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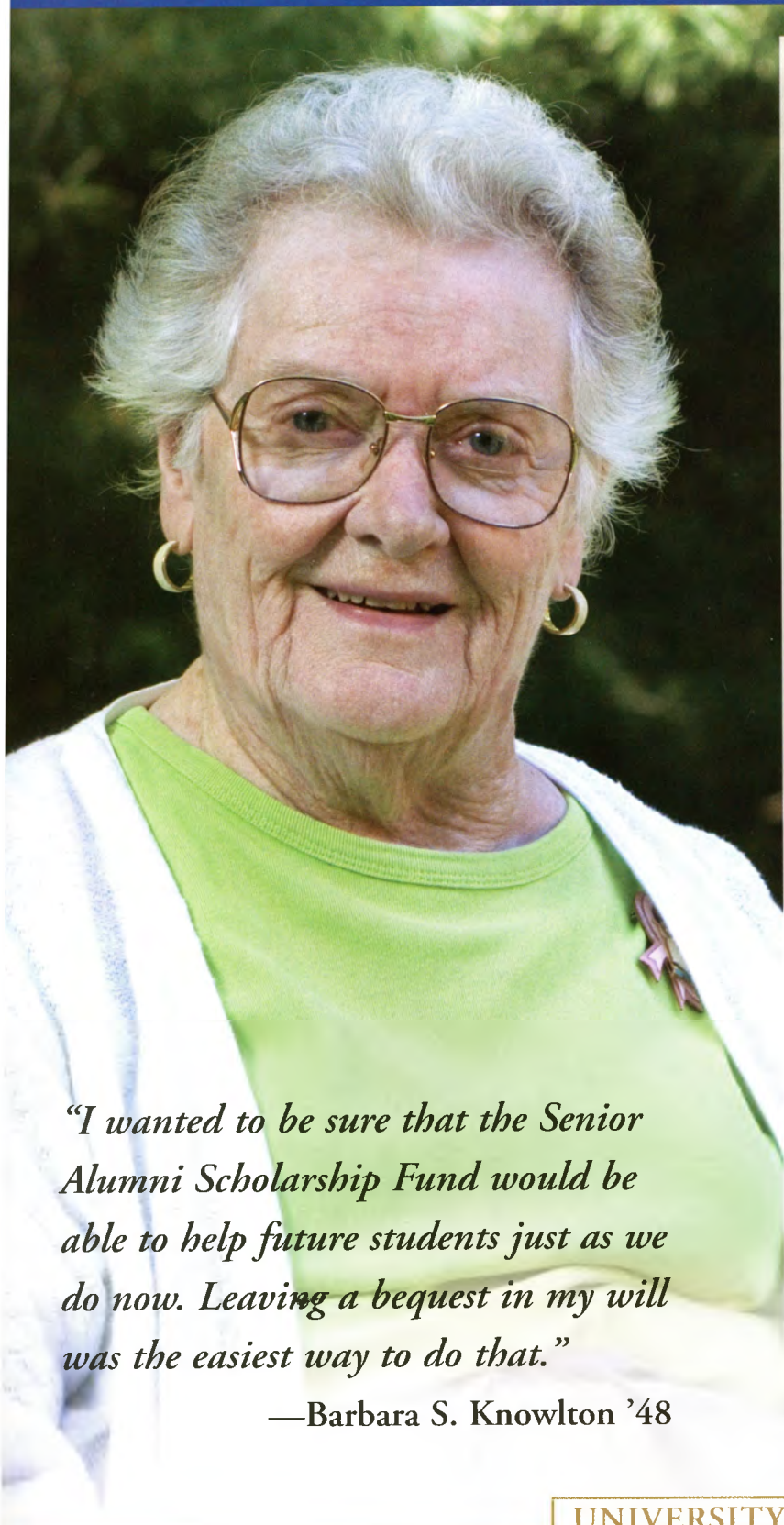
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—Barbara S. Knowlton '48

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Last year, fifty students received Senior Alumni Scholarships, including nontraditional students, distinguished scholars and students with outstanding artistic and musical talent. With tuition and fees costing \$7,464 this year for in-state students, the need for scholarship aid has never been greater.

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New act offers unique giving opportunity in 2006 and 2007

Betsy Leitch '55 and her husband, Bill are like many University of Maine supporters in that they have planned for their retirement by contributing to their Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Distributions from their IRA have been used by the Leitches to support many important programs at the University of Maine, such as the Honors College. Unfortunately, as is the case with many others who make similar gifts with their IRA distributions, the gifts have come at a tax cost to the Leitches.

Thankfully, for at least the next two years, federal legislation has been passed that will permit donors to avoid the tax suffering that can occur from using IRA distributions to make charitable gifts. The Pension Protection Act of 2006, signed into law by President George W. Bush on August 17, will permit individuals to instruct their IRA plan



"Giving to UMaine from your IRA needn't be economically painful," say Betsy and Bill Leitch. "We are so thankful for the Pension Protection Act, and it will surely positively impact our charitable giving for this year and 2007. We love supporting the University of Maine, but it has always been somewhat frustrating to make gifts yet still have to pay taxes on the part that has been gifted. What a difference this legislation will make for us! This information was brought to our attention by the planned giving staff at the University of Maine Foundation, and we sincerely hope that it will lead others to consider making charitable gifts this year and next with their IRA assets."

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The University of Maine Foundation encourages you to bring this law to the attention of your tax advisor and discuss whether it might be of benefit to you. Of course, the planned giving staff at the Foundation is always available to be of assistance.



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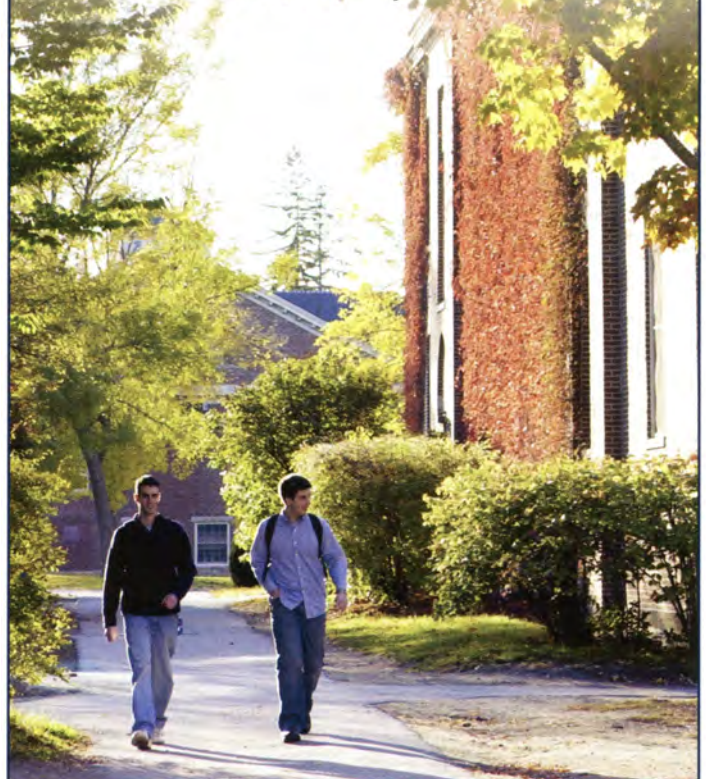
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Alumni and friends establish new high in giving

Alumni and friends gave \$18,358,852 to the University of Maine in fiscal year 2006. With the exception of 2002, when the university received a valuable patent, that total represents the largest one-year private fundraising total in UMaine's history.

The gifts supported everything from scholarships and 4-H programs to the renovation of Lord Hall and the construction of the new Mahaney Dome.

UMaine ranked among the best

The University of Maine is listed by the Princeton Review as one of the best choices in the country for undergraduate education. The Review's publication, *The Best 361 Colleges*, is based on various criteria, including the opinions of each school's students. About 300 students from each school generally complete the survey. It was the third consecutive year the university has made the list.

According to the Review's vice president, Robert Franek, each school is evaluated on institutional data, student surveys, and on-site visits. The opinions of independent counselors and parents are also considered.

A team from the Review visited the campus during the 2004-2005 academic year.

The University of Maine welcomed a record number of first-year students to campus on September 1. The 1,950 members of the Class of 2010 represent a seven percent increase over last year, including an increase in both in-state and out-of-state students.

The university's total enrollment for the fall is 11,528, a one percent increase over last year. Forty-five states and 47 countries are represented in the student population.

Once again new students and their families were warmly greeted by more than 750 university staff, faculty, and student volunteers who offered directions and assisted in moving belongings into dorm rooms.

Later in the day, the students were introduced to UMaine traditions and also treated to an inspiring speech



William Drake Photo

Record Number of First-Year Students Welcomed to Campus

by UMaine alumnus Paul Conway '86, chief of staff for U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao. Conway, who served as student government president and was also a Senior Skull,

encouraged his audience to be active on the campus.

"You learn more at UMaine if you involve yourself inside and outside the classroom," he said.

New provost brings diverse experience to the job

Edna Mora Szymanski, a university administrator with considerable experience as a faculty member and researcher, is the University of Maine's new provost. Szymanski was selected for the position by UMaine president Robert Kennedy.



Szymanski earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She went on to receive a master's from the University of Scranton and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas.

"Edna Szymanski is an outstanding scholar

and a proven leader in higher education," Kennedy said in June. "She brings an impressive record of accomplishment as a faculty member, a researcher, and as an administrator at two of the top land-grant universities."

Kennedy also thanked business professor John Mahon who has served as interim provost since August 2004.

Szymanski comes to UMaine from the University of Maryland where she served as dean of the college of education. She started her academic career in 1989 as a faculty member at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's department of rehabilitation psychology and special education. She later served as an associate dean and department chair at Wisconsin before taking over as dean at Maryland in 1999.

The MCA Turns Twenty

Hard to believe, but the Maine Center for the Arts celebrates its 20th anniversary this fall. It was September 1986 when the great Isaac Stern stepped on the MCA's Hutchins Concert Hall stage and began a two-decade-long parade of world-class performances.

The 2006/2007 MCA season will most certainly live up to its past high standards. The season also has something for just about everyone.

It all got started with a gala opening on September 16 by Academy Award and Tony Award-winning singer/actress Liza Minnelli. She was followed by Ian Anderson, founder and leader of the



Decadancetheatre vs. the Firebird at the MCA on Saturday, November 4.

well-known rock group, Jethro Tull.

Anderson isn't the only rock legend who will appear this season. On October 31, Bo Diddley, a key figure in the transition of blues into rock and roll, will appear with his band and several special guests. And on February 15, the groundbreaking

music of Pink Floyd will be recreated in the "Pink Floyd Experience."

Classical music fans can choose from five top-notch performances including: the Vienna Piano Trio on October 29; Jonathan Biss and Benjamin Hockman on November 5; Turtle Island and the Assad Brothers on February 4; the Miami String Quartet on March 25; and the Calder String Quartet on

May 6. And jazz lovers can welcome master drummer Roy Hayes and his quartet to the MCA on October 20.

There are also three dynamic dance performances, plenty of theater, and several special attractions including Whoopi Goldberg on March 9. For more information and tickets visit: mainecenterforthearts.org.

Friends and Colleagues Plan Tribute to Constance Hunting

At Constance Hunting's 75th birthday party in 2001, Paul Bauschatz, her friend and colleague, delighted guests as he read this cleverly composed tribute:

*Whose poems these are I think I know,
Their rhythms of the village flow...*

Constance Hunting was a well-loved faculty member in the UMaine English department. She was also a poet. And her poems were unmistakably hers. Her voice was unique. Her poems were filled with passion, wit, and life. Her language was elegant and her lyrics as strong as tempered steel.

The poet has left us. Her poetry remains, and for that we are grateful. But Constance contributed far more than poetry to the place and time she so gracefully inhabited. She influenced the lives of countless students whom she taught,



Constance Hunting

mentored, and encouraged at the university. In addition, her Puckerbrush Press and *Puckerbrush Review* published works by writers of both poetry and prose. With her enterprise she introduced new voices which have enriched our lives.

Now it's time to honor the woman who gave so much to us.

Connie's many friends, colleagues, readers, and former students are currently working with her son and daughter (Sam Hunting and Miranda Goulden) to have the reading room in the soon-to-be-built Orono Public Library named the Constance Hunting Reading Room. Naming the room will require a \$25,000 fundraising effort.

Connie was a strong supporter of the Orono Public Library; it was the heart of her beloved village. She borrowed books and had poetry readings there. And she firmly believed that a good public library was vital for every community.

Anyone interested in making the Constance Hunting Reading Room a reality is encouraged to call Nancy MacKnight (207-866-2883), Mary Lou Colbath (207-866-2878), or Barbara Graske Wicks '72G (207-866-4092).

By Nancy MacKnight

Track and field coach Jim Ballinger retires



After 33 years and 66 seasons as UMaine's head track and field coach, Jim Ballinger '66, '69G has decided to retire. He turned the reins over to his assistant for the past eight years, Mark Lech.

"The time is right," Ballinger said. "I've been here a long time and we have the opportunity to continue the program in the right direction with the right person already in place."

Ballinger has agreed to serve as a part-time assistant.

UMaine college told to diversify

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) has informed the UMaine College of Education and Human Development that it needs to get more diversity in its faculty and student body.

The council did continue the college's accreditation.

"It's nothing that we can't address," Dean Robert Cobb told a meeting of the State Board of Education. He noted that the college has already taken steps to comply with some of the recommendations.

NCATE representatives will make a return visit to the University of Maine campus again in 2008 to evaluate the college's progress.

It was an unusual gift, but one that was greatly appreciated by the Fogler Library's Special Collections.

Last spring, Hannah Robbins Whalen '92, a UMaine development officer, arranged to match her father's bookbinding skills with the needs of Special Collections to repair its very old books.

Whalen's father, Jonathan Robbins '93G, is a retired high school teacher from Whitefield. His avocation is collecting, repairing, and rebinding rare old books. Special Collections has many volumes that date back to the 16th and 17th centuries that are damaged, with broken bindings and torn pages. Among the books he repaired was a three-cen-



Admiring the book restoration work of Jonathan Robbins (right) are Fogler Library's Richard Hollinger and Joyce Rumery.

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turies-old French Psalter, a book of psalms with oversized musical notes and Latin lyrics used by church choirs. Robbins said the book is now good for another century.

"It was really a godsend for

us because we just don't have the money for book restoration," said Richard Hollinger, head of Special Collections.

Robbins earned a master's degree in liberal studies from UMaine in 1993.



Hutchinson Center Given to UMaine

When Bank of America acquired MBNA in 2006, there was some concern about what would happen at the University of Maine's highly successful Hutchinson Center in Belfast. The building was built and owned by MBNA in 1999 and has been leased to UMaine for \$1 a year.

Concern about the center's future disappeared when Bank of America announced it would donate the facility to the university when the lease expired this past June.

The Hutchinson Center has grown steadily in the past five years and now serves more than 1,000 mostly nontraditional students.

Graduate student among "PopSci's Brilliant 10"

Kelly Dorgan, a UMaine Ph.D. student in oceanography, was selected by *Popular Science* magazine to be in its fifth annual feature story, "PopSci's Brilliant 10." The article focuses on 10 young researchers who are emerging as leaders in their prospective fields.

Noting both the creativity and reach of her work, the magazine selected Dorgan from hundreds of candidates nominated by university department heads, editors of scientific journals, and others.

Dorgan's research examines marine worms and the biomechanics of their movement through bottom sediments.

Business School ranked by U.S. *News and World Report*

U.S. News and World Report has ranked the Maine Business School 150th on its list of the best undergraduate business programs in the country. It's the first time the school has cracked the top 150 list—a significant accomplishment considering there are more than 400 accredited business schools and well over 1,000 business programs in total.

"This is important recognition for us and the University of Maine," said college of business, public policy and health dean, Daniel Innis. "We are ranked at the same level as other outstanding business schools. It verifies what our graduates have been telling us: Maine Business School graduates are competitive nationally and globally."

Graduate school enrolls first class

UMaine's new Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) welcomed its first 12 talented students in September. The GSBS is a collaborative effort between the university and six of Maine's major research institutions and schools.

The program offers a doctoral degree in biomedical sciences with concentrations in molecular and cellular biology, neuroscience, and biomedical engineering. An interdisciplinary Ph.D. is also available in functional genomics.

A "Transformational Leader"

Engineering professor,
Habib Dagher, receives
the 2006 President
Abram W. Harris Award

Several years ago, A. W. "Pete" Harris '50 decided he would like to honor his grandfather, former UMaine president Abram W. Harris. Working with the University of Maine Foundation, he settled on an award in his grandfather's name with a \$5,000 prize that would go to an individual or individuals whose work and actions reflected his grandfather's leadership, "leaving the institution stronger and better fitted to do its work."



Abram W. Harris Award recipient, Habib Dagher

The first recipients of the award were the UMaine faculty members who became known as the "Faculty Five." That group undertook a grass-roots campaign in 1995 to travel across Maine, very effectively spreading the word about the need for greater state investment in university research. Their efforts helped create the Maine Economic Improvement Fund.

The 2006 recipient of the Abram W. Harris Award, engineering professor Habib Dagher, was a natural choice to follow the Faculty Five. In fact, for the past decade, he has provided a strong, visible, and very effective follow-up to that group's efforts to promote research and development at the University of Maine. He's been the driving force behind the creation of the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center (AEWC)—one of the university's most visible and successful research units. But his efforts go far beyond that. He's also been a dynamic and ardent champion of R&D as a pathway for Maine's economic development. In his nomination letter, he was aptly referred to as a "transformational leader."

"Habib has been the perfect role model for the successful use of Maine's expanding research and development investment," says UMaine professor George Jacobson, one of the leaders of the Faculty Five. "Anyone who has ever interacted with Habib, knows that he's an exceptional leader. In a relatively short time, he's developed a major research laboratory—a laboratory that is widely recognized for scientific innovation and its many practical applications."

The AEWC has not only brought world attention to the university, it has served as a living laboratory for hundreds of UMaine graduate and undergraduate students. And most importantly, it's provided highly visible proof of the benefits of the university's research to the economy of Maine.

The Harris Award is just the latest among a number of prestigious awards that Dagher has received. In 1995, he was selected as the Distinguished Maine Professor. That same year he was named the Carnegie Foundation Maine Professor of the Year.

Giving Kids Friendship and Support

A growing number of University of Maine students and alumni are helping kids reach their potential by volunteering to be Big Brothers and Big Sisters in Penobscot County.

Since Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Eastern Maine opened an office three years ago in Bangor, the staff has noticed a trend that's had a very positive influence on the agency. Fully one-quarter of the BBBS volunteers are University of Maine students or alumni. And the number continues to grow.

The goal of Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies across the country is simple but profound: To help kids ages seven to 14 in need of additional support and friendship—support which can help them achieve their highest potential and grow into confident and caring individuals. BBBS volunteers range from high-school age to senior citizens.

"'Bigs' often come into the program aware that 'Littles' have few goals and aspirations because of negative life experiences," explains Stacey Coventry, a VISTA/mentoring coordinator. "Developing a relationship and bond with Big Brothers or Big Sisters who are working to fulfill their dreams by going to college can inspire kids, give them hope, and open their minds



University of Maine senior Jonathan Smith shares a laugh with his "little brother" Alex. Jonathan took time off from school to work with troubled teens. "That experience made me realize that often what was missing in these kids' lives was a positive role model," he says. "That's what motivated me to become a Big Brother."

to new possibilities. Our UMaine volunteers see part of their 'Big' role as encouraging their 'Littles' dreams and motivating them to see college in their future."

Indeed, a national survey showed that kids in BBBS programs did better in school, were less likely to use drugs and more likely to get along with family and peers.

According to Coventry, sometimes parents who enroll their child in BBBS request a "Big" who can encourage greater school potential—even a desire to attend college. These parents realize that a college student who becomes a friend and mentor can have that kind of influence—an influence they may not be able to have as a parent.

Denise Alley, a third year psychology major at UMaine, tries to have that kind of influence on 13-year-old Bethany. Denise and Bethany have been matched now for

more than a year.

"What I love about being a 'Big' is knowing that my 'little sister' looks up to me and looks to me for guidance," Denise says. "I like the fact that I can influence her to make good choices and to do well in school."

Denise gave Bethany a tour of the UMaine campus, letting her see first-hand what higher education is all about.

Planting the idea of college in kids is also on Brian Osborne's mind in serving as a Big Brother. Brian, who graduated with a finance degree last spring, has been matched with his "little brother" Joey for several months.

"At some point I want to take Joey to campus, see a college game, and maybe hang out at the Union to connect him to the idea of college," Brian says. "I grew up

with a single Mom, and although we didn't have much, she always motivated me to go to college. I realize that all kids aren't as fortunate as I was to have a Mom like that, so I became a Big Brother to, hopefully, make a difference in some boy's life."

Brian notes that being a Big Brother or Big Sister really isn't that big of a time commitment and it's rewarding and a lot of fun.

"It was a no-brainer," he says.

The folks at Eastern Maine BBBS were especially grateful to Brian because the agency continuously struggles to find new Big Brothers. Over 85 percent of the 50 kids currently on the agency's waiting list in Penobscot County are boys.

Bethany Walls is also a finance major, now in her third year at UMaine. She was just recently matched up with her "little sister" Nicole.

"I'm so excited to share with her my desire to learn, in the classrooms and in the



Above: Third-year student Bethany Walls with "little sister" Nicole.

community," Bethany says. "I want Nicole to know that she can come to me with any dreams and I will take them very seriously. I also hope that I can nurture her aspirations, now and for the future."

Bethany had thought about volunteer-

ing at BBBS for several years, before actually making the commitment.

"Until recently, it just didn't seem like I had the time to do it," she says. "Finally, I made time and contacted the agency. It is a time commitment, but it's also personalized. The 'Bigs' and 'Littles' can arrange their meeting schedules and set up times that work for both of their lives."

According to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Maine director, Pat Saunders, matches for UMaine students, and all volunteers for that matter, are arranged very carefully—with the staff striving to meet each child's needs. Those matches are then supported by rigorous standards and trained professionals.

Last year, over 500 kids in Eastern Maine were matched with Big Brothers or Big Sisters. And UMaine students and alumni were a big part of that success. But more "Bigs" are needed. For information on volunteering call 1-800-492-5550.

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Greek Life

Phi Eta Kappa Celebrates 100 Years

Some 130 UMaine Phi Eta Kappa (PEK) alumni from 45 states and several countries converged on Orono in late August to celebrate their fraternity's 100th anniversary. They were joined by 60 spouses and about 15 PEK brothers who are now undergraduates at the university.

Included in the group were doctors, lawyers, businessmen, teachers, and coaches—including three college head coaches.

The celebration got off to a fun start on Friday, August 18th, with a golf scramble at Hermon Meadows Golf Club. Then it was back to the University Inn (base camp for the weekend) for (what else?) a Pat's Pizza party.

Saturday morning, the group held their 100th anniversary meeting at Minsky Recital Hall, followed by a barbecue hosted by the University Inn. Then Saturday night, attendees put on their best clothes for a gala dinner at the Buchanan Alumni House. On Sunday, there was a good-bye brunch at the Phi Eta Kappa house.

One highlight of the weekend was the awarding of a lifetime alumni award to Mark Hunter '73 of Veazie. The award was presented in recognition of Mark's outstanding service to the fraternity.

"By all accounts the weekend was a huge success," said Terry Grindle '77. "We've received a lot of responses from brothers who have told us they had a fantastic time."

Grindle also noted that the alumni were impressed with the student fraternity brothers they met and with the condition of the house. That house is newly renovated and PEK is now substance-free, adult supervised, and has a minimum GPA requirement.



Above, left to right: Peter Duncan '65, '65G (former UMaine Pulp and Paper Foundation president); UMaine president, Bob Kennedy; Baron Hicken '63 (chief organizer for the PEK 100th anniversary); Bob Mahlman '62, '66G; and Chubb Michaud '63, '64G.



Left: Remembering old times at PEK are Mike O'Day '76, (right) director of athletics in South Burlington, Vermont, and Jack Leggitt '76G, head baseball coach at Clemson University. Jack has led his Clemson teams to several College World Series appearances.

Right: Dr. Jeffrey Ray '75, medical director at Sacopee Valley Health Center, enjoying the gala dinner at Buchanan Alumni House with Bob Whalen '79, '86G, (right) head baseball coach at Dartmouth.



Below: 1960s alumni enjoying a barbecue at the University Inn are (left to right): Eldon Morrison '64, Horace Horton '65, Guy Whitten '63, Larry Rouleau '63, Baron Hicken '63, Bob Mahlman '62, '66G, and Chubb Michaud '63, '64G.



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John '68 and Lynda Martin Rohman '81 hosting an alumni reception at their Bangor home.

John Rohman '68 takes over as UMAA board chair

John Rohman '68, president and CEO of WBRC Architects/Engineers, is the new chair of the alumni association's board of directors. John replaces Bion Foster '68, '70G, who headed the board for two terms. Bion will remain on the board in the position of immediate past chair.

While earning his engineering degree from UMaine, John was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. In 2001 he was inducted into the College of Engineering's Francis Crowe Society and in 2003 he received a Stillwater Presidential Award. John also earned a degree in business from Husson College in 1977.

In addition to serving his alma mater, John is very active in community work. He is a former city council member and mayor of Bangor, a former executive director of the National Folk Festival, and currently chairs the Maine Arts Commission.

His firm, WBRC, designed the beautiful Buchanan Alumni House. John was instrumental in the interior design of the building.

He lives in Bangor with his wife Lynda Martin Rohman '81.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 24, 2006

20th Annual New Jersey Alumni Chapter Lobster Maine-ia Valley Road Picnic Area, Mercer County's Valley Road Park Hopewell Township, New Jersey—12 Noon
For more information please contact Margaret Wilde Jiuliano '67 at (908) 725-1669

Saturday, September 30, 2006

Pregame rally and reception for UMaine vs. Boston College football
Boston College campus

Friday, October 6, 2006

Portland Alumnae 80th Anniversary Celebration
Piper Shores, Scarborough

Wednesday, October 11, 2006

Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine Annual Meeting and Dinner
Holiday Inn West, Portland

October 20-22, 2006

Homecoming weekend at the University of Maine
• UMaine football vs Hofstra—Saturday, October 21 at 2 p.m.
• Maine's largest craft show
• Reunions for Classes of '71, '76, and '81 and affinity groups

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Portland Alumnae Luncheon
Captain Newick's, South Portland

Sunday, December 10, 2006

Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine
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Merrill Hall, Portland

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Staff Changes at UMAA

There are some familiar faces in new positions at the alumni association as the academic year gets underway at UMaine. Following the departure of former annual fund director Danny Williams '91, '94G, Shannon Coiley '93 has moved up to head the annual fund as well as the association's membership program. Shannon was formerly the director of the fund's student phonathon program.

Valerie Mitchell, who formerly worked in events planning, is now the reunion giving coordinator, and Chris Corro was promoted to the position of events coordinator. In that job she will work closely with Paula Sheehan Paradis '71, director of alumni programs, in planning and implementing both alumni and university events.

There is also a new face at the association this fall. Jim Mingo '78, '94G is the new UMAA business manager. He replaces Todd Saucier '93, '97G who was appointed association president last spring.

Jim is a certified public accountant who most recently worked as vice president of finance at the James W. Sewall Company. He's a volunteer with the Boy Scouts and lives in Holden with his wife, Cathy.

Last call for alumni award nominations

The alumni association is currently accepting nominations for the following alumni awards:

- Block "M" Award
- Black Bear Award
- Class Correspondent Award
- Pine Tree Emblem Service Award
- Fogler Legacy Award
- Lown Humanitarian Award
- Alumni Career Award
- Spirit of Maine Award

Award descriptions are available at the UMAA website: mainealumni.com. Nominations can be made directly at the web site or by contacting: Diana Richardson '93, One Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04469. The deadline for nominations is November 30.



Retiring Board Members

Receiving engraved pewter plates in recognition of their valuable service on the alumni association board of directors at the June annual meeting were (left to right): Perry Hunter '52, Alton "Al" Hopkins '50, Candace A. Guerette '83, '86G, and Rachel Bouchard '91. Not in attendance at the meeting, but also retiring from the board were: Dwight Blease '83, Stephanie Barry Brown '65, Catherine Cleale '86, Dione Williams Hutchinson '54 '71G, Jim Leger '00, and Dianne McLaughlin Tilton '81.



Senior Alumni Leaders

Senior Alumni officers and executive committee members attending the Senior Alumni luncheon during Reunion 2006 in June were, front row (left to right): Jayne Hanson Bartley '49, Bill Currie '52, Dana Devoe '56, and Woody Carville '53. Back row (left to right): Jean McIntire White '52, Hank Woodbrey '53, Jean Grindle Carville '54, Don Stimpson '55, and Thelma Crossland Robie '49.

Class Notes

Senior Alumni

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A lot of activities have taken place since our last column.

At the Senior Alumni council meeting during reunion weekend **Dick Sprague '50**, chair of the fund raising and allocation committee, reported that their efforts were in the final stages to meet or exceed our scholarship goal to raise \$82,620 that the council approved last year.

For the 2006-2007 academic year, council approved financial support in the amount recommended. The total amount recommended by the committee was \$86,500 or \$3,880 more than last year. This supports approximately 38 Don Taverner Nontraditional Scholarship Award recipients. The exact number depends on whether some students are part-time. Additionally, awards were granted to: four distinguished students in the visual and performing arts; four distinguished scholarship recipients; and to four students who were top scholars. Congratulations to these outstanding students. We need to get behind this effort to support these worthy and talented students.

The Senior Alumni video has been upgraded and was shown to the council members. It was also shown to attendees at the Senior Alumni luncheon. The video, which is on a DVD, will be ready for distribution this fall.

At the council meeting president **Jayne Hanson Bartley '49** called on the nominating committee to report on their recommendations to assume the leadership roles for the coming year. Committee members are: **Hank K. Woodbrey '53**, **Jean McIntire White '52**, and **Woody Carville '53**. The council approved their recommendations as follows:

William D. Currie '52, currently first vice president and scholarship committee cochair, will move up to the presidency for the coming year. Serving with Bill are: Henry K. Woodbrey as 1st vice president; Jean McIntire White as 2nd vice president; Jayne Hanson Bartley as

secretary; **Don D. Stimpson '55** as treasurer, and **Preston B. Rand '43** continues as auditor. Jayne Bartley, outgoing president, will also assume the role of correspondent of the Senior Alumni news column starting with the winter issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*.

The annual Senior Alumni reunion luncheon continues to be successful and well attended. It was held in Memorial Union's Market Place since Wells Common is currently closed due to renovations. There were over 200 attendees present as president Bartley welcomed **Bill Johnson '56**, president; and the Class of 1956 into the Senior Alumni ranks. **Todd Saucier '93**, '97G, newly appointed alumni president, and **Bob Kennedy**, UMaine president, also addressed the group. **Gianna Felix Marrs '88G**, associate director of the office of student aid, spoke to the group briefly and introduced two of this year's scholarship recipients. The first speaker was **Jeremy Milton**, a distinguished student in the visual and performing arts and a music major from Howland. The second speaker to address the luncheon group was **Serena Bemis-Goodall**, a nontraditional recipient who is majoring in public administration and comes from Greenbush.

The new officers for the coming year were introduced at the luncheon. **Dana C. Devoe '56** was also introduced as the Class of 1956 representative to the Senior Alumni council.

Outgoing council members whose terms have expired are: **Ruth Fogler Goff '48** and **Robert H. Patten '47**. Appreciation gifts were presented, each with a warm applause of appreciation. **Alice Smith '41** was also presented an appreciation gift in absentia for her long support of the Senior Alumni activities. **Kari Wells '04G** presented our gift to Alice at her home. Jayne Bartley, retiring president, was presented a gift in appreciation for her leadership role the last two years.

Two other events took place this past spring. Thanks to our "Golden Girls"—**Jean Grindle Carville '54**, **Ruth Fogler Goff**, **Thelma Crossland Robie '49**, and **Jayne Hanson Bartley**. Our thanks and appreciation to **Nancy Verrill** of the alumni staff for her great assistance.

On May 3rd about 37 Senior Alums met for lunch at Montes in downtown Bangor. Their guest speaker was **Scott Levey**, artistic director for the Penobscot Theater. Following lunch the group attended the theater to see the performance of *Almost, Maine*.

The second event this past spring was the annual Senior Alumni Scholarship Award reception held at the Buchanan Alumni House for the students receiving scholarship awards. **Todd D. Saucier '93**, '97G, then acting alumni president; **Dr. Mary Rumpho-Kennedy**, first lady of the university; and **Jayne Hanson Bartley**, Senior Alumni president, addressed the group.

Gianna F. Marrs '88G, associate director of student aid, addressed the group and introduced two of this year's award recipients. The first recipient introduced was **Sandra Klausmeyer**, one of this year's top scholars. Sandra is from Steuben, Maine, and will be majoring in anthropology. The second student to address the group was **Nelson P. Jewell**, representing this year's nontraditional Taverner scholars. **Nelson** hails from Levant, Maine, and will be majoring in journalism.

Now for news about our senior alumni members.

We are very pleased to learn that several Senior Alums were given recognition for their loyal support to the alumni association and to the university. Block "M" Awards were presented at the Sunday awards breakfast to **Dick Sprague** of our Senior Alumni council and chair of our fund raising and allocation committee and to **Ralph Higgins '39** for his commitment to the university through chapter events. A 2006 Block "M" Award was also presented to **Dick "Doc" and Betty Brockway Nevers**, both of the Class of 1956 for their outstanding leadership and participation in local alumni events, class activities, and programs sponsored by the association. This year the **Hilda Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award** was presented to **Frances Pratt Caswell '51** in recognition of exemplary service to the class as class correspondent. The Alumni Career Award is the most prestigious recognition given by the University of Maine Alumni Association. It is presented annually to a University of Maine graduate whose life's work is marked by outstanding

achievement and dedication. The award this year was presented posthumously to educator and scholar, **Cynthia Nelson '55**, who passed away in February of this year.

There was a great article in the February 18th edition of the *Portland Press Herald* titled "Pillars of Yarmouth" which featured **Frank A. Knight '30**. Frank was honored for his many known civic contributions to the town including helping to build the 74-year old log cabin. "In a town filled with stately homes built by sea captains, the rustic log cabin on Main Street stands out like a man in a coonskin cap at a black-tie dinner." At a special ceremony at the log cabin, town manager **Nat Tupper '79**, '83G presented the longtime Yarmouth resident with a proclamation honoring him for his contributions to the community, including helping to build the cabin some 74 years ago. **Knight, 97**, also received a check for \$1,475 from the Ward Cedar Log Homes of Houlton, which he donated to North Yarmouth Academy—congratulations, Frank!

In the northern part of the state, the Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce honored another alumnus at its 2006 annual recognition dinner. **Audrey Bishop Thibodeau '37** was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Presenter **Dick Graves** told the audience that while Audrey has touched many lives, "most of her deeds of philanthropy are hidden, unknown, secret, only because she wants it that way, giving silently for nothing in return, without want of recognition."

Audrey taught at several local schools, worked with the community recreation department, founded the A.R. Gould Hospital Auxiliary, developed the dyslexia training for Aroostook County teachers in the 1960s, owned L.S. Hall in Caribou for 17 years, served on the University of Maine at Presque Isle's board of visitors for 20 years, brought the National/International Pony Club to the region, and is a member of the Presque Isle Historical Society. She also raised four children who, like their parents, have found success in life. Congratulations, Audrey.

There was another wonderful article in the *Bangor Daily News* published last March 25th on **Frank '33** and **Arlene Wardwell Lawler '67**

of Eastport who celebrated their 75th anniversary at the Eastport Memorial Nursing Home. The article reviewed their years of pursuing their careers in the field of education. Frank was born and raised in Eastport. He graduated from Shead Memorial High School. He attended Washington Normal School in Machias and took his first job as a teacher in Milbridge. He later attended and graduated from Gorham Normal School and was hired in Conway, New Hampshire.

It was there he met Arlene. He was the principal and she was a teacher. Arlene was born in Middleborough, Massachusetts. Later, Frank decided to return to school and was accepted at the university in the education program where he received his degree in 1933. Arlene continued to teach in New Hampshire so you can imagine the traveling back and forth each weekend. Frank eventually received his master's and then a doctorate in education and became a superintendent at several locations in Maine. It's a great story—yes, even a love story.

The sad part of the story is that Frank passed away on April 15th, just 21 days after the article in the *Bangor Daily News* was published. Frank was 100 years old. Arlene is 98. Our very best to you, Arlene.

Editor's note: Lastly, this is my last column as correspondent since I have assumed the president's role. Jayne Hanson Bartley, our new secretary, will take over with the next issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. Please send information to her at: 34 Orchard Street, Millinocket, Maine 04462.

I will continue to provide material from time to time. It's been a wonderful experience. Thank you for your inputs to the column.

Bill Currie '52



Ralph Higgins '39 received a Block "M" Award at Reunion 2006 for his outstanding support of alumni events and his work for the New Jersey Alumni Chapter.

expecting her first great-grandchild. Her address is: 125 56th Avenue South Apartment #312, St. Petersburg, Florida 44705.

Our class valedictorian, **Ruth Harding Brookes**, recently was honored for 30 years of volunteering at Miles Health Care in Damariscotta. She received a nice write-up in the *Lincoln County News*.

I have received several bits of news and comments from alumni of other classes. At least some people are reading my column. While such information is greatly appreciated, it does not provide material for my column as I am obliged to turn it over to the respective correspondents. Now, if all you '35ers would just do likewise we would have interesting columns in the future. I recently visited my relatives in North Carolina. How about telling me where and whom you have been visiting?

says that she is doing well. She plays lots of bridge at this home. Her other activities are watching TV and reading. Alfreda is sorry that she missed the recent 2006 Reunion at Orono. I am sorry that I also had to miss it. The alumni office has informed me that **Gerry Beverage** is the only '36er who attended.

The alumni office sent me a copy of a letter from Norman Powell '50 concerning the life and career of his older brother **Raymond Powell** of the Class of 1936. Raymond majored in dairy technology while at Orono. Upon graduation he got some experience working in various creameries. Then he became a state of Maine milk inspector. When he retired he and his wife spent winters in Florida. Raymond took lessons in real estate selling and got his license. Real estate was in such a slump at the time that the only job he could get was going from door to door asking if they wanted to sell. In the fall of 1998 he was diagnosed with brain cancer, and he died the following April.

I suddenly found myself in Mechanicsville, a suburb of Richmond, Virginia. My daughter, Elen Kentnor, thought I should visit my son John right after the unexpected death of my sister-in-law, Judy Carroll. Judy fell down on the concrete sidewalk, and for two days she seemed to be recovering nicely. On the third day she showed bad reactions from brain damage and cracked vertebrae. Within 10 days she died, just six months after the death of my wife, Lee. Judy had been a great help to me in the final days of my wife. When I got to Virginia, I got a pleasant surprise. I found that I was breathing through my nose, and my entire respiratory system was greatly improved. After four good years on the deserts of Arizona it seems that the dust has finally caught up with me, and I can never again go back there for any extended visits.

passing and of the beautiful remembrance and celebration held in her honor. The program was illustrated with beautiful family pictures and included readings by her grandchildren along with a beautiful affirmation of faith. Lucille is survived by her husband, George Grange '37, three children and spouses, 12 grandchildren with eight spouses, and six great-grandchildren, as well as her brother, Warren Bell. A kind, compassionate person, Lucille will be remembered as an exuberant cheerleader during her entire four years at Maine.

Ralph Higgins received the Block "M" Award at Reunion, and well deserved it was. He became an indispensable member of his local alumni chapter soon after retiring from an engineering career—even planning events, helping with fund drives, using his organizational skills and showing a willingness to do whatever was needed. He helped establish the chapter's scholarship fund and as a dedicated ambassador for the university, he contributed generously and saw the fund drive to its completion.

Although living out of state for more than 50 years, he has kept his Maine accent and his enthusiasm for the Lobster Maine-ia event. Ralph, your classmates both of '39 and '41 are very, very proud of you for receiving this well earned honor. Bravo!

Harry Halliday has written about helping to raise \$80,000 for the new steeple needed to top the Yarmouthport First Congregational Church. For his efforts, he was named Church Member of the Year, receiving a plaque for the new steeple and the Miracle Fund which is used to maintain the 1870 church building. The article included a group picture of Harry, the pastor, officers, and proud parishioners. "Almost single-handedly, he raised the money (not pledges) in three months."

A long letter from **Carl Toothaker** was a pleasant surprise. Carl wants to see more men contributors. He mentions the good old days when many good friends joined the scene at the University of Maine group meetings in Lincolnville each August, some also visiting his summer place at Pemaquid several times. Among those names mentioned were: **Spike Leonard**, Beth and Bob Fuller '38, Pete Weston '36, Hope Wing Weston '37, Don Huff '36, **Lynn Parkman Huff**, **Tib Parkman**, **Barbara Corbett Barker**, **Bill Hilton**, Margaret Maxwell Atwood '40, **Russ Gamage**, and

1935

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Dear classmates,

A real nice letter from **Bobbi Lewis Kimball** reported that she is still doing volunteer work and making cards that she gives to her friends. The ones she sent me are beautiful. She still does her own washing and cleaning and was

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Alfreda Tanner Black is now living in Sunset Home in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Alfreda says that she has a few health problems, but everyone

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Polly Jellison Weatherbee '40, widow of **Art Weatherbee**, let me know of **Lucille Bell Grange's**

others. During the last 10 years, Carl has shouldered a heavy responsibility in caring for his wife, Kay's, serious problems resulting from childhood polio. I was amazed that he remembered seeing me at G. Fox in Hartford back in the days when I was a member of their training squad. Carl, do write again soon. It was a treat to receive your letter.

A clipping included news about another class member, **Afton Farin**, who recently held a 90th birthday party. He would not discuss his being at Omaha Beach during the invasion of Normandy. Rather, he talked about his love of his hometown, South Bristol, and of his return home to a career in fishing. He looks quite chipper in his picture. May you have many more good years, Afton.

A phone call from **Ellie Crockett Hutchinson** brought news of her oldest granddaughter having received a master's degree from the Parsons School of Design as well as working in London and having her own decorating business in New York City. Her youngest granddaughter has just received her B.S. in psychology from the University of Southern Maine. Ellie also spoke of hosting a spectacular Easter brunch at the Falmouth Country Club, complete with place cards and individual gifts. Sounds like a lovely event.

A long letter from **Charlotte King Pierce** speaks of keeping very busy each day, since she is continuing to live alone in a retirement community. She chairs several committees as well as plays advanced bridge on a regular basis. Sounds as though she is keeping mentally active as well as doing her share of worthwhile activities, benefiting her entire community.

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Hello from Augusta. I am not sure when you will be reading this, but today is a beautiful day with lots of sunshine after what seemed to be days and days of rain. Our gardens are growing! I have an email that I want to share with you.

Margaret Steinmetz Mosher wrote recently saying that the Round Robin letter, started by **Jane Holmes Kinsley** after our 45th Reunion,

still continues after all of these years. Some are no longer with us and others have been added. Presently they are: **Peg Peaslee Danforth**, Manchester, New Hampshire; **Norma Sylvester Heanssler**, Deer Isle, Maine; **Emily Blake McMonagle**, South Portland, Maine; **Ruth Worcester Johnson**, Buxton, Maine; **Ruth McClelland Jewell**, Sun City, Arizona; **Maxine Robertson Furbush**, Clive, Iowa; **Marjorie Coffee Latus**, Simsbury, Connecticut; and Margaret.

In her email, Margaret wrote, "The letters get around two or three times a year with news of our lives, snapshots, and maybe a humorous item gleaned from print material—Marjorie Coffee Latus has just moved from New Hartford, New York, to Simsbury, Connecticut. Several daughters are living in that area. Marjorie and her husband raised a large family, all of whom became college graduates, some with advanced degrees. Now Marjorie has all of her grands and great-grands in higher education, truly an important statement for belief in higher education.

"Ruth Worcester Johnson tells me that their grandson will be marrying in June and that the ceremony and reception will be at Ruth and Paul's farm with its spreading meadows and picturesque pond. Lovely!

"My younger daughter Harriet is executive director of Five Rivers Arts Alliance, a nonprofit arts organization promoting and offering many arts-related activities in the Brunswick, Bath, Phippsburg, Bowdoinham, and Harpswell region. She and I will be in Seattle in June to visit families of my deceased sister, Harriet, University of Maine Class of 1946."

Bits and pieces—

Bill Treat and Vivian returned from Naples, Florida, in May and are glad to be back in New England. Bill mentioned that it would be great if many of our classmates would come to our 67th Reunion next June. Let's go for it!

Barbara Welch Wilson, who lives in Waterville, takes advantage of many activities at Colby College. One of her many interests is a library study group sponsored by the AAUW. **Lucille Maddocks Sprague** has a new address. She is now at the Phillips-Strickland House, Room 124, on Boyd Street in Bangor.

Polly Jellison Weatherbee planned her annual trip to Maine this summer.

Alice Ann Donovan Poepelmeier will be writing our next

column. Please let her know news of you or any of our classmates. Her address is: 41 Rollins Lane, Kennebunk, Maine 04043-6687 and her email is: alicann@adelphia.net.

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A Maine Hello to all '41ers! Our 65th Reunion is an event of the past and we missed all of you who were not in attendance so I shall highlight activities for your information. Registration/hospitality center was at the Buchanan Alumni House; tours were available. Connie and I located, in the Buchanan House basement, the Class of 1941 Room, which is used by the Student Government Association. We have made arrangements to have our freshman and senior pictures framed and hung in or near our room. If anyone has and would donate such a picture, please let Connie know at: **Constance Philbrook Leger**, 881 North Road, Shelburne, New Hampshire 03581.

Senior Alumni luncheon and business meeting started things rolling about noon on Friday. There were bus trips or walking tours of campus; we opted for a bus tour but they overbooked so we had a private van trip. A wine and cheese party with jazz music took place at Lord Hall Visual Arts Building. You would not recognize the interior of Lord Hall now (remember it was a science building). The University of Maine's department of art was founded 60 years ago and because of its great success it outgrew Carnegie Hall (which we knew as the library). Lord Hall is the art department's new home—such a remarkable renovation! All banquets were held in the Maine Marketplace in Memorial Union. This was a first because the area had been enlarged and thus could accommodate a large number, and Wells Conference Center, our usual venue, is being renovated.

Bright and early Saturday morning there was breakfast with the deans (one needs a lesson to decide what college you belong to now). We missed the athletic facilities tour because of torrential rains, but did see the new UMaine prac-

tice dome from the outside. Our class luncheon and business meeting was held at the Page Farm and Home Museum. The agenda began with a period of silence to honor our departed classmates as each of us received a memorial list 2001-2006. There was an even dozen present: **Wilson Alford**, **Laurence Cooper**, **Constance Philbrook Leger**, **Martha Hutchins Schelling**, **Alice Smith Smith**, **Charles Smith**, **Barbara Barrett St. Lawrence**, **Charlene Perkins Strang**, **Paul Townsend**, **Barbara Orff Utterback-Emery**, **Donald Weston**, and **Agnes Ann Walsh**. The vote was unanimous to dissolve the Class of 1941 and affiliate with the Senior Alumni. The balance of the class reunion fund, after expenses are paid, will go into the class scholarship fund. No more class letters or business but Alma and I will continue the '41 class notes as long as you send us news. The class project for this reunion was to split 50/50 between Class of 1941 Scholarship and Senior Alumni Scholarship. Our scholarship recipients for the 2005-2006 academic year were: Nathan Burnett, a junior majoring in international affairs from Presque Isle, Maine, and the grandson of **Mary Boone Smith**; and Kendra Dooley, a junior majoring in earth sciences from Taunton, Massachusetts. The fund provided \$1,900 in scholarship assistance.

There were three prizes given: who came the farthest—Martha Hutchins Schelling from Florida; person who has attended the most reunions—Will Alford has attended every one we've ever had; and Don Weston, looking very dapper in a navy suit, blue shirt and tie, took the prize for the person wearing blue articles of clothing (I believe he had a UMaine logo pin in his lapel). Alice and Charlie Smith presented class members with an Orono bicentennial calendar and sticker plus the program for our June 6, 1941, class day exercises. I put all the reunion information forms in a notebook in case anyone wanted to check on someone; there were about 30 forms returned. Alma and I will find these most helpful to keep you posted about classmates. If you did not submit one, it is not too late!

A Reunion event was a haying exhibit in the **Winston E. Pullen** carriage house (definitely not a good haying day!). The ground floor of the carriage house is named the Helena M. Jensen '43 Gallery; there is an extensive display of all kinds of haying equipment. We were served "switchel" which is a thirst-quenching



There was a good turnout of Class of 1941 members at their 65th Reunion luncheon at UMaine's Page Farm and Home Museum on June 3. Back row, left to right are: Charles Smith, Paul Townsend, Laurence Cooper, Donald Weston, Constance Philbrook Leger, and Wilson Alford. Front row, left to right are: Martha Hutchins Schelling, Julia Alice Smith, Barbara Barrett St. Lawrence, Barbara Orff Utterback-Emery, and Agnes Ann Walsh.

drink used by farmers for their haying crews. Alice and Charles Smith have contributed a blacksmith's shop, which stands beside the carriage house. The 1920 Model T "Beach Woody" is on display on the main floor of the barn with some childhood memories from Alice posted in the museum; the vehicle was owned by Alice's father.

Barbara Young Pullen joined us at the all alumni banquet Saturday night. Will Alford was recognized and received an ovation for his attendance at every class reunion. As contributions for the past five years from all reunion classes were flashed on two screens, our class president, Connie Philbrook Leger, was awarded a golden bear with a small cub; it is an adorable statuette. It was a pleasure to meet and realize that five children of our classmates accompanied their parents to reunion. The University of Maine Alumni Association presented the Shaw Brothers (twins Ron and Rick) at the Maine Center for the Arts on Saturday evening; they played a variety of instruments for a program of traditional and original songs interspersed with humorous stories.

The finale was the all alumni buffet breakfast and awards on Sunday. I saw Ralph Higgins '39, recipient of a Block "M" Award; Helen Maling Walker '40; Earl Hodgkins '42; Mike Roy '42; and Elizabeth Bearce Harrison '43. Here are some address changes: Barbara

Orff Utterback-Emery, 37 15th Street, Bangor, Maine 04401; Barbara Young Pullen, 5 Ridgeview Lane, Veazie, Maine 04401; and **Gordon and Janice Merrill Chase**, Maine Lodge c/o The Highlands, 26 Elm Street, Topsham, Maine 04086.

Laurence Cooper attended his first reunion ever for our class. He and his wife, Janice, have been married for 62 years, have seven children, 19 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; one thing that keeps him busy is visiting family coast to coast as the children live in about 10 states. His address is: 77 Prospect Street, Upton, Massachusetts 01568 where his house, gardens, and land keep him occupied as well as upkeep of a cottage in Harpswell, Maine. As a chemical engineer, he worked on the Manhattan Project in 1944-45 in Hanford, Washington; also for Dupont, Baystate Abrasive Products, and retired in 1984 from James River Corporation. **Robert Lundberg**, another classmate, who has made contact after all these years, wrote a letter to catch us up on his activities. He credits Dean Corbett for steering him to Cornell Medical College where he graduated in 1944; he did residency training in surgery and started a practice in the community hospital of his hometown, Gloucester, Massachusetts. During the Korean War, Bob served on the USS *Missouri* and also as the assistant chief of surgery at the Chelsea Naval Hospital. He returned home

and served the Gloucester community as a general surgeon for 26 years and retired from active practice in 1987. The Lundberg medical arts floor located on the fourth floor of the Steele Building of the Addison-Gilbert Hospital was dedicated to Bob in March 2006. There was a write-up in the *Boston Globe* with a picture of Bob, his wife, Doris, and their five children (three boys and two girls) at the dedication ceremony. His address is: 5 Bridgewater Street, Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930. Congratulations on this permanent remembrance and many thanks for your letter!

The widow of **Bill St. Germain** returned his reunion information to let us know that "Saint" died in February 2006. Our thanks for the information and our deepest sympathy to his family. The death of **Laura Craft Hutchins** was in our local paper in mid-June; our condolences to her family. Write to Alma or me in order to keep the class notes of 1941 in the alumni news.

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Classmates: Reserve this future

date—our 65th Reunion is June 1, 2, and 3, 2007.

I know what you all are thinking—that it is not possible we have been out of college that long. Do hope many of you will be able to attend. There will be lots of mailings coming your way.

Bette Barker Taverner's wonderful Christmas/New Years letter "Taverner Gram" brings all the news of the family. She and Gil, like the rest of us, are pushing the 80s and are grateful for each new day. Volunteering seems to be the occupation of retirement. What pleasure that brings to so many.

Elizabeth "Betty" Honan's note brings us up to date. "Had a great 'hot' summer with three young cousins visiting from Georgia and New Jersey. We spent most of the visit along the Cape Elizabeth coastline with picnics and at seafood restaurants. Now I am back to volunteering at my church and at a local retirement home and to walking my mini poodle, Prince, at Fort Williams every day."

A most interesting Christmas letter from **Florence Cousins Weeks** about her birthday trip to Laos with their Laotian student who lived with them from 1964-66. For three weeks she was treated to so many places: temples, Mekong River, King's Palace, and World Heritage Sites. Bounchanh, the Laotian student, was her guide. Florence ends her letter by saying, "I learned what it is like to live in a land where no one speaks your language." Thanks so much, Flossie, for sharing your letter.

Information about our 65th Reunion will be coming soon. Watch for it and plan to attend.

1943

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The telephone number is the same, but the address has changed! That's what **Ed and Helen Deering Piper** are telling people. No longer is 6 Cedarwood home, but now Dirigo Pines, Orono, is home—a move across town, so to speak. Moving involved the whole family, that is Crystal Piper Slatick '68, Don '70, and Jean Piper Meakin '88.

Helen reports that the food is good "well flavored" and "desserts

are wonderful." Not a bad recommendation. Calories can be burned off on the hiking trails. There are several hiking trails, but residents are not encouraged to use them right now due to a mother bear and her cubs.

Eleanor Swanson Thornton effectively applied her bacteriology and biochemistry major in the health field. Following matriculation at the University of Maine, Eleanor studied medical technology at Rochester General Hospital in Rochester, New York, and became a medical technologist. At the same time she became a member of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

She then returned to Bangor and worked in the histology department at Eastern Maine Medical Center. She married Seth Thornton '42, now deceased. The Thorntons were parents of two sons, James and David. James majored in biology at the University of Maine and graduated in 1972. Son David attended Northeastern University. He is deceased.

When her children were school age, Eleanor went back to work at Augusta General Hospital. She studied cytology seriously, passed the National Cytology exam and became supervisor of histology and cytology at the hospital, and from that position she later retired. In retirement, she has enjoyed monthly meetings of the Current Events Club and the Garden Club and has been active in her church where she currently serves as deaconess.

Gordon Smith began his college education at Farmington Normal School where he was class president for two years. He then transferred to the University of Maine where he became president of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. In the summer of 1958 Gordon was awarded a scholarship to the University of Vermont. The following year, he earned a master's of education degree at the University of Maine. His first teaching post was in Sanford, Maine, where he was also assistant coach of baseball. He then moved on to Gardiner to teach and coach. Gordon held teaching posts in Scarsdale, New York, and Fryeburg Academy in Fryeburg, Maine. Then he was invited to become head of the mathematics department for Bangor city schools. He retired from the Bangor post in 1977 after a 33-year career in teaching. His successor was a former student, Steven Godsoe '66. Upon retiring, Gordon participated in a variety of activities including the Good Samaritan Agen-

cy. Early in his retirement he joined his wife, Doris, as polling agent for the city of Bangor. Doris had compiled a 19-year record at that time. Husband and wife devoted much time and energy to St. John's Episcopal Church. Gordon loved golf and he played as long as he was able. He was an avid Red Sox fan.

Gordon and Doris Smith were parents of two university of Maine graduates, Paul '67 and Pamela Smith Sheridan '74.

Gordon Smith died December 11, 2005.

Harry Files grew up on Peaks Island in Portland harbor at a time when Peaks Island was not seeking secession from the city of Portland. He loved living by the sea and one wonders how strong an influence that was on his eventual service in the U.S. Navy. Early on, he spent most of his time at sea working for the Casco Bay Lines. Captain Charles Merrill and Captain Earle Stockbridge took a keen interest in him and enabled him to earn his captain's license before completing high school. He piloted the Casco Bay ferries — the *Emita* and the *Savino* throughout Casco Bay and on runs to Bailey's and Orrs islands. Often this meant piloting before and after Portland High School classes.

Following graduation, Harry went on to the University of Maine, enrolled in the ROTC program, and accelerated his studies to graduate in three years. He began duties in the U.S. Navy in 1943 and was a veteran of the D-Day invasion. He continued to serve his country after the end of the war as naval science instructor in the ROTC program at Dartmouth College.

Then, having served 12 years in the Navy which took him to assignments in Europe, China, Japan, Panama, the Philippines, and the Pacific Islands, he retired from military service. Harry Files then began a second career as district manager for Liberty Mutual Insurance, a position he held for 25 years.

While studying at the University of Maine he met and married Natalie Louise Curtis '44 and they became parents of Peter Files and Ann Files Noll '68. Ann is director of patient services at Hope Hospice, Dublin, California.

Harry W. Files died on June 3, 2006.

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1944

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Though I have little news, it has been a long time since my last class notes written around Christmas time last year.

We had a few additional Christmas cards: one from **Al McNeilly**, a picture of him beside a painting of his sternman; and one from **Mary Billings Orsenigo** who mentioned the fall hurricane, Wilma, that devastated their area in Florida. Mary said that they were lucky, losing only a few trees. Our Christmas card from **Esther Holden Hopkins** told us that Jack was back in his downstairs studio working productively in all the creative media he loved.

Then in mid-April we had a very sad note from Esther saying that Jack had passed away on March 30th after a long stay in the hospital. In September of this year they would have celebrated their 60th anniversary. Esther is near her son and daughter and their families in California, which is a blessing.

As our president, **Al Ehrenfried**, mentioned in his letter to the class in March, he and his family suffered the loss of his dear wife, Jo-ann, the latter part of 2005. A eulogy written by Al was read by their daughter, Heidi, at the memorial service in January. "The earth's supply of love and grace and kindness diminished when Jo-ann Prince Ehrenfried departed" was the opening line as Al had written it.

I look at my notes collected over the last five months and read nothing but sadness. So many of our class are ill or have left us.

Frederick S. Jones, Jr. or "Boxcar" as we knew him, died last May 17, 2005, in Honolulu, Hawaii. This note came to us via **Les Brewer** and the alumni office almost a year after his death. Boxcar had a most interesting life, serving as an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers in the Pacific in World War II. He furthered his education after the war with both B.S. and M.S. degrees in engineering at Orono and later with a degree in business administration from the University of Hawaii. His engineering career started at DuPont in Delaware and later he was with the department of the Army as a civilian staff engineer in Japan and Fort Shafter, Hawaii. In his lifetime, Boxcar traveled around the world

with many exciting adventures. His wife, Betty Wallace Jones, and five children and families, all in Hawaii, survive him.

Richard H. "Dick" Fuller died at his home on February 22, 2006. Dick's achievements, credits, and awards are known to all of us. He came to UMaine from Deering High School and Hebron Academy, and graduated from Maine with our Class of '44. He received the Block "M" Award in 1995 and was named an honorary lifetime alumni board member of the Southern Maine Alumni Chapter in 2004. Dick was a sports enthusiast and an avid fan of Black Bear football, hockey, track, and baseball. His business career took many turns, from owning his own family business to sales positions for several companies in and around Portland. He is survived by his wife, Marion Hays Fuller, children, and step-children.

The class sends belated but sincere sympathy and condolences to the families of these departed classmates and friends.

Finally, a sad communication from Bill Spach, husband of **Doris Kilburn Spach** advising us that Dody is in the Alzheimer's unit of a nursing home in Massachusetts, near her oldest daughter, son, and two grown grandchildren. Bill says that she is doing well except for short term memory. She is in excellent physical condition and enjoys talking to all visitors. A note to her would be appreciated: Mrs. Doris Spach, Kenoza Manor, 190 North Avenue, Haverhill, Massachusetts 01830. Our best wishes to Dody and our thanks to Bill for writing.

Al Ehrenfried's president's letter to the class in March told of his trip to California in February to visit his brother, Paul '42, in San Carlos. On that trip he also visited with old friend **Hugh Brownlee**. Hugh and his wife, Hope, are doing well and reside happily and comfortably in San Jose. Al, Paul, and Hugh got together for a Phi Kappa Sigma reunion. Al's letter went on to discuss class issues and to set a date, August 2, for a class summer reunion. Al McNeilly again offered to host that get-together at the Owls Head Transportation Museum in Owls Head, Maine.

I am starting my fourth week after surgery for a left knee replacement in May and am coming along very well. Still a few weeks of therapy remain but hopefully it's all downhill from here.

All for now—enjoy fall—and keep those cards and letters coming!

1945

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Hello again from rainy Southern Maine!

We barely had time to make our final decisions on part-D of Medicare when the heavens opened up and flooded much of southwestern Maine—the worst hit seemed to be York Beach. But true to their New England tenacity, they had themselves all back in order to welcome the first surge of summer guests. I'm stunned to find that areas are now collecting from FEMA. I had thought this was essentially for hurricane victims, but the roads, bridges, and wells have been seriously damaged here and they're finding it a welcome assistance.

These past few months I'm happy to say I've heard from several classmates. They responded to our last printing and wish we could go back to more frequent publications. This is the best way to keep in touch with our widespread friends coast to coast. They seem to truly look forward to our class column and are hungry for news of their friends who are still very important to them!

My first connection came via a resident here! Her brother, **Richard McFarland**, was delighted to hear about classmates he'd almost forgotten! He called his sister, and once she told me, I looked him up in our directory. I found he went into the service along with most of the men in our class. However, he returned to Rensselaer Poly Tech in New York for his bachelor's and then on to U of Michigan for his master's in engineering. He's returned now, along with the rest of us, and lives in Connecticut. He and his wife, Virginia, have three children and live at: 16 Clover Lane, Westport, Connecticut 06880. Since he's listed in the directory he obviously feels close to his original alma mater. I hope we meet again sometime soon, Dick, and that you'll join us for our reunions in Orono! If you have wondered where he is, the lost is found! Give him a call and catch up with each other!

"Cam" MacKenney Peterson sent a letter to me via the alumni association about the year 2005. It mentioned all those activities for that year with all their families. However



Class of 1945 member Norma "Cam" MacKenney Peterson and husband, Bob, enjoyed a stay at the Plaza Hotel in New York City in the spring of 2005. This photo was taken at the hotel's Palm Court just before the famous Manhattan landmark closed for renovations.

they did bypass their usual winter cruise and went to the Big Apple for the broad array of theater and elegant restaurants. I'm sending along a snapshot of Norma and Bob at the Plaza in New York City—that closed the following day! (Good to the last drop!) How do you two stay so young looking?

There was a nice letter from **Bob Krause** in Ohio soon after the holidays. He wrote a most caring letter in reference to the passing of my husband, Ralph Grant '54. It was so very nice to hear from him.

He also brought me up to date on **Bob** and the late **Evvie Tarr Smyth**. Bob is still in the Amherst, Massachusetts, area where he has retired from his professorship at the University of Massachusetts. Their children seem to be scattered across the country, but I know they'll always have a great affection for their cottage on the beach at Camp Ellis in Saco. I recall the last time we were there with our five young daughters—they were swimming at twilight. But they could see the lights and hear a bit of the music from Old Orchard Beach and nothing would do until we took all of them down. We all came back to our cars with sleepy heads on our shoulders! Those were the days!

Back to Bob K—he says he still keeps his hand in journalism and thoroughly enjoys it. He also continues to use a manual typewriter just like Andy Rooney! My best memory of them was our trip on the train from Bangor to Portland, Boston,

and points south (he lived in New Jersey, I think) for our Christmas vacation in 1944. We were going along well until someplace past Newport the engine began to malfunction. It took several hours to repair it. Jury rigged, I guess, as our 5:00 p.m. limped into Portland at 10:00 p.m. (and still had to go on to Boston and Hartford). With the engine defunct we had no heat and it was sub zero weather! Bob was sitting with **Connie Carter Lamprell** and me and he got up and took his overcoat off and spread it across our laps and knees. He sat in a plain suit (no cell phones in those days to alert our families) shivering, but his chivalry kept us toasty warm! When we barely limped into the Portland Station, I bid them adieu as they traveled on to Boston and New York. Fortunately the railroad manager had called ahead and there was a working engine for the change-over, so the rest of their trip was normal.

As I went into the station looking for my father (he had been waiting since 5:00 p.m. and now it was after 10:00 p.m.) I spotted him pacing the floor. I barely recognized him in the old family bear skin coat and hat! It truly enveloped him as he was a small man and was nearly concealed among the folds of fur! He was mighty glad to see me alive and well! Daddys always worry about their little girls (and that's what I was to him as long as he lived)! That was a memory to last a lifetime!

Connie is back in Maine living in the family home in Kittery Point.

She's attempting to keep that 200+-year-old home in great shape but it's truly a full-time job! We keep in touch every few days but with gas prices nearly \$3 a gallon I don't drive down for an afternoon visit anymore. I do, however, try to get down every month or two! With all the recent changes she's made there I'll probably drive right by. (Not really!) She has a number of flower areas around, and the house is always filled with blossoms—from lilies of the valley in the spring to the fall chrysanthemums.

On a quiet snowy January evening my telephone jingled and who should be there but **Isabel Ansell Jacobs**! What a nice visit we had! It was a great morale boost for each of us, catching up on our families and mutual friends. She has plenty to do in the summer with her garden and yard and she's always busy in her church, too. We always share great memories and it is uplifting for both of us. She's very sorry now that she never learned to drive—it does give one more freedom.

Another day I had a telephone visit with **Ada Minott Haggett**. She was stunned to hear my voice. We had a great exchange of all the activities of our two families. It was a genuine joy to be able to share it all with one another. After all, during our war-time years at Maine we were all so very close—we became much like family and we continue to be interested and very caring for one another. She and Fred '49 have two sons—Fred Jr. and his family live in Colorado. However, he manages to bring them home to visit his childhood home in Phippsburg each summer. Ada was under the weather a couple years ago and Fred was the nurse and this past year the tables were turned.

Isn't that what marriage is all about? Caring for one another. However they're doing fairly well and ready to enjoy the annual family visits in the cozy home they built by the side of the road. It's on the way down to the old farm. That was so large they sold it several years ago. It was a beautiful place. I particularly recall the front door key—it was huge, nearly five inches long! Very impressive as to the security it provided. It was on an inlet of the water—unique and beautiful but far too much to care for, however. Number two son Steve joined the Marines for a lifetime career. He's certainly seen the world and helps keep the peace as a permanent officer in Okinawa. It's a high and

important position.

My, but our classmates and their families are far flung! I do think Tom Brokaw may have had us in mind when he wrote *The Greatest Generation*.

Actually we were the baby boomers of World War I, born into a rising economy only to be dropped (with a bang!) right into the Depression and then followed by World War II. Our generation was the first to take the plunge with large numbers into college education. We lost most all of our male classmates after barely a year—then off to become men before they were even ready! However, the majority of them returned to Orono to complete their degrees, and look at us now—parents of the highly acknowledged Baby Boomer generation, and it starts all over again!

Yesterday a commercial came on my TV telling about heavy duty mechanical equipment at Wallingford's in Auburn and Gray! So—that led to a great chat with **Peg Stackpole Wallingford**. We reminisced about our college days and talked about our families, now all grown up with families of their own! I reminded her of how I finally fulfilled a long-time wish by taking ski lessons at age 50 in their ski classes in Auburn! I finally achieved the thrill of soaring downhill I had longed for after seeing the Sonja Henie film *Sun Valley Serenade* back in my high school years!

Al Barmby sent a newsy letter from his home in Huntsville, Alabama, telling of their trip to Cashier, North Carolina—for the south it's like our summer escape we have in Maine. I recall several of our Florida friends had summer homes there. It's in the western mountains part of the state and a beautiful area. He didn't mention the hurricanes. I assume they didn't affect the areas north of the gulf area and that's a blessing.

Jo Clark Meloon sent a beautiful spring card in the height of the winter in February. It had hummingbirds flying among a garden of spring flowers. She is so relieved to no longer have the responsibility of our alumni news column as well as her church responsibilities. Now she finds time to snuggle under the nice "throw" we gave her for all her work and read as long as she wishes—and if she nods off—that's fine, too! I'm happy to help her put aside those pressures and be able to stop and smell the roses again!

What a lovely note I had from Phyllis Patten, widow of **Morton**



Among the Class of 1946 members who returned to campus for their 60th Reunion in June were, sitting (left to right): **Geraldine Rawcliffe Lounsbury**, **Constance Cooper**, **Mary-Vesta Marston-Scott**, and **Mary-Jane Hoyt Pierce**. Standing, left to right are: **Joan Greenwood Franz**, **Gloria Lombard**, **Harriette Daw Cousins '45**, **Shirley Hathaway Sibley**, and **Fran Robinson Mitchell**.

Patten—or "Budgie" as we called him. She continues to receive the alumni issues and enjoys our column. Their son is married now and lives in the homestead so Phyllis has moved to Damariscotta. Everything is much handier there for her. She said Budgie had wanted to make our 55th Reunion so very much, but simply wasn't able. He had been a faithful board member and had great love for our class. He is missed as are so very many of our classmates.

Well I've brought you news from many classmates and I hope these class notes will stimulate many of you to keep those cards and letters coming and phone calls too! If I'm not here please leave a message with your phone number and I promise to return your call.

A sad note—I saw an obituary of one of our classmates—**Bob Moulton**. I recall him sitting at our table at the surprise party many of you gave me at the Galley Restaurant in Falmouth Foreside in 1995. Our class seems to be gradually dwindling which, by nature is to be expected, but if you're like me, I expect to live forever!

And for a final note—I was invited to the 80th birthday party in Brunswick last spring and was welcomed by Russ '44 and **Barbara**

Higgins Bodwell and their daughter and husband, Joanne Bodwell Ferreira '73 and Gene, who gallantly took my keys and dashed out in the rain to park my car. Lots of hugs and warm greetings and of course all 200+ of us rang out with the "Maine Stein Song" as Bill Bodwell '50 played the big bass drum for the Bath Band! (He recently retired from that position—but he was in his glory to be back again.) He was a Phi Kap at Maine when my husband, Ralph, was there in the late 1940s and then the 1950s! Russ and Barb continue to enjoy their new lifestyle at Dirigo Pines in Orono. They're so close they can attend all the functions that interest them—and that means so much to them.

1946

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Shirley Hathaway Sibley wrote in with her news, and collected news from other classmates who attended

Reunion in June. Shirley and her husband had a bad winter with health problems, but bounced back by spring in time for their younger daughter's wedding in Boston in May. She expressed regret that she had to curtail her volunteer activities and missed acting as a docent at the Hudson Museum on campus, working with the student groups and the staff. She wrote, "Nine of us gathered at the Senior Alumni luncheon on Saturday for the 60th Reunion."

"**Mary-Jane Hoyt Pierce**, a retired teacher, lives in the family homestead, enjoys her grandchildren, church activities, and Penobscot Valley Senior College where she was honored recently as a Philomath."

"**Joan Greenwood Franz**, our class valedictorian, lives in Newburgh. We were amazed to learn that during Joan's college years Dean Edith Wilson gave her permission to live on Forest Avenue in Orono with her sisters. I'd call that special dispensation for her scholarship."

"**Geraldine Rawcliffe Lounsbury** lives in Hampden and spends winters in Florida where she especially enjoys golf."

"**Mary-Vesta Marston-Scott** and Harriette Daw Cousins '45 live

at Dirigo Pines in Orono. Harriette was a five-year nursing student and technically a member of our class. With a Ph.D. in public health nursing, Mary-Vesta had a distinguished career which included stints in Maine, the U.S. Public Health Service, and teaching at the Harvard School of Public Health.

"**Connie Cooper**, who lives in Providence, Rhode Island, graduated in home economics from Maine and earned an advanced degree from Cornell with a specialty in design and also taught at the University of Rhode Island.

"**Gloria Lombard**, in Bangor for the last two years, taught elementary physical education in Wellesley, Massachusetts, for most of her career. At the university she majored in zoology with a minor in physical education. She has some interesting and amusing stories of earlier teaching experiences in Maine at Farmington and Machias Teachers College.

"**Frances Robinson Mitchell**, in Veazie, left the university after her sophomore year and joined the Marines. In addition to her book about her Marine experiences and growing up in Maine, she has a web site with wonderful pictures and comments about northern Penobscot County. The address: www.francesrobinsonmitchell.com. Anyone interested in Maine history would find it of special value."

1947

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I hope everyone had a lovely summer. Please write and tell me what you did—who you visited, where you went, and what you're doing. Without your news there's nothing to report. It will only take a minute of your time and your classmates will be so glad to hear from you!

1948

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Hi, guys and gals! Here goes with this quarter's offerings. The "kitchen cabinet" gals of '48 met at **Margie Watson Savignano's** home on March 21 with 10 or 12 attending. Margie served a delicious luncheon and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and catching up on families and friends. Later in the spring, **Barbara Sullivan Knowlton** and yours truly (**Lancy Carter Bradshaw**) attended the Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter dinner meeting at the Augusta Country Club. We were fortunate to hear President Kennedy speak and it was inspiring to hear of the plans and progress of our beloved university. Our "kitchen cabinet" group met at Granite Hills Estates in Augusta on July 12 for a luncheon at their lovely dining room. **Millie Morris Stengel** has a home there and made arrangements for our group. We also got a peek at her brand new home.

Please fill our mailbox for the next column. Topics? How about trips taken, retirement changes, community service rendered, moves (on the dance floor and off), and grandchildren bragging. We'd love to write about you for a change and can't unless you tell us.

Adios

1949

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Summer has finally arrived here in Maine and I am sitting at my kitchen table, with pen in hand, at my summer home overlooking Toddy Pond in Surry preparing to write this column. It is great to see the sun shining at last as we have had a very rainy spring this year.

In March I received a package in the mail from **Ronald E. Stewart** of 4 Schooner Ridge Road, Unit #3, Bath, Maine 04530. Inside was a copy of the book he had published in 2005, *Land of the Porcupine: Growing up in Madawaska*. Ron was raised in the northern Maine town of Madawaska on the banks of the St. John River. He graduated from Edmundston High School, Edmund-

ston, New Brunswick, Canada, across the border from Madawaska. After high school, he entered the University of Maine in the fall of 1942. He left and joined the U.S. Navy during World War II in 1943 and came back to UMaine in the fall of 1947. Eventually he returned to his hometown to become town manager. He held numerous positions throughout Maine during his career. He is now retired and living in Bath with his wife, Shirley Smith Stewart '51. If you can get your hands on a copy of Ron's book, I know you will thoroughly enjoy it as I did. *Land of the Porcupine* is a delightful story of a simpler era and is filled with touching, vivid details and good humor throughout. Ron writes, "My greatest memories of life came from my younger years in the town I have always considered my home. The town provided me with lasting friendships, peaceful times, many laughs, few sorrows, a closeness to nature, and a feeling of equality with those I knew. My life today continues to be a happy one, filled with memories of past adventures in the Land of the Porcupine. It is this time I reflect upon in my memories of the past."

The fourth annual retreat of '49ers was held in May at the beautiful Victorian Mira Monte Inn in Bar Harbor at the invitation of **Marion Stanley Burns**, owner and inn keeper. As in the past, we had lunch at Galyn's Galley, shopped, and toured the park in the afternoon and returned to the inn for happy hour and a potluck dinner in the evening. Those attending were: **Thelma Crossland Robie**, Fred Robie '53, **Mary-Abbie "Babs" Pulsifer Kilgore**, Ken Kilgore, **Dorothy Averill Hawkes**, Colleen "Sparky" **Richardson Coates**, **Mary Wiswell Libby**, **Tom Coughlin**, and **Marion Stanley Burns**. Many classmates sent regrets due to conflicts with cruises and graduations.

In response to my plea for news, **Bill B. Mann** wrote, "I live in Ohio but plan to be in Maine for two Elderhostels in Portland and Rockland with some time in between. I enjoyed seeing Maine in the Frozen Four. Jackie and I have five children from Rhode Island to Los Angeles, four grandchildren, and a fifth due in November. My latest accomplishment is joining the UFO, which is United Flying Octogenarians (in other words, 80-year-old pilots). That is great fun. They really do have an organization with annual meetings. A couple of members are over 100. It gives me a goal other

than making a slam in bridge or a rare filet with Tangerine 10." He signed the note with "Bill B. Mann, SAW, engineering (not to be confused with Bill S. Mann)."

In February I received a note from **Evan Johnson** which read, "Moved by your 'dried up' class news and blessed with a little while before I'm dried up, thought I should pen a few remarks, though not earth shaking. I'm moved also by your winter column subject, **Paul Ford**. In the summer of 1948 I prepared for a part-time Blue Hill teaching job (instrumental music). Needing a car, I met Paul Ford and his 1935 Buick convertible with tired leather seats and leaky roof. Another feature: a genuine rumble seat sans handle; one opened it digitally to avoid loss of digit. My first mile on trout was to Phi Kappa Sigma to obtain the imprimatur of Brother Bill Bodwell '50. With Bill's blessing and Paul's best wishes I parted with \$360 and was off. It made possible my commute two afternoons a week to Blue Hill, helping to pay my senior year expenses at Orono. Paul Ford, as I remember him, was a class act. The splendid statement about him in the winter *Mainely People* surely reinforces that fact. I'm grateful for the good memories it rekindles, grateful for warm recollections of the college community and life on the Orono campus."

Dale Wight wrote that **Wesley L. Wight** is recovering from a stroke and is doing very well but has no short-term memory. He lives with his daughter, Audrey Disman, 12 Oakhill Road, Huntsville, Texas 77320. Phone (936) 436-9687.

The Senior Alumni have been very busy this past year. On April 23rd the Senior Alumni Scholarship Award reception was held in the McIntire Room at the Buchanan Alumni House. **Jayne Hanson Bartley**, Senior Alumni president, introduced the nontraditional student award recipients. During the reception we were able to talk with the students and listen to their stories. On May 3rd, members of the Senior Alumni attended a luncheon at Montes in downtown Bangor, followed by a performance of *Almost Maine* at the Penobscot Theater on Main Street.

On Reunion weekend at UMaine, I attended the Senior Alumni annual meeting. I sat with **Arnie Davis** and his wife, Joyce, who informed me that Arnie is still attending all the athletic events at the university. Come rain or shine, he drives down from Washburn to see the games. At

the meeting, the Class of 1956 was inducted into the Senior Alumni. New officers were elected for 2006-2007. Jayne Hanson Bartley has stepped down as president but will remain on as secretary of the group. On Sunday morning members of our class attended the all alumni breakfast and awards. At the '49ers table were **Evelyn Ellsworth Dearborn, Vance Dearborn**, Thelma Crossland Robie, Fred Robie, Jayne Hanson Bartley, Dorothy Averill Hawkes, **Rosemarie "Jinx" Gagnon Hallsey**, and **John Buckley** and Naomi McKinney from Miami, Florida.

I received a phone call from **Cecil Lewis Alieff**, Paris, Illinois, inquiring about her former roommate at the University of Maine, **Charlotte Alex Schneider**. Charlotte, a resident of Rye, New York, for 23 years, died November 5, 2005, at Greenwich Hospital. She was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, grew up in Maine, graduated from Skowhegan High School, and earned her B.A. degree in political science at UMaine, where she subsequently pursued graduate studies in education. She married Henry Schneider in 1967 in New York City. Before moving to Rye in 1982 she lived in Tokyo from 1971-1973, New York City from 1973-1978, and Salzburg from 1978-1982. Professionally, she was a fund-raiser for non-profit institutions in New York City and Europe. Her career culminated with leadership of fundraising for UNICEF. Locally she was active in Rye Arts Center, Rye Community Television, and Friends of Rye Town Park, among others. She will be remembered for her passion for gardening, her creativity, her enormous charm and empathy, and her indomitable spirit during years of declining health. Her husband, Henry, her daughter, Dr. Katherine Schneider, two granddaughters, two brothers, and numerous nephews and nieces, survive her.

Charlotte's husband, Henry, created the following tribute to this special woman: "Charlotte was blessed with a natural grace and elegance, which she retained even after the devastating loss of a lung to tuberculosis at 15, which few at that time survived. She had been the star athlete at her school, and after a year in a sanitarium, resumed her activities with verve and spirit that characterized her entire life. She became an accomplished skier, skater, and dancer despite life-long breathing problems.



Evelyn Silver, a UMaine associate vice president and senior advisor to President Robert Kennedy, made a special presentation to Al Hopkins '50, recognizing the contribution of Phi Mu Delta fraternity toward the university's all-weather track. One of the columns in the lobby of Buchanan Alumni House will also be named in honor of the fraternity.

"Sadly, Charlotte's last years were clouded by worsening health problems, but the indomitable spirit never wavered. She will be sorely missed by all who had the effable pleasure of her company."

Our sincere condolences are extended to her family.

I want to thank all of you who sent me your news and again ask others to do the same. Your classmates would all love to hear from you.

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This column was written immediately after we attended Reunion 2006 in Orono. The campus was beautiful (including the fragrant lilacs and varied colored azaleas in the Littlefield Ornamental Gardens)—and I always marvel that though the university has seen tremendous expansion, we can still find "our" campus nestled in there. The Memorial Union has added a new dimension:

the Maine Marketplace—a large food court offering a large variety of tasty dishes for students, staff, and visitors. Although we did not have an "official" reunion, there were some 25 classmates and their spouses who joined together as we celebrated 56 years since our graduation. I found that one of the perks of being a Senior Alumna was that we could make a single purchase at the bookstore utilizing a discount calculated on the number of years since we graduated; for us that meant 56 percent! Several of us purchased sleeveless fleece vests that will be perfect for an early fall day—and the price was certainly right! We couldn't afford not to buy them!

The rains came on Saturday morning—to the point that we had to move the Class of 1950 memorial service and Greatest Generation Awards from the Flag Plaza to Buchanan Alumni House. Though it was rainy and dreary outside, the alumni center was bright and cheery and the sun did indeed "shine" on the Class of 1950. Class Treasurer **Alton "Hoppy" Hopkins** planned a moving memorial service that paid tribute to the 28 members of the class who had died since our service last June. Of that 28, 25 were veterans of World War II, representing all of the services. Classmates participating in the program included prexy **Margaret Mollison McIntosh**,

George R. Gonyar, Dottie Lord Hopkins, and Henry Saunders. Veep **George R. Gray** and **Dick Fairfield** announced the awarding of the Greatest Generation Award to three of our classmates: **George A. Foster** (from Ipswich, Massachusetts, see sidebar on page 14) who was a member of the 11th Armored Division in Europe. George was so very honored and delighted with all—and we were pleased to see him manage so well despite almost constant discomfort and pain as a result of those wounds. Robin and Robert were so touched by the tribute made to their very gallant husband and father. Our hearts were filled with joy as we witnessed their joy, and we are so proud that we can celebrate the lives of our heroes!

The second award went to **Robert E. Dagdigian**, from Needham, Massachusetts, who was a radio-man-gunner flying on torpedo planes in the Pacific Theater of Operations during the Battle of the Philippines, particularly in the battles for the islands of Palau and Leyte. It was on a mission above Palau that he performed an extraordinary act of heroism by dislodging a live bomb that was caught in the bomb bay door of his plane. He bravely reached down, placing his finger through a hook on the bomb, and moved it cautiously and gently so that it was repositioned over the opening of the bomb bay door, and could be safely released—thus saving the lives of all of his crewmates on board the plane—and many more. The presentation to Bobby was made at the summer meeting at the Cumberland Club in Portland.

The third award was made to **Charles A. "Slim" Broomhall**, from Green Valley, Arizona, who was a member of the 85th Regiment of the 10th Mountain Division. During the final months of the war, Slim was leading a squad, whose mission it was to secure a vital ridge known as Riva Ridge on Mount Belvedere in Italy. Despite the fact that constant bombardment of the area by the enemy made the ascent very treacherous, Slim's squad was able to secure the ridge; however, in the process, he was seriously wounded by a mortar shell that caused him to lose an eye and seriously damaged his hearing. Slim was not able to make the trip East, and thus the award will be presented to him in Green Valley by a fellow alum. The Greatest Generation Awards are designed to recognize and honor the

valor and bravery of classmates during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Classmates are invited to request an application for consideration from GGA cochairman Dick Fairfield, 36 Walnut Street, Barrington, Rhode Island 02806. If you have questions, please contact Dick at 1-401-248-1065 or contact him by email at: dickf36@juno.com. The next Greatest Generation Award will be made at reunion in June of 2007.

We really did have a wonderful weekend! **John and Kitty Gee** (last year's Greatest Generation Award-ee) came for the day from Chester-ville—and what a pleasure to see them! **Edie Snow Cole '53, '50H**, widow of our dear **Sherm Cole** and honorary member of the Class of 1950, came up to Orono with Marjorie and Henry Saunders all of whom were enjoying their summer homes at Sebago Lake. **Caroline Strong** was able to join us for a day from Vassalboro.

It was fun to get caught up on her activities while we were exploring the newly renovated Lord Hall, now the home of the art department.

Harold and Priscilla Roberts Chapman, who live in Holden, were with us on Saturday. They had been spending part of each year in Belize, but have decided to make 367 Copeland Hill Road, Holden, Maine 04429-7019 their year-round home. We were delighted to have a chance to greet the University of Maine President Robert Kennedy who became an honorary member of the class at Homecoming '05—and what a cordial new classmate we have! Saturday night after the all alumni reception and banquet, we ventured over to the Maine Center for the Arts to attend the Shaw Brothers concert. The talented twin brothers sang traditional, contemporary, and original songs for us—with toe-tapping rhythm and great humor. After we found our seats, we introduced ourselves to a couple seated next to us—only to find that they were from Houlton and he is classmate **Wendell Wood**. He and wife, Theresa, live at: 30 Spring Street, Houlton, Maine 04730 and he is still working for F. A. Peabody Insurance in Houlton. **Wendell and Flo Mad-docks Fairfield** had both attended Ricker College at the same time, so they had a great time comparing notes. It is a very small world! Then, at intermission we spotted **Deane Hutchins** and his wife, Virginia, who live in Veazie and were on campus for a portion of the festivities. Although we were disappointed that Brother **Bill Bodwell** could not be



Longtime alumni association leader and volunteer **Dick Sprague '50** (right) receives a Block "M" Award from alumni association chair **Bion Foster '68, '70G** at Reunion 2006 in June. Dick served on the alumni association board in the 1980s, including two terms as treasurer. And for many years he was a valuable member of the alumni publications committee. He currently is active in Senior Alumni, serving on that group's executive committee and coordinating fundraising activities for scholarships.

with us in Orono, we were delighted to learn that his family had planned a surprise party for his 80th birthday in Brunswick, and was able to surprise him "big time." We later heard that there were some 180 guests in attendance at the Brunswick Golf Club to wish him well, including "his" Bath Municipal Band which serenaded him and played a rousing version of "Happy Birthday!"

Richard W. Sprague was awarded a 2006 Block "M" Award at the all alumni reunion breakfast on Sunday morning. In part, the citation noted that in 1980 he joined the board of the alumni association and that his service included two terms as treasurer. He currently serves on the Senior Alumni executive committee and has led the group in coordinating their fundraising activities for student scholarships. Congratulations, Dick. Hoppy Hopkins completed two three-year terms on the UMAA board of directors—with thanks for a job well done. **Leonard Minsky** will be serving on the UMAA board to fill an unexpired term of a member of the board. Congratulations to all who have given so many years of valuable service to our association.

By the way, if you have a son, daughter, grandchild, or great-grandchild attending the Orono campus, please remind your relative that he or she may make application

for the Class of 1950 Scholarship, which is designed to offer financial assistance to descendants of classmates. We have revised the guidelines to reflect the fact that the scholarship(s) will be for \$500 or more, depending upon the number of students selected, and that they will be awarded the scholarship based on financial need as well as academic merit with a GPA of at least 2.5. Determination of need and academic merit will be evaluated by the office of financial assistance. It is the responsibility of the potential recipients to make the office of financial assistance aware of the relationship of them to a member of the Class of 1950.

Hugh W. Hunter wrote that after graduation he moved to Gardner, Massachusetts, and had a variety of jobs, including working as a wood-working teacher at Narragansett Regional High School, before retiring because of heart problems. His beautiful farm home, The Hunter Farm, 48 Chapel Street, Gardner, Massachusetts 01440, was built by Joseph Payson who had participated in the Boston Tea Party and who had moved from Framingham, Massachusetts, to Gardner in 1766. Hugh said that the house was built in circa 1766 for about \$1,000; am sure it is a national treasure right about now! He and wife Gladys are the proud parents and grandparents

of five children, several grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Carl Hill, who hails from New London, New Hampshire, was recently inducted into the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's Hall of Fame. He worked for more than 30 years in several different schools with "many different kids and changing times, and he was able to connect with them all." Carl taught general science, physics, and physical education in addition to coaching basketball—and started a boys' soccer team as well; his soccer teams twice won the state title and more! Carl is also a member of the New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the New Hampshire Coaching Association's Hall of Fame. Congratulations, Carl!

Richard Hamlin was one of six brothers from Fairfield. Five of those six served in World War II, and all returned home in 1945 after VJ Day. Richard served as a flight engineer in the U.S. Navy, flying patrol bomber mariner with his squadron. His unit patrolled the Atlantic Ocean, east of the Panama Canal—from Brazil up to Florida, on the lookout for German submarines. One of his most memorable experiences was flying to a base on the Galapagos Islands where he viewed giant tortoises and all of the flora and fauna of the area. Richard honored his brothers who served during the war this past Veterans Day by presenting to family members a picture taken of the five brothers in uniform posing by a lace-curtained window in the family home on Kelly Street in Fairfield. What a gift of love and wonderful memories that must have been! Richard is the only surviving brother—and felt it important that the family have a picture of the brothers in the uniforms of our country.

I had a nice note from **Gerry Mayberry**, 28 Harvey Street, Portland, Maine 04102. He and Jeanne recently returned from a cruise of the Inside Passage in Alaska where they especially enjoyed the tram ride to Mt. Roberts and the Tongass rain forest tour. Gerry noted that sailing out Juan de Fuca Strait was so nostalgic for him—especially as the ship passed Port Angeles, for he experienced this port and the strait several times from the deck of a troop ship in January of 1943 while they circled the area in a waiting mode for the escort ship, the USS *Hatfield*, to arrive to escort them to Dutch Harbor and then on to the outer Aleutian Islands where the

troops spent some 16 months. Another great memory for me as I read his letter, was of Gerry and Jeanne last year at Reunion 2005 when we were awaiting the Sunday breakfast buffet to be served. Jim Frick (master photographer and editor of *MAINE Alumni Magazine*) and his great combo were playing some truly danceable music—toes were tapping away. Gerry and Jeanne captured the moment and stepped out to an available space and danced away to the superb music. And we were all transported back in time to the great dances on campus during our undergraduate years—when the wonderful couple danced the Lindy, waltzed, slow danced, and truly tripped the light fantastic! Oh, the happy hours we did spend!

The summer meeting of our 1950 crew was held on the 3rd of August at the Cumberland Club in Portland. I shall report on that meeting in my next column. I do know that included on the agenda was a report on classmates submitting applications for the Greatest Generation Award to be made in June of 2007! Be in touch with Dick Fairfield (his address is listed in this copy) for an application form.

I hope that your summer was a great one—a healthy one. Shall be in touch soon!

Love and hugs,
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The Class of '51 held its 55th Reunion in June. Your class correspondent was deeply honored to receive the Hilda A. Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award for fostering class loyalty through alumni publications. Thank you for your correspondence and achievements which have made the columns possible and also for nominating me to receive this commendation. I have enjoyed renewing old friendships and making new ones. The award honors the great spirit of our Class of '51. We started celebrating with a pre-reunion event in Greenville. On Thursday **Floyd and Isabelle "Pepper" Burbank Milbank** hosted



George Foster receives the Greatest Generation Award from 1950 classmate George Gray.

Class of '50 Honors WW II Service

George A. Foster was honored by his 1950 classmates at the class memorial service during Reunion 2006 in early June. He was one of three recipients of the Greatest Generation Award for service in World War II. George served in the 11th Armored Division as part of the Allied effort to liberate France, Luxembourg, and Belgium (including the Battle of the Bulge). During one mission, he received serious injuries from which he never fully recovered. With George at the awards ceremony were his wife, Robin, and his son Robert.

Also receiving Greatest Generation Awards this year were '50 class members Robert Dagdigan and Charles A. "Slim" Broomhall '55G. Bob, a radioman and gunner on torpedo planes, showed extraordinary heroism by dislodging a bomb in his plane's bomb bay door during the Battle of the Philippines. Charles served in the 10th Mountain Division and led his squad on a treacherous mission to secure an important ridge during the fighting in Italy. During the mission he lost an eye and suffered serious hearing loss.

an impromptu get-together at their suite at the Chalet Moosehead Motel on the shore of Moosehead Lake. It was great to see Stan Miller '49 and **Hilda "Jinx" Livingston Miller** from Tustin, California; **Eva "Tudy" Stinson Wight** from Virginia Beach, Virginia; and **Phyllis Osgood Boutilier** and her husband, Arthur Weaver '54, from Houghton, Michigan. Herman and **Emma-Louise Ingraham Czarnecki** came from Bloomfield, New Jersey; and

Dale and Joan Wiswell Beach from Latham, New York.

Among other out-of-staters making the trek to Greenville were: **Warren** and Cecil Lewis **Alieff** '49 from Paris, Illinois; **Edgar** and Louise Bliven **Coffin** from Livingston, New Jersey; **H. Wendell** and **Claire Levasseur Hodgkins** from Kensington, Maryland; **Donald** and **Mary Elisabeth Luce Smyth** from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; and **Russ Meade**, from Byfield, Massachu-

setts.

On Friday we had a chartered trip on the *Katahdin*, a steamship that was converted to diesel at the end of the steamship era. On the voyage up the lake to Mt. Kineo and back, we enjoyed lunch and snacks and the fellowship of 50 classmates and guests. It was a calm, sunny day in spite of a rainy forecast, and we saw Moosehead at its best. After the voyage, we gathered at the beautiful home of **Bill and Cheryl Robertson** on a hilltop off the Lily Bay Road for a happy hour. We drank in the fantastic scenery, and the libations, as the sun went down. We ended the day with a dinner at Kelly's Landing. Also participating in the pre-reunion event were: John '69G and **Ruey Stevens Baldwin**, Fran Bigney, **C. Stuart Carroll**, **Virginia Stickney Cooper**, **Mary Hastings Dumas** and Bruce Folsom '49, **Elton** and **Paula "Boo" Robbins Gosse**, **Edwin** and Nancy Grove, **Penny Guptill Higgins**, **Robert** and Jean **Nason**, **Dick Noyes**, **Paul** and Lillian **Rourke**, **Larry Robinson**, **Richard** and Connie Lincoln **Sweetser** '52, and **Clair** and **Nadia Shirley**.

On Friday, most of the group moved on to Orono, where they were joined by: **Robert** and Betty **Boothby**, **Douglas Curtis**, **Ollie Cline Elliott**, **George Greenwood**, **Henry** and Doris **Laskey**, **Dwight Parsons**, **Janet Bannister Reilly**, Marilyn Keefe Smith, and **Milton** and Joan Vachon **Victor** '52.

Our class meeting in the Colvin Honors Center was presided over by vice president Bill Robertson in the absence of president **Jack Ryder**. Jack and **Joyce McGouldrick Ryder** were unable to attend due to Joyce's illness. At this time 12 crested armchairs for the Cecil J. Reynolds seminar room were presented by Clair Shirley as a gift from the Class of '51 scholarship fund. A gift of \$7,500 was made to the Buchanan Alumni House endowment. Contributions to the university by, and in honor of, class members over the last five years totaled \$2,459,138. Some gifts were designated to specific areas of the university; \$19,000 was directed to the Class of '51 fund. Russ Meade reported for the nominating committee that the following have agreed to serve for the next five years: president, **Elwood Beach**; vice president, Clair Shirley; secretary, Mary Hastings Dumas; treasurer, **Ronald Noyes**; class correspondent, **Frances Pratt Caswell**. Additional members of the executive committee are Joan

Wiswell Beach, Hilda Livingston Miller, Russell Meade, Bill Robertson, and John Ryder. **John Bodey** of Bath, United Kingdom, was recognized as having traveled the greatest distance to attend reunion. Joan Wiswell Beach conducted a brief memorial service honoring classmates who died since our 50th Reunion. The service concluded with a bagpipe rendition of "Amazing Grace" by Elwood Beach.

Bertha Clark Allen has been busy renovating her home in Ellsworth. She winters in Vero Beach, Florida.

Philip Ames is retired from General Electric and lives in Estero, Florida, where he enjoys golf and volunteering for Habitat for Humanity.

Kathryn Morris Andrews of Yorklyn, Delaware, is a retired teacher. With her mother, who is 102 years old, she winters in Florida and spends a month each summer at the Morris homestead farm in Aroostook. Kay writes that her favorite Sunday activity at the University of Maine was attending Wesley Foundation at the home of Reverend Elwin and Dorothy Clarke Wilson of the Orono Methodist Church. With the Wilsons, students would prepare supper; have group discussions, and fellowship. She also recalls living at the Home Management House. Since she had grown up on a busy farm, cooking for 10 and running a house was not the challenge for her that it was for some of the other girls. She writes that as a result of her University of Maine education she had a very successful career first as a hospital dietitian and then as a public school teacher. She is thankful that she was able to fund a scholarship to help others who are trying to improve their lives.

Elwood "Woody" Beach, a consultant in sheet forming and paper machine wet end operations, was named a Fellow of TAPPI, the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry, in March 2006. He has been a contributor to TAPPI technical sessions, courses, and publications as an author, session coordinator, instructor, panel member, and committee member. After graduation from the University of Maine, Woody was employed at three different mills making lightweight specialty paper, such as metalized paper used in capacitors. Later he joined the supply side of the industry designing forming sections of paper machines. Currently he is employed as a consultant for Asten Johnson and several



Enjoying Reunion 2006 are Tri Delta sorority sisters (left to right): **Jan Bannister Reilly '51**, **Joan Vachon Victor '52**, and **Agnes Ann Walsh '41**. **Joan and her husband, Milton '51**, were students of Agnes's in the late 1940s at Thornton Academy.

other forming-related companies. Woody and Virginia Norton Beach '52 winter in Raleigh, North Carolina, and summer in Raymond, Maine.

Joan Wiswell Beach recalls that her favorite memories of the University of Maine are meeting her first husband, Harry Bickford '50, and forming friendships at South Estabrooke and the Home Management House.



Frances Pratt Caswell '51 received the **Hilda A. Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award** at Reunion 2006 on June 4. **Frances** has been the '51 class correspondent for more than 10 years and her outstanding columns have kept her class members active, together, and as one classmate noted, "focused on the future, not the past."

John Bodey is retired from St. Regis Paper, United Kingdom, after a career as a manager and senior executive in the paper industry. Following retirement he was editor of a publication for the paper/packaging industry in the UK. He serves on the finance committee of a theological college and participates in Rotary and Freemasonry. In his spare time he takes art classes and runs an unofficial taxi service for grandchildren.

Robert and Betty Boothby live in Wayne, Maine. Bob is retired after a career as contracts manager for Cadmus/Raytheon/Northrop and GE. His favorite University of Maine memories include the Brunswick campus, working in the cafeteria, and being summoned to the president's office. We wonder what that was all about.

After service in the Army in Korea, Vietnam, and various other U.S. installations, **John Casey** formed his own company, Casey and Associates, from which he is now retired. He describes his favorite memory of UMaine as follows: "George Paradis dropped his girlfriend off at my girlfriend's apartment and took off for UMaine without me on the eve of our graduation day. Thank heavens his parents came to pick up our girlfriends and me. Needless to say, I was fast asleep when they called my name to pick up my diploma. We both married those girls later in life, and the best thing of all is they both stayed with us."

Stan Christianson, who lives in South Portland, retired in 1992 after

41 years with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. He enjoys cruises, bowling, and duplicate bridge. Summers find him working part-time at a local golf course. His favorite UMaine memories include the late **Peggy Knight**, who became his first wife.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Vera Edfors Collins**, who, after a struggle with multiple sclerosis, died in the spring of '06. She leaves her husband, David Collins '52, of Portage, Michigan, and five children. Vera received an MAT and MSW from Western Michigan University. She was also a teacher of piano.

Jim Crawford, of Whittier, California, is the founder of JACCO Enterprises, an industrial distribution firm now in its 39th year. He enjoys travel, most recently to Chile, and community service through Rotary Club.

William "Bill" Cummings, Jr., and his wife, Lorraine, joined us for the reunion festivities. Bill is retired from his Fordland Lincoln Mercury automobile dealership in Auburn, Maine. He received his private pilot license after age 70 and keeps busy with flying, golf, tennis, and travel.

Leslie Decker, who now lives in Strong, Maine, is retired from the history department of the University of Oregon. He received his Ph.D. from Cornell University. His most recent book is *Place of Peace: A History of Salem, Maine*.

Richard Dennison, of Boston, is a retired vocational rehabilitation counselor supervisor and ombudsman. At the University of Maine he was active in musical and theatrical productions, and he has continued those interests throughout life. We extend our condolences on the recent death of his sister, Jean Dennison Conley '50.

Kenneth Dickey summers in Camden, Maine, and winters in North Venice, Florida. He is the retired owner of Haskell-Corthell, a retail clothing store in Camden.

Thelma Lord Dombkowski of Gorham retired in 1991 from teaching home economics at Telstar High School in Bethel, Maine.

Mary Jordan Edwards of Cumberland, Maine, received her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. She retired as a nursing educator in the University of Texas system in 1996. Currently she does consulting for Ingraham and also some staff teaching. From January to March she works with the Maine Handicapped Skiing Program. She is also a past copresident and

present board member of the Portland College Club, an organization that provides scholarships to local girls. She recalls fondly the Maine "Hello" and less fondly those frigid mornings when Dean Edie decided it was all right for the girls to wear slacks to class.

Millard Fairley, of Spencerport, New York, retired as a supervising engineer from Eastman Kodak in 1989. He serves on the local emergency response team developing plans for disasters. He has been cited by the state of New York, Monroe County, and the town of Ogden for service as a volunteer fire fighter for over 50 years.

Clinton Fecteau summers in Old Orchard and winters in Sarasota, Florida.

George Greenwood, a retired professor of civil engineering at the University of Maine, received his M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. He organized and coordinated a college of engineering distance education program that made it possible to offer graduate level courses over interactive television so that practicing engineers could work on graduate programs from locations around the state remote from university centers. In 1991 he received the Ashley S. Campbell Award from the college of engineering for his outstanding teaching and public service contributions. Since his retirement in 1994, he has enjoyed spending time at cowboy adventure ranches in the western United States and conducting Greenwood's Cowboy Road Show.

Margaret Hobbs Gordon, of Houlton, continued her education by obtaining a degree in health and family life education from Ricker College. She is retired from Katahdin Forest Products and has been a member of the American Association of University Women for 52 years.

Willie Jacques summers in Kents Hill and winters in Jupiter, Florida. He is retired from General Electric.

Elaine Haskell Knowland and her husband, **Thomas Knowland**, live in Charlotte, North Carolina. Elaine is active in adult basic literacy education, and Tom is retired from Ingersoll-Rand.

Richard Largay, D.D.S., of Bath, retired from his practice of orthodontic dentistry in 1994. He enjoys bike riding and golf as well as fishing and bird hunting.

Theodore Littlefield and Joan Speyer '68 live in Hampden, Maine. Ted retired from teaching in the Community College System in 1987.



Celebrating the Class of '51's 55th Reunion at the Memorial Union in early June are (left to right): O. William Robertson, Mary Hastings Dumas, Bruce Folsom '49, Prudy Dickey, Ken Dickey, and Cheryl Robertson.

In May 2006 **Lucien** and **Marie Theriault** received the Distinguished Service Award from the University of Maine at Fort Kent. This award is given annually to someone who has rendered service to the Fort Kent campus, the community, Aroostook County, and Maine. Lucien was employed by General Electric and Picker International, retiring in 1988. Marie started a business designing and marketing children's clothing with her daughter in Cleveland. Since returning to Maine, Lucien has been active in the construction of the Maine Winter Sports Center lodge and biathlon stadium. Lucien and Marie have also been involved in Fort Kent's Can-Am Crown International Sled Dog Races and many other community events.

William Lawlor, a former real estate broker with ERA Dawson-Bradford, retired in January 2006. According to the *Bangor Daily News*, at one time he owned his own agency, Great Northern Realty. However, memories of the horrors of World War II led to a bout of alcoholism that landed him in the hospital. While he never owned his own agency again, he did continue in real estate and as an avocation became a facilitator of recovering alcoholics at Acadia Hospital. Despite his long career in real estate, he claimed he got more satisfaction out of helping others with drinking problems. He told the *Bangor Daily News* that his sense of humor helped him get through life, includ-

ing his 52 years in the real estate business.

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Can it possibly be time again to write from the cupola? A weekend of rain was predicted for much of Maine, so at 7:00 this morning my son, Reggie, and I packed into the boat to depart camp on South Branch Lake. South Branch is in Seboeis Plantation and borders Howland. The night before we fished for live bait hoping to use one to lure a big bass.

Boating among hundreds of pond lilies reminded me of my childhood on that lake. I haven't seen so many pond lilies blooming for many years. Perhaps all of the rain has made it happen, or maybe simply the bloom is caused by a particular year in the cycle. If any reader knows the reason, please let me know. We did catch four nice white perch and decided to actually eat them after hearing some of the recent radio announcements of mercury levels being higher than we should be consuming may be false. During my growing-up years a large bowl of pond lilies decorated our camp

table, but with the present laws, we know better than to touch a single one. Home in Hancock, the sun is beaming down. Oh, well, Buffy, the Maine coon cat, was really happy that I returned home regardless of weather. My son, Reggie, whom I speak of above, has taught middle school science and math in Taiwan for the past two years. I went over to visit for a couple of weeks in April. His mother-in-law went with me, and we hardly missed an inch of the island. Mountains were steep and roads were narrow. Swimming in the South China Sea (Taiwan Straits) and in the Pacific was exciting. We also saw some amazing museums, both art and historical as well as many Buddhist temples. We also watched Reg paraglide.

David Fox and Jeanette Bishop Fox '54 came for a short visit this past week. Their summer home is in Hancock. **Patrick Hurley** visited them in Florida in late April. Shortly after he left, the Foxes found themselves in the path of a wind-driven forest fire and all in the development were forced to evacuate. According to news reports, over 50 units and 150 firefighters confronted the blaze and managed to stop the fire after losing only two homes. Scary indeed, I'd say. Fortunately, they had to be away from their home only two nights. They report that they are glad to be back in Maine.

The May 25 issue of *The Ellsworth American* "Heard Around Town" reported that **Lillian Sargent Katsiaticas** and husband, Charles

Katsiaticas, recently returned from a family trip to Greece. Their five children and several of their grandchildren took the trip that combined vacation with the 52nd wedding anniversary celebration for Lillian and Charlie. What an exciting celebration. Congratulations from your class, Lillian!

On June 2, Mary LaFlamme Jordan '55 and I picked up **Mary-Ellen Chalmers Weldon** in Brewer on our way to Orono to the Senior Alumni luncheon. A shuttle with an extra pleasant driver delivered us from Buchanan Alumni House to the Memorial Union. Kari Wells '04G represented the development office at our table. She later sent me a complimentary note that I sincerely appreciate. The notepaper is a print entitled Summer Evening, by Nina Jerome Sutcliffe, labeled on the back from the art department at the university. The artist may teach in the department. After the luncheon (to which I gave an excellent grade on the evaluation form), about 50 of us took a campus Cyr bus tour with a most knowledgeable guide. On tour we saw many new buildings and changes. The dome donated by the Mahaney family will provide this northeast university with practice space when the climate won't allow our teams the warmth more southern area schools enjoy. Watch for those Black Bear scores to jump. The most exciting building to be ready for the fall of '07 is the student recreation and fitness center with its enormous pool and running track. Our tour terminated at Lord Hall, and you would never recognize the interior. With much renovation i.e. new wall arrangement, new lighting, windows, floor, and paint, the art department has a perfect space there now for viewing exhibits. One piece by Vincent Hartgen was the focus of many sets of eyes, resulting in nostalgic reminiscing and remarks about our memorable instructor. The jazz, wine and cheese reception rated another high mark on the evaluation. The next alumni gathering I attended was the Sunday reunion celebration breakfast back in The Market Place in the Memorial Union. Nearly every chair was filled by 8:30 and the buffet was scrumptious. John Rohman '68 from the alumni association board of directors sat with Carol Prentiss Mower '53, Nancy Schott Plaisted '53, Mary LaFlamme Jordan, and me. We all enjoyed the 2006 alumni award celebration, even though we departed the university in a downpour.

While I was in Reno with **Ruth**

Drysdale Frazier in February, she was busy at some point with her volunteer job as treasurer of the Nevada Episcopal Diocese. She told me that the Episcopal bishop of Nevada, Katherine Jefferts Schori, was a pilot and had flown up from Henderson to Reno to officiate at Vern Frazier's funeral service. Ruth's husband, Vern, was an Episcopal priest as well as a physics professor at the U of Nevada. Ruth also mentioned that Bishop Schori was being considered for presiding bishop of the U.S. The June 24-25 weekend *Bangor Daily News* informed us that Katherine Schori was elected to serve as presiding bishop in the U.S. Quite an exciting event in your life, Ruthie.

I just spoke with **Adelaide "Gump" Grant Ruby** to tell her to watch for clippings to send to Ruthie from the Philadelphia papers about the new U.S. Episcopal bishop. Gump said that Roger Sullivan '51 and his wife, Ann, had been with her for a few days in Pennsylvania. They were traveling from Florida, where they live winters, to their summer residence on the Connecticut shore. Roger was best man at Gump and **Bill's** wedding.

Ruth Drysdale Frazier just called to answer my message on her machine. Besides discussing Bishop Schori, Ruthie said that she planned to leave August 27 from Prague to cruise down the Danube to the Black Sea. There would be many ports of call, but Budapest is one she mentioned. She is going with a woman whose husband used to teach at the U of Nevada with Vern.

Mary McIntire White and husband, Linwood '54, seem to be at Governor's Restaurant in Old Town every time I go in there. Mary did mention that they saw **Sarah Bouchard Pyne** and her husband, **Jim**, before they left Florida this spring. I thought I would call Sarah, but somehow I have managed to do one more bit of procrastinating. Mary J. McIntire White did not mention it, but Carol Prentiss Mower told me that the Whites were going to Africa soon. They may have gone in June because they were not at the business reunion dinner meeting in Yarmouth on June 21.

Bill Currie, class copresident, emailed me a list of those attending: **Bill and Harriet Johnson Currie**, **Virginia Norton Beach**, **Donald and Marilyn Kilpatrick Burt**, **Al Cole**, class copresident; **Elizabeth Leighton Furlong**, **Perry Hunter**, **Bill and Dorrie Mayne Lindquist**, **Ron Schutt**, **Joan Vachon Victor**,

Ken and Ida Moreshead Wiley, **Dottie McCann**, and **Gladysce Baker Stais**. Bill Currie called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. and welcomed the group and introduced the guests from the alumni association and the UMaine Foundation. Perry Hunter, class agent, reviewed the class fund, which currently stands at \$13,857. The goal of \$55,000 is to be raised for our 55th reunion. Class copresident, Al Cole, updated the group on the '52 scholarship fund. The reunion plans discussed included what will take place in Bar Harbor, pictures, name tags, and more. Paula Paradis of the alumni association briefly evaluated the 2006 reunion events and said comments were quite favorable, even without using Wells Common.

Our very own copresident, Bill Currie, has been elected president of the Senior Alumni, and Mary J. McIntire White is the second vice president. They both work diligently on fund raising as well as the scholarship fund.

The March 6 issue of the *Kennebec Journal* had a great piece stating that **Richard "Dick" Ayotte** directed the famous Cony High School productions of *Chizzle Wizzle* for 33 years. To quote Dick, "The tradition and the talent and the commitment to time and hard work doesn't change. It's like an island in time." After finishing graduate school at UNH in 1956, Cony was ready to hire a French teacher with music ability to direct *Chizzle Wizzles*. Dick said he had sung with bands at clubs and in shows, but didn't realize the scope of *Chizzle Wizzle*. The title came from a cheer: Chizzle Wizzle! Chizzle Wizzle! Sis-Boom-Bah! Cony High! Cony High! Rah! Rah! Rah! This year was the 115th production. The show must go on even though Dick retired in 1991.

And now the column must go in. Please send a bit of news for the next issue. I would appreciate a note from a few of you. Thanks and wishing you many happy times until your next news from the cupola.

1953

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The sun is setting at eye level right over my computer screen and I don't

have a shade to pull down. Serves me right to wait all day to write this. Plus I slammed my finger in my automatic car door, which by the way hasn't closed completely (for the past week I've had to pull/yank it shut). Well, the car was on a down-grade and it shut. So off to the dealer I go. (My finger will survive.) Enough of that—I should write some uplifting news so you and I'll be happy. What would you like to read? I'm serious. If there's something special, please get in touch. I can do some research—I can do a few things—I'm really quite capable.

Senior Reunion this past June (2-4) was nice—warm, friendly, and a little bit rainy. Even though only a handful of '53 classmates showed up, all the classes blended in. After all, we were "Mainers" for a few years anyway.

At Friday's lunch were '53 classmates of Orono: **Hank Woodbrey**, sporting a mustache and pouring tea, and his wife, **Dawn Miller Woodbrey**; **Woody Carville** and his wife, Jean Grindle Carville '54; and **Carol Prentiss Mower**. Also, **Helen Strong Hamilton**, of Bow, New Hampshire. Dawn mentioned their bear was back twice this spring and that they were going to Colorado this summer to see their daughter, Kim, who lives in Franktown and works in Denver. They'll be there three weeks and then spend a week in Albuquerque, where Kim's daughter Sarah will be in the Youth National Arabian Horse Show. "We're hoping she wins again; she's won two years in a row," said Dawn. (Hank, the mustache looks good on you—dignified—I almost didn't recognize you. And I'm one who does not like mustaches.) And Carol had yet another pin, a glittering State of Maine seal. And she still has her Mother's Day musical balloon in her dining room. I saw it and heard it. Sorry, Carol.

We had fun talking at lunch and afterward I took the guided historic campus walking tour, which I had never done before. I learned a lot (and forgot a lot), but it was a nice group, and I needed the exercise. We ended up at the new Lord Hall Visual Arts Building for a jazz, wine and cheese reception. I say give the band a hand. The weather was so humid and yet they played on! Also the exhibits were interesting; the piece with all those little bottles was something else. I just wanted to touch it, but the consequences?

I'm going to skip around here (about the reunion), so stay with me, please.

At Saturday night's dinner, I sat at a table with Barbara Knox Frederick '55, a speech major, and her husband, Les, a Rochester Institute of Technology commercial photography major. Also, Chris Corro, alumni programs assistant (no money in her shoe this time); and Betty-Jo Watt, *MAINE Alumni Magazine's* editorial assistant, who made at least one of the movie props. It was a Hollywood theme for the weekend, with different posters/billboards displayed—Mae West, Sean Connery—*Thunderball*, Look Up! Look Down! Look Out! *Casablanca* and others.

And then there was the "floating" newly appointed president of the Maine Alumni Association, Todd Saucier '93, '97G, of Milford. I asked where Milford was and Todd said you go to Old Town, cross the river—"on the way to Grandma's house," said Chris). Todd piped in and said he chose the raspberry salad and picked the scallops and I said I suppose you chose and made the desserts. He smiled, he's great, he's delightful. At a nearby table was Wilson M. Alford, Sr., 85, Class of 1941, civil engineering, of Windsor, Connecticut, who has been to every reunion since graduation. His daughter, Lea Santy, also of Windsor, was with him at this, his 65th.

As the delightful meal ended, Thelma Crossland Robie '49 was "migrating," as she called it, to somewhere. And I later found out that once again I didn't win either Barbara Potts's homemade raffle quilt or the quilt she made for the on-line auction (as she put it, "a sanity quilt to stay sane in Lee, Maine"). Next year, maybe. The Shaw Brothers concert that night brought back memories and with one of the former Memphis Belles, Pat Cummings '89, '44H (senior development officer for UMaine), sitting next to me, it just made it all the nicer. Oh, if I could only sing.

On Saturday I had my own personal tour of Fogler Library with Gretchen Gfeller '83G, public relations specialist, who took me everywhere, through rooms and stacks and up and down the elevator. When I was a student, I only went there to study. I don't think I ever took out any books or went through the stacks. I didn't need to look up anything. I stayed in one room. Were there more? Life was simple.

While I was waiting for Gretchen, I looked at the collection of more than 200 steins, donated from all over the world, from tiny, tiny, to huge. Most of the steins were in glass cases along one wall and in

one case a sign read: "The idea for a stein collection originated in 1962 when Omer Thibodeau '64 of Presque Isle inquired why there were no steins "to fill" and suggested the establishment of a stein room to house the collection of the University of Maine symbol made famous by Rudy Vallee's '25 new arrangement of the 1930s rousing popular "Stein Song." Hooray for Omer, I say, and to Rudy. (Thanks, Gretchen.)

I also spent some time (who doesn't?) at the bookstore that rainy afternoon. What was interesting were some old yearbooks on display by the door. (Thanks to whoever thought of that grand idea.) I stood there and looked through them and saw that the "Class of 1927 was the first class to observe Freshman Week at the University of Maine." That year the photos were oval, nicknames were given, and high schools and hometowns were listed. It even told a little story about each student, their activities, what they were in, and more. The basketball players had kneepads, Hanmer was the manager and Fred Brice the coach. I loved that book. Let's do something like that in the future. After all, people are not just names.

I had a room/suite at the University Inn in Orono for the weekend and Edie McVay King '67 of Waterville was there too. She saw my plate, UMO 53, and I saw hers, BACT 67. We chatted a minute and she mentioned she majored in bacteriology (thus the plate) and changed to the Black Bear vanity plate this past year.

I had a nice time at Saturday's luncheon. When it ended, we said it was too quiet, what no "Stein Song"?—and just then Lola Orcutt, an honorary alumna, walked by, heard us, and started singing those familiar words—"Fill the steins to dear old Maine." We all stood up and sang along. Thanks, Lola. (Her husband, Amos '64, is the UMaine Foundation's president.)

I think you've read enough about Senior Reunion—but I'll be there next year (cross my fingers) and hope to see you there too. If I can do it, you can do it.

Now, on to this classmate of ours who's starting a "coon recipe collection." He's **Ray Robbins**, of Pittsford, New York, and it seems that the local raccoons really liked—or should I say—really loved—his summer place in West Tremont, Maine. I just talked to him and he said, "If I see any more before I go back, I'm gonna start my own ceme-

tery. The coons are gone, released way the devil off the island." I laughed until I coughed. Sorry, Ray.

I knew about the coons because of his emails. Here's one dated June 4: "I got here on MDI the evening of 25 May and found that I had a mother coon and some babies in my house. What a mess! Every room was chaos, she has used my old bedroom in which to have her babies and had chosen my double bed as her personal toilet. I now have to buy a new mattress and box spring. My insurance doesn't cover coon damage, of course. I have been spending nearly all my time cleaning up the mess and throwing some things away. I managed to get the animals out of the house proper but they stayed in the shed and stunk that up. I had a fellow come and set a trap and caught an adult coon last night. The guy took the coon away this morning and spotted the babies but couldn't get them."

This email dated June 5: "Yes, I'm really having fun! The mother coon was trapped Saturday night and released many, many miles away. The little ones were in the wall partition in my kitchen. I could hear them a good part of the afternoon. Then the scratching stopped and I've heard none since."

But Ray, who's staying there until early September, is doing OK. He said he's "healthy and wiser, but less wealthy" (due to the raccoons and all the repairs). The place had needed a new roof and with all the rain, the coons simply moved in. Ray was upbeat when he added, "I can sit on my porch and add up the bills while I watch the sun set and swat the mosquitoes." Happy days are here again!

Lloyd Oakes of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, also sends me emails, including this one from February 16: "Well here we are in another batch of Florida goooooood weather—sunny and warm—just got the notice re the Spring Swing of 2006—the reps from Maine Alumni Association, plus selected others like President Dr. Robert A. Kennedy, make a swing through the southeast—our annual picnic and BBQ will take place on March 9 here in Ft. Pierce—we get a pretty good turn-out, and a couple of '53s turn out—like **Trudy Harriman Metzger**—will send you the details sometime.

"We went to Toronto in July for a credit union conference—I am on the board of the Hamilton Sundstrand Federal Credit Union in Windsor Locks, Connecticut—a very

good experience.

"Also am planning a trip out to Reno, Nevada, sometime in September to visit daughter and son-in-law—hopefully to attend the air races—which is an opportunity to see all kinds and shapes of airplanes—flying around pylons out in the desert."

Zinas "Zeke" Mavodones, of Poughkeepsie, New York, also emails me from time to time. Here's one from March 12: "Avast! Avast! (old greeting when a ship was passing by another one and wished to speak). How be you?"

"What's new with Ole Zeke. Still OK and keeping busy with a few changes. We have a new grandson, Mike and Tony's offspring, born on 9/11—new life and new hope for all. His name is Zachary. He is a pleasant joyful trooper and has great fun with his sister Maia. We were able to have daughter #3 Eirene and her husband, David, (from Brussels, Belgium) here with us during Thanksgiving holidays. It certainly made for a bouncing time with 10 in the household coming and going.

"I still do the adult education in the Poughkeepsie school system and preside over the County Continuing Education Consortium. I was president of the School District Credit Union but we merged with a larger federal credit union—the reason was difficulty in having teachers volunteer to do the required committee tasks. Teachers are now busier than ever with district and teachers association committees and meetings. Financially we were OK but people-wise no.

"I am on the last quarter of my term as master of a local Masonic lodge and look forward to passing the torch. This year the American Lodge of Research of New York (oldest one at present in U.S.) published its annual proceedings. Since I was master of that group at that time, the proceedings has the nickname of the Mavodones edition. In the opening of the proceedings is a very erudite picture of me in front of a tall bookcase filled with books. It also includes my inaugural address on Joseph Warren of colonial fame. It includes my detailed biography with credit to the University of Maine of course.

"We made our annual trek to Higgins Beach in Scarborough, Maine, in summer 2005 and we are now booked to return this summer in good health. We also returned to Maine over the Columbus Day weekend. During that weekend we realized how much of our time the

grandkids took (no complaints) and we were able to do some things that we did not do in the vacation time.

"The only words of wisdom I have is if you are thinking about talking to someone from UMaine do it now and do not put it off. Life is not the same as when we happily walked together from the campus down to Pat's for pizza." Thanks, Zeke.

I also talked to Vincent Ryan the other day and he said he and **Anne Dutille Ryan** are enjoying life and retirement at their cottage at Huntington Common in Kennebunk. Diane Charmaine, pianist/singer, who's just great (she plays at local inns and at my Christmas party), comes once a month to Huntington and Anne joins in.

On March 8 I received an email from Cleve Cowles '69, of Eagle River, Alaska: "I read with interest your update on the U of Maine Class of '53, especially about Woody Carville's birthday. I worked for Woody in the late '60s as one of his head counselors (Chadbourne Hall) and I would like to drop him a belated birthday note. I don't think he's heard from me since 1969! Would you be able to share his email or other address? Thanks."

I called Woody in Orono, got his OK to give Cleve his email, address, etc., and emailed Cleve back with the information.

This spring, **Dot Ramsay Smith** of Scarborough called me and asked if I wanted to go to a meeting of the Portland Club of UMaine Alumnae in South Portland of which she's president. I said yes. I'd never been. Carol Prentiss Mower was also there and a goodly number of women grads. Afterward we went to the Christmas Tree Shop (what better place?) while Dot went to the grocery store. Then back to Dot's for supper. She's so nonchalant and organized. Afterward, we stayed up to watch UMaine play hockey. We lost.

The next time I had lunch at Dot's with **Ann Twombly Bonang** of Brunswick. Then it was lunch at Ann's with Dot. (I must do it next.) And Ann is also well organized and nonchalant. I'm neither. Ann's husband, Claude, was there, along with neighbors from across the street, and Claude entertained us with sounds/songs made with bones, slapping his knees, and beating on a stool/chair brought up from the cellar. No way was Ann going to let him use any antique, of which there were many in the house. He's well trained. He also used a bell or



Class of 1953 members enjoying the Senior Alumni luncheon at Reunion 2006 in early June. Left to right are: Dawn Miller Woodbrey, Nancy Schott Plaisted, Hank Woodbrey, Helen Strong Hamilton, Carol Prentiss Mower, and Woody Carville.

something. He's really good at it. Claude also showed us these "Glowbys," glowing barrettes of brilliant colors for your hair. Their son in California is the designer of these battery-operated fiber optic strands. What a grand idea!

Here's an email from classmate Dr. **Darrell "Bud" Hilliker** of Jacksonville, Florida, dated February 10:

"You won't remember me. I quietly graduated in the Class of 1953 while living with my wife, Hope, and four children in the old South Apartment barracks. I came to the university summers and then for a full year in '52-'53 after finishing at Husson College and five years of teaching and coaching at Medway High School. I managed Olympic Sporting Goods in Bangor while finishing my degree at the University of Maine. After graduation and another full year at Olympic I went back to teaching at Greeley Institute in Cumberland Center.

"After two years at Greeley my wife and I with our four children moved to Long Island where we resided and worked for 26 years before retiring to Florida. I ended up as a dean and professor of business at Suffolk Community College. I received my M.S. degree from Hofstra University and a Ph.D. from the University of Sarasota. I ended up teaching at Jones College in Jacksonville, Florida, until age 75.

"I published a book last year about my 80 years of a great life under the title, *Tales Out of School*. Hope and I just celebrated our 62nd

wedding anniversary. We have 12 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and one great-great granddaughter. Just thought you might be interested in the results from a World War II penpal correspondence with Hope Severance from Passadumkeag, and a small town country boy from Corinna. God bless you all."

He sent me a copy of the book, subtitled: *Tales of Memories, Stories, and Characters*. Thank you, Bud! I read passages of the book (Olympics were on at the time), liked it, along with its six pages of photos, and emailed him back, saying: "I don't know how you remember so many things, dates, names, etc. You must have kept a journal!" He wrote back February 27: "I have been gifted with a great memory and if I remember to pick up my wife at Wal Mart this afternoon she will agree.

"God willing, we will go to Maine in May and spend the summer with our son."

In an email March 10 Bud wrote: "God granted me with a great memory. It served me well while teaching 50 years. I actually taught a few courses without a text. My first remembrance was at age three when the block on the main street in Corinna, Maine, burned. I can remember most every year of my life from then on. It has served my marriage well. I have never missed a birthday or any of our 62 anniversaries.

"I must confess one of the events in my book is when I forgot my old

car. It was the first car I ever had after I was married and I left it in East Millinocket and hitched a ride home to Medway with a friend from the mill like I had done for three years. Nobody is perfect."

He signed it: "Perhaps the oldest student in the Class of '53. Bud."

I just have to quote a paragraph or two from Part 1, The Early Years:

"It was a dark and dreary moonless night. The wind was howling—Oops! Wrong story. My life is no longer a mystery, and thank the Lord, I'm still enjoying the sunshine.

"Yup! I'm a Mainiac. Now that doesn't mean I'm crazy, although it hasn't been entirely ruled out."

The book, printed by Morris Publishing of Kearney, Nebraska, is available by mail, states one page in the front: Send \$20.00 each (includes tax, handling, and postage) to: Darrell D. Hilliker, 4792 Lackawanna Lane, Jacksonville, Florida 32257. Telephone (904) 886-3315. You're something else, Bud, and we're happy you're one of the Class of '53.

For the winter edition, I should have news about our August 22nd gathering in Lincolnville Beach, Maine, at The Lobster Pound. And I'll try to include everything I've left out this time. Meanwhile, my grandson Max loves me "to infinity and more." He looked me straight in the face the other day at camp, when we were talking about the annual Casco Day Parade and what we were going to be in it, and said: "I know what you can be—the sun! You already have all the lines!" Great going, Max of six years! And on that note I'll close. Hope you had a great summer and have a great fall and I'll see you on these pages when it snows!

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First of all, at the start of this column, we must thank **Bev Heal Balise** for her loyal and faithful duty as our Class of '54 correspondent over the last several years. This

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was a particularly important role as we prepared for and celebrated our 50th anniversary two years ago. Bev, as you "retire," we express our gratitude to you on behalf of all class members!

In order for us to maintain continuity with our columns, we are looking for a committed volunteer who would be willing to undertake this role. Please contact us if you'd like to consider this role, to be performed four times a year. Even if you winter "away," email is a wonderful tool in making the job relatively easy. During our interim period, "**Marymac**" **MacKinnon Nelson** has volunteered to help us gather and organize materials.

Through "Mac's" efforts we recently heard from **Chan Coddington**:

"Last year we did the Alaska bit—all 15, daughter's grandkids and their husbands—rented The Baranoff Lodge on Baranoff Island, just about a 20-minute float plane ride from Sitka, Alaska. The weather was superb—caught silver salmon, haddock, crabs, and shrimp—much, much fish. Saw many whales doing their thing—breaching, slapping fins on the water in a mating-type ritual, I guess—eagles soaring—shorts and tee shirts most of the time Tomorrow we're on our way to the Ozarks to camp in our rig motor home, golf, fish, and boat some—also good blue grass music and ribs! We'll stay over at Memphis for a week—park the motor home and take a cruise down the Mississippi for seven days, flying back to Memphis and then homeward bound. In September, we're going on a specially outfitted aircraft (holds 44 guests) 'around the world' 28-day trip—Australia, Singapore, Kenya, Egypt, Scotland, and then home—another once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! So Mac, that's the story! Best, Chan"

We recently got an email update from **Jerry Hallee**. He and Paulie gave us an update on his family:

"1. Our step-grandson Steve and his wife, Melissa, have had two baby girls born to them within the last two years. That makes us step-great grandparents! They live in Tennessee.

"2. We just returned from a two-week vacation in Hawaii. While there, I called **Gloria Parrella Huber**, a classmate of ours and talked with her almost an hour. She and her husband, Tom, (a lawyer) are retired. They have lived in Hawaii since 1961, the year they married. She sounded great and appears to enjoy the Hawaiian life.

"3. Paulie's side of the family (the Daigles) had a family reunion July 8th in Connecticut, which we attended. I have the Daigle family tree on my computer and brought it with me. A good opportunity to update the family tree!

"4. My fraternity, PEK, organized a 100th anniversary gathering August 17-19th on the University of Maine campus. That's enough news for now. Let's keep in touch."

A recent Cony High School (Augusta, Maine) alumni newsletter included a note from **Margot McCarthy Anderson**. She lives in South Carolina and she attended her 55th reunion last August. She closed by saying simply, "Thanks for the memories."

Roger Auclair and his wife, Suzanne Smith Auclair '88, wrote from their home on Moosehead Lake. "It's January and so far a blustery winter. We've been enjoying snowshoeing and the 30 degree difference between one day and the next! Soon we'll be starting garden seeds on the porch to have them ready for the short season. Normally they don't go into the ground before June. We're also planning our annual trip to the West Branch, as well as a visit with dear friends and family during the fair weather. We remain active in our community."

A note from **Jim Holland** brings us the following: "We came up to Homecoming. Saw Maine hockey, two games—good hockey! Nice, as always, to get back to the University of Maine. Claudette and I celebrated our 51st wedding anniversary."

Pat Hamblet Petry and her husband, Jonathan, retired to Maine in 1979, living in Hancock, Surry, and settling finally in Jefferson where until recently they raised show dogs. After graduation Pat worked for five years in Washington, D.C. (**Anne Austin Plaster** was her roommate) then married and spent a number of years living in the Far East. Two of her children live in Maine. Son Jonathan is in the Air National Guard, and did a recent tour in the Middle East. Pat's address is: 497 Sennett Road, Jefferson, Maine 04348.

Recently returning home from traveling to England (where they lived for a few years) and Portugal are **Chuck** and **Beth Leighton Furlong** '52. Chuck is active in the Southern Maine Alumni Association and involved in building membership in that organization. York and Cumberland County alums, as well as other locals are encouraged to

become active in the group. Give Chuck a call!

We were sorry to hear that **Jeannie Leveille Hannan** lost her husband, Phil, in September of 2005. In addition to many activities that she has been involved with in the Bangor area, she travels and visits with the families of three of her four children who live in the greater Portland area. She'd like to hear from you, and can be reached at: 121 Clarke Avenue, Bangor, Maine 04401.

We have found that **Jan Oliver MacKintosh** and her husband are back home in Northeast Harbor (P.O. Box 309, 04662), after being in the southern states when we talked with them in April. They also vacation with their daughter Jamie who is an accomplished ski instructor at the Jackson Hole Resort in Wyoming. Jamie was featured in the January 2006 issue of *Ski Press Magazine*.

Carolyn Mahany has had an extensive and distinguished career in education, studying, teaching, and as a liaison between groups both in this country and in Spain and Germany. She has been the recipient of a number of scholarship and academic honors. She is now back residing at home in Aroostook County and is a full-time Ph.D. student. Her home is at: RR 1, Easton, Maine 04740.

Finally, a *Portland Press Herald* clipping from January 2006 highlights a "Maine Basketball Icon at 83." It features **Gene Hunter** (M.Ed.), a Hall of Famer, as still actively coaching Scarborough middle schoolers. He originally graduated from Colby College, began coaching in 1948, has taught history as well as coaching, and has considered himself a teacher first and coach second. Gene and his wife have 20 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A quote referring to Gene states, "Coach Hunter teaches us the stuff that doesn't get in the stat sheets."

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Since we are leaving in a few days for a 12-day Baltic cruise, I am sending our column out a little early.

So, this edition might be a little shorter than usual.

Since Dr. **Cynthia Nelson's** death occurred after I sent in my last column, the alumni office added something to my last column about Cynthia. As you may already know, Cynthia's brother, Roger, and his wife, Mary, attended the awards ceremony at Reunion on June 4, 2006, to accept the Alumni Career Award posthumously for Cynthia. If anyone wishes to contribute to the university in memory of Cynthia, you can send a gift to the University of Maine Alumni Association directing that it be added to the Class of 1955 Scholarship Fund. As **Betsey Parker Enstrom** said in one of her emails, "She (Cyn) will be sorely missed and always remembered."

What a lovely picture I received from **Doris Martel Piatak** that was taken at our 50th of **Betty Forss Philbrook, Esther Babb Colby, Nancy Collins Adams**, and Doris. She and Betty were roommates freshman year, and she roomed with Esther and Nancy at the Elms for two years. Doris also visited with **Laura Wilson Messinger** who was a roommate of hers at the Elms one year. She said that moved by nostalgia, they took motel rooms Reunion weekend on the site of the Elms and reminisced about the cold winter morning walks to class and the soft-hearted professors who often gave them rides. Her husband, Dave '59G, '62 Ph.D., and Doris had a wonderful time at Bar Harbor and in Orono.

Ethelyn Gerrish Treworgy and her husband, Edwin, wrote, "Our time at our class reunion was a plus in our lives this past year. It was a lot of fun meeting so many in Bar Harbor and again at the university for the banquet...It was amazing how young we all still looked!" Her family is getting larger every year. A grandson-in-law, twin great-granddaughters, and a great-grandson have been added to their list to go with 10 grandchildren ranging in ages from 12 to 31. So nice to hear of your news, Ethelyn.

Dick Eustis, our class treasurer, advised me of Libby's death on August 1, 2005. Dick, we extend to you our deepest sympathy. Dick cherishes the wonderful trips that he and Libby took in earlier years and the marvelous friends that they met around the U.S. and Canada, and he hopes to maintain those friendships in her memory. Dick has increased his volunteer activities with the Old Town Museum where he has served on the board since 1997. It sounds

like a very busy and productive organization to be involved with. He also attended the Northeast Region Conference of CSI and a meeting of the Northern New England Chapter of the Higher Education Facilities Officers, an organization he helped found nearly 30 years ago.

Paul and I spent a wonderful month of March in Venice, Florida. We got together for cocktails and went out to eat with **Dexter Earley** and Gloria Trafton Earley '56, Ted Mayer and his wife Mary, and **Nan Earley Desmond** and Paul '59. A good time was had by all. Another get-together found Cynthia and **Dick Vaux**, Betty and **George Palmer**, and Gloria and Dexter Earley visiting us for dinner. Gloria and Dexter own a condo in the same plantation in which we rent.

Thanks, **Ron Sheay**, for sending news about a group of 1955 Phi Eta Kappas who met for dinner and attended the hockey game between Maine and Merrimack on Saturday, February 25, despite a snowstorm. Those attending were **Sal Scarpato** and wife, Joanne Barberio Scarpato '58, **Mert Robinson** and wife Donna, Ron, **Paul Ferrigno**, **Pete Wilson**, and Ralph Higgins '39. Paul indicated that they enjoyed great fellowship and saw Maine win 2-1! Yea!

Dr. **Stanley Falkow** said that he was "devastated" that he couldn't attend our 50th Reunion last June, but he was in Sweden at the time as the keynote speaker at a symposium honoring his friend who was from the Karolinska Institute. From Stockholm he and his wife, Lucy, flew to Atlanta to the annual meeting of the American Society for Microbiology where he received the Graduate Teaching Award from the society. We do hope that you both will be able to join us at our next Reunion, as we would certainly love to see you.

This edition ends up with no more news anyway, so do keep the column going by sending me news of what you are doing.

I want to mention in closing that our dear friend, **Connie Lewis Calkin**, passed away on June 5, 2006, after a two-year battle with cancer. What a wonderful life Connie had not only during our college days but after our graduation. We remember Connie as president of the Sophomore Eagles, president of Chi Omega sorority, a member of the All Maine Women, and so many more activities too numerous to mention. Following graduation, Connie first taught second grade,



Alumni association chair Bion Foster '68, '70G presents a Block "M" Award to Class of '56 members Richard and Elizabeth Brockway Nevers for their outstanding service to their class and the alumni association. Dick and Betty met when they were students at the University of Maine.

then became a child welfare worker in Maine. Connie and Bill moved to Colorado in 1959. She earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Denver in 1968 and received her Ph.D. in social work from DU in 1982. During her career, Connie worked for the YMCA in Detroit and with Denver Public Schools. She was the cofounder of Big Sisters of Colorado and the long-time director of field education at the graduate school of social work at the University of Denver. Connie was named Social Worker of the Year by the Colorado chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and was honored by the organization in 2005 with a Lifetime Achievement award. Her family was so important to her—Bill, their children Ann, Amy, and John—and especially their seven grandchildren. Everyone was a friend to Connie and we shall never forget her friendliness and what I call wonderful "bubbleness"—she always had a smile on her face. A memorial service was held June 25 at the graduate school of social work at the University of Denver. On behalf of the Class of 1955, we extend our deepest sympathy to you, Bill, and to your very supportive family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Constance Calkin Scholarship Fund. Send checks to the University of Denver with "Calkin Scholarship" in the memo line to: GSSW, 2148 S. High Street, Denver, Colorado 80208, attention: Anne Bryan. If you wish to make a contribution in Con-

nie's memory to the University of Maine, you may do so by sending a check to the Class of 1955 Scholarship Fund.

1956

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Dear classmates:

I arrived back home in Scarborough after an exciting and wonderful four days at our 50th Reunion bash. It all began on Thursday for us as we drove up to Bar Harbor and checked into the Bar Harbor Inn (posh!), then caught a bus up to **Rick Starbird's** house (also posh) on Strawberry Hill. It is a very modern house with multi levels looking out over the hills and Frenchman's Bay. However it was cloudy and rainy, so we only saw the nearby trees and hills. A fantastic site, and the house is lovely, and filled with paintings done by Rick's wife, Maryanne Holt Starbird '58. There were two busloads of us, and the house took us all. Rick did a wonderful job, and then the bus took us all back down to Bar Harbor to the lobster bake, where we all "gluttoned" our way through a scrumptious dinner. **Art and Fritzie Page Thompson** took care of all those arrangements. The next morning saw us driving up

to Orono through some more rain. It was a typical Maine spring weekend—off and on rain, some heavy, some light.

The Reunion was very successful beginning with the Senior Alumni luncheon and annual meeting with awards given to outstanding students and our acceptance into the Senior Alumni. Our class presented a \$10,000 gift to the Senior Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Friday night saw us back to the Buchanan House for a reception in the board room decorated by **Bob and Gerry Wallace Williams** and **Faith Wixson Varney** with Class of 1956 displays and memorabilia. Nineteen black bear centerpieces dressed by **Betty Brockway Nevers** decorated the tables for dinner and were presented to class officers and members of the Reunion committee along with silver bears engraved with "Thank you Class of 1956." Following dinner the class moved to the McIntire room. President Robert Kennedy welcomed everyone and reported on the state of the university. Todd Saucier '93, '97G, president and executive director of the alumni association, congratulated the class on its 50th Reunion and presented the Golden "M" Award to class president **Bill Johnson** as voted by his classmates. The evening concluded with the unveiling and toast to our class gift of the University of Maine timeline display. UMaine daisies and reunion glasses were given to all '56ers.

Saturday morning began with breakfast with the deans. A memorial service at the Newman Center planned by **Carolyn Bull Dahlgren** and **Joan Fuller Russell** had classmate **Robert Leslie**, bagpiper, greet us. We have lost 209 of 884 classmates who began freshman year.

At noon we held our class luncheon and meeting, where the new class officers were presented by nominating chair **Jane Wiseman Johnson**. The only change is that I will no longer be the class correspondent. Faith Wixson Varney will add that to her class historian duties. Faith did the work on the memory book which had been mailed to each class member prior to reunion weekend. She did a great job on that. Faith's address is: 69 Falmouth Road, Falmouth, Maine 04105. Class agent **Betsy Harvey Ruff** announced that we exceeded our goal of \$150,000 class gift to the university. Our class received the 2006 attendance award for Reunion for having 108 classmates; with spouses we totaled 180.



Joan Fuller Russell joins classmates in the singing of the "Stein Song."



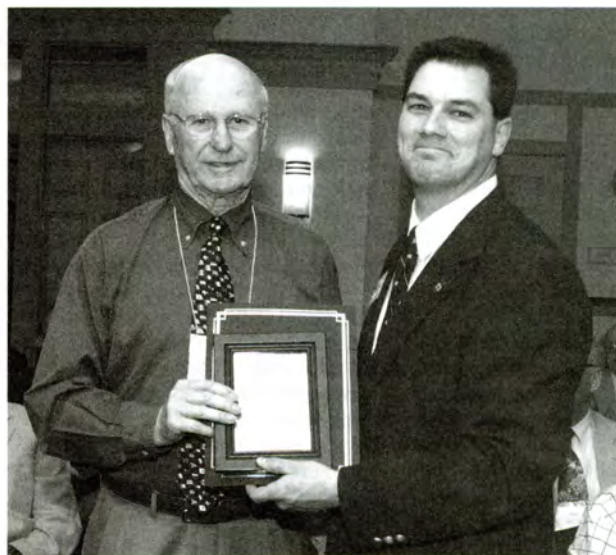
Enjoying the class dinner at Buchanan Alumni House are '56 class member Fred Otto and his wife, Alma Merrill Otto '55, '73G.



Longtime class leader and UMaine supporter Bill Johnson received the Golden "M" Award from his classmates. Bill, who is '56 class president, is a former alumni association board chair and now serves as a University of Maine System trustee.

Raise the Steins to the Class of '56

The weather was cool and soggy on campus in early June, but it didn't dampen the spirits of '56 members who rekindled old friendships, demonstrated their support for their alma mater, and celebrated their golden anniversary in style.



Hiram "Hi" Bronson (left), from Camano Island, Washington, received the class's travel award for coming the greatest distance back to campus for Reunion. Presenting the award is alumni association president Todd Saucier '93, '97G.



Enjoying the festivities are '56 members Evelyn Whitney Foster (right) and Jean Partridge Mason. Next to Jean is her husband, Don Mason.

In the afternoon, tours of campus were offered. Prior to the all alumni reunion banquet Saturday evening, the Class of '56 was hosted by President Kennedy and his wife, Mary, at a reception at the President's House.

Sunday morning was the awards ceremony and breakfast. Many awards were given—among them was the 2006 Block "M" Award to our own veep **Richard** and **Elizabeth Brockway Nevers**. This is given to deserving alumni in recognition of outstanding leadership and constructive participation in local alumni events, class activities, and programs sponsored by the association. It was also announced that **Dana Devoe** has been elected to the Senior Alumni board.

The *Kennebec Journal* on January 8, 2006, noted the celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of **Lawrence Leary** and his wife, Patricia Holt Leary. They were wed on November 19. On the 24th of June we went to another 50th anniversary party, that of our prexy William Johnson and his wife, Mary Atkinson Johnson '55. On the fourth of July weekend Bing '54 and I celebrated our 50th at Lake Champlain along with his younger sister, Judy, and her husband Joel Larsen. Our date was July 14th and theirs June 4th. The daughters got together and we had one large celebration. I'll bet there are more 50ths out there among all of you. Happy Anniversary!

On January 3, 2006, Betsy Harvey Ruff was honored by the Freeport town council as Citizen of the Year for 2005. Some of Betsy's many accomplishments included serving on the council, the Freeport Community Center building committee, the town's housing trust, and her help in founding Freeport Community Services. Betsy was also on the reunion committee. She put in a great deal of hard work contacting people for donations to our class gift, and she was successful.

If you see any of the committee in the near future you should tell them what a great job they did in the planning. There are many more who had a hand in all the work that I have not mentioned. I am very grateful for all their persistence.

I want to end this report with a thank you to all of my classmates who have helped me with the writing of this column—it has been a privilege to do it for the past few years.

See you in five years!

Thank you,
Jody



Celebrating the Class of 1956's 50th Reunion at Buchanan Alumni House in early June are (left to right): Thomas Golden '55, Caroline Locke Golden '56, Louise Jenney Rouvalis '57, James Duffy '56, Sandy Duffy, and Jim Rouvalis '56.

Thank you, Jody, for being our class correspondent for the last 15 years!

The Class of 1956.

1957

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Tom Cashman sent me a couple of news notes after **Paul Hester** had been up to see him in January. Tom said, "I retired from AT&T in 1986 and moved to Maine where I currently work for Sebasco Harbor Resort. My wife, Martha, retired from L.L. Bean and is working at the gift shop there. We spent the month of December '05 in Germany with our Navy commander son Michael '86 and his family. His brother Matthew '89 works for Chinburg Builders as a project manager. Our daughter Beth is a schoolteacher in Foxboro, Massachusetts. We encourage classmates from Maine to drop by and say 'hello' if they are at a Sebasco wedding, convention, or just visiting in the area." The resort is open from the first week in May to mid-October each year.

Paul and his wife, Jackie, have eight children and 15 grandchildren. One of their granddaughters lives in Bath, Maine, and is a senior at the University of Southern Maine. Paul is retired from the Framingham South High School, where he was chairman of the science department.

He was a former president of the Middlesex County Teachers Association, a selectman in Hudson, Massachusetts, and is now in real estate in central Massachusetts. He and Jackie have traveled extensively in Italy, France, Ireland, and Switzerland and have toured the U.S. and Canada on Amtrak.

The Falmouth actress inducted into the Portland Players' first Hall of Fame is none other than **Margaret-mary McCann**, who started acting with this group in 1957, and has continued on enthusiastically through the years with great regional success. Some of her laurels include winning Best Actress in New England at the New England Theater Conference in 1976 for handling four roles in the play *Twigs*, her work with Julie Harris on WGBH radio in the production of "Country of the Pointed Firs" in 1984, and several Best Actress of the Year awards from the Portland Players. She had plenty of memorabilia to be used for effect at the 75th anniversary, held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Portland on April 8, 2006.

We had a nice visit with **E. Paul Taiganides** when we went through Columbus, Ohio. He worked for the World Health Organization for many years after teaching at Ohio State University. Now he finally has a nice new office in his house and, like many of us, is going through boxes from days of yore and wishing to reconnect with those he has lost touch with.

J. Martin '58 and Barbara Swann Pineau sold their house on the Carolina marshes last fall in order to see more of their children and the grands. They are based in

their Bridgton house on Highland Lake, but it is easy to go down to see the five in their various grammar school activities in Massachusetts. Barbara is serving on the Children's Services board, a state agency that provides services for special needs children, and also volunteers at the library in town. They're enjoying the chance to travel, too.

Additional notes gathered from the reunion meeting are that **Pat Wade Fraker** has a new grandchild—mine just graduated from college—what a spread of life! **Bob Dagoon's** learning golf so his handicap is still going down. **Carl Beaulieu** was leaving for the West Coast and his girlfriend the day after the meeting. **Jiggs Cecchini** was home in Connecticut manning the generator to keep the water out of his basement. **Connie Doe Leslie** took a paying job last winter at the golf club as a short order cook out west—here she donates her time to the soup kitchen in Belfast. **Lois Whitcomb** was thrilled to have had both daughters with her in Paris last spring for a whole week. Mingie and Dottie '52 have a new little dog to keep them busy. The Phippsburg Comprehensive Plan passed.

Scarborough High has a new gymnasium dedicated to **Dick Plummer**, who led the boys' soccer team to four straight Class A championships from '73 to '76 and coached basketball and baseball. He said, "It got to the point where every year, you're a year older. The kids would come in and say, 'Do you remember so-and-so? That's my mom.' I didn't want them to say, 'That's my grandparent.'" He retired in 1994, but still is the timekeeper for the soccer games and attends the basketball and baseball games. Athletic director Frank Spencer '74 said, "It's an honor that's long overdue."

Eastern Maine Healthcare recently highlighted **Mary Dunroe Fleming, RD**, for exceeding expectations in caring for her patients in the diabetes, endocrine, and nutrition center.

John Bridge was awarded the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce's lifetime achievement award in January. His family had always given to church, United Way, YMCA, and the hospital, and he said, "I have added the university because I think it is important to support our education." This is a good thought to hold.

Go Blue!

1958

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This column was due to the alumni office on June 21 (the first day of summer) and it is probably late fall as you are reading this, so I will take this opportunity to say I hope that your summer was great!

The Ladies who Lunch met on June 23 at **Cyn Rockwell Wright's** in Round Pond for the annual beginning of summer get-together. Your class officers and executive committee met June 28 at the university to start laying plans for our 50th which will be May 30, 31, and June 1 of 2008. If you have any suggestions, drop me an email and I will see that they get passed on to president **Judy Demerchant Cohen**.

Ed Buckley of Presque Isle is part of a coaching program set up to offer an alternative certification to teachers through the state's Regional Teacher Development Centers in Presque Isle, Ellsworth, and Farmington. Ed, who taught math and science for the past 41 years, spends one day a week watching new teachers conduct their classes and then provides a critique on their performances. Twenty-two middle and high school teachers attend monthly seminars to fulfill their professional education requirements under the program. Most have bachelor's degrees in their fields but lack some of the professional education programs necessary. Ed sits down with the new teachers after watching their classes, discussing any problems that he sees. He helps with info on lesson planning, seating, and "emphasizes making learning relevant, and establishing individual contact with each student."

The first President **Abram W. Harris** Award was presented to the "Faculty Five," which includes **David Smith**, (who received his M.A. in '58) for their efforts to persuade the Legislature to invest in research and development at UMaine. This award carries a cash award of \$5,000 and was established by A.W. "Pete" Harris III '50. It was awarded at the annual luncheon of the University of Maine Foundation.

Connie Brow Day, our class treasurer, writes that as of May 18, she can be found at 285 Clarry Hill Road in Union. Had some emails from classmates who have decided to "come out of the woodwork" and

let us know what has been going on in their lives. **Leo Morawski** writes that he and his wife, Carmen, a secretary for a law firm in Washington, spent last July '05 with an Elderhostel group in southern Africa. They visited Johannesburg, Soweto, Pretoria, Livingstone Town, and Victoria Falls. They stayed in a tent camp in Botswana, and lodges on the Chobe River. At no time were they allowed out of their lodging at night because of the animals roaming around the area. They took safari drives that led them to elephants, lions, giraffes, impala, baboons, leopards, and a great variety of birds and other animals. Leo says it was "spectacular." Being an avid fisherman Leo took a charter in a small boat along the junction of the Chobe and Zambezi (flows over Victoria Falls) rivers and brought back to the camp a tiger fish, a large catfish, and several bass-like fish called bream. Leo is still working from his home as a mechanical engineering cost consultant. Says trips like this will keep him at his desk for some time to come.

Patti Dessler Ewen writes that she retired in 1997 after 28 years as a school social worker for Bristol, Connecticut. Patti lost her husband, Bob, almost two years ago from cancer. She has two children, three grandsons, and one granddaughter. Her son, Mark, lives in Bristol and daughter, Susan, can be found in London. Patti says her avocation has been politics—serving as the city treasurer for Bristol for the past 15 years. She is the longest serving treasurer since the city was incorporated. Says she has a great staff that allows her to take care of the administrative side of the job while they take care of the rest. Patti says she likes to travel and that she and Bob covered most of the U.S. Having family in London made it easier to go overseas, which they did on several occasions.

Leo and I had a great trip to Rome with the Ancient Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts where we attended ceremonies honoring the 500th anniversary of the founding of the Pontifical Swiss Guard. We attended the pontifical high Mass said by Pope Benedict XVI, the swearing-in ceremony for the new guard recruits, a reception given by the U.S. ambassadors to Italy and the Vatican, and the laying of the wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier (the only time it rained while we were there). Founded in 1638, the Ancients are the third oldest company in the world.

The Honorable Artillery Company of London is the second and, of course, the Swiss Guard is the first. In addition to all the "pomp and circumstance" we had tours of the countryside and the city of Rome as well as plenty of excellent food and drink. We were able to see the barracks for the Guard, Castel Gandolfo (summer residence of the Pope), the Sistine Chapel, and received a blessing by the Pope.

A great trip!

Again I'll end with my usual plea—remember to pay your alumni dues, mark your calendars for 2008, let us know any suggestions you might have for a bigger and better 50th—also if you are willing to help contact classmates, and keep those cards and letters coming.

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Hi '59ers! Do you realize that there are approximately 1,080 days until our 50th Reunion?! This is as of the due date for this column which is June 21. Imagine my surprise when I received an email message from **Paul Desmond** saying he would be in Maine for the summer and suggesting we have an officers meeting to talk about plans for the Reunion. So, you can be assured that your officers are right on top of things and will be planning an absolutely fabulous event.

Our class president, **Dick Collins**, meanwhile, has been working on a committee which has developed a study and is proceeding with plans for the renovation of Memorial Gym. It's possible this major project could increase the seating capacity to 3,000 from its present 1,000-2,000 as well as other renovations.

Classmate **Beatrice Reynolds** is proud to announce that the 2005-2006 recipient of the Dr. Beatrice K. Reynolds Scholarship Fund is Olney Atwell, of Rockland, who is majoring in new media. Beatrice urges other alums to establish their own scholarship fund as well. A year ago she gave approximately 35 acres of land to the Kennebec Land Trust dedicated to the Walter W. and Alice B. Reynolds Forest, and hosted a

brunch for the invitees to the dedication event. Kudos to you, Bea!

As this is all the news I have, I'll fill in with a few items from the Munsons. **Bob** and I recently took a trip to Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico, during which we attended an Elderhostel, "The Gathering of Nations Powwow." It was an amazing happening; a total of 150,000 Indians (they want to be called this) participated in the dance and drumming competitions at one time or another during the three-day event which was held in the University of New Mexico basketball arena. We highly recommend Elderhostels and this was one of the best we've attended.

On the way home we stopped in Atlanta to celebrate our first and only grandchild's first birthday.

That's all for now. Come on, how hard would it be to send me a quick message when you sit down at the computer? I'll be waiting!

1960

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Hello, Class of '60—hail! This is your second epistle from Gail. This column is due the day after tomorrow, the summer solstice. The sun is about to set on the waterfront here. On April 30 there was one sailboat out my window view, and now I can't count them. By the time you read this column the fall will already be here and the boats will disappear one by one.

As I read the last alumni magazine I saw every correspondent begging for information. In my opinion many people in our class are not paying dues so they do not get the magazine, and send news. I know many of you will be returning to Maine for your 50th high school reunions. Please contact me and give me news for the next winter column.

Jere Crouse, one of my high school classmates, lives in Beloit, Wisconsin. You pulp and paper people can reach him at: cj522@inwave.com. Jere edits a national journal for the industry named *TAPPI*. He and his wife, Connie, have three children, and Jere enjoys golf. All of their children are in the area.

Eliot Rich gave me a call, and said he was coaching table tennis in addition to all his other activities you read about in the last issue. He asked if I knew where **Ralph Caccagni** was, and Ralph is living in Winthrop, Maine, where he has since graduation. Ralph has had "two families," and in fact he has a son at Verrill and Dana, a law firm here in Portland. Ralph started out as an accountant, then went in the fast food business in Lewiston, Maine, and proceeded to real estate and insurance, and real estate development and construction. Ralph, poll your Kappa Sigma brothers and send news.

Mary Davis Schlotter, my college roommate, lives in Medford, Oregon, and has visited her sister in Maine the last two summers. Mary and Jack '59 are serious hikers and hiked Mont Blanc, climbing through four countries. Jack does serious fishing and Mary is retired as a reading consultant in the Medford school system. Jack is retired as a state forester. Both of their girls, Ellen and Cathy, are teachers and artists respectively.

Nancy Small Russell is a children's librarian in Cape Elizabeth. She has been there for 25 years. Nancy and Jim '59 have five children and nine grandchildren. Jim said he "would be dead if he did not work." Jim runs a distributing business.

Bonny Brown will be visiting Maine this summer to attend a high school reunion. I have no more news on Bonny.

Sally Wakefield's name never changed as she married Sarge Wakefield. Sally and Sarge ran a high-end ice cream shop in Dunedin, Florida. Sally also was in elementary education, teaching fourth grade for 23 years. Their children are Steven and Lisa and they have grandchildren they spend a lot of time with and they are "the light of their lives."

Judy Ward Lessard is busy as ever. She has been teaching for the last 15 years at both St. Joseph's College and Husson College for 22 years. Judy teaches English, has four daughters, and five grandchildren who are all in the area. Now she works at gardening and is an avid duplicate bridge player.

Kay Sawyer Hannah has a new career as an artist. She has her watercolors on exhibit at Pemaquid Gallery at Lighthouse Park. I can't wait to see them. Kay's husband, Peter '59, a Sigma Chi, is retired as a professor of forestry at the Univer-



Barrett Gates sent in this photo of himself with five fellow forestry grads from the Class of 1960 at Moosehead Lake during their 45th Reunion celebration last fall. Left to right are: **Bob Haight, Dave Clement, Barrett, Don DeGolyer, Steve Howe, and Gary Munkhoff.**

sity of Vermont. Now Peter does forestry consulting work. Their eldest daughter lives in Round Pond, Maine. Another daughter is in Lowell, Massachusetts, and their son is in Colorado. They have eight grandkids! Kay will be sharing their 50th high school reunion with **Tade Osier Cross, Chalmer Loud Lewis, and Mike Cheney.**

Connie Atherton Martin is also very busy as a floral designer in Scarborough (Scarborough Floral) and her family keeps her "on her toes." Connie does not want to think of slowing down, as "there is so much to be done and so much to see." Her eldest daughter is a Greek professor in North Carolina; her second one is studying to be a special education teacher in Lexington, Massachusetts; and her son who is in Dallas, Texas, is an accountant. She also has a world traveler third daughter who has served in the Peace Corps in Mongolia, Tonga, and Ethiopia. Connie lost her husband "BoBo" to pancreatic cancer eight years ago.

Robert E. Keane and his wife, Betty, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 4, 2005, at a family reunion in Bryant Pond, Maine. Bob is past director of personnel at the University of Maine and Colby College. Attending the celebration were their five children

and their spouses, who are all graduates of the University of Maine. Also attending the celebration were 13 grandchildren, many friends, and family. Congratulations to the Keanes!

Art Rankin and Judy Clark Rankin also sent news. Judy has been retired from a 25-year career in real estate sales and management for five years. Judy fills her time with family, house and gardens, hobbies, and volunteering at the local hospital. Art retired in August 2001, but keeps busy doing some consulting. He is a member of the board of directors of the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point; the Paper Science Foundation, University of Minnesota; Bio Products Industry Advisory Council, and a member of the Paper Industry International Hall of Fame. Also, he is still active in the Paper Industries Management Association and the Technical Association of Pulp and Paper Industry (TAPPI). Currently Art is president of the Paper Industries Old Timers, a group of mostly retired folks from the pulp and paper industry. Art and Judy went to Arizona last March and the children and grandchildren all came to visit.

Donald Lewis, of Bangor, president of Nyle International Corporation of Brewer, announced in April that a new version of the Nyletherm,

a Nyle special products heat pump hot water heater, is now being manufactured, and the company expects to be hiring more employees to help with its production. The intention is to "get Nyle special products up to 100 people in the next couple years." In addition to the Nyletherm, they manufacture a cold climate heat pump, an exclusive breakthrough product that extracts heat from the outside air, no matter how cold it gets! You go, Don!

Dwight Hunter received the Martin E. Ryan MIAMA Award of Excellence in April. He is a former Caribou High administrator. This award honors athletic administrators who have practiced in their chosen fields with distinction. Congratulations to you, Dwight!

Joe Dion has moved from Brattleboro, Vermont, to New Hampshire and has retired three times and then gone back to work. Joe has been in real estate for many years.

Mark Shibles has retired from the University of Connecticut where for many years he was dean of the school of education and a professor. During the last few years he was senior advisor to the New England Educational Policy Center. He has been a leader in national professional organizations, and consultant to national and state governments, universities, foundations, profes-

sional associations, regional educational agencies, and many local school districts. He was major advisor to a large number of Ph.D. students, was a speaker at many national, state, and regional conferences, and is the author of books, articles, and technical reports. He continues to serve as an independent consultant.

Betty Colley Shibles had a career that included being an elementary and middle school teacher, a principal, and for many years a coordinator of gifted and talented programs for the Mansfield, Connecticut, school district. Betty was a consultant to school districts on the development of gifted and talented programs for all students.

Mark and Betty live in Mansfield Center, Connecticut; spend summers in Maine, and travel extensively. Their daughters, JoAnne and Stacey, and grandchildren live in California and Texas.

I have had a couple of fun conversations with **Sandra Page** who lives in Brattleboro, Vermont. She is busy with all sorts of volunteer things with the school system and had a great day with Rock and Roll activities with the elementary school kids. Sandy, what happened to the info you were going to send me?

Of course, everyone loves to visit the Maine coast, and have a lobster in the summer. I will be doing that, as my sister and her husband run a restaurant called Kaler's in Boothbay Harbor. Also, I will head up to Washburn, in the potato country to see my mother, who is going strong at 91, and attend my 50th high school reunion and the Washburn Festival in August. This festival has a fine parade, concerts, and also includes tours of the Aroostook County Agricultural Museum, a 19th century relatively unaltered vernacular house that typifies upper Aroostook County dwellings built during the region's mid-19th century settlement. I am proud to say my dad, Ray H. Carter '24, wrote a history of the town and was very active in the building of this museum. In my day 260,000 acres of potatoes were grown there, and I was told today only about 60,000 acres are grown. The Wilders are my ancestors.

Call your college pals, brothers, and sorority sisters to see how they are and collect news to send me for the next issue. The time will fly and we will be at our 50th before you know it. See you in the fall. As I walked around Back Cove with a friend this morning we saw a young bull moose. It attracted quite a bit of



Reuniting with their former UMaine track and field coach Ed Styrna (second from right) at the "M" Club breakfast on June 3rd were (left to right): Will Spencer '61, Matt Dunlap '87, the coach, and Dan Rearick '58.

attention, naturally—only in Maine, the way life should be.

1961

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How does Snoopy start all of his great novels—"It was a dark and stormy night?" Well, Reunion wasn't dark but it was stormy. Did it matter to us? Of course not; we felt sun and warmth in our hearts from the smiles and hugs of our classmates. For those who missed the festivities, here's a brief overview.

Larry Schiner stepped in for **Haddon Libby**, class president, who was unable to attend. Larry held forth at the class meeting on Friday night, challenging us to name all of the campus mayors from 1958 to 61. We did! Following that, former mayor **Maverick** and now class agent, **Peter**, with wife, **Gail McLain Berry**, reported on the results of our class gift collection. At that time, we had fallen short of our goal of \$20,000 but it's hoped we will have reached the goal by the time you are reading this magazine. Larry's wife, Barbara, researched the history of our mascot Bananas the Bear and found aluminum travel mugs to have emblazoned with his likeness. (I'm sipping tea out of mine this very minute!)

After the meeting, the class adjourned to the class lounge located in our very own dormitory in the Doris Twitchell Allen Village. The Village is a great way of "living" for upperclassmen. A group of bedrooms with a kitchen, bath, and living room. Of course two of my "roomies," **Dan Rearick** ('61G) and **Will Spencer**, yammered away for what seemed like hours since they were so excited about going rafting or fishing or who-knows-what the next day with **Harold Hatch!** **Ernie** and **Connie Ridlon** were in another room and **Jane Goode** was in a single that was so tiny she referred to it as a reproduction of Martha Stewart's prison cell!

After breakfast on Saturday, still raining, we piled into a school bus and bumped along to Northport to have lobster salad lunch at **Dick '59** and **Anne Adams Collins's** lovely home on the bay. The surprise at the lunch was **Dick** and **Anne** challenging us to make our class gift and promising to match anything extra we donated. That evening and Sunday brunch back on campus gave us more time to get soaked, eat, and visit with classmates.

Here are some newsy tidbits picked up at reunion: **Charlie Hunnewell** and wife, **Lila**, are leaving New Jersey after many years and moving to upstate New York just outside of Ottawa to live closer to their daughter and her family. Also on the move is **Wally Hinckley** and wife, **Sharon**, on their way to Greenville, South Carolina, after selling his last Subway sandwich shop. Incidentally, **Wally** knew that the Maine

mascot before the bear was an elephant named **Bolivar**. Who knew?

Marcia Sayward Blake had a "moving experience" recently when she and her daughter's family took a vacation trip to the islands only to have flight delays getting home that entailed missed flights and airports to the tune of two extra days. And this with two kids under the age of five. **Norma Currie Goel** had her horror nightmare with airlines too but hers was coming to Reunion, trying to get out of Syracuse, New York, to Orono. Norma did arrive in time for Saturday night festivities and a memorable night in the dorm with **Nancy Woods Rearick**. (Ahem! Did you notice that Nancy had Norma for a roommate while the rest of us got stuck with Dan in our suite? Figure out the logic on that one!)

College roommates, **Ellie Shibles** and **Shirlene Heath Gosline** caught up on the goings and comings of their lives. Ellie is retired and spends her summers at Belgrade Lakes. Shirlene is active in university alum affairs. **June Toulouse Heintz**, retired from teaching math in New Jersey high schools, and **Meg Thompson Villarreal**, still active in public television, kept us in giggles with old college war stories. Meg left her digs in Virginia and now calls Brunswick home.

Andy McGarry flew in from Florida and between Larry and Andy the lounge was stocked with beverages and ice. Andy, retired as a lieutenant colonel from the Army, is working as a procurement manager for Lockheed Martin and is staying fit with softball and hunting—but not at the same time!

My roommate, **Gingee Buckley Franco**, and husband, **Vince '62**, were able to attend Saturday night but missed the other festivities due to Gingee's retirement dinner from teaching fourth grade in Bangor. Some of the kids Gingee taught in past years were the mothers of kids she also taught. She didn't want to hang around to teach their grand-kids! Vince is retired from school administration and works part-time on the National Assessment of Educational Progress—a federal study conducted by Westat, the company I work for. (hint: if any of you are looking for part-time work, email me!) Always fun to catch up with **Etta Davenport Libby** who remains ageless. Etta is also retired from education and still living in Old Town.

Henry Shepherd and wife, **Joyce**, came to the lobster lunch.

Shep has a vacation home at Port Clyde but still lives in Massachusetts, and hasn't retired yet. His son is in California and daughter in Maryland. Caught up with **Margaret Mednis Phillips** and found out she is working part-time as a physical therapist and living in St. George. Still enjoys skiing, hiking, swimming, and gardening. **Jane Petherbridge Ives** and husband, Cliff '60, also came to the lunch. Cliff is retired from the ministry now and resides in Portland. **Ann Coffin Hicock** is retired in Holden.

The hope of the reunion committee is that our 50th will be a grand slam. Anne Adams Collins has graciously volunteered to chair the committee. Class officers are Larry Schiner, president; Andy McGarry, vice president; and **Jean McNeary Woodard**, treasurer. I'll continue to write this column. And thanks to all who returned info sheets prior to reunion. I'll be using those for future columns but don't want to rely on only them. Got news?

1962

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Hello, classmates! I am sitting here listening to the radio. It is Paul McCartney's birthday and of course, the refrain on every station is, "Will you still need me, Will you still feed me, when I'm 64?" Well, even though most of us have a year or two on Sir Paul, the answer from your executive committee is a resounding "Yes!" Plan to join us the first weekend next June for our 45th Reunion. We promise to give you a great time and plenty of fabulous food. How about lobster? Plans are already in the works to make this the best reunion ever. It is time to set the date aside, call that friend you haven't seen for years, and join us as we celebrate.

I have heard recently from some of the faithful reunion attendees. **Millie Simpson Stewart** writes that this is her 25th year as director of volunteer services at Mid Coast Hospital in Brunswick. Millie has enlisted the volunteer services of many alumni in her area. If you stop by the hospital café on Wednesday mornings, you can have a delicious omelet prepared for you by class-



1963 classmates (left to right): Sue Young Webber, Marilyn Russell Howerton, Carol Milliken Glenn, and Mae Smith Gee got together recently at Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

mate, **Dill Paiste**. Dill and his wife, Kitty, now retired, live in Phippsburg. Their next-door neighbors are **Eli** and **Ann Crichton Karter** '63. Eli, also retired, is a substitute volunteer trolley driver for the hospital. In addition to her work, Millie is enjoying being a grandparent. Son Derek and his wife, Suzann, and their two boys have moved into a new home on the back field of Millie's farm overlooking the Androscoggin River—a grandparent's dream!

Ed and Pat Smith Ranzoni sent greetings from Bucksport. Pat wrote, "Since retiring as guidance counselor from the William S. Cohen School in Bangor, Ed has devoted himself to family and working our wood and food supply, including

hunting and fishing with our sons and grandsons." To celebrate their 45th anniversary last November, the Ranzonis made a pilgrimage to the memorable places of their courtship on and around the campus, followed by an extended winter visit to their daughter's home on the Oregon coast. Pat has published a third collection of poetry. *Sheltering Pines Press* published *Only Human: Poems from the Atlantic Flyway* last December. Pat reads and recites at schools, libraries, and literary events around Maine whenever possible. Her poetry is currently being used by Colby in its Many Maines course, and drawn from by the University of Maine departments of English and history. It has been acquired by



Friends and classmates from the Class of 1963 had their own mini-reunion at the home of Debby Cutler Grace in Sudbury, Massachusetts, on April 24. Left to right are: Gail Hoxie Brown, Bunny Thibodeau Andrews '87G, Debby, Julie Ingalls Brown, Judi London McBair, and Joann Pratt Moody. All six women were dormmates in Chadbourne Hall during their freshman year at UMaine.

Fogler Library's Special Collections and the Oral Histories of Women Writers in Maine project at UMaine Farmington.

Well, that is the news for now. Remember: the Class of '62 needs you at our 45th! Save the dates: June 1, 2, and 3, 2007. Hope to see you there.

1963

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First I must apologize for some lost information. My old computer died with a half done column written. I have tried to resurrect what I had written, but something tells me I have missed something! Please resend your information if it is not included here.

Guy Whitten wrote that he was inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association National Hall of Fame, June 28th in Branson, Missouri.

Timothy Carter has been named to the Regulatory Fairness Board for the State of Maine. He has operated a farm in Bethel and is a former employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Maine State Senator **John Martin** has returned from the Middle East, where he mentored government officials in Beirut, Lebanon. John is an assistant professor of political science at Fort Kent.

Mae Smith Gee sent a copy of her Christmas letter. In it she said she had gotten together with college friends, **Sue Young Webber, Marilyn Russell Howerton, and Carol Milliken Glenn**. They met in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in May and plan to do it again next year!

Gail Hoxie Brown, Bunny Thibodeau Andrews, Debbie Cutler Grace, Julie Ingalls Brown, Judi London McBair, and Joann Pratt Moody got together at Debbie's house in Sudbury, Massachusetts, on April 24th. They were all friends in Chadbourne Hall our freshman year. They had a grand time and it looks like they have all aged very well, by looking at the picture!

Go Blue!

1964

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A big Maine Hello to the classmates of '64, and I am happy to have some fun news for you. We are kind of past the time in our lives when we measure ourselves by titles and are at the time when the great stories of our life's path are pretty interesting, so please share yours! **Dewey Chase** writes that he and his fellow "Sigma Chi musketeers" **Phil Morse** and **Don "Duck" McBeth**, "rode together" again this year for a week at Dewey's winter home on Abaco, Bahamas, fishing, golfing, partying, and celebrating that Phil and Duck both became granddads this year. In fact **Susan Keane Morse** missed the party, because she was home grandmothering. Dewey says all Mainers are welcome to visit either at his New Harbor home in the summer or at Abaco in the winter.

Most of you will also remember **Mary Goucher Macomber**, who along with Susan Keane Morse was an All Maine Woman in '64. I am excited to report that she and Don have been living in Coral Springs, Florida, (a suburb of Fort Lauderdale) for 25 years. They have a son Keith, a daughter Fran, and three grandchildren— Reagan, Samantha, and Rowen. After many years as general counsel for a computer manufacturer, Mary has changed hats to excel at marketing her husband's Home Instead Senior Care company, a franchise of the worldwide companion care provider for the elderly. Eldercare and quality of life issues for seniors is the core of a lot of Mary's board and community work. She's also had gubernatorial appointments to serve Broward County regarding water and quality of life issues, such as diversity and children's groups in Broward County. As you can imagine, I could fill this whole page with her accomplishments, but in 2003, she was awarded the Broward County Public Citizen of the Year, and in 2005 another county award and a Broward Senior Hall of Fame recognition. And with 37 years of marriage to their credit, they just returned from a phenomenal trip to China and Vietnam, "truly life-changing," she says. In 2000, Mary and Don traveled to Fiji, Australia,

and New Zealand with some of their UMO friends—Stu '65 and Maggie Edgar Gerald '65, Bruce and Jean Gerry Collett '63, and Walt '59 and Sally Owen Burlock '59, in case you want to know what they are doing!

Ken Mantai, who earned a Ph.D. in plant biochemistry from Oregon State and post-docs at Stanford and Brookhaven National Labs, began teaching at the State University of New York College at Fredonia, New York, in 1970. The two-year plan to head back to the northwest was scuttled and it was 34 years later that he retired from Fredonia as a Distinguished Teaching Professor and holder of the Kasling Lecturer award, the highest distinction they have for research and scholarly activity. He still teaches tropical biology and takes students to Costa Rica. Aquatic biology (algae and plants) became his focus. He mentions that he would love to hear about his Sig Ep and other friends from the University of Maine, and if you are thinking about writing me, that is a big hint!

Jim Parr also wrote. Like the new age pioneers we are, he is starting on his third career. He and wife, Elba Ortiz, married for 35 years, have three sons and three grandchildren. Jim retired after teaching Spanish and French in Maine high schools for 35 years, and working part-time those same 35 years as a U.S. immigration inspector, checking ferry and cruise ship passengers. Now he is a Master of Divinity candidate at the Portland campus of Bangor Theological Seminary and plans to do either small church ministry or teaching. They live in Westbrook where they are awaiting their fourth grandchild.

Diane O'Donnell Shevenell has moved her real estate broker license to Legacy Properties on Pearl Street in Portland, where she has been helping buyers and sellers for over 25 years. Until her move, she had been a partner at Town and Shore for 20 years. As a colleague, I confess I admire her tenacity and fortitude. I have been a realtor for over 28 years, and it does dominate your life!

Classmate **Peter Thompson**, of Readfield, made us all proud twice recently. As the president of the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce he received a special chamber service award; then turned right around and accepted Le Club Calumet's Outstanding Citizen Award, for recognition of his fine community involvement. Just last year Le Club Calumet, whose mission is to pro-

mote Franco-American heritage in Augusta, voted to admit women members. Must be the French half that held out so long, eh?

The chamber award came with an all-expense paid cruise to the Caribbean for him and his family.

At the time of this writing, I have word that **William Browne**, who lives in Vassalboro with his wife, **Carolyn Devoe Browne**, had announced his candidacy for re-election for a third term to represent his hometown, Windsor, and part of Augusta. The past four years William sponsored legislation to require proof of residency to qualify for general assistance and MaineCare, establish a student minimum wage, create license plates for farm vehicles, and fund construction for Augusta's new bridge.

Finally, one of our classmates is supporting our university by his work with the University of Maine Foundation. **Amos E. Orcutt** is assistant treasurer-president and CEO of the foundation, which was started in 1934, and is an independent 501(c)(3) organization encouraging gifts and bequests that nurture academic achievement, research, and intellectual pursuits (pretty much covers it all!) at UMaine. Last year they distributed approximately \$5,000,000 to these ends.

David Farrar took the time to send in a hello before he and wife, Ruth, leave for their third summer in South Africa. She is a college professor at Bridgewater State College and has arranged a partnership with the University of KwaZulu-Natal to work with local teachers there. Ruth is a literacy educator and Dave works with the social studies teachers. Now that is a great way to spend a summer—or three! Dave has been teaching high school social studies for 42 years and plans to make it 44, before he retires to spend full time with his 10 grandchildren. Thanks, Dave!

Now, don't make me beg. Someone wants to know how you are!

1965

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Christmas 2005 came a little early to

Lettie Faye O'Leary Hafford in the form of the Stephen '70 and Tabitha '71 King Foundation. Seven years ago, Faye and some helpers opened a small two-room library in a former school in the Allagash. Faye had feared the closing of the library because of the high cost of fuel and a furnace that was ready to quit. A check from the King Foundation solved these problems. Faye taught for 25 years, while rearing four children. She is an author herself and has self-published some 15 books about local legends, people, and folklore.

A librarian who retired on July 1 is **Pat Ramsdell Foster**, who started working at the Ellsworth Public Library in 1983 and became director in 1991. Ellsworth is my hometown and I know how much Pat will be missed. She has been a very devoted librarian and an enthusiastic supporter of the Friends of the Ellsworth Public Library. Pat and her husband, Robert, intend to "enjoy a more leisurely lifestyle." They may travel a bit but will remain Ellsworth residents. Reading is at the top of Pat's retirement to-do list.

Sharon Mount Bramhall wrote that she is immersed (submerged) with volunteer work for the American Red Cross Blood Services (blood-mobiles). She has been "doing it for over 25 years so you know I love it! Ben is still with New England Precision Equipment, selling laser equipment."

Owen Wells is the president and chief executive officer of the Libra Foundation, which has infused more than \$20 million into the Maine Winter Sports Center in Presque Isle. When he visited the Nordic Heritage Center during the 2006 Biathlon Junior World Championships in February, he used the words "overwhelming" and "breath-taking" to describe the venue which hosted their first-ever world class biathlon event.

Royce Perkins, who lives in Penobscot, decided in the spring not to seek reelection as a Hancock County commissioner. He will complete his first four-year term at the end of 2006. He plans to spend more time with his family—and grandchild, and on his real estate business and their Blueberry Festival.

My college roommate, **Caroline Fuller Hutchinson**, and her husband, Bruce '66, spend as many long weekends as possible at their retirement home on Grand Lake Stream. This summer they attended Bruce's 45th Bangor High School



Among the solid contingent of Class of '66 members who returned to campus in early June to celebrate their 40th Reunion were (left to right): Leo Lachance, Khris Barnick Lachance, Vince Franco '62, '70G, Bonnie Hetzel Jaffe, and Carole Spruce.

reunion and talked with one of our UMaine classmates, **Joe Raymond**, who is still flying as a pilot with Citibank. He and his wife of seven years, Maria, live in Manahawkin, New Jersey. Many of you must have had 45th high school reunions this past year. Any news of UMaine '65 classmates?

Ann Brown Lowrey has moved to a new residence in Germantown, Maryland. She spent the summer at her family cottage in Norway, Maine.

Sue Bryant wrote, "When I saw that you guys had had a 40th Reunion, I was surprised—doesn't seem as though that much time has gone by." Sue was a freshman in the school of nursing in 1961 and '62. After spending a year with her baby, she enrolled at Gorham and graduated there. However, her fondest memories are at UMaine and Coburn Hall. Sue wishes she could locate the girls she shared a room with: **Sally Wentworth Ashley**, **Jacqueline Wolfe Verrill**, and **Mary** (hm-m-m-m...brain cramp...she was from Winthrop, Maine!). Maybe you ladies are reading this and will get back to Sue at: sbryant@sad39.k12.me.us.

A note from **Michael Harkins** mentioned that he would be leaving in February to teach English in China. He expects to be away about 18 months.

I returned home after a spinal fusion the end of March. As of this writing, I would like to attend my

Ellsworth High School Reunion in August, but I still have some more rehab to get through. As always, I enjoy hearing from classmates and about classmates.

1966

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Three days of rain, no, heavy down-pour, did not dampen our spirits as the Class of '66 returned to campus for our 40th Reunion. On Friday evening we gathered in the Russ Wooley Lounge for an ice breaker pizza party filled with hugs, smiles, and handshakes as old friends connected and new relationships began. Saturday, the class met for pictures, lunch, and a fundraising auction. Special thanks to class president, **Emil Swift**, for soliciting most of the auction and raffle items that generated over \$1,800 toward our scholarship fund. Reverend **Philip Jacobs** of Canton, Massachusetts, paid tribute to class members lost since our last reunion. On Saturday evening, all classes gathered for dinner at the newly expand-

ed Student Union dining facility.

All agreed that the campus is in fantastic shape. If you've not visited in recent years, make a point to return this fall for Homecoming and plan to attend your next class reunion. The remarks by UMaine President Kennedy assured us that our university is in very capable hands. After the banquet, while many attended the Shaw Brothers concert, some of us adjourned to Pat's (you remember—that place in Orono that still serves great pizza and cold beer) to catch up on what's been going on these last 40 years. When I returned home, I went to some old yearbooks to check you out, and guess what? On page 46 of the 1967 *Prism*, **Joe Murray**, **Brian**, and **Becky Gordon Turnbaugh** hadn't left Pat's in 40 years because they were still sitting at the same table as they were on June 3rd, 2006. Who will forget **Sarge Means** and **Susan Myer Riley** dancing to the "Stein Song" at the banquet? Is nothing sacred?

Among those returning were **Steve Sones** and his wife, Nancy. Steve is a lobsterman living on an island off Marshfield, Massachusetts. Their road home is covered at high tide, which requires planning their travels. Steve played baseball at UMaine and was on the team that went to the '64 College World Series along with classmates **Joe Ferris**, mayor of Brewer, Maine, and **Carl "Stump" Merrill** (New York Yan-

kees). Steve and **Bill Bacigalupo** live in the same town and might connect. It was great to visit with **Charley Bonney** who's the accounting manager at Bates College.

Leo "Lucky" Lachance, who recently retired as Winterport, Maine, town manager, attended with his wife, **Khris Barnick Lachance**. She confided in me that she met her husband while taking roller skating lessons in phys ed. Leo was working his way through Maine teaching roller skating. She "fell" for him and they married their sophomore year. I assume Khris received a passing grade. **Ency Whitehill** and **James White** shared with us that they met for the first time 10 years ago, fell in love, and married. Both retired in August '06; she from various posts on campus, most recently as financial manager of auxiliary services, and Jim after 40 years in education. In 2005, he was honored by The Maine Principals Association as Middle Level Principal of the Year. They live in Orono and plan to travel and pursue their hobby of rock and mineral prospecting.

It was neat to see longtime friends, **Susan Myer** (formerly Fahlgren) **Riley**, **Minerva Monsulick Whitten**, **Carole Spruce**, **Ursula Pickart Nelmes**, and **Carol Jesraly Josel** connect as if they hadn't missed a beat in 40 years.

Although we all hoped to see more friends from the past, this was an opportunity to make new friends and strengthen relationships. Reunions are not just a way to renew our friendships, but also a chance to reflect on the time we spent here, remember those whom we have lost along life's way, and to build foundations for the future.

An idea that I wish to share with you to generate greater attendance at future gatherings; that we consider having an annual luncheon or dinner in the Portsmouth, New Hampshire, area. Many Maine alums live within a two-hour drive and we might consider doing this in August when some folks are spending part of their summer in New England, or late fall after Homecoming (early November). **Joe Murray** suggested reaching out to a range of classes from '63 through '68 to generate a larger turnout, many whom we would know as well. I would be willing to work with the alumni office if it appears you feel this has merit. We might even try to organize events when the Black Bears play UNH (sorry **Barb Bristol Paiton**) in football, hockey, or other sports. Any thoughts or suggestions

would be appreciated.

Before I close, we owe Carol Jesraly Josel a special thank you for being our loyal class correspondent these past 15 years. I would hope you'll drop her (ajesq@aol.com) a note as she'd enjoy hearing from you. The class also wishes to thank Emil, **Bruce Staples**, **Nancy Erickson Ladd**, Barb Bristol Paiton, and **Jan Rogers** for their long service to us, especially for their time and effort in reunion planning and alumni relationships. Much of what they do is behind the scenes, but needs to be recognized. As we move forward, keep in touch, think of how you can contribute to the scholarship fund, and send over any notes or clip-pings we can pass on to the alumni office.

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1967

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Greetings, classmates! With this issue, I take over as class correspondent from **Carol Heber Lane**. Thank you, Carol, for your 34 years (since 1972!) of devoted service to our class. You did an excellent job and your hard work is very much appreciated.

I am writing this from the great state of Maine! After many years in Wellesley, Massachusetts, my husband, Dick, and I moved to Kennebunk in November 2004 and are very pleased to be here. If traveling by, please stop in and say hello!

As you all know, our 40th Reunion is next year and **Edie McVay King**, our faithful class historian, needs your help. She writes: "Attention - Members of the Class of 1967. Our 40th class Reunion (June 1-3, 2007) will be here before we realize it! I would like to make a collage of photos consisting of activities that took place during our years at UMaine as well as informal photos taken during previous class reunions. If you have any photos to share, please identify them and put your name and address on the back so that I can return them after our reunion. Please send them to: 7 Salem Street, Waterville, Maine 04901-5149. If you have questions, I can be reached at (207) 873-1816."



Chatting with UMaine liberal arts and sciences dean, **Ann Leffler** (right) at the dean's breakfast at Reunion 2006 are **Chelsea Stenger Richardson '66** and her husband, **Elmo**.

Hollis "Jack" Andrews writes, "I retired in 2003 after 31 years with the Miami (Florida) Police Department. I retired at the rank of captain. I was commander of a narcotics unit and an investigations unit. My wife, Carol, teaches fifth grade in Pembroke Pines, Florida. We travel frequently and in April spent three weeks in Australia and New Zealand. We have one son who is a special agent with the U.S. Secret Service who recently returned from Pakistan where he was with President Bush. We have two handsome grandsons, ages one and three. Best wishes to all."

In the news: on July 23, the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame held its annual induction ceremonies at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland. One of the distinguished inductees was **Bruce Glazier** from Cape Elizabeth. Bruce has been the sports director at Portland TV station WCSH since 1979 and was Maine's sportscaster of the year in 1985.

Edward M. Kelly delivered the commencement address at Quincy College's (Quincy, Massachusetts) 2006 winter graduation. "You're a different person than the person who started here, whenever you started; you've grown and changed. The real gift is your willingness to accept the Quincy College experience, with all the cuts and bruises, the laughter and joy...as yours to enjoy." Edward first attended the school in 1962 as an Army veteran. After graduating from what was then Quincy Junior College, he earned a bachelor's degree from Suffolk University, a master's degree from

the University of Maine, and a doctorate from Boston University.

Remember to mark the reunion dates on your calendars. Our wonderful president, **Sue Chadbourne**, wants a large turnout! And please send your news. With email it is easy to stay connected. I look forward to hearing from you!

1968

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Judy Wynn Burke writes: "I retired three years ago after being a counselor in junior high school for 33 years. Months later we purchased a place on Brigantine Island in New Jersey less than two miles from Atlantic City. So if you are visiting Atlantic City—give me a call, especially Alpha Phi! Eight months of the year we're in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. We're in the book—my husband's name is James."

Sue Adamski Samoriski is desperately looking for former roommates **Heidi Dearnley Jackson** from Monmouth, **Marge Frost Hunter** from Camden, and **Linda Lake Johnston '67** from New Jersey. Please have them contact her at: (413) 625-9916 or: booklady2@hotmail.com. Sue finally really retired this January a year and

a half after officially retiring from her library coordinator position in western Massachusetts when a certified replacement was finally found. Sue and new husband, Hank, together with an entourage of family and friends, spent the month of March in South America. Highlights were horseback riding in Uruguay and walking with thousands of penguins in rookeries along the coast of Argentina and the Falkland Islands. Also on the retirement horizon are China and Australia with a quick trip to California and visit with **Carli Burke** in June. As we baby boomers hit 60 this year there will be many celebrations. One such get-together will be in Boston this August with **Carli Burke** and **Penny Robinson Blaisdell**, doing a little Boston, sailing, and spas.

News from **Joy Jewett Johnson**: "**Greg** is still traveling abroad (Sweden and Italy) and here in the good ole U.S...mostly D.C. doing consulting. We are friends with Rick '67 and **Jane Walker Woodruff**....Jane and I volunteer at Wolfe's Neck Farm in Freeport on the coast....600 acre farm once privately owned by the Smiths of Philly...gave it to the university, but now it is in a foundation...they have all kinds of educational programs there as well as camping sites on the sea, trails, etc....we are primarily involved with fundraising events...barn dances, etc. Beth Hobbs Quivey '69 and her hubby came to Maine for our auction/ dinner dance in the fall. She is a good friend of Jane's. Off to feed the animals. We added a pony to the menagerie and my sweet donkey, Oakey Dokey, has not made a hee haw since she arrived! We think she was just lonely."

Ron Perkins was named executive director of Ag Container Recycling Council. The ACRC is a non-profit organization that collects and recycles plastic pesticide containers from U.S. farmers and applicators, mostly free of charge. Prior to joining CropLife America, Ron spent 14 years as the owner and operator of solid waste management firms. Earlier in his career, he led marketing and management teams at Stearns, Conrad, Schmidt Consulting Engineering and the city of Portland, Oregon, where he advised clients on a wide range of solid waste management projects. He holds an MBA from Dartmouth and a B.S. from the University of Maine.

Peter S. Washburn, former principal at Farrington School in Augusta, recently retired from the

Maine Air National Guard. Washburn's military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Excellence Award, Humanitarian Service Medal, and Maine Commander's Award, as well as other awards and decorations. He and his wife, Joan, live in Augusta.

Frank Amoroso, the regional director for the U.S. Department of Justice's Boston bureau, spoke to the Maine chapter of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers at the Kennebunk Free Public Library. He holds a degree in sociology from the University of Maine and a master's degree in counseling from Hampton University. He is a graduate of the Maine Executive Institute, Maine Maritime Academy.

Ellen Greig Stinson of Windham was named vice chairman of the University of Maine Foundation.

Paul McLauchlan owns American International Travel, Aroostook's largest travel agency system serving northern Maine and New Brunswick. He is a certified professional ski instructor, an elite master alpine ski coach, and a past appointee to the U.S. Demonstration Ski Team. Besides coaching and instructing at Sugarloaf, he has conducted numerous racing, freestyle, and coaching clinics for alpine skiers and coaches. He and his wife, Mary, a teacher at Hilltop School, reside in Woodland with their two sons, Ian and Justin, high school students in Caribou.

Jackie Platt is retiring after 35 years of teaching and hopes to return as a part-time tutor. She also hopes to move closer to the Maine-New Hampshire coast.

Keith Weatherbie of Cape Elizabeth was a state nominee for a national award for the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Distinguished Service Award.

Ed Zizmor writes that he is still practicing law in Hackensack, New Jersey, and the Bronx, specializing in the areas of criminal law and collection law. He and his wife, Linda, are proud grandparents of twins Julie and Daniel Shiner, born November 15, 2005, to their daughter Arlene and son-in-law Jay Shiner. Their son Joshua has his own business on the Internet, International Point of Sales, and their younger son Andrew works in New York City for a corporate benefit company. Ed mentions that he

Haskell Family recognized for 135-year legacy at the University of Maine

Ben Haskell '67 and John Haskell '71 accepted the 2006 Fogler Legacy Award at Reunion in early June on behalf of their family. The award is presented once a year to a family that has a long tradition of attending the University of Maine. No family's connection with the university is longer than the Haskell's—Edwin Haskell was one of six members of Maine's first graduating class in 1872. Since then, four more generations have earned degrees from UMaine.



Brothers Ben '67 (left) and John Haskell '71

always remembers his time at UMaine with great fondness.

Eric Brennan retired from a full-time career (38 years in health care scientific, regulatory, and government relations work) last December and has been spending the past few months with small consulting projects as well as catching up on work around his two homes in Newburyport, Massachusetts, and Orlington, Maine. The newest news is that he has been accepted into graduate school at Harvard University. While not the oldest grad student, he knows he is up there in years at the age of 60. He is going after a second master's degree—one in public administration. His hope is to spend the next stage of his professional life working on health care issues.

And last but not least a wonderful message from my closest friend, Carli Burke.

"Most of us are turning 60 this year. I plan to celebrate right through the summer starting in June. Having just had my third bout with cancer and chemo, I am very much aware of time and getting together with others. Since our 40th is two years away, I would like you to think about making it special. What's special? Well, for me, it would be having those '68ers who live in Maine, come to see those of us who are coming from some

distance, for even a couple of hours at the Buchanan Alumni House. Or join us at Pat's for beer and pizza after an event. Last time we stayed at the Lucerne Inn, only a few minutes (by Los Angeles standards) from the campus. That way, it became a mini vacation and more relaxing for our significant others. I now truly look at each day as the train ride, not the station. Those big events we wait for before we do something are no longer in my thinking. If you are reading this article, send me (Cburke@datablocks.com) or Penny an email with "U of Maine" as the subject, and tell us what you are doing today. Stop putting things off."

Carli says it all and in a way that makes us all appreciate what an incredible person she is, with spirit, drive, and will that we can only begin to aspire to.

1969

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Hello, classmates! It's always interesting and exciting to hear updates

from you, so please send us or the alumni office your news. **Donald S. Foote** of Biddeford has been promoted to vice president in the payment services department at TD Banknorth in Lewiston. He joined TD Banknorth in 2005 and is also the company's product manager for Lockbox. For over 36 years, Donald has been in the information technology field, including 25 years at Xerox Corporation and as the manager of his own consulting business. For the last 11 years **Elaine Cohen Siegel** has been teaching preschool in Lexington, Massachusetts. She and her husband are the proud parents of three daughters. One is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, a second daughter is in a Ph.D. program in music history at Brandeis University, and the youngest daughter is a student at Boston University. Senator **Olympia Snowe** is among eight women considered possible candidates for president according to a national survey conducted by *Parade* magazine. **Suzanne Bazinet**, the principal in Bazinet Enterprise PLLC, has been added to the contract staff of Senior Spectrum. Suzanne is a Registered and Licensed Dietitian.

Larry Littlefield of Old Orchard Beach has been named to the alumni council of Berwick Academy in South Berwick. He has been the superintendent of the Kittery school department for the past 10 years. **Brent Slater**, a Bangor resident, has been named clerk of the board of the University of Maine Foundation.

Remember **Brian Harden** who was always active in our class activities? He is mayor of Rockland and is the business manager of the Reading Corner in Rockland. **Robert Farrell** of RFC Consultants of Vassalboro is the new varsity football coach at Mount Ararat High School. On Channel 6 news, I caught a glimpse of **Trina Hayward Beaulier**, a retired teacher who now co-owns Simply Divine Brownies in Brunswick.

Peggy Alden Stout writes that she is a "retired rehire," working part-time for the Baltimore County schools in Maryland to help with the inclusion of students with disabilities. **Phyllis Deringis** continues to be happy working at the Maine Principals' Association. She still gets together with other classmates: **Judy Anderson Ablin**, **Sally Chandler Ordway**, and **Phyllis Jordan Gamache**. **Kandycy Plummer Powell** is the executive director of the Maine Hospice Council.

Cleveland "Cleve" Cowles of

Eagle River, Alaska, corresponded last March with class correspondent Nancy Plaisted '53.

"Southcentral Alaska is cold (close to zero) and clear now, the rest of the state is very cold! We've been here for 26 years, but think about visiting Maine again for old-time's sake. The Iditarod race is running now, we're all going to be dog-tired soon!"

"I'm just a government scientist for the most part. If you google www.mms.gov/alaska/ess you'll find out about where I work. I serve as chief of the MMS (Minerals Management Service) program in Alaska. We're not way-out-there homesteaders or anything like that, don't have huskies—but we have three cars, two sons, two granddaughters, and a Labrador retriever! Eagle River is a town of about 35,000 to 40,000 people now. It was about 7,000 when we moved here. (Kind of urban—Orono is probably more down-home.)"

We're waiting for your news to include in the next issue.

1970

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It was a flashback to watch the University of Maine ice hockey team play in the Frozen Four and hear the distinctive voice of our own **Gary Thorne!** In case you missed it last April, the game was televised on ESPN. He was the first voice of Maine hockey on radio and last covered a Maine game in 1986! Since then Gary has covered baseball and NHL hockey for ESPN. **Stephen King** has another book out this year. It is *Cell* and it will keep you away from your cell phone forever and also send you back to Maine, the way life should be!

Paul Bird became the interim town manager in Monmouth, Maine. He formerly held town manager positions in Gray and Harpswell.

Martin Hartford was appointed to the teaching staff of the Burt Wood School of Performing Arts in Middleboro, Massachusetts. He is a specialist in woodwind instruments. He has had several years experience in the Middleboro public schools.

If you visit Brunswick, Maine,

Susan Bell '70 joins Bernstein Shur

Susan Bell '70, '71G recently joined Bernstein Shur Government Solutions as senior project manager. In that role she will serve clients who require representation or coordination with the departments of education or health and human services.

Sue brings a wealth of state government experience to her new position. Most recently she worked as director of the Office of Clerks of Court for the Maine State Judicial Branch in Augusta. Prior to that she was a senior advisor to former Governor Angus King. Susan also served as director of the Maine Forest Service, as deputy commissioner of the Maine Department of Conservation, and three terms in the Maine House of Representatives.



and stop in at the Fat Boy drive-in restaurant, say "hi" to the owner, **Ken Burton**. The restaurant was started in 1955 by Ken's uncle and a partner and has stayed in Ken's family ever since. Ken and his wife, Jeanne, have operated it since the early 1980s. **John Wolfgram** has become the football coach at Cheverus High School in Portland, Maine. John was the coach at South Portland High School for 15 years before becoming an assistant coach at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, for five years. He has also coached at Gardiner and Madison high schools in Maine.

1971

*35th Reunion at
Homecoming October
20-22, 2006*

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Hello, fellow members of the Class of 1971,

Certainly, I hope we will be together in October for our Reunion. I know that you have already received the initial invitation, but sometimes we don't remember (day-to-day,

hour-by-hour, and minute-to-minute with me, which has always been true). So here is your reminder. On Friday and Saturday, Homecoming Weekend, October 21 and 22, we will reunite in force on campus. Lots going on, with a football game, Maine vs. Hofstra, and I know what you're thinking, as I am, "Why would a team like Hofstra even show up, when they know of our strength?" Well, we'll kick them around, they'll have no spectators, no 1971 cheering squad, so if they show up, they'll be so sorry!

Then we have the "Go Blue tent" near the football field with tailgating as long as you can tolerate watching that poor Hofstra team cry their way into the showers. There is a craft fair and a Maine market place, and so much more. Please make your reservations early, as there are limited places to stay. Please email me if you need a list of places, or call the alumni association. There's a whole lot going on, and it's always great to be reacquainted.

Please be aware that we are setting a goal of \$35,000 for our class to give to the university, with tentative plans for giving half of that amount to Colvin Hall and half to our Class of 1971 scholarship fund, which has been rather under-funded for some reason. I know that when I have given in the past, I simply hadn't thought of giving to the scholarship fund for sons and daughters and now, grandchildren. Now I am determined to return a bit of what

the University of Maine has given to me. I have never lacked for a job, even when I didn't want one. As quirky as some of my positions around the country have been, there was never a question. I always got the job. So please expect to give generously. Your skills acquired at Maine have served you well. Of that, I am certain.

Charles Stanhope, our former class correspondent, opened his mouth first and named his generous gift, so being the loud-mouth that I am, I topped him. I need to learn not to be so competitive and, perhaps, compulsive. And by the way, Charles lives in Maryland and still, ho-hum, works for the Library of Congress as, I think, acting librarian. Hope I didn't mess that up, Charles. You know enough to expect that. Anyway, he will never retire because he keeps meeting more and more cerebral celebrities, including that prolific historian David McCollough. I'd keep my job, too! I must admit, there are advantages to living this close to Washington, D.C., at least for now. Unfortunately, Charles has spent so much time here that he now sprinkles normal conversation with "Y'all's."

We just returned from two weeks of house hunting in Maine. No luck so far, but we have a wonderful agent and I will live in Maine again!

Great news from **Juana Perley** who has moved far from Massachusetts to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She wanted to be closer to her sister and her sister's grandchildren, and she seems to be loving the great Northwest. **Paul Michaud** is out there at the University of Idaho, as I remember from our last conversation. I have no idea if Coeur d'Alene is close to the university. As a French major, I can tell you that the city's name means "heart of Alene," but woe and alas, I know not the wonderful Alene, but she must have been something! Enlighten us, Juana! Idaho? I know that they have potatoes (not as good as the ones in Maine), and that it's a big misshapen state, unlike Maine which has the lower part you can live in, and the upper part that is too cold.

Now, educators, check this out. **Cathy Kindbom Lewis** is a champ. She is principal of Steuben's Ella Lewis School and she lost her husband to cancer in October at their home in Sorrento. She had left her job to care for Larry, and returned to her position after only an 11-week absence. Cathy had taken the school, in only two years, from being designated a "Continuous Improve-

ment Priority School" (not a good thing, for those of you who have not been paying attention to federal-edu-speak) to a school that is achieving AYP. (Again, for the uninitiated, they are making "adequate yearly progress.") She claims that it is the community that is helping the students achieve, and yet the members of the community claim that Cathy's love for their children has made all the difference.

Judy Packard Kenney, who taught second grade at Mapleton Elementary School, has retired from the Presque Isle school. Please let me know your retirement plans, Judy! Are you staying up there in "The County?" I couldn't imagine one winter up there, and here you are, probably having taught 30-35 years.

Well, you didn't take advantage of my offer of a Washington, D.C. T-shirt, except for Juana Perley, for sending me information. What is up with you? Okay, now email me some news, and tell me what museum you would like to have your T-shirt come from. Take this seriously, now. I'm only doing four more of these, and you probably have heard that they're running short of T-shirts in this area, so hurry up. Often I misplace e-mails and forget to put your information in the column because we get chatty, but if I forgot to mention you, here's your chance to regain your fame and help me spend my money! Come on—I have lots of help here! Hit the little buttons and let me know what's new! Happy autumn, hope to see you all at Homecoming, and please get in touch.

1972

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I don't know about you, but whenever I hear a news story about something bad happening, I take a quick inventory to be sure I can't think of anyone who might have been affected. I did so last spring when I heard about the cruise boat catching on fire. My sense of security turned out to be falsely based, evidenced by this email I got from **Jan Lilley Additon** in March: "I returned home last evening after an interesting month and decided to answer your emails with this one for now. I...flew to Florida for a cruise vacation with

my friends Elaine and Rollie Brown. The cruise started out just as perfect as it is described. Then in the middle of the night we were awakened to our ship on fire! We had to get to our muster stations through smoke and gagging odors. The life boats and passengers were all prepared to abandon ship as it took seven hours to get the fire under control. We were between Grand Cayman and Jamaica when the fire broke out, so it took several hours to get to port. One person died and 11 were injured, but it could have been much worse as the damage was extensive. I was flown out of Jamaica and went to a lovely resort in Ft. Lauderdale and stayed there for four days. THAT was my real vacation! Rollie and Elaine didn't get flown off Jamaica until the second day, but eventually we reunited there in Florida....I am now more than ready for summer weather and have had enough adventures for a while. Ah, but it all has been very interesting...."

G. Melvin Barclay wrote to me, asking that I include the following item in this column. "Melvin Barclay, M.S. (agronomy), Upper Kintore, New Brunswick, was presented The Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal to recognize his leadership in 4-H. It was noted that, 'Melvin has been an outstanding 4-H leader in the Western District and has contributed greatly to the development of our young people.' The citation also said that, 'Melvin's contribution to the potato and beef industries in our area cannot be measured.' The Golden Jubilee Medal was certainly not Barclay's first accomplishment. He has received the Distinguished Services Award from the New Brunswick Institute of Agrolologists; he is a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada; and he has received the James Robb Award, the highest honor given by the New Brunswick Federation of Agriculture." Congratulations on all counts, Melvin!

Herbert Short joined Wright-Pierce in Topsham, Maine, in February 2005 as senior electrical engineer. But that's not the most interesting piece of his recent history. He "married Linda Diane Peaslee in September while at Maine Medical Center waiting to undergo quintuple heart bypass surgery (which was successful, by the way). Linda and I had planned to be married last September 10. However, the indications of an angiogram forced me to take precautionary measures and I was scheduled for open-heart surgery on the 6th. Consequently, we



Alumni association president Todd Saucier '93, '97G presents the Bernard Lown '42 Alumni Humanitarian Award to Tabitha Spruce King '71.

Tabitha Spruce King '71 honored for her humanitarian efforts

People around the world know Tabitha King as an accomplished author and as the spouse and partner of horror master, Stephen King '70. But in Maine she is also known and admired for her commitment to helping people at all levels of society. Her generosity and hard work have improved the lives of countless people in Maine and beyond—from patrons at public libraries to scholarship recipients to victims of disease and domestic violence.

Tabitha is a longtime champion of public libraries in both rural and urban communities. She served as campaign chair for the renovation and expansion of the Bangor Public Library and made extremely generous contributions to public libraries in Bangor, Calais, and Old Town.

Her philanthropic efforts are by no means limited to libraries. Among the many beneficiaries of her work and philanthropy are local YMCA's recreational facilities, Eastern Maine Medical Center, and homeless shelters in different parts of the state.

Her generosity also extends to her alma mater, where she and Stephen made the largest donation by living alumni in the university's history.

Besides all her impressive humanitarian work, Tabitha is still committed to her writing career. Earlier this summer her new book, *Candles Burning*, hit the bookstores. The novel was co-written by Michael McDowell, a close friend of Tabitha's who died in 1999 before he was able to finish the book.

had to forgo a formal church wedding. However, we decided to proceed with the wedding at Maine Medical Center. So, on the 3rd of September, the folks at MMC were very considerate and let us use their chapel for the ceremony. It was quite unusual, I guess, because it was the talk of the hospital for a while. It certainly was memorable! I had to walk around with an IV bottle and nursing supervision, but we managed to pull it off." Herbert and Linda live in Cumberland, Maine.

Richard "Rico" Arnold writes that he and Barbara Knauer Arnold "have moved to Florida. We are living in West Melbourne, 636 Brockton Way, Compass Pointe, Florida 32904. We will be summering in Maine in a new home built on Lake Wesserunett just north of Skowhegan. We would love to hear from our friends at Maine. In Florida: (321) 373-6411. Go Maine."

Barry J. Gates of Turner, Maine, was appointed to the position of business manager at Kents Hill School. For the prior six years, he was chief financial officer of Farm Credit of Maine, a cooperative commercial lender that focuses on natural resources.

Last November, **Anne E. Pooler** was named secretary of the University of Maine Foundation, an independent organization whose gifts and bequests nurture academic achievement, foster research, and elevate intellectual pursuit at the University of Maine.

Last January, two Bangor-area bands played at a benefit concert to raise funds for the Bangor Fuel Society, a century-old, nonprofit organization that provides heating assistance to Bangor residents and the surrounding communities in need. Our classmate, **Jim Dowe**, played guitar in the band Retro-Rockerz. (In his "other life," Jim is CEO of Maine Public Broadcasting Network.)

I've had a couple of fun small world adventures in the past several months. Last fall I joined a longsword team in Harvard, Massachusetts (think ritual dance from Yorkshire County, England). It wasn't until this past February that one of the other members realized that we had both lived in Stodder Hall at the same time! At our next practice, Bill Hoermann '73 and I shared a few photos from those days—pictures of friends hanging out in dorm rooms, a crowded booth at the Shuffle Inn in Old Town (where we had to arrive early on a Thursday night to get a booth before the local

Greg Jamison '72 recognized for outstanding service

Greg Jamison '72, '98G received the Pine Tree Emblem Service Award for outstanding leadership and service at Reunion 2006 in early June. Greg served on the alumni association board for ten years including two terms as chair. In addition, he's been very devoted to UMaine athletics, serving on the boards of Friends of Maine Hockey and Friends of Maine Football, and working the aisles selling 50-50 raffle tickets at Black Bear sporting events.



bowling league made an appearance). We had a great time laughing about some of the escapades that went on in Stodder Hall!

Then last April, my husband and I attended a function at Boston College. At the luncheon, my husband was sitting next to a man named Bill Higgins from New York City. Bill's wife, though not present that day, is also Anne with an "e." I thought nothing of that. Why would I? But toward the end of lunch,

conversation turned to the cultural transition I experienced when I went from undergraduate school at the University of Maine to graduate school in Manhattan. "Oh," he said, "my wife went to UMaine." I asked the natural question: "When did she graduate?" "1972," he said. Turns out his wife is **Anne Covell**! More evidence of those few degrees of separation!

Be in touch!

Brenda Harvey '74 is new commissioner of health and human services

Brenda Harvey '74 is the new commissioner of Maine's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). She was appointed to the post by Governor John Baldacci '86 in late March. Brenda had been serving as acting commissioner of the department since January.

As head of DHHS, she will oversee 4,000 employees and a \$3 billion budget.

Brenda has served in various other leadership roles in state government. She was an acting commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Services (now part of DHHS) and also served as the deputy commissioner for integrated services at DHHS. She lives in Gardiner with her husband and son.



1973

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Carl Parker retired from a full-time career in education at Nokomis Regional High in June, but will continue to coach—a "labor of love" he says. **Jim Lavoie** is the new director of process improvement for Customized Structures in Claremont, New Hampshire. The Retro-Rockerz and the Jack Cashman Band earned \$3,500 for the Bangor Fuel Society. **Jack Cashman**, Maine state commissioner of Economic and Community Development, leads his band and **Andy Mead** is keyboardist and guitarist for the Rockerz—when he isn't being a judge.

Dennis Libbey and **Alan Livingston** were inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. **Molly Pitcher**, a certified prosthetist/orthotist, has joined Hanger Prosthetics and Orthotics in the Bangor office.

William Laughlin retired from the Hermon and Penobscot sheriff's office. Bill also served as an officer on the university police force. **Eric** and **Elaine Webber Hendrickson**, both teachers for S.A.D. 1, were busy last winter preparing for the 2006 Biathlon Junior World Championships and being hosts to the team from Greenland. They also participate in biathlon events.

Let us know what you did on your summer vacation.

1974

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My husband, Don, and I were lucky enough to spend some glorious days at our cottage in New Gloucester around Labor Day. The heat in Florida has really gotten old by September, so it's great to have a cool place to go and catch up on reading and eating seafood.

The saga of Cold River Vodka continues. I flew to Maine in June and opened up the U.S. Airways magazine and who is staring back at me but **Bob Harkins**. The special

section of the issue was dedicated to Maine, and Cold River Distillery was highlighted as a place to go while trekking around Maine.

Best wishes to **Anthony Anderson** and his soon-to-be bride, Suzanne Campbell. Anthony and Suzanne publish several guides about Maine, including *Maine Gallery* and *Maine Antiques Guide*. After a September wedding and a honeymoon in Italy, they will live at Lucerne-in-Maine.

Barbara Manual Beers is the new vice president of development at the University of Maine and will lead the charge on the six-year, \$150 million campaign. Some of you may remember that she was the point person for the Buchanan Alumni House campaign. Her background includes being a private consultant for nonprofit fund raising and she was a network executive with Maine Public Broadcasting. Welcome home, Barbara!

Governor John Baldacci '86 nominated for re-appointment **Ernest Hilton** to the board of the Environmental Protection Agency. He is a lawyer and professional engineer working with environmental permitting and compliance.

In another announcement, Governor Baldacci nominated **Brenda Harvey** to be commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services. She has served as acting commissioner of the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services. Brenda was previously a manager at Maine Medical Center and she worked for the Bureau of Rehabilitation.

Maine? Jazz? State Champions? It must be George Stevens Academy and classmate **Steve Orlofsky!** He's developed quite a reputation as a teacher, musician, and director of the jazz program. Since 1988, his band has captured 10 titles and the jazz combos have been crowned state champions five times since 1997. We salute his success.

Last December, **Edward "Ted" Potter** ('74 Ph.D.) became the new chief of staff for Maine's Speaker of the House, John Richardson. Ted moved from Rhode Island to Maine in 1969 and began a stellar career in the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis. He has held various positions and loves to crunch numbers and work on budgets. Our best wishes to Ted in this new position.

Your classmates would love to hear about you—please send a card or email! Enjoy the fall foliage, Homecoming, and Black Bear football!

1975

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Hey, everyone, how about sending your news? It may not be news to you, but to the rest of us it is. How about dropping a line and telling us whether you took a summer vacation to an exotic place or stayed home and mowed the lawn? Whether you've moved to a new state or adopted a different state of mind, we want to hear from you!

1976

30th Reunion
October 20-22, 2006

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Hello, everyone, I hope all of you will be able to make it to Maine this fall to celebrate our 30th class reunion! I have some big news in my life. After 29 years in Lincoln, I have left my position as principal of the

middle school to accept a position as assistant superintendent in Sanford. My wife, Jane Goodwin Theoharides '75, will be teaching language arts at the middle school. Our daughter, Caroline, graduated from Colby in May with a degree in economics. She will be working at the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston.

At the end of the school year, **Chris Avila**, who received a graduate degree in 1976, retired from Old Town Elementary School where he was principal. He began his education career teaching at the middle school level and later moved into elementary school teaching. He served as principal for 30 years.

University of Southern Maine coach **Ed Flaherty** was named the Little East Conference Coach of the Year for the fourth time in 20 years. Ed led the Huskies to a 11-3 season to win the league title.

1977

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Hello again, fellow classmates! Many thanks to those of you who

took time to write in. You've made my job, which I enjoy greatly by the way, so much easier.

I received a lovely note from **Carol Ryan-Ertz** a few months ago, although I could have done without the reminder that many of us are now in our fifties! She is in her 12th year at Unum Provident, the past two years as director of corporate training. She and her husband have two teenage boys keeping them on the go with many sports and music activities. Last fall Carol hosted a "Fabulous Fifties" reunion party at her home in Yarmouth. Here's the news she shares:

"**Nancy Gilday Jensen** resides in Scarborough with her husband, **Erik**, and three wonderful daughters. **Kathy Campbell Sanford** resides in Barrington, Rhode Island, with her husband and three active sons. **Maggie Leach Smith** and **Scott** have a busy family life in Cohasset, Massachusetts. **Susan Piffath Russell** and **Dave** have two children in college and enjoy life on the lake in Standish. **Kim Pasquariello Moore** is a teacher on Martha's Vineyard. **Elaine Magnuson Elliott** resides on Cousins Island in Yarmouth with her husband and son. **Susan Kazilionis Murphy** and **Bob** are almost empty-nesters in Byfield, Massachusetts, with two daughters in college. **Cathy D'Alfonso Chapman** resides in South Portland with her husband and five boys and one girl!"



Last fall, Carol Ryan-Ertz hosted a "Fabulous Fifties" party at her home in Yarmouth for a group of her 1977 UMaine classmates. Standing, left to right, are: Nancy Gilday Jensen, Kathy Campbell Sanford, Cindy Warren '79, Maggie Leach Smith, and Susan Piffath Russell. Sitting are: Kim Pasquariello Moore, Elaine Magnuson Elliott, Susan Kazilionis Murphy, Audrey Viles Findlin (USM '76), and Cathy D'Alfonso Chapman. Carol Ryan-Ertz took the photo.

I also received word from **Mark Chase**. Four years ago Mark sold his primary business, Advantage Payroll Services—Portland; he currently co-owns another Advantage Payroll Franchise in Concord, Massachusetts, and recently bought a commercial building in Portland. He is also involved in a Fitness Together franchise for New York state. Mark writes that he and his wife are now spending more time traveling as they have a daughter in Massachusetts and a son in Manhattan. Over the last year they have visited Italy, the Netherlands, St. John in the Virgin Islands, and the Florida Keys. Mark says he would love to hear from fellow classmates in southern Maine. He and Judi live in South Portland but in the summer you might just find them relaxing at their Sebago Lake cottage.

Mark Davenport also dropped me a note. After leaving an acting career in Los Angeles, California, six years ago Mark became an administrator at Camp Dudley located on Lake Champlain in upstate New York. Interested in getting in touch with Mark or learning more about Camp Dudley? His email address is: davo@campdudley.org.

Kevin Bushey has been keeping busy. He publishes a twice monthly newsletter and recently completed an e-book designed to "develop a personal strategy to succeed in today's workplace." Check it out at: www.personalbusinessplanonline.com.

In other news—**Richard Rosen** of Bucksport is in his fourth term as Republican state senator. And now his wife represents the district in the Maine House. But at home, which they share with three dogs, three cats, and a talking parrot, he says they spend more time talking about their two grown children than talking about political policy.

Charlie "Skip" Rabeni is an associate professor of fisheries and wildlife sciences at the University of Missouri in Columbus, Missouri.

Sally Morrison, a speech and language pathologist at Decas School, was named The Standard-Times 2005 Woman of the Year for Wareham, Massachusetts, thanks to her efforts in organizing a relief project for children in Louisiana whose lives had been affected by Hurricane Katrina. **Leslie Duthie** was presented with the Environmental Service Award at the 2006 Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Environmental Conference. Dr. **Vincent Michaud** of Bangor was recently named the 2006 Family Physician of



Mark Chase '77 and his wife, Judith, enjoy a sunset at Key West, Florida.

the Year by the Maine Academy of Family Physicians.

That's it for now. It was great hearing from all who wrote or otherwise sent news, updates, and photos. Keep it coming!

hearing from you we have no news. We don't want to resort to making things up about you (although that could be lots of fun)! It doesn't matter if you're in the same house/job/situation you've been in for the past 25 years—it's still news to us.

1978

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Why is there silence from the great Class of '78? Please, folks, without

1979

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Hello to one and all! I hope you'll take a moment to drop me an email

Greg Snow '78 wins broadcast award

Greg Snow '78 is the 2006 recipient of the Harold Hirsch Award for broadcasting on snow sports. Greg owns Blizzard Productions and works as director/editor/producer at the CBS-owned WCCO-TV in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He produces a 30-minute weekly show called "The Snow Show," which is dedicated to winter sports of all kinds. He also does other in-depth sports stories for the TV station as well as freelance work for ESPN, the U.S. Ski Team, and America's Cup yachting.

Greg previously earned three regional Emmy Awards for his broadcasting work.



or postcard with news of your summer travels and your family.

We begin class news with **Keith Soucie** who is now vice president for operations and technology at Enterprise Bank and Trust in Lowell, Massachusetts. He resides in Litchfield, New Hampshire. **Thomas McGary** has graduated from the Downeast School of Massage. Originally a plant science grad, he has been active in the Robinson Ballet and teaches kickboxing.

Elsie O'Dell Dinsmore has formed her own publishing company—Belleisle Books—and has published a mystery novel. She lives, according to the book jacket blurb, "with her Sheltie companion, Molly, in a little house overlooking the bay and the islands in Eastport." It's been a busy year for **Alan Storrman**. He completed his term of office as an Old Town city councilor, and was promoted from lieutenant to major on the University of Maine police force where he's been a mainstay for 24 years. He serves as assistant director for parking and transportation services, and in the role, oversees arrangements for special events.

Bart Stevens received the Community Service Award from the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce in Waterville. In addition to serving as partner and full-time realtor at Century 21 Nason Realty in Winslow, he has been active in many organizations including Kiwanis, Habitat for Humanity, United Way, and the Boy Scouts, and has coached basketball, baseball, and soccer. He and wife, Pat, have two sons, Nickolas and Justin.

Dennis May was named program manager of the Northern Forest Inventory and Analysis Unit of the USDA Forest Service in Pennsylvania. Dennis began his career with the forest service more than two decades ago in Louisiana, and he has worked at many levels within the forest inventory program. The Northern Research Station serves 24 states and approximately 175 million acres of forest land. **Diane Kopec** is stepping down as director of the Abbe Museum in Bar Harbor after 21 years with the organization. During her tenure, Diane guided the American Indian museum through physical plant renovations and additions, staff expansion, and increased participation by tribal members at all levels. Diane will remain until a new director is chosen, and then will enjoy gardening, and time with family and friends.

Ivan Gilpatrick (M.Ed.) was

blessed with the support of his family and friends as he battled cancer. A cancerous kidney was removed last November, and the community of Gouldsboro (as well as the Schoodic Peninsula) rallied to provide financial and emotional support, organizing benefit suppers on his behalf. Ivan worked as a teacher and school administrator. Sadly, he lost his battle with cancer on June 17.

1980

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Hello, classmates! I hope you had a relaxing summer. I've heard from some folks over the summer. **Elisse Winer Varner** writes that she was married to Dr. Bruce Varner in 2005. They live in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, where Bruce practices optometry and Elisse teaches yoga. Nice to hear from you, Elisse!

Bill Casavant, a broadcaster and sports programming director for the Channel X radio network in Caribou, was recently presented with the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Annual Media Award for coverage of high school athletics. Congratulations, Bill!

Still waiting to hear from more of you. Please write or email now. Your news is important to us!

1981

*25th Reunion at
Homecoming
October 20-22, 2006*

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It's time to rally the troops for a road trip to Orono on Oct. 21st! Make no excuses! It's our 25th Reunion from dear old Maine during Homecoming

weekend and it won't be the same without YOU!

Your reunion committee is still in the planning stages as of this writing, so we encourage you to check: www.mainealumni.com for all the updated details! By the time you're reading this, you should have received information via snail mail and email, if you are on-line. I encourage all of you to pass the information along to other classmates for whom we may not have accurate addresses. Successful reunions are the product of many personal contacts. Round up your dorm buddies, sorority or fraternity brothers and sisters, band pals, or just the old gang that you hung out with during those wild 'n crazy college days. The Class of '81 was exceptional—we know that! Now let's prove it by setting a 25th Reunion attendance record!

To entice you to return to campus, the alumni association has a full weekend of events for you to pick and choose from. Make sure you join classmates under the Go Blue Canopy between Dunn and Corbett halls for a free continental breakfast. We'll have several tailgate spots reserved for the class, so call now to reserve your football tickets (or sneak away to the Homecoming craft fair!). Following the game, we'll be guests of President Bob Kennedy and his wife, Mary, for a special 25th Reunion reception at the President's House. Come in your football clothes for a relaxed hour featuring wonderful hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and a chance to mingle with classmates. If you haven't met Bob and Mary, I guarantee you'll like 'em and you'll enjoy the tour of their historic home. Following that, we hope to have some surprise entertainment coming your way at Buchanan Alumni House! Check your mail and the website for details. We're hoping to bring back a name that was very familiar to all of us in our years on campus. It will be laid back and casual—and a heck of a good time! That's all I can tease you with now!

I'm guessing you've all been as busy as I have this past year, since the mail bag is once again quite empty. I did have an email from **Jean Bingham**, who plans to attend our 25th! She's a financial services marketing manager at Pitney Bowes in Stamford, Connecticut. She's keeping quite busy with her three children. She's been active in Boy Scouts—the first female scoutmaster for their troop in 77 years! They've been on many hiking excursions including good old Mt. Katah-



Andrea and John Cleveland

John Cleveland '79 to head Scripps cancer effort in Florida

Scientist John Cleveland '79 wants to see that Florida becomes one of the world's top cancer research centers. And now, as the head of the new cancer biology department at Scripps Research Institute, he'll have that opportunity.

John will be leaving his position at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis and moving to Florida with his wife, Andrea Richards Cleveland '78, to take over the cancer lab, now in temporary quarters in Abacoa. The permanent facility will be constructed in Jupiter.

"We want to make Florida one of the premier centers for cancer research in the world," John told the *Palm Beach Post*. "There is tremendous opportunity."

He added that his department will be "casting our net quite wide" in the search for new drugs to treat and prevent cancer. "We have several targets," he said. "Plugging them into the Scripps system is just going to be dynamite."

John is a cell biologist who has done pioneering studies of how a gene called "Myc" activates cancer cells.

John and Andrea met at Cumberland Hall as students at UMaine. They were married a month after John's graduation and moved to Detroit, where John earned his Ph.D. from Wayne State University. After a stint doing post-doctoral work at the National Institutes of Health, John took the position at St. Jude.

While in Memphis, Andrea earned her master's degree in social work from the University of Tennessee. Recently she has worked with an inclusion program for mildly retarded children at a Catholic high school. She also did volunteer work at St. Jude, where she received the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2004.

John and Andrea have one daughter, currently an honor student at Murray State University, Kentucky.

din and the Appalachian Trail. She also enjoys canoeing with the kids and coaches Odyssey of The Mind. She'd love to see some of her old Hancock Hall crowd at reunion including **Tricia Redden Haines**, **Lee Foster**, **Barry Stem**, **Jeff Roberts**, **Peter Franchetti**, and **Bill Nason**. If any of you are out there, email me and I'll forward it to Jean!

Good news—bad news. The recipient of our class scholarship for the next academic year is Victoria Smith, daughter of classmate, **Katherine Hardy Smith**, from Coopers Mills, Maine. That's the good news! The bad news is that we weren't able to give her a lot because we desperately need to build up our scholarship fund! I'm hoping that during our reunion year, you'll all be generous in your contributions. Every little bit counts, and your son or daughter could be the next recipient!

Okay, my final reunion rah-rah! Get out your address book—whether you're up-to-date with email or the old-fashioned letter writing method. Heck, with cell phone plans today, you can call half a dozen friends for nothing! Life buzzes by way too fast—we're all learning that. Don't say you'll do it the next time. Round up a few old pals—maybe even leave the spouses and kids behind—and head for Orono October 20-22. I guarantee you'll be glad you did!

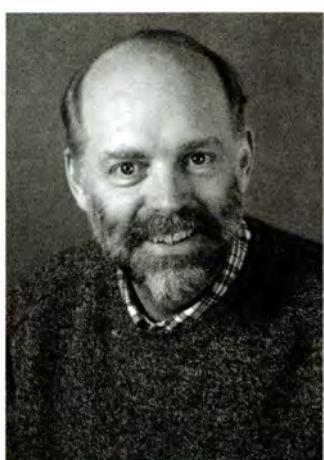
P.S. Notice a new email address and new street number for me! It's been a long haul, but we're finally in our new house. The best part is the doorbell that plays the "Stein Song"! Drop in for a demo!

1982

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Hi everyone, how about dropping me a note with some news? Or a photo of a get-together with UMaine classmates? It only takes a minute to contact me or the alumni association. Whether you're frantically loading firewood for the winter or basking in the last warm days of summer, we want to hear from you!

Log on to: mainealumni.com for the latest information on Black Bear sports and alumni events.



Michael "Mick" Kuhns '83 has joined Dragon Cement and Concrete as the environmental manager. He will be working out of both Thomaston and Portland.

A resident of Mount Vernon, Mick received a master's in environmental engineering from the University of Iowa.

In addition to his work as an engineer, Mick serves as pastor of Faith Christian Fellowship in New Sharon.

1983

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Greetings, Class of '83—we are seeking a new class correspondent to write this column. Many thanks to **Mary Ellen Matava Hackett** who wrote this column for several years. If you are interested in becoming the new correspondent, please contact the alumni association at the above address. The job requires some time every three months. You get the news before anyone else—and you also receive a free subscription to *MAINE Alumni Magazine*.

In the meantime, here's what we have to report: **Christopher H. Paradis** has been appointed by Governor John Baldacci '86 to serve a three-year term as a member of the board of directors of the Maine

International Trade Center. Christopher lives in Lewiston and is an active member of the Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Breakfast Club.

Marc Curtis ('83G) retired from his position as Bucksport's superintendent. Marc worked in public education for 35 years, since returning home from three years as an assault helicopter pilot in the Army during the Vietnam War. Prior to Bucksport, he worked in public schools in Orland and Orrington.

Neal Pratt was named chairman of the 26-member litigation department at Verrill Dana, LLP. Neal is a trial attorney who has practiced law since 1989. He practices in state and federal courts, and serves on the board of Scarborough Little League.

1984

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Fall is such a fabulous time of year. I hope you are all getting outside and enjoying it. I'm not sure when you will get this issue, but if you are at Homecoming, please look for me at tailgate prior to the football game. I am especially excited to attend this year as our niece (who has lived in Germany for most of her life) is a freshman at UMaine and we will be visiting with her. We are thrilled that she is just over an hour away from us and that seeing her does not involve passports or airport terminals!

I am hoping that all is well with you. I would love to have more news to report in the next issue. Please email me with updates on your lives. Your classmates want to hear about your new jobs, kids, spouses, grandkids, degrees, certifications, homes, dogs, cats, cars!

There was a great article in the *Bangor Daily News* about **Bill Hamilton**. He is a fashion designer in New York City where he worked with designer Carolina Herrera. In 2002, he launched his own label. He has designed clothes for Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Nancy Reagan, Hillary Clinton, and Vanessa Williams.

The UMaine Department of Public Safety has promoted **Deborah Mitchell** to the rank of sergeant. She has been a crime prevention specialist and police

officer with the university for 21 years. She assumes new supervisory duties in her new position and continues to oversee campus personal safety, awareness, and rape aggression defense programs.

Lester Cowan coached the Old Town softball team this past spring. Lester is an education technician at the Old Town High School. He coached baseball and softball in the 1980s at Livermore Falls High School. More recently, he worked at the Bangor and Old Town-Orono YMCAs.

Peter Williams has been appointed a vice president at the Allen Agency, an insurance and financial services company based in Camden, Maine. Peter has worked with the Allen Agency for 15 years and holds a Certified Insurance Counselor designation. He lives in Searsmont and enjoys spending time with his son and daughter and hiking, hunting, and fishing.

Last winter, **Michael and Tammy Kennett Cormier** moved their business, Bangor Radiator, from Main Street to Maine Avenue in Bangor. The business was founded by Mike's grandfather, Leo. Mike is the third generation of Cormiers to run the radiator shop! They also opened an ice cream and coffee shop, What's the Scoop, in the back of the radiator business. Tammy teaches fourth grade at Mary Snow School in Bangor.

That's it for now. Send me your news for the next issue!

1985

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Back to school time of year again. Our daughter is off to high school and I just celebrated my 25th high school reunion. Can't believe so many years have gone by since I first set foot on the UMaine campus. My education and friendships from Orono have served me well. I have such fond memories of that special time in my life. What do you remember? What have you been up to? Please share your news.

Dan Bourgojn has accepted a position with the Exelon

Corporation in the nuclear power generation area. He, his wife, Cindy Harvey Bourgoin '79, and their six-year-old daughter, Christine-Marie, have relocated from Jensen Beach, Florida, to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. They are busy with Christine-Marie's activities and their church and enjoy the culture of nearby Hershey, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C.

Marty Clark will once again be coaching the Old Town, Maine, boys varsity basketball team this winter. He had previously coached the team for 16 years from 1987-2004.

Lt. Col. **Eric Bernstein** has retired from the U.S. Army after 24 years of distinguished service. Prior to his retirement Eric served as the deputy chief of simulations and modeling for the 84th U.S. Army Reserves Readiness Training Command at Fort McCoy in Sparta, Wisconsin. He earned a master's degree in history from the University of Central Oklahoma in 2001.

Janet Rancourt Dutson has joined Camden (Maine) National Bank as branch manager in Camden. She is responsible for all branch activities at the main office as well as business development. Janet lives in Searsmont with her husband and two children.

Ray Jacques, former University of Maine ice hockey captain, has returned to radio. Ray can be heard weekly on a Boston FM talk station 96.9 discussing college hockey. Ray owns and manages the New England Schooner financial planning firm in Peabody, Massachusetts, and also coaches his 11-year-old son's hockey team in the Junior River Hawks youth hockey association.

Kerri Longval Prescott has announced plans to run for the Maine House of Representatives for House District 60 in Topsham, Maine. Kerri is the program director and a black belt instructor at Northern Chi Martial Arts Center in Brunswick, teaches adult education, and coaches the Mt. Ararat middle and high school track and field teams. She and her husband, **Paul**, and their three children live in Topsham, Maine.

Chris Gordon is the chief operating officer for the construction of the new Allston campus for Harvard University. Chris spent 10 years at Massport, overseeing capital programming and projects including the \$4.4 billion Logan Modernization Project. Chris and his wife, CiCi, have two children and live in Winchester, Massachusetts,

and Fryeburg, Maine.

All for this time. I hope that you're having some fun—why not tell us about it?

1986

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Hi, everyone—hope you had a great summer and are enjoying the fall. We've been busy, and only have a little news for this time. Hope to have more for you in the next issue—please send in your news!

Jonathan Jenks (M.A. in wildlife management) was named Distinguished Professor during the graduation ceremony in May at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. Jon has several students working on master's and Ph.D.s and has been helping Game, Fish, and Parks with a study of mountain lions in the Black Hills.

Keith Patterson lives in Saco and recently participated in the Paul Bunyan Golf Tournament at Kebo Valley Golf Course in Bar Harbor.

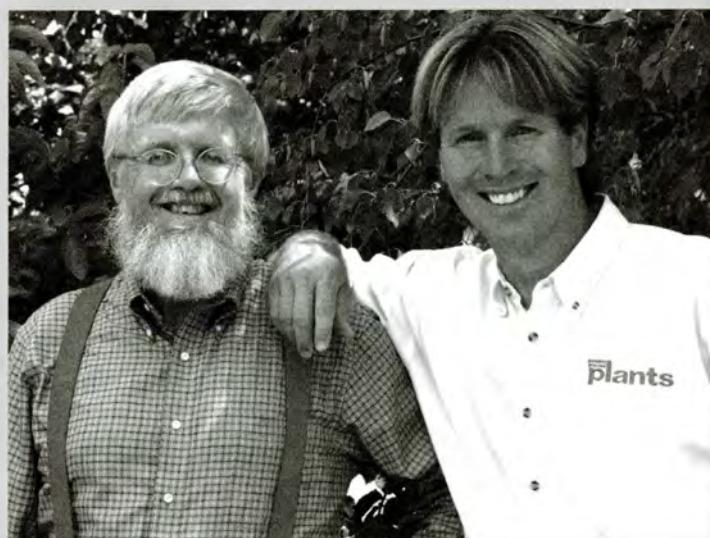
1987

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Hello. This may be the fall issue, but as I write this we are having yet another summer rain storm here in Massachusetts. This has to be one of the wettest springs/summers in years.

Here is what your classmates have been up to. **Michael P. O'Reilly** is vice president and commercial loan officer at Bangor Savings Bank in Portland. Michael lives in Scarborough with his wife, Joanne, and their three children Madison, Jake, and Felicia. Michael is active in the community serving as treasurer of the National Kidney Foundation of Maine and coaching Little League and youth soccer.

Don Farnham is the varsity football coach at Brewer High School. Don had coached the team from 1993 to 1997 but had to step



Paul Tukey (right) with his HGTV show co-host Roger Swain.

Paul Tukey '83 earns highest honor in gardening journalism/broadcasting

Paul Tukey '83 was presented with the top award in gardening journalism and broadcasting for 2006. The Horticultural Communication Award was given to Paul by the American Horticultural Society in recognition of the extraordinary work he has done to encourage gardening through his dynamic talks, his presence on HGTV, and his *People, Places & Plants* magazine.

After working as a sportswriter for nine years following his graduation from UMaine, Paul followed his passion for the outdoors and landscaping and founded his own company, Home 'n Land, in the late 1980s. His interest in gardening and landscaping developed from spending summers on his grandparents' dairy farm in Maine.

In 1995 he combined his love of gardening with his editorial skills and founded *People, Places & Plants* magazine. It started as a Maine publication, but later expanded to all of New England and New York and then to the mid-Atlantic region. It is often referred to as the best regional gardening magazine in the nation. At the magazine, Paul works with UMaine classmate Rich Miller '83.

In 2002, Tukey began his television show on HGTV (7 a.m. on Sundays), which he produces and co-hosts with well-known plant expert and public television host Roger Swain.

Paul and his several enterprises are committed to supporting independent gardening centers as well as promoting environmentally friendly gardening. He has a book on organic lawn care coming out in 2007.

"Now more than ever I think it's important to retain an independent voice and be an advocate for the environment and family business," he says. "This award, in great measure, is a validation of the efforts we've made. We really try to make a difference in people's lives."

Paul lives in Falmouth with his wife, Katie, and their son, Duke. His daughter, Christina, is a student at Williams College.

down due to increased responsibilities at his family's business, Getchell Brothers. **Kelley Skillin-Smith** is writing for the *Gorham Times* reporting on the school committee. She looks forward to getting involved with the decision makers and informing the public about the board's decisions. Kelley also sells real estate and is involved in the Gorham Cooperative Preschool, the Dream Factory, and the Gorham schools. She is doing fund raising for and served on the board of Gorham lacrosse also. Kelley, her husband, Rusty '86, and their three daughters have lived in Gorham since 2001.

I had a few big events this spring also. In April I ran my third Boston Marathon and achieved a personal record for the course. On May 8th I completed my MBA program at the University of Phoenix on-line. The program took a little over three years to complete and I am both excited and relieved to have completed the program. That is about it. Please send me a quick note and even a photo to include in the next article. My email address is: anagelin@verizon.net.

1988

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It's been a while since we heard from the Class of '88. What's up? Have a new job, home, child, hobby, or pet? Come on, folks, tell us something—we want to hear about your trip to Fenway, the incredible bargain you found, your favorite grilling techniques, the limbo contest you won—anything! Please write.

1989

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Hello, classmates!

By the time we read this column autumn will be in full swing, bringing with it my favorite season, and wonderful memories of crisp Satur-

day afternoons at Maine football games! While I'm writing this, though, we are in the midst of a summer heat wave! I love the changing seasons of New England!

I begin each column with notes actually sent by classmates. This time around, I only heard from one—**Jeff Fearon**. Jeff has been on active duty with the U.S. Air Force since graduating from Maine, and was recently promoted to lieutenant colonel. He has just finished working on the Open Skies Treaty at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, and is starting diplomat training as a liaison officer at the American Consulate in Hong Kong. He will be training in D.C. for two years, learning Chinese, and will move to Hong Kong in the summer of 2008. Best of luck, Jeff!

Scott Shibles has stepped down as Deering High athletic director after ten years, to join the new Casco Bay High School in Portland, Maine, as an integrated health and physical education teacher. Casco Bay is an expeditionary learning school. Scott and his wife, Karen Stevens Shibles '91, a biology teacher at Deering, have two young children.

Steven Barker has retired as Brewer, Maine, chief of police, after nearly 30 years on the force.

Melanie Taylor Coombs has recently been hired as library director of the Charles M. Bailey Library in Winthrop, Maine. After graduating from Maine, Melanie received her master's in library and information studies from the University of Rhode Island. Her previous experience includes serving as library director in both Belgrade and Gray, Maine, and most recently she worked as assistant manager of a bookstore in Farmington, Maine.

Kim White Silsby is campaigning for the House District 56 seat, which includes part of Augusta, Maine. Kim has been on the Augusta board of education for five years, serving as the chair of the education and curriculum committee. She was reelected to a three-year term last fall. She earned her master's degree in education from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She and her husband, Andrew '90, live in Augusta and have three children. More news to follow in a future edition!

Timothy J. Thompson has been promoted to administrative vice president-bank operations at the Franklin Savings Bank in Farmington, Maine. Tim received his MBA from Thomas College and is

also a graduate of the National School of Banking. He has been at Franklin Savings Bank for five years.

Betsy Rose (master's in '89) is using the Internet to bring together Orono High School alumni and former faculty members to reunite old friends and to help the school. She is building the Orono alumni association's contact list and can be reached at: btsygrs@yahoo.com.

That's all the news for now. It's never been easier to drop me a note with email! Keep us posted!

Mark Awalt and his two brothers, owners of JSI Store Fixtures, were recently featured in a story in the *Bangor Daily News*. JSI is located in Milo and has 105 employees from surrounding towns. Mark was named Maine's Small Business Person of the Year last year by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Linden McClure and his wife, Lai, welcomed their son, Logan, on June 27, 2005; and **John Gaetani** and Anne Hall announce the birth of Mark John, born on May 31, 2005.

1990

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My family and I are doing well. We had a wonderful summer. My sister-in-law got married in August. It was a beautiful day and we were able to spend precious time with relatives who we had not seen in a while. Fall is upon us and we are looking forward to apple picking and Halloween.

Thomas J. McKellop (graduate degree in '90) was awarded the Emeritus Member for Distinguished Service Award by the State University of New York career development organization in June at the Hudson Valley Resort in Kerhonkson, New York. Thomas is the employment and career counselor for Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes in Auburn, New York, and holds a national counselor and national career counselor certification.

Rachel Melcher Tremblay is the librarian at Bingham Union Library located in Bingham, Maine. Rachel is married to Michael Tremblay and has two stepchildren, Samantha and Jacob.

David Whitney, owner of Whit-

ney Wreath, based in Machias, makes Christmas balsam wreaths and ships thousands of them across the country. Whitney Wreath also sells swags, centerpieces, table top trees, garlands, sprays, and bows. David also owns Whitney's Tool Shed, a tool, equipment, and party rental store located in Machias. He and his wife, Holly, and their children live in Marshfield.

Michelle Mathieu Fortin and her husband, Jeff, are living in Niskayuna, New York, and are busy with their children. Abby will be starting second grade and Libby will be in her final year of preschool. Last summer she saw **Michelle Caouette Michaud** and **Sharon Michaud Quintiliani** at StoryLand in New Hampshire.

Stephen Bell is the principal at Skowhegan Area High School. As principal, one of his main objectives is to make sure his graduates are college ready and to inspire his students to attend college. Previously he worked for seven years as assistant principal and athletic director at Dexter Regional High School. Stephen and his wife, Lorie, have three children: Devyn (13), Jordyn (11), and Kamden (5).

Brian and Barbara Quine Roy are living in Virginia with their nine-year-old daughter, Jessica. Barb completed her first 5K on July 4th.

Robert Sypitkowski spent six months last year in tsunami-stricken Indonesia working with Doctors Without Borders. Robert is an environmental engineer with the state department of environmental protection. Robert improved the island of Simeulue inhabitants' access to safe drinking water and improved the overall sanitation on the island.

D'Arcy Main-Boyington is Brewer's economic director. Before being hired as the director, D'Arcy was working in this position temporarily. D'Arcy will continue to work on the economic development of the Eastern Fine Paper mill site as well as the development of outer Wilson Street. She is a member of the Economic Development Council of Maine and the Northeast Economic Developers' Association.

Frank Bemis and his law partner, Luke Rossignol '94, have opened their own law practice, Bemis and Rossignol, LLC on Main Street in Presque Isle. Their firm provides legal representation and trial advocacy in the areas of personal injuries, criminal defense, wills, trusts and estates; probate, business planning and formation, guardian ad litem services, social

security claims, divorce and family law, bankruptcy, environmental and zoning, administrative and regulatory, real estate, municipal and governmental, and landlord/tenant. Congratulations, Frank and Luke.

Please contact me with any news! Your classmates and I want to know what is happening with you.

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Hi all! I finally got to experience some "weather" in Kansas. Early Sunday morning, March 12, the power went off in my house and a minute later the tornado sirens sounded. I grabbed my nine-month old son, Spencer, and headed for the rather flimsy closet under the stairs with my husband, Andy. While Andy tried to grab the cat and stuff her in her carrying case (with no luck), I strapped Spencer in his car seat and realized that we didn't have any pillows or blankets to cover our heads. This was the first storm of the season, so we were a bit unprepared. The sirens stopped about three minutes later and the skies brightened and we didn't think much more of it. When the power returned two hours later we turned on the TV and started hearing reports of the damage downtown. There hadn't been a tornado, but high winds (75-80 mph) and a "microburst" damaged 60 percent of the buildings on the University of Kansas campus, mostly the roofs and windows, and uprooted trees crushed cars. At the Natural History Museum where Andy and I work, the building roof suffered \$500,000 in damage. Thankfully this happened early on a Sunday morning when the streets of campus were practically empty. No one was seriously hurt. If the storm had passed through during a weekday in between classes, there could have been 8,000+ people walking around outside with roof pieces flying around, AC units falling off building tops, and tree branches crashing to the ground. Strangely, we had barely any sticks in our yard and we live about three miles from campus. Weather in Kansas is strange. That was the excitement last spring, but everyday is exciting and a new

New Orleans native Sean Conroy '90 serves his city following Hurricane Katrina.

The Air National Guard's Outstanding Reserve Judge Advocate for 2005

Major Sean Conroy '90 was the recipient of the Reginald C. Harmon Award as the outstanding reserve judge advocate for 2005 (JAG). The annual award recognizes an individual whose training, accomplishments, contribution to mission support, exhibition of leadership, and professional activities in the military and civilian community distinguishes him or her from other reserve judge advocates.

A New Orleans native, Sean attended UMaine on a swimming scholarship while earning a degree in psychology. He grew up in a military family, spending many years at the Naval Air Station in Belle Chasse where he developed his swimming skills at the base pool. He later received a master's degree from Stony Brook University and a Juris Doctorate from



St. John's University.

Sean worked for eight years as an assistant district attorney in Suffolk County, New York. During that time he joined the New York Air National Guard where he was deployed to Iraq, Qatar, and Afghanistan. In 2001 he was named New York State Citizen/Soldier of the Year.

A few years ago, Sean returned to New Orleans and transferred to his present unit, the 159th Fighter Wing, where he serves as deputy staff judge advocate. He is currently teaching law courses and pursuing a Ph.D. in political science at the University of New Orleans.

Sean is married to the former Rebekah Blake, M.D. The Conroys have two children. The family did not escape the ravages of Hurricane Katrina—their home in Lakeview, Louisiana, was destroyed by the storm (see photo below). They now live in Old Metairie.

Since Katrina, Sean has served as liaison officer at the Jefferson Parish Emergency Operations Center and a staff judge advocate with Operation Crescent Guard and Task Force Orleans—the military security force that patrolled the streets of New Orleans until last February.

The experience of being able to help fellow New Orleansians has been especially meaningful for Sean.

"I was able to provide more tangible service because I knew the places that were affected," he notes. "For a while I became the National Guard's map. Units and individuals would ask me for directions based on landmarks because we lost so many other indications of location. Street signs and other indicators were covered, destroyed, or knocked down. And many of the older parts have the street names in the concrete."



The Conroy home in Lakeview, Louisiana, was destroyed by Katrina.

adventure now that our son has turned one year old.

Here is some news from other classmates. **Debra Richards Thibodeau** is living in Georgetown, Maine, with her husband, John, and 10-year old son, Kevin. Debra has started a consulting business, Synergy, (www.synergyinconsulting.com) to assist kids and adults with autism and Asperger's Syndrome with inclusive, fair services in school and in their community. She is also working part-time as a guidance counselor at Georgetown Central School.

If you happen to be passing through Blue Hill or live in the area, stop by the Peddler's Wagon to pick up some fresh-cut flowers or plants and say hello to **Edith Gray**. She is the new owner. This retail shop and greenhouses are the perfect complement to her gardening business, Down East Gardeners, which she continues to operate in Penobscot.

Jason Gould has joined the office of Beatham, Bernier, Seekins, and Colpritt Certified Public Accountants in Brewer. Previously, Jason had his own firm which he started in 1999 and specialized in small business and individual accounting issues. He resides in Holden with his wife, Shelley, and their two children.

Thomas Mann has been named the manager of the Bucksport branch of Bangor Savings Bank. Prior to joining the bank, Thomas worked for Olympia Hotel Management, and most recently was the general manager of the Holiday Inn in Ellsworth. In 2003, he was the general manager responsible for opening the new Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Portland. Thomas lives in Ellsworth with his wife, Tammy, and their two children, Heather and Nicholas.

After an impressive 2005 season with the San Diego Padres, **Mark Sweeney** signed a two-year deal with the San Francisco Giants. Mark is known as one of major league baseball's most prolific pinch hitters. He is fourth all-time in major league baseball history with 131 pinch hits and 13 pinch-hit homers. He is fifth with 81 pinch-hit RBIs. By the time you read this, the season may be (nearly) over. Hopefully it was another successful one for Mark.

Can you believe that we graduated 15 years ago? So many things have changed, and so much is the same. Let us know what is going on with you.

Joe Hanley '92: Triathlete and new law firm partner

A successful escape from Alcatraz

When Joe Hanley isn't working hard representing clients as the newest partner in the Boston-based McDermott, Quilty & Miller, LLP, law firm, you'll probably find him out training for his next triathlon. Last summer Joe completed the 25th Annual Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon in San Francisco.



The legendary "Escape" features a grueling 1.6 mile swim from the infamous former prison across the frigid waters of San Francisco Bay. The swim is followed by a very hilly bike ride around the city's Presidio section and ends with a 7.5 mile run above Golden Gate Park.

Joe finished the event in three hours and 27 minutes, 32nd best in his age group. As a member of the Wheelworks Multisport Team, he has also posted top age-group finishes in the West Kennebunk Triathlon and the Firmman 1/2 Iron Man Triathlon in Rhode Island.

In his law practice, Joe specializes in land use, zoning, licensing, and entertainment law. After graduating cum laude from UMaine in 1992, he went on to earn his law degree from Suffolk University Law School. He was named a partner in McDermott, Quilty & Miller, LLP this past May.

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Hello, classmates! What a summer this has been! I know everyone has had many adventures and changes to your life so please let me know so we can share it with your fellow classmates. For me, chasing around three little ones has been enough excitement. Kindergarten was a great experience for my oldest daughter and I'm glad to have a little less daycare to pay for! All you working parents out there understand what I'm talking about! Not much news this time around so

please let me know what you have been up to.

Stephen Marquis has been hired to head Thornton Academy's new middle school. He had been the principal at Burns Elementary School in Saco. **Hanna Dehoff** has opened her own massage therapy business, Synthesis, in Rockland. She specializes in deep tissue, sports, hot stone, and prenatal massage. She lives in Rockland with her husband, David Troup.

In sporting news, **Tim Scott** has been named the new junior varsity girls' basketball coach at Brewer High School. He is very familiar to UMaine baseball fans as he played during college and then went on to play in the Colorado Rockies system.

Scott Pellerin, Maine's first Hobey Baker Award winner, will be the color analyst for the New Eng-

land Sports Network. He has been involved in a variety of ventures including hockey analyst stints with CSTV, NESN, and WMUR-TV. He retired from a productive NHL career after the 2003-2004 season. He lives in Windham, New Hampshire, with his wife, Jennifer, and their three children, Jordan, Jacob, and Julia.

Christopher Jordan reports that he recently got engaged to Nancy MacNeil and they were planning a summer wedding on Nantucket with an African safari for the honeymoon.

Allen Merrill married Sara Ewing last year and they now reside in Hudson, Massachusetts, where Allen is a pastor at the United Methodist Church in Hudson. Congratulations to both of you!

That is all this time around. I hope everyone has a great fall season and if you head to Homecoming, make sure you send in some pictures!

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Happy fall! This is my favorite time of the year—especially in New England. Although, as you can see by my new address, I'm about as far away from New England as one can get and still be in the lower 48! This summer our family relocated from Chicago back to the great north-west. We are loving it here, however, and plan to stay settled here for a good long time.

I started a new home-based business that will allow me to continue being a stay-at-home mom. I now work for Arbonne International, a Swiss-based company that specializes in premium skin care products. Imagine that, engineer turned skin care consultant! Go figure! I'm loving it, though, and have been very successful so far, and I'm well on my way to earning my very own white Mercedes-Benz, compliments of Arbonne. Feel free to check out my website for additional info: www.pamelagreb.myarbonne.com.

Haven't heard from anyone at all! Where are you guys? Drop me an email with your news. We all want to know what you've been up to, who's gotten married, promoted, grown your family, moved, etc. What are

you waiting for? Let's all get reconnected!

Pamela Sperry retired at the close of school in June from her principal position at South Bristol School. She was replaced by another University of Maine graduate though (Scott White, Class of 2003)!

Former Maine hockey star and Hobey Baker award finalist, **Jim Montgomery**, retired from pro hockey last year (player-coach for Missouri in the United Hockey League), but spent this past season as a volunteer assistant coach at the University of Notre Dame.

Adam Jones recently accepted a position as mechanical engineering manager for Shively Labs in Bridgton.

Raeann Pike has been promoted to loan and collections officer at Franklin Savings Bank in Farmington, where she lives with her fiancé, Twink Hargreaves.

And lastly, **Timothy Woodhouse** has been named vice president at TD Banknorth Wealth Management Group in Portland, Maine. He is a certified public accountant and will continue to serve as a financial advisor and a relationship manager for wealth management clients. He is a member of the Maine Estate Planning Council, the Maine State Bar Association, and the Maine Society of Certified Public Accountants. He lives in South Portland.

That's all I've got this time around. Hope to hear from more of you for next column. So send me your baby, career, and wedding news, or anything else you'd like to share! Have a great winter!

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Greetings, fellow members of the Class of 1994. We hope you all enjoyed your summers! As you can see above, Stacey has moved again and is already missing New England.

As usual, there isn't much news to report. We beseech you, if you're

not going to send us juicy tidbits directly, at least do something noteworthy (or scandalous!) enough to get mentioned in the newspaper. That way, it'll get sent to us via the alumni association. We thank everyone below who did his or her part to make this column just a little less boring.

Kate Dingley Gurney was profiled in the *Livermore Falls Advertiser*. Kate practices as an optometrist in Farmington. She is married with two children, ages three and five. We are shocked that the profile did not include the very important detail that she was once Stacey's roommate.

Also profiled in the newspaper recently was **Andrew Gilmore**. Andrew is the town manager of Wiscasset. **Luke Rossignol** and Frank Bemis '90, two Presque Isle attorneys, have formed Bemis and Rossignol, LLC. Both had worked at Hardings Law Offices in Presque Isle before forming their own firm.

Diane Waters has been hired as the principal of the Tremont Consolidated School. She had previously been the coordinator of the Down East Educational Partnership, a collaboration of six school systems that provides professional development for teachers. **Donald Buckingham** is the principal of Sedgwick Elementary School and an adjunct faculty member at the University of Maine. He recently cowrote a report on Maine principals revealing that a large percentage found the job rewarding but stressful. **Matthew Leclair** is engaged to Jessica Brakeley. As of this writing, a June 2006 wedding was planned.

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It's hard to imagine fall right now; as I write it's a beautiful June day, with high temperatures and the threat of a thunderstorm. Graduations are behind us and when you read this, the school year will have begun once again. Where does the time go?

Speaking of school, our classmate **Margaret Southworth** of Winterport was given the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathe-

matics and Science Teaching. The award is the nation's highest honor for teaching science and math. Margaret has been a math teacher to eighth-graders at Troy Howard Middle School in Belfast for the past 10 years. She also received a \$10,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, an independent federal agency that supports fundamental research and education across all fields of science and engineering. Congratulations, Meg!

In business news, Pillsbury's Plumbing, Heating, and Appliances in Kennebunk is the new professional home of **Scott Loewe**. Scott is the new general manager and will have responsibility for all aspects of business operations, financial growth, and development. The new Gorham branch of TD Banknorth has named **Suzanne Graham Tremble** the business development and sales manager. Suzanne lives in Standish and teaches banking classes and small business seminars at Standish Adult Education. **Marla Zando** of Scarborough is a development associate at the organization Friends of Casco Bay/Casco Baykeeper.

Erica Atherton Libby and her business partner, Michelle Atherton, have started a new business, New Form Building Systems of Bucksport. The company is in the business of insulating concrete forms, or ICF, which are blocks of reinforced Styrofoam that are filled with concrete. The ICF is a wood-frame alternative for new construction that allows use during any weather and they produce a stronger and more weather-tight structure. Erica manages to take care of her five-year-old son and two-year-old daughter while running the business as well.

Carrie Waltz Loranger has been promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Air Force. Carrie is stationed with the 82nd Training Wing at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. **Shane Cough** is engaged to be married to Alissa Findlen '99. Shane is a business development manager at ClickTactics in Waltham, Massachusetts, and Alissa is a sales manager at the Charles Hotel in Cambridge.

Chris Quimby had the opportunity to open for comedian Brian Regan at the Maine Center for the Arts in April. Chris is an aspiring comedian himself and through persistence and a home-produced seven-minute DVD of his material, managed to convince Regan's manager that he was the guy for the job. Chris is a full-time computer

technician at the *Bangor Daily News* and has won Funniest Person in Bangor honors two years running.

In response to my column earlier this year that included information about fellow natural resources alumni, I received an email from **Karen DeFrancesco Mullins**. Karen is the conservation director for the town of Lexington, Massachusetts, and currently resides in Waltham with her husband, Mark, and their daughter, Ella. Karen keeps busy at her job administering and enforcing the Wetlands Protection Act and Wetland Protection Bylaw and she also manages over 1,500 acres of conservation space. Karen says she'd love to hear from other alumni and if you'd like to contact her, drop me a line and I'll forward on her email address. She says that she makes it up to Maine often and was in Edgecomb over the weekend of July 4th.

That's the extent of news from your classmates. Be sure to let us know your goings-on—we'd love to hear from you!

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Hello, '96ers! I hope you have had a fantastic summer! Can you believe it has been 10 years since we graduated? Time sure does fly. Here's what a few of our classmates have been up to—

Peter Cook writes a regular column for the *Republican Journal* in Belfast. He and his wife welcomed a baby girl, Natalie Sara, on April 8th of this year. Congrats!

Colin Windhorst ('86 M.A. in liberal studies and '96 Ph.D.) led the Going to Sea discussion series at the Lubec Memorial Library last spring. The weekly evening discussion series took place over the course of six weeks, and Colin led the discussion of various books and poems relating to seafaring. Colin serves as pastor in Dennyville, Perry, and Robbinston, Maine.

Sandy Nevens (M.Ed.) served as Camden-Rockport Middle School principal for four years. He decided this summer to resign in order to pursue other interests. He has also been dean of students at Auburn Middle School, an eighth grade

language arts teacher in Union, and a language arts and Latin teacher on Islesboro and in Skowhegan. He has spent over 30 years working in public education. In 1997 Sandy was recognized by the Maine Association for Middle Level Educators for being an outstanding educator.

Eric M. Bechard was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after graduating from Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia. There he acquired a wide range of instruction in leadership, professional ethics, soldier team development, weapons defense, combat water survival, intelligence, field training exercises, communications, and much more.

Former Black Bear football player **Jerrod Thebarger** is married to Andrea Devoe Thebarger, the interim coach of the University of Maine field hockey team. They live in Norridgewock and have a daughter, Samantha, born January 29, 2005.

The Bangor City Council unanimously chose **John Cashwell III** as the city's new council chairman. John was elected to the council in 2003 and has served as the chairman of the council's finance committee and has chaired the council's transportation and infrastructure committee. He is president of Seven Islands Land Company and the former director of the Maine Forest Service under former Governor John McKernan. He also served on the transition teams of former Governor Angus King and Governor John Baldacci '86.

Please let your classmates know what you've been up to. We want to hear about your growing families, your adventures, accomplishments, and where you are living now. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Greetings, Class of 1997! I hope this finds you well. It's been a whirlwind spring and summer catching up with UMaine alums from a variety of classes in Orono and in Washington, D.C. I think I finally broke the curse of my cold, snowy spring visits to

Orono as sunshine and warm weather made for great football during the second annual Jeff Cole Scrimmage. I had a great time watching the Black Bears with **Andrea Poole Cole**. After watching football and catching a glimpse of UMaine's softball team in action, I also got to catch up with the Chi Omegas and Sigma Chis who were up for Woody's (Chi Omega's cook) retirement party. It was great to see old friends who I usually only get to catch up with at homecoming. (Homecoming 2006 is Oct. 21-22 for those of you still lacking travel arrangements.) I got to catch up with Andrea again in July when we went to Washington, D.C. for Chi Omega's convention. We got to celebrate the chapter's awards from national with Annie Wilson '05, Joanne Young-Small '91, and Lauren Hudacik '99. It was great to spend time with friends while visiting old haunts from the days when I lived on the Hill. Also I was excited to hear from my old roommate **Heather Benoit Moon**, who recently had her second baby, a little girl, Helena. Heather, her husband, and two children reside in Lewiston.

You know what I've been up to—but what about you? Send information to me at: Yolanda_Sly@hotmail.com or contact the alumni office to share your news!

Remember cleaning up the campus on Maine Day? Did you think your time improving campus was done once you graduated? Our Class of 1997 classmate, **Tom Turlo**, and his coworkers at Roof Systems of Maine celebrated Maine Day by donating their services to remove the 100-year-old bell from the roof of Fogler Library, reported the *Bangor Daily News*. It originally was located at Wingate Hall until a fire in 1943. After the fire the bell went to Oak Hall and eventually ended up in the cupola of the library, unbeknownst to college of engineering associate dean Chet Rock, who was looking for the bell. Tom initially found the bell during a roofing project several years ago but didn't know it was missing. Tom is a former civil engineering student of Dean Rock's. Now that the bell is found, it may be displayed in front of Cloke Tower.

Marcia Wells Amos is the new assistant vice president in the internal audit department at TD Banknorth in Lewiston. Marcia's responsible for planning and directing audits of specialized banking functions. She has 10 years of banking

experience and has been with TD Banknorth since 2001. Marcia and her husband, Jeffrey Amos '97, reside in New Gloucester.

UMaine instructor **George Mar-nick** (1997 doctorate) co-wrote the University of Maine survey that found 85 percent of Maine principals found their job "stressful" while 90 percent found the job "energizing, rewarding, and enjoyable," reports the *Bangor Daily News*. The results of the 2005 survey were released earlier this year and were compiled from feedback from 315 principals and teaching principals or 46 percent of the total number listed by Maine's Department of Education. The study is part of UMaine's education department's effort to track the changing conditions in school administrations and the rewards and challenges that principals face.

David Hainer has been named school health coordinator for M.S.A.D. 67 and S.P.R.I.N.T. for Life, reports *Lincoln News*. David is working with schools to develop and implement health policies that create a healthier school environment including addressing tobacco use, nutrition, and physical activity. David holds a bachelor's in kinesiology and physical education from UMaine and previously taught health and physical education at Mattanawcook Academy.

Kevin Mattson (MBA in '97) has been elected to the Maine Real Estate and Development Association board of directors, reports *The New England Real Estate Journal*. The association works to promote responsible development and ownership of real estate throughout the state of Maine. Kevin is the president of Harper's Development and oversees the day-to-day management of the company. He previously was chief of staff to the majority leader of the Maine House and executive director of the Maine Democratic Party.

Jim Hancock is resigning as Milford town manager, reports the *Penobscot Times*.

David W. Keaton (M.Ed. in '97) has been named the new director of the Skowhegan Regional Vocation Center, reports the *Morning Sentinel*. David served as principal of schools at S.A.D. 33 in Ashland and previously was the director of the St. John Valley Technical Center. He wrote a \$100,000 grant for the vocational center in Frenchville and organized the first vocational education National Honor Society. David lives in Caribou with his wife and two daughters.

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Hearty Maine Hello from Iraq! I hope everyone had a great summer. I've been in Iraq since January with the 1st Brigade (Ready First) of the 1st Armored Division. We spent the first few months up north near Tal Afar and in June were relocated to Ramadi. I am currently assigned as the assistant brigade fire support officer. I fortunately received a few weeks of leave mid-summer and went on a Mediterranean cruise with stops in Italy and the south of France.

Congrats to **John and Rebecca Haskell Bagley** on the birth of their son, Thomas Carrol! He was born on November 11, 2005, at Penobscot Bay Medical Center in Rockport, Maine. He was seven pounds, seven ounces, and 19 3/4 inches long. **Aaron Goodwin** married Pam Chapman of New Brunswick, Canada, in August of '05. They currently reside in St. Dieppe, New Brunswick.

Highest congrats to **Deborah Emory** for being named Maine's 2006 Distinguished Elementary Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association! The award recognizes effective leadership, commitment to academic excellence, high expectations and standards, creation of a culture which supports learning, contributions to the profession, and community service. Deborah has been the kindergarten to grade four principal at Henry L. Cottrell School in Monmouth since 1999. Deborah was honored at the Maine Principals' Association banquet in April and will be by the National Association of Elementary School Principals in Washington, D.C., this fall.

Nurse **Jennifer Dean Theriault** was named the director of the emergency department of St. Joseph Healthcare last fall. Jennifer has worked for St. Joseph Healthcare since 1998 serving in the positions of staff nurse, charge nurse, and clinical leader. In her new position she oversees scheduling, staffing, patient care, department compliances, budgets, and all other operations of the department. Congrats, Jen!

Cindy Blodgett continues to pursue her goal of becoming a college basketball head coach by serving as an assistant coach at

Brown University last season. Cindy also completed a two-year massage therapy program last year. Cindy is currently living in Boston.

WinXnet hired **Craig Bossie** last fall as a software developer. Prior to joining WinXnet, Craig worked the last five years as an intermediate process engineer at National Semiconductor. Craig also received a master's degree in computer science from the University of Southern Maine and resides in South Portland.

Inland Hospital proudly announced **Michaela Clark-Kelley**, D.O. joining Three Rivers Family Practice in Waterville. Michaela completed her family practice residency at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. She earned her doctor of osteopathic medicine at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Last fall Air Force Captain **Matthew Russell** assumed command of the 727th expeditionary air control squadron detachment 1, while it was based at Kirkuk Regional Air Base in Iraq. Matt also has earned a master's degree from the University of Phoenix, Arizona.

Abby Deitz Manahan is Bigelow Laboratory's community education scientist. She designed a virtual field trip to Maine's rocky shore. MITZI (Maine InterTidal Zone Investigation) offers students an interactive exploration of the intertidal zone to examine the species that reside in that ecosystem and to learn about the patterns and processes that govern this habitat. Abby presented MITZI at the Maine Science Teacher's Conference in January along with Dr. Robert Zottoli, a retired coastal biologist who donated his pictures to the program. Her program can be found at: www.bigelow.org/mitzi. Abby also received her master's degree in science education from the University of Maine in 2004.

Woody Moore is keeping busy in his new job as S.A.D. 5's school health coordinator. He is working hard to improve the district fitness center at the high school and also hosted a presentation on steroid use and abuse and a seminar last December as part of the district's Bigger, Faster, Stronger program. Prior to joining S.A.D. 5, Woody was the fitness director for MBNA in Northport for three years. Woody also received his master's degree in exercise science from UMaine in 2003. He is also a certified health/fitness director through the American College of Sports Medicine and

will soon be certified as a strength and conditioning specialist by the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Rex Turner is continuing his commitment to coaching baseball for Cony High in Augusta. He served as the assistant varsity coach this past season after two years as head coach, stepping aside due to commitments with his job with the Maine Lakes Conservancy. His first season he was named the *Kennebec Journal* Coach of the Year.

I hope everyone had a great summer!

Drop a line to let us know what you are doing.

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Hello '99ers! How was your summer? My family did quite a bit of hiking in Nevada and Utah in May and June before the desert heat drove us inside. One of the highlights of our summer was visiting Bryce Canyon National Park. I'm sure our classmates would enjoy hearing about some of your summer adventures. Here are the few tidbits of news I have to share since last issue.

Jaret and Susan Herrick Lizotte welcomed a son, Jackson Moses, on October 5, 2005. The family lives in Old Town. Abigail Elizabeth Smith was born on March 16, 2006, to proud parents James and **Nicole Travis Smith**. Nicole is an engineering manager at Crosspoint Engineering and Jim is an environmental scientist with BETA Group. The happy family resides in their home in Hanover, Massachusetts.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for **Jeremy Cameron** and **Andrea O'Clair**. The couple lives in Augusta and is planning a fall wedding. **Christopher Roeder** is engaged to **Allison Morton**. Chris is a district manager with Barclay Water Management and Allison is a real estate broker. They are planning to wed in Rangeley. **Douglas Thompson** is engaged to **Kirsten Palmer**. After graduating from UMaine, Doug earned his master's degree in outdoor education from the University of Colorado. He teaches at the

Brewer Middle School.

Amy Hamilton married Aaron Clayton in July in Chatham, Massachusetts. Aaron will be starting a Ph.D. program at Binghamton University in the fall, so the newlyweds just purchased their first home in Owego, New York. Amy will be teaching in Ithaca at the Lehman Alternative Community School.

In more wedding news, **Kim Cassidy** married Dave Repczynski '98 last August. They live in Stratham, New Hampshire. **David Oliveira** married Shannon Campbell in June of this year. They currently reside in Manchester, New Hampshire. Congratulations to all of these couples and the other classmates who tied the knot recently.

Captain **Greg Napoli** is serving in Afghanistan for his second tour of duty. **Martin Puckett** is the town manager of Livermore Falls. He was awarded a two-year contract that started at the beginning of 2006. **Mickey Fein** is the offensive coordinator for the Murray State University football team in Kentucky. Last year, **Sarah Caputo** graduated from the University of London's Royal Veterinary College. The new doctor joined her father's practice at Belfast Veterinary Hospital. She especially enjoys treating birds and exotic animals.

That's all the news for now. I hope you enjoy the cool fall weather. Please drop me a note or email when you get a minute!

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Hope everyone enjoyed their summer. This summer was a busy one for me, **Heidi Dombrock Weaver**, as I got married July 3rd to Brandon Weaver of Bel Air, Maryland. We were married in St. Michaels, Maryland, on the Chesapeake Bay. We honeymooned in Costa Rica and now I am settling into married life in Bel Air.

Wedding bells also rang for several other classmates this summer. **Jacinda Boucher** wed Jamie Dionne on June 10, 2006. She is employed as a project specialist by the University of Southern Maine, Muskie School of Public Service and the Center for Learning in Augusta, Maine. Classmate **Kristen Bisbee** of

Quincy, Massachusetts, married Frederic Santoro, Jr. on May 28, 2006, at St. Helen's in Norwell, Massachusetts, with a reception afterward at Barker Tavern in Scituate, Massachusetts. Kristen is an air quality engineer at CDM in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Jessica Peabody married Matthew Jacobson '03 on August 19th, 2006, on East Grand Lake, Orient, Maine. Jessica is employed by Howard Schiff law firm in Portland, Maine. **Jeffrey Haines** of Manhattan, Kansas, was married on April 22, 2006, to Kristina Kothe in Belleville, Illinois. He is a graduate student at Kansas State University in Manhattan. Classmate **Anne Bissonnette** was married in Jamaica to Joseph Pelkey on May 20, 2006, with a reception in Lewiston upon their return. She is employed as a lead benefits specialist at UnumProvident. Congratulations go out to all of these couples for a great life together.

More exciting news for classmates—**Chad and Kara Lauze Plummer** purchased their first home in Leominster, Massachusetts. **Misty Edgecomb** now lives in Rochester, New York, and is employed as the environmental writer at the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* in western New York. Classmate **Jason Moffitt** is a captain for the Brewer police department. **Sheila Lawlor** of Gray, Maine, was named retention advisor in the student support services program at Central Maine Community College. She works in the college student success center as part of the federally funded Trio Program, which provides academic and other support services to first-generation college students from low-income families or who have a disability.

Classmate **Kate Morrison Waning**, of Old Town, Maine, was recently appointed business manager for Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, a Bangor-based organization providing clinical services and health education to women of all ages, color, sexual orientation, and economic status. In her spare time she enjoys camping, photography, and spending time with family and friends. **Ruth Lyons Fitzpatrick**, of Winterport, Maine, also saw advancement in her career as she was hired as dean of students and cocurricular coordinator at Searsport High School. Hockey player **James "Jim" Leger** works for sanofi

pasteur as a biological products associate dealing with vaccines in Swiftwater, Pennsylvania.

Christine Anuszewski will stay another year in Japan as an ALT (assistant language teacher) at Konan Junior High School in Matsue teaching English as a participant of the JET Program (Japan Exchange and Teaching Program). Also, she has made an English DVD with the Sanin Film Project, which is a group of Shimane JETs whose mission is "To promote English language education and cross-cultural exchange through the medium of film."

Classmate **Dr. Ronald Sherwin** directs the Collegiate Chorale from Castleton State College in Vermont. The chorale is made up of 55 member singers. They went on tour this past spring and performed a wide array of styles of choral music including movements of the Fauré *Requiem*, "Love Train," "People Get Ready," "Shine on Me," and Farthing's "A Jubilant Song."

Daniel Cashman also used his musical talent for a good cause as he played the bass in the Jack Cashman Band. The band used their talents at a fund-raising event this past winter for the Bangor Fuel Society. The society is a century-old, non-profit organization that provides heating assistance to Bangor residents and the surrounding communities in need.

I'm sure many other members of the UMaine Class of 2000 have news to share with others. Please feel free to drop me a line at: hdommy1@comcast.net. Please note my name change from Dombrock to Weaver if you are sending anything by mail. Looking forward to hearing all the good news from the Class of 2000.

2001

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Hello, fellow 2001 graduates! As always, the past few months have been busy ones for our fellow alumni. Here is what some of your fellow grads have been doing lately.

Jeffrey Valence, who earned his master's at UMaine, was recently named Lyme School's new principal. Jeffrey and his family will relocate to



Gerald Touchette '01G was recently promoted to officer in the direct banking department at TD Banknorth in Lewiston. A sales and service team leader, he will continue to supervise a team of phone agents offering sales and service to TD Banknorth's entire customer base. Gerald joined TD Banknorth in 2000 and has eight years in banking. He now lives in Auburn.

Lyme where they have recently purchased a home.

Recently named inductee for Region III, **Ethan McConnell** is currently working as a national marine fisheries observer. He works off the coast of Alaska in the Bering Sea.

Also winning accolades by his peers, **Matthew Porter** recently was named the Young Farmer of the Year by the Maine Potato Board. While attending the Potato Industry Leadership Institute as part of his prize, he was elected the grower leader for the 2007 institute.

Jody Breindel recently announced her engagement to Brian Butilier. Jody currently works as a teacher at Brewer High School.

Adam Bradstreet and Jasmine Caret tied the knot on May 13, 2006. He is currently employed by Bradstreet Mobile Homes in Winslow. **Phillip Platt** and Jill Caron will wed this fall in a Lewiston ceremony. Phillip currently works for the state of Maine controller's office as a staff accountant.

Currently working for S.A.D. 5, **Megan Smist** has announced her engagement to Craig Till. They have planned a fall 2006 wedding.

Back in March **Sandra Blake** became Newcastle's new town administrator. After working as the town manager for Searsport and living in Brunswick, she and her husband hope to move and buy a home in Lincoln County.

I hope you are all filled with many happy summer memories. Please share some of those memories with us! I wish you all the best and please keep the information coming!

2002

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My, how the summer has gone by. I'm fortunate enough to live in Maine and enjoy the leaves changing into their rich hues of autumn. With every changing leaf, something new has been going on with our classmates.

Leigh Phillips and Ronald Perry got married on July 29, 2006. Leigh is a biology teacher at Scarborough High School. **Amanda Lobley** and **Brad Worcester** got married on April 29, 2006. Brad is employed by the Lewiston School Department and Amanda works at the Gorham School Department. **Gregory Bogan** married Elizabeth Alexander. Greg, who completed his master's in engineering mechanics from Pennsylvania State University, is currently working with General Dynamics Corporation in Burlington, Vermont. **Melissa Wolverson** and Lance Reardon planned a July 2006 wedding and reception at the Inn by the Sea in Cape Elizabeth. Melissa works in the Scarborough school department. **Jessica Cifelli** is planning a September 2, 2006, wedding to Nicholas Trepanier at St. Anthony's Church in Westbrook. Jessica is employed as a registered nurse at Maine Medical Center.

Shawn Kelley and Brianne Pascal got married on July 21, 2006, at the Lucerne Inn. Shawn currently works as an engineer at Bowater at the Catawba Mill. **Ken Cochrane** welcomed his first child, Zander Alan Cochrane, on November 30, 2005. Ken currently works as a software engineer for Wright Express in South Portland.

Darcy Morse has been named the new communications manager for Winter Park Resort. She comes to the position with extensive experience in marketing communications, advertising, public relations, and ski resort business. Darcy earned her master's degree at the University of Denver. She currently resides in Winter Park, Colorado.

Mike Morrison faced fellow Black Bear hockey teammate, **Niko Dimitrakos**, during a shoot-out implemented by the NHL this season to break ties. Niko plays for San Jose and Mike Morrison plays for the Edmonton Oilers.

Packard Judd Kaye Strategic Marketing Group has appointed **Jamie Call Laliberte** as a research assistant. Jamie graduated with a degree in kinesiology and physical education and she is currently pursuing a master's degree in business administration with a marketing concentration. Jamie lives in Bangor with her husband, Mike.

Navy Airman **Andrew P. Bessette** returned in March from a scheduled deployment while assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 87 embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Theodore Roosevelt*, home ported in Norfolk, Virginia. Bessette's unit launched 10,000 combat flights totaling 30,750 flight hours and provided surveillance, reconnaissance, and close air support to the ground forces in Iraq. **Sandra Langlais Wardwell** was deployed overseas in November 2005 at a forward operating location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. **Jon T. Moore** was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy on September 16, 2005. John will attend naval flight officer training at NAS Pensacola over the next two years and hopes to follow in his father's and grandfather's footsteps by flying in the P-3 anti-submarine aircraft.

Jamie M. Bell, a Washburn District High School math teacher who previously was a nuclear engineer, received guidance in transitioning into a teaching environment by Edward Buckley '58 who has been teaching for 41 years.

Emily Cain, Democratic state representative from Orono, sponsored a pair of bills to help encourage a disaffected section of the electorate to get more involved in government—young adults. Emily is a driving force behind an effort to enable 18-year-olds to run for positions in the Maine House. Her bill would ask voters to approve a

constitutional amendment reducing the minimum age for candidates from 21 to 18. A second bill Emily sponsored would place qualified undergraduates and graduate college students going to school in Maine as temporary interns within county and local governments. Emily's bills represent the kind of fresh ideas that could help convince young Americans that participating in democracy isn't a waste of time.

Gustavo "Gus" Burkett wrote in with this update: "After graduating with a degree in business administration, I took a job working as a regional director for Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. After moving to Richmond, Virginia, for 10 weeks of training, I was assigned to the Midwest. I was responsible for 30 fraternity chapters in 30 different campuses in North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, and Illinois. I truly had a fantastic year on the road traveling a lot, and learning about this great country. After my year was up I decided to come back to UMaine to start my master's program. In May of 2005 I finished my master's in higher education. After graduation I applied for a job at UMaine and was hired as the assistant director of campus activities for student organizations and Greek life. It is now June and I am happy to let you know that I have completed my first year as a UMaine employee and I am happy I am still part of this great community."

I rely on getting most of the news from local papers and clippings that the alumni association is so generous to collect and provide, but I would love to hear any news that you would like to share with the class. Feel free to email the alumni association or me. Keep in touch and all the best.

2003

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Congratulations to the 2003 alumni who are getting married.

Gwendolyn Cooper recently became engaged to Benjamin Dyer. Gwendolyn graduated with a degree in business administration and is currently an account executive at WGME 13 in Portland. They are

planning a 2007 wedding. **Jessica Mahan** is engaged to Allen Lawrence. Jessica earned a master's degree in speech language pathology in '05 and was married on September 23rd. **Brian Bolduc** married Jessica Polk on July 22nd. He received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering technology and is working for Honeywell International in Bangor.

Lyndsey Monroe and **Curtis Marston** were married on August 5th in Orland. Lyndsey graduated with a degree in wildlife ecology. Congratulations to **Brianna Frye** and **Jonathan Woodworth** on their engagement. She is an athletic trainer at HealthSouth Sports Medicine in Auburn. The couple is planning a December wedding. **Amy Berube** recently married **Robbie Drummond** in Limestone. Amy is currently employed as a traveling nurse. Finally, **Heather Graul** is engaged to **Michael Geoghan**. Heather is currently pursuing her master's degree in athletic administration at James Madison University. An August 2007 wedding is planned.

Graduates from 2003 are also moving up the career ladder. **Elizabeth Foster** has joined Bangor Savings Bank as the new vice president, Camden branch manager. Elizabeth graduated from UMaine with a master's degree in business. **Lyndsey Monroe** not only got married but she also has a new job. She has been hired by the Bangor Land Trust. Congratulations, Lyndsey!

Katie Nadeau has completed her first year of medical school at Johns Hopkins Medical School in Baltimore. She was presented with her "white coat" in May. The Boothbay Region Historical Society has hired **Jane McKinney Kaler**, who will be the new administrator for the historical society. In this new position Jane will handle all the administrative details of running the society as well as working with volunteers. **Robert Beverage** is the new principal of Georges Valley High School. Robert received his master's degree in educational leadership from UMaine. **Scott White** is also taking a job as a principal. Scott will be the principal of South Bristol. Finally, **Sara McLaughlin** has completed a four-month orientation program with the Maryknoll Lay Missioners and will leave for a three-and-a-half year assignment to work among the poor in Brazil in January. Good luck, Sara!

2004

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Hearty Maine Hello! Now that classes are back in session, the

campus finally feels vibrant again after a rather quiet summer. I've gotten some positive feedback and quite a few updates from our classmates recently. As you might expect, wedding bells are in the air for quite a few Black Bear alumni.

On December 24th, 2005, **Matthew Rodrigue** became engaged to **Carissa Capuano**, a Bowdoin graduate. Carissa has been an environmental scientist at Woodward & Curran for the past six years. The wedding was scheduled for this past July. This fall, both Matthew and his new wife are headed to graduate school. Matthew is beginning his MBA program at the Harvard Business School, and Carissa is beginning a joint Juris Doctor/ Master of Public Health program at Boston University. We wish them the best of luck, because that sounds like a lot of work! **Timothy Young** and **Rebecca Duda** were recently married in South Portland, in a very well-attended ceremony. Timothy has recently accepted a position as a mutual fund accountant with Citigroup in Portland.

This past March, **Jennifer Buswell** married **Shane Deane**. Jennifer is currently working for Merrill Merchants Bank. **Kathryn Markovchick** also recently married **Jonathan Moulton '05** in a ceremony at the bride's parents' house in Mount Vernon. Kathryn is currently pursuing a master's degree in special education at the University of Nevada, while Jonathan is employed as a natural resources manager for three separate golf courses owned by the Tahoe Mountain Club.

Adam Burgoyne got married in August to **Jennifer Harvey '06**. Jennifer recently received her degree in microbiology and Adam is a second-year medical student in the M.D.-Ph.D. program at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. As August seems to have been the most popular month to tie the knot, **Jay Fonseca** and **Kate Chase** were recently married at the United Methodist Church in Old Town. Kate is employed as a registered nurse at Acadia Hospital and Jay is also a registered nurse at St. Joseph Hospital.

We also have some other Black Bear weddings on the horizon. An October wedding is planned for **Kristofor McAlpine** and **Kristin Laplant '03** in Baileyville, Maine. Kristofor is employed as an electrical systems designer at

Your Classmates Would Like to Hear From You!

We know you enjoy reading about your classmates in *Mainly People*. Well they would like to hear from you too. Why not take a few moments and email or write your class correspondent. You don't have to have run in a marathon or received the outstanding citizen award. News about where you live, where you now work, or memories about your UMaine days will be of interest to your old friends.

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Harriman Associates in Auburn and Kristin is a development engineer at Sappi Fine Paper in Westbrook. A June 2007 wedding is in store for **Kendra Glueck** and Gary Abramson. Kendra is currently with the pathology department at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston and Gary is the manager of an Autopart International store in Allston, Massachusetts.

Samantha Perkins has recently joined the engineering and consulting firm OEST and Associates in the civil engineering department. Additionally, she is preparing for her professional engineering registration as an engineer in training (EIT). Another member of the Class of 2004 has seen some public displays of his artwork. **Adam Chittenden** recently had an exhibit displayed at the Blue Hill Public Library entitled "A Storied Landscape Series." UMaine alumna **Linda MacKenzie** recently accepted a position as the principal of the Upper Kennebec Valley High School in Bingham. **Adam Lacher** was also recently hired as the new underwriting manager for WERU radio down on the coast.

As always, I look forward to hearing from all of you, so please let me know if there's anything that you would like included in future installments of our class notes.

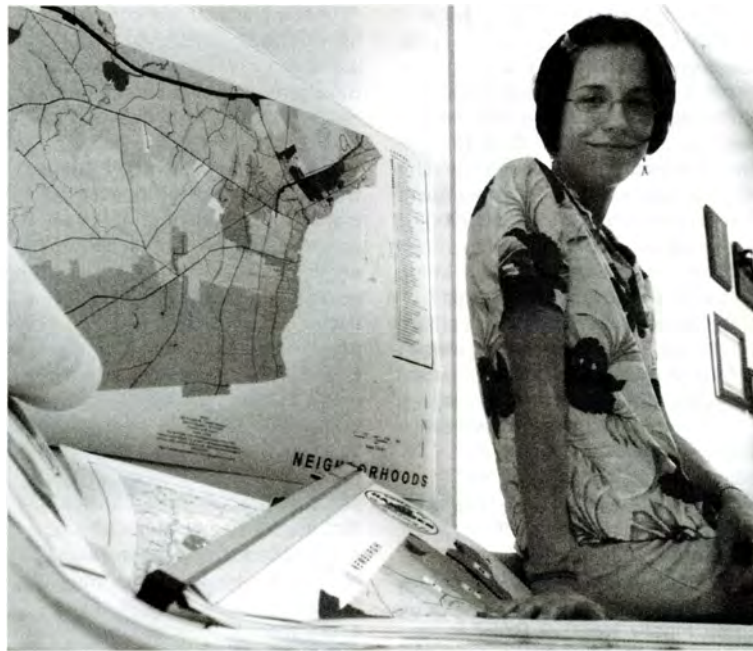
Go Blue!

2005

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Greetings, Class of 2005! I'd like to introduce myself as your class correspondent, and hope to hear from all of you at some point down the road. The Class of 2005 has been very busy in the past year, and I hope these words find you well. I have a lot to share for this column, and will begin with one of summer's favorite pastimes—weddings!

Congratulations to **Julie Reynolds**, who is engaged to Jason Paul Redding. The couple became engaged in Hawaii while on vacation, and they plan to move to Burlington, Vermont, where Julie will be attending St. Michael's College for graduate school. Our class has many September 2006 weddings



Gretchen Heldmann, a 2006 UMaine forestry graduate, was profiled in a *Bangor Daily News* feature story in June. A Connecticut native who decided to stay in Maine, she is currently the information technology and geographic information specialist for Hampden. "Gretchen gives me hope that the best and brightest...will want to stay here," Hampden town manager Susan Lessard noted in *BDN* article. "She's bright, she's focused, and she could go anywhere and do anything and she chose to stay here. That gives me hope." (*Bangor Daily News* photo.)

planned, including: **Joshua Bubier**, who is employed by Washburn Forest Products in Dexter, and engaged to Kara Pushard; **Melissa Turner**, a 2005 graduate who is currently a third grade teacher in Fort Myers, Florida, is engaged to James Frost, Jr.; as well as **Michael Dunn** and his fiancée Terri St. Louis who became engaged during a surprise proposal (at least for Terri) in front of the Broadway Hannaford staff and many customers!

Jennifer Colby, who is employed at Central Maine Medical Center, is now engaged to Patrick Sughrue with a fall 2007 wedding planned. **Jamilyn Murphy**, who received her master's degree in social work in 2005, is engaged to Bruce Hughes. They have a fall 2008 wedding planned. A big congratulations to those members of the Class of 2005 who were married this past summer, including **Megan Nicholson** to Jonah O'Roak on June 3, and **Adam McNaughton** to Lindsay Girard '06 on June 24. In addition to all of these wonderful announcements, I would like to share my own engagement to Nicholas Gauvin '06. We are planning a June 2007 wedding, and plan to reside in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The Class of 2005 also has

members who are currently serving our country in the armed services. **Ty Hapworth** graduated from basic combat training in October of 2005, and **Matthew Flagg** graduated from the infantry officer basic training course at Fort Benning.

Justin Wozniski has been selected by College Prowlers Publishing to write a comprehensive guidebook to the University of Maine and town of Orono, which will be sold exclusively through Borders, Barnes & Noble, Amazon.com, and College Prowler's website. **Michael Thibault** will be working through October of this year as the AmeriCorps volunteer coordinator and community outreach educator in Warren, Maine. **Tammy Coro-Chabot** was inducted into the Manchester Who's Who Professional Registry. Tammy has been working as the quality improvement manager at Health Access Network, and was awarded membership to this distinguished group for her professional accomplishments.

In education news, **Kimberly Fithian** has a new job teaching computers and first grade at Katahdin Elementary in Staceyville, Maine. Other new educators include Class of 2005 graduate students

Katherine Macenko Jeffrey, who is teaching second grade at the Miles Lane School in Bucksport, and **Kathryn Day**, who is the guidance counselor also at Miles Lane.

James York is teaching freshman geography and sophomore history at Presque Isle High School. **Karen Karp** was hired to teach grade five at Mary Snow School in Bangor, and **Gina Veits** is working in Ellsworth as the substance abuse counselor at the middle and high schools.

Jess Laplante is back at her New Hampshire high school, White Mountains Regional, as a physical education teacher. **Jon Porter** is now Southern Aroostook Community School's principal, where he is changing hats as a former athletic coach.

Cori Foster, a graduate of the UMaine nursing program, is off to San Diego, California, to pursue her career. **Christi Hake Maquillan** has successfully passed her nursing boards and is employed at St. Joseph Hospital in Bangor. **Julie Veilleux**, a former UMaine basketball player, was named as the assistant basketball coach at Bowdoin College. **Ryan Gould** was hired as the director of youth sports and community recreation at the Old Town-Orono YMCA, and as a former member of The Steiners, hopes to bring more theater and dance classes to the programming.

Jacqueline Bouchard is a member of a team in Worcester, Massachusetts, that has made a breakthrough discovery in stem cell research.

There were several 2005 graduates who were featured in various newspaper articles. **Kate Holzinger**, who had a double major in French and secondary education, and also minored in equine studies, hopes to find a school that has an equestrian team where she could teach French and also coach. **Adan Turner** is one of many 2005 graduates who is staying at UMaine to continue with graduate studies. He hopes to stay in Maine further on in his career, eventually becoming a professor and conducting research here. In the final piece of 2005 news, **Joshua Schmersal** participated as an artist-in-residence in Woodstock, Vermont, where he worked with students on a production of *Broadway Night*.

I can't wait to hear what else our classmates have been up to, and share it with all of you! Please feel free to either mail your information, or send me an email!

Deaths

1927

George Farrington Dow, 100, from Nobleboro, Maine, on June 9, 2006.

1929

Worth Langdon Noyes, 101, from Orrington, on July 11, 2006.

1930

Elizabeth "Lib" Ayers Mason Carter, 98, from West Bethel, Maine, on May 6, 2006.

Bertha "Bee" Faustina Carter Cushman, 98, from Orono, on May 6, 2006.

Rosella "Rose" Adeline Loveitt, 98, from South Portland, on June 26, 2006.

1932

James Clement Bates, M.D., 94, from Eastport, on April 1, 2006.

1933

Thomas Joseph Desmond, 95, from South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, on May 14, 2006.

Warren Stoddard Frohock, 96, from Owls Head, on March 22, 2006.

Frank "Red" Wilbur Hagan, Jr., 97, from Bath, Maine, on July 3, 2006.

Frank Delbert Lawler, 100, from Eastport, Maine, on April 15, 2006.

Philip Wendell Odiorne, 95, from Augusta, on June 12, 2006.

1934

Claire Sylvina Sanders, 95, from Orono, on March 29, 2006.

1936

Daniel Joseph Cooney, 92, from Enfield, Connecticut, on April 2, 2006.

Elizabeth "Betty" Pennell Jordan Keene, 90, from Augusta, Maine, on March 31, 2006.

Elliott Augustus Sturgis, 94, from New Gloucester, Maine, on April 8, 2006.

1937

Donald Emery Bowden, 88, from Orland, Maine, on June 9, 2006.

Marion Frieda Larsen Chandler, 92, from Falmouth, Maine, on April 17, 2006.

Ronald "Red" Ira Mayo, 90, from Upper Arlington, Ohio, on November 1, 2005.

Carle Frederick Sawyer, 92, from

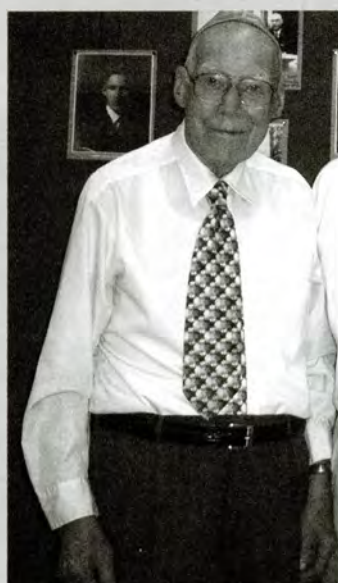
George F. Dow Class of 1927

George Farrington Dow '27 died on June 9, 2006, at a nursing home in Damariscotta. He was 100.

George was well known and respected for his work at the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station where he served as associate director and director from 1951 to 1969. All together he worked at the university for 42 years.

He was an active and loyal UMaine alumnus who served his alma mater in numerous ways, including as chairman of the alumni association board. All three of his daughters are university graduates.

In addition to his undergraduate degree, George received a master's from UMaine and a Ph.D. from Cornell University.



Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on June 25, 2006.

1938

Charles Herbert Bailey, 93, from Lincoln, Maine, on May 7, 2006.

Norma Caecelia Lueders Baker, 89, from Cincinnati, Ohio, on June 8, 2006.

Edward "Tread" Sherburne Doubleday, 90, from Newport, Vermont, on June 1, 2006.

Lewis William Edwards, 87, from Newark, Delaware, on December 11, 2004.

Robert Willis Harvey, 90, from Melrose, Massachusetts, and Sammamish, Washington, on April 14, 2006.

Frances "Fran" Jewell White, 90, from Ellsworth, on May 26, 2006.

1939

Josephine "Joey" O'Brien Campbell Allen, 88, from Gaithersburg, Maryland, on January 14, 2006.

Harold Edison, 85, from Southbury, Connecticut, on July 28, 2003.

Elizabeth McCoy Knotts Fletcher, 88, from Portland, Maine, on June 7, 2006.

Barbara "Barbs" Grace Gerrish, 86, from Snohomish, Washington, on April 9, 2004.

Eleanor Lucille Bell Grange, 88, from Sun City, Arizona, and Annandale, Virginia, on April 15, 2006.

Edward Walter Hutchinson, 89, from Little Deer Isle, Maine, on April 30, 2006.

Gwendolyn "Gwen" Noreen McFarland Metcalf, 88, from Newport, Maine, on April 27, 2006.

Beverly "Bev" Ross Nason, 88, from Anacortes, Washington, on May 8, 2006.

Mary "Cooch" Eliza Cooper Nyburg, 87, from Deer Isle, Maine, on April 5, 2006.

Burton Stiles Philbrick, 89, from Beverly, Massachusetts, on September 14, 2003.

Theodore Otis Read, 89, from Center Sandwich, New Hampshire, on March 13, 2005.

Jeanette "Jo" Winter Sanborn Spear, 89, from Kittery Point, Maine, on June 3, 2006.

1940

Gerard "Gerry" James Burke, 90, from Framingham, Massachusetts, on April 5, 2006.

Daniel "Dan" Joseph Cowett,

90, from San Bernardino, California, on February 1, 2006.

1941

Laura Ursula Craft Hutchins, 87, from Waldoboro, Maine, on June 8, 2006.

Delmar "Del" Daniel Shaw, Jr., 87, from Falmouth, on April 6, 2006.

1942

Harold Abner Garfinkle, 84, from Newton, Massachusetts, on February 28, 2006.

Elizabeth Clark Ansell Gatlin, 82, from Tacoma, Washington, on January 23, 2003.

Keith Marston Thompson, 85, from Limestone, Maine, on May 25, 2006.

1943

Harry Beckman, 84, from Calverton, New York, on November 14, 2004.

Clifford Wadsworth Birch, Jr., from Monroe, North Carolina, on February 15, 2004.

Harry Walker Files, Jr., 84, from Portland, Maine, on June 3, 2006.

Charles "Buddy" Priestley Inman, 85, from Richmond, Virginia, on May 2, 2006.

Mary Elizabeth Sargent, 85, from Bucksport, on June 24, 2006.

Ruth Marie Corliss Splan, 84, from Zephyrhills, Florida, on June 1, 2006.

Roger Edwin Stearns, Sr., 85, from Bangor, on April 7, 2006.

1944

Warren Wilkins Nute, Jr., 84, from Long Beach, California, on April 14, 2005.

Albert Field Reynolds, 84, from Murrieta, California, on January 4, 2006.

Jane Shirley Barker Sinskie, 82, from Industry, Maine, on March 28, 2004.

Gerald "Jerry" Marcus Tabenken, 83, from Portland, on April 13, 2006.

1945

Carol Stevens Angelone, 82, from Cumberland Foreside, Maine, and Naples, Florida, on April 8, 2006.

Robert Manning Moulton, 83, from South Portland and Scarborough, on April 9, 2006.

Deaths

1946

Daniel James Frazier, Jr., from Orono, on May 27, 2006.

1947

Barbara Anne Pomeroy Bailey, 81, from Peabody, Massachusetts, on June 28, 2006.

Bayard "Don" M. Cronkhite, 83, from Andover, Massachusetts, on February 21, 2005.

Barbara "Mac" Coleen MacNair Edwards, 81, from Houlton, Maine, on April 16, 2006.

Eugene "Gene" Alberto Mawhinney, 84, from Orono, on June 24, 2006.

Elaine Frances Wilson Nye, from Westwood, Massachusetts, on June 22, 2006.

1948

Burton Warren Crossland, 81, from Mexico, Maine, and Maui, Hawaii, on May 28, 2006.

Albert "Whit" Edward Whitney, Jr., 83, from Portsmouth, Rhode Island, on June 24, 2006.

1949

Harry Allen, M.D., 80, from Needham, Massachusetts, on June 4, 2006.

Gerald "Jerry" Maynard Bates, Jr., 80, from Portland, on July 2, 2006.

Sumner "Bernie" Bernstein, from West Roxbury, Massachusetts, on March 29, 2006.

Howard "Howie" Coffin Bronsdon, 79, from Casper, Wyoming, on November 23, 2005.

Charlotte "Charli" Ann Alex Schneider, 78, from Rye, New York, on November 5, 2005.

Wallace "Wally" Leo Woodcock, 82, from Veazie, on June 2, 2006.

George Rogers Wyman, 80, from Gorham, Maine, on April 28, 2006.

1950

David Charles Allen, 77, from West Hartford, Connecticut, on June 16, 2006.

Robert Henry Briggs, 84, from Hallowell, Maine, on June 14, 2006.

Robert Austin Campbell, 79, from Kingston, Rhode Island, on June 14, 2006.

Arthur "Bud" Norrie Dresser, Jr., 88, from Dedham, Maine, on

Eugene Mawhinney, Class of 1947



Eugene A. Mawhinney '47, one of UMaine's most popular and effective educators, died June 24th at the Maine Veterans' Home in Bangor.

Gene, a native of Jonesport, finished his degree at UMaine after serving in the Army during World War II. He later earned a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Illinois. He began teaching at UMaine in

1959 and became the first chairman of the university's political science department when it was established in 1966. During his teaching career Gene inspired scores of UMaine students to pursue careers in law and government. He earned the prestigious Distinguished Maine Professor Award in 1982.

Gene was a loyal alumnus. He served the alumni association in many ways and was a past president of Senior Alumni.

May 15, 2006.

Thomas Raymond Hale, 76, from Caribou, Maine, on April 22, 2006.

Leon Eugene Kirkpatrick, Sr., 83, from Brewer, on May 5, 2006.

Brian Sears Neal, Sr., 85, from Millinocket, on April 7, 2006.

Harlan "Smitty" Roger Smith, Sr., 81, from Bar Harbor, on June 21, 2006.

Ann Burbank Taylor, 78, from Plymouth, Michigan, on April 21, 2006.

Donald Jackson Waring, 81, from Brewer, Maine, and Leesburg, Florida, on April 10, 2006.

Robert Stewart White, of Cupertino, California, on December 27, 2005.

Elizabeth "Biba" Noel Woods, 78, from West Springfield, Massachusetts, on March 11, 2006.

1951

Coralie Blanche Todd Adams, 75, from Orlando, Florida, on July 9, 2005.

Paul Gordon Angus, 78, from Wellesley, Massachusetts, on March 17, 2006.

Marilyn Maude Raymond Boss, 76, from Old Orchard, on June 19, 2006.

Charles Irving Boutot, 77, from Mattawamkeag and Old Town, on June 24, 2006.

Vera "Vee" Eleanor Edfors

Collins, 76, from Kalamazoo, Michigan, on April 16, 2006.

Louis Paul Guilmette, 82, from Sarasota, Florida, on May 23, 2006.

Michael John Ivanisin, 80, from Holden, Massachusetts, on March 16, 2005.

Alvan Mersky, 79, from Boston, on July 11, 2006.

Bradley "Brad" Tuttle Shaw, 79, from Portland, on May 24, 2006.

John Theodore Skolfield, Jr., 78, from Winter Park, Florida, on March 29, 2006.

Milton Starling Stone, 80, from Falmouth, on May 7, 2006.

Benjamin "Dover" Tucker, Jr., 80, from Augusta, on April 2, 2006.

Thelma Mary Watson, 86, from Hampden, on June 17, 2006.

1952

Carolyn Nina Nickerson Card, 74, from Wellington and Fort Collins, Colorado, on January 6, 2004.

Constance Marietta Cook Emerson, 74, from Charlestown, South Carolina, on October 8, 2005.

Harold "Hap" Towne Gerrish, 76, D.M.D., from Bowerbank, Maine, on June 29, 2006.

George Emile Guy, 75, from Westfield, Maine, on May 17,

2005.

Robert Hall Hefler, 76, from Brunswick, on June 21, 2006.

Joseph Lewis Ladd, 73, from Penobscot, Maine, on April 26, 2006.

Frederick Colby Littlefield, 76, from Olmstead Falls, Ohio, on July 26, 2005.

John "Jack" Joseph Quinlan, 77, from Windham, Maine, on May 7, 2006.

George Cameron Shute, Jr., 84, from New Orleans, Louisiana, on March 25, 2004.

Alfred Martin Wynne, 76, from Amherst, Massachusetts, on June 16, 2006.

1954

George William Earle, 72, from North Augusta, South Carolina, on April 9, 2006.

Patricia Anne Chapman

Roberts, 74, from Brunswick, on February 16, 2006.

1955

Constance "Connie" Leone Lewis Calkin, 73, from Golden, Colorado, on June 5, 2006.

Keith Revere Goff, 74, from Bolton, Connecticut, on May 25, 2006.

Harry Albert Harmon, 73, from Jericho, Vermont, on June 4, 2006.

Verna Whipple Hazen, 96, from Fairfield, Maine, on May 12, 2006.

Mary Joyce Libby Roundtree, 72, from East Waterboro and Litchfield, Maine, on May 23, 2006.

1956

Ivan Vincent Ackerman, Jr., 71, from Toms River, New Jersey, on March 5, 2006.

Carolyn Graves Corcoran, 82, from Scarborough, on July 3, 2006.

Leonidas Peter Jonason, 76, from Bangor, on May 12, 2006.

1957

Patricia Anne Wright Kearns, 71, from New Vernon, New Jersey, on March 24, 2006.

Charles "Chuck" Mello, 73, from Durand, Michigan, on August 10, 2003.

Francis Stearns Perry, 83, from Brunswick, on June 28, 2006.

1958

Alan Mitchell Bridges, 73, from Penobscot, Maine, on June 29, 2006.

Hilda Louise Savage Callahan, 87, from Brewer, on June 10, 2006.

Ronald Harold Knight, 75, from Bangor, on April 4, 2006.

Eleanor "Phil" Philbrick, 86, from Augusta, on December 27, 1993.

Thomas Edward Robinson, 73, from McLean, Virginia, on November 3, 2005.

1959

Norman "Norm" Joseph Bombery, 72, from Greenwich, Connecticut, and Port Richey, Florida, on February 18, 2006.

Wayne Clark Gilman, 72, from Middletown, Connecticut, on April 4, 2006.

Kenneth Gary Henrich, 68, from Holden, Maine, on March 27, 2006.

Howard Isaac Libby, Jr., 95, from Burnham, Maine, on July 1, 2006.

Norene Inez Roundy Libby, 99, from Gorham, on May 12, 2006.

Herman Clark Lord, 68, from Auburn, Maine, on April 9, 2006.

Jerome "Jerry" Michael Lovejoy, 70, from Lincoln, Maine, and Dearborn Heights, Michigan, on July 4, 2006.

Carroll "Robbie" Francis Robertson, 69, from Barefoot Bay, Florida, on June 8, 2006.

Delma Elaine Burgess Watt, 95, from Perry, Maine, on April 13, 2006.

Victor Lee Wolmer, 68, from Hampton, Connecticut, on March 3, 2006.

1960

Harry Dana Austin, Jr., 73, from Ellsworth and Franklin, Maine, on June 16, 2006.

Gilbert Ernest Beckwith, 67, from Draper, Utah, on June 3, 2006.

Roger "Brownie" Lou Brown, 72, from Portland, Oregon, on April 10, 2006.

Gordon Melvin Carpenter, 68, from North Waterboro, Maine, on July 8, 2006.

Charles Arthur Chapman, 67, from Allentown, Pennsylvania, on

May 28, 2006.

John Marshall Pierce, 68, from Woodstock, Vermont, on April 29, 2006.

1961

Donald Wilfred Plourde, 73, from Madawaska, Maine, on July 7, 2006.

John Christian Schue, 64, from Brattleboro, Vermont, on February 3, 2004.

Roland Dinsmore Wandke, 65, from Alameda, California, on November 2, 2004.

1962

Salomea Anne Kazalski Hunt, 66, from Portsmouth, Virginia, on April 8, 2006.

Thomas "Panda" Michael Record, 66, from Boylston and Worcester, Massachusetts, on June 26, 2006.

1963

Francis James Gramlich, 85, from Readfield, Maine, on April 16, 2006.

Mittie Downs Stevens, 88, from Bangor, on July 10, 2006.

Frank Joseph Tarazewich, 70, from East Waterboro, Maine, on April 29, 2006.

1964

Allen Robert Craig, 63, from Ashland, Maine, on May 29, 2006.

William Bruce Grant, 64, from Dexter, Maine, on April 16, 2006.

Grace Morrison Greene, 91, from Lincoln, Maine, on April 18, 2006.

George Dane Todd, 64, from Easton and Gainesville, Florida, on June 26, 2006.

1965

Phylliss Hall Curtiss, 78, from New London, New Hampshire, on April 3, 2006.

Susan Thurlow Gagne, 64, from Bethlehem, Connecticut, on April 11, 2006.

Gladys L. Littlefield, 95, from Lovell, Maine, on April 12, 2006.

Barry Philip Titcomb, 62, from Weld, Maine, on May 11, 2006.

1966

Gardys Woodside Starbird, 95, from Sangerville, Maine, on June 28, 2006.

1967

Rowan Deignan Malphurs, 60,

from Waco, Texas, and Orono, on May 13, 2006.

1968

George Francis LePage, 58, from Glenburn, Maine, on June 24, 2006.

Elizabeth Ann Morrison Ozmon, 64, from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, on May 14, 2006.

1969

Theodore Lewis Burgoyne, 83, from Livermore Falls, Maine, on March 21, 2006.

Guildo Marcel Dionne, 60, from Sanford, Maine, on March 23, 2006.

Helen Veth Palmer Parsons, 95, from Dexter, Maine, on April 13, 2006.

1970

Barbara Anne Wright Adams, 55, from Woodbridge, Connecticut, on April 23, 2006.

Denise Angers, M.D., 57, from Kennebunk, on July 1, 2006.

Jane Estes Cook, 84, from Pembroke, Maine, on April 23, 2006.

Rosanne Labree Coursen, 58, from Belmont, Massachusetts, on March 14, 2006.

Joseph Philip Hanley, 72, from Cape Coral, Florida, and Wayne, Maine, on April 2, 2006.

Irene F. Boynton Jack, 82, from Winslow, Maine, on May 15, 2006.

Robert Frederic Peterson, 57, from Readfield, Maine, on July 7, 2006.

1971

Alison Green Wiggin, 60, from Rockport, Maine, on June 18, 2006.

1972

Elaine Colson Heath, 80, from Dover-Foxcroft, on June 6, 2006.

Jacqueline Marie Dionne McKim, 55, from Madawaska, Maine, and St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, on May 11, 2006.

Kenneth Dale Robertson, 74, from Caribou, on October 6, 2005.

1974

Sandra Ellen Adams Anderson, 69, from Houlton, on May 29, 2006.

John Delyle Thomas, 60, from Newburgh and Orono, on April 20, 2006.

1975

Rodney Leigh Benn, 52, from Cape Elizabeth, Maine, on June 22, 2006.

Randolph Gene Doughty, 55, from Tucson, Arizona, on May 3, 2006.

Patricia Anne Donohue

Robbins, 53, from Cornish, New Hampshire, on May 23, 2006.

1976

Frank Anthony Williams, 57, from Orono, on March 28, 2006.

1979

Ivan L. Gilpatrick, 61, from Gouldsboro, Maine, on June 17, 2006.

Edward Richard Halpin, 83, from Portland, Maine, on April 29, 2006.

1981

Rebecca "Becky" Bowes Allen, 64, from China, Maine, on March 22, 2006.

1985

Duane Lawrence Pease, 48, from Appleton, Maine, on March 12, 2006.

1987

Kim R. Rees, 53, from Brewer, on April 30, 2006.

1989

Cheryl Leonard-Cerini, 55, from Bangor, on June 27, 2006.

1990

Kimberly Jo Larson, 36, from Bath, on March 24, 2006.

1991

Brian Clark Thayer, 57, from Cumberland, Maine, on April 9, 2006.

1994

William Joseph Griffith, 56, from Glenburn, Maine, on April 12, 2006.

2001

LeAnn Buzzell Withee, 43, from Dover-Foxcroft, on April 20, 2006.

2005

James William Hegedus, 22, from Groveville, New Jersey, on May 13, 2006.

2006

David Michael Veverka, 25, from Jamestown, Pennsylvania, on May 6, 2006.

Weddings

1991

Daphne Anne Demakis to Adel Bettouche on September 24, 2005. They honeymooned in Aruba and live in Mendon, Massachusetts.

1993

Monique Jacqueline Fortin to Kevin Robert Landry on October 8, 2005, in Lewiston, Maine. They took a honeymoon trip to Cancun.

1994

Matthew Peter LeClair to Jessica Re Brakeley on June 24, 2006, in York, Maine. They honeymooned in New Brunswick, Canada, and reside in Belfast, Maine.

1997

Amy B. Richendollar to Brian D. McGuirk on October 8, 2005, in Mansfield, Massachusetts. They took a trip to St. Lucia and reside in Mansfield.

1998

Derrick George Record to **Summer Michelle Stewart '00** on February 18, 2006, in Clinton, Maine. They live in Clinton.
Matthew Palmer to **Molly Minigione '02** on August 6, 2005, on Peaks Island, Maine. After a honeymoon trip to Jamaica, they live in South Portland.

Jonathan Thomas Burrill to Alexandra Elizabeth Powers on September 24, 2005, in Brookline, Massachusetts. They took a wedding trip to St. John and live in Framingham, Massachusetts.

1999

Daniel Michael Del Rossi to Victoria Lynn Ryan on October 15, 2005, in Waldoboro, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Vermont and reside in Topsham, Maine.
Scott T. MacKay to Nicole Lynne Vozzella on January 28, 2006, in Walpole, Massachusetts. Following a wedding trip to Barbados

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and Antigua, the couple lives in Tewksbury, Massachusetts.

2000

Frank D. Morgan to Elizabeth Morse on October 8, 2005, in South Portland, Maine. The couple took a wedding trip to Cancun and lives in South Portland.

Amy Elizabeth Porter to John Ayres Wareham III on December 10, 2005, in Wickford, Rhode Island. They traveled to the Berkshires and reside in Barrington, Rhode Island.

Jeffrey Haines to Kristina Kothe on April 22, 2006, in Belleville, Illinois. They took a wedding trip to New Smyrna Beach, Florida, and live in St. Louis.

Brian Moores to Melissa Poulin on April 29, 2006, in Searsport, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Mexico, and live in Waverille, Maine.

Heidi Dombrock to Brandon Weaver on July 3, 2006, in St. Michaels, Maryland. They honeymooned in Costa Rica and live in Bel Air, Maryland.

2001

Jennah Doughty to Sam Iggulden on October 8, 2005, in Harpswell, Maine. They live in Bridgton, Maine.

Alison Marie Charloux to **Glen Leslie Beane '02** on August 6, 2005 in Orono, Maine. They honeymooned in England and reside in Brewer, Maine.

Bret Stuart Newbury to Angela Dawn Bartlett on November 25, 2005. A reaffirmation ceremony took place on June 10 on Squirrel Island, Maine. They took a cruise to Bermuda and live in Berwick, Maine.

2002

Virginia Lynn Catlin to Jason David Hubbard on March 11, 2006, in Wilton, Maine. They live in Bedford, New Hampshire.

Sadie J. Faulkner to **Ryan C. Shaw** on August 6, 2005, in Sanford, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Campobello Island, New Brunswick, Canada, and live in Hampden, Maine.

2003

Heather Ann Ponkala to **Nathan Dana Holmes** on June 25, 2005, in Greenville, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Florida and live in Hudson, Maine.

Kimberly M. Moores to **Joel E. French '04** on July 30, 2005, in Old Orchard Beach. They took a wedding trip to Aruba and live in Oxford, Maine.

Brian Mitchell Alexander to **Melissa Lynn Armes '05** on October 1, 2005, in Brunswick, Maine. They took a coast-to-coast trip across the United States and live in Brunswick.

2004

Jordan Carol Perkins to Michael Mattheu Bailey in Orono, Maine. They traveled to Quebec City, and live in Old Town, Maine.

Farrah Lyn Demaray to **Daniel Palmer Poirier** on October 8, 2005. They took a trip to Boston, Hartford, and Washington, D.C., and reside in Minot, Maine.

Norman Joseph Stickney to Johanna Ruth Morrison on December 17, 2005, in Augusta, Maine. They live in Gardiner, Maine.

Rory Dysart to Megan Adams on April 8, 2006, in Hampden, Maine. They honeymooned at Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, and are building a home in Hampden.

Veronica Merrill to Lt. Harry Feigel III on May 28, 2006, in Sebasco Estates, Maine. They honeymooned in Cancun and reside in Topsham, Maine.

Jennie Rood to **Paul Muniz** on June 3, 2006, in Heathrow, Florida. They spent their honeymoon in Aruba and live in Boston.

Jessie Lynn Decoteau to **David Seth Pert** on April 22, 2006, in Stratford, Connecticut. They honeymooned in New England and reside in Old Town, Maine.



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UNLEASHING MINDS — TRANSFORMING LIVES



Climate Chief

Bill Brennan '77, '02 Ph.D. already had a very demanding "day job" serving as U.S. deputy assistant secretary of commerce, heading NOAA's international efforts. Now he's also at the forefront of one of the most important issues of our time as acting director of the United States Climate Change Science Program.

CLIMATE CHANGE has finally made it to the "A" list of issues in America. With cover stories in publications like *Newsweek* and *Parade*, featured television coverage, and even Hollywood movies on the subject, it's now hard to find anyone who doesn't have some awareness of global warming.

Most of us didn't need the media to tell us that the earth is getting warmer. People in far northern zones have watched as Arctic ice melts, permafrost thaws, and spring arrives earlier every year. People living in coastal areas are concerned about the sea level rises they're observing. And almost everywhere you go, there's a perception that there just seem to be a whole lot more hot, uncomfortable days.

Indeed, there are. The 10 warmest years recorded in the 20th century all occurred in the last 15 years of that century. During that time period, the average temperature of the earth's surface rose one degree Fahrenheit. And things haven't cooled in the new millennium. The warmest year on record was 2005.

There is now a broad consensus that global warming is very real, and that, to a significant degree, it's being caused by human activity. But there is a lack of consensus regarding just how much our modern society is to blame. And there is even greater uncertainty and variance of opinion regarding what can and should be done about it.

One place where answers to climate change uncertainties are being sought is the United States Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) in Washington, D.C. The acting director of this important program is University of Maine alumnus Bill Brennan '77, '02 Ph.D.

Brennan took the helm of CCSP in June after being picked for the job by the secretaries of commerce and energy. He will continue to serve in his other federal government position, deputy assistant secretary of commerce for international affairs with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"CCSP has been the focal point of the U.S. Government's efforts on climate sci-

ences, and it will continue to fill this role," Brennan said following his appointment. "As director, I'll be an advocate for the program, and will help it to carry out its vital mission."

That mission integrates 13 scientific agencies and focuses on five areas of climate change: Improving the knowledge of the past and present climate environment; Trying to better understand the causes of changes in climate; Reducing uncertainty about what the changes will mean in the future; Looking at ways to manage the risks of climate change; and Understanding the sensitivity and adaptability of natural systems to climate change.

In those areas the CCSP produces "synthesis and assessment" reports for use by various high-level policy makers. One such report was released in May. Another 20 are in the works.

Brennan emphasizes that the role of CCSP is strictly to provide good information to the people making decisions.

"Our work is policy-relevant, but policy-neutral," he stresses. "Our job is not to prescribe policy, but to provide information to the next level of decision-makers."

It's no secret that the Bush administration has taken considerable criticism on climate change issues. Some high-level Washington decision-makers are hoping that the appointment of Bill Brennan, a scientist with considerable training and experience on environmental issues, as CCSP director means the administration is making a stronger commitment to the issue.

"I think this is a promising sign that the administration is beginning to take climate-change issues more seriously, because they have appointed an individual who has a great deal of knowledge..., has a scientific background, and who is also a straight shooter," Maine Senator Susan Collins told the *Maine Sunday Telegram*.

Brennan makes it very clear that he takes the issue seriously. And he doesn't see his role at CCSP as a caretaker—he fully expects to move the program forward for as long as he's in the job.

"Climate change is arguably the most significant environmental issue confront-



"But the big (climate change) question is the degree to which humans are responsible, and just how much of it is the result of natural variability."

ing the planet," he says. "But it's also fraught with a good deal of scientific uncertainty—that's what makes our work so challenging."

Some of the uncertainty centers on just how much our fossil-fueled, greenhouse gas-producing activities are contributing to global warming. Brennan agrees with the vast majority of scientists that human society is a contributing factor.

"But the big question is the degree to which humans are responsible, and just how much of it is the result of natural variability," he says.

Another area of uncertainty concerns the potential for abrupt climate change. While most discussion of climate change centers on a gradual warming process, taking a century or more, there is also an area of study looking at more dramatic changes in climate that could occur in a much shorter period—a matter of decades. There is growing evidence that such changes have occurred in the past, and there is concern among some scientists that our increasing levels of greenhouse gases may

be causing a "feedback effect" that could kick our gradual warming trend into high gear—with potentially catastrophic results for some regions.

"Right now, there is no consensus surrounding abrupt climate change," Brennan notes. "But it is something that we are interested in at the CCSP. One of our 21 reports will address that issue."

Brennan cautions that, no matter how much research is conducted, uncertainties regarding climate change are likely to remain.

"These are all important questions," he says. "But I don't think we'll ever be able to eliminate the uncertainty in some areas. On some issues CCSP will be operating in terms of a range of possibilities."

Of course, the climate change issue extends far beyond the realm of science. It's also a highly contentious political issue.

One subject where the political debate has been particularly heated pertains to the United Nations' Kyoto Protocol. That agreement, signed by more than 160 nations, calls for a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by developed countries to 5.2 percent below their 1990 levels. The United States, which is the world's largest producer of greenhouse gases, does not support the agreement.

"We certainly have been subject to criticism because we don't endorse the protocol," Brennan says. "We view Kyoto as an inadequate means of approaching the problem. The United States is working on efficiency and emission-reduction approaches that minimize the impact on the national economy. The most robust economies are those that are best equipped to address environmental concerns."

"Already there are some developed countries, such as Canada and Germany, that have acknowledged they may have difficulty meeting the Kyoto requirements."

The United States also has problems with the fact that the Kyoto agreement exempts developing nations. Brennan notes that some of those nations, such as China, are emitting high levels of greenhouse gases.

"These economies will continue to grow, and at their current projected rate of economic growth, they will exceed the U.S. emissions, yet won't be subject to emission limitations. That's contrary to the spirit of the agreement, which is to reduce overall emissions," he said.

Brennan is quick to note that in spite of its stand on Kyoto, the U.S. is committed to working with both developed and developing countries on climate change issues. He emphasizes the fact that the Kyoto Protocol is just one part of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to which the U.S. is committed.

"We contribute significantly to the Convention's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change for research, and are active in efforts to better understand climate so that policy makers can make well informed decisions.

"We also work extensively with developing countries, providing technical assistance on reducing their greenhouse gases," he adds. "And we have programs with developed countries, working together on energy solutions."

Overall, Brennan admits that international political cooperation on the political side of things is a "mixed bag."

"But on the scientific and technology side, where most of my work is, there is global cooperation," he says. "And that cooperation is essential."

Brennan will bring a good deal of skill and experience when he's dealing with international cooperation on climate issues. In his "day job" with the commerce department he's responsible for leading the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) international efforts in areas such as fisheries, meteorology, satellites, and the environment. All those areas have their own international affairs office, all of which report to Brennan. Altogether he oversees a \$100 million program.

"The NOAA job is very broad in scope, and I have the opportunity to see an awful lot of the world," he says. "I may find myself in Geneva attending a meeting of the Global Earth Observation System of

Systems (GEOSS), then the next month be at an international whaling meeting in Korea, and soon after that at a world meteorology gathering in Montreal. I do between 150,000 and 200,000 miles of traveling a year."

The GEOSS is something that Brennan is especially interested in. Its goal is to link all the systems producing environmental data around the globe—systems operated by agencies, groups, universities, and governments.

"Before this was developed, there really was no way for decision-makers around the world to access this kind of information," he explains. "And it's not just for environmental decision-makers. It's relevant to a full gamut of societal issues that are affected by the natural world."

A big part of Brennan's work at NOAA also deals with the oceans. In that area he brings a wealth of interest and experience, dating all the way back to his youth on the coast of Maine.

Brennan grew up in Castine, where his father was commandant of midshipmen at the Maine Maritime Academy. Brennan's wife of 25 years, Heather, also is a Castine native. The summer following graduation from high school he set to sea on an oil tanker—shuttling between Aruba and Montreal. Then he tried his hand at commercial fishing.

Both of these experiences stirred an intense interest in marine life.

"I found all the life in the sea fascinating," he remembers. "I was filled with questions, but the folks working on the boats couldn't really tell me much about the marine organisms we came across."

His experiences at sea sparked a quest for knowledge which led him directly to the University of Maine.

Brennan entered UMaine in 1973, several years out of high school, and several years older than the majority of his fellow freshmen. Because of his age, he says he didn't really have the traditional undergraduate experience.

"I went to the university with a mission," he says. "I knew what I wanted to do with my life. I wanted to be a marine

biologist. Not that I didn't have fun too. I had family and friends attending UMaine at the time and that made it really great."

After his graduation, Brennan began working on international fisheries research with NOAA at its Woods Hole laboratory. In 1983, he got his first introduction to the world of politics when he took a staff position working with the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Commission of the U.S. House of Representatives.

That experience in Washington led to his appointment by Governor John McKernan as Maine Commissioner of Marine Resources in 1987.

When Brennan left that post eight years later, he remembers being asked by a reporter if he thought he had been well prepared for the job.

"I started thinking that I really wasn't that well prepared," he says. "Fisheries management is mostly about managing people, not about managing fish. I realized that if I had studied more psychology, sociology, and economics, I might have been better prepared."

He began thinking about furthering his education. In his job as marine resources commissioner, he had worked closely with some of his old UMaine professors, in particular Jim Acheson, Jim Wilson, and Bob Steneck. They all encouraged him to return to the university to pursue a Ph.D. He decided to take their advice.

At the time, he was working as a consultant which allowed him the flexibility to pursue a doctorate in ecology and environmental science.

When you combine all of Brennan's interests, experience, and education, he would seem to be in the perfect job. But as fulfilling as his two challenging jobs in Washington are, he's looking forward to returning to Maine when the Bush administration leaves office.

"My service here is with the president," he explains. "I'm not sure how long it will take them to find a permanent director of CCSP, but either way my work is over when the president's term is over. After that I'll be back in Maine."

Recent UMaine studies raise concerns about climate changes

Researchers at the University of Maine Climate Change Institute are playing an important role in our attempts to better understand the history and variability of the earth's climate. The institute's research includes projects in the United States, Antarctica, Asia, Canada, Europe, Greenland, New Zealand, South America, and many regions of the world's oceans.

Most recently, three UMaine scientists contributed to a report, published in the journal *Science*, which indicates that rising global temperatures have not yet changed weather patterns in the interior region of Antarctica. Specifically, their research conducted with scientists from Ohio State University, shows that there has been no statistically significant change in the snowfall of that region for the past 50 years. It's believed that an accurate understanding of snowfall totals is important to developing a clear picture of changes that are occurring in Antarctica's dynamic climate—changes that could affect climate in other areas of the world.

"The extent to which warming is affecting the Southern Hemisphere is an important question in climate science," notes Professor Paul Mayewski, director of the Climate Change Institute and one of the authors of the report. "This finding adds to our collective knowledge on this subject.... Most importantly, it gives us a baseline to aid in the future measurement of snowfall and climate change in general over Antarctica."



Paul Mayewski, director of the UMaine Climate Change Institute, holds an ice core sample taken from an expedition to the Antarctic. (Photograph by Michele Stapleton.)

UMaine doctoral students Daniel Dixon '04 G and Susan Kaspari '04 G also collaborated on the project.

Mayewski said that the report should not be interpreted as being good news about global warming. In fact, quite the opposite may be true.

"Beginning in 1979, we began to record evidence of ice retreat in coastal Antarctic glaciers," Mayewski says. "More recently, we've seen notable warming and retreat in the Antarctic Peninsula in the north. Additional research also shows that marine air masses are traveling farther inland from the north, and that the high-level atmosphere is warming. All this, while the interior snowfall of Antarctica remains largely unchanged. This all suggests that Antarctica may be setting up for a significant change, and models suggest it could experience the greatest changes on the planet."

Antarctica is one of the last regions that will be affected by global warming. Because warming has not reached the interior of Antarctica, Mayewski notes that, "the warming we have experienced so far is a subdued version of what we will see in the future."

One scientific theory had previously as-

sumed that a warming of Antarctica would produce more snowfall (warm air carries more moisture), and that in turn would help thicken ice sheets and thus mitigate rising sea levels.

Mayewski, who recently received the first ever Medal of Excellence from the Scientific Committee on Antarctica Research, will be returning to Antarctica in November for further research. It will be his 36th expedition to the region which even has a mountain named for him. Mayewski was also interviewed for a recent "60 Minutes" segment on global warming and he has appeared on the PBS series "NOVA."

Last year another UMaine climate change study by researchers Gordon Hamilton and Leigh Stearns indicated that Greenland's glaciers were moving at speeds much greater than just a decade earlier. Increased glacier speed is an indicator of melting at the center. Other recent studies have also warned that Greenland's ice sheet is melting much faster than previously thought. If significant portions of the Greenland ice sheet melt, the resulting rise in sea level would have a dramatic impact on ecosystems and society.

ALUMNI ENTERPRISES

IF ALL INSTITUTIONS are the vision of one person, then Waldo County Preschool and Family Services (WCPFS) is the lengthened shadow of one dynamic University of Maine alumna, Ruth Southworth '01G. This ambitious enterprise had its start when Southworth and two colleagues, all teachers, met in a tiny office in what had formerly been a Belfast shoe factory. That was back in 1983.



Ruth Southworth's Labor of Love

They were talking about Southworth's passion, early reading for at-risk, three to five-year-old children. In a moment of pure serendipity, the three colleagues, Southworth, Sharon Goguen '72, '75G, and Mike Towey '75G, impulsively pooled their pocket change, five dollars, as an affirmation of their vision. The coins opened a

bank account and a dream was born.

Since that day 23 years ago, the agency has grown to 100 employees, many of whom are teachers, with an annual budget of \$3 million. The Stephenson Lane headquarters in Belfast has 25 employees and the agency's 14 classrooms serve 210 children. The programs include case management of families at risk, juvenile justice, and counseling for families divorcing where children are involved, among others. In the space of two decades, WCPFS has grown to serve 3,000 families.

The facility now oversees 17 of its own programs and is constantly writing grants for 15 to 20 state programs at any given time. As a measure of the agency's success, the state of Maine has also asked WCPFS to provide statewide early childhood training to bring the concept to other programs.

But grant writing and administration are tasks this energetic woman does so that the hands-on work of transforming young lives can happen. The work is daunting at times, and demands patience and love.

"Some of our children are challenging," she says. "We now have 17 children with autism. And we have classrooms for special-needs children. But they are all there for the saving."

There's no doubt that Ruth Southworth's driving force is the Early Reading First program, part of the No Child Left Behind law. But it's one Southworth has been committed to since she started her own three children learning to read at age three.

It's been a long trek from being a 26-year-old mother of three with just a dream of going to college to being executive director of an organization that has received among other honors, the Barbara Bush Literacy Award of \$25,000 and a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the Early Reading First program.

By 1973 she dared let herself believe the goal of college was a possibility. With the encouragement and support of her husband, Warren '62, a professor of English at Eastern Maine Technical College, she took her very first college course at the Univer-

sity of Southern Maine.

For the next 10 years she commuted in all kinds of weather to classes in places like Corinna, Unity, Augusta, and sometimes, Portland. It took her 10 years but she was awarded her B.A. degree summa cum laude in 1984, the same year her daughter, Tenney, finished high school.

During that hectic decade Ruth Southworth worked as a grocery store clerk on weekends, as a teacher's aide, and in the Head Start program. At the same time she wore the mantle of full-time wife and mother. "I always went to the children's ball games," she remembers with a smile, "but I usually had a textbook on my lap."

"All I ever wanted to be was a teacher and I had a vision of where I wanted to be."

The next 10 years were ones of exciting growth and the agency began to show the promise of what it was to be; she began to think of herself as an entrepreneur. During every step of the way, she focused on the approximately 40 percent of her young students who were at risk for future failure.

During what she thinks of as the hurricane years, her children, Tenney, Dana '91, and Christopher '95, were in college at the same time their mother was juggling her intense life. Tenney received her degree from USM and Dana and Christopher were awarded degrees from the University of Maine in Orono.

In 2001, with the agency a unique success story, she completed graduate school at Orono. It was no part-time enterprise as the undergraduate degree was, but a tough, full-time course of study.

During the same time she was a full-time student, she continued in her role as executive director of Waldo County Preschool and Family Services. That meant commuting to Orono several times a week for an intensive course while holding what was more than a full-time job.

"It was the hardest thing I've ever done," she says. "The program was new that year and was very challenging. It began with 42 candidates and only 11 of us finished."

She not only survived the rigorous pro-



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gram but her master's degree was awarded summa cum laude. "I really don't remember anything about the graduation ceremony," she says. "By that time I was so tired I actually fell asleep driving home. I woke in a panic when I heard the tires crunching on the gravel of the shoulder of the road."

When she reflects on the successes of her work, one youngster stands out.

"We admitted a little boy who was four and was in foster care. His mother was a crack addict and he was so traumatized that he was almost non-verbal. During the two years he was with us it was like watching a butterfly emerging. By the time he was ready for kindergarten, he was reading."

"He was also well socialized and went on to kindergarten with more skills than many of his classmates. I treasure this experience and when the obstacles seem great

it's what I use to remind myself of what it is we do here."

Some people with demanding jobs experience burnout from the intensity of the work. And others, like Southworth, who's usually at her desk by 7:30 a.m., actually draw energy from it until the work becomes like food and drink.

For Southworth, a typical work week is from 50 to 60 hours. Since her agency has taken another similar program in Knox County under its umbrella, she spends more time in her automobile than she'd like. Now retired as faculty emeritus from Eastern Maine Technical College, her husband is one of her biggest boosters, taking on cooking and other household chores in addition to his duties as head cheerleader.

Southworth admits that she's a demanding manager but, as she says, "I don't expect more of my people than I do of myself

and I'll scrub toilets along with anyone else. I have a great group of people. We all have a lot of sweat equity in this institution and there's a strong sense of unity."

Board member State Senator Carol Weston calls her "an inspirational leader who brings an authenticity to everything she does."

"Sometimes we'll wait as long as six months to get exactly the right person in the right job. If you have good people you can do anything."

Her great satisfaction in what she and her people are doing shines through when she speaks of what they have accomplished together.

"I am so proud to work here," she says simply. "Except for my family, this agency is the proudest thing in my life."

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During World War II soldiers' lives were threatened by more than enemy firepower—many also died from infectious diseases such as pneumonia and syphilis. And even those who survived had to suffer through pain and ineffective treatments.

A cure, penicillin, had been discovered back in 1928, and although the U.S. military produced ample quantities of the drug, no effective method for delivering the medicine to the body existed. The only method known at the time required injections using a saline solution every three hours over an extended period of time. This meant infected soldiers had to be taken from the front lines—the ones fortunate enough to make it to a hospital.

In the early 1940s, a bright and dedicated young physician, Captain Monroe Romansky '33, worked diligently to find a method of administering penicillin that would allow it to remain in the bloodstream for at least 24 hours. In 1943, combining creativity with science, he finally hit upon a formula that combined beeswax and peanut oil.

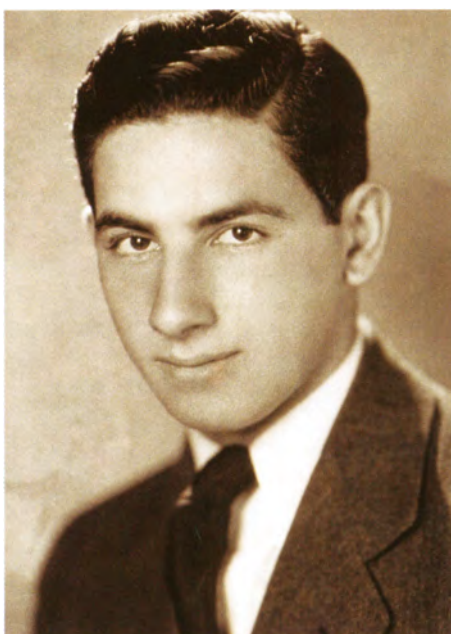
It worked. The penicillin stayed in the bloodstream for a 24-hour period, meaning treatment for syphilis and other infections would require just one shot a day.

Soldiers suffering from venereal diseases could be treated without hospitalization and cured in just eight days.

The "Romansky Formula," as it became known, is credited with saving thousands of lives and relieving a tremendous amount of suffering. His method remained in use into the 1950s when it was eventually replaced with semisynthetic penicillin.

For his achievement, President Harry S. Truman presented Romansky with the Army's Legion of Merit.

Still in his 30s, Dr. Monroe Romansky's place in the annals of medical history was



**Remembering
renowned physician and
researcher Monroe
Romansky '33 who
developed a method for
delivering penicillin that
saved thousands of lives
and aided the Allied war
effort.**

already secure. But his contributions to the advancement of antibiotics continued. After the war, his further research led to the development of other antibiotics, including streptomycin and Chloromycetin.

Romansky often stated that he "never

remembered wanting to be anything but a physician." Born and raised in Connecticut, he entered the University of Maine in 1929 as a zoology major. It was evident early on that he was an outstanding student. But it turned out that he was a pretty darn good athlete as well. Romansky became the starting fullback on the UMaine football team and also played on the varsity basketball team. To his friends and teammates, Romansky was known as "Mun" or "Monny."

He was also very active in campus life including membership in the Sophomore Owls, the Senior Skulls, and Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity.

After graduating from Maine, Romansky pursued his dream of becoming a physician by earning his M.D. at the University of Rochester. To help pay his way through medical school, he played semipro baseball.

Following his ground-breaking research during the war, Romansky was in demand as a researcher in civilian life. He accepted a professorship at George Washington University where he continued his research and also trained a generation of physicians. And while in Washington, he ran a venereal clinic at D.C. General Hospital, where he served as chief of infectious diseases.

Romansky also became a sought-after speaker and consultant throughout the world.

Monroe Romansky died on August 19, 2006, of complications from Alzheimer's disease.

The UMaine Alumni Association recognized Dr. Romansky's great contributions when it awarded him the prestigious Alumni Career Award in 1966. He will continue to be remembered and recognized as a featured outstanding graduate in the Galaxy of Stars display at Buchanan Alumni House.

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