him to Iraq.

Army Major **Jeffrey C. Powell** is one of approximately 200 soldiers assigned to the Southern European Task Force (Airborne) based at Caserma Ederle, Vicenza, Italy, who will be deployed to Afghanistan as a member of Combined Joint Task Force-76, which will support Operation Enduring Freedom and help the Afghan people continue on their progress to a free society. Jeff earned a master's degree in 1996 from Syracuse University.

**Michael E. Henry, Jr.** of Topsham, Maine, has been named to the faculty of the business administration and management program at Central Maine Community College. He has been a member of the faculty at Southern Maine Community College and on the training staff at L. L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery School.

**Joe Knapp** has been appointed financial advisor at Waddell and Reed in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Before joining this firm, Joe spent 15 years in a variety of financial business planning and national sales management positions with Sara Lee Corporation, Pillsbury, and Campbell Soup.

**Gregory G. Potter** has left his principalship at Mt. Blue High School in Farmington, Maine, to become superintendent of Windsor-based School Union 133. This school union has 500 students in kindergarten through grade eight in three schools.

**Frances Mary Newbauer** was elected to serve a second term on the Orono school committee.

**Christopher S. Decker** received the Dean's Distinguished Teaching Award in the College of Business Administration in the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Chris completed his master's degree in economics at Boston College and completed his Ph.D. at Indiana University. Chris lives in Omaha with his wife, Jennifer, and two sons. Congratulations!

**John Prescott**, president and CEO of Katahdin Trust Company, has been elected first vice chairman of the Maine Bankers Association and **Tony McKim**, president and CEO of First National Bank of Bar Harbor, has been elected second vice chairman.

**Lew Richards** is an artist who recently had an exhibit of his bead and quill work at the Lubec, Maine, Memorial Library. Lew has been working with beads since he was 10.



**Steve Barker '89 (center)**, chief of the Brewer Police Department, stands with **Lt. General David H. Petraeus (left)** and an unidentified interpreter in front of Saddam Hussein's "Birthday Palace" in Tikrit, Iraq.

## Helping to Develop Security in Iraq

Steve Barker '89 took a year off from his job as chief of the Brewer police in 2005 to offer his services to the fledgling democracy in Iraq.

In a feature story in the *Bangor Daily News* (BDN), Steve said that after a year in a war zone, he is still uneasy when a car pulls up beside his vehicle. During his tour he witnessed numerous suicide bombings.

"Over there, you live on the edge all the time," he told the BDN. "You have to constantly be aware of your surroundings."

Steve took a leave of absence as Brewer's chief to work as an advisor to Iraq's developing police force.

He came back feeling confident that democracy will take hold in Iraq. He also said he saw very positive things happening with the Iraqi police force. He noted that lack of resources was one of the major obstacles for improving law enforcement in that country.

It wasn't the first time the Brewer chief has served overseas. In 1998 he was a police monitor in Bosnia for the United Nations.

**Marianne Pinkham** is the new director for Senior Spectrum's coastal center in Damariscotta.

**Frank Hackett** has left his previous job as Bangor assistant superintendent to head the Ellsworth school department. Frank and his wife have four children.

**James Hodgkin**, superintendent of S.A.D. 43 in Maine, gave a presentation on laptop computer education at Oxford University in England over the summer.

**Scott Atherly** is the Black Bear women's soccer coach and is working with Sports Done Right, a federally funded University of Maine initiative that seeks to define healthy interscholastic athletic programs. The initiative has 12 pilot sites

around the state.

**June Gilley** owns Barks and Meows Kennel in Manchester, Maine. She is a licensed veterinary technician and previously worked in Virginia. Grooming and boarding are available and in demand!

**Janet Trombley Hughes** has merged her engineering firm, Langille Aroostook Engineering Group, with Woodard and Curran and is senior project manager in the Presque Isle office.

**Randy Hutchins** teaches physical education and wellness at Brewer Middle School and has started a program called Reducing the Risk which teaches eighth graders how to make informed decisions based on education, not emotion.

**Ronald Farris** is the new financial director in Auburn, Maine. He currently lives in Lewiston.

**Rodney Mondor** emailed me that he is the happy father of Ethan, who is six years old. Rodney received the Mary Rines Thompson Award for lifetime community service last year, and was on this year's selection committee. He has been working at the University of Southern Maine for the past seven years, and recently became the associate director for advising services, which puts him in charge of the orientation program. He is often in touch with **Lynn Sewell**, who now owes me an email!

Fill the steins and make your New Year's resolution to keep our class informed of your news! Happy 2006 to all!

## 1990

**Melissa Brancely Burns**  
63 Rocky Hill Road  
Saco, ME 04072  
(207) 283-1860  
Mburns@usm.maine.edu

I hope everyone is enjoying the winter season. My kids love to go sledding in the snow.

**Christopher Condon** is the chief operating officer of United Insurance Group. His responsibilities include branch operations and automation. United Insurance Group has 11 branch locations in Maine and is based in Falmouth. Christopher earned his MBA from Bentley College in Massachusetts.

**Ann Weisleder** of Bangor was confirmed to the nine-member State of Maine Education Board.

In March 2005, **Martha Morgan** was the featured speaker at the annual joint meeting of the Garden Club of Harvard and the Harvard Woman's Club. The program was titled Challenges and Opportunities on the Nashua River. Martha is the water resources advisor at the Nashua River Watershed Association.

**Matt McHatten** was promoted to senior vice president of MMG Insurance Company. He is responsible for the executive oversight of marketing and underwriting. In addition, he participates in strategic decision making and planning for the company overall. Matt lives with his wife, Kelly Jo Nickerson McHatten '91, and their two daughters in Mapleton.



**Art Greenlaw**, a retired educator, is the new head football coach of Mattanawcook Academy's football team. Art was the assistant coach last year. Also, he is a consultant to the University of Maine's Sports Done Right (SDR) initiative. He works with 12 pilot schools and other Maine communities to implement the SDR model.

**Clifton "Kip" Temm** built York County's first after-hours emergency pet hospital. Three other veterinarians help staff the hospital on holidays, weekends, and evenings. Previously, York County residents had to drive to Westbrook or Portsmouth for after-hour care. Kip has his own practice in Old Orchard Beach.

**Jim Pooler** is the garden center manager and assistant branch manager at Ellsworth Builders Supply in Belfast. He is working towards becoming a master gardener.



A group of young Delta Tau Delta brothers having a good time at the Homecoming 2005 tailgate in October.

## 1991

**Lori Schlenker**  
229 Deerfield Lane  
Lawrence, KS 66049  
(785) 312-7384  
lorischlenker@yahoo.com

Greetings, classmates. Happy New Year to you all. If your year was anything like mine, it passed quickly, but was filled with new adventures. Do you remember where you were 15 years ago? Can you believe that 15 years ago we were finishing our last year at UMaine? Write to us and let us know where the journey has taken you.

Belated congratulations to **David Howard**. He was married to Stephanie Haywood in October 2004. The wedding was held in Scarborough, and the reception followed at Stephanie's parents' home in Cape Elizabeth. The honeymoon was enjoyed at the Coral Reef Club in Barbados following the wedding. After living in the Washington, D.C., area for several years, David and Stephanie recently relocated to Dalton, Massachusetts, in the heart of the Berkshire Mountains. Both are employed by General Dynamics, Stephanie as a lead specialist in finance and David as a lead engineer in systems engineering.

**Katherine Karlsson** has been named associate head coach of women's basketball at UMaine.

Kathy spent the previous six seasons assisting Merrimack College women's basketball coach Ann McNerney, who she is following to UMaine. Prior to her position at Merrimack, Kathy served as an assistant coach at Boston University and Brandeis University.

Last summer **Jeffrey Holmes** and his wife, Melissa, took a cruise to Alaska with some friends. They enjoyed the sights including the glaciers and wildlife and tried their hand at dog sledding. His work took him to Belgium and France for a few weeks and he had the chance to catch one stage of the Tour de France.

**Terri Lambert's** plans for a beach vacation in the Florida Keys after a business trip in September were cut short by hurricane threats. She took one of the last flights out of Miami and made it back to New Hampshire safely.

**Tina Lane** has been busy working on her house in Westbrook. She finally joined the wired world and got an email connection, so I hope to be hearing from her more often.

**Stephanie Burchill Love** is still living in Anchorage, Alaska, but she is anxious to move back to the lower 48 states. She and her husband, Scott, are looking for new jobs. In July, they took a trip to visit Stephanie Haza Vetne '90, our former RA in Androscoggin Hall.

Since July, **Shelley Danforth Farrington** has been the sports editor/reporter for the new *Katahdin Press* in Millinocket serving the Katahdin region. The *Press* is the result of a merge between *The Community Press*, for which she was editor/reporter, and the *Katahdin Times*. Besides raising two beautiful little girls, Grace (7) and Avery, who is about two years old, she also manages to find time to serve on the Millinocket school board and is president of PARK – Providing Area Recreation for Kids. PARK raises money for new playgrounds and equipment in town and plans a variety of activities for area kids to "provide area recreation."

The recipient of the Class of 1991 Scholarship Fund for the 2005-2006 academic year is Nicholas Achorn. This year the fund provided \$162 in scholarship assistance. Nicholas is a junior majoring in civil engineering at the University of Maine and is the son of the late **Karen Hayes Achorn-Ingalls** of Bangor. This scholarship is awarded to the children and grandchildren of members of the Class of 1991. If you have a child or grandchild interested in applying for this scholarship, please contact the office of student financial aid or visit the University of Maine web site.

My wishes to you for a happy and healthy New Year.

## 1992

**Michelle Bouchard**  
25 Hardwick Road  
Boothbay, ME 04537  
(207) 633-0655  
bouchard@midcoast.com

I have very little news to report for our class this time around.

Either we don't have much going on or what is going on isn't worth talking about. Feel free to send information about your children and what they are doing. Your classmates would be interested in hearing about that. My oldest daughter started kindergarten this year and that has been interesting. She has finally settled in and it is nice to watch her get excited about all the new things she is learning. I hope to hear some news about everyone's families for the next issue.

**Jan Jolicoeur Michaud** has recently retired from her job as principal of Helen Thompson Elementary School in West Gardiner after 36 years of teaching. She hopes to travel, walk, read, and learn how to golf with her newly acquired time. Congratulations, Jan!

**Jessica Braun Archer** has been named a finalist for the Maine Teacher of the Year Award for 2005. She is currently teaching at Orono



Middle School and was one of six regional finalists named for the award. In my next column, I hope to tell you that she was the winner. Stay tuned—

Finally, **Michelle Michaud** was chosen to be the new principal for Hussey Elementary School in Augusta.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and again, please send along some news!

## 1993

**Judy Campkin Speicher**  
35 Kimball Road  
Amesbury, MA 01913  
jcspeicher@yahoo.com

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday season. This will be my last column. I am passing over the reigns to a fellow '93 graduate. Thank you for sending all your emails and notes.

I have one baby congratulations to send out—**Scott and Tisha Berube Feyler** welcomed a son, Quinn, on July 15th, 2005. Quinn has a big brother, Nolan, who is 17 months old.

It seems that 2005 was the year of job changes:

**Candace Crane** accepted the position of principal at Houlton Elementary School in June 2005. **Deborah Cyr** accepted a nursing position at Katahdin Valley Health Center in Millinocket. **Julie McAlloon Hackett** accepted a position in the Brewer school system. Good luck to you all. I also have decided to leave my important (and exhausting) position of stay-at-home mom and return to the adult world. I am a speech and language pathologist at Amesbury Elementary School in Amesbury, Massachusetts, and also in Windham, New Hampshire.

Other news: I received email from **Lucie Belanger Amundsen**. She is living in Minneapolis with her husband and two preschool children. She's a freelance writer for a "small heap of magazines" and her regional newspaper, *The Minneapolis Star Tribune*. Her website, if you'd like to get in touch is: [www.twowordy.com](http://www.twowordy.com) **Kent Salfi**, former UMaine hockey player, and Denis Collins have organized a summer youth hockey clinic. This past July was their third year running the clinic, which was held in the T.J. Ryan Arena in Brewer. The camp's focus is on skating, puck

handling, and shooting. For more information about the camp you can call: (207) 989-3064. Kent lives in Linz, Austria, with his wife, Jennifer, and their seven-year-old daughter, Lily. Kent is playing hockey for Linz Black Wings.

**Pamela LePage Greb** wrote, "My husband, Peter, and I were married in June 2000, and we are currently living in Chicago. However we've lived in both Detroit, Michigan; and Seattle, Washington. We have two boys—Nikolaus (3) and Alexander (1-1/2). After 10 years of being in the work force in technology (design engineering, field/sales engineer, management) I have decided to put my career on hold to stay home with my boys while they are little. However, I have recently started my own home-based business with The Pampered Chef ([www.pamperedchef.biz/pam-elagreb](http://www.pamperedchef.biz/pam-elagreb)) which has been great fun! We will likely be moving back to Seattle, Washington, in spring 2006. We do, however, make our way back to Maine a few times a year to visit family."

Thank you again for all your emails and notes over the past four years. I will look forward to reading the column to hear your news.

Judy Speicher

## 1994

**Beth Watson Calhoun**  
3021 W. Queen Lane  
Philadelphia, PA 19129  
cyranophilly@earthlink.net

**Stacey Stump**  
13 Ellery Street #4  
Cambridge, MA 02138  
staceystump@hotmail.com

Hello, folks! Happy New Year! We hope you're all keeping warm this winter.

Although we didn't make it to Homecoming, we did manage to make a trip to Maine in August. We attended a great combined baby and bridal shower for two friends of ours. A certain adorable lobster sweater for the new baby inspired us both to take up the needle arts. Stacey has begun knitting classes and has a completed scarf already to her credit. Beth is taking a crochet class and is working on a scarf of her own.

Exciting? Obviously it is if we are writing about it in the column. Or, it

could just be that we are low on clips this time around. One way to keep us from knitting/crocheting things for all our relatives (and cats) and then telling you all about them in great detail is to write to us.

Here is what we have been able to glean from the papers:

**Michelle Gray Grindle** has recently started teaching mathematics at Bucksport High School. Previously she'd been teaching math at Orono High School. In July, **Thelma Schottes Regan** was named regional adult education coordinator for Milo, Dover-Foxcroft, and Guilford. Dr. **Alice Reynolds Briones** received a doctor of osteopathic medicine (O.D.) degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. Alice is also a captain in the Air Force.

**Elizabeth Dyck**, Ph.D., has been named project coordinator of the Organic Seed Partnership in upstate New York. **David Nicholson** has recently joined Crestline, a direct mail division of Geiger, as a copywriter.

We'll be back when the snow melts.

## 1995

**Keri Sewell Seitz**  
6 Algonquin Lane  
Brunswick, ME 04011  
kerilees@aol.com

Greetings and salutations, classmates. As I write today, it is sunny and warm, a perfect late summer day in Maine. But I know when you read this, it will likely be a perfect winter day. So, here's hoping you are reading this while cuddled up by a fire and that your toes are toasty! I have a few reports of goings-on with our classmates to pass on.

**Alelia M. Wotton Hilt-Lash** received her master's degree in business administration from the University of Maine in May. This accomplishment will hang alongside her master's certificate from the University of New England in project management. Alelia is a nationally certified hospice and palliative care nurse and works for Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice in Lewiston as the Hospice House project manager. In this position she is overseeing the building and development of the first inpatient hospice facility in Maine. Alelia also serves as an officer on the boards of

directors for both the Maine Hospice Council and Hospice Volunteers of Waldo County. Alelia is married to Aaron Lash and they have three children, Nick, Alexia, and Shelby.

**Chris Imes**, former UMaine hockey player, is now the head coach of the USA junior hockey team, the Chicago Steel. His leadership skills have been honed as an assistant coach with the Tri-City Storm and head coach of the Pittsburgh Forge. Last season he worked with Sioux Falls conducting defense and goalie drills along with video and skill development. While coaching the Forge, Chris was honored as being the first coach to take an expansion team and win a silver medal at the USA Nationals. In addition, Chris holds the honor of being the first foreign head coach to win a Slovene national championship while with the Hockey Club Olympia in 2003. Chris is very involved with USA Hockey serving on the board of directors, the executive committee, the junior council, and the safety committee.

The *Ellsworth American* had a great article on fellow classmate, **George Nelson**. George is at work for NASA in Houston serving as a hardware and software integration engineer in the station program planning and control office. In this position he facilitates hardware and software redesigns, adds new hardware, and updates requirements for future missions to the Space Station. George received both his master's and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Kentucky where he became a NASA graduate student research fellow. George is originally from Ellsworth and enjoys flying small planes around the Houston area and playing baseball, when he's not working.

As editor of the *Republican Journal* in Belfast, **Daniel Dunkle** took the time to write an op-ed piece singing the praises of a college education to graduating high school seniors. He specifically spoke about the opportunities available through the University of Maine System. If you get a chance to read it, or would like to give a shout out to Daniel, he can be reached at: [trjmail@courierpub.com](mailto:trjmail@courierpub.com).

**Peggy Stevens**, an art teacher at Brooklin School in Ellsworth, was honored by the Maine Alliance for Arts Education with the Bill Bonyun Award. The award is given to an artist, educator, or community member who has made significant contributions to the arts in schools. The



award was presented by Carol Trimble of the alliance and Maine First Lady Karen Weston Baldacci '83, '01G at a tea in April at the governor's Blaine House in Augusta.

Six new trustees have been elected to the Bagaduce Music Lending Library in Blue Hill, one of them being **Constance Coffin Carter** of Orono. You may recall me mentioning Constance in a previous column; she is the director of Operation Breaking Stereotypes, a non-profit organization that facilitates exchanges between schools in Maine and New York City. Constance is also an adjunct instructor for UMaine's College of Education and Human Development. Constance was also a member of the Bagaduce Chorale and has sung with the UMaine Oratorio Society.

**Deena Albert** wed Barrett Parks '01 on September 3. Deena completed her master's degree in health administration from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia and is employed as a certified athletic trainer by Healthsouth Physical Therapy in Portland. Barrett is employed by J.A. Tyler Forest Products in Palermo.

That's about all I have for this round. Be sure to keep me posted on your comings and goings and I'll pass them along to our classmates. Hope to hear from you soon!

## 1996

**Leah McBreairey**  
1011 Pullman Street # 1  
Missoula, MT 59802  
umaine1996@hotmail.com

Hello, '96ers! I hope you all had a wonderful summer filled with lots of backyard BBQs and trips to the beach with family and friends. I know our classmates would love to hear from you, so please be sure to contact the alumni association and let them know where you are and what you've been up to. I can tell you what a few of our classmates have been doing:

**John Bear Mitchell** serves as the associate director of the Wabanaki Center at the University of Maine and he teaches Introduction to Wabanaki History and Contemporary Issues. He also shares his singing and storytelling through Maine Public Broadcasting System (PBS), tribal sponsored awareness



**Class of '98 classmates and fellow Iraq War veterans Captain Steve Miskinis (left) and Captain Rob Brewer ('98 class correspondent) enjoy themselves at the 1st Armored Division Artillery St. Barbara's Day Ball on December 3. They are currently stationed in Germany.**

videos, and other documentaries with topics on Maine's native people. And he was a special consultant for the PBS series "Colonial House." He even appeared in the series representing Native Americans and portraying their relationship with early American settlers.

**Norm Gagne** will be coaching boys' ice hockey at Lewiston High School this year. He has also coached at Gorham, Gardiner, and Waterville High Schools. He has led his teams to six state titles, and his career record of 516 wins, 204 losses, and 16 ties puts him in the top five winningest high school hockey coaches in the entire nation. Great job, Norm!

**Scott Wilcox** is a sergeant in the Orono police department. He has been with the Orono police department for six years. Scott lives in Hampden with his wife, Jill Cyr Wilcox '95, and he will be coaching the Old Town boys' ice hockey team this year.

**John H. Cashwell III** of Bangor has been elected as the vice chairman of the board for the Maine Mutual Group of Presque Isle. He is the president of Seven Islands Land Company in Bangor.

I've been living in Missoula, Montana, for over a year now. I work for The Milky Whey, a company that trades dairy commodities domestically and internationally. When not at work, I try to spend as much time

outdoors as possible: hiking, biking, playing ultimate Frisbee, backpacking, and exploring.

That's all for now. Don't forget—2006 will be the year of our 10-year reunion. Can you believe how quickly time has been flying by?

## 1997

**Yolanda Sly**  
9 Snover Road  
Wantage, New Jersey 07461  
(973) 875-8738  
(202) 253-3083 cell  
yolanda\_sly@hotmail.com

Greetings, Class of 1997! I hope this finds you all well. I didn't see many of you while I was in Orono at Homecoming. The weather couldn't have scared you away since it was sunny and great weather for tailgating, watching football, and going out afterwards. I had a great time catching up with my Chi Omega sisters at the brunch hosted by the chapter, going to the football game, and hitting Margarita's and Bear Brew.

Does anyone have any news or tales from Homecoming to share? You can reach me at: Yolanda\_sly@hotmail.com or contact the alumni office.

Remember watching Chia Band at the Ram's Horn or the Penny

Post? Former band members and UMaine grads **Adam White**, John Brookhouse '98, and Brendan Reilly '98 have a new band and a new sound performing as the Irreverends, reports the *Bangor Daily News*. The Boston-based rock band, which performs a variety of different genres, is finishing an EP and is getting ready to record a full-length album. For more information go to: [www.irreverends.com](http://www.irreverends.com).

**Bill Furbush** returned home earlier this year after spending 16 months in Iraq. Bill is a member of the 133rd Engineer Battalion and has served in the Maine National Guard for six years. Bill received his bachelor's in German from UMaine and holds a master's in education from USM. Bill teaches German at the York Middle School and lives in Kittery. He also recently became engaged to Dana Gastich. Welcome home, Bill, and congratulations!

**Ida Page** was named Ellsworth's Woman of the Year by the Ellsworth Business and Professional Women's Club, reports *The Ellsworth American*. Ida is the owner of Robert and Mary's Place, a day program for older people with memory loss with locations in Ellsworth and Machias. The program also offers a caregiver's support group. Ida was inspired to work with older adults after her husband, Lee, passed away in 1994. She has two daughters, a son, and four grandchildren. Her son, Shallee Page, is a professor of biochemistry at the University of Maine-Machias.

**Mary E. Dunn** was one of the first to see a supernova as part of a group of 18 teachers from around the country to attend an astronomy program at the Kitt Peak National Observatory, reports the *Kennebec Journal*. During the trip, the teachers were taking pictures of the spiral galaxy M51 when they captured the dying star. The trip included the opportunity to view constellations at the National Optical Astronomy Observatory in Tucson, Arizona, through a program sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Mary is a science teacher at the Messalonskee Middle School in Oakland and plans to find ways to bring the stars to the classroom.

Congratulations to **Ricky Jones** for successfully defending his Whitford Ford Paul Bunyan Amateur Golf Tournament title. The tournament's three-time champ finished the three-day tournament with a total of 3-over-par 214, reports the *Bangor Daily News*. Ricky lives in Thomas-ton.



**Sandra Howard** is the director of the New Vocal Collective, reports New Hampshire's *Carroll County Independent*. The New Vocal Collective is an ensemble that performs concerts in Mount Washington Valley and western Maine. Sandra holds a bachelor's of music education in vocal studies and a master's of music performance. The former University Singer is also the vocal and general music teacher for grades seven to 12 at Kennett Junior/Senior High School.

**Charles Rudelitch** has been named Bridgton's economic director, reports *The Bridgton News*. Charles will be working with local businesses and the community to improve downtown Bridgton. Charles is also studying at the law school at USM. Previously, Charles has worked in economic and community development in Fort Kent and as director of planning for the Passamaquoddy Nation and Eastern Maine Development Corporation.

**Gaile Nicholson** has been named Katahdin Valley Medical Center's director of marketing and public relations, reports the *Houlton Pioneer Times*. The avid Black Bear hockey fan received her MBA from UMaine where she worked in the division of lifelong learning. She previously was employed at Georgia-Pacific and Domtar and has served with the St. Croix Valley Chamber of Commerce.

**Katrina Kane** is the interim superintendent of Ellsworth schools, reports the *Ellsworth American*. Katrina is the schools' curriculum director and has been a teacher since 1992. She holds her master's in literacy education from UMaine.

Congratulations to **Brian Stewart Kinley** and Annette Marie Fournier who were married on September 10, 2005. Brian holds his bachelor's in criminal justice and is employed by the Penobscot County Sheriffs Department.

## 1998

**CPT Robert E. Brewer**  
CMR 452 Box 2225  
APO, AE 09045-2225  
umaine1998@yahoo.com

Hearty Maine Hello! I hope everyone had a great fall and is ready for the holiday and winter seasons.

Congrats to **Brian Grigsby** on his engagement to Christine Rysz of



**Christine Anuszewski '00** in front of the Floating Torii (Itsukushima Jinja) on Miyajima Island near Hiroshima. Christine is part of the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET), an exchange program between the United States and Japan to promote internationalization. She arrived in July and will stay for one year, teaching English at Konan Junior High School.

Harwich, Massachusetts. They are planning an August 2006 wedding on Cape Cod. Congratulations also to **Franklin William Van Antwerpen** who recently became engaged to Alanna Ryan in San Francisco.

David and **Christina Hudgins Knickerbocker** proudly announced that they were expecting their second child in November 2005. I hope we have more details for you in the next issue!

**Dan and Tiffany LaMontagne** announced the birth of their baby daughter, Hannah Rose, last June. Hannah is welcomed by big brothers Connor and Cameron. The LaMontagne family left Maine in September 2004, and now lives in Gray, Georgia. Dan works as a forestry manager for Plum Creek Timber.

Remember the jam-band Chia from our days in Orono? **Brendan Reilly, John Brookhouse**, and Adam White '97 are together again as the Irreverends. This Boston-based band returned to Maine last June to play a show in Bar Harbor. They are currently finishing up an EP and preparing to record a full-length album. The band has a web site: [www.irreverends.com](http://www.irreverends.com).

**Michelle Puls** is starting a new position as assistant coach of the Indiana University Hoosier's softball team. Her duties will include working



**Timothy Gill '01** has joined TD Banknorth Mortgage as a mortgage loan officer for the Farmington/Rochester area. Tim is a native of Dixfield, Maine. He currently lives in Sanford.

with the Hoosier hitters and outfielders. Michelle served as the interim head coach for UMaine's softball team for the 2004-5 season and guided them to a 16-26 record. Before stepping up to fill this position, she served five years as the team's assistant coach. This past summer Michelle was a top candidate for the head coach position, but opted to head to IU. Before coaching at UMaine, Michelle played for the Akron Racers of the Women's Professional Softball League.

The Bucksport School Department hired **Ellen Leblanc Almquist** as the department's curriculum coordinator in July. Ellen has been associated with the Bucksport system since 1974. She left the system in 2000, when she was a reading recovery teacher at the Miles Lane School, to hold several state reading education positions.

In June, Eastern Maine Medical Center proudly announced the graduation of third-year resident **Michaela J. Clark-Kelley, D.O.**

**Jean Hay Bright** is campaigning as a Democrat for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Republican Senator Olympia Snowe '69. The election is in November 2006. Jean has run for federal offices twice before; in 1994 for Congress and in 1996 for Senate. She is an author and commercial organic farmer. She has also worked as a journalist.

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season. As you take a minute to relax after the festivities are finished, take a minute to update us with the excitement in your life.

## 1999

**Andrea Downs Quenneville**  
2675 Windmill Parkway, Apt. 1412  
Henderson, NV 89074  
(702) 614-1945  
aquenneville@earthlink.net

Hello again! I hope you are enjoying the latest issue of *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. When I flip through the pages, it seems that I always find an interesting tidbit about a friend I haven't heard from recently. Maybe this column will bring you up-to-date on a classmate.

Jumping right into the news, **Scott Lingley** earned the 2004 Chairman's Award Elite Member from the Performance Food Group. **Jeff Beaulé**, a project engineer in Lewiston's engineering division,



recently earned his professional engineer's license from the state of Maine. Jeff has been with the city since graduation. In addition to obtaining an engineering degree from an accredited school, the licensing procedure includes obtaining four years of engineering practice and then successfully passing an eight-hour exam. Way to go, Jeff!

**Steve Kariya** has signed on to play hockey for the Espoo Blues for the 2005-06 season. The Blues is a team in the top professional ice hockey league (SM-Liiga) in Finland. Steve led the league in scoring during the 2004-05 regular season, earning the Veli-Pekka Ketola trophy.

Over the summer, **Justin Poulin** married Katie Ciresi. He is employed by the Behavioral Healthcare Program in Portland. The couple lives in Saco. Christine Rysz is engaged to **Brian Grigsby**. They are planning a summer 2006 wedding on Cape Cod. **Sara Barron** married Seth Nichols on August 27, 2005. The couple lives in Augusta and both are employed by the state of Maine. **Shari St. Pierre Cloutier** and husband, Jason, welcomed their first child, a son, on June 29, 2005. They named him Benjamin Andrew. Congratulations to the newlyweds and the proud new parents!

Feel free to send me a note at my address or email me an update. Pictures are always welcome!

## 2000

**Heidi Dombrock**  
2519 Cool Spring Road  
Bel Air, MD 21015  
hdommy1@comcast.net

I hope the holiday season for all of you has been a good one. The weather has been unusually warm here in Maryland and it is hard to think of the holidays without snow. I hope most of you were able to enjoy a white covering over the holiday season. With the arrival of the new year of 2006, I am sure you and your family will have news to share with your classmates. Feel free to drop me a note through email at: hdommy1@comcast.net.

Classmate **Betsy McGregor Webb** has moved from superintendent of schools in Brewer, Maine, to her new position as assistant superintendent in Bangor, Maine. Betsy will be overseeing curriculum, instruction, assessments,



**Olivia Dion '02 with her fiancé Nate Holyoke. They are planning a wedding in the fall of 2006. Olivia currently works at Northeast Occupational Exchange.**

and professional development. She is currently working on her doctorate in educational leadership at the University of Maine. Classmate **Jaclyn Maurer** recently received her Ph.D. in nutritional sciences with a physiology minor at the University of Arizona. She has accepted a post-doctoral fellowship in the department of nutritional sciences at Rutgers University.

**Mary Castonguay** has been named acting site director and comptroller of Washburn-Norlands Living History Center in Livermore, Maine. She grew up volunteering for the History Center with her family. Mary currently co-manages her family's farm, Castonguay Ayrshires.

Speaking of athletics, former Black Bear, **Katie Clark Herbine** has

been hired as the women's cross-country coach at the University of Maine at Farmington. Katie has spent the last two years as an attorney with law firm of Johnson & McGowan based out of Naples, Florida. She becomes the fourth head coach in the Beaver's cross-country history. She will be taking over a program that has won six conference titles in the last seven years. Katie lives in Starks, Maine, with her husband, fellow classmate, **Andy Herbine**.

In the education field, **Allison Staples Kahkonen** was hired as a second-grade teacher in S.A.D. 63 in Holden, Maine. Classmate **Jason Brown** was listed in *Who's Who in American Music Education* for 2004-2005. Wedding bells were ringing for



**Neils '05 and Christine Gagnon Knudsen '04, '05G relaxing at the Homecoming 2005 tailgate with their dog, Hank.**

Jason as well this summer when he married Jessica Lillie Chadbourne on July 2, 2005. The happy couple now resides in Dover-Foxcroft. Congratulations are in order for **Wanda Bowden** of Pittsfield, Maine, as she is planning a July 22, 2006, wedding to Edwin Lord III '99 of Levant, Maine, at the Lucerne Inn in Dedham. Wanda is a biology instructor at Lawrence High School in Fairfield.

Big news from your class correspondent—I, **Heidi Dombrock**, was engaged this past August to Brandon Weaver of Baltimore, Maryland. We are in the process of planning a July 3, 2006, wedding on the water of the Chesapeake Bay in St. Michaels, Maryland, at a bed-n-breakfast. Several UMaine alums will be in attendance. As I share my news with you, I look forward to hearing the happy news from you. Have a great holiday season!

## 2001

**Bonnie Joy Dewkett**  
160 Shelter Rock Road #2  
Danbury, CT 06810  
(203) 794-1165  
blkbear19@yahoo.com

The leaves have fallen and it's once again time to bundle up and enter Jack Frost's domain. The winter always reminds me of the cold winters at UMaine and braving the cold Maine air to head to class or a hockey game.

Many of our alumni have been busy with careers, family, and graduate school.

**Judson Cake** won the Sugarloaf marathon for the second year in a row. His time of two hours, 32 minutes, and 22.4 seconds put him over two minutes ahead of the second place runner. Judson is a member of the Mount Desert Island Crow's Running Club.

**Jill Fuller**, previously of Maxwell, Knowland, and Kluger Ear, Nose, and Throat Associates in Portland, recently graduated from Central Michigan University's professional doctorate in audiology program. She is currently working at Welcome Hearing Center in Mercy Medical Center located in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Wedding bells have rung for **Kristin MacDonald** and Eric York, Jr. '03. They were wed in a June 23rd ceremony. Eric is currently



pursuing his master's degree in English and Kristin teaches Spanish at Bangor High School.

**Robert Nicholson** became the town manager of Monson this past June. Robert hopes to move to Monson and live there for at least the next six years. As I'm sure you noticed, we're short on alumni information this time around. I ask you all to take a moment and send your news, be it baby, wedding, career, etc. to the alumni association and let your classmates know what you are doing!

## 2002

**Katie Braggins**  
82 Second Street  
Bangor, ME 04401  
kathryn\_braggins@umit.maine.edu

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. A lot has happened to some of our classmates over the past year. Many people are starting the journey with a new person in their life, a new career, or promotion.

**Lorri Day** was appointed as the principal for the Suzanne M. Smith Elementary School. She served as the pupil services coordinator for S.A.D. 23 and S.A.D. 38 for the past four years.

**Meredith Gray** joined the Healthy Island Project (HIP) as director. HIP works with the community, both individuals and organizations, to provide the necessary tools to fulfill goals. She recently married Garrett Aldrich and the two live in Little Deer Isle.

**Karen Stedman** will be marrying Evan Harding. She is currently a student at the University of London. A wedding in Portland is planned for 2006. **Sadie Faulkner** and **Ryan Shaw** got married on August 6, 2005, in Sanford. Sadie is a school councilor at Foxcroft Academy and Ryan is a financial consultant operating under Eagle Financial Strategies in Brewer. They live in Hampden.

**Olivia Dion** recently got engaged to Nate Holyoke. They plan on getting married in the fall of 2006. Olivia currently works at Northeast Occupational Exchange and received her realtor's license at the end of July 2005.

**Adele St. Pierre** is studying at Université Laval in Québec to receive an advanced degree in Fran-

co-American French. Her passion for the language stems from her family's heritage.

**Erica Sobel** is also making progress in a new company, Nokona Athletic Goods Company, that manufactures high-end athletic equipment and accessories for baseball, softball, and football. Erica is the company's first pro-factory representative. She is responsible for increasing the awareness of the Nokona product line throughout New England. If you see the Nokona Glove Mobile driving in your New England neighborhood, classmate Erica is inside. She will be attending sporting events, tournaments, and clinics to educate sports fans of all ages about Nokona sporting goods.

One classmate is getting an up close and personal experience in the war in Iraq. Major **John Nelson** is a physician's assistant in the Maine Army National Guard. Nelson and 106 others were injured during the Mosul tent suicide bombing that killed 22 people. He has received a Bronze Star—his second—and a Purple Heart for his Iraq tour. He was also honored with the Uniformed Services Physician Assistant of the Year award from the veterans caucus of the American Academy of Physician Assistants for what members called "his incredible efforts caring for his wounded fellow soldiers during the bombing of the mess hall at Mosul."

If you have any news to share, please feel free to contact me. I would love to hear from you!

## 2003

**Sara Green**  
134 4th Street  
Bangor, ME 04401  
Directorsara@msn.com

The summer has flown by and now it's cool fall weather. I wish I had more to report for this column but unfortunately not much news has come in, which means that I need you to send me any updates you may have!

Let's start with the news that everyone has been talking about this summer...**Nicholas Raymond**, who graduated with a degree in education, married Kimberly Stowell '04. The two made their engagement very public when they became one of only a handful of couples who were picked to compete to have

*Adam Meyer '02, '03G*

## Building a Successful Business in Maine's Smallest Town

If the budding engineering firm started by Adam Meyer '02, '03G in Beddington, Maine, keeps growing, his staff may soon outnumber the population of the town.

You see Beddington, (in Washington County, near the Hancock County line) with a population of just 28, is the smallest town in Maine. The number of employees at Meyer's company, Engineering Technologies, is already at nine and could soon double when some major new projects get underway.

So why would a bright, ambitious young engineer set up shop in rural Washington County? To understand that, you have to go back to Adam's youth. He was born in Portland, but in his early childhood spent summers with his father in Beddington. He loved the area so much, that at age 10 he asked if he could live there year-round.

He's a believer in Washington County, and after finishing at UMaine, he wanted to demonstrate that new businesses can be successful there. He says that with the internet and other high-tech advantages, the location hasn't adversely affected growth. In the past few years Engineering Technologies has done a good deal of remedial cleanup projects for the state department of environmental protection. It has also been involved in upgrading an airport, concrete testing for a new bridge, and providing safety training to construction companies. The firm also has several large projects in the pipeline, one involving converting housing units at the former Cutler Navy Base into a family resort. He expects he will have to add 10 new employees to handle the work load.

"Being in a small town in Washington County hasn't been an obstacle," Adam says. "And it's a great atmosphere to work in—lots of peace and quiet when the phone isn't ringing."

Adam also maintains ties to the university. He currently has a UMaine student on his staff and recently attended a conference where he had the chance to talk with engineering students about job opportunities.

"I always ask the students if they are going to stay in the state," Adam says. "I try to discourage them from leaving. You don't have to go away to be successful. There are real opportunities in Maine; you just have to be innovative—you have to think outside the box."





their wedding televised and planned by the "Today Show." Unfortunately, the couple didn't win, but we still wish them the best! There are also some newlyweds to report. **Kathleen Sprague** married **Luke Garner** on August 13th and **Sarah Williams** married **Daniel Clark** on August 6th. Congratulations!

Some congratulations are also in order for some graduates of the Class of 2005 for their academics. **Kim Michaud**, who graduated with a B.S. in business administration, has been awarded the University of Maine's Presidential Achievement Award for the spring 2005 semester. Kim is currently a nursing student at the university. And **Thomas Schmidt** has received his master's degree from the Boston Conservatory of Music. Tom graduated from UMaine with a bachelor of music degree in percussion performance. He also received his master's degree in percussion performance.

Finally, we have one graduate who is extending her international stay, and one who is glad to be back home. **Sarah Guerette** has spent six months in Ecuador coordinating volunteers who go into the streets of Quito to help "working children" and their families. She is currently working with CENIT—Centro de la Nina Trabajadora— Center for the Working Girl. Sarah graduated from UMaine with a degree in child development and family relations. She is planning on staying in Ecuador an additional year. **Melissa Rocque Tibbets** is recently back home after a year spent in Iraq as part of the U.S. Army Reserves. Both she and her husband served in Iraq; however they were 700 miles apart. Melissa graduated with a nursing degree.

## 2004

**Dylan Mooney**  
c/o Greek Life Office  
University of Maine  
Orono, ME 04469  
(207) 581-4162  
umainecclassof2004@yahoo.com

Hearty Maine Hello and Happy Holidays! It's certainly been a busy winter for our alumni, and some have been very visible nationally.

**Kimberly Stowell** and **Nicholas Raymond '03** were recently selected as one of four finalists for the "Today Show's" Today Throws a Hometown Wedding. The winner of the contest



**1st Lt. Knud Hermansen '03** stands proudly in front of a UMaine flag sent to him in Iraq by the alumni association. Knud is currently with the 2nd Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division, serving as a liaison officer between his unit and the 4th Infantry Division. He also just finished third in a marathon!

was to be the recipient of an all-expense-paid dream wedding. Alas, although the couple didn't eventually win the contest, the story still has a

happy ending. Many members of the surrounding community and a number of local businesses agreed to chip in to help out with the



### Fellowship Recipient

George "PJ" Dumont '04 was awarded one of eight fellowships from the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology. George traveled to Washington, D.C., recently to meet with Senator Olympia Snowe '69 and other U.S. senators who were instrumental in funding the fellowship program, which has as its goal promoting the research and development of advanced fuels. George is currently a graduate student in chemical engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology.

couple's wedding. Kim and Nick were happily married this past September in Bangor.

Wedding bells have been in the air for many more of our classmates, so I'll get right into it.

**Erika Veilleux** is now **Erika Bonenfant** with her recent marriage to Timothy Bonenfant '02. The couple was married in Oakland and had their wedding trip in sunny Hawaii. She now works for the state of Maine drinking water program. The couple now resides in Oakland.

**Danielle Sullivan** was married this past fall to Nicholas Madden in Old Town. She is currently working at Downeast Toyota in Brewer. This past summer, **Danielle Yvonne Jones** tied the knot with Nathaniel Addison Sawyer '02. We also have an engagement announcement for **Jennie Rood** and **Paul Muniz**. Jennie received a master's degree in accounting and a bachelor's degree in business administration, and is currently employed with Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Boston. Paul received his bachelor's degree in nursing and currently works at Beth Israel Medical Center in Boston. The wedding is planned for this coming June.

Many of our fellow alumni are finally venturing out into the real world now, and we also have some job announcements. **Kimberly Kelsey Chadbourne** assumed a full-time position with the Bucksport school district as a second grade teacher following her tenure as a long-term substitute for the class. **Wright-Pierce**, a civil and environmental engineering firm, recently announced the addition of **Daniel J. Flaig** to their staff as a water engineer. **Randy Webber** was recently hired at SVE Associates in Rutland, Vermont, as an associate engineer.

Another member of the Class of '04 recently made some headlines for a long trek up the Appalachian Trail. **Nathan Priest** decided after graduating with his degree in parks, recreation, and tourism that he wanted to hike the Appalachian Trail. This tale has a twist though, because Nate is also raising money for the American Cancer Society. Because many members of his family have succumbed to cancer, Nate decided to raise money through pledges for a noble cause.

The news has been a bit thin lately, so if you have any good stories or updates you'd like to see in the class column, just swing me an email. See you in the spring!



# Weddings

1940

**Wallace Beardsell** to Ruth DeHaven on December 18, 2004. They reside in Pacific Palisades, California.

1972

**Herbert F. Short** to Linda Diane Peaslee on September 3, 2005, in Portland. They live in Cumberland, Maine.

1976

**Gerard R. LaFlamme** to Gina Ventrillo in Newport, Rhode Island. They live in Methuen, Massachusetts.

1982

**Elizabeth F. Purinton** to Richard E. Johnson on July 15, 2005, in LaGrangeville, New York. They took a wedding trip to North Carolina and reside in LaGrangeville.

1984

**Salvatore J. Augeri, Jr.** to Precille V. Dalpe on July 30, 2005, in Westerly, Rhode Island. They traveled to Nassau, Bahamas, for their honeymoon.

1987

**John Paul Harmon** to Kelly Masters on August 6, 2005. They honeymooned at George's Pond and live in Portland, Maine.

1991

**Robin Hatch Murphy** to William N. Spear on September 10, 2005, in Spruce Head, Maine. They took a wedding trip to California and Hawaii, and live in Rockland, Maine.

1992

**Bruce Howard Webber** to Lynn Ann MacDonald on August 13, 2005, at East Grand Lake, Maine.

1993

**James Connelly** to Nicole Poirier in Newburyport, Massachusetts. They traveled to Hawaii and live in Newton, New Hampshire.

**Merrie Cartwright** to David DeSchuiteneer on October 1, 2005, in Freeport, Maine. They honeymooned in St. John and reside in Yarmouth, Maine.

**Mark Bolduc** to Nicole Serow on June 26, 2005, in Ellington, Connecticut. They spent their honeymoon in St. John Virgin Islands, and reside in Ellington.

1994

**Joseph West** to **Jessica Cote '04** on July 24, 2005, in Augusta, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in the Bahamas and live in Augusta.

1995

**Shawn William Casey** to Rebecca Skolfield Salman on September 3, 2005, on Peaks Island, Maine. They honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Falmouth, Maine.

1996

**Michael Edward Feeney** to Katherine B. Knott on October 10, 2005, in Stratford, Connecticut. They took a honeymoon trip to Hawaii and reside in Stratford.



UMaine alumni were well represented at the wedding of Class of 2000 members Chad Plummer and Kara Lauze (top photo) on September 24 in New Hampshire. Front row (left to right) are: Jason Belding '99, Chad Gerald '99, Alyson Bennett '04, and Leslie Keith Grant '99. Second row: Rebecca Austin '01, Andrea Dustin Lemelin '00, Joanna Ali '00, the bride and groom, Tim Ly '99, Cherrie Farr Plummer '89, and Adam Libby '03. Back row: Ruben Lemelin '02, Jason Gasper '99, Derek Daigle '00, Philip Doucette '99, Scott Boone '00, and Jonathon Grant '98.

**Michael Gilbert Murphy** to Lindsey Holdsworth Bovill on July 23, 2005, in Saco, Maine. They reside in Portland.

**Thomas Robert Hall** to Lori Lynne LeBoeuf on July 31, 2005, in Hampstead, New Hampshire. They took a Hawaiian cruise and live in Bedford, New Hampshire.

1997

**Shelby Largay** to Chuck Young on

April 16, 2005, in Bangor, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in the Bahamas and reside in Alton, Maine.

**Don W. Kingsbury** to **Liana Smith '99** on June 20, 2005, in Talkeetna, Alaska. They reside in Fall City, Washington.

**Chad Bradbury** to Karen McKenney on July 13, 2005, on a cruise ship in the Bahamas. They live in Hampden, Maine, and plan a

honeymoon in the Florida Keys.

**Anne Eastman Wilder** to Jonathan Davis Doughty on June 18, 2005, in Norridgewock, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Nova Scotia and reside in New Gloucester, Maine.

**Jeffrey Austin Cary** to **Aimee Michelle Turcotte '00** on July 16, 2005, on Pond Island, off Milbridge, Maine. They reside in Danvers, Massachusetts.

1998

**Kelie Rossignol** to Michael Routhier, on July 30, 2005, in Lewiston, Maine. They honeymooned in St. Thomas, St. Maarten, and Nassau, and live in Lewiston.

**Eden Smith Hindley** to William Spierdowis on June 12, 2005, in Falmouth, Massachusetts. They took a wedding trip to Sun Valley, Idaho, and live in Knoxville, Tennessee.

**Samuel Clayton Schneski** to Lauren Kathleen Snyder on June 25, 2005, in Williamstown, Massachusetts. They live in South Grafton, Massachusetts.

**Kirk Maurice Fongemie** to Jennifer Nicole Micoileau on July 30, 2005, in Presque Isle, Maine. They live in Portland.

**Mark Giolez Jurilla** to Jillian Pauline Dupuis on June 10, 2005, in Andover, Massachusetts. They took a wedding trip to Jamaica.

**Carol Ann Livingstone** to **Andrew Hamm '01** on September 4, 2005, in Winthrop, Maine. They are planning a future wedding trip, and live in Winthrop.

1999

**Jaimie Worster** to **Braeme Thurrell** on June 25, 2005, in Orono. They honeymooned in Italy and reside in Portland, Maine.

**David P. Monnier** to **Casey Davis '02G** on July 29, 2005, in Orland, Maine. They reside in Grenada.

**William Stratton Stewart** to **Kristen Joy Dobler '00** on October 9, 2005, in Monroe, Connecticut. They took a honeymoon trip to Hawaii and reside in Braintree, Massachusetts.

**Libbey Moores** to **Jonathan Gallant** on June 25, 2005, in Portland, Maine. They live in North Waterboro, Maine.

**William Sinnott** to Diana Minicucci on September 24, 2005, in Andover, Massachusetts. They took a



# Weddings

wedding trip to Aruba and reside in Whitman, Massachusetts.

**Sara Elizabeth Barron** to Seth Evans Nichols on August 27, 2005, in Augusta, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Boston and live in Augusta.

**Timothy Joseph Keil**

**Wannemacher** to Amber Elizabeth Pierce on July 16, 2005, in Portland, Maine. They took a trip to Mexico and live in Boston.

**Gerald Everett Mitchell, Jr.** to Jennifer Marie Donnell on July 30, 2005, in Wiscasset, Maine. They traveled to Hawaii and live in West Bath, Maine.

## 2000

**Kellie Worthley '01G** to Dean Eastman. They honeymooned on Campobello Island and live in Hampton Falls, New Hampshire.

**Megan A. London** to Christopher G. Jovanelli on August 28, 2005, in Orono. The couple resides in Surry, Maine.

**Sharon E. Kenney** to **Louis P. Levasseur** on May 7, 2005, in Holden, Maine. They reside in Bucksport, Maine.

**Heather Campbell** to Scott James Riggott on April 20, 2005, in Maui, Hawaii. After a honeymoon in Maui, they live in South Paris, Maine.

**Amanda Lee Gilbert** to

**Christopher Evan Snow** on June 11, 2005, in Gorham, Maine. They took a trip to Italy and southern France and live in South Portland.

**Alison Wilder** to Chuck VanDerburgh on October 1, 2005, in Portland, Maine. They took a trip to St. John, New Brunswick, and reside in Portland.

**Travis Wheeler** to Shelly Dorval on July 9, 2005, in Vassalboro, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Alaska and live in Sabattus, Maine.

**Kara Lauze** to **Chad Plummer** on September 24, 2005, in Gorham, New Hampshire. They live in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

## 2001

**Frederick Stewart III** to Emily Bell on June 24, 2005, in Bangor, Maine. They live in Bangor.

**Aaron Joseph Weymouth** to Melissa Marie Binette on June 25, 2005, in Westbrook, Maine. After a honeymoon to Maui they reside in Brunswick, Maine.

**Shannon Folsom** to Aaron Thibodeau on May 27, 2005. They

spent their honeymoon in Hawaii and live in Auburn, Maine.

**Stephanie Hathorn** to Michael Ozog in Manchester, New Hampshire. After a honeymoon in Aruba the couple resides in Merrimack, New Hampshire.

**William C. McDougall IV** to Sara A. Grover on March 20, 2005, in Orono.

**Allyson Jerusha Lachowicz** to Theodore Cornelius Vermaark on July 23, 2005, in South Africa. They honeymooned on a safari in Kruger National Park and live in Steelport, South Africa.

**Kristen Marie MacDonald** to **Eric James York, Jr. '03** on July 23, 2005, in Waterville, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Mexico and live in Old Town.

## 2002

**Bonnie "Katie" Milligan** to Joseph Warren III on June 18, 2005, in South Portland, Maine. They live in Gorham, Maine.

**Rebecca Ruff** to **Joshua Niman** on June 11, 2005, in York, Maine. They live in Watertown, Massachusetts.

**Erica Curran Morse** to James Alan Caron on August 27, 2006, in East Orrington, Maine. They live in Bangor after a honeymoon in St. Lucia.

**Nathaniel Addison Sawyer** to **Danielle Yvonne Jones '04** on July 13, 2005, in Dedham, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Ireland and live in Bradley, Maine.

**Amanda Jean Hebert** to James Richard Delorie, Jr. on August 6, 2005, in Waterville, Maine. They took a cruise to the Bahamas and live in Albion, Maine.

**Nathan Briggs** to Molly Tardiff on September 24, 2005, in Bangor, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Hawaii and reside in Brewer.

## 2003

**Jacob Jentzer** to **Rebecca**



**Kate Closson '04** was married to **Alberto "Tito" Davila '02** on October 8, 2005, at St. Mary's Church in Orono. Kate and Tito currently live in Port Orange, Florida, where Kate is in management with Enterprise Rent-a-Car and Tito is finishing graduate school at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

**Williams '03** on May 29, 2005, in Lucerne, Maine. They reside in Rochester, New York.

**Benjamin Jackson** to **Nichole Mae Motil '99, '02G**, on July 23, 2005, in Portland, Maine. They reside in Charlotte, North Carolina.

**Richelle Downes** to Aaron Brown on August 12, 2005, in Lucerne in Maine. They honeymooned in Virginia Beach and live in Ellsworth, Maine.

**Jonathan Peterson** to Beth Clukey on July 23, 2005, in East Millinocket, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Bar Harbor, and reside in Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

**Jamie Rogers** to **Nathan R.**

**Cotnoir** on September 24, 2005, in Fayette, Maine. They honeymooned in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, and reside in Hampden, Maine.

**Kathleen Sprague** to **Luke Garner** on August 13, 2005, in Bar Harbor, Maine. They are planning a wedding trip to Freeport, The Bahamas, and

reside in Lansale, Pennsylvania.

## 2004

**Patrick Brown** to Jennifer Ocana on August 6, 2005, at Mattanawcook Lake, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Bar Harbor and reside in Oakland, Maine.

**Jason Douglas Sewall** to Sarah Irene Kennedy on July 23, 2005. They live in Carrboro, North Carolina.

**Liza Guerrette** to **Matthew M.**

**Phair '03** on June 24, 2005, in Bangor. They spent their honeymoon in Bermuda and reside in Hermon, Maine.

**Jennifer Bradford** to Randall Dicker, Jr. on June 1, 2005. They spent their honeymoon in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, and live in Bangor.

**Shannon Deveau** to D. Wesley Petit on August 27, 2005, in Winn, Maine. They honeymooned in Connecticut and reside in Orono.

**Kimberly Anne Alley** to **Adam Benjamin Haskell** on August 6, 2005, in Orland, Maine. They honeymooned in Honolulu, Hawaii, and reside in Orono.

**Jessica Fontaine** to **Jeffrey M. Ritz** on April 22, 2005, in Maui, Hawaii.

**Tiffany Watson** to Tommy Monroe on June 4, 2005, in Camden, Maine. They honeymooned in Mexico and live in Rockland, Maine.

**Monica Lee Wilkins** to Tarad Andre Nadeau on April 11, 2005. They honeymooned on a cruise to the Caribbean and live in Groton, Connecticut.

## 2005

**Candi Lee Hartmann** to Robert Doran LaBree on July 9, 2005, in Palmyra, Maine. They honeymooned in the Poconos and reside in Greenbush, Maine.

**Erika Susan Ridlon** to Matthew Nelson Menard on June 25, 2005, in Freeport, Maine. They honeymooned in Las Vegas and reside in Orono.

**Melissa Armes** to **Brian Alexander '03** on October 1, 2005. They live in Riverside, California.

**Caleb William Carter** to Jessica Elizabeth Robbins on July 23, 2005, in Little Deer Isle, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Vermont and reside in Bangor.

**Ryan Sullivan** to Lisa Peary on May 21, 2005, in New Limerick, Maine. After a trip to Mexico, the couple resides in Ellisville, Missouri.

## Recently Married?

Share the happy news with your friends and classmates. Send your information and a photo to: Alumni Publications, One Alumni Place, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469. Or email us at: [abigail.zelz@umit.maine.edu](mailto:abigail.zelz@umit.maine.edu).



# Deaths

**1926**

**Austin "Wilkie" Horatio Wilkins**, 102, from Augusta on October 2, 2005.

**1930**

**Marquerite Louise Lewis Smith**, 96, from Stillwater, Maine, on September 8, 2005.

**1931**

**Paul Leavitt Crocker**, 95, from Lake City, Florida, on May 30, 2004.

**1932**

**Muriel Freeman Brockway**, 96, from Gorham, Maine, on November 7, 2005.

**Amy Barnes Knight**, 96, from Presque Isle, Maine, on October 8, 2005.

**Harland Francis Leathers**, 94, from Arlington, Virginia, on September 11, 2005.

**1933**

**Kenneth "Ken" Boyden Johnson**, 93, from Augusta, Maine, on December 3, 2005.

**Kitty Belle Sansom McGarr**, 69, from Waterville, Maine, on March 18, 1977.

**1934**

**Mary Eugenie Austin Rain**, 93, from Dixfield, Maine, on October 27, 2005.

**1935**

**Ruth "Toddie" Josephine Todd Farnham**, 92, from Bath, Maine, on October 6, 2005.

**Jane Gerry Chase Hanger**, 92, from Oxnard, California, on September 8, 2005.

**1936**

**Arlene Edris Higgins Cobb**, 82, from Essex, Connecticut, on January 22, 1995.

**John Paul Cushman**, 94, from Gorham, Maine, on October 31, 2005.

**Herschel "Hersh" Eugene O'Connell**, 90, from Antioch, California, on June 1, 2004.

**1937**

**Ruth Charlotte Burnett**, 91, from Brewer, Maine, on October 21, 2005.

**James Bryan Morrison, Jr.**, 90, from Freeport, Maine, on November 6, 2005.

**1938**

## Austin H. Wilkins Class of 1926



Austin Wilkins '26, one of the giants in the history of Maine forestry, died on October 2 in Augusta. He was 102.

After receiving his forestry degree from UMaine, Austin went on to earn a master's degree in forestry from Cornell. He then began a distinguished 44-year career with the Maine Forest Service that reached its pinnacle with his appointment as forest commissioner in 1958 by Governor Edmund Muskie. Altogether he served under 13 governors, including his close friend Percival Baxter. Austin was, in fact, instrumental in the creation of Baxter State Park and served as chairman of the Baxter State Park Authority. He was also a Fellow of the Society of American Foresters and former president of the National Association of Foresters.

Austin received numerous honors and awards in his lifetime, including the Distinguished Maine Forestry Award and the alumni association's Black Bear Award. In 2004 he was honored with the establishment of the Austin H. Wilkins Forest Stewardship Award, for which he was the first recipient. He also was given an honorary doctorate from the University of Maine at Augusta in 2002.

Austin also received some fame for witnessing a major historic event. While he was on a study tour of forestry in Europe in the spring of 1927, he had the good fortune of being at the Paris airport to see Charles Lindbergh land the *Spirit of St. Louis* following the first ever flight across the Atlantic Ocean. In 1999 he appeared on an ABC special remembering that flight.

**Frederick Leon Crocker**, 90, from Rockledge, Florida, on November 21, 2005.

**John "Wes" Wesley Oliver**, 94, from Pittsfield, Maine, on August 5, 2005.

**Catharine "Kay" Lancaster Rowe**, 88, from Bangor, on August 29, 2005.

**Edwin Parker Troland**, 89, from Fort Myers, Florida, on January 23, 2004.

**Benjamin Fogg Viner**, 90, from Bangor, and Louisville, Kentucky, on October 2, 2005.

**1939**

**Alice Louise Chandler Bishop**, 87, from North Yarmouth, Maine, on August 22, 2005.

**Harlan Pratt Fitch**, 88, from Groton, Massachusetts, on October 5, 2005.

**Mary "Buzzy" Edith Buzzell Pattberg**, 88, from Hudson, Florida, on August 8, 2005.

**1940**

**William Dwight Barrell**, 87, from Concord, New Hampshire, on October 14, 2005.

**Leon "Bret" Joseph Breton**, 87, from Columbia, Maryland, on August 27, 2005.

**Alvalene "Allie" May Pierson Karlsson**, 85, from New York, New York, on November 5, 2005.

**Reverend Donald Alexander Scanlin**, 89, from Red Lodge, Montana, on January 20,

2004.

**Willard Alanson Wight**, 87, from Newry, Maine, on November 17, 2005.

**1941**

**Elwood "Al" Arthur Allen**, 87, from Farmington, Maine, on August 23, 2005.

**Charles "Charlie" Joseph Arbor**, 87, from Jupiter, Florida, and Moosehead Lake, Maine, on July 18, 2005.

**Raymond Wilbur Buck, Jr.**, 86, from College Park, Maryland, and Monticello, Maine, on August 3, 2005.

**George Ellis**, 85, from Andover, Maine, on November 3, 2005.

**Ruth Louise Tuttle Franson**, 86, from Hamilton, Massachusetts, on August 17, 2005.

**Vernon "Skinny" Elbert Johnson**, 88, from Northampton, Massachusetts, on August 24, 2005.

**Manuel Vicente Locsin**, 86, from Negros Occidental, Philippines, and Brookline, Massachusetts, on April, 28, 2005.

**Margaret "Miggie" Elizabeth Philbrook Marston**, 86, from Southold Town, New York, on September 19, 2005.

**Charles "Chick" Boone Parsons**, 87, from Bangor and Presque Isle, Maine, on October 25, 2005.

**George Carl Risan, M.D.**, 85, from Birmingham, Alabama, on June 22, 2005.

**Albert Boyd Soule**, 86, from South Paris, Maine, on August 27, 2005.

**1942**

**Harold "Hal" Irving Kaplan**, 84, from Palm Beach, Florida, on October 28, 2005.

**Booth "Knobby" Gilman Leavitt**, DDS, 85, from Lewiston, Maine, on September 6, 2005.

**George Peter Limberis**, 84, from Bangor on July 28, 2005.

**Violet "Vi" Mary-Anne Hamilton O'Donoghue**, 85, from Leesburg, Florida, on May 30, 2005.

**Barbara "Silver" Wentworth Emmons Payson**, 84, from Sun City Center, Florida, and Worcester, Massachusetts, on October 29, 2005.



# Deaths

## George H. Ellis Class of 1941

Former president of the Reserve Bank of Boston, George Ellis '41, died on November 3, 2005. He was 85.

People who knew George as a student at the University of Maine could have predicted that he would go on to achieve great things. He was valedictorian of his class and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

When George graduated from UMaine, he put his graduate education plans on hold in order to serve his country in World War II. As an infantry officer fighting in the historic campaign to liberate the islands in the South Pacific, he earned a Bronze Star and rose to the rank of major by the age of 25.

Following the war, George married Sylvia Poor (who he met when he was a student at UMaine) and focused on his graduate school goals, earning both a master's degree and a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard.

George returned to Orono briefly to teach at his alma mater. But in 1951 he was offered a job as industrial economist for the Reserve Bank of Boston. In just ten years he rose to the position of president, becoming the youngest person ever to achieve that highly responsible position.

George served as president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston until 1968, when he accepted an offer to become president and CEO of Home Savings Bank. George completed his career back in his home state, serving as chairman of the board of Central Maine Power Company.

George was also well known for his contributions to his community and to his alma mater. He served on the University of Maine Foundation board from 1961 to 1968 and was chair of the university's Development Council from 1967 to 1969. He also provided outstanding service to his church, the United Way of Boston, and the University Hospital in Boston.

For all his impressive work, George was selected in 1963 as the "Outstanding Son of Maine." He received honorary degrees from UMaine, Bates, and the University of Massachusetts. In 2003 he was presented with the University of Maine Alumni Career Award, the alumni association's most prestigious honor.



George Ellis receives the Alumni Career Award in June 2003 from then alumni association president Jeff Mills '82.

**Frances Christine Andrews Gay Pistone**, 84, from West Jordan, Utah, on October 17, 2005.

**Muriel "Torchy" Elizabeth Pratt**, 85, from Norway, Maine, on August 7, 2005.

**Harlan Orrington Rowe**, 86, from Lovell, Maine, on September 24, 2005.

**Norman Adelbert Wing**, 86, from Woolwich, Maine, on August 22, 2005.

### 1943

**Robert "Bob" Loveitt Chapman**, 83, from La Habra, California, on September 23, 2005.

**Frank "Jim" Levi Emerson**, 84, from Charleston, South Carolina, on June 8, 2005.

**Ralph Earl Graham, Jr.**, 86, from Dallas, Texas, on June 13, 2005.

**Everett Meyer Hoffman, DMD**, 82, from Miami Shores, Florida, on July 10, 2004.

**Camille Etien Morneault**, 86, from Windham, Maine, on November 26, 2005.

**Warren "Doc" Greenleaf Strout**, MD, 84, from Bangor and Orono, on October 19, 2005.

**Frederick "Fred" Marshall Viles**, 84, from Padre Island, Texas, on July 10, 2005.

### 1944

**Leo "Brad" Bradley Bunker, Jr.**, 83, from Franklin, Maine, and Naples, Florida, on August 5, 2005.

**Alice "Mac" Lee McHugh**

**Condon**, 82, from Presque Isle, Maine, on October 30, 2005.

**Lawrence Allen Graham**, 84, from South Hadley, Massachusetts, and Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, on November 1, 2005.

**Lucy Dickerson Burleigh**

**Richardson**, 81, from Concord, New Hampshire, on February 13, 2004.

**Hattie "Hat" Elizabeth Ingraham Storer**, 84, from Portland, Maine, on October 7, 2005.

### 1945

**Robert "Brute" Lewis Brewster**, 82, from South Portland, Maine, on September 30, 2005.

**Doris Russell Leggat**, 88, from Lowell, Massachusetts, on October 26, 2005.

**Robert "Bob" Sawyer Ludwig**

, 82, from Kennebunkport, Maine, on November 30, 2005.

### 1946

**Marguerite Dow McNeil**, 89, from, Belfast, Maine, on November 6, 2005.

### 1947

**Barbara "B Mills" Mills Browne**, 80, from Bangor, on December 4, 2005.

**Gene "Pete" Peter Ciarrocchi**, 86, from East Millinocket, Maine, on November 19, 2005.

**Arthur "Duke" Dewey Moody**, 82, from Framingham, Massachusetts, on August 17, 2005.

**Julian Page Thompson**, 91, from Waterville, Maine, on November 21, 2005.

**Harriet "Harrison" Elizabeth Woodsum**, 80, from Old Town, on December 5, 2005.

### 1948

**Catherine Irene McCann Foley**, 79, from South Burlington, Vermont, on October 16, 2005.

### 1949

**Paul Greenwood Ford**, 83, from St. Albans and Milton, Vermont, on September 1, 2005.

**Harlan "Hymie" Flanders Goodwin**, 80, Fort Pierce, Florida, on October 13, 2005.

**Charles "Charlie" Edward Hamann**, 81, from Ashland, Ohio, on August 9, 2005.

**Beverly Babb Green McGary**, 79, from Augusta, Maine, on November 1, 2005.

**Brother Francis Joseph Michaud**, 92, from Valatie, New York, on October 8, 2005.

### 1950

**Donald Butterfield Emmons**, 83, from Portland, Maine, on September 7, 2005.

**Conrad "Babe" Adrien Grondin**, 79, from Kennebunk, Maine, on September 6, 2005.

**Kenneth Jones**, 84, from Patten, Maine, on April 28, 2005.

**Donald "Don" Curtis Lerch**, 81, from Winter Park, Florida, on July 17, 2005.

**Ralph Lemont MacKenzie**, 79, from East Millinocket, Maine, on October 10, 2005.

**Donna Marilyn London McKinney**, 76, from Sherman, Maine, on November 9, 2005.



**Bryce Clifton Priest**, 79, from Enfield, Maine, on September 30, 2005.

**Paul "Smitty" Ernest Smith**, 82, from Fairfax, Virginia, on October 30, 2005.

**Phillip "Phil" Erwin Tribou**, 83, from Manchester, Maine, on November 17, 2005.

**Harlan "Hal" Justin Witham**, 85, from Plymouth, Massachusetts, on October 3, 2005.

**Barbara June Wright**, 76, from Fairfield, Maine, on September 8, 2005.

#### 1951

**Richard Campbell Dwelley**, 77, from Reedsport, Oregon, on May 28, 2005.

**Marilyn "Mal" Eleanor Goldman Etscovitz**, 75, from Brookline, Massachusetts, and Fort Kent, Maine, on August 7, 2005.

**Joseph Charles Hickson**, 79, from Bangor and Hampden, Maine, on November 23, 2005.

**Hugh Carl Lord**, 75, from Enfield, Maine, on July 28, 2005.

**William Marston Maling**, 80, from Southwest Harbor, Maine, on September 16, 2005.

**Milton Elmer Mills**, 78, from Bryant Pond, Maine, on September 23, 2005.

#### 1952

**Arthur Moses Bowker, Jr.**, 74, from Gainesville, Florida, on September 13, 2005.

**Edward "Ed" Kenneth Bragg**, 83, from Yarmouth, Maine, on July 21, 2005.

**Ruth Angela Jenkins Cariseo**, 75, from Granby, Connecticut, on October 26, 2005.

**Donald Charles Donahue**, 71, from Crumpton, Maryland, on October 8, 1998.

**William Manuel Hanson**, 87, from Hastings, Michigan, on October 8, 2005.

**John "Jack" Appleton Harmon**, 75, from Saco, Maine, on November 16, 2005.

**Raymond "Ray" Charles Lemaire**, 72, from Lewiston, Maine, on July 28, 2002.

**William "Greg" Gregor Macfarlan**, 77, from Arlington, Virginia, on October 23, 2005.

**Clifford "Cliff" Lawrence**

## Elizabeth "Jeem" Trowbridge, Class of 1964G

Well known Bangor teacher and community volunteer Elizabeth "Jeem" Trowbridge '64G died on October 21, 2005, at the age of 91.

Jeem's "zest for life" became evident as a young adult. A few years after completing her undergraduate degree at Vassar College in 1934, she set out alone for China and ended up in Nanking, working for the Chinese Railway Administration. As the threat from the Japanese grew, she left Nanking taking with her secret reports documenting Japanese atrocities during the infamous "Rape of Nanking." Years later, she wrote about the experience for *American Heritage Magazine*.

When she returned to New York City, she began working for the famous author, John Gunther, who was preparing his book, *Inside*



*Asia*. During that time she also took flying lessons and received her pilot's license.

In 1940 Jeem married Dr. Mason Trowbridge, and the couple moved to Maine. After earning her master's degree from UMaine in 1964, she worked as an English teacher at both the junior high and high school levels.

Following her husband's death in 1979, she began a long career of volunteer work in the greater Bangor community. She logged 7,000 hours

as an active member of Telecare at Eastern Maine Medical Center. She served as a researcher at the Bangor Historical Society and was instrumental in restoring Leonard's Mills historic site. And for many years she volunteered at the Bangor Public Library, including reading stories to children until she was 89.

**Swenson**, 74, from Madison, Maine, on September 28, 2005.

**Kenneth "Smitty" Smith Thomas**, 77, from Calais, Maine, on August 13, 2005.

#### 1953

**Corinne Lois Peary Foster**, 75, from Lakeland, Florida, and Farmingdale, Maine, on November 1, 2005.

**Robert Allan Muir**, 76, from Bow, New Hampshire, on August 29, 2005.

#### 1954

**Charles "Charlie" Michael Byron, Jr.**, 74, from Groton, Massachusetts, on August 16, 2005.

**Kent Manson Newey**, 71, from

Winterport, Maine, on August 5, 2005.

**Roy "Sid" Rololph Raymond**, 73, from Marlton, New Jersey, on August 8, 2005.

**Alan Beacher Sleeper**, 72, from Sherman, Maine, on November 9, 2005.

#### 1955

**Elizabeth "Libby" Ann Currier Eustis**, 72, from Old Town, on August 1, 2005.

**Guy Allan Hartnett**, 73, from Lewiston, Maine, on November 8, 2005.

**Gilbert Joseph Landry**, 77, from Benton, Maine, on August 21, 2005.

#### 1956

**Reverend Frederick Andrew Momeny**, 72, from Sarasota, Florida, on January 30, 2005.

**John "Jack" Rocky Sumpter, Jr.**, 71, from Cumberland, Maine, on November 13, 2005.

#### 1957

**Lawrence Lewis**, 77, from Sorrecto, Maine, on October 31, 2005.

**Frederic Allen Reynolds**, 78, from Machias, Maine, on October 10, 2005.

#### 1958

**David Timothy Altshuler**, 72, from Tucson, Arizona, on October 18, 2005.

**Arje Latz**, 78, from Newtonville, Massachusetts, on November 13, 2005.

**Edwin Donald Pickett**, 72, from Augusta, Maine, on August 13, 2005.

#### 1959

**Cynthia Farnham**

**Carroll Aikman**, 67, from Sea Cliff, New York, on August 22, 2005.

For more complete obituaries, log on to our web site at: [mainealumni.com](http://mainealumni.com)



# Deaths

**Dale Nelson Finnemore**, 72, from Rochester, New York, on August 30, 2005.

**Gwendolyn May Kane Hinckley**, 93, from Penobscot, Maine, on October 21, 2005.

**Warren "Randy" Wesley Randall**, 73, from Orland, Maine, on October 30, 2005.

## 1960

**William "Bud" George Abbott**, 73, from Salisbury Cove, Maine, on October 15, 2005.

**Ann Howard Clark Distant**, 67, from Limington, Maine, on September 5, 2005.

**David Leonard Durost**, 79, from Seal Harbor, Maine, on August 27, 2005.

**James "Jim" Thurston Keene**, 75, from Lewiston, Maine, on November 13, 2005.

**James "Jim" Adolphus Miller**, 69, from Topsham, Maine, on July 26, 2005.

## 1961

**Barbara Louise Toulouse Begin**, 70, from Old Orchard Beach, Maine, on September 17, 2005.

**Eleanor Walker Damon**, 88, from Portland, Maine, on September 27, 2005.

**Antoinette DeRaps Buckley Osgood**, 75, from Dexter, Maine, and Largo, Florida, on November 20, 2005.

## 1962

**Lolita Joanne Roy Bishop**, 65, from Sedona, Arizona, on October 25, 2005.

**Gerald "Jerry" Philip Bowie**, 65, from Lucerne-in-Maine, Maine, on August 27, 2005.

**Harville Elston Hobbs**, 72, from Hope, Maine, on October 11, 2005.

**Winifred Kimball Nason**, 96, from Acton, Maine, on September 21, 2005.

## 1963

**Richard "Dick" Porter Grant**, 64, from Webster, New York, on October 15, 2005.

**Alfreda Sanbergh Keppel**, 95, from South Portland, Maine, on October 3, 2005.

**Rowland "Was" John Wasgatt**, 64, from Fort Collins, Colorado, on August 13, 2005.

## 1964

**Roberta Frances Rogers**, 89, from Brunswick, Maine, on August 6, 2005.

**Elizabeth "Jeem" Chambers Trowbridge**, 91, from Pittsford, New York, on October 21, 2005.

**Florence Creamer Webster**, 96, from Lincoln, Maine, on October 26, 2005.

## 1965

**Richard David Acheson**, DDS, DMD, 63, from Pemaquid Harbor, Maine, on August 8, 2005.

**Edwina Shirley Laughton Hardy**, 62, from Rumford, Maine, on September 21, 2005.

**Robert "Bob" Hollis Higgins**, 68, from Fort Mill, South Carolina, on May 16, 2005.

**Brian Leslie Pennell**, 63, from Saco, Maine, on August 21, 2005.

**Willis Perry Spaulding**, 82, from Belfast, Maine, on December 3, 2005.

## 1966

**Earl Lloyd Batchelder**, 62, from Norway, Maine, on August 31, 2005.

**Michael J. Friedman**, 62, from Potomac, Maryland, on June 24, 2005.

## 1967

**Barbara Packard Grant Adams**, 59, from Scarborough, Maine, on July 20, 2005.

**Bradford "Brad" Walter Cook**, 61, from Orland, Maine, on September 18, 2005.

**Eric Richard Dodge**, 71, from Winterport, Maine, and Long Island, New York, on November 1, 2005.

## Frances "Fran" Charlotte

**Brontas Hardy**, 60, from Mt. Vernon, Maine, on August 8, 2005.

**Dennis "Denny" Donald Mason**, 59, from Bangor and Greenville, Maine, on September 28, 2005.

**Arlene Marshall Stover**, 90, from Blue Hill, Maine, on August 27, 2005.

## 1968

**Arlene MacMillan McClain**, 91, from Millinocket, Maine, on September 30, 2005.

## 1969

**Madeline Ireland Anderson**, 94, from Rome, Maine, on August 27, 2005.

**Vivian Morrill Sproul**, 90, from Windsor, Maine, on August 14, 2005.

## 1971

**Warren Henry Bown**, 58, from North Anson, Maine, on June 13, 2005.

**Gary Ralph Noyes**, 56, from Lewiston, Maine, on October 11, 2005.

## 1972

**James Harris Browne**, 56, from Vassalboro, Maine, on September 5, 2005.

**Karl Bean McGaw**, 69, from Bangor and Lee, Maine, on November 16, 2005.

## 1973

**Charles Herman Berry**, 61, from Millinocket, Maine, on June 2, 2005.

**Claudia Gaudreau Finkelstein**, 61, from Cape Elizabeth, Maine, on August 2, 2005.

**Weston Meserve Hodgkins**, 76,

from Brewer, Maine, on November 22, 2005.

## 1974

**Jennifer Clayton**, 57, from Portland, Maine, on July 27, 2005.

**Rena Maxine Armstrong Gates**, 74, from Bangor, on August 8, 2005.

## 1975

**Helen McMahon Copp**, 87, from Millinocket, Maine, on November 25, 2005.

**John Edward Vajtisek**, 66, from Middlebury, Vermont, on July 16, 2005.

## 1977

**Loren D. Eaton**, from Petal, Mississippi, on May 31, 2002.

**Paul Frederick Hopkins**, 48, from Syracuse, New York, on July 29, 2003.

## 1979

**Lt. Col. Russell Earl Dingle**, 49, from East Hartford, Connecticut, on September 4, 2005.

**Clemon Willard Fay**, 48, from Enfield, Maine, on October 16, 2005.

**Kevin Robert Markee**, 50, from Portland, Maine, on November 4, 2005.

## 1981

**Daniel Sommer Clark**, 54, from Gorham, Maine, on October 1, 2005.

**Juliette Bouchard Fish**, 83, from Orrington, Maine, on October 20, 2005.

**Marilyn Ann Johnson**, 71, from Bangor, on October 21, 2005.

**Marie A. Shamos Twitchell**, 51, from Manchester, Maine, on November 6, 2005.

## 1986

**Susan Lois Swift**, 43, from Winslow, Maine, on August 20, 2005.

## 1991

**Priscilla Sue Tomer Rouillard**, 39, from Lewiston, Auburn, and Old Town, Maine, on November 26, 2005.

## 1993

**Dale Sperry Mudge**, 56, from Boston, on July 13, 2005.

## 1997

**Bonnie Lou McClure Hayman**, 61, from Bangor, on October 18, 2005.

## Your Classmates Would Love to Hear From You

We know you enjoy reading news from your UMaine friends and classmates. Well, they'd love to hear from you too! Why not take a few minutes and email or write your class correspondent to let them know what is happening in your life—new job, new residence, wedding, kids, anything at all.



*Major renovation of Lord Hall nears completion*

# A New Era for the Visual Arts

**T**he art department at the University of Maine was spread across nine different locations on campus. Art students and faculty really had no central location to call their own. And with limited facilities, the department was unable to increase the number of students or the opportunities offered to students it had.

All that is about to change. This spring, the visual arts at UMaine will begin moving into beautifully renovated Lord Hall as phase one of a two-phase \$10 million building project.

"The building is clean, lean, and elegant throughout," notes department chairman James Linehan. "Being in a beautiful building right on the mall gives us visibility and prominence. It's a huge step for the arts at Maine. And it will give our students and faculty a center—a place that will allow that interchange that is needed in the arts. But it will also allow us to grow and to better compete for top students."

While passersby will be struck by the complete facelift given to the outside of Lord Hall, those who venture in will be even more impressed.

The rejuvenated building will include faculty and staff offices, state-of-the-art

classrooms, lecture halls, a visual resource library, a digital art lab, studio space, a student lounge, an outdoor sculpture garden, and a major art gallery which will take up the entire west side of the ground floor.

Among the featured rooms will be a 100-seat lecture hall named for art department founder Vincent A. Hartgen. Hartgen's artwork will hang on the walls of the new hall.

"The whole thing has come out beautifully," Linehan says. "It's elegant, simple, and a bit 'arty.' It kind of has the feel of a Soho loft. You have nice new shiny floors, but you still have the old brick wall in lots of places. The architects also incorporated lots of window walls, making it a very light-filled open space."

As an example of that openness, if you stand in the lobby on the lower floor, you can see clearly out both ends of the building. And someone standing outside on the

mall can see into the gallery, and all the way to the other end of the building.

Linehan notes that there is very little color in the new Lord Hall—that will be provided by the artwork.

Once the art department is settled into its exciting new space, the second phase of the visual arts building project will kick into full gear. That will include a renovation of the back half of Alumni Hall (directly across from Lord). The area, which will be named The Wyeth Center, will be the new studio space for 3D design, painting, and printmaking. Eventually, the building currently used for ceramics and sculpture (the old fire/rescue building) will also be renovated.

The project is being funded by a \$4 million state bond and \$6 million in private donations. Those donations include generous gifts from many alumni, friends, and corporations as well as contributions from every art department faculty member. Naming gift opportunities still exist for spaces in the new Wyeth Center.





# The Call of the Road

In 2000 Karen Larsen '92 was looking for adventure. She found it riding her Harley-Davidson Sportster on a solo journey across North America. Her book, *Breaking the Limit*, goes beyond the thrill and dangers of the ride and the glittering landscapes and diversity of people she encountered—it's a personal meditation on self and family.

*By Kristen Andresen '97*





*"Get your motor runnin'  
Head out on the highway  
Lookin' for adventure  
And whatever comes our way"*  
— Steppenwolf, "Born to be Wild"

**K**aren Larsen '92 may not have been born to be wild, but she was born to ride — and to write. The UMaine alumna's recently published travel memoir, *Breaking the Limit: One Woman's Motorcycle Journey through North America*, recounts her solo voyage from New Jersey to Alaska and back.

When she set off in the spring of 2000, Larsen was looking for adventure, and she found it. Relentless wind, bone-chilling rain and fog, steamy sun, drag-racing teenagers, and a poignant reunion with her father served as mile-markers as she rode her Harley through North America.

"Finding out precisely what it means to live on this continent, that's a journey that's going to take a lifetime, if at all," says Larsen, a native of Canada who grew up in Massachusetts. "Having had a few months to wander around did help me define where I was from, geographically and psychologically."

Exploration—both physical and metaphorical—has long been a part of her identity, whether on the road or in the classroom. As an undergraduate at the University of Maine, she took a round-about route to finding a major; studying animal science, chemistry, and political science before earning a double degree in European history and secondary social studies education. Oh, and she spent her junior year in Galway, too.

She credits professors such as Anne Pooler '72, Steve Cohn, and Michael Palmer with providing her the academic rigor she craved and the flexibility she needed.

Her intellectual curiosity impressed Palmer, a political science professor. Though he has taught nearly 25,000 students in his 25-plus years in academe,



**"She had this attitude of,  
'This is what I'm going to do,  
and I'm going to be successful  
at it.' It didn't really matter  
if it was unpopular.  
Whatever it was in front  
of her, she'd take it on."**

Larsen stands out in his mind.

"She was not a grade-grubber," he says. "She got great grades, but she wasn't taking courses just to get an A. She was taking classes that she found interesting—life interesting, and not just academically interesting. She wanted something that was relevant to her life."

From an early age, Larsen knew the thrill of life lay in the journey, not the destination. Born in Ontario, she was adopted as an infant and raised in Carlisle, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston. At 16, she bought a second-hand Honda scooter that she rode with abandon. A bone-shattering fall did little to quell

her love for the open road, and in Presque Isle, where she taught after graduating from UMaine, she got her first real motorcycle — a Honda Shadow 500 she named "Rosie."

Larsen spent hours speeding through the woodlands and potato fields of Aroostook County, but as a lone woman rider, she felt motorcycling was something she had to hide. It underscored the fact that she was "from away," and always would be.

"I showed up with my liberal feminist philosophy ... and I think I was a little bit aberrant," she says. "I was greeted with a certain amount of hesitancy."

She also kept Rosie hidden from her parents, but for other reasons. Larsen found it hard to explain that what they saw as a death wish, she saw as the ultimate freedom.

When her father was diagnosed with cancer, two and a half years after Larsen arrived in Presque Isle, she returned to Massachusetts and sold Rosie, figuring it would only make a bad situation worse. When her dad recovered, Larsen set off for Eastern Europe to serve in the Peace Corps.

She loved the traveling, but she hated life without a motorcycle. When she returned to the states to study public administration at Princeton, she bought a Harley-Davidson Sportster 1200 and called it "Lucy."

In the world of Harleys, Lucy isn't a "hog." She's more of a piglet. The thought of riding across the continent on something so small, without cushy seats or a great stereo, would be enough to discourage many adventuresome bikers—let alone those who prefer to travel in the enclosed, air-conditioned safety of a car. But that exposure was part of the appeal for Larsen:

"Driving a motorcycle is a sensual, visceral, and immediate experience," she writes. "It's the blast of air parting in an almost physical way around your body. It's the feel of heavy steel machinery between your thighs and knees as you move through turns, running a good road on a clear warm morning. It's the taste of wet grass, deep woods, damp riverbanks, and freshly cut hay that finds its way to the back of your throat."



Though she was open to the wind, the smells, the feel of the road; being a lone woman on a bike left her open to scrutiny, as well.

"I know every single day on that trip, someone had something to say about the fact I was a girl on a bike," Larsen says. "I don't think that was based on cruelty. I think that was based on a lack of experience of women on motorcycles."

In her book, she writes that popular culture is laden with images of bikini-clad women draped across the seat. They're portrayed as "biker babes" or "fender bunnies." Larsen was neither. She was just a petite, athletic woman in black leather and sensible boots. She didn't encounter much hostility, but she did hear her share of stereotypical comments.

"There are still activities and roles women engage in that are not seen as equal-opportunity places for women," she says.

During her time at UMaine, Larsen worked to ensure that women were on a level playing field—literally—with their male counterparts. In the early 1990s, when Title IX legislation was still controversial, she fought tirelessly to have the women's soccer program upgraded from a club sport to Division 1 status. It was a long, at times frustrating process, but former coach Cid Dyjak says if anyone could get it done, Larsen could.

"The team looked to her for leadership," Dyjak recalls. "Her strength of will, her strength of character—she was willing to tackle issues all the time."

Six months ago, Dyjak spotted *Breaking the Limit at Borders*. At first, he couldn't believe it was the same Karen Larsen he knew, but when he saw her picture and read the book jacket, he thought, "Yeah, that's Karen."

"She had this attitude of, 'This is what I'm going to do, and I'm going to be successful at it,'" Dyjak says. "It didn't really matter if it was unpopular. Whatever it was in front of her, she'd take it on."

Including a 15,000-mile odyssey. Alone. On a motorcycle.

Before she left, the most common question she heard was, "Aren't you afraid?"

The honest answer, she writes, was yes—but not of unknown dangers: "I am afraid. I am afraid of not living before dying. I am afraid of not seeing, of not knowing. There is fear in living this way, in traveling this way, but there is a greater fear to be found in not doing it."

She also had encountered far more daunting situations. Two months before her departure, she found a lump near her sternum that triggered a quest for her medical history. Though she had been in contact with her biological mother, she had never spoken with her biological father.

The medical background he provided—a prevalence of breast and bladder cancers, as well as brain tumors—left her cold, but his invitation to visit warmed her. So, too, did the news that her lump was benign.

Despite a faltering relationship with her then-boyfriend that disintegrated halfway through the trip, it was with a light heart that she packed her saddlebags and rode off into the unknown. She hadn't intended to write a book, but she kept detailed journals of her travels, which brought luster to her "mother-of-pearl pale" skies and animated the characters she encountered:

"Do you have any coffee?"

'Coffee?' Marilyn, a tired-looking barmaid with two gold chains draped over the front of her white sweatshirt, turned to look at the black sludge that filled the bottom few inches of a cold glass pot. 'Not just now, but if you wait a couple of minutes, I'll put a fresh pot on.'

Her notes allowed Larsen to paint the landscape so vividly that an *Elle* magazine reviewer wrote, "*Breaking the Limit* should come affixed with a warning label: May cause serious wanderlust." But the journals served another, less literary purpose, as well.

"This had been a big life-defining journey for me, one which my adoptive parents were pretty nervous about," Larsen says. "I thought it was really important I explain to them what this experience was all about."

What started as a three-month road trip between graduate school and a new job turned out to be a good deal more mean-

ingful than she originally anticipated.

"On this trip, I was able to let go of a lot of things—of needing to have a base and a home. I had time to re-examine the big questions: What does it mean to be a daughter, part of a family? What does it mean to be part of a community?" she says. "Having the opportunity to re-examine these big life questions is really rare and really special."

So, too, were the pride in her birth father's eyes, the tenuous relationship with her half-sisters that blossomed during her visit, the joy of meeting her maternal grandmother, Isabel. She didn't need notes to remember those moments, and in the years that have passed since her journey, her family bonds have deepened.

"They still continue in very strong and powerful ways," she says. "They're growing and changing as the years progress."

Larsen, now 35, has since started a family of her own. Several years ago, a mutual friend introduced her to Brad Alexander, a cabinetmaker and furniture craftsman who shares her love for long-distance motorcycling.

The couple married and moved to Vermont, where she teaches U.S. history, women's humanities, and social studies at Montpelier High School. Her students know her as Mrs. Alexander, but they're familiar with the motorcycle memoir she penned under her maiden name. Larsen enjoyed the process so much that she plans to write another nonfiction book, when time and inspiration allow.

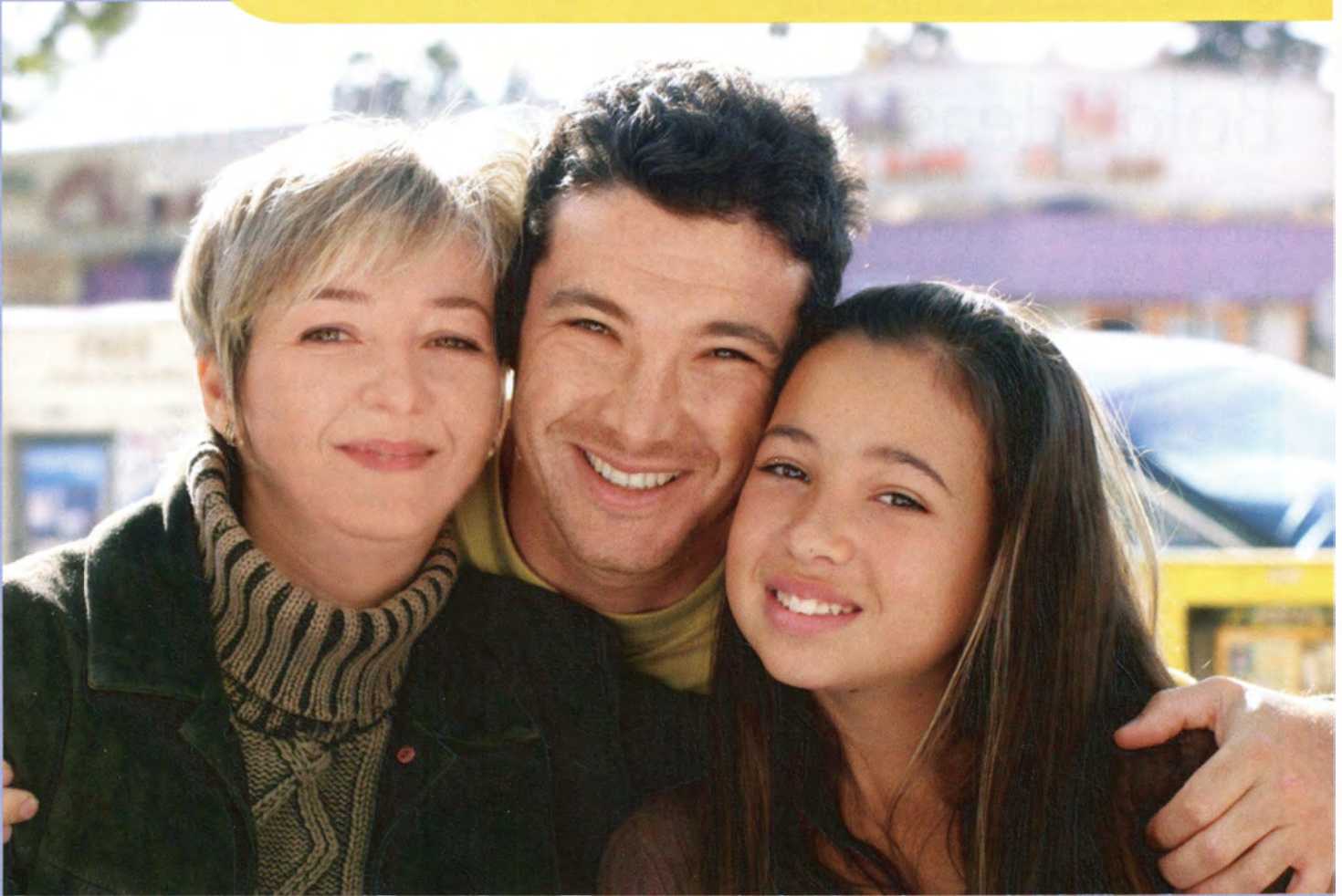
For now, Larsen has her hands full, preparing for her adoptive parents to move into her home, and taking care of another recent arrival. In January, she and her husband embarked on their most exciting expedition yet: parenthood.

Motorcycling has been temporarily put on hold. Larsen's obstetrician "kicked her off" the bike last June. But she doesn't expect motherhood to be the end of the road. In fact, the journey has just begun.

"I feel like I've still only seen such a tiny part of what's here on this continent," she says, "and that only touches the surface."



## Bringing SMILES to Your Family



**Alumni and Immediate Family Members  
Enjoy the Benefits of University Credit Union**  
Contact UCU today to learn how you can benefit by being a UCU member

Proudly serving the University Community since 1967  
20,000 Members Strong and Growing



*The Way Financial Services Should Be*  
Orono • Portland • Bangor

800-696-8628

[www.ucu.maine.edu](http://www.ucu.maine.edu)



# Bold Ideas in a Global Economy

John Coleman's company, The VIA Group, survived the dotcom crash and is thriving thanks to bold, exciting marketing strategies like the ones for the World Trade Center.



WHEN JOHN COLEMAN '85 was selected as one of UMaine's 25 most promising young alumni in April 2000, his Portland-based company, The VIA Group, was growing at a rapid rate, helping businesses navigate through the exploding new Internet economy.

Then, just a few months later, the great dotcom crash began.

"We had a large presence in the Silicon Valley—our business was really being driven by the technology explosion," Coleman explains. "Well, that all went away overnight."

As if that wasn't enough, VIA suffered another significant blow the following year. The company operated an office on Canal Street, looking out at the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. Following the 9/11 tragedy, it had to shut the office down—resulting in a loss of even more business.

Following the dotcom crash, many of VIA's competitors quickly went out of business. But Coleman and his VIA colleagues prided themselves on their problem-solving ability. They took stock of the situation, adjusted to the changing times, and eventually bounced back stronger than ever.

"I think our Maine ingenuity and resilience definitely helped us make it through," Coleman says. "And now we're back and going strong. This year, for instance, we grew our top-line numbers by over 25 percent—a very healthy financial performance."

Indeed in just the past year or so, The

John Coleman unfolds the *New York Times Magazine* ad his company conceptualized and designed for the World Trade Center.



VIA Group has pulled off some major successes utilizing some very big, bold ideas.

One was the renaming of Boston's Fleet Center, back to the more familiar and fan friendly "the Garden."

"That was an idea we had for our client TD Banknorth," Coleman says. "We made the case that it wasn't about the bank, it was about giving something back to the people of New England—this hallowed arena where so many wonderful memories were formed. I really think it was a great idea, both for the bank and the community. People are excited to have the Garden name back and a lot of good will was created for our client."

Coleman believes that VIA's idea for TD Banknorth may be a catalyst for how large companies go about naming their properties in the future.

Another challenge came to VIA when its client, Infinity Broadcasting, lost talk radio superstar Howard Stern to a satellite broadcasting company.

"That was a very big loss for Infinity," Coleman says. "They turned to us to help them figure out what to do. We came up with a very exciting, integrated plan. We bought out every single ad in the leading ad journal, *Advertising Age*. When you picked up the magazine, every ad (26 of them) was dedicated to what Infinity was doing to counter the loss of Howard Stern. It was a big idea that had never been done before, and it created a great deal of buzz."

But VIA's biggest project, and its most challenging, resulted from being chosen as the marketing/communications partner for Silverstein Properties, owners of the World Trade Center complex.

"It's an honor to be a part of the redevelopment of the World Trade Center," Coleman says. "We've taken this very seriously, knowing how important it is for lower Manhattan and the entire country."

VIA recently unveiled its marketing approach to 7 World Trade Center (the first WTC building to be completed) in a double fold insert in the *New York Times Magazine*. A dramatic photograph shows a panoramic view of the city from the top of the new structure. The copy reads, "To Lead-



**"It's an honor to be a part of the redevelopment of the World Trade Center.**

**We've taken this very seriously, knowing how important it is for lower Manhattan and the entire country. "**

ers with Vision: Your Office is Ready."

The approach of not actually showing the building was bold and nontraditional, but it reflected exactly the message Coleman and his client want to convey.

"As we talked to CEOs who might consider moving their offices there, we needed to change the perspective from looking back to looking forward," Coleman explains. "Once that happens, once you look, you see the tremendous potential. Of course what happened will never be forgotten, and there's a memorial there to make sure of that. But there's also 15 billion in capital that is going to be reinvested. There will be world-class facilities and transportation. Arguably, it's going to be the best place in the country to work from."

Coleman's enthusiasm seems to be catching on. The advertising campaign has stirred considerable interest and the building already has several big corporate tenants and many more interested.

"It's going to be successful," Coleman says confidently. "The World Trade Center message is a healing one, but also an invigorating one."

Marketing the new World Trade Center complex (VIA will be involved in all the subsequent buildings as well) is the highest profile project yet for The VIA

Group, which Coleman started in 1993 with Rich Rico and former UMaine roommate David Puelle '86. (Puelle has since sold his share of the company to Coleman.)

Coleman, whose UMaine degree is in engineering, decided to start VIA after earning an MBA and working for several years for a huge multinational corporation.

He had the entrepreneurial spirit, and he wanted to stay in Maine.

"My favorite challenges were always starting something from nothing," he says. "But starting my own company was also driven by the fact that the corporation I was working for was pushing me to move. I started thinking that the only way I could stay in Maine was to be an entrepreneur."

Coleman admits that there are some challenges to being located in Maine, but he thinks those are far outweighed by the great work ethic of Maine people and the unparalleled quality of life that is available in the state.

"I would challenge every UMaine graduate who has that entrepreneurial zeal to think about coming back and starting an enterprise in Maine," Coleman says. "With the great advances in technology, there is no reason you can't do it here."

As for the future of his own company, Coleman says that following the dotcom bust, he's learned that you must be adaptable and stay ahead of the curve in understanding trends.

In that regard, he likes to think of The VIA Group in the generic mode of "problem solvers." And he adds that in these fast-changing times, there will be no shortage of businesses who need help.

"The big challenge now," Coleman says, "is that companies are just starting to realize how different marketing and advertising will be in the future. Companies will need to depend on their creativity and their ability to market on a more direct and intimate basis, because mass marketing is being replaced by one-on-one marketing—the way you reach customers is going to be very different. And competition is going to come from all over the globe—if you're not abreast of global trends, you're going to be hurting."



# The Fisherman Scientist

Receiving a coveted \$500,000 MacArthur Foundation “genius” grant hasn’t changed unassuming lobsterman Ted Ames ’68, ’71G one bit. But it has allowed him to “come ashore” and expand his groundbreaking studies of spawning, habitat, and fishing practices in the Gulf of Maine.

*By Jim Frick*

*Photos by William Drake*

**F**rom the time he was just a little boy, all Ted Ames ’68, ’71G ever wanted to do was to fish. Making his livelihood from the sea seemed inevitable to him. Fishing, after all, is in Ames’s blood—both his father and his grandfather were fishermen. And growing up on Vinalhaven, fishing was a major part of the culture and heritage of his island home.

He eventually fulfilled that childhood aspiration, in spite of his parents trying to persuade him to pursue a different profession (they thought he was too small to be a fisherman). For a good part of three decades he has fished for scallops, groundfish, and lobsters along much of the Down East coast.

Ames certainly reflects the popular image of a Maine fisherman. There’s the solid build, the weathered face, the salt and pepper beard, the Maine coast accent, the calm, unassuming manner, the dry humor, and the clear thinking, common sense approach to life.

But there’s a whole other side to Ted Ames’s identity. With both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree from UMaine, he’s

also a groundbreaking researcher, and an effective advocate for sustainable fishing practices along the Maine coast.

And Ames is almost certainly the only Maine fisherman to ever receive the highly prestigious John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation “genius” grant.

Those grants are given to about 25 recipients every year who show exceptional merit and promise for enhanced creative work in everything from the arts to the sciences. The grant brings with it a \$500,000, no-strings-attached prize.

The announcement of the MacArthur grant, last September, came as a surprise to Ames and the Stonington, Maine, community where he now works and lives with his wife, former Maine commissioner of marine resources Louise “Robin” Peters Alden ’79, and their daughter Annie.

“I have no idea who nominated me,” he said. “It is all a secret process.”

The grant has also made him an instant celebrity. He’s appeared on National Public Radio, been featured in dozens of newspaper stories, and in the near future will be the subject of a *New Yorker* magazine article. He scratches his head when he

starts to think about all the publicity he’s received.

“It’s really strange stuff,” he says—“and sometimes a little difficult for me to take. We lobstermen are pretty private people. I don’t think it will change me—folks around here don’t let it go to my head.”

But aside from being in the limelight, Ames is thrilled about what the grant will allow him to do.

“I’m 66—well over-the-hill as a fisherman,” he explains. “Usually we wear out by the time we’re 50. It takes a great deal of stamina. You love it, so you keep at it as long as you can, but I’m nearly ready to come ashore. What this grant means is that all my research projects can be funded without me having to fish for a living.”

It was the creative, groundbreaking nature of that research that caught the interest of the MacArthur Foundation.

Ames has been fascinated by research ever since he first got a taste of it as a UMaine student. After a seven-year stint as a high school science teacher, and then fishing full time for more than a decade, he decided to come on shore in 1990 and set up a water quality laboratory (he would





later get back to the sea to lobster). It worked out well for a couple of years, with a steady business, monitoring water for the Army Corps of Engineers and the EPA. Then there was a dramatic turn of events—water samples could be sent to Canada for free analysis.

"That pretty much ended my operation," Ames says. "I closed the lab." But during that same time the harbor porpoise issue came up and the fishermen asked me to represent them on that issue."

It was also the time when cod stocks were rapidly declining. The decline stirred Ames's interest. His common sense and understanding of the Maine coastal ecology led him to believe that if the cod industry were to be revived, it was vital to know where historic spawning grounds were located, and how they functioned.

"The only places the scientific community knew about as spawning grounds in the Northeast were Jeffrey's Ledge, Ipswich Bay, and Mass. Bay," he explains. "Now fishermen the whole length of the coast knew that was hogwash. We knew from our fathers and grandfathers that codfish once spawned here—in many places."

So Ames began interviewing older fishermen—people who had been fishing for cod back in the 1930s, '40s, and '50s.

"We were able to document something like 1,000 square miles of spawning habitat in the Gulf of Maine," he says. "The scientific community were unaware of these places."

Of course Ames, being a scientist, knew oral histories and anecdotal information by themselves were not enough to pass peer review and convince decision makers. So he developed a protocol that allowed him to verify the information—site identification, correct substrate, right depth. He also insisted on at least two corroborating IDs of the spawning site, and historical records showing that cod were caught there. He then plotted the sites on the Geographic Information System (GIS). It was the first time the information had ever been plotted on a map.

"My position has always been that fish-



ermen have just an incredible amount of knowledge that has consistently been overlooked," Ames says. "And the scientific community just hasn't looked at fishing the way it is actually practiced. In the past, they haven't involved the people who know it most intimately—the folks who are out there every day fishing. Unfortunately, the two groups rarely spoke to one another. That has been changing."

But thanks in part to Ames's research, that situation is starting to change. His method of combining hard science and oral history is gaining believers from members of the scientific community and policy makers—especially after his work was published in the respected scientific journal *Fisheries*. The recognition by the MacArthur Foundation will only increase serious interest in Ames's approach.

Knowing there were many more spawning grounds for cod doesn't mean a whole lot right now, Ames says, but it could mean very good things for the future.

"Groundfish management has been structured to create a one-size-fits-all approach," he says. "But my study indicates there is great complexity here—a lot of fine scale behavior, which means pitfalls exist for a single-approach management plan."

Ames explains that historically, cod are, in fact, made up of subpopulations that generally stayed within ecological barriers that are porous. In order to restore the cod industry, he says we may need to look at the ecosystem within a subpopulation's area, with an eye toward bringing back species that may have disappeared from the system.

"If we manage these systems ecologically, I think we can have greater productivity," Ames says. "One thing my study detected, for example, was an apparent linkage between codfish and forage fish such as alewives and herring. When alewives disappeared, it seems that nearby spawning grounds for codfish were abandoned. So if we want robust populations of cod and other groundfish in an area, we may need to rebuild those forage stocks."

In other words, he says, fish popula-



**Ted Ames working at the new lobster hatchery in Stonington.**

tions are controlled in large part by predators and prey.

Ames stresses that fishing practices for groundfish also need to change. Once plentiful, groundfish populations have collapsed because of large-scale fishing operations with a "catch 'em all and move on" mentality. For a model of how it can be done right, he suggests looking at the lobster industry.

"What has made the lobster industry in Maine so productive is that local fishermen have taken care of their resource," he says. "Only traps are used to catch lobsters. They don't destroy habitat. We protect oversize, spawning adults, and juvenile lobsters. There are limits on the number of traps fished. All those things are ecologically sound practices. You can do what lobstermen have done with scallops and other species, but you have to generate the concept of stewardship among the fishermen if it is to work."

Ames's expression turns more serious when he talks about the collapse of the groundfish industry in Maine.

"We used to have 1,200 groundfishermen in the state," he says. "Today, we have just 150 permits. And many of the boats that are out there fishing sell their product in Massachusetts—no money is coming back to Maine's economy."

Ames believes that stocks could be re-

built if Maine declared its fisheries depleted and managed the industry out to 20 or 30 miles offshore.

"That would encompass most of the spawning and nursery habitat on our coastal shelf," he explains. "If we managed the resource similar to lobsters you could rebuild productive, diversified fisheries."

That diversity would greatly benefit the economy in fishing communities along the Maine coast. Today, most fishermen can only access lobsters. In Ames's town of Stonington, for instance, there used to be groundfishermen, herring seiners, and more than 160 scallop fishermen. Now there are no seiners, two groundfishermen, and three scallopers.

"That's a collapse!" Ames exclaims. "It's incredible, hard to imagine. Scallop fishing was my primary winter's work for a long time, as it was for many fishermen. Ultimately, it was a shore fishery trashed by a fleet that grew to include 60 to 80-foot draggers. Eventually, most scallopers would come, strip the scallops, and move on to another area. That mentality devastated the resource, and along with it, the idea of a viable local fisheries."

Making the fishing industry sustainable is the key for Ames. And along with his expanded research, he'll be working to bring various groups together to talk about a sustainable, ecologically sound, and economically beneficial management plan for the groundfish industry.

He'll also be involved in a new lobster hatchery just down the street from his house in Stonington. The hatchery is strongly supported by the area lobstermen, who collectively gave \$27,000 toward the facility.

Ames says that no one lobster zone has tried a lobster hatchery before, but that if it were able to produce just 150,000 more lobsters it could mean 500,000 additional dollars coming into the area.

"Lobsters have done all right," he says. "But fishermen have watched what happened to cod, scallops, and other fish and they are looking ahead in an attempt to keep the stocks up. It's a pretty bold experiment."



*Do you remember  
how you felt when  
your parents tucked  
you in at night?*

*Safe, secure,  
and happy...*



Dirigo Pines Retirement Community can take care of your parents, the same way they took care of you. We provide a continuum of care from independent living to assisted living and memory loss. Call us at the Dirigo Inn at 866-3400 or 1-866-344-3400 or visit us on the web at [www.dirigopines.com](http://www.dirigopines.com).



**DirigoPines**  
*A New Vision of Home*

DIRIGO PINES RETIREMENT COMMUNITY  
9 ALUMNI DRIVE • ORONO, MAINE  
[WWW.DIRIGOPINES.COM](http://WWW.DIRIGOPINES.COM) • 1-866-344-3400 OR 866-3400



# Do you **KNOW?**

## Your Alumni Association supports UMaine students in many different ways!

- ◆ Offers employment opportunities through Phonathon, work-study and Birthday Cake programs
- ◆ Leadership/advisor roles for the All Maine Women & Senior Skull Honor Societies, and the Student Alumni Association
- ◆ Participate in the annual Career Fair held each spring for graduating seniors
- ◆ Provide support to classes raising money for their class scholarships, and working with Financial Aid in determining assistance
- ◆ Work with Senior Alumni in support of their scholarships supporting nontraditional students and top scholars
- ◆ Collaborate with the Bookstore to bring graduating seniors the Grad Fair each spring
- ◆ Provide financial support for the Pride of Maine Black Bear Marching Band

*...and much more!*



For more than 130 years, your  
Alumni Association has been  
making a difference for the  
University of Maine community.

## Join us.

Get Connected. ReMAINE Connected.

To join, or to upgrade your membership to  
Lifetime, contact the UMAA Today!

[www.mainealumni.com](http://www.mainealumni.com)  
1.800.934.2586

The University of  
**MAINE**  
**ALUMNI**  
ASSOCIATION