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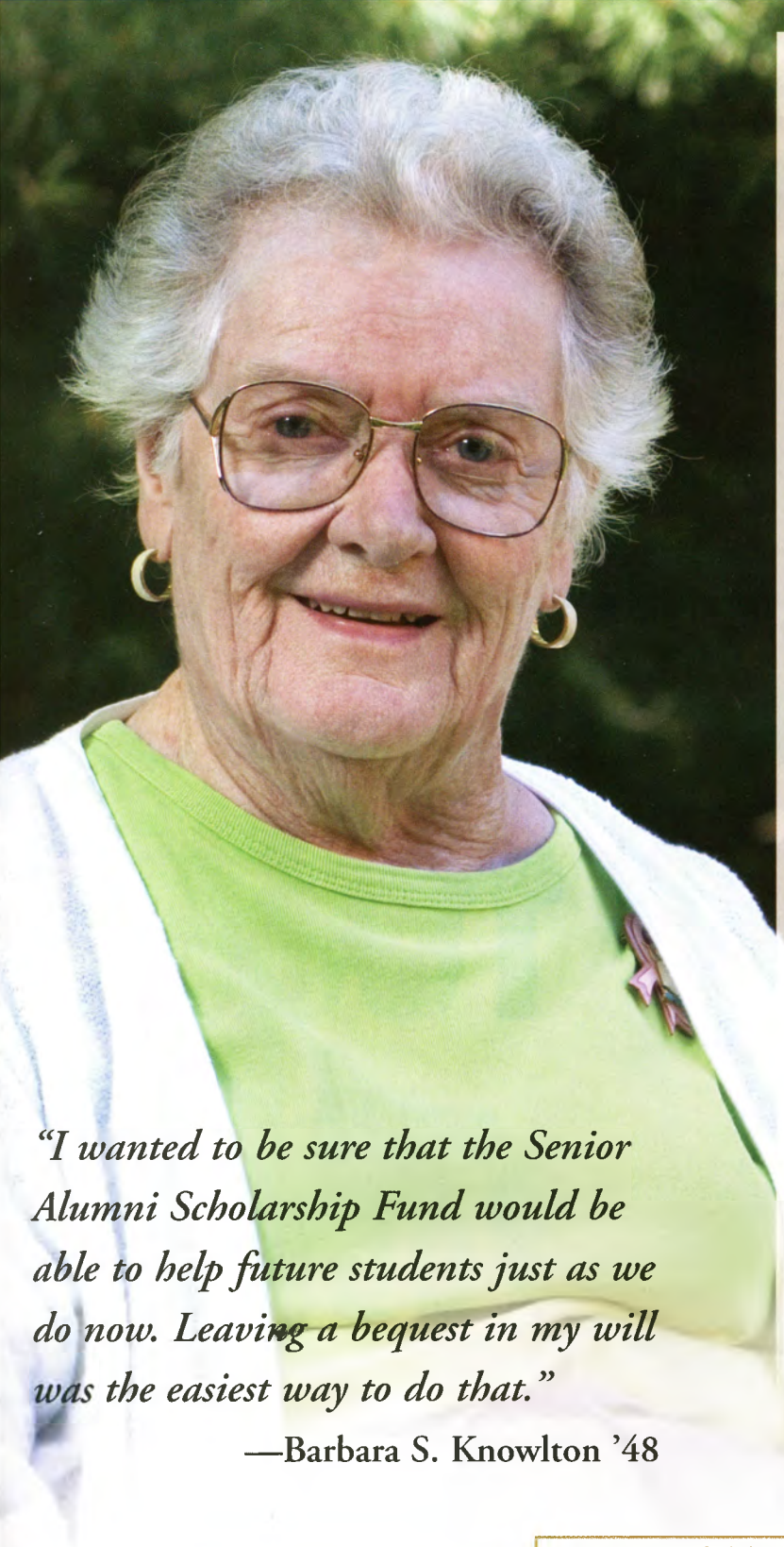
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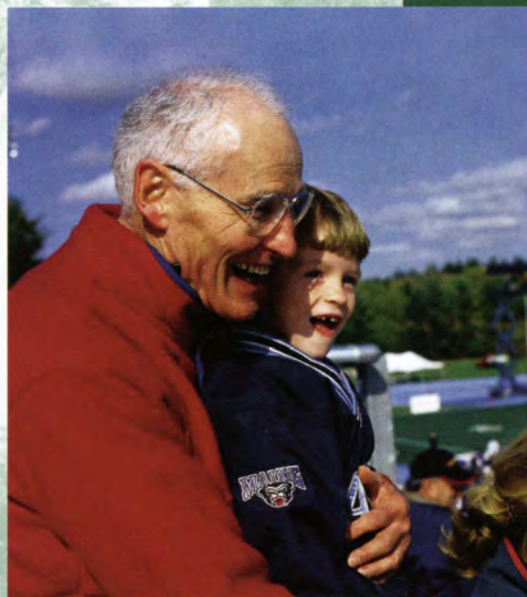
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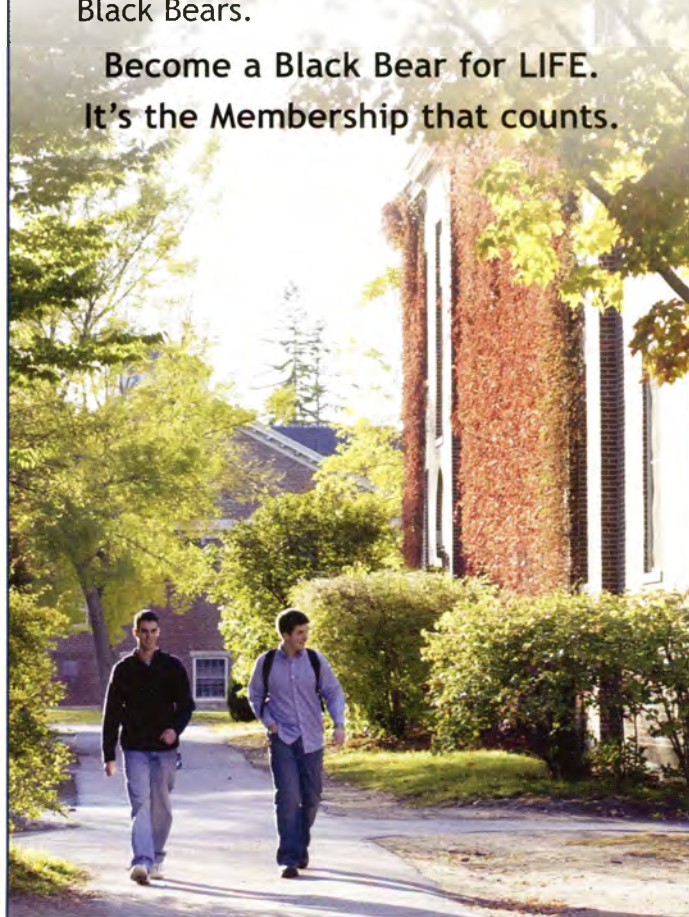
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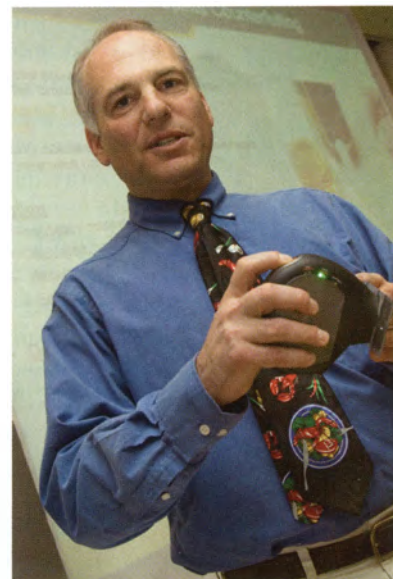
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New School of Pharmacy Planned

In recent years, there has been a critical shortage of pharmacists in Maine. In an innovative public/private partnership, the University of New England (UNE) and the University of Maine will address that problem by establishing a new college of pharmacy in the state.

The new college will also involve partnerships with Maine Medical Center and Mercy Health Care Systems in Portland, the Southern Maine Medical Center in Biddeford, and Maine General Health and Medical Center in Augusta and Waterville.

The new college is expected to be located on the UNE's Westbrook

College campus in Portland. It will be headed by John Cormier, former dean of the college of pharmacy at the Medical University of South Carolina.

The pharmacy program will offer students a choice of doctoral degree options that will prepare them to be pharmacists and/or pharmaceutical scientists. About 100 pre-pharmacy students are expected to enter the program next fall.

"This new initiative represents another way for the University of Maine to collaborate with statewide partner institutions to address a critical need for our state," said UMaine president Robert Kennedy. "This kind of partnership model works well in a state like Maine, with various institutions sharing expertise and resources to provide high-quality academic programs. We're delighted to join UNE in this effort."



Student Recreation Center is on Schedule

Construction of the University of Maine's new \$25 million state-of-the-art recreation center is right on schedule and on budget, according to associate dean of students Kenda Scheele.

The center, which is near Stewart Commons, is scheduled to open next fall. It will house three basketball/volleyball courts, a 14,000-square-foot fitness center, an elevated indoor jogging track, a multiple activity court, a leisure

swimming pool with lap lanes, a spa and sauna, locker rooms, racquetball/squash courts, multi-purpose rooms, and a conference room.

The building will also be environmentally friendly and is expected to receive a silver certification by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). According to Scheele, UMaine will be among the first campuses to have a LEED-certified recreation center.

New Street Signs Make Campus a Friendlier Place

Did you ever drive on to campus and try to follow a UMaine map to find a certain street? You may have encountered a common problem. While the streets were clearly and properly marked on the map, there were often no actual street signs on the ground to confirm you were in the right place.

All that changed recently with the installation of highly visible street signs throughout campus. In addition to being more friendly to visitors, the new signs will aid emergency services on campus. Funding for the project came from an anonymous donor.

"There have been street signs on the



campus in the past, but the problem was, they tended to disappear," said University of Maine public information director Joe Carr in an interview with the *Bangor Daily News*.

It is hoped that the larger, better installed signs will keep the amount of sign theft down.

In addition to street signs, the university is also replacing building signs. Like the street signs, the building identification is in large white type on a "Maine blue" background. The signs are also being placed perpendicular to buildings to make them easier to read from the sidewalks and roads.

Black Bear's Matt King Earns National Football Honors

University of Maine senior Matt King will have to enlarge his trophy case following his outstanding career as a UMaine defensive end. In addition to finishing sixth in the voting (including four first-place votes) for the Buck Buchanan Award, which is presented annually to the nation's most outstanding defensive player, King was selected as a first-team All-American by the Associated Press. He was also named a first-team All-American by the AFCA and Walter Camp Foundation, was invited to play in the Inta-Juice College Football All-Star Game played on January 13 on ESPN2, and was named a first-team All-Atlantic 10 selection.

King is only the second UMaine football player to be a fi-



nalist for the Buchanan Award. Stephen Cooper '02 finished fifth in the voting in 2002, receiving seven first-place votes. Cooper is currently playing linebacker for the San Diego Chargers.

King finished the regular season ranked second in the nation in quarterback sacks with an average of 1.05 a game. The Black Bear captain also totaled 18 tackles for loss this season, which led the Atlantic Ten and ranked sixth in the na-

tion (1.64 a game). He helped anchor a stingy University of Maine defense which ranked first in the nation against the rush and second in total defense.

Maine finished the season with a 6-5 record and was ranked 24th in The Sports Network I-AA Top-25 poll. The Black Bears' record would have been considerably better if not for some tough luck, very close losses down the stretch.

Six Alumni Inducted into UMaine Sports Hall of Fame

When Mike McHugh '88 came to the University of Maine in 1984, the fledgling Black Bear hockey team was still struggling for respect in the Division One ranks. By the time his career ended, McHugh had helped lead his team all the way to its first ever NCAA tournament and Frozen Four appearance. Individually, he earned All-American honors and became the first skater in UMaine history to be named New England Player of the Year.

During Homecoming 2006, McHugh and five other former Black Bear athletes, Jeff Cross '85, Charles Broomhall '50, '55G, Sara Jewett '00, John Small '56, and Archer Grover (1902) were honored for their outstanding college careers by being inducted into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame.

Cross, who played basketball at UMaine from 1980 to 1984, ranks eighth on the Black Bears' all-time scoring list and is one of two members of the UMaine men's team to earn Conference Player of the Year.

Broomhall was captain of the ski team for three years and placed 12th in the Nor-



Left to right: UMaine athletic director Blake James, Jeff Cross, Sara Jewett, Jack Small, Charlie Broomhall, Paul Grover (grandson of Archer Grover), and Mike McHugh.

dic combined competition at the 1947 U.S. Olympic trials.

Jewett holds eight UMaine softball records (including most homers and RBIs in a season and career) and was named America East Player of the Year in 2000.

Small was a three-year starter in foot-

ball and captain in his final season. He was twice named to the All-Maine and All-Yankee Conference teams.

As a track and field standout, Grover held school records in six events. He was New England Champion in the discus in 1899 and 1900.



Student Innovation Center Will Help Put Ideas into Production

Having a great idea is one thing. But developing that idea into a successful business enterprise can be overwhelming for a young fledgling entrepreneur. Now UMaine students can get help in making their ideas for products and businesses succeed at the recently opened Student Innovation Center—a 5,000-square-foot facility next to the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center.

The opening of the center in October was highlighted with a talk by alumnus Doug Hall '81, a master inventor and entrepreneur who is known as "America's number one idea man." Most recently Hall gained widespread recognition in his role as one of four judges on the ABC program "American Inventor." He regularly visits his alma mater, working with UMaine students in innovation engineering classes.

UMaine president Robert Kennedy said that he believes the new center will bring together students, faculty, and community members to "interact in ways to foster creativity."

UMaine's director for research and development, Jake Ward, believes the center will teach students how to be part of today's economy, which places a premium on coming up with ideas and solutions.

UMaine students will get help in developing prototypes, getting funding, and solving technical and business problems. The program will integrate numerous academic disciplines and also feature trade shows and conferences where students can mingle with representatives from firms that invest in new businesses as well as from state and local organizations.



Superstar inventor Doug Hall '81 with innovation center student Sarah Saucier (center) and Liz Downing '77 of the admissions office.

2004 Distinguished Maine Professor is Professor of the Year

The university's 2004 Distinguished Maine Professor, Eric Landis of the College of Engineering, was selected in November as 2006 Professor of the Year in the state of Maine. The Distinguished Maine Professor Award is given by the UMaine Alumni Association (UMAA), which nominated Landis for Professor of the Year.

"Eric is a brilliant young professor who represents the best of the university and its faculty," said UMAA president Todd Saucier '93, '97G. "If you look at what his students have accomplished, that tells the story."

The award, presented by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education in cooperation with the Carnegie Foundation, is given to a professor from each state who demonstrates outstanding teaching skills and a commitment to undergraduate students.

Landis, a professor of civil engineering, was also the recipient of a National Science Foundation CAREER Award in 1998.

UMaine gets "Green" Certification for New Addition

The University of Maine received its first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) "green" certification in December. The certification is for an addition to the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center. The project was designed by WBRC Architects/Engineers of Bangor.

To become LEED certified, a building must meet requirements for energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality, and the use of renewable resources.

The new campus student recreation center now under construction (see page 4) is expected to soon become UMaine's second LEED-certified building.

Stuart Haskell '56

Recording the History of Black Bear Sports

Stu Haskell '56 is passionate about Black Bear athletics. It comes from his days as a student, and his long career as a UMaine athletics administrator (including five years as athletics director). One thing he is most passionate about is raising awareness of the long, rich history of Black Bear sports.

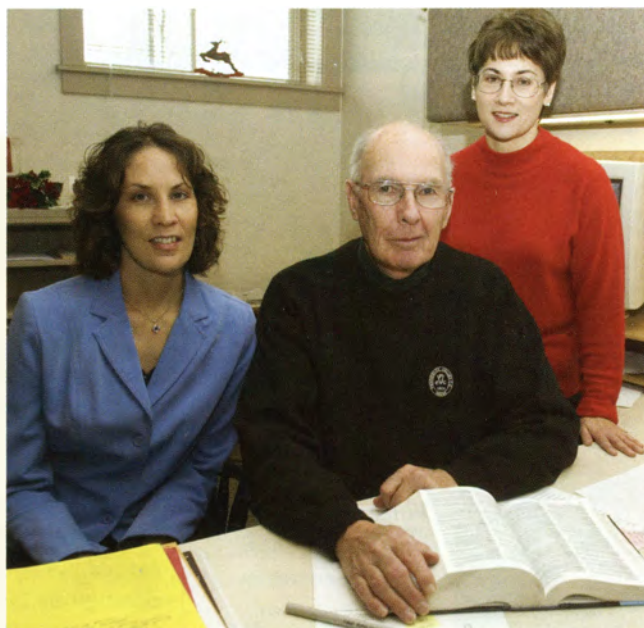
"Athletes devote themselves to achievement," he notes. "They have been doing that for more than 100 years here at Maine. I hate to see their efforts and performances forgotten."

Toward that end, Haskell is about to publish *The MAINE Book*, a 700-page almanac with some 42,000 entries. The book will cover the gamut of the university's sports teams as well as sections on cheerleading and athletic training. It will also feature more than 300 photographs.

Haskell was especially interested in making sure the sports that have been discontinued at the university got their due.

"A number of teams that no longer exist here tend to fade into oblivion," he said. "I want to preserve the memory of the athletes who were on those teams."

Haskell has devoted himself to researching the university's



Stu Haskell with Val Mitchell (left) and Debbie Ramp of the alumni association. Mitchell and Ramp provided assistance in researching alumni records.

alumni and sports records since his retirement as America East Conference Commissioner 10 years ago. But he's been working on Black Bear history longer than that. In 1970 he compiled UMaine's *Varsity Athletic Record Book*.

Copies of the newest book can be ordered in advance. Information on how to order is on page 11.

Providing Teenagers with a High-Tech Head Start to College

The University of Maine's desire to provide college courses to outstanding Maine high school students inspired Academ-e, Maine's first early college distance education program. The program began in the fall semester of 2006, offering 14 courses for credit to Maine high school seniors. The courses are being delivered through a combination of online, videoconferencing, and in-person teaching techniques.

"Year in and year out, we are impressed by the Maine high school graduates who enroll at UMaine," says UMaine president Robert Kennedy. "They demonstrate strong academic capabilities, reflective of Maine's outstanding public and private education programs. We are pleased to offer this new program, which gives those students an opportunity to access UMaine courses, taught by some of our outstanding faculty members, while they are still in high school."

Courses come from five broad areas: mathematics, sciences, arts, humanities, and social sciences. Among the first 14 courses



were calculus, introduction to geology, general psychology, survey of dramatic literature, and fundamentals of music.

"Maine's public schools, particularly since the beginning of the Laptop Initiative four years ago, have evolved to the point where the use of technology in teaching and learning is both commonplace and highly effective," says Robert White, associate provost and dean of UMaine's Division of Lifelong Learning. "Those students are entirely comfortable with the distance-learning techniques involved in Academ-e, and they will contribute to the educational process for all involved."

White says the first semester was a huge success with some 560 students enrolled in the Academ-e courses. Most of those students were from public high schools, but the program is also open to home-schooled students and students from independent high schools. Students take the courses at a time and location of their choice, where the online technology is available.

Retired Admiral Gregory Johnson '68 Gives 2006 Cohen Lecture



Retired Admiral Gregory Johnson '68, former commander in chief of both the Allied Forces for Southern Europe and the U.S. Forces in Europe, addressed members of the UMaine

community on November 27. His appearance at Buchanan Alumni House was sponsored by the William S. Cohen Center for International Policy. Johnson, who achieved four-star rank before retirement, served as senior military assistant to Secretary of Defense Cohen in the late '90s.

Admiral Johnson drew on his wealth of direct military experience in addressing the lessons learned from the hostilities in Bosnia, particularly the post conflict peace-building efforts in that country. He compared peace-building challenges in the Balkans with those in Iraq and other post conflict situations. Additionally, he emphasized the importance of international consensus on security issues, and commitments to provide economic assistance for reconstruction efforts.

November 2006 marked the 11th anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords, which ended the horrific war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. According to Professor Bahman Bakhtiari, director of research and academic programming at the Cohen Center, Johnson's talk had direct relevance to what is happening today.

"When it comes to the debate over what to do in Iraq, the lessons of the U.S. effort to end the Bosnian conflict should be considered," he said.

Award-winning war correspondent Janine di Giovanni '83 speaks at UMaine

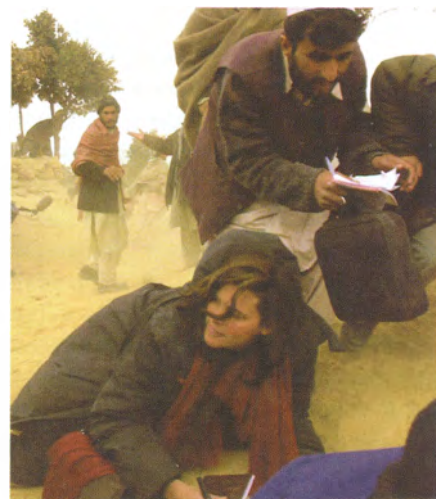
On the Horrors of War

When it comes to the suffering and human rights abuses created by armed conflict, *Times of London* war correspondent Janine di Giovanni has seen it all. She has covered most of the world's conflicts in the past 15 years, including those in Kosovo, Sierra Leone, Chechnya, Lebanon, Rwanda, and most recently in Iraq and Afghanistan. Her reporting has earned her several honors, including the prestigious National Magazine Award. On October 24, di Giovanni returned to her alma mater to share her experiences with members of the UMaine community.

Accompanied by some graphic slides, her talk focused on the human cost of war, when "humanity is at its absolute best and absolute worst."

She talked in depth about the conflict in Yugoslavia, calling it a "microcosm of all wars." She also discussed her own motivation for putting herself in harm's way in order to report on the world's conflicts.

"If you can go somewhere to represent people who have no voice, you have an obligation to do it," she stated.



di Giovanni reporting in the midst of hostilities in Afghanistan.



Top Cadet

Anders C. Hamlin '06 of Milo (holding sword) is the 2006 George C. Marshall Award recipient, presented each year to the most outstanding Army ROTC cadet at UMaine. Left of Hamlin are his mother, Barbara Cummings Hamlin '79, '06G, and former UMaine ROTC commander Jeffrey Wright '73. Right of Hamlin is his aunt, Pat Cummings '89, '44H. Hamlin is currently at Ranger training with the 82nd Airborne and was expecting to be deployed at the end of January.



Members of Company A, 1/121 Field Artillery take a break from their duties to demonstrate support for UMaine.

UMaine Hockey Salutes the Troops

There are few events that can upstage Friday night Black Bear hockey in Orono. That's just the way it is. Texas has football. Maine has hockey.

However, Friday, November 10 was different.

Instead of slap shots and power plays taking center stage, it was the actions of Company A, 1/121 Field Artillery Battalion garnering the limelight. And rightfully so.

The battalion, a security force unit composed of soldiers from across the state stationed in Iraq, presented its colors to UMaine in an intermission ceremony during a game against UMass-Lowell. During the short ceremony, the American flag that flew over the group's base was displayed for the sold-out crowd. Among those taking part in the ceremony were UMaine president Robert Kennedy, Governor John Baldacci '86, Maine Adjutant General John Libby '66, '67G, and other officials.

The moment was just part of an evening tribute to the courage and efforts of those serving overseas. Thanks to the work of Operation Skybox, 100 season ticket and skybox holders donated seats to members of the military and their families.

"It's tremendous what these season ticket holders did for us," said Patty Cousins, wife of Company A commander Captain Kent Cousins '86. "It was just a wonderful show of appreciation for the soldiers over there."

This is the third year that the event, which was started by former UMaine basketball coach Skip Chappelle '62, has been held.

It all started when Captain Cousins contacted Chappelle to request some UMaine hockey hats and T-shirts.

"It meant a whole lot for the morale of his troops over there," Chappelle said. "He came up with this idea to get them (the troops) together and get some morale going.... He's loved the Black Bear hockey team for years, so it makes sense."

Although morale was the major factor, it wasn't the only

one. Captain Cousins started asking for the paraphernalia directly after Wisconsin knocked off UMaine in last year's Frozen Four semifinal. His unit was attached to one from Wisconsin, and some friendly heckling had begun between the soldiers. Call it an old-fashioned fan rivalry.

"After Wisconsin beat Maine in the semifinals last year, a little rivalry has stepped up, and that's when Captain Cousins began asking for the Maine hockey stuff," explained Major General Libby. "The rivalry is a good, friendly one. These guys depend on one another on a daily basis for survival so it's great to lighten the load with something like this."

The rivalry has even spurred some healthy competition. In the coming months, a street hockey game is set to be played in Iraq between the rival soldiers.

By Matthew Conyers, courtesy of Friends of Maine Hockey.



University of Maine president Robert Kennedy (right) holds up a "flat daddy" likeness of Captain Kent Cousins '86, while family members and Governor John Baldacci '86 look on. (Photo by Kate Collins, courtesy of the Bangor Daily News.)

Learning About Islam

UMaine's Muslim Student Association strives to raise awareness about their religion.

By Aimee Dolloff '03

Her head is wrapped in a scarf, her body draped by a loose-fitting skirt and button down shirt, her hands and nails stained with henna, but Hibat Sharif isn't really that different from other University of Maine students.

Sharif is a first-year student from Lewiston. Like many of her classmates, she hasn't decided what she wants to major in. And like almost all her fellow students, her cell phone doesn't stray far from her side.

What makes Sharif different from some of her friends is that she doesn't wear jeans and trendy boots, she doesn't party, and she sometimes struggles to juggle her religion and her classes.

"Not compromising one thing over another is kind of hard," she said.

Sharif, who came to the U.S. from Somalia at age three, is Muslim. Her beliefs are important to her. But, she knows those beliefs can be misunderstood.

"Some people have misconceptions about Islam," she said. With nightly news awash in Middle East violence, many Americans wrongly conclude that Islam is the basis for terrorism.

That's what she and other students belonging to the Muslim Student Association (MSA) are trying to change.

In November, the MSA held a week-long series of events in an effort to educate their peers.

"The religion and people are linked together," said Sharif, who currently serves as MSA president.

Amid the war on terrorism, many Americans view Muslims as some kind of terrorists without understanding the religion and that Muslim people come from all over the world, not just the Middle East.

Story courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.



First-year student Hibat Sharif of Lewiston heads UMaine's Muslim Student Association. (*Bangor Daily News* photo by Kate Collins.)

"I thought I was going to be alone up here. I was surprised that they even had a mosque."

Sitting behind a table at the Memorial Union, Sharif explained that it's easier for her to follow her religious beliefs by living off-campus with her cousin from Lewiston.

"In the dorms, there's so many temptations," she said.

In class Sharif says she feels free to express her opinions, and she has grown used to the occasional stare from others who don't understand why she always wears a headscarf.

"Some people thought I was bald," she said with a smile.

She noted that the loose-fitting clothes and scarf are signs of modesty that many Muslims believe are an obligation under the Quran, the Muslim holy book.

Sharif was surprised to come to UMaine and find such a large Muslim community. The MSA has some 70 members, about 30 of whom are active.

"I thought I was going to be alone up here," Sharif said. "I was surprised that they even had a mosque."

The goal of the recent activities was to help educate the campus about Islamic culture. The group hosted lectures, handed out information at a table at Memorial Union, and

sponsored a concert.

The MSA was formed in the early 1990s but hasn't held many activities on campus until this year. They plan on making Islamic Awareness Week an annual UMaine event.

Jen Palmer, from Veazie, had seen a flier for the concert and stopped by the event to see what the group was all about.

"I just wanted to understand more and educate myself," she said, carrying a free copy of the Quran in her hand.

Sharif said her friends—especially one from Kingman who told her she had never seen a black person, let alone a Muslim before arriving on the Orono campus—are understanding.

"I can't go to parties...I can't do what they do," she said. "But they support me."

She hopes that people took something constructive with them from the November events, even if it's only a willingness to form their own opinions.

"Instead of believing what they hear automatically, go look into it," Sharif suggested.

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Alumni Turn Out in Force for UMaine vs. BC Football



Alumni association board member Brooke Wagner '86 with his wife, Kate Gardner Wagner '87, at the UMaine vs. Boston College football game in Chestnut Hill. The Black Bears made a strong showing, but eventually fell to the Eagles 22-0. The Wagners were among the over 400 alumni who attended the game as well as a pre-game alumni reception.

Brooke, who also earned an MBA from Santa Clara University, is currently managing director of Citigate Financial Intelligence. Kate is a manager of investor relations. They live in Andover, Massachusetts, with their two daughters.

Southern Maine Alumni and Friends!

An Evening With Grant Standbrook

Monday, February 5, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at UNUM in Portland

A chance to listen to, and talk with, the man who has played an instrumental part in the success of Maine Hockey. There will be hearty hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar available.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Cohen Community Center, Hallowell—11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

Special UMaine seating for Washington Capitals vs. Boston Bruins NHL game hosted by the Maine State Society of Washington, DC—Verizon Center, 601 F Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
Game starts at 7:00 p.m.—For more information contact Lew Pearson '63 at 703.536.6919.

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter monthly meeting & luncheon
Cohen Community Center, Hallowell—11:30 a.m.

Spring Swing Events

(go to mainealumni.com or call 1.800.934.2586 x1142 for more detailed information)

Monday, February 26, 2007

San Francisco, California—5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.—Marines Memorial Club

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

San Diego, California—5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 1, 2007

Phoenix, Arizona—6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Friday, March 2, 2007

Tucson, Arizona—11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 10, 2007

Sarasota, Florida—11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 11, 2007

Naples, Florida—12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Reception & luncheon at The Club Pelican Bay

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Boca Raton, Florida—2:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Ft. Pierce/Vero Beach, Florida—11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Charleston, South Carolina

Thursday, March 15, 2007

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina—9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Social gathering—5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter monthly meeting & luncheon
Cohen Community Center, Hallowell—11:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 5, 2007

Portland Alumnae Club meeting
Potluck luncheon & quilting demonstration—12:00 noon
R.S.V.P. at 207.883.1059 by Monday, April 2, 2007.

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter monthly meeting & luncheon
Cohen Community Center, Hallowell—11:30 a.m.

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Rachael Wardwell is Tuition Raffle Winner

The University of Maine Alumni Association is pleased to announce that Rachael Wardwell, Class of 2008, is the winner of the alumni association tuition raffle. The UMaine Alumni Association sponsors the raffle in support of the many programs and services the organization provides to the university and its alumni.

Rachael has completed her second year studying biology at UMaine. She is the daughter of Peter and Vicky McCann Wardwell '80 and a 2004 graduate of George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill, Maine.

As winner of the alumni association tuition raffle, Rachael will receive 24 in-state paid credit hours to the University of Maine, valued at approximately \$4,775.00. This is the 12th year the alumni association has sponsored the tuition raffle.

Alumni Online Community Coming Soon!



How well rounded is your circle of friends?

The UMaine Alumni Association is pleased to provide an exciting new networking tool.

InCircle lets Univer-

sity of Maine alumni connect online with classmates, friends, and friends-of-friends; based on occupations, shared interests, common acquaintances, professions, locations, etc.

What does this mean for you?

Imagine if you could network with not just your own connections but with all the UMaine alumni your friends know too—like a Black Bear version of *Six Degrees of Separation*! Your network would increase exponentially.

InCircle is coming soon. Watch www.mainealumni.com for more information!



Enjoying the 20th Annual New Jersey Alumni Chapter Lobster Maine-ia on September 24th in Hopewell Township are (left to right): Donna Keirstead Thornton '78, '79G, Dan Willett '69, '70G of the University of Maine Foundation, Ginny Sheay, and chapter president Ron Sheay '55. Donna attended the event as a recent New Jersey resident. After working at the UMaine Alumni Association in various positions (including interim president) she took a job last winter as associate vice president for alumni relations at Rutgers University.



Gathering after the Senior Alumni lunch at Alumni House during Homecoming 2006 are (left to right): Onward Program director Jerry Ellis '64, third-year student Laura Thomas, associate director of student aid Gianna Felix Marrs '88G, and Senior Alumni president Bill Currie '52. Laura, a recipient of a Senior Alumni nontraditional student scholarship, was the featured speaker. The first person in her family to attend college, she entered the Onward Program as a working wife and mother. She is now a top honors student in education.

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Good Luck, Black Bears!
Bill Bodwell '50

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Classnotes



Senior Alumni

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Greetings to all of you Senior Alums. Again everything indicates another banner year at "the college of our hearts always."

This column had its birth at a Senior Alumni board meeting a couple of years ago. We realized that so many grads didn't realize that one is automatically a member of this prestigious organization when he celebrates his 50th Reunion. Jim Frick, editor of *MAINE*, graciously agreed to highlight our seniors whenever possible, in his periodical. **Bill Currie '52** agreed to write the column, and that he has done most efficiently. We thank you, Bill, for establishing this means of communication. You have done a great job.

This year Bill has been elected president of the Senior Alumni. I agreed to carry on in his footsteps, and I hope I can uphold his good news reporting. All I need is to hear from you folks, so go on out and do newsworthy things I can report to our alumni friends.

The Senior Alums were very busy during Reunion last June. The fundraising committee, chaired by **Dick Sprague '50**, joyfully reported that his group had raised \$82,620 for scholarships. Can you believe it, they've been raising plus or minus \$84,000 annually! What a joy! With this commitment Gianna Felix Marrs '88G, associate director of student aid, then proceeds to meet with the scholarship committee led by Bill Currie to choose the recipients. It is a long but rewarding process. How proud we all were when Dick

Sprague received a special alumni award at the alumni banquet!

The spring reception that honors these scholars is a joyous event. Nontraditional students have amazing stories of perseverance and dedication. The top scholars are so vibrant. We Senior Alums can be very proud of our support for these future leaders.

The new officers for 2006-2007 are: president, **Bill Currie '52**; first vice president, **Hank Woodbrey '53**; second vice president, **Jean McIntire White '52**; secretary and ex-officio president, **Jayne Hanson Bartley '49**; treasurer, **Don Simpson '55**; and auditor, **Preston Rand '43**. These loyal and persevering officers supported by our famous "Golden Girls:" **Thelma Crossland Robie '49**, **Ruth Fogler Goff '48**, **Jean Grindle Carville '54**, and **Jayne Hanson Bartley** (activities planners), promise a good year. Do plan ahead to next June and experience Maine all over again!

Bill Currie sent in the following update: "Thanks to our Golden Girls, another super activity was held September 23rd with lunch at the Buchanan House followed by the UMaine football game with Shaw University.

"About 45 attended the event. President Bill Currie '52 introduced Blake James, recently appointed athletic director, who addressed the group. Jean Carville was called on to introduce our special guest Hal "Westy" Westerman. Coach Westy was our long-term football coach and athletic director during the years of the '50s through the '70s, retiring in the early '80s. He and his wife recently relocated to Dirigo Pines right in Orono. It's wonderful having them back in our community.

"Our thanks to Blake James for the complimentary tickets to the football game which Maine won handily. An added bonus was available to attendees. Since it was raining at the game, and thanks to Valerie Mitchell and Rebecca Brunton on the alumni staff, we were able to sit in the McIntire Room and watch the game on the big wall screen. Snacks were served during the game. It was a fun day and we all stayed nice and dry."

I do have one piece of news to share. **Ernest "Dinny" Dinsmore '37** has relocated to: 2425 20th Street, Apartment 201, Vero Beach,

Florida 32960. Dinny was living alone after his beloved wife, Joan, died in '96 and was doing well until a hurricane demolished his home. He is content at his new address, an assisted-living complex, and hopes to continue there where, at 91, he still enjoys church and various activities. Great to hear from you, Dinny.

I close with a plea to write me or the alumni association your news. And do try to come to Orono and share in our university's activities, especially at Homecoming and reunion time. It is a time to renew friendships, meet new friends, get the college spirit, and enjoy the activities. The new facilities like the Buchanan Alumni House, the expanded Alford Arena, the beautiful football field with new bleachers and boxes, and now a sports center second to none are all things we can be proud of!

The weekend of October 20-21 was another get-together time. Friday noon Senior Alumni again gathered at the Buchanan House for lunch. Bill Currie, our president, emceed the affair. Todd Saucier '93, '97G, our new alumni association president, greeted us warmly. Bill updated us on the scholarship programs of which we can be so proud. Our group raises enough funds to assist 50 scholarships yearly. After our tasty lunch, Sharon Oliver, director of admissions, spoke of the number of new students, the out of state, and the international students attending UMaine currently. Earlier acceptances and earlier scholarships available are most beneficial for applicants. All the various colleges are expanding their offerings and opportunities, and Maine's ranking nationwide is climbing steadily. How proud we all are of the accomplishments of our great university.

Following the luncheon the executive committee met. President Bill Currie presided. He first introduced guests and new council members followed by Jayne Bartley's secretary's report and Don Simpson's treasurer's report. Preston Rand assured us all that the financial matters are audited and correct.

Dick Sprague, our fund raising chair, reported that we have provided scholarships for 50 students this year—in the last seven years we

have provided 500 scholarships! The average cost of a college year is \$17,500; our assistance is so helpful.

Sarah McPartland-Good, a planned giving officer for the Foundation, was most enthusiastic about our aid, but also encouraged more support for planned giving programs to the University of Maine. As prices and needs escalate, we need greater support.

Sarah offered a new idea. It is hoped that endowments to the university could replace annual scholarship fundraising. The Foundation holds an endowed fund for Senior Alumni scholarships that spins off about \$40,000 a year. We gave out \$80,000 which is raised by donations prompted by the dedicated volunteer solicitors. If 80 Senior Alumni remembered the endowment in their wills with a bequest for \$10,000 or more, or made a \$10,000 gift to the endowment, annual fundraising would not be necessary. The idea is becoming more popular all the time. Sarah welcomes anyone's questions. Just call 1-800-982-8503 and ask for a planned giving officer.

Gianna Marrs updated us on scholarship plans. Since prices are escalating for everything, she suggested we discuss possibly changing the funding or the number of recipients to provide greater benefits. This will be on the scholarship committee's agenda this winter.

The "Golden Girls" are hoping for another social event this spring and will keep us posted.

Have a wonderful, healthy, and warm winter. Put the Reunion weekend on your schedule for next June.

1935

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Dear Classmates,

This column is being written in September but you will not be reading it until sometime in January, so, I hope you had a Merry Christmas and enjoy Valentines Day.

A nice letter from **Sarah Meltzer Smalley** in Arizona reports that she

is doing well and enjoying life. She recently experienced a fractured vertebra which is now healed. She lives alone and in her spare time volunteers at the local hospital where she peddles drugs to the patients. To keep fit she walks a lot and works out on the treadmill in their well-equipped gymnasium. She has a son, Brian '64, and a daughter, Allison, several grandchildren, and a recently acquired great-grandson, Cooper. How well I remember our freshman chemistry lecture class! The girls were seated on one side of the aisle and the boys on the other. Sarah had an end seat directly across the aisle from my end seat. Before the lectures started, I would sit in the aisle and talk to her, much to the disapproval of Professor Brautlecht.

George Carlisle has sold his house in Bangor and moved to a retirement home near the country club in Orono. His new summer address is: 9 Alumni Drive, Orono, Maine 04473.

Yours truly is now a great-grandfather. Connor Joseph Staples arrived on August 31st and weighed in at nine pounds. Parents, Michael and Jennifer, are doing as well as can be expected and great-grandpa is very pleased.

Keep those letters coming. I very much like to hear from you and I am sure the other classmates do also.

1936

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On my almost yearly visit to Goose Rocks Beach in Kennebunkport I finally paid a visit to **Dana Sidelinger** whom I had not seen for 30 years. It all happened sooner than I ever expected. While visiting a first cousin at her summer cottage on Ossipee Pond, I asked Barbara if Limerick was nearby, and she told me that it was the next town to the north. Then I asked her if she knew Dana Sidelinger. She got her telephone directory, and I was soon talking with Dana who lives on Route 5 just a couple of miles away.

I recognized Dana right away. He had not gained any weight, and his height was about the same. I could almost say I would have recognized him if I had met him in a back alley



1939 class correspondent Edna Louise "Squeeze" Harrison Dempsey sent in this photo of her class's 15th Reunion in 1954. She was able to identify those in the first two rows: Front row, far left is Bill Hilton, far right is Bob Cail. Second row, left to right: Lucille Bell Grange, Lynn Parkman Huff, Betty Homans Hancock, and Ted Ladd.

in Timbuktu.

His home was just as he had described it. It is a cube just under 40 feet on a side. Each room is about 18 feet square with a working fireplace in each room. Two massive chimneys support eight back-to-back fireplaces, each chimney taking care of four fireplaces. Dana now uses the fireplaces only on special occasions. A new hot water furnace plus several thermostats now keep each room at the needed temperature. The cellar also has a system of brick piers and arches which have supported the chimneys for almost 200 years.

My daughter Julie Childs owns a similar house in Andover, Massachusetts, the only difference being the Indian shutters which slide back into the walls when not in use. Julie's house was built in 1824, and I presume Dana's was erected at about the same time.

Dana took me, along with my younger brother, Don, to his favorite restaurant in Cornish which specializes in lobster rolls and lobster stews. I must say that they were just as tasty as we get at Cape Porpoise, and we did not have to wait for an hour to have them served.

Dana is the only Maine alumnus I met on this visit. I hope the Christmas cards will bring me more news for the next column.

1939

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I am taking a long view, looking down the pike past Thanksgiving, Christmas, and beyond, while watching for hurricanes to form is the norm on the Chesapeake Bay at this time of year. With my oldest grandson's elaborate wedding not far off, the weather becomes of great importance. This is one of those occasions that has taken on awesome proportions as the date comes closer. VIPs are coming and yours truly will again be the oldest person present. Next time I will fill you in on the interesting details.

At this point in time, friends and

loved ones are leaving this planet at an alarming rate. But then, realistically, we have to expect it after all these many years. Recently, the news of the death of **Peggy Bannigan Suto** crossed my desk. A member of '39, due to illness, she graduated in '40. A Tri Delt, Peggy was active on the Maine *Campus* staff. Also, she was talented musically. A member of All Maine Women, she was in International Relations Club as well. The mother of three children, she lived an active life in California for many years. Peggy had a great sense of humor, among other special attributes.

Recently, I received a surprise call from Lew Emery '43. You all may remember that he wrote a while back about his two grandsons being pupils at the Naval Academy and how justly proud he was of them. One of them is still there and Lew mentioned being in Annapolis visiting. Who knows? We may yet meet. I certainly would enjoy meeting his wife, Fran, also.

Our Class of '39's 15th Reunion picture, taken in June of 1954, brings back many fun memories. Those were the days!

1940

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Somehow I thought that when I lived here in Maine it would be easier to find news for our column but not so! This should be in print about Christmas time so perhaps **Ginny Pease Dogherty** will find lots of items in her stocking and lots of cards with news.

For the present, although I am writing this at Labor Day, I send greetings for a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Someone suggested to me and I pass it on to you that we should all send Christmas cards to the ACLU reminding them that Christmas is the season. The address in case you care to join me is: ACLU, 125 Broad Street, 19th floor, New York City 10004.

In chatting with **Helen Maling Walker** I learned that she is living in a house in Yarmouth that her husband designed and had built 50 years ago. Helen worked for Liberty Mutual in New York City after graduating in June 1940. She was married

to **Jim Walker** in 1941. Jim worked for Central Maine Power so they always lived in the Portland area. Helen taught French at the Lyman Moore School in Portland. They have two children, Richard and Barbara. Helen is active in community life in Yarmouth and Southern Maine Alumni.

A nice long letter arrived from **Betty Libbey Vernon** who is back living in Hingham, Massachusetts, after some years in California. Betty says she prefers living where there are four seasons and is happy to be back in the East. After Elbert Stalard died, Betty was married to Bob Vernon who grew up in Milford, Massachusetts, as did Betty. They were childhood friends. Betty said they had seven "fun" years traveling and enjoying life in California. Betty sounds cheerful and happy although using a walker but surrounded by friends and family.

Living here in Kennebunk reminds me of our first class president, **Ken Burr**, who was also active in class business all four years, delivering the class prophesy at commencement. He also played center on the football team.

This is a nice town with a lot of beautiful, large old homes built by sea captains in earlier times. They must be very expensive to heat in the long, cold winters here but most of them are very well kept and still impressive in their size and beauty.

Please let us know what you are doing and what you did in the years up to this point. We would all be interested to hear from different parts of the country and the various businesses that have been followed by class members. Information can go to the alumni office or to either Ginny or me and we would be happy to pass it on.

Happy Holidays to one and all and don't forget to send Christmas greetings to the ACLU.

1941

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Greetings, '41ers, hope you enjoyed the past summer. I have an urgent request for you to please send information to Agnes or me on what you are doing these days. All of your classmates want to know. Just a note of interest—88 of our class-



Teddy and Don Weston '41 were at the Senior Alumni luncheon on October 20 at Buchanan Alumni House. The Westons live in Winterport, Maine.

mates have passed away within the last five years.

Now on a happier note—**Martha Hutchins Schelling** is still traveling. Martha has previously made two trips around the world and this past summer she took the Pacific Rim Cruise, which includes the coastal cities, located from north to south on the rim of the Pacific Ocean.

These cities include Aomori, Japan, Honshu's northernmost city. (An interesting note—of Japan's 3,000 islands, only 600 are inhabited, according to Martha.) A festival was taking place there, and Martha admired the huge, colorful floats, one as high as a two-story building. Next on Martha's itinerary was Nagasaki, Japan; followed by Xingang, China; Singapore (the cruise couldn't stop at Bali because of the danger there of terrorists' attacks); and Perth, Australia, which Martha liked very much. There were many new cultural buildings there, she said, and newly constructed highways. "I liked most of all the Mediterranean climate and miles of sandy beaches," she said. She finished her trip in San Diego, California. What a fantastic trip, Martha, and thanks for your most interesting letter concerning it.

Another '41 traveler is **Walter Hook**, who went on a tour of the national parks of the United States. He started at Yellowstone in Montana and finished in Las Vegas. Last April, he traveled to Belgium and Holland on a river cruise in time to see the tulips. In June 1999, Walter was presented a medal from the French government for participating

in the liberation of France during World War II. A resident of New Jersey, he and his wife, Faith, have three children and 19 grandchildren. Walter served as a structural engineer in the Army during World War II and took part in the Normandy Invasion as well as battles on Omaha Beach, northern France, Rhineland, and Ardennes. Walter keeps very busy in retirement. He plays golf three times a week, reads historical novels, serves as head usher at his church, is scoutmaster for Troop 24 at Fair Haven, and enjoys bird watching. Thanks, too, for your interesting note, Walter.

Another golfing aficionado is **Horace Bracy**, who lives in Cape Neddick, Maine. Father of two children and grandfather of two, Hod served four years in the Marine Corps, attaining the rank of major. He retired in 1974 from his position as a government personnel specialist. In his spare time, along with golf, he enjoys hunting, camping, and watching football games.

Albert Backer now lives in Craigsville, West Virginia. He and his wife, Vera, have five children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Albert, who served as a soil scientist during his career, retired in 1983. Currently he is a self-employed consultant to engineers and local government boards. In the past he served on the Sussex, New Jersey, advisory committee on aging. He also volunteers as a support person for the Cancer Hope Network.

Connie Philbrook Leger is retiring from her position as town

clerk of Shelburne, New Hampshire, after 31 years. The town records will now be moved from Philbrook Farm Inn to the Shelburne town hall.

Connie's father, Lawrence, preceded Connie as town clerk, and the two served the town for 86 years. Connie's grandfather had been a town selectman from 1895-1900, beginning a long line of Philbrooks in town positions. Connie and her sister, Nancy '42, have served on several town boards and Connie's two children, Ann '67 and Larry, hold town offices today. A nice newspaper article in the *Berlin* (New Hampshire) *Daily Sun* gave many details on the attainments of the Philbrook family. The Philbrook Farm Inn has been a destination for one family since 1868.

Sally Culberson Nardone is still living in Presque Isle. She has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Sally retired from Northern Maine Community College and is enjoying senior activities at Leisure Gardens, an assisted living facility.

Retired from teaching at Presque Isle High School, **Glenna Johnson Smith** continues to be very busy. She taught courses at the University of Maine at Presque Isle and also taught life writing to Elderhostel groups. She also continued assisting with drama presentations at PIHS. Two of the plays she wrote were winners in state competitions performed by PIHS students and they represented Maine in New England competition. Glenna has three granddaughters and one great-grandson. This year Glenna edited and proofed a book, *A History of Presque Isle Schools*, written by a former student. Glenna received an honorary doctorate from the University of Maine at Presque Isle. She was named Presque Isle's Outstanding Citizen in 1998 and received the Maine Media Women's Award in 2002. A very talented and busy lady!

Well, folks, until next time stay healthy and happy and please write!

1942

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Dear Classmates, our 65th class Reunion will be during the weekend

of June 1-2-3, 2007. This will probably be our last Reunion as a class, though we can continue to attend reunions as part of the Senior Alumni group.

A note from **Dottie Brewer Erikson** was forwarded from the alumni office. She and Gordon '43 have six grandchildren out of college and they celebrated their 63th wedding anniversary in Bar Harbor where they were married.

Had a nice phone chat with **Jo Blake Bail**. She and Don '44 were getting ready for a fishing trip with **Hal** and **Dot Blood** at West Branch Pond. Jo, **Barbara Savage Thompson**, and **Florence Atwood Butterworth** meet once a month for lunch.

Nat Crowley wrote that he and Esther Whitman Crowley '43 "have a new baby—not bad for a couple pushing age 90. Our new baby, Hannah Alexandra Hunt, is the daughter of our granddaughter, Erin Crowley Hunt '91. Hannah is our 19th great-grandchild—born July 18, 2006."

Several '42ers were at a UMaine luncheon on September 21 at the Highlands in Topsham, Maine. We had a wonderful insight of the college campus in today's world, by Robert Dana, dean of students.

Sixty-five years—an impossible dream that so long ago we were on campus ready to take on the world. Recall your memories and be ready to share them by mail, email, or in person at Reunion 2007.

1943

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By way of the alumni office we learn of two wedding anniversaries which were celebrated last summer. Edward Lincoln and **Barbara Leadbeater Lincoln** of Newcastle celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 4, 2006, at the Samoset Resort in Rockland. Guests came from Casco, Litchfield, and Readfield. They were married at the Trask Meeting House in South Jefferson. Barbara is a retired registered medical technologist and also taught language arts for 20 years. Edward served with a heavy bomber group in England during World War II. Upon leaving the service he worked for local telephone companies and continues with this work 50 years later. Barbara and Edward are

parents of Brenda B. Lake and Edward J. Lincoln III.

Having their 63rd wedding anniversary were **Gordon** and **Dottie Brewer Erikson** '42. They were married in Bar Harbor and that's where they celebrated this anniversary. They ask, "How did we have time to work?" And work they did and also were civic minded and loyal to the University of Maine. They were good role models for Nancy Erikson Ladd '66, Gordon Jr. '68, and Carlton '76—a real Maine heritage.

The Class of '43 extends heartiest belated congratulations to the Eriksens and Lincolns.

Letters from **Laurie Parkin** brought up to date the post college years of three good Bangor friends who have each left their mark on society. Roaming the halls of Bangor High during the years 1935-1939 were "the three musketeers" John Howard, Laurie Parkin, and Albert "Al" Field Reynolds. After graduating from Bangor High School they entered the Class of '43. Al and Laurie became Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity brothers. John and Al left after their sophomore years for service in World War II. Laurie completed his junior year and then joined the United States Navy Intelligence at the Custom House in Portland, Maine. He returned to Orono to receive his bachelor's degree in 1946. He went on to earn a law degree at New York Law School. His first position was in the legal department of Prentice-Hall Publishing where he became assistant to the president. He then moved on to the Broker Industry Education Program of the New York Stock Exchange. The next challenge was to start up Martin Marietta Corporation. Laurie then spent a 13-year stretch in London and Copenhagen where he focused on international finance and business negotiations. (On the side he enjoyed real Danish pastry and what goes with it.)

He returned to Boulder, Colorado, and to the Parkin and Parkin practice specializing in arbitration, mediation, and negotiations. Helice and Laurie Parkin are the unique team representing over 65 years of combined experience in international and domestic business. Helice Parkin brought 20 years of psychotherapy practice, plus business, real estate, and management experience in addition to a stint as a junior college instructor of communication. Laurie has not forgotten his Maine roots, for the Parkins spent a summer month on Matinicus Island—but

not this summer because of a "lobster war."

Albert "Al" Reynolds (who affiliated with the Class of '44) grew up in Derby, Maine, where, as a lad, his grandfather took him trout fishing in the brooks and taught him to walk like a deer along fern-lined trails, thereby cultivating a love of nature—which was to bear fruit later in life. He spent two years at the University of Maine and left in 1942 and joined the United States Air Corps where he served as a dive bomber pilot on the U.S.S. *Hornet* during World War II. He was awarded several medals including the Distinguished Flying Cross. At the end of the war, Al joined the United States Foreign Service and was sent to Korea. He was awarded the Bronze Star by President Truman, a rare commendation for a civilian. He returned from government service after 20 years and settled in Solving, California. He then became a pioneer in the environmental movement. He served as director of the Santa Barbara County Department of Environmental Resources. He was a charter president of the Association of Environmental Professionals. The agriculture resource and land protection one sees today in the country are the direct legacy of Al Reynolds. He and his staff were effective in managing offshore oil and gas development with the federal and state governments. Al retired from Santa Barbara County in 1981. Then Al, with his wife, Ruth, formed Reynolds Associates, a resource management consulting firm for overseas work. They operated the firm until he finally retired to their Alisal Ranch in 2004 and made a final move to Murrieta. Al and Ruth Derby Reynolds were married for 60 years and were the parents of son Richard and daughters Terry Ryan and Kimberly Danell, and grandparents to 20 grandchildren. Al Reynolds died on January 4, 2006. It was his wish that his ashes be spread from the top of Mount Katahdin which was accomplished on the fifth of July. Laurie recounts that this is where "the three musketeers" spent time during high school years and where Al's grandfather was a wonderful guide, climbing or hiking.

John Howard (who, like Al, affiliated with the Class of '44) studied aeronautic and electrical engineering at the University of Maine and applied the discipline while attending World War II Naval V-12 school at Bates College. He met and married Elizabeth "Betty" Kimball in 1945. She later earned a home

economics degree from UMaine in 1970. He left the service as a lieutenant junior grade one year later and became a third generation insurance adjuster. He continued in this field for 42 years.

John and Betty lived on Blueberry Farm in Orrington for 52 years and then retired to Penobscot Shores, Belfast, in 1998. While living in Orrington, John was very active in community affairs serving as selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor, and as a member of the planning board and served on the committee that introduced the town manager form of government. John found the time to lead the Boy Scouts for 45 years; during the 1980s and 1990, he was a member of the High Adventure Advisory Committee for the Maine National High Adventure Area Boy Scouts of America. He was an active member of the United Methodist Church where he narrated *The Christmas Mystery* pageant for 25 years. He and Betty volunteered at Baxter State Park for about 20 years doing various projects and park maintenance. John especially enjoyed working with the Volunteers for Peace program to see that international youth joined in public service efforts at the park. John was a member of the Baxter State Park advisory committee for 10 years. He was a founding member of the Friends of Baxter State Park and served on the board of directors until 2002. He was honored for community service with the Orrington Jaycee Leadership Award. He was recognized for distinguished service to boyhood with the Silver Beaver Award and he received the Jefferson Award for outstanding service in 1991.

John and Betty were parents of Thomas '79, Peter, John, and Deborah. A son David died in 1953. John Howard died on March 1, 2003.

I was saddened to read of the death of **Eugene "Gene" Hussey** on August 21, 2006. As you may recall he was an outstanding athlete while in college and a staunch supporter of the Class of '43. He opened and operated Hussey's Veterinary Hospital in North Conway, New Hampshire, until he retired at age 83. Along the way Gene was an active worker in community and church affairs. He will be missed. The class extends condolences to the bereaved family.

Go Blue!

1944

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We would draw a blank for class notes this time if it weren't for Valerie Mitchell, reunion giving coordinator of the alumni association in Orono, who attended the Class of '44 summer reunion at the Owls Head Transportation Museum on August 2, 2006. Valerie took excellent notes, listed the attendees, and relayed all of this info on to me. Thank you, Val; most of what follows comes from your notes.

I should also mention that **Al McNeilly** was again the host of this special gathering. **Joe** and I were not with the group as we were hosting our annual family week at Boyden Lake in Perry, Maine.

Classmates attending were: **Ray Atwood, Bob Beverage, Russ Bodwell, Sam Collins, Pat Cummings '44H, Al Ehrenfried, Pete Farnum, James Hastings, Al Hutchinson, Al McNeilly, Norm Putnam, Earland Sleight, and Charlie Stickney.**

Their guests were: Barbara Higgins Bodwell '45, Dorothy Collins, Jim Ehrenfried '82 and his wife, Marie, and sons, Shamus and Covy; Chip Farnham, Cynthia Cover, EdieAnne Hutchinson '48, Isabel Ansell Jacobs '45, Charlie Jacobs '71, Leonard '50 and Renee Minsky, and Joan Putnam.

From the university faculty and staff were: Pat Bolin '03, Shannon Coiley '93, Karen Goodrich Cole '82, Chris Corro, Elizabeth Downing '77, Jim Frick, James Hebert, Scott Horey, Dana Humphrey, Ann Leffler, Stuart Marrs, Valerie Mitchell, Todd Saucier '93, '97G, Beth Wiemann, and Nicholas York.

Upon arrival the class enjoyed socializing and a wonderful guided tour of the museum. Listening to jazz performed by Jim Frick along with four students from the school of performing arts, a beautiful music presentation by Liz Downing and Beth Wiemann, and a delicious luncheon. Class president Al Ehrenfried greeted everyone and introduced many of the staff from Orono—some relaying brief details about their particular departments.

The business meeting began with Charlie Stickney presenting the class financial report.

Chip Farnham, the coordinator for the School of Performing Arts,

gave a brief PowerPoint presentation showing before and after photos of the renovations made to the Class of '44 Hall, and thanked the class for all of their hard work to make the renovations possible. A celebratory gala event, in honor of the class, is being planned. There was also a School of Performing Arts Works-In-Progress Showcase on Friday, October 20th, honoring the 10th anniversary of the Class of '44 Hall.

Jim Frick, director of publications at the alumni association, gave an update on the Galaxy of Stars, which recognizes distinguished UMaine alumni and tells their story through interactive, multi-media technology. There are currently 30 alumni featured, with 120 total who have been selected to be featured. There is still much research and work to be done in compiling the information into the computer-based format. You may contact Jim for a copy of the video of alumni currently featured.

Russ Bodwell then addressed everyone regarding a challenge that he and Barbara proposed to their classmates. The first part of the challenge is \$12,500 to recognize **Steve Jacobs** by naming a scholarship in his honor, which Russ is willing to match. The second challenge is \$50,000 for music department scholarships recognizing that in order to attract the best talent in Maine, scholarships must be available or students will opt to go to other universities. And a final challenge, \$50,000 for the Maine Center for the Arts expansion that will include a 66 percent increase in the size of the Bodwell Lounge, permitting the gala to be held in the building.

Al Ehrenfried stated that since the class graduated they have donated over \$10 million to the university. Al also said that the Steve Jacobs scholarship fund would be very beneficial to future students coming to Orono.

Al McNeilly recalled the names of recently departed classmates and also encouraged everyone to consider giving estate gifts through the UMaine Foundation.

And now, thanks again to Valerie for her part in my class notes and keep those cards and letters coming for the next publication.

For alumni events, UMaine news, Black Bear sports, and more, visit: mainealumni.com.

1945

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Hi again! I just returned from a UMaine alumni luncheon in Topsham at the Highlands, a retirement home that is filled with happy and active residents. **Barbara Savage Thompson, Josephine Blake Bail,** and Don Hold were our hosts—and what a great time everyone had! Full of “remember whens?”

We went out on a porch for a pre luncheon social hour, for wine and cheese, and much visiting and glad cheering to see many familiar faces. Somehow, that familiar face comes through our older faces to “wash away time” and see our favorite friends of yesteryear.

Barbara Smiley Healy was one I really enjoyed seeing. She told me of a great vacation she and **Marnie Moore Francis** had at Lakeside Cottage on Great Moose Pond. I realize, from the moment we see a dear friend from our college days it takes us right back to campus with such wonderful memories. We catch up on their family lives and then we seem to still feel 20 again. Many of us made lifetime friends and continue to keep in touch with them regularly—and these are the letters I open first!

Bob Patten, an original '45er (twin brother of Budgie Patten), was there with his wife, Stella Borkowski Patten '47. Bob was in our original class and chose to join Stella's class since that was the year he graduated. I recall being in the first play of the Masque our freshman year and Bob was in that group too! We all had a great time and at least ten or more of our class were in it. Unfortunately I don't recall the name of the play but it was patriotic, quite appropriate for the fall of 1941 when the U.S. became involved in World War II. My, how carefree we all were in those days and so naive!

I saw one of **Jim Donovan's** sisters there and asked her, “How is Peg doing?” She said that she's doing much better and is improving. This was great news—Jim was totally involved in her daily care and therapy and most devoted. What great news for Jim and Peg. Our entire class sends our love and best wishes for your continuing improvement and good health.

I was happy to hear they have built their own home on the grounds of The Highlands. They all seem to thoroughly enjoy it there. It was a lovely luncheon, and Robert Dana, dean of students, gave a most interesting talk on campus life as it is today. A drastic change from our golden year. However they are stressing the basics of morality and devotion to our alma mater once again—good news, isn't it? I do hope they can manage it. He seems to be starting a new focus on camaraderie among the classmates and their devotion to the university. Greek life on campus has changed drastically and the university seems to be developing into a modern age college. They see this as going forward and I wish them success. One thing I found out that stunned me was they have not been publishing *The Prism* for many years now! It was a tradition so dear to us. We cannot imagine not having it to locate friends and search for a way of finding them once more. He said they are researching considering publishing it once again.

The leaves are just beginning to turn for their most colorful season of the year. We had a very hot July as well as early August. However, I've noticed recently that the wonderful long evenings we had are pulling their shades much earlier than in the summer.

Last month a former classmate of ours came here to visit his sister. It was very nice to meet him—**Richard McFarland** from Westport, Connecticut. He transferred to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York, but did attend the University of Maine for two years. He had his own business and stays in touch with the university, and I think this is nice. He's listed in the latest University of Maine directory.

What a shock I got in mid August! Two of our classmates were on the same page of obituaries. **Doris Dexter Thompson** passed away. She lost her husband, Keith '42, just a few months ago. Their children must feel such a massive loss. She was a major force in our class, an outstanding student and leader, and will be missed so much.

The other classmate who passed away was our **Bob Dutton**. He had suffered from a stroke some time ago and had lived a very quiet life for several years. His funeral was very upbeat with many accolades for all the kind deeds he had done for his family, friends, his employees, and his church. He was a loving father and husband to our class-

mate, **Dottie Currier Dutton**, for about 60 years. They had two daughters—Pamela and Nancy—and three grandsons. It was a tragedy when daughter Pamela passed away several years ago. Now Dottie has gone to live with her daughter Nancy. She remembered having both of her grandmothers living with their family at various times in her childhood. Bob and Dot were one of the most loving and caring couples I ever knew to friends and strangers. If there was a need and they could help, they always did it. I recall after my husband Bill Bradley died in 1964, he showed up one weekend that fall and installed heat in our basement family room—something Bill had tried to do but was too weak to handle. Our home was small at that time and he had wanted Linda and Cindy to have a place to bring their friends in the cold stormy winter where they could play and enjoy their friends without affecting the rest of the group. They were a great family who truly enjoyed both water skiing and snow skiing together! There was a large picture there for everyone to see of the four of them water skiing together on Highland Lake in Falmouth! They all were filled with smiles skiing beautifully together—a beautiful memory.

The Bodwell family enjoyed their annual month at Highland Lake in Falmouth this year, carrying on their traditional Bodwell reunion. I spent a couple days with them and always enjoy being there. **Barbara Higgins Bodwell** was perky as always, but this year Sue Bodwell Willis '71 and Joanne Bodwell Ferreira '73 prepared the meals and carried on their Mom's traditions. They always enjoy having the opportunity to invite as many classmates there as possible and we all enjoyed it so. Joanne and husband, Gene, moved to Bridgton, Maine, a few years ago—at the base of Pleasant Mountain. They are available for frequent visits to Russ '44 and Barb—nice for all of them.

My first grandchild, Melissa Osborn, was married in her hometown on a beautiful July 1st at the village church on Tucker Hill in Pawling, New York. It was a lovely family day for all of us! Another granddaughter, Kara Brochu, was asked to be her maid of honor. Missy also surprised me by having me listed as the matriarch of the family and escorted into the church by her brother, my grandson Scott Osborn. I truly never felt so honored!

A phone call from classmates



Members of the Class of 1947 met on September 20 at the Hutchinson Center in Belfast to plan for their upcoming 60th Reunion in June. Sitting, left to right are: Chris Corro (alumni events coordinator), Bob Patten, Stella Borkowski Patten, and Dorothy "Dottie" Bruns Moody. Back row (left to right): Barbara McNeil Marsanskis, Val Mitchell (alumni reunion giving coordinator), Mary "Chickie" Sawyer Jordan, and Joan Ambrose Shaw.

Roger and Gerry Keenan Oakes!

They have moved to a retirement home in Presque Isle. They are delighted to have their meals prepared for them and are especially relieved that they will no longer get snowed in and have to shovel. Now someone else is responsible. They are very happy in their new home and are getting acquainted rapidly. Both are such warm and loving people.

How about taking a few minutes and jotting down a bit of your recent news—a move, a vacation, new great-grandies, or just bring us up to date on your health and adventures in the recent months or plans you have in the near future! We all want to hear from you! In fact the days when I have a letter or card or phone call from any of you, with news I can pass on to our classmates, is a very special day for me! By the way are you making a scrapbook for someone? Have you knit mittens or sweaters for grandies or your church bazaar or made wood blocks or a toy for your grandson? Have a nice garden last summer? I had three tomato plants that produced well—it was most satisfying. In fact I selected the 30" area around a tree in front of my large window and planted a rose impatiens. It tripled in size and furnished me with a smile when I glanced at it.

After 14 months here in a retirement home, I've decided to move on into an apartment by myself where I can prepare my own meals—when and how I prefer them. I'll also have

a full size apartment. It was fine for me so soon after Ralph's death and my move back to Maine and to recuperate after my auto accident last summer. Now I'm ready to move on and have a full apartment where I can live as I've become accustomed. So I will also have a guest room should any friends or family come to visit and hopefully restart some entertaining again. I've really missed that. It will be so great to have a real Christmas tree once again and I hope to pick up my traditional Christmas cookie baking. I'll feel far more like myself.

Please note my new address and phone number at the top of this column. Also, you can send any news to the alumni association and they will forward it to me.

Next week I'm off to Pawling, New York, again as my grandson, Bradley Osborn, is being married. As the only living grandparent I feel rather honored to be able to attend. I still have seven more to go! It will be a contest to see whether time or I shall win this challenge and honor of living long enough to be able to attend all.

Please consider a new year's resolution to send a note to me in 2007. We still have three more years to wait until our 65th Reunion—but remember, the Senior Alumni will always welcome us with open arms.

I do hope to find my new mailbox in Windham bringing news from many of you in the coming months.

1946

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I have nothing to report for the Class of 1946. I know that you all are doing interesting things and going to various places, but unless you tell me, I have nothing to write about in this column. What may be mundane to you is news to your classmates—please keep in touch.

Hope the new year brings good things to you all!

1947

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Can you believe that we'll be celebrating our 60th Reunion in June? That's a lot of years. A postcard from **Bob Patten**, class president, was an open invitation to a reunion planning session held in September at the UMaine Hutchinson Center, Belfast.

Barbie McNeil Marsanskis invited us to meet at her apartment for lunch before the meeting. Lucky us. She's a great cook. Her apartment is picture-perfect, she still has the sweetest smile, and that chocolate raspberry cake was a prize winner!

Off to the meeting—on time. Bob and **Stella Borkowski Patten**, **Barbie Marsanskis**, **Dottie Bruns Moody**, **Joanie Ambrose Shaw**, and I were met by three alumni representatives—Valerie Mitchell (reunion giving coordinator), Chris Corro (events coordinator), and Todd Saucier '93, '97G (alumni association president), who happened to be there and dropped in to see if he could help. All three were as bright and cheerful as could be—wonderful representatives for the alumni office and the university. They offered suggestions, answered our questions—even took pictures before they left. Thank you all.

Our discussion, ideas, and notes pointed in one direction. We will always be the Class of '47, an honored class celebrating its 60th Re-

union—a class with honor. But a survey and ballot by mail after the last reunion voted to go with the Senior Alumni—inevitable and it only hurts for a minute. Besides we have earned that position. Val and Chris had indicated all the options available to us. You will be notified of all the details. One thing Stella, class agent, specified was the memorial service—probably before the class lunch.

There are lots of events on schedule, changes on campus, and buses to shuttle us hither and yon. We'll need a guide. The old administration building has been named the Jamie Wyeth Building. I'm a Wyeth fan so I think that's classy. My favorite memory of that old building will always be the day I went in to register—the timid freshman who was uncertain of everything. Then this wonderful, friendly man came along, opened the door, pointed out the right window, told me not to worry—that everyone was a little lost at first! I was really impressed as I thought he must be the building supervisor—can you imagine my astonishment when four days later at the freshman reception, my warm, friendly door-man supervisor turned out to be president Arthur A. Hauck. I guess we all have our special connection with president Hauck.

Bob and Stella had heard from **Chuck and Betty Carpenter**. The Carpenters couldn't make the September planning session as there was a conflict with Betty's nursing school class (annual lunch and overnight in Sturbridge) celebration. In November they're in Florida and they mentioned going to Italy in 2007. We hope to see you in Orono in June. Keep us up to date on where you are.

Dottie Boulos wasn't able to get to the meeting but looked forward to our June Reunion. Wait till you see the changes on campus, Dottie. I can recommend the campus bus tours—and the all-alumni breakfast and awards on Sunday to top off a very special time in June.

Evelyn White Desmond emailed that she plans to be with us for our 60th, "You Betcha!" I love making plans, grocery lists, to-do lists, but I not only lose the lists, I can lose a whole day. Joanie and I will descend upon you, Whitey. We can muddle our way to Orono together. I'm still working on my list of ATΩ girls.

Elmer and Nora Chipman Schaible emailed that it was a bit far to come for lunch or meeting, but they were looking forward to the



'48 Gathering in Augusta

Every summer members of the Class of 1948 get together for a luncheon. This summer the gathering was at the home of Millie Morris Stengel at Granite Hill Estates in Augusta. Above photo back row (left to right): Jane Longfellow Cullen '47, Evelyn White Desmond '47, Mary Marble Burgess '46, Helen Noyes Taylor, Barbara Sullivan Knowlton, Millie, Barbara McNeil Marsanskis '47, EdithAnne Young Hutchinson, Gladys Clark McLeary '43, and Alethia Meade Blackmore. Front row (left to right): Pauline Parent Jenness ('54G), Margaret Watson Savignano, Marguerite Sullivan Powers, and Ruth Preble Finney. Right photo (left to right): Willard Moulton ('50G), Alfred Hutchinson '44, and Alan Burgess. Bob Finney '50 took the photographs.



Reunion in June. We were looking at the photo of those who did the Bar Harbor fling before the 50th. I recognized you and Elmer, Jack and **Evie Foster Adams**, and **Dick and Barbara Vaughan Lemay** '48 easily. Took more time to line up everyone. Think I need new glasses, have to admit. There are mornings that chubby Chick in the mirror doesn't look familiar!

Connie Cratty Klemme checked in by email. Couldn't be in Belfast with us but I hope you make it to Orono for our 60th. Whenever I go past the home you lived in (in Bangor) I think of you.

An email from **Phyllis Pendleton Bragg** announced that 2007 brings two graduations—one grandson from Unity College, Maine, May 12 and another from MSSM in Limestone May 26. Also two reunions, her 60th and her daughter and son-in-law's 35th—Sanford '72 and Bonnie Bragg Johnson '72 rah,

rah—Maine! Phyllis's son John '83 suggested she move to Maine for the month just to do justice to the reunions and graduations. How very, very nice. We missed you and your music in Belfast, Phyl, and we wish you all good days. Enjoyed your Burma shave ads. Thanks.

I heard that **Hazel "Billie" Starrett Cutts** was still busy with grandkids and golf—missed seeing you at the Weathervane but I'll be there next year. Jennie Manson Herman-son '45 and her sister, Nancy Kelly, stopped in to report. So much to say and never enough time. Hi, Roger.

Bob tried to get in touch with **Eleanor Webb** to come to Belfast. I figured you must be at camp, Eleanor. We missed you. You're our backbone—with good sensible ideas and we can always depend on you.

It was especially nice for me to see Dottie Bruns Moody and have an opportunity to talk although not enough time. It's a small world.

Dottie's Dad was a Nabisco salesman. I could keep up with what Dottie was doing when I saw her Mom and Dad. My husband, Henry "Hank," was a Nabisco truck driver, eventually a salesman, so Dottie—news was easy. Just recently I had seen her brother's obituary in the *Bangor Daily News*. He looked just like his father. My oldest brother had died about the same time so I could really understand—

As of this moment I'm between seasons. It's fall already—still 2006 and the leaves are turning, always later here on the coast. It seems as though they all end up in my yard eventually. It's time to think "winterize," but I do love the change of seasons. Rake, shovel, whatever. And of course anticipating 2007 (even though I've never wished away the time) now I want to be ready for our 60th class Reunion.

Hope you all will be there too.

1948

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We extend a big Maine Hello to our 1948 classmates and to those friends from other classes who have enriched our lives with their camaraderie. Our correspondence from Abby included a new address from **Barbara Patten Wells**, who is now residing at: 24 Elm Street, A-1, Topsham, Maine 04086. She writes, "Home again! Drop by for a visit." Welcome back, Barb. Do hope you can join us for one of our informal "Kitchen Cabinet" gatherings.

Speaking of same, the KC were graciously invited to have our summer luncheon at Granite Hill Estates in Augusta by **Millie Morris Stengel**, who is enjoying retirement in her lovely new home there. The luncheon was enjoyed by the following: **Allan** and **Mary Marble Burgess** '46, **Ruth Fogler Goff**, **Alfred** '44 and **Edith Anne Young Hutchinson**, **Pauline Parent Jenness**, **Willard Moulton**, **Robert** '50 and **Ruth Preble Finney**, **Margaret Watson Savignano**, **Marguerite Sullivan Powers**, **Aletha Meade Blackmore**, **Barbara Sullivan Knowlton**, **Helen Noyes Taylor**, **Jane Longfellow Cullen** '47, **Evelyn White Desmond** '47, **Barbara McNeil Marsanskis** '47, and hostess **Millie Morris Stengel** and her guest **Gladys Clark McLeary** '43. Thank you for our very enjoyable visit there, Millie.

Congratulations to **Malcolm Coulter, Sr.**, who with his wife, **Dorothy**, has been named Maine's 2006 Tree Farmer of the Year. We are so proud of your environmental approach and efforts to manage your property so well.

Since this issue will reach you in January, we hope you all had a happy holiday season. Maybe your Christmas cards will be a treasure trove for the next column.

Don't miss a single issue of your alumni magazine.

Renew your membership promptly.

1949

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It's late September in Maine and time to close the cottage at Toddy Pond and head back to Bangor for the winter. I do so hate to leave but the weather is getting cold. So be it.

I received an email from **Marguerite Hart Platt** in Pleasanton, California, in July and she wrote: "I read your article in the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* with a lot of interest as always. It's disconcerting to me that we are moving closer to the front of the alumni news with every passing year. Yes, the ranks are thinning. Ethan is doing very well at 88 and I hope it continues. I have been so fortunate to have been married to him for 30 years now. I got a second chance and got it right this time. We attended an Elderhostel in Baltimore in June. It was on romantic symphonies, piano music, and my favorite composer. It was held at the Peabody Institute of Music, which is now affiliated with Johns Hopkins. We had a great time, but Ethan developed cellulitis (probably from a California spider bite) and had to go to Mercy Hospital in Baltimore to their emergency room for five or six hours of treatment before they would let him go. He was on Keflex (antibiotic) for 15 days before it cleared. He still has a swollen ankle that is gradually improving. After that we visited my brother, **Paul Hart**, and his daughter and family before flying home. Paul is 81 and is battling prostate cancer after nine years of remission. He visited here in October with his daughter. They were in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for a squadron reunion from World War II. He said it would be the last reunion as there are too few of them left. Guess that's all the news from here. Just wanted to stay in touch. I picture you at Toddy Pond in your nice cottage. How I envy you that pleasure! We rent a cabin every summer for a week in the mountains. Can't completely take Maine out of me."

Thelma Crossland Robie informed me that **Verna Wallace Andrews's** husband, **Fred Andrews**



Class of 1949 members Dolly Averill Hawkes ('84G) (left) and Colleen Richardson Coates join in a spirited rendition of the "Stein Song" at the Senior Alumni luncheon on October 20.

'50, died recently. Our sincere condolences go out to Verna and her family.

I received a phone call from **Philip Craig's** daughter, **Barbara**, in August. She told me that **Phil** had passed away on August 21. **Phil**, of Scottsdale, Arizona, formerly of Littleton, Colorado, served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and started at UMaine with all the other World War II veterans in 1945. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Lexie**, and is survived by his three children, **Douglas**, **Laurie**, and **Barbara**. Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Phil's** family.

Another loss to our class was **Oscar Lewis Wyman** who passed away on September 18, 2006. **Lewis** was a 1949 graduate of the University of Maine, with a master of science degree from the University of Massachusetts. He began his career in the cooperative extension service as county agricultural agent and county manager and dairy specialist in Massachusetts. He held the National Distinguished Service Award as county agent and has been recognized for his innovations in family farm decision making. Returning to the University of Maine, he served in various positions in cooperative extension administration. He had served as program leader in all subject areas and ended his career in 1992, as business and economics specialist, a subject area which he helped to develop and in which he continued to volunteer to assist prospective business entrepreneurs until his death. He

served in various town capacities including library, trusteeship, and two terms on the school committee, leading to his presidency of the Maine State School Board Association and chairmanship of the Maine School Management Association. He was a charter member of the Orono Volunteer Rescue Squad, serving as assistant chief and corporation president. He was also a charter member of the Church of Universal Fellowship and served as secretary, president, and with several committees. His wife, **Lorraine Littlefield Wyman**, daughter **Julie Wyman Marquis** '76, and sons, **Lewis III** and **Peter** '81, survive him. Our class extends our sincere sympathy to the family.

I received the following article from the May 5, 2006, *Ellsworth American* sent to me by the alumni office. "Martha Gordon became the wife of **George Stetson White** on April 1, 2006, at the Gouldsboro Methodist Church. The Reverend **Joseph Palmer** officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. **William R. White**. Her son, **James Gordon**, gave the bride in marriage. Matron of honor was **Mary Ellen Jones**, a friend of the couple. Best man was **Gregory Gordon**, son of the bride. The bride is a graduate of Franklin High School. The groom is a graduate of Franklin High School and the University of Maine, where he received a bachelor of arts in mathematics. Following a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls, the couple plans on spending time at the groom's home in Iliou, New York, and the bride's home in Gouldsboro."

Rosemarie "Jinx" Gagnon Hallisey and I attended the Senior Alumni luncheon at the Buchanan Alumni House in Orono on the first day of autumn. After lunch we joined other Senior Alumni to cheer on the Black Bears in their home opener football game against Shaw University. Unfortunately about game time there came a downpour of rain, so many of us opted to remain at the alumni house and watch the game on the wide screen in the McIntire Room. Other '49ers attending were **Thelma Crossland Robie** and **Arnie Davis**. As you all know, **Arnie** never misses an athletic event at Orono. By the way, Maine won the game with a score of 62-12. After the game **Jinx** and I went to visit **Evelyn Ellsworth Dearborn** and husband, **Vance**, at their home in Orono. **Evie** is recuperating from heart surgery. We found her to be in great spirits.

I want to wish one and all a very happy, healthy, New Year 2007. Please make it your New Year's resolution to send me an update of what's happening in your lives.

1950

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I returned in mid-September from two weeks in Ireland – and what a glorious time we had. We had a week at a cottage in BallyVaughn located right smack dab by the water where we could sit out on the swing in the front lawn and take in the beauty of Galway Bay and environs. We explored the south-western part of that lovely country, including the Burren—a vast area of limestone mountains, bare fissured pavements, and sheltered valleys of pasture land—truly an awesome area. We ventured to Galway City, viewed medieval castles and churches, and marveled at the miles and miles of stone walls erected by early residents to clear the land for homes, grazing, and crops. We visited the Cliffs of Moher, the Aran Islands, and then Blarney Castle where we kissed that infamous Blarney Stone—and hoped that we would indeed receive that Gift of Eloquence by accomplishing that somewhat athletic feat! It was a magical two weeks, and our hearts are filled with superb memories of wonderful people, interesting places, beautiful scenery, history in abundance, and such magnificent shades of greens. When we stepped off of the plane at Logan we could see that fall was about to fall here in New England. Don't know where the time has gone since the year began...and you will be reading this in the winter edition of *Mainly People*. Hope everyone is well—and enjoying!

Our annual Class of '50 August meeting was held on Thursday, the third of August at the Cumberland Club in Portland. Veep **George Gray** arranged for us to be in a spacious and comfortable setting where we could meet and greet one another as well as conduct a short business meeting before a luscious luncheon. We are all REALLY "lookin' gud!" George returned to

Honoring the Greatest Generation

Bob Dagdigian '50 was recently honored by his classmates for his service in World War II. Bob received the 2006 Greatest Generation Award at a class meeting in Portland. Two other 1950 members, Charles Broomhall ('55G) and George A. Foster, were presented with Greatest Generation awards earlier in the year.

Bob served as a radioman-gunner on torpedo planes in the Pacific Theater of operations during the Battle of the Philippines. While on a mission above Palau he performed an extraordinary act of heroism by dislodging a live 100-pound bomb that was caught on the bomb bay door of his plane. For that courageous act, he received a commendation from Admiral William Halsey, commander of the 3rd Fleet.



Henry Saunders (left) presents '50 classmate Bob Dagdigian with a Greatest Generation Award.

Florida in early September to enjoy his new house in a retirement community there in Vero Beach. It was wonderful to see **Geri Lamb Kenneally** who was visiting family and friends in Biddeford; she had arranged her trip north to coincide with our meeting. She looks terrific and thoroughly enjoys her home in Avon Park, Florida, where she has a full schedule of golf, tennis, swimming, and enjoying time with friends. **Bill and Janet Marston Bodwell '55** were able to get to the meeting from Brunswick. He was still reveling in the wonder of his surprise 80th birthday party in June—and was so pleased that many friends and associates could share in the celebration of his life. He said that he was especially pleased by the many cards and notes from well wishers as well as being serenaded by "his band"—the Bath Municipal Band.

Dick Hewes and Ted Hawkes were in attendance from Cape Elizabeth. We are mighty proud of the fact that Ted's daughter, Pam—who works for the firm of Ann Beha Architects in Boston, was the principal architect on the project associated with the renovation of Lord Hall with superb venues for displays and exhibits as well as classes. We went on a quick tour of Lord Hall at Reunion in June and were in awe of the transformation of the building, designed originally to house engi-

neering, to a state-of-the-art art department! Joye and **Al Levesque** drove down from Topsham, the location of their new summer home at: 7 Tanager Drive (04086). They still winter in Fort Pierce in Florida and are pleased to be summering in their new quarters. **Gerry and Jeanne Mayberry** were still smiling at the wonderful cruise they had to Alaska in the spring. Jeanne said that they still "trip the light fantastic," whenever they can! **Al Mosher** reported that all is well in Gorham despite the fact that his wife, Lorraine, is in a rehabilitation center to speed her recovery from hip surgery. We hope by the time you read this she will be home safe and sound!

We were so pleased that our UMAA president and executive director, **Todd Saucier '93, '97G**, was in attendance from Orono, along with: Val Mitchell, reunion giving coordinator; Pat Cummings '89, '44H, foundation fellow and senior development officer; and Dan Willett '69, '70G, planned giving/University of Maine Foundation. Todd made a special presentation—to the sheer delight of all in attendance. **Henry Saunders** and his lovely Marjorie have been very active with the association for many years; they have hosted conclaves in Florida as well as in Maine, and have contributed enormous amounts

of time/talent/treasure to the university and its projects. Marjorie has been very supportive of Henry in university functions through the years, though she is a graduate of the New England Baptist School of Nursing as well as Boston University School of Nursing, where she was president of her class. The alumni council of the university was proud to confer the title of honorary alumna of the university to **Marjorie Higbee Saunders**; it was signed by John M. Rohman '68, chairman of the board of UMAA, as well as Todd. How proud we are of Marjorie—a gracious and lovely lady.

Todd spoke to the fact that our fine class has worked effectively through the years in achieving our goals as well as providing leadership for and with the association. He specifically mentioned our **Alton "Hoppy" Hopkins**, who just completed two terms on the alumni board as well as assisting in the area of finance, **Len Minsky** who has been named to complete an expired term on the board, and **Dick Sprague** who is very involved with the Senior Alumni group. Henry Saunders serves on the investment committee of the foundation. We are proud of these classmates and so many more who are supportive of "dear old Maine!"

The Greatest Generation Awards for the year 2006 were awarded to **George A. Foster** at Reunion and **Charles "Slim" Broomhall** at his home in Arizona; Slim's presentation was made at a dinner party in his honor by fellow alumnus Gil LeClair '52. We were honored that **Bobby Dagdigian** could receive his plaque at the meeting in Portland. Henry made the presentation, noting that Bobby was a radioman-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, placed 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 then could safely be released. He received a commendation from Admiral William (Bull) Halsey, commander of the 3rd Fleet, for heroism above and beyond the call of duty. Bobby said that he learned a great lesson that day: when one has to do something—you

CAN do it! He said that adrenaline was flowing to such an extent that he was actually able to readily lift that bomb of 100 pounds with one finger! He performed a miracle—and the bomb was released! Congratulations, Bobby! Applications for the 2007 Greatest Generation Awards are being received by chairman **Dick Fairfield**. Please write to Dick at: 36 Walnut Street, Barrington, Rhode Island 02806 for an application and guidelines for the award. The Class of 1950 has been cleared to have a Greatest Generation Award plaque hung in our Class of 1950 Room on the second floor of the Buchanan Alumni House. It will contain the names of recipients of the award as well as the year that it was presented to our honored World War II and/or Korean Veterans.

It was decided that despite the fact that 2007 is not an official reunion year for our class, we shall return to campus to award the Greatest Generation Award and to conduct the Memorial Service at the Flag Plaza. A block of eight rooms has been reserved for the Class of 1950 at the University Inn, 5 College Avenue in Orono, overlooking the Stillwater River, and those reservations are for the nights of 1 and 2 June. If you are interested in reserving a room @ \$82.39 plus tax, please call the motel, noting that you will be utilizing one of the block of rooms for the class. Telephone number is: 1-207-866-4921. Price of the room includes a hearty breakfast, in addition to ample parking.

We reviewed the financial report for the class, and were happy to find that the book value of the Class of 1950 Scholarship Fund—which award is made to descendants of the class who attend the university at Orono—is at \$50,000, our stated goal back in 2005. This year the amount of funds available to be awarded was \$3,600. Three descendants of the class were awarded scholarships in the amount of \$1,200 each: Nokole Noddin of Holden, granddaughter of **Ray C. Noddin**; Ashleigh Briggs of Winthrop, granddaughter of the late **Robert Briggs**; and Elizabeth Nichols of Orono, granddaughter of **David Nichols**. Congratulations to the students and their grandparents! Just a quick reminder: first preference for the award is to be given to students who are descendants of members of our class. It is the responsibility of the student applicant to make his/her relationship known to the office of student financial aid at the time of applications.

We hope all classmates will urge their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to apply for the scholarships! And it is not too late to contribute to the fund, designated as The Class of 1950 Scholarship Fund.

Members of the executive committee met in November at **Maggie's** timeshare at the Samoset, primarily to discuss planning for our yearly get-togethers as well as the big 60th in 2010. Inasmuch as this is being written prior to that meeting, I shall bring you up to date in the next edition with business that was conducted.

We will be meeting on the 2nd of August next year at the Cumberland Club in Portland. If you can join us, please be in touch with me so that we can get your name on the mailing list.

Good news! In addition to Slim Broomhall's designation as a Greatest Generation awardee, we were thrilled to learn that he was inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame last October. The press release noted that he was captain of the ski team for three years, and the Maine Intercollegiate Athletic Association Skimeister in



Alumni association president Todd Saucier '93, '97G presented Marjorie Higbee Saunders with a certificate recognizing her as an honorary alumna of the University of Maine. Marjie, along with husband, Henry Saunders '50, have been longtime and active supporters of the alumni association and the university.



Prudence and Byron Meader '50, '52G enjoy the Senior Alumni luncheon at Buchanan Alumni House during Homecoming 2006.

1947. During the three years that he was the ski team's captain, the Black Bears were state champions! His greatest accomplishment as a member of the team was placing 12th in the Nordic combined of the 1947 U.S. Olympic trials for the 1948 Olympic games. He placed 19th in the Nordic combined Olympic trials in 1951. In 1947 Slim received the Russell Wilder Memorial Trophy, which is presented annually to the individual furthering the spirit of skiing in the hearts and minds of the youth of America. We are mighty proud of Slim—and the accomplishments he has made through the years to the sport of skiing—as well as the gallant work he did as a member of the 10th Mountain Division during the war. Congratulations!

The next column will be the spring issue, published circa April 2007. If you have news items, please let me know and we shall add your news to the column.

Hope your fall was grand and glorious and that 2007 will be a great year for us all! Please drop me a line to let me know your news! My best—Ruthie

1951

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In this column we continue with news gleaned from responses to the

questionnaire mailed before our 55th Reunion in June 2006.

Frederick Marchi of Brentwood, California, retired in 1991 from Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, Livermore, California, where he had been employed as an optical engineer working on the laser fusion program since 1975.

Barnaby McAuslan of Warren, North Carolina, received an Ed.M. degree from Rutgers. He retired in 1992 from Burlington County College, where he was a professor.

Louis R. H. McLaughlin is retired from potato farming. He lives in Limestone, Maine.

James O. McLean, an engineering physics major, retired from General Electric in 1985. He and his wife, Thelma, make their home in Milford, Connecticut, where he keeps busy with church activities and senior center band.

Marion Waterman Meyer of Syracuse, New York, is retired from the Syracuse University School of Management, where she is assistant dean emerita. Marion had been teaching nine years when she went to the University of Maine to complete her degree. She writes as follows: "I cannot count the times that I think about the interest both Dean Shibles and Dr. Russell took in me to point me in the right direction, to nudge me to do something I would not have thought about doing; even the probable impact on my counseling our college students at Syracuse. I always urged them to listen carefully whenever someone took an interest in their lives, to think seriously about advice given."

Richard Noyes lives in Rockland, Maine. Dick volunteers at Pen Bay Medical Center and Atlantic Challenge Foundation. He is actively involved with the University of Maine Senior Alumni.

Joanne Mayo Nyerges of Westlake, Ohio, has been a realtor for 25 years. She is an active member of the Cleveland chapter of Chi Omega. She has fond memories of life in "the barracks" and learning to play bridge and jitterbug. She auditioned for a Maine Masque production and played the part of the maid in *The Magnificent Yankee*. A review in *The Campus* said she "aged gracefully" in the role.

Robert Parsons, M.D., and his wife, Beverly Pettengill Parsons '53, live in Streator, Illinois, where he continues to practice. Bob received his medical degree from Harvard.

Alan Plaisted of Swanton, Vermont, continues to be employed full

time by Soleras C & D of Biddeford and travels extensively.

Lucy Poli received a certificate of advanced studies from Hillyer College (University of Hartford) and is a retired ESL teacher.

Madelyn Stevens Provancher lives in Arlington, Massachusetts. Before retirement she was secretary to the internal auditor at Central Maine Medical Center.

Paul Rourke spends summers in Manchester, Maine, and winters in Estero, Florida.

Christine Lawrence Sawyer began her college education at Washington State Normal School, Machias, before finishing her degree at Orono. She recalls meeting her husband, Richard L. Sawyer '51, in speech class. Buz Sawyer passed away in 1989. Teena works as a receptionist and "gofer" in her two sons' law firm, Sawyer, Sawyer, and Minott. She also has a small real estate market data business in Gorham, Maine.

William Scott, formerly president of Pinewood Lumber Company, lives in Auburn, Maine, and enjoys traveling, volunteer work, and his winter home in Florida.

Irving Smith was in the poultry business for 12 years following graduation. He then founded Smith Contracting, which he ran for 40 years before selling the earth-moving business to his son Jeffrey '85. He now works for his son when needed. Smitty and his wife, Marilyn, live in Owls Head summers and spend their winters in Riviera Beach, Florida. He remembers placing seventh in the New England Cross-Country Meet and 14th in the national meet in Van Courtland Park in New York City in his freshman year.

Shirley Smith Stewart retired in 1987 from USM where she worked for 17 years as senior records technician. She and her husband, Ronald Stewart '49, moved from Wilton to Schooner Ridge in Bath, Maine, in 2000 to be near their daughter.

Clair Shirley and his wife, Nadia, spend their summers in Old Town and their winters in Lake Worth, Florida. Clair was an executive with the Boy Scouts of America for 25 years and a financial planner with American Express for 17 years. He is currently vice president of our class. He recalls providing transportation to campus for Old Town kids in his 1925 Model A pick-up truck.

Gloria Fisher Slosser, widow of Bob Slosser '50, lives in Virginia Beach, where she is active in the Cavalier Garden Club and the Vir-



Getting together to enjoy the President's Club brunch at Homecoming 2006 are (left to right): Milton Victor '51, Joan Vachon Victor '52, Joanne Banks Miller '59, and Sanford Miller. The event was hosted by UMaine president Bob Kennedy at the President's House on campus.

ginia Council of Garden Clubs. She also participates in volunteer opportunities at Galilee Episcopal Church and Regent University.

Selma Gafin Strauss lives in South Pasadena, Florida.

Patricia Jones Totman and her husband, Robert Totman '52, live in Hampden, Maine. Pat is retired after careers in teaching and real estate.

Roy Trafton, who is retired after an engineering career with Honeywell, is active in the Acton Shapleigh Historical Society and the Saco River Corridor Commission.

D. Craig Wark, Jr., a mechanical engineer, retired from his firm, Wark Associates, in 1995. He was given the Library Trustee of the Year Award for 2004-2005 by the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association. Presently, Craig works part-time as a cashier at Shaw's Market in Stratham, New Hampshire. He is a past district governor of Rotary International, Boston area. He and his wife, Jean, make their home in Stratham.

Richard Vaughn of Framingham, Massachusetts, retired in 1992 from Kemper Insurance, where he was a marketing manager. He is a past president of the Bo Sox Club, the largest booster club in major league baseball.

Milton and Joan Vachon Victor '52 live in Saco, Maine. Milton was employed in insurance until his retirement in 1991. He is active in the University of Maine and Thornton Academy alumni activities.

Hubert Woodsum regretted being unable to attend our 55th Reunion activities. He was busy

attending the high school graduations of two of his grandchildren. He lives in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Albert Weymouth, who lives at Westgate Manor, Bangor, was the grand marshal of the 2006 Fourth of July parade held at the residence.

Nancy Whiting Sears of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, traveled to La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club in California, in 2006 to play tennis in a USTA National Tournament. She and her partner lost in the doubles, but had great fun. They then drove from San Diego to San Francisco making many stops along the way.

Frances Pratt Caswell and her husband, Forrest, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2006 at a luncheon for family and friends at their summer cottage in Harpswell, Maine. Entertainment was provided by the Back Bay Four, a barbershop quartet. The event was hosted by their children: Lucy Hilburn, Helen Caswell Watts '83, and Harold Caswell. Previous to the anniversary, Frances and Forrest enjoyed a trip to Bermuda.

The Class of 1951 Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to descendants of the Class of 1951. The 2006-2007 recipients are as follows:

Michelle Fernald of Manassas, Virginia, is a senior majoring in secondary education. She is the granddaughter of **Arthur Fernald**. **Caroline Seastrom** of Rockport, Maine, is a senior majoring in food science and nutrition. She is the granddaughter of **James Elliott**. Another of his granddaughters, **Kirsten Elliott** of Holliston, Massachusetts, is a first-year student

studying elementary education. Kirsten wrote to the Class of '51 as follows:

"On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank you for your confidence in me as a recipient of the Class of 1951 Scholarship. My grandfather, James Elliott, and my grandmother, **Barbara Grover Elliott**, both graduated from the University of Maine in 1951 and I am really excited to be following in their footsteps. I appreciate the generosity of the Class of 1951 that has made this scholarship possible."

1952

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The exciting news from the cupola was first written in the May 21 issue of the *Maine Sunday Telegram*. The big announcement was that another member of our class had written a book about his life as a veterinarian. **Bradford B. Brown's** book, *While You're Here, Doc: Farmyard Adventures of a Maine Veterinarian*, was published in April. Bradford was to sign copies of his book at L. L. Bean in Freeport on July 1. Now that you have missed that occasion, you may check out the book online at: www.tilburyhouse.com.

Doc Brown spent 23 years working as a veterinarian in rural areas of midcoast Maine. He said he never knew what to expect. He might get a call to treat cows and end up dealing with a monkey with an aching tooth. He might even get paid with beef or eggs. Or he might not get paid at all. Between 1956 and 1978, he was based in Belfast, but worked in all three surrounding counties. He decided that it was time that an American veterinarian wrote a version of *All Creatures Great and Small* (a 1972 book about the experiences of an English country veterinarian, James Herriot).

Bradford explains that in his own book, the "Watson" chapter about the monkey was one of his favorites because it was so exciting. Dr. Brown, with the help of the owner's family, chased a rhesus monkey, the pet of a farmer's wife, all over the house and around the yard trying to catch it to extract a sore tooth. After the monkey had bitten each person involved in the chase, the tooth fell out on its own. Bradford explained to

Ray Routhier, the staff writer for the *Telegram*, that when he was about 10 years old he decided that he would be a veterinarian. He was raised on a farm that harbored many different animals. His oldest brother, Philip Brown, was a veterinarian also. One farmer who had called Doctor Brown would call other farmers in the neighborhood with sick animals. When they learned the vet was coming to town, they would call to leave word that they also needed him to stop by their place. Bradford never refused anyone. He tried to attend every animal where his services were needed as the word spread via telephone that he was in the area. His most unusual patient was an eight-foot-long python snake that had swallowed a rabbit that got stuck in the snake. That was the first snake he had ever treated. He said the best part of his work was putting in a good long day of succeeding and shortening the list of calls from farmers who were dehorning or needing pregnancy checks for their animals. No doubt the gifts of appreciation of eggs, butter, or pickles also added to his satisfaction.

No classmates in the area that I know had heard from **Beverly Chadeayne Cameron** for a few years. So, what a happy surprise when **Margaret Murray Pease** emailed me to say that Bev had called her to say she would be in Maine in August. She still lives in Minocqua, Wisconsin. I called to tell **Mary-Ellen Chalmers Weldon** in Brewer. Bev and Mary-Ellen were really close friends, but Mary-Ellen had mentioned to me that she had also lost track of Bev's whereabouts. Of course, when Mary-Ellen did call me to come for lunch the day Bev would be at her house, I was just recovering from some sort of flu bug. I was sad to miss the fun, but Beverly did visit in Brewer. Her daughter was with her, and Mary-Ellen said she looks just like Bev. Bev also visited **Al** and **Marnie Pease**. I hope they urged her to come back next year for our 55th Reunion.

Speaking of Reunion, **Ruth Drysdale Frazier**, who is now on a cruise down the Danube, will be staying with me here in Hancock along with **Adelaide "Gump" Grant Ruby**. We will stay in Hancock when doing the Bar Harbor part of Reunion and then move up to the Black Bear Inn for the two nights we are living it up on campus. Bear in mind that living it up 76-year-old style is not exactly like 55 years ago. Five years ago, I waited too long to get a room



Celebrating Homecoming in the wind and cold are (left to right): Michael Laflamme, Gary Fogarty, Galen Laflamme, and Fran Smart Trefts '52. Fran is the class correspondent for '52.

at the Black Bear Inn, so if you have yet to reserve, you should soon. That phone number is: 207-866-7120.

This information was all in the August 20 letter sent from class copresidents, **Al Cole** and **Bill Currie**; reunion chairperson, **Virginia Norton Beach**; and class agent, **Perry Hunter**. The alumni association has also reserved rooms at the Country Inn in Bangor (207-941-0200) and University Suites in Orono (1-800-321-4921). Be sure to identify yourself with the Class of '52 for a lower rate. There will be a shuttle service to and from Bangor for those staying at the Country Inn. Our Reunion dates are May 30th through June 3rd, 2007. More than 200 classmates, spouses, and friends attended Bar Harbor, Orono, or both in 2002. Let's make it as close to that number as possible to celebrate the fifth anniversary of that spectacular cupola looming skyward over our great home away from home, the Buchanan Alumni House. The Bar Harbor Inn will be awaiting your calls for reservations (1-800-248-3351) for the Maine coast part of our Reunion. A hospitality time will be from 3:30 to 6:30 on Wednesday, May 30, in the Porcupine Room at the Inn. The traditional lobster cookout will be on Thursday. Also, many other activities will be available and Bill Currie and Al Cole will keep us posted early in 2007. I hope everyone remembers about our \$55,000 Reunion goal. Please support that to the best of your

ability for scholarships, Buchanan House upkeep, etc. One thousand dollars gets your name on the recognition wall and I know how good I feel when I see mine there. A feeling worth considering, indeed. Your life might not have been quite so great had you not been allowed those four years. So come on, guys and gals, fork over.

Marilyn Harmon Saydah called from New Jersey a week or so ago. She and her husband, Bill, are looking forward to Reunion. She was about to make her reservations.

After coclass president, Bill Currie, led such a successful cruise to Norway for '52 classmates and friends, they asked Bill to arrange another trip. So, he has proceeded. Some of our class and others will be traveling from Portland, Maine, to Vancouver, Banff, and Lake Louise in British Columbia, Canada, in September 2007 for nine days. We fly from Boston to Vancouver, then take the ferry to Victoria on day one, Saturday, September 29th. On day four, we leave Vancouver for Banff. On day six we go to Lake Louise. On day eight we overnight in Calgary and return to Maine the following day, Monday, October 7th. I couldn't resist signing up to go. Carol Prentiss Mower '53 will be my roommate.

David Fox emailed me that family and friends gathered recently in Arlington, Massachusetts, for a surprise 75th birthday party for **Patrick Hurley**. Pat and Mike Dodge are still hard at work at the Dodge Company in Cambridge,

Massachusetts. Attending the party were Dave and Jeannette Bishop Fox '54, Anne Burns Lavery '54, Kristi Dodge '84, and **Philip Cameron** and his wife, Annette. The Camerons came down from Chamberlain, Maine, which will be their year-round place of residence from now on.

There was a Senior Alumni luncheon at the Buchanan House on Saturday before the Maine vs. Shaw University football game. Some of you were there to cheer for our alma mater. Please keep me posted on what you are doing for fun and frolic. Thanks.

1953

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"Where have all the flowers gone, long time passing." (Remember that song by Pete Seeger?)—and I'm thinking "Where have all the seasons gone?"—time races by and nothing much gets done, at least not at my house. No milestone work for me, no discoveries. How about you? I'll be 75 soon (remember, this was written in September) and for the next 25 years (I'm optimistic), I'm going to really start living. First off, let me invent an easier way to open those milk/juice/whatever cartons. I just became a substitute teacher "replacement" as one kindergarten tells me—I guess that's a milestone, and in the cafeteria those little cartons can be a problem. And it isn't just cartons for the rest of us. It's bottles and jars and boxes, etc., and we're not getting any stronger.

Let's get the column going, shall we? I've seen a few classmates, some emails appear on my screen, and a letter or two find my mailbox. The last letter I received, however, was not a happy one. Classmate **Ruth Partridge Pelletier** wrote from New Hartford, New York, in September and I have her permission to include what she wrote.

"It is with a sad heart that I write to tell you of the passing of a classmate and my husband of 53 years. **Norm** passed away on August 20.

"We so often spoke of the happy years we spent at the U. of M. We married a couple months after I graduated and I got a job in Bangor (for \$2,300 per year) so Norm could

finish up at the U. of M. He changed his major so had to take another year of courses and graduated in 1954. It was quite common for wives to work so their husbands could continue with their education. When Norm got his diploma, the university awarded me and other wives a PHT degree which stood for 'putting hubby through.'

"I also remember that at my graduation ceremony the speaker said that when people asked us where we were from we should not just say 'Maine'—we should respond 'the State of Maine.'

"So many memories to cherish and keep me going at this time!"

I did call Ruthie today and she called back. We had a nice talk. Ruthie is going through files of paperwork, taking courses at SUNY (strictly for seniors, she said), and takes part in a bereavement group. She said she and Norm sold their condo in York, Maine, in 2004 and their house in 2005, and she loves being in an apartment, not being handy beyond replacing a light bulb.

Norman retired from GE in 1989 where he was a manager and Ruthie, who majored in education, said she worked five years longer because "I wasn't going to let him manage me!" She talked of panty raids, which she said were pretty mild compared to what was going on these days, and she spoke of her roommates in Balentine Hall: **Ma-vorite (McLellan) Hansen** (who died in 1993) and **Hilda Lesch**.

Thanks, Ruthie, and our hearts and sympathy go out to you and your family.

I saw a UMaine sign in one of the barns, with the name Witter Farm, at the Fryeburg (Maine) Fair (remember, this was written in September). Of course I had to stop and ask one of the gals, Crystal Sellars, in animal science, about the registered animals from UMaine which were at the fair (not all in that one barn): Black Angus, Belted Gallo-ways, Holsteins, and Suffolks. I know nothing about cows/cattle, and I had really nothing to write on, or with, except a big, borrowed red marker and my fair program (and my fellow fair-goers had gone on ahead of me). Sorry, Crystal. I really wanted to talk to you. I must say I've never seen so many animals that were being Ivory-soaped, hosed down, hair-dried, brushed, clipped, and I don't know what else. Everything was so clean! And we all ate everything that was bad for us: French fries, fried dough, onion rings, hot dogs, pizza, sausage, ice

cream with maple syrup, smoothies—fairs are great!

Here's one "Pickling-Beets" classmate of ours from Scarborough: **Dot Ramsay Smith**. When I called she was canning a dozen quarts of these red plants of the goosefoot family (thanks, Webster) for friends. "It's an all-day process," she said. (She gets her two, 25-pound bags from Canada, beets with no tops. And she had a dozen more to can at some point.) We talked for a short time, about the five-day recent bus tour to Washington (and the Amish country) where she, classmate **Carol Prentiss Mower**, and some 50 others, met Susan Collins. She also spoke of her grandson at the Naval Academy in Annapolis and his upcoming trips as a member of the choir. Back to your beets, Dot. (I happened to talk to Dot a while later, and this time it was carrot cake in the making. I also found out where she buys her corn—Harris Farm in Dayton. She said it's the best ever.)

Last fall I drove up to Orono for a Senior Alumni luncheon at the Buchanan House and a free ticket to UMaine's home opener with Shaw University of Raleigh, North Carolina (we won 62-12). Carol was there. So were **Woody** and Jean Grindle **Carville '54**, **Al** and Rita **Card**, and quite a few others.

I sat at a table with Carol, Michael Laflamme, Farmington '78, of Ogunquit, his mother, Priscilla, of Old Town (who's anxious to be 70, who was anxious to be 65, but 50 bothered her), Michael's aunt, Fran Smart Trefts '52, of Hancock, and another relative Mary Laflamme Jordan '55. Michael, who taught middle school in Newport, Maine, for four years, and said his mother's "the best," is a real Mainer and goes to all the events. "Anything that has to do with Maine." Michael, a flight attendant for American Airlines, spoke of an hors d'oeuvre, aged Gouda cheese (he did bring back Brie from Paris), with fresh figs (holds things together), and an almond (greasy, not your typical almond) on top. Thanks, Michael.

I spoke with Bill Currie '52 (his class took a cruise along the coast of Norway in September 2005) who said another trip is planned for



Signe Swanholm Gardner '53 helps transform the Sunday school wing of the Rockland Congregational Church with a theme of a Middle Eastern journey in the day of Jesus.

September 2007, a nine-day excursion to Canada; Lake Louise, Banff, high tea at The Empress in Victoria, British Columbia; and more. Sounds great! And somewhere along the way I lost someone's name tag. (I took it so I could write about them.) I remember her name, Prudence, but not her husband's. She was from New York, he from Maine, and they live in Patten, Maine, and Arizona. They're sports fans and have no TV in Maine, but "one in every room in Arizona."

To get back to the luncheon, Jean introduced Hal "Westy" Westerman, UMaine's retired football coach, and his wife, Shirley, and Westy said: "The intensity of the game hasn't changed over 50 years. Back then you couldn't put your hands on the defensive players like today. In our day you could block below the waist. Rules have changed." And he played on natural grass. There's something about playing in the grass," he said. Blake James, athletic director, also spoke of sports, the football team, and the field house renovation, with its shell that "will look the same."

Again, it rained (but it was warm) and I sat on the wet bleachers (but on the 50-yard line) and watched until the third quarter. Then I went back to the Buchanan House, where

it was dry—at the stadium I sat on paper plates and napkins (thanks, Thelma Crossland Robie '49)—and we snacked on snacks, and watched the game and talked. However, there is nothing like watching a game outdoors!

Our classmate **Roland Peters'** wife, Barbara, of Torrington, Connecticut, sent me this email August 6:

"I enjoy reading your column in the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* as much as Roland, and since I'm the typist in the family, he has asked me to update you on his doings. I meant to write sooner, so this might be too late for your next column, besides being more than you have room to include, but here is our news.

"First of all, Roland was scheduled for hip replacement surgery this past April, but after failing his stress test, he went into Hartford Hospital for quintuple by-pass surgery instead. One of the replacements was the one on a total blockage that occurred 20 years ago. I'm glad to report that he's doing well, going to cardiac rehab three days a week, and once he's done with the rehab, he is hoping for that hip surgery. He managed to get a small garden planted, so we are getting cucumbers, beans, and zucchini, with tomatoes ripening soon. He also has picked close to 20 quarts from our cultivated blueberry bushes, which we freeze and use through the year. When we brought some to his father years ago, he didn't think there was any comparison to the Maine wild.

"Our youngest son, a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force, returned to his wife and two children in New Mexico after a six-month tour of duty in Afghanistan, following a four-month tour in Iraq. Our middle son, a master sergeant in the Army Special Forces, has started an eight-month tour "somewhere," leaving his wife and six-year-old son in North Carolina. Our daughter, the oldest, is "semi-retired" from office work at the same company that Roland retired from 10 years ago after 40+ years. Our oldest son continues with his automotive repair and used car business. I guess that's it from Connecticut. Best wishes, Barbara Peters.

"P.S. Roland says he hopes he has all his 'replacement parts' in time for the next class reunion!"

You better have, Roland, and best of luck! Thanks, Barbara, for keeping us informed.

Lloyd Oakes of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, sent this August 15 email: "We just returned from a

trip to Toronto—credit union conference. I am on the board of the Hamilton Sundstrand Federal Credit Union, headquarters in Windsor Locks, Connecticut—used to be Hamilton Standard, the company from which I retired back in '87. Wow, seems like a short time ago—but life is good." And Lloyd emails all kinds of things! Like "Idle Thoughts of a Retired Person: The shampoo promised me extra body—and I gained three pounds, What is a 'free' gift? Aren't all gifts free? Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto a freeway." Thanks, Lloyd!

Ray Robbins and some 40-plus others came to the gathering in Lincolnville last summer and didn't we all have a wonderful time! There wasn't a cloud in the sky that day at The Lobster Pound, right on the water. It was so majestic I didn't want to go home. But we all did, eventually. And here are the people who came (if I've left anyone out, please forgive me): First of all there were: Dr. Robert Kennedy, our university's president, and his wife, Dr. Mary Rumpho Kennedy; Todd Saucier '93, '97G, president and executive director of the University of Maine Alumni Association, and his wife, "Dee" Daigle Saucier '93, '96G; Pat Cummings '89, '44H of the development office; and Chris Corro and Val Mitchell of the alumni office. Thanks for coming and thanks, President Kennedy and Todd, for letting us know what's happening on campus.

And here are the rest of the people: **Ann Twombly Bonang** and her husband, Claude; Al Card and his wife, Irene; Woody Carville and his wife, Jean Grindle Carville '54; **Bob Churchill** and his wife, Dottie Leonard Churchill '54; **Pete Douglas**; **Bob Fifield** and his wife, Virginia; **Isabelle Stearns Foss**; **Signe Swanholm Gardner**; **Art Gouin**; **Helen Strong Hamilton** and her sister, Caroline Strong '50; **Ruth Mitchell Hartley** and her husband, Grayson '59; **Ed Johnston**; **Shirley Stillings Keene**; **Doug Kneeland** and his wife, Barbara; **Lorrie Skoffield Lowell**, her husband, Lloyd, daughter Eini Lowell-Ammeson '79, and grandson; **Bob McTaggart** and his wife, Pat; **Trudy Harriman Metzger**; Carol Prentiss Mower; **Cliff Nielson**; **Frank Pickering** (of the Red Sox Nation) and his wife, Clara; **Ray Robbins**; **Al Smith**; **George Weatherbee** and his wife, Rita Yardumian Weatherbee '54G; **Peggy Given White**; **Roman**



Woody Carville '53 (left) and Jean Grindle Carville '54 enjoy getting together with former UMaine head football coach Harold "Westy" Westerman and wife, Shirley, at a Senior Alumni lunch before the September 23 Black Bear vs. Shaw game.

"**Whitey**" **White** and his wife, Phyllis; **Hank and Dawn Miller Woodbrey**; and myself.

We'll do it again next summer, I'm sure. Who knows where or when, but you'll hear about it. And, Helen, thanks again for emailing me the list of names.

The university sent me newspaper clippings about two of our classmates: **Fred Hutchinson**, former UMaine president, of Lamoine, and **Ralph Baxter**, of South Portland. So here's the news: In the June 27, 2006, edition of the *Village Soup Citizen*, Rockland's weekly, was the dateline Belfast and the headline: "Bank of America donates Fred Hutchinson Center to UMaine." In the article by Jay Davis it stated: "The 19,000-square-foot building, completed in 2000, is valued by the city at \$3.3 million, so the donation is one of the largest gifts in the university's history, according to UMaine spokesman Joe Carr." It also quoted UMaine president Robert Kennedy as saying: "The center has greatly exceeded the university's expectations, offering 200 graduate and undergraduate courses and welcoming 14,000 people a year to scheduled conferences and workshops." It also said: "Kennedy also spoke about the blue-collar profile of the center, relating a story about Fred Hutchinson, the UMaine president between 1992 and 1997. Raised on a farm in Atkinson, Fred used a \$200 Sears, Roebuck scholarship to get to college," Kennedy said. Present center students, he

said, are modern-day Fred Hutchinsons, usually holding down jobs while pursuing college degrees.

Congratulations are in order!

Ralph Baxter also made the news in the June 14, 2006, edition of the *Portland Press Herald*. The headline read: "Ralph Baxter to replace Fickett in South Portland." Ralph, a retired high school principal with 34 years in Maine school systems, who served on the city council from 1994 to 2003, was voted to succeed Robert Fickett, a longtime councilor, who resigned due to health reasons. The article stated: "Baxter emerged in a crowded, five-way race, capturing 37 percent of the vote to beat a mixture of veteran candidates and newcomers." Great going, Ralph!

Note: In the April 9, 2006, edition of the *Maine Sunday Telegram*, it mentioned that Vincent Hartgen's widow, **Frances Caroline Lubanda Hartgen**, had written a memoir of her life "as spouse of well-known Maine artist Vincent Hartgen, former head of the UMO Art Department and director of the UMO Art Museum." She wrote the memoir, titled, *A Maine Passage*, "in two phases, one part in the 1970s after she retired as public services director at the Fogler Library, and the other part after her husband died in November 2002." It was published in March 2006 by Wildflower Lane Publishing of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Caxton Printers, Ltd., Boise, and is available for \$13.99 at local area outlets, at Dirigo Pines in Orono where Mrs.

Hartgen, 92, lived, and from her sons, David T. Hartgen at 704-784-2974, dhartge@email.uncc.edu; and Stephen Hartgen at 208-733-5790,

Stephen_Hartgen@hotmail.com. Sadly, Frances died in November. We send condolences to her sons.

Does anyone know what a Lobster Shoot is? I passed by the Eagles Club (Fraternal Order of 4030) on Route 1 in Arundel weeks ago and saw their sign out front. I just called, but no answer. I've heard of a Turkey Shoot before, but lobster? I'll try calling again. I'm curious.

I came across another classmate of ours while reading the *Portland Press Herald* September 2, 2006, edition. The photo and name Signe Gardner caught my eye and I realized it must be Signe Swanholm Gardner. I looked in my 2000 Alumni Directory and it listed her as living in Rockland. I called the number listed, left a message, but never heard back. I called again today, a man answered and said no one by that name lived there. No wonder. Signe and her husband, Richard, had moved to Thomaston two and a half years ago. I called information, got her number, she answered, and we had a nice long talk.

Signe, who went to UMaine her freshman and sophomore years, was the woman in that photo. A member of the Rockland Congregational Church, Signe is shown painting a mural in the church's Sunday school wing. The news headline said: "Churches make Sunday school a fun and active place to learn." The sub headline read: "The nationally popular rotation model for teaching the Bible catches on in Maine."

Signe said the Sunday school rooms are no longer "lingerie beige." There are murals in the drama room, there's the Sea of Galilee, and Mt. Sinai which she painted at the entrance into the Temple, where the children gather. As the photo caption read, Signe Gardner "helps to transform the Sunday school wing for the theme of a Middle Eastern journey in Jesus' day."

When her daughter saw the photo of Signe, she said: "I didn't know you could paint like this." Actually, Signe said she hasn't painted "probably since 1953, in Hartgen's class" at the university. She was busy "raising kids; all my creativity went into bringing up my children and school activities." Her major originally was art and home ec. "I had a blast," she said. "They let me use the lab for all kinds of

creative expression, like tie-dying, stenciling, tailoring." Later on, she also studied art with Frederick Hynd of Cushing and Caroline Wyeth of Port Clyde.

Signe went back to UMaine, commuting from Rockland for two years (two and a half years in two years), she said. First, there was daycare in the morning where she made the main course, and then when her oldest daughter, Donna, got home from school, she took care of three sisters while "Mummie went to college." It was another "spiritual experience," she said. In her second year back, Donna was a freshman. "We had classes together, on family living. That was funny," she laughed. In 1972 she graduated with a B.S. in education. Signe, who used to write poetry, has five daughters and a son, and her four oldest daughters attended. She also has 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

When the children left home, Signe said she taught some 13 or 14 years, kindergarten through third grade, in the Knox County area. "It was basically real rural, but my rooms were very creative, an art cart, terrarium, science things, along with the three R's," she said. "Summers I did retailing which I always loved." She then retired, but not really, for she has her own personal business, tailored covers, slipcovers, and working with local decorators, mostly in the Camden area; the name Margo Moore was mentioned. Busy! Busy!

Signe has been to reunions—she went to our 50th and to the gathering at Lincolnville Beach. She said how much she enjoyed her last two summers with her roommates.

Nancy Moulton Gerry and her husband, **Jack**, of Raymond; and **Edie Snow Cole** (her husband is the late Sherman Cole, '50), of Wyckoff, New Jersey; **Eleanor Zehner Hibben** and her husband, Craig, of Yorktown Heights, New York, weren't able to be there. Signe said she roomed in West and Colvin halls, and that the three roommates met in Brunswick recently at a German restaurant called Richard's. "We all met at the 50th and decided to meet annually, if possible." Thanks for all the news, Signe.

I must close. It's approaching my 75th birthday in a couple of hours. A new day, a new age (hope I wear it well). I plan to go to Homecoming (2006) and see many of you there. That goes for 2007, too. And I've been drinking my Ovaltine (remember that malted drink where you just



Quite the Pair!

Chan Coddington '54 (left) and Danny Williams '91, '94G compare "statement pants" at the President's Club brunch during Homecoming 2006. Chan's pants feature the American flag and Danny's the university's block "M" logo. Chan lives in Short Hills, New Jersey, and is a semi-retired consultant for Bollinger Insurance. Danny is now director of development at Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor.

add milk?). It should add years to my life, shouldn't it? No fat and no cholesterol, so it says. Anyway, happy snowflakes and Happy New Year. Let it be the best!

1954

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Come on, folks, if you would like '54 news you'll have to help us with the effort by providing anything "that is

fit to print". We've had to stretch this issue to send what we have below. Please send your contributions to any of us above or to the UMAA office at the Buchanan House and they'll forward it to us.

In the Augusta area we are aware of, and perhaps more interested in, happenings in the Maine State House news than some of you. We were aware that Governor John Baldacci '86 had appointed Seth Bradstreet as the commissioner of the State Department of Agriculture. We went up to the commissioner's office hoping to get a resumé or some other information on Seth and inquired of the receptionist. Interesting visit! When we identified our purpose, and found that we were interested in the commissioner as a '54 classmate, the receptionist was surprised, as the commissioner was only age 47! She checked and found that Seth was free and ushered us into his office. Upon introduction, we discovered that we were

talking with Seth Bradstreet III '81, and a very charming individual. He immediately assured us that his father, **Seth Bradstreet, Jr. or II**, was indeed our classmate. He went on to say that he, Seth III, has a son carrying on the family progression as Seth IV.

Our Seth, a Theta Chi, was described as "the political one in the family." He served in the Maine Legislature in 1966-68. He was appointed by President Carter to a position in the Farmers Home Administration during the '70s. Later he was appointed by President Clinton to a position in USDA Rural Development Program.

We were told that the third generation of Bradstreets still own and operate the 500-acre farm on Route 2 in Palmyra, just over the Newport line and the "Golden Triangle." They till about 25 acres today and operate a front yard road stand.

After a very busy career, including "politics," our classmate is retired with his wife and living in Dexter, Maine, with a home on Lake Wassookeag. They winter in Florida.

We are able to monitor **Neil** and **Barbara McGowen** regularly through the Maine Forest and Logging Museum *Gazette*. The museum, located in Bradley, Maine, near the University Forests, is an ambitious restoration of an early American lumbering settlement. It contains a covered bridge, operating water-powered sawmill, a blacksmith shop, and several other related structures. A major project, well under way, is the reconstruction to operating condition of a Maine Lombard log hauler. This requires major reconstruction and fabrication of parts that don't exist. Neil is currently serving as a vice president while Barb is treasurer of the museum. For more information, visit: www.leonardsmills.com.

Through a round-about effort stimulated by **Tim McManus**, we have an update since last reunion, on **Jim Holland**, an active resident of Delmar, New York. He and his wife, Claudette, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November at a surprise party given by their children. Jim and Claudette gave each other a very enjoyable cruise to the Caribbean in January of 2005.

Jim was inducted into the New York Sports Hall of Fame at New York Military Academy for his many years of successful coaching of track, swimming, and cross-country from 1958-1968. Jim retired from teaching at Catskill High School 10 years ago. He now spends his time

working part-time for Enterprise Car Rentals, is active with his local parish, St. Thomas; the American Legion, and is a 4th Degree in the Knights of Columbus. He's up each morning, rain or shine, running six miles, and then working out at the local gym. Jim would like to hear from you at: jrhono54@aol.com.

Finally, we were not at all surprised to receive our usual mailing of the MSAD #11 2006 Guide for Adult Education recently. As we expected, **Jody Daley Clark** was again featured prominently as a teacher, a role she has performed for years. Jody is a history buff and is particularly enamored with city of Gardiner history. She has helped our daughter Martha Harvey Webster '76 with home restoration research. This semester Jody is teaching courses entitled Community Connections (10 class meetings and two field trips), Your Old House, and Jody Knows Gardiner! So what is this retirement thing all about?

Once again, thanks to Tim McManus, we received a great referral from **Al Bancroft** who caught us up to date on his retirement and that of his "first wife of 51 years," Mary-Alice Hastings Bancroft '55. Al and Mary-Alice have lived on Paris Hill where they raised five children, now ages 35 to 50, and have 12 grandchildren, ages two to 22! Al has been gradually retiring from Bancroft Contracting Corporation which is now run by their son, Mark '94, Sigma Chi. He says that Mark is gracious, now and then letting Al run an errand in their Cessna 185 or perhaps running a crane for a day!

"We enjoy skiing at Sunday River where we have a one-room condo that is usually infested with grandkids, their cousins, and their friends. In the summer we share an island in Sebago Lake. We usually attend one or two contractors' conventions a year and make an extended vacation out of the trips. We have enjoyed attending class reunions at Orono and occasionally join a group of Sigma Chi brothers for football or hockey games.

"In July, we went on a cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of Bill '56 and Mary Atkinson Johnson '55. Others celebrating included some familiar names: Dick '56 and Julie Clark, **Al** and Jody Owen **Bingham** '56, John '55 and Ann Dingwell Knowles '57, and Bill '55 and Marilyn Pennell Johnson '57.

"In August we attended Al and Jody Bingham's 50th in Vermont along with Lew and Shirley Clark

and Bill and Marilyn Johnson." Al closes with "we're looking forward to hearing from others in my class."

How about it, folks? We have lots of classmates out there who would like to hear from you!

1955

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Hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season and that the coming year will be a healthy and safe one.

I enjoyed seeing **Pat Gill Chick** at our 55th South Portland High School class reunion in August. Her husband, Bud, was also in attendance. Pat retired from her full-time position at the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training in December of 2004, but she indicated that she misses the job terribly. She still remains very active with the chamber of commerce. Pat started her own part-time business with Silpada Designs as an independent sales representative and enjoys meeting lots of new friends and acquaintances. She and Bud spend their summers on Brandy Pond in Naples and look forward to having her son Jim visit from San Francisco with his wife and daughter each summer. We all remember Pat singing in glee club and at many functions at the university as well as continuing her performance singing. About 10 years ago she developed asthma which is not serious, but breathing prevented any extensive vocalizing. Do keep in touch, Pat, and I look forward to seeing you at our next SPHS reunion and hopefully at our University of Maine 55th Reunion in 2010.

Received a wonderful email from **Muriel Verrill Gade** who wrote to tell me that she met a former friend of ours in Cape Elizabeth who has recently moved near Muriel in California. Muriel met her at an AAUW Meeting in which Muriel is actively involved. Muriel keeps herself busy attending performing arts events, volunteering at a local hospital, playing bridge twice a month, and pinochle every couple of weeks. Her exciting news is that she went on a river cruise down the Rhine and Moselle, starting in Amsterdam and ending in Basel, Switzerland. Muriel has promised to send me the details

of her trip for which I am anxiously waiting.

Muriel informed me that **Liz Pierce Cross** went on a Danube cruise. Hope Liz will write and tell me all about that. Liz's son, David, was on television with Vila's "This Old House." He works for a company that is using shipping containers and Vila is doing a series about the homes and process. We import so much more than we export that the containers just stack up.

Paul and I had two wonderful trips in 2006. In my last column, I told you we were going on a 12-day Baltic cruise. Well, it was just fantastic and we both said that we would love to do the same trip all over again. We flew to London where we spent one night before boarding Holland America's *Rotterdam VI* in Harwich the next day. We visited Oslo, Norway; Arhus, Denmark; Tallinn, Estonia; Germany (Berlin and Potsdam for the most part); St. Petersburg, Russia; Helsinki, Finland; Stockholm, Sweden; and Copenhagen, Denmark. Six of us went, and we all highly recommend this trip. We only wish that we could remember everything that we learned! Our second trip was a visit to Maui and the Big Island in Hawaii. This trip was in the planning stages for two years! Eight of us went with frequent flyer miles, and we had two timeshare units on both islands. The weather was sunny and hot (88 to 90 degrees) but the air was very humid which we are not used to. I still haven't mastered the snorkeling, but Paul loved it. We were joined by Carol and **Bill Butler** from Virginia who were supposed to have met us all in Chicago. However, their flight from Richmond to Chicago not only was canceled once, but the next day they returned to the airport only to find that that flight was also canceled again. They were finally able to get another flight to Chicago on a different airline and arrived in Maui on Monday instead of Sunday. This was a celebration of our 50th anniversary.

Speaking of 50th anniversaries, many of you must have already celebrated or are going to celebrate your 50th shortly. I know that Al '54 and **Mary-Alice Hastings Bancroft** and Bill '56 and **Mary Atkinson Johnson** celebrated theirs last summer, and we extend our best wishes to both couples. Have you had your 50th anniversary yet?

Since I am late with this column due to our returning yesterday from Hawaii, I must end this column for now. Paul and I wish you a very

Happy New Year, and please make a New Year's resolution to send me a letter, email, or give me a telephone call.

1956

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Greetings, classmates. Becoming your new class correspondent is quite an honor and responsibility. I shall try to keep up the great tradition established by **Jody Owen Bingham**. As always, this column is only as good as YOU make it.

What a fantastic 50th Reunion we had! It was six months ago, but folks are still talking about it. **Peggy Flynt Haskell** sent some Reunion memories. I've included those parts which are different from your last alumni issue.

"Our pre-reunion gathering in Bar Harbor was a delight, its agenda sparking with interesting and exciting things to do. On Wednesday, May 31, we first coalesced in the lobby of the Bar Harbor Inn's Oceanfront Lodge where we eagerly rekindled old friendships with hugs and smiles. Several classmates had brought old photos and drawings from college days to share, including **Jane Wiseman Johnson** who passed around cartoon sketches she had created depicting all kinds of college antics that brought lots of laughs. My former college roommate, **Carroll Brown Marino**, occupied a room at the inn with me, and we talked long into the night, sharing the joys and inevitable periods of not-so-joyful times during the long intervening years.

"Thursday morning, after a good breakfast in the lodge, we set off for a day of exploring Acadia National Park in two full-to-the-brim busses, feeling somewhat like kids let out from school for a field trip. Our bus had an ecology professor as tour guide, and he kept us enthralled throughout the day with his knowledgeable comments on science, history, local lore, and humorous asides on the passing scene. We got out to stretch our legs at Thunder Hole which was in a lazy somnolent mood, merely lapping at the toes of the chasm, and snapped photos of each other in the soft sunlight streaming through the haze.

"After a delicious lunch at the Jordan Pond House, we drove up to the top of Cadillac Mountain. The vista was surreal as we could only catch glimpses of the land and islands below through wisps of layered fog that slid by in silent passage, but the sun was warm and the company great. A long line of '56 sisters—**Jeannie Partridge Mason, Kay Fletcher Mosher, Marge Mealey Devine, Connie Douglass Woodbrey**, to name a few—stretched out along the seaward rampart for segments of photos.

"Orono beckoned to us on Friday as we shifted gears and tenses, leaving our reminiscent mood of the past behind and traveling into the now and future at the university. We were heartily welcomed at the handsome new Buchanan Alumni House where we found our own 1956 gathering room displaying memorabilia of our college days, met classmates including **Annette Dodge Peabody, Mary Bailey Marquardt, and Ann Keyo Lounsbury** who had just joined the Reunion festivities, and snuck a peek at the memorable timeline panel (which our class was to name) still under wraps on the wall.

"This sense of achievement and vision of the future continued to permeate the atmosphere as we made our rounds across the campus on walking or bus tours, or just traipsing on our own. The diversity in the groups of students we encountered was exhilarating, a far cry from the homogeneous status of our day. This fall UMaine's estimated total student population of 11,400 represented 76 countries and 47 states, and 61 UMaine students are studying abroad in 23 countries.

"Our enjoyment continued throughout the weekend. The jazz, wine and cheese reception at Lord Hall Visual Arts Building—where we could listen, look, and taste all at once—was a great hit. Following **Carole Loud** as Pied Piper, several of us climbed up a circuitous route to explore the top floor. Then, collectively, we made a rush at the bookstore after we learned that we could get a one percent-per-year discount off the cost of one item (50% for us!). **Ellen Hay Bell** took the prize for equipping herself with the snap-pie outfit by coordinating a UMaine hockey cap with a fleece jacket.

"In late afternoon we all joined together to attend the Class of 1956 President's House reception where we were most warmly and graciously greeted and feted by President and Mrs. Kennedy. Then to the all



Five members of the Class of 1956 attended a Portland Alumnae coffee at the home of Faith Wixson Varney ('65G) in Falmouth. Left to right are: Jody Owen Bingham, Faith, Joan Fuller Russell, Rhoda Wood Frederick, and Carolyn Bull Dahlgren. The photo was taken by Nancy Schott Plaisted '53.

alumni Reunion banquet, and as a finale, the Shaw Brothers concert at the Maine Center for the Arts—a wonderful rollicking musical and humorous adventure that set our feet to tapping and tickled our funny bones with spontaneous laughter. Our spirits were high as we left the theater, now separating into individual strands of alumni dissolving into the mist and pouring rain to flow out homeward the next day toward all quadrants of the compass. But we'll be back when our university calls again!"

Our 1956 scholarships are now aiding our grandchildren. Recipients were: Jonathan Desmond, grandson of **Natalie Earley Desmond**; Anthony and Jonathan Pirruccello, grandsons of **Patricia Fortier Doten**; Caroline Seastrom, granddaughter of **Chauncey R. Grinnell**; and Lindsey Wyman, granddaughter of **Arthur and Marilyn Thompson**.

Speaking of Art Thompson, *The Presque Isle Star-Herald* reports he was the oldest racer to finish the annual Potato Blossom 5-mile race. "He has run in every Potato Blossom 5-miler since its inception 32 years ago."

Dick Nevers sent me a copy of the *Community Leader* which reported that **Carolyn Bull Dahlgren** was one of two recipients of the Yarmouth Town Latchstring Award for her work as a member of the Yarmouth Health Council and overseeing the council's loan closet for nearly 30 years. Carolyn received a

town chair, engraved clock, and her name on a plaque at the town hall. Her name will also be added to the granite monument at Latchstring Park.

The Portland Alumnae Club held its summer morning coffee at my home in August. Class of '56 won the attendance banner with five members present: Jody Bingham, **Faith Wixson Varney, Joan Fuller Russell, Rhoda Wood Frederick, and Carolyn Dahlgren**.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and please, if you have news—personal or about a classmate—send it along. I'd rather receive information three times than not at all. Pictures are also very welcome.

Faith

1957

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You've been receiving mailings for our 50th Reunion. Hope you have returned your questionnaire promptly, telling us about your life since 1957 for the memory book. **Lois Whitcomb** and I will be going to Orono to work on this warm task

during the dark, cold months. It will be lovely to see many of you in June—"familiar faces in familiar places"—okay, the places may look very different if you haven't been back, and I certainly do not claim to look the same, but it will be great to see you again.

The 2006-2007 recipients of the Class of 1957 Scholarship fund (\$1,980) are: Jeffrey Payne, a senior majoring in psychology and the grandson of **Frederick J. Payne**; and Christian Robinson, a first-year student majoring in secondary education and the grandson of the late **Jonathan Robinson**. It is still working as intended.

The "girls' summer gathering" was held in the delightful camp that **John "Bud" and Janet Higgins Nolan** took the plunge and bought as their Maine base in the '60s when they had two girls, two boys, and two jobs. This camp was built in 1921 on a comfortable sized lot on a lake not too far from Augusta. Sold completely furnished, it still has so many of the things you remember from visiting older people in your younger days that remain in it. There is a very long plank table that seems to run from one kitchen door to the porch, suitable for seating the entire group that can fit into the numerous comfortable bedrooms upstairs, and those "across the way." As the number of grandsons grew (now nine), a woodshed was moved from nearby and spectacularly rebuilt into dormitory space. The boys enjoy being together and playing cards vigorously at night. Eventually Nanny goes out and says firmly that they simply must quiet down and turn the lights out. They continue with a flashlight, sitting on the floor under a blanket until 3:00 a.m. or so, but quieter! There is a wraparound porch that served to seat us with room to circulate and visit, and the "groaning board" was well supplied with the usual good food offerings. Janet and Bud's long-time friend from Holland, Leny, was visiting. The first person I saw was **Carole Thomas Fryover**, looking great. She said she had been pleasantly surprised to find she could do Pilates. In the same car from the Gorham area were Kay Fletcher Mosher '56 who was practicing with her camera and recording the attendance in groups of two and three, and Alice Kelson Longmore '56. **Judi Smith Davis** and husband, Chuck, who explored Portland for the day, were able to coordinate a trip from North Carolina to vacation with their son, with a couple of

days to visit Dottie '52 and **Margaretmary McCann** and the rest of us. **Claudie Halle Higgins** joined that conversation on the drive. **Janet Malcolm Buck** and **Caroline Skolfield** came from Harpswell. Sandy Daley Denman '58 drove Doris White Smith '58, Carole Buzzell Ranco '58, and me. Cyn Rockwell Wright '58 drove with **Pat Wade Fraker** from "the other side of the Kennebec." **Judy Carroll Stockbridge** came down to ride over with **Connie Doe Leslie**. Lois Whitcomb and Jean Partridge Mason '56 had a much shorter drive than usual. **Jane Barker** has finally retired from Jackson Lab, and is now studying ornithology at UM/Machias. Marty '58 dropped **Barbara Swann Pineau** off and went to visit in Livermore Falls, then came back to visit with Doris White Smith before the late leavers finally left, not before catching Bud returning home from his errands. One of the children was coming for a long weekend with friends and children, and Bud, Janet, and Leny were going off to find a quiet spot for the weekend!

"Jiggs" Cecchini wrote, "It was another great time at the 23rd Jiggs Open. The brutal heat and a few earlier injuries kept a few from participating. We had 49 players this year and we played 16 holes before the huge storm came through and we cleared the course. Some great scores were washed out because we didn't finish. Coach Harold Westerman was there, played, and had a chance to visit with many of his former football players. Westy's wife, Shirley, rode down and had a chance to visit. It was really great to see them."

Pat Wade Fraker wrote last summer, "Recently I visited beautiful Swan Island in the Kennebec River. My sister, a niece, and I were part of a tour led by the president of the Friends of Swan Island and we were able to go into two of the houses that are gradually being restored. Recently there have been a couple of very nice articles about the island in the *Portland Press Herald* and in *Down East* magazine. I was very happy to read that there is interest in preserving some of the few remaining buildings on the island, particularly since one of them is a charming farmhouse, the house where my sister and I were both born. I think we are probably the only two people alive today who were born on Swan Island. The island was taken over by the state of Maine in the 1930s and turned into a

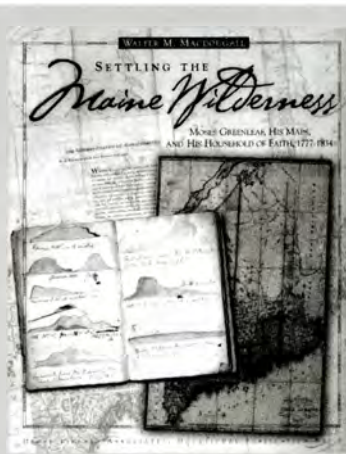
Walter Macdougall '57 completes new book on Moses Greenleaf

Class of 1957 member Walter Macdougall '71G recently completed a new book on one of Maine's most notable figures of the Federal Period, Moses Greenleaf. Macdougall worked on the book during breaks from his position as a professor in UMaine's College of Education.

The research and writing for the book took 25 years.

Greenleaf served as Justice of the Peace in Hancock County and also was a teacher and a store owner. One of his most important contributions was surveying the Moosehead Lake area and also making several maps of Maine, including the first map printed after statehood in 1820. A color print of that map is included with the book. Greenleaf was also ahead of his time in promoting public education, sustainable land practices, and economic development.

The book, *Settling the Maine Wilderness*, is published by the Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education at the University of Southern Maine (www.usm.maine.edu/maps).



game preserve. A trip to the island is like going back in time about 100 years. It's very peaceful and one can just imagine what it must have been like to live there, work the land, hunt and fish, cut ice, build ships, attend school in the one-room schoolhouse, ice sail on the river in the winter—I remember my dad talking about all those activities. To visit the island, one needs to make reservations through the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Wildlife Division. There are campsites for people who want to stay overnight, but a day visit is a special treat also."

Alexander John Stewart had to wait until he graduated from the incubator at Presbyterian-Cornell campus for Pat Wade Fraker to come to New York City in September and hold him.

Planning her trip for fall, Lois Whitcomb met Eleanor Hilkka Karvo, Robin's first child, in Paris, in October.

Barbara Swann Pineau said she has been appointed to the Maine State Advisory Committee for Early Childhood Special Education for this next year.

Occasionally that time I spend reading the paper yields a note such as this. **Mark Biscoe**, speaking for

the Biscoe/Richardson family of five cousins, his brother **John "Jack,"** and sister Mary '67, unanimously donated two-acre Carlisle Island to the Damariscotta River Association so that it will remain pristine for generations to come.

1958

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By the time you read this column, the holidays will have come and gone—hope they were happy and healthy—and we are one year closer to our 50th Reunion. Dates for the Reunion are May 30, 31, and June 1, 2008. Hope your plans are well underway for attending. It is going to be the best Reunion ever. We still need from you any ideas that you feel will make the Reunion a success, particularly in getting members to attend. Send ideas, thoughts, etc. to prexy **Judy DeMerchant Cohen** at PointJudith@Adelphi.net or to me.

A group of your class officers and executive committee members met with members of the alumni office to start the final countdown. One bit of information is that beginning in 2007, all housing will be off campus for the reunion groups. Tentatively, the Class of 1958 has chosen the Black Bear Inn (Best Western). Another new innovation is that each reunion class picks a logo to represent their class and it will appear on all reunion letters and information. Ideas were flying around our group fast and furious. If you have any thoughts, let one of the class officers know. Another class meeting was planned for October at Chuck and **Cyn Rockwell Wright's**. However since I am writing this in September, the outcome of that meeting is one big blank.

Albert L. Small of Surry is heading up a campaign to raise funds for Friendship Cottage. An adult day service program, Friendship Cottage will be located in the former Left Bank Café in Blue Hill. Funds are needed for the purchase and renovation of the Café. Friendship Cottage will provide not only services for local clients who are elderly and/or disabled, but will also provide support programs and resources for their caregivers, family, and friends. Al is working these days with Leaders LLC, a merger and acquisitions firm located in Portland. Al, who was the owner of D. W. Small & Sons, was responsible for the development of the Mainway convenience stores in Maine. After selling the business, Al worked as a development counselor for Irving Oil. **William F. Lynch**, who moved to Keene, New Hampshire, in 1958 to work in the insurance field, who served two terms as mayor, and has never left Keene, is now actively involved as a volunteer with the Monadnock Development Agency which supports people with developmental disabilities. He served on a committee which handled these clients through public funding. Realizing that many were falling through the cracks because they didn't meet the criteria, Bill put together the 600 Club named for the number of families on the caseload. Each member of the club makes a commitment of \$600.00 a year for three years. Bill now serves on the committee that reviews the funding. Most of the monies are spent on one-time needs for those with disabilities and the members of the club never know names, just the work that is done (monies are used for what are

termed "hard goods" such as ramps and equipment). **Russ Kinaman** writes that a new grandson has arrived in their family. Russ, who has been retired for the past 16 years, says he spends his time hiking, biking, skiing, and recently traveling. Russ would like all classmates who are in or venture into the Burlington, Vermont, area to give him a call. Recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association in 2005 was **Walter H. Abbott**. His award read in part: "No single person has impacted as many coaches and teachers in our state as Walter Abbott. Even after 45 years of teaching, he still has the energy and passion to give—This gentleman is a living legend." Walt also was the first person to receive the University of Maine's Outstanding Teaching Award for the College of Education and Human Development. Walt was called an "innovative, committed teacher whose vitality, organizational competence, and sensitivity complement his enthusiasm for his subject matter." Walt came back in 1960 to be an instructor in physical education and assistant football coach for the Black Bears and has never left. In 1975 he became a full-time faculty member in physical education and was the youngest head football coach on the college level when he took over the Black Bears in 1966. He is currently associate professor of kinesiology and physical education where he teaches a little coaching, physical fitness, outdoor leadership, safety, and rescue. Just recently he served on a statewide panel which wrote the Sports Done Right report, which has drawn interest from around the country. Walt and his wife have three children and three grandchildren.

Donna Marie Schlieper, who is the granddaughter of David '56 and **Nancy Wakely Schlieper**, represented Maine at the Miss Teen USA Pageant in Palm Springs this summer. Donna is a student at Scarborough High and is active with the band, symphonic band, and the jazz group. She is a track and field participant in the high jump and holds varsity letters in both indoor and outdoor events. She is also a member of the Scarborough Police Explorer Post 883 and marched in the 2005 Inaugural Parade with the Explorers.

Notes from the Ladies who Lunch in June—**Patty Clapp Gray** reports that she has retired, but is

still doing per diem work as a medical tech. **Jane Quimby Biscoe** says she and Mark '57 were the grand marshals for the Waldoboro Day Parade in June. The Biscoes were chosen because of their community involvement. **Connie Brow Day** told me that she has moved from the lake in Union to a small farm in the same town. **Marilyn Graffam Clark** can now be found in East Waterboro, Maine, at 584 Townhouse Road. **Cynthia Giles Allen** reported that she had retired from teaching (French) in 1996 just in time to help her daughter with new twins and a two-year-old. Cynthia lost her husband to cancer in 2002 and says she spends a lot of time with family now and has done some traveling. Says she runs into local '58 alums at Moody's Diner on Thursday when they meet for breakfast. Cyn is still living in Jefferson where she has been since 1968.

Priscilla Pfeiffer Wonkka says she still keeps busy as an organist, and directing a barbershop chorus while they are in Fort Meyers Beach, Florida. She says this has been a big year with their 50th wedding anniversary and her 70th birthday. They are very fortunate that their seven grandchildren live near them in Plymouth, Massachusetts, so they get to see them quite frequently and enjoy them immensely.

Jane Dudley Newhall says that much of her time over the past two years has been spent with various surgeries, the most recent of which was a hip replacement. She is still working part-time as a social worker for the First Parish Church in Brunswick and is very active in the outreach program run by the church. Jane also remains active on the local political scene in Topsham.

Raoul Camille Pelletier and his wife, Kathleen, celebrated their golden anniversary last August. They were married in Orono in 1956 and Raoul worked as a chemical engineer in research, development, and production in the food sciences. The Pelletiers have four children and seven grandchildren who live in distant parts of the United States—Texas, Alaska, Florida, and Washington. Raoul and Kathleen retired to Maine.

Again, let me remind you to pay your alumni dues, make a donation to the alumni fund, and mark your calendars for our 50th. If you can help with the plans for the Reunion, please give one of the class officers or executive committee members a call or email



Will Farnham '59 (right) and Jim Mullen '72, '75G enjoy tailgating at Homecoming. Will is a former alumni association director and treasurer. Jim is a past association president and also a former chair of the University of Maine System trustees.

1959

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Hi, '59ers—I received no news from the alumni office this time so am including news and views from a week's trip to Maine which **Bob** and I took in September.

We are at the halfway point to our 50th Reunion! Hard to believe! The dates are tentatively June 8, 9, and 10, 2009! Start planning now to attend and also contact as many classmates as you can and urge them to come to Orono. We hope to have the biggest attendance yet.

A great time is guaranteed with many exciting events on campus as well as a post-reunion Bar Harbor trip.

Bob and I met with both **Paul Desmond**, our treasurer and **Dick Collins**, our class president during the week.

Paul and **Nan Earley Desmond** '55 were staying in Falmouth for five months and then planned on heading south to their home in Florida at the end of September. **Paul** has found out that our class fund has presently a balance of only \$1,600. If you remember we gave \$60,000 to a combination of scholarship

fund, alumni house, and athletic fund at our 45th Reunion. We want to be able to give a significant gift at the 50th so we have a lot to make up. We suggest that from now on it would be a good idea to specify that your annual gift be designated to the Class of 1959 Fund! This is very important.

From the Portland area we drove up Route 1 and stopped at Day's Emporium in Damariscotta to visit with classmate **John Day**. John and wife, **Ellie**, live in Jefferson and run the store which has a wide variety of lovely gifts as well as a booming engraving business.

John has become very talented in doing beautiful engraving on anything from trophies to trays, picture frames, and a wide variety of other items. He invites all classmates to stop in and visit. He has also recently been elected worthy master of the Bunker Hill Grange.

Continuing up the coast we visited **Dick** and **Ann Adams Collins** '61 at their lovely home in Northport. It is always a treat to be there and admire their fabulous view. We talked about Reunion here also and so we're on the way to planning a great event! Further suggestions from YOU are welcome. Just send me an email and I will forward it to the appropriate person. We will be contacting other officers elected at last Reunion soon. You know who you are!

Stay tuned for more information. Send me some more news too!

1960

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Greetings, classmates of 1960! It is a beautiful fall day and as of this writing, you have not received your fall issue of the alumni magazine. Here I sit listening to the early evening news and putting together what news I have received over the summer. My school has provided those of us who chose, with a laptop, and if I can get the news on this one and mail it to Orono tomorrow they will be happy with me up there at the alumni house.

I spent quite a lot of time at the Maine Antique Dealers show this past weekend and saw a lady next

to me that looked familiar in one of the booths and it was Barbra Streisand. Everyone loves Maine in the summer! I know that it might be hard to write about yourself but if you don't we have no news.

Robert Haight sent a letter in June and in the fall issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* there was a photo of Bob and some other forestry grads having a grand time on Moosehead Lake a year ago. Bob and his wife live in Newton, New Jersey, and Nokomis, Florida. After graduation Bob received a master's degree in science education. He has worked for 30 years in education as an elementary science teacher, school principal, school business administrator, assistant superintendent, and superintendent, and retired from the schools of Frankfort township in 1994. Both Bob and his wife do volunteer work, go fishing, and play a few rounds of golf. Bob says he fits the definition of a "duffer."

Kathy Ingraham, the assistant director of scholarships, sent information on the Class of '60 scholarships. This year the fund provided \$1,380 in scholarship assistance. Elizabeth Salamone from Falmouth, Maine, is a first year student in secondary education and Travis Ramsey is a junior majoring in communication. Travis is from Lake-wood, California, and participates on the men's hockey team.

Classmate **Leo Martin** remains very busy. Leo, a former state education board chairman, rose through the ranks to become chair of the state board under former Governor John McKernan. He ran for governor himself in 1998. Now he is serving as the interim town manager of Kennebunkport while they search for a new one.

Ace Conro is enjoying retirement overlooking Buzzard's Bay in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. He taught at the high school for 32 years and also did a stint as a college coach. He has been working as a school substitute and also as a certified track and field coach and has done big college meets including the NCAA Nationals and the Boston Marathon. He has had some very wonderful running experiences in both the USA and in Europe, winning three American world records as well as one in Europe. Ace's significant other is also a national running champion. When both of them were working at Daytona, one of their pit mechanics was a recent Maine graduate.

Sandi Page is living in Brattle-



Dick Collins (right) hosted a Class of 1959 gathering in September at his home in Northport, Maine. Among those in attendance were '59 classmates Bob and Nancy Roberts Munson.

boro, Vermont. She is busy with watercolor painting, quilting, walking, hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing. She also guides blind cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and hikers for "ski for sight." Sandi will start planning and talking about our 50th Reunion. You can reach her email at: spage929@yahoo.com. Sandi is in Maine in the summer and I believe she is building a house in Hebron, Maine.

On a fine sunny August day, **Sally Wakefield, Diane Tatlock Pierce, Nancy Small Russell, Sallie Sinclair Huot**, and I had lunch on DiMillo's deck overlooking the waterfront. What do five Tri-Delts all talk about who have not had the same company together since graduation? Well, you can just imagine! Nancy is working at the South Portland library, Diane enjoying Las Vegas and Hawaii, Sally busy in Duniden, Florida, and Sallie Huot loves delving into the history of Saco women as she dresses up in period costume and does tours. Sallie received her master's in history in the 1980s. Her three daughters all live in the area.

That's all for now, folks. In the meantime you can email me gail_carter@msad51.org. This winter I will call some of you and see how all is going. Stay well and keep in touch.

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1961

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Ah, another new year has arrived. Make a resolution to send me some updates on your goings and comings. I know many of you are now retired and traveling. Put me on your postcard list.

Pete Berry, our class agent and retired Army major general, was inducted into the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Hall of Fame. The Criminal Investigation Command is a worldwide organization that investigated felony crimes committed by Army personnel or crimes committed against the Army. Pete is married to **Gail McLain Berry** and retired in Roque Bluffs. The university system's board of trustees named its meeting room the Justice Paul Rudman Conference Room in honor of one of the region's most prominent Bangor citizens. Justice Rudman is married to **Inez Kolonel Rudman**. At the Augusta campus commencement this spring, former Maine chief justice **Daniel Wathen** was presented with an honorary degree of doctor of law.

Thanks to Connie Ridlon, wife of **Ernie Ridlon**, for compiling a 15-minute DVD of reunion photos. Barbara Schiner (wife of **Larry**) and **Jane Goode** supplemented Connie's photos.

And now some news from the bio

sheets that many sent in prior to Reunion. **Kay Allen**, living in Dripping Springs, Texas, has been retired for 12 years from the University of Texas Austin Division of Continuing Education. Kay was recently elected fire chief for the local volunteer EMS. She also keeps a number of animals on her 10 acres including a donkey, pot-bellied pigs, dogs, and 11 cats. Along that same line, Kay collects antique tractors!

Leland Akerley retired from secondary education after 38 years of teaching and now enjoys his motor home and skiing. He's traveled across the country many times since retiring. **Ruth Bouchard Klein** continues to audit classes at Bowdoin in French and music and is learning to play the piano. And to show she isn't totally immersed in education, Ruth serves as a bartender for Bowdoin's special events! Before retiring, Ruth was a researcher and educator and published a study on Headstart in New York City. **Jane Chiarini Grant** retired after 25 years teaching in Marblehead, Massachusetts, and now runs a bed and breakfast, the Nicholson Inn. She serves on the Winslow Park commission and enjoys hiking, her Labradors, birds, snow shoeing, and her grandkids.

Ron Drogin writes that he's still exercising daily with two-mile runs and weight training and has no plans to retire. He mentioned that his son's wife, Carly Phillips, is one of Harlequin's leading writers. You'll recall that Ron was a sports writer on the *Campus*. **Ellie Epstein Israel**, after retiring as a preschool teacher, owned and worked at Epstein's Emporium in Bangor until it was sold in 2003. Living close to the university allows Ellie to enjoy sports and the performing arts.

1962

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Hello and Happy New Year. I hope you have made plans to join us for our 45th Reunion this June. Your class committee has been working very hard during this past year to make sure that you all have a wonderful time. Of course, the most important part of any reunion is the opportunity to get together and

renew old friendships. That is only possible with your participation.

Nineteen ladies of '62 were reminded of just how great reunions can be when we assembled last August in Phippsburg, Maine, at **Millie Simpson Stewart's** lovely ocean side camp for a day of fun, food, and friendship. Millie, on vacation from her duties as coordinator of the volunteer program at Mid Coast Memorial Hospital in Bath, prepared what had to be the class event of last summer. Inspiration for the day came when Millie found out that **Anne Walker Holt**, now living in Ashville, North Carolina, was traveling back to Maine to attend a family wedding. Millie lost no time in organizing this mini reunion.

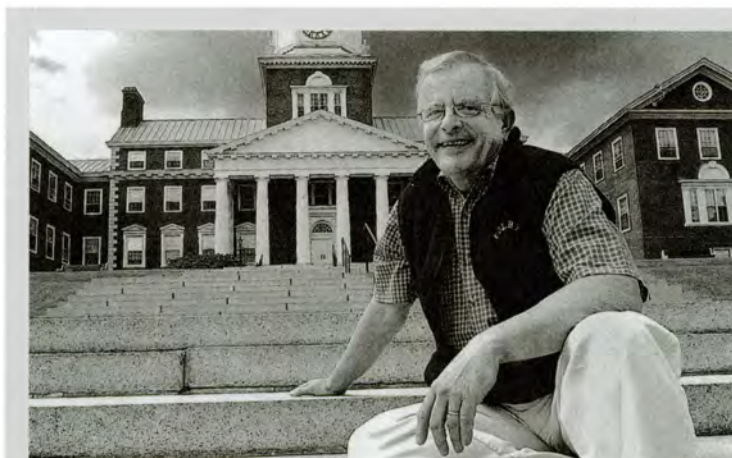
Anne retired to Ashville in 1998, after years spent on Long Island raising a family, getting her graduate degree, and starting her own travel business. In the late '80s she moved back to the Maine coast for a while to develop a resort community. Anne now finds the mountains of North Carolina are the perfect place to enjoy her hobbies of competing in senior track and field events and playing duplicate bridge.

News of other classmates enjoying the day with us:

Sally Kennett Juenemann joined us from Freeport. Sally is now self-employed, conducting business software training. She does a lot of work for the state of Maine, so commutes to Augusta often. **Kay Fraser Skibinski** has just moved back to Brunswick after years of teaching in Berlin, Germany, and Las Vegas, Nevada. She is looking forward to getting back into the "Maine life," kayaking, hiking, and biking during the days and enjoying theater and music during the evenings. Kay planned to volunteer in the public schools in the fall.

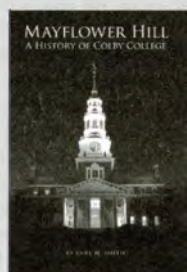
Trudy Chambers Price, who lives in Brunswick, is concentrating on her writing while working part-time at the Bath Book Store and part-time for Islandport Press in Yarmouth. Trudy has just had her second book published. *Thirteen is a Lucky Number: The Campbell Family* is a story about the trials and joys of a Fort Fairfield family. Her first book, *The Cows are Out*, is an entertaining autobiographical look at life as a dairy farmer. I thoroughly enjoyed both of Trudy's books.

Linda Bartlett Swanson lives in Brewer and is retired after teaching nursing at Eastern Maine Community College for 35 years. She now spends days traveling, hiking, and



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Earl Smith '62 Captures Colby's History



For the past 40 years, Earl Smith '62 has held a number of positions at Colby College, including dean of students, dean of the college, secretary of the corporation, and assistant to three Colby presidents. That breadth of experience made him especially qualified to write the college history. His book *Mayflower Hill* was recently published by University Press of New England.

Earl tells the story of Colby's transformation from a small theological institution founded in 1813 to its ascendance as one of the finest liberal arts colleges in America. There is a particular focus on the role that social changes and community dynamics played in the school's evolution and growth.

Earl noted in a *Kennebec Journal* interview that writing the book was more work than he imagined.

"People think the older you get, the more you remember," he said. "The reality is, the older I get, the more I forget."

working in her garden. **Ginny Dyer Bousum** spends her winters in the mountains, teaching skiing at Sugarloaf. During the summer, you can find her sailing off the coasts of New England and Canada in her 40-foot C&C. What a perfect way to enjoy the seasonal changes of New England! **Marcia Hansen** retired this past June as guidance counselor at the York Middle School. You can catch up with her at the Goldenrod Restaurant at York Beach in the summertime, but from fall to spring, she enjoys being a coast-to-coast "Gammie," with two grandchildren in California and two in Maine. **Mary Ellen Tripp Woodhead** moved back home to Old Orchard Beach five years ago after retiring from teaching. She and husband, Joe '61, love

being on the ocean even though he still commutes to Bates to coach winter and spring track. **Mary Hilton Shorey** and husband, **Frank**, have retired to Bailey Island. After nearly 30 years in Concord, Massachusetts, raising a family and working, the two decided that life on the Maine coast was the way to go. Frank worked as an engineer for Raytheon and Mary had a private family therapy practice. **Liz Ames Moran**, now retired as the literary director at Camden Public Library, has started a new job as head of the Camden Area History Center. She also serves on the Maine Literary Commission. Liz and her husband moved to Northport in '87 after 20 years in Fairfax, Virginia. **Ann Sleight Hanson** travels daily from

Readfield to Bath as director of the volunteer staff at the Maine Maritime Museum. As you can imagine, she had a few interesting stories to tell about her daily commute on the Maine back roads during the deep winter months. **Joan Schott Wiebe** also lives in Readfield. She has retired from her position at the Maine General Medical Center Laboratory in Augusta. Now her days are filled enjoying her four grandchildren and selling her quilted crafts at local shops and fairs. **Sharon Cunningham Proctor** recently retired from the Maine attorney general's office, but stays busy working as one of Millie's volunteers at Mid Coast Memorial Hospital. Her favorite travel destination is Boulder, Colorado, where she spends as much time as possible with her only grandson, Ryan.

Five of us traveled from out of state to Millie's. We felt lucky, as **Alice McKiel Hyerstay** said, "to have friends with cottages and houses on the Maine coast." Alice, who lives in Charlotte, Vermont, is now retired from teaching high school, but keeps busy tutoring students and helping out at the Charlotte Senior Center. Alice and husband, Dale, also enjoy sailing along the Maine coast and on Lake Champlain. **Vicki Waite Cannell** retired from her job at the *Portland Press Herald* in 2002. She now divides her time between homes in North Conway, New Hampshire, and Fort Myers, Florida. She is the proud grandmother to three grandsons, with one more on the way.

Midge Munroe Reed and her husband retired to Cape Cod in 1998. They are very involved in a partnership with a church in Moldavia in Eastern Europe. The Reeds travel there twice a year working at youth camps in the summer and distributing clothing to orphanages in the winter. Traveling is not limited to Moldavia though, as they also visit their daughter in Turkey and son in Idaho each year. **Jan Stone Hanson** lives in Attleboro, Massachusetts. After years spent working in education, government, and human services, she is now semi-retired and enjoying her 12 grandchildren. Jan and her husband enjoy traveling and spending as much time as possible at their beach house in Westport, Massachusetts, or at Moosehead Lake. We also want to thank Elaine Murphy Burnham '63 for joining us for the afternoon and being our official photographer.

More news about that evening (including a wonderful party hosted by **Eli and Ann Crichton Karter '63**) and other events from last summer will have to wait until the next column as space is limited.

See you at Reunion? I certainly hope so.

1963

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Baron Hicken is still in New Jersey, but spends as much time as possible in Maine. While there this summer, he had a wonderful weekend in Orono at the Phi Eta celebration. Baron also reports that **Guy Whitten** was married in July, in Rockwood, Maine. Baron says he is going to work one more year (then retire, again).

I received a long letter from **Irv Marsters** saying, "I've joined the President's Development Council which is committed to a six-year \$150 million comprehensive 'Campaign for Maine.' Last I knew, we had \$20 million in hand which gets us 13 percent of the way toward our goal. I hope all of our classmates will consider giving back in some way during the campaign. And let me know if I can be helpful in channeling your support for UMaine in the right direction.

"Finally, I have just accepted election to the UMaine Alumni Association board of directors where I will join classmate **Perry Clough**, among others who represent us.

"These are exciting times on the Orono campus and I haven't even mentioned world-class research and development, the honors program, outstanding building renovations, amazing student-athlete accomplishments both on the field and in the classroom, quality staff and faculty contributions, etc."

Jane Parmalee Harmes, Pat Small Flaherty, Rachel Boucher Smalley, and Marcia Roak Fitzgerald got together in Northborough, Massachusetts, to visit **Carolyn Vickery Burks, Jim and Joan Marshall Hanson** also stopped in to visit with Carolyn on their return from Maine to North Carolina this August. Carolyn has MS and is confined these days. Perhaps you would like to send her a card or note, so I have included



A large group of 1962 UMaine alumnae got together in August at the home of Millie Simpson Stewart in Phippsburg, Maine. Among those attending were, back row (left to right): Alice McKiel Hyerstay, Vickie Waite Cannell, Anne Sleight Harrison ('86G), Jan Stone Hanson, and Midge Munroe Reed. Middle row (left to right): Linda Bartlett Swanson, Ginny Dyer Bousum, Liz Ames Moran, Diane Ingalls Zito, Sally Kennett Juenemann, Joan Schott Wiebe, Mary Hilton Shorey, Marcia Hansen, Sharon Cunningham Proctor, and Millie. Front row (left to right): Kay Fraser Skibinski, Mary Ellen Tripp Woodhead, Trudy Chambers Price, and Anne Walker Holt.

her address (Mrs. Carolyn Burks 112 East Main Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532). I stopped in to see Carolyn in June, on my way home from Maine.

That's it for now—I hope there will be a mail blitz for the new year!

1964

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A big Maine Hello to all! I have been a letter and emailing fool, and thank you to everyone who has responded. If you haven't heard from me, please send me or the university your contact info—we must have old stuff. Then you too can get lucky! It is exciting for me that after 42 years apart, my college roommate, **Judy Joel Tardiff**, and I reconnected this year, and it is wonderful. She was 4'11" and 85 pounds, and I was 5'5" and 140 pounds, and we used to make matching outfits. Tell anyone and we will have to kill you! I am sad to report that Judy lost her husband, **Kenneth Tardiff '63**, in September. He had been very ill. Their children

live not too far from her home in Raleigh, North Carolina, and family and friends were a huge support during his last weeks. Judy is working for the majority leader in the North Carolina Senate and, as a Washington, D.C., native, of course she loves it, and she reports they were enormously supportive during Ken's illness and now. A number of you have said the same truth: It may have been 42 years, but I still feel like I am only 40, 50, maybe 55! We all agree. Time and politicians, where's the truth there? And another theme in our stories is the circle. Sometimes ironic.

Sara Tracy Metzadakis wrote from St. Louis, bemoaning her lack of language facility at Maine. There, struggling to make the language requirement, she barely achieved a D in her chosen language, French. Then, as fate would have it, she married a French professor who took her and their progeny to France, once for a year in Normandy where he directed an abroad program for Washington University and she tested up to intermediate, at last!

Carol Gelo Robbins, now in Searsmont, Maine, has a circle too. Her junior year at Maine she married her Maine high school sweetheart, and they moved to Newport News, Virginia. There she bore three chil-

dren, completed her doctorate in education at The College of William and Mary, and finally wound through guidance and supervisory jobs up to assistant superintendent of schools for her adopted hometown. When her husband died in 1994, among those special friends supporting her recovery was another childhood friend. They are now married and living back in Searsmont, where Carol is superintendent of schools from the same district where she graduated high school 10 those years ago.

My circle is similar. During the Vietnam war I wrote a letter to the USO, as we were all requested to do, and met a wonderful man. I guess the equivalent of computer dating today! When he came home we were 10 months into our correspondence, met, chemistry and magic, and I left Manhattan's best public relations job to move to Phoenix with him. We both married other people, as it turned out, and were disconnected. Twenty-three years later when his letter arrived in my mailbox, he never had a chance! We reconnected and then formally, legally connected. And having both time frames is a gift to our relationship.

Dr. Jeffrey P. Huether, now of Geneva, New York, has spent 32 years in chemical engineering for

the same company but with changing names, as businesses do go through transitions! He reports his son is now in Charlotte, North Carolina, and his daughter is completing her teaching degree at Potsdam State in northern New York. They are considering whether to stay in the snow belt or move to warmer weather.

Larry Woodworth, now of Rowayton, Connecticut, was excited to report that he joined about 250 guys and spouses who went back to Orono this August to celebrate their Phi Eta Kappa centennial and shape up the house. About 70 of them played golf in Bangor and not a one was injured! Larry has retired after 34 years flying the world with United Airlines, and remarked how during that time, his quiet little Connecticut town has grown to a mega-mansion area with the usual increase in cost of living. Real estate seems to be a career that has snagged a lot of us. I mentioned **Dewey Chase** in New Harbor last time, add to that **Beverley Baum Soule** in Kennebunk, and me, among others, so we have experienced the change in our living landscape close and up front! Beverly Soule writes that after marrying Frank Conneely in '64 and bringing Kathleen Conneely into the world, they were divorced. She then earned a master's in public education from SUNY and completed a very rewarding 25-year career in public mental health work. In 1995 she moved to Kennebunkport, bought a historic home, and launched her real estate career. In 2000 she married Larry Soule and they plan to stay on the lovely coast of Maine.

Barry Patrie has made a delightful change in his lifestyle landscape. Retiring from 30 years as a civil engineer, Barry now teaches high school math in the Lakes Region School District, and he and his wife live in a log home they built on a small pond in North Waterford! Their three children, who are scattered from Vermont to South Carolina, have provided them with eight grandchildren, who I'll bet love visiting the cabin! If you have been looking for **Richard Grotton**, hie up your appetite, as he is in Augusta and owns multiple restaurants, and is president and CEO of the Maine Restaurant Association. He has recently been named to put his 20 years experience to work as one of the nine members of the Maine Lobster Promotion Council. Frankly, I order Maine lobsters online frequently as gifts for my SoCal clients



Enjoying the President's Club brunch during Homecoming 2006 in October are (left to right): **Richard McNeary '65**, **Forrestine Abbott McNeary '66**, and **Lola Orcutt '64H**.

and friends. Our crustaceans out here don't have no claws, what kinda deal is that!? **David Thompson** was in the news earlier this year for his involvement and knowledge as the forester for the Bangor Land Trust that has opened a to-be 410-acre Walden Parke Preserve between the old Veazie Railroad bed and the Orono town line for perpetual public recreation. Having some tree species over 100 years old, this preserve offers a habitat for a wide range of living things. **Matthew McNeary**, following his six-week vacation in Maine writing from his home in Simpsonville, South Carolina, says that since his electronics job was exported and he was offered a retirement package, he took it and now is way too busy working for the United Way, Senior Center, Choral Society, YMCA, and his church to have time to go back to real work. Mostly he has a fun job with the church in entertainment servicing, working concerts, sports events, and plays, etc. His natural garrulousness has him well suited to dealing with the public. He and Linda moved from western Massachusetts to Vermont and now to the south, where their three children and five grandchildren all live nearby. Every year they go back to Blue Hill, Maine, where they have a home, and if it weren't for the grandchildren, might have made it their retirement home.

Faith Vautour, now in Rockport, Maine, is in her 43rd year teaching at Camden-Rockport High School, doing workshops, and working as a

mentor for Advanced Placement U.S. history teachers, traveling, and gardening. She has rediscovered golf, another theme I am hearing, so if you are in the area and hear "fore!" heads up! **David Wiggin** is also in Rockport. If you are near or dear, please be sure to reach out. His wife of 40 years, Alison Green Wiggin '71, died this past June, and good friends and memories are always welcome. Both their daughters are married, very successful, and expecting, more good news. David went to France on a Fulbright for a year after graduation where he fell in love, he says, with good wine and food, art and architecture. He then returned to UMO for his master's degree, where he met Alison and fell in love again. He writes that there is so much he appreciates about the opportunities he's had because of his years at Maine, including his first pizza and beer when he turned 21 at Pat's. There's a moment we all share!

Martha Milliken Round, now in South Casco, confesses that she misses the contact with teenagers after retiring from 23 years of teaching high school English, but with grandkids still under 10, she has a future! Marty and Mert spend about eight months in St. Augustine, Florida, and about four on Sebago Lake—in our beloved Maine. She does volunteering with the library in both locations, with Neighbors Helping Neighbors, still plays some competitive bridge, and is enthusiastic if not always good at tennis. She too suffered this year with the loss of

their elder son, a hole your loving regards could only help to mend. She is still in touch with **Hope Adams Franz**, **Hilary Nickau Westin**, **Judy Moses Ewing**, and **Judy Anderson Bleiler**. Maybe she can coax some news from them!

Helene Nardino Thompson, now in Simsbury, Connecticut, wrote jolly news about traveling with her husband "Hank" Robert Thompson '62 over the years, including two house exchanges, one in England and one in Scotland. They have also been to Italy several times, Greece, Alaska, but especially the best—China for two weeks! Helene and Hank have two daughters and sons-in-law and four grandchildren. The rules do not allow me to give out contact information from the lists the university has provided to me, but as with several already, they have requested, and I wrote or emailed and got permission and was able to put them in touch. So if I have your permission to give out your email or address, let me know that too. Stay well and keep writing! A Big Maine Hello back!

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It seems impossible that we graduated from high school 45 years ago. Have any of you had class reunions? I graduated from Ellsworth High School and we have had a reunion every five years. I was not able to attend our reunion in August because of health concerns, but I did prepare a biographical booklet on all classmates. The following are notes on some classmates who joined us as freshmen in 1961.

Sally Austin Archer has been married to her "soul mate" **Don Archer** for more than 43 years. They have two children. James (38) is married and the father of four children. James lives near Sally and Don and owns an advertising agency. Son Eric is single and a fisheries biologist with the U.S. Forest Service. After working in media sales/marketing, Sally started her own advertising company. She has numerous interests, including gardening and photography. A notable "out of character" achievement for

Sally was when she went on a seven-day wilderness canoe trip in Ontario. If your travels take you to Utah, Sally and Don would like to have you come by for a visit.

Alfred Chamberlain has been with Westfield Coatings Corporation for 41 years. However, he is "close to retirement," especially since his wife, Sandy Dow Chamberlain '66, retired from 37 1/2 years of teaching last summer. They have a cat, Kellogg, who is 16 years old and has a major purr button that is always on. Alfred is in the GTC, a group of local businessmen who get together for good fellowship. He is also active in the First Congregational Church as the financial committee chairman.

Caroline Fuller Hutchinson retired from 19 years at the Maine Children's Home in December 2005, but she continues to work part-time as an adoption caseworker. She and Bruce '66 have been married 40 years and have two sons and two grandchildren. Caroline wrote: "we love, love, love being grandparents." Out of the mouths of their babes: "Grammie, Santa has wrinkles just like you;" while camping at night, a flashlight shining on the back of her head, "Grammie, your hair looks just like a bird's nest." She and Bruce are really enjoying semi-retirement on Cold Stream Pond, where they kayak, fish, garden, and just plain relax on long weekends.

Trudy Kinney Sullivan began with us as freshmen and left after her marriage to Larry Sullivan '61. It is with great sorrow that I report her death on September 29, 2006. Trudy had been in Carson City, Nevada, since November of 2004. Trudy enjoyed her home and garden. She thoroughly enjoyed friends who came to visit and help her out in the past few months. Trudy has two children and she got to see them often. Lawrence Jr. "Chum" lives about 45 minutes away in Lake Tahoe, and Sara is a one-hour flight away in San Francisco.

Marney McLean Pineda is enjoying her retirement from 34 years of teaching in San Francisco. She really loves Latin dancing, which has led her to explore writing a book about her adventures dancing with her friend Rosie. She also enjoys art; pen and ink drawings and watercolor paintings. She continues to improve her Spanish and learn about the Spanish and Mexican cultures. She has traveled to Mexico to spend time with her husband, Fernando's, family.

As reported in the last issue,



Three members of the 1966 UMaine baseball team returned to campus in September to honor Mike Bordick '88 and to play in a varsity/alumni baseball game. Left to right are: Darryl Calkins '68 of Hartland, Vermont; Ron Lanza '66 of Simsbury, Connecticut; and Charlie Newell '66 of Bethel, Maine. Ron and Charlie were also part of the amazing 1964 team that won the hearts of the fans at the College World Series in Omaha.

Patricia Ramsdell Foster has worked at the Ellsworth Public Library for 23 years and just retired on June 30th as its director for 15 years.

Kenneth Shea has been an engineer in commercial construction and has worked for the family company, E. L. Shea, for over 40 years. He is now co-owner and president. He belongs to numerous professional engineering and surveying organizations. His proudest achievement is 40 years of marriage to classmate Holly Brown Shea and their two children and two grandchildren. He is the father of a daughter, Kerry '94, and a son, Robert '97, '99G. Ken is serving a second term as Hancock County commissioner.

When I was doing my first rehab stint at my parents' home in Ellsworth back in the 1970s, **Roger Moody**, his wife, Audrey, and son Nate lived a few houses away. Roger was then city manager of Ellsworth. We became friends. I was very pleased to read the interesting feature article on Roger in the *Rockland Village Soup Times*. He was a few days away from retirement after working three and a half years for the Camden National Bank in their governmental banking department. Previously, he had been the town manager of Camden for more than 10 years. Following retirement as Maine commissioner of agriculture and recovery from a serious illness, **Robert Spear** has been named a trustee of the Pine Tree 4-H Foundation. I was a 4-Her myself in the

1950s. I had not realized that 4-H is part of the national Cooperative Extension System, which is operated through each state's land-grant university. Bob's extensive knowledge and background within the agricultural community will help in efforts to provide funds for Maine 4-H members to have a quality experience in 4-H.

Many in Maine SAD 31 were happy that **Jerry White** signed a one-year contract to be their full-time superintendent. During his interim stint, he boosted staff and resident morale, vastly improved district efficiency, and gave leadership that was greatly needed. Jerry has been a small school advocate for all of his nearly 40-year career in education.

Richard Randall, former University of Maine at Augusta (UMA) provost who had been serving as interim president at UMA, accepted a two-year appointment to the post of campus president. Richard joined UMA in 1967 as a sociology instructor.

Ann Brown Lowrey is really enjoying her new condo in Germantown, Maryland. She is now closer to her son Doug's family, her church, and not that far from longtime Gaithersburg friends. Her windows look over a wildlife preserve, so she sees lots of birds and animals. She is a grandmother to Morgan and Jake, and takes care of Morgan, a girl, three afternoons a week after kindergarten.

I received a letter from **Carolyn Zachary Dancy**. She mentioned that her husband, David, bought into her dream of returning to Maine so they bought a sign-making business in Searsport, which David runs. "Zach" continues to do public relations consulting, while dabbling in other vocational and avocational interests. Her daughter, Jennifer Rock, is now a senior at New York University. On occasion Zach sees **Bill Waterhouse** when he's visiting Beta Theta Chi fraternity brothers. She keeps in touch with **Trish Sheehan Silva**, living in the San Francisco area.

Unfortunately, I did not make my 45th high school reunion due to health concerns, and right now I am writing these class notes from Norwalk Hospital. Hopefully, by the next issue I'll be totally recovered and home again.

Perhaps some of you have had reunions the past year and will pass on to me news from UMaine classmates.

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More 40th Reunion news: on Friday evening, **John "Bill" Libby** and **Cynthia Fuller Libby** '67 joined us at the pizza party. As the adjutant general of the Maine Guard, he has been extremely busy as most of his units have been deployed in support of the war in the Middle East. He will complete his command in a year.

It seems people wish to share how they became couples; Here are some good ones. **Yvonne Bigos** shared this tidbit with me. She and **Paul Robertson** dated a little as freshmen and sophomores, then went their separate ways. Forty years later, he contacted her out of the blue to wish her a happy 60th birthday (in 2004). He was about to retire after 38 years of teaching math and living in Rhode Island. She works for the Florida Legislature as a chief analyst, and Paul has since moved to Tallahassee. Yvonne was able to spend time at the Reunion with **Barb Bristol Paiton**, her old roommate, and with **Jan Rogers**. And how about this; **Patti Tofuri Bicknell** told me that she and **Brian Bicknell** met during their

practice teaching stint at Brewer High School the very last eight weeks of their senior year, and boy (these are her words, not mine) did she think he was obnoxious! I guess they missed one another between the library and the Den. Patti also mentioned that the Cumberland County UMaine Alumni group plans activities for southern Maine. If you give me a heads-up, I'll be happy to do an email blast.

Great to see **Ed Schultz**. He's retired after 34 years as a high school librarian. Says he works out regularly, has traveled to 26 countries, and studies four foreign languages. **David Berquist** retired as dean of Becker College. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters upon his retirement. He was a commuter as a student, and worked his way through Maine without any financial aid. His list of honors and activities is most impressive and I would agree that he's lived a very rich life. His greatest memory at Maine—chosen to be a member of the Honor Guard when President Kennedy visited the campus just weeks before he was assassinated. The memory of the events of November 1963 seem to stand out in most of the correspondence I have received. Certainly, a very sad time for our generation.

I had not seen **Arthur Ray** since college. We grew up in Waterville and shared some memories. His brother, Robert '65, and I were on the same Babe Ruth baseball team. Art was kind enough to send me some old newspaper photos of those teams. Thank you, Art! **Deborah Johnson Willgress** lives on a small lake outside of Chicago and really enjoyed her trip back to campus. She's not ready to retire, and enjoys doing volunteer work at a nursing home and a battered women's shelter. Her greatest memories are singing in the University Chorus and her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega. **Chelsea Stenger Richardson** and husband, Elmo, are living in Charlotte, North Carolina. I recall that she was the first person I'd ever met who came from the Virgin Islands. Elmo retired from the Army as a sergeant major with 30+ years of service. I enjoyed my chats with them, a neat couple. **Barbara Anders "Penny" Bodwell** lives in Rochester, New Hampshire, and retired in June. She taught third grade in Portsmouth. She remembers our powder blue freshman beanies, strict curfews, and being required to wear skirts to class, even in the snow! **Carole Spruce**



Carli Burke with 1968 classmates, left to right: Susan Adamski Samoriski, Penny Robinson Blaisdell, Jackie Platt, Carli, and Donna Porter Erikson ('71G).

Remembering Carli

Class of 1968 president Carli Burke died on September 8, 2006, following a long battle with cancer. Carli lived in Sunland, California, where she had a ranch and raised llamas, horses, pigs, turkeys, chickens, dogs, and cats. She documented her animals' antics on her web site, Carli's Critters. She also ran her own computer company, Data Blocks.

has moved back to Maine (Naples) after many years in Massachusetts. She wants you to drop by to join her for golf, hiking, or kayaking. One of her fond memories was learning to ski at Sugarloaf. We've seen many references to long weekends and vacations on the slopes.

Bonnie Hetzel Jaffe retired last spring and plans to enjoy life. She still has that wonderful smile that lights up the room, and for once, didn't hit me when I called her Eloise (her real name). As you read this, she's probably skiing or taking winter pictures. Lots more fun than catching up on those projects that are still waiting!

Curt Brown of Gardiner, Maine, has been involved in therapeutic foster parenting for 24 years. He has watched seven very special foster sons grow, through opportunity and guidance, to change their lives and behaviors with heroic determination. Some run a workshop, producing unique "antique" wood birdhouses. Curt now makes himself take a four-day weekend once a month so he can pursue other interests. These include designing and selling an-

tique mirrors from window frames and refinishing driftwood pieces, mostly animals, for placement on special metal sculpture bases. He also really enjoys the wonderful music and dancing in the blues clubs of central Maine.

Just so I don't leave anyone out who attended in June, **Ellen Toomey, Delmas Hodgkins, Donna Abbott Ingalls, Gary Vincent, and Carla Tukey Wilson. Neil Harmon** took some great pictures of the Reunion and has given me the go-ahead to email them to anyone who's interested.

I just received a note from **Susan V. McLeer, M.D., M.S.** The alumni office had lost touch with her. When you read this, she will have received a national award for academic leadership from the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry this October at their annual meeting in San Diego. Doctor McLeer is professor and chair, department of psychiatry at the Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia. I have her contact information if you wish to send her a note of congratulations

on her award.

Gary and Kathy Vincent are really enjoying retirement, traveling around the country. In earlier notes, you might recall that they escaped from the wrath of Katrina last year. Although retired, Gary is a busy man. He is president of the University of New Orleans College of Engineering Development Fund, involved with Mardi Gras, a member of the Italian-American Marching Club, and active in his local church. When I asked Gary about his most memorable moments at Maine, he simply replied, "Pat's Pizza." Works for me!

Donna Abbott Ingalls retired in 2001 as a special ed teacher in Ellsworth. She lists five relatives as UMaine alumni. Donna spends much of her winter along Gulf Shores, Alabama.

I really enjoy reading many of the reunion information forms sent to us from those unable to attend in June. For example, Curtis Brown runs a foster home and has been a foster parent for 15 boys. Currently he has seven in his care and finds this a most rewarding experience.

Merle Peacock, Jr. retired as superintendent of schools in Gardiner and cites his education at Maine which prepared him for a rewarding career. He now volunteers for the elderly who are housebound. He has many wonderful memories of college life.

Stephen "Steve" Godsoe ('69G) received his master's degree in math at Maine and is the department chair at Bangor High School. Bangor Savings Bank appointed him as a corporator at their annual meeting in June.

Martha Griffith Newman was unanimously reelected chairwoman of the Bangor School Committee. The biggest challenge confronting her is how to craft a budget with escalating energy costs and the state's underfunding of education. She is to be commended for serving her community as these are the same issues in most school districts.

When you read this, the November elections will have been decided. Two of our classmates, **Brian Bicknell** of Yarmouth and **Harry Tomah** of Wells, were running for House seats in the Maine Legislature. We should be able to share the results next time around.

The office of student financial aid announced that the 2006-2007 recipient of the Class of '66 Scholarship Fund, in the amount of \$960, was awarded to Shawn McPhee, a grandson of **Barbara Barth** and

William Flewelling. Periodically, when the university sends us an appeal for donations, many classes encourage alumni to designate their class scholarship fund. Certainly, your generosity to Maine is always appreciated.

As I wind down, I wish to thank those of you who have sent us memos, clippings, and emails. If you were not mentioned this time, no need to fret as I will get to yours in the spring issue. By now, our crops are harvested, we've enjoyed the spectacular Vermont foliage from our kayaks, stored the lawn and garden tools, tuned up the snow blower, and tried to figure out where our skis and snowshoes are. I finally emerged from the recording studio in July. The CD is labeled, packaged, and sent out as gifts. Our sons will be here for Christmas, so we know this time together will be special, as always. Let me take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a blessed holiday season and best wishes for a fruitful 2007!

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Hi, fellow classmates! I hope this issue finds you enjoying winter and keeping well.

I had a wonderful visit with Rodney '68 and **Charlene Knox Farris** in July. Charlene has taught fifth grade in Searsport for over 25 years and this summer realized a physical fitness goal of walking six miles a day! Beginning in 1987, Charlene has come full circle in her efforts to create a local town hero in her home town of Searsport. After discovering that a founding father of the town, Samuel Houston, Jr., had been a bodyguard to General George Washington during the Revolutionary War, Charlene was able to find enough information to write a brief biography of Houston, bring his trunk and sword to a display in Searsport's Penobscot Marine Museum, and earn over \$2,000 speaking about Houston for donations. In 2005 she was able to use this money to sponsor the Searsport's Sam Houston Room in the local Searsport Historical

Christopher Hovey '66

Helping to Beautify the UMaine Campus

Christopher Hovey's gifts to the University of Maine enhance entrances to two campus landmarks. At the entrance of the Littlefield Gardens is a hummingbird and butterfly garden named in honor of Christopher's mother, Ann Taylor Hovey. And as you approach the south entrance of the Buchanan Alumni House, you can't help notice the lovely daylily garden—a reflection of Christopher's support for a home for alumni on campus.

The hummingbird and butterfly garden came about when Christopher began working with the development office on a memorial for his mother. Part of the special nature of the garden is that it features an original variety of daylily (named the Ann Taylor Hovey Daylily) that he had developed just for the garden.

Christopher is a retired teacher (once nominated for Teacher of the Year) who now lives in his native Falmouth. Before starting his teaching career, he attended the University of Maine Law School. For most of his life he's been an avid gardener, and that is evident when you visit his home. Recent health problems keep him from working on his gardens himself, but he says he still greatly enjoys them.

His most recent passion is genealogy. In his extensive research he has traced family lines to Eli Whitney, the Stanley brothers, the Wright brothers, William the Conqueror, Hannibal Hamlin, and several presidents. One interesting connection is to the original Mormons who settled in Bethel before moving out West. It turns out that several of Christopher's relatives were "sealed" to Joseph Smith.



Society's Coleman House Museum. The biography she wrote, *Searsport's Sam Houston*, is on sale at the Penobscot Marine Museum.

Richard "Dick" Ackerman is a very proud grandfather of three grandsons. Dick and Linda Cullen Ackerman '73G have three daughters: Heidi, Kristine, and Wendy. Dick is still working for IBM but is "thinking" of retirement. He and Linda already have a retirement home in Austin, Texas, and they enjoy a family cottage on one of the New Hampshire lakes.

Last summer the *Bangor Daily News* ran a feature article on **Howard Deane Stern** and his Power Poms, pompoms containing small "light-emitting diode (LED)

lights that blink when the user flips a switch in the handle. Deane recently sold 60,000 of these devices to the Dallas Mavericks. During the NBA finals in June, thousands of Mavericks fans waved their Power Poms in the stands. Deane partners with Extreme Glow, a Mississippi-based company to sell these in a variety of colors. (See www.extremeglow.com.) He also owns a patent on the Skyliner, a popular item which resembles an ordinary noisemaker but contains a prerecorded message such as "Let's Rock" when swung around in the air. These are sold through his local company, Versatile Visions. Deane is also a magician.

Those who remember **Artie Hayden** will be interested in these reflections from Dan Hillard '66. "I am proud to say I knew him. He was truly a giver, never turning someone away in need of dental care regardless of ability to pay. He was the kind of professional that Norman Rockwell would put on the cover of a magazine. Always outgoing and friendly, he fit right into Brandon (Vermont) and was involved in every aspect of community life. At his funeral, the church was overflowing with those whom he touched, with testimonies of his life and love for people. He truly left a huge void."

Be sure to put our Reunion dates on your calendar. Join other classmates to raise a stein to dear old Maine!

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By the time you read this column, most of us will have reached a special left click milestone. Happy Birthday to all of you who have reached the ripe young age of 60. I would love to hear from you regarding how you celebrated this big milestone.

I don't have much news to report but perhaps this is due to the fact that I have not emailed you to remind you to send me your news. So let this be my reminder that we care about you all and hope you are well and happy.

Instead of the usual column then, I have some news to report of one of our former classmates and one of my very best friends, our class president **Carli Burke**. Much to my misfortune I did not get to know Carli until my senior year at Maine. We were political science majors and had a ball our senior year with the Model U.N., hitching a ride to Florida with **Mike McGinnis** and several other Phi Gamma Deltas, interviewing for our first jobs, and hanging out with our favorite political science professors Mawhinney, Schonberger, and Collins.

Following college, we went our separate ways until we reunited at our 30th Maine Reunion. We have been best friends ever since. I was on the east coast, she was on the west coast. She ran her own busi-

ness, I worked for a large telecom company. Though both married, I had kids, she did not. You'd wonder what we had in common but our friendship grew to be solid and strong. At our 30th Reunion, Carli reluctantly accepted our draft to have her serve as our class president. Her reluctance was not because of her lack of love for the University of Maine, it was her concern she might not be around in five years. You see Carli had just gotten over her first chemo treatment with ovarian cancer and she did not feel her prognosis was very good. Our next Reunion, our 35th, Carli was responsible for raising a record class donation and pledging new library steps on behalf of the Class of 1968. Her spirit and drive brought many lost friends together—**Greg and Joy Jewett Johnson, Larry and Jane Huard Richards, Jackie Platt, Carol Utterback Guerrin, Carole Clarke Hughes, Sue Adamski Samoriski, Elsie Stetson Whidden, Erik and Donna Porter Erikson**, and many more.

Alas, Carli over the past few years suffered two more regimens of chemo, several cases of pneumonia, and succumbed on September 8 in Los Angeles to a blood clot. She had just been out east to visit and see us and her family in Maine two weeks before.

Carli—let this column be a tribute to you—to the wonderful life you lived and to all the people you touched with your intellect and wonderful sense of humor. We always knew Maine was your home. So fellow classmates, when and if you are out in Casco Bay, please give a salute to Carli and to our other departed classmates who have not had the good fortune to be able to live a few more decades. And for goodness sake, make it a point to come to our 40th Reunion in 2008. Who knows—you may find a new best friend like I did.

May you all have a wonderful, healthy, safe, and fun 2007 and please—let me hear from you.

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It is mid-September as we write these notes, but we know you won't

see them until winter, so we hope all of you had a joyous holiday season. Let us know about your jobs, retirements, families, journeys, and about classmates you've seen.

Gretchen Harris Ramsay is president of York Hospital's Women's Committee which raises money for programs and equipment for York Hospital. **Roger Roy** (69G), associate professor of mathematics and business at UMaine Fort Kent, received a Ph.D. in human resources management from UMaine in May. Dr. Roy's research involved studying applications of chaos and complexity theories to organizational behavior. **Jon Bailey** has retired from his position as chief educator at the Maine State Museum in Augusta where he has worked for 36 years. The late **Frances Lubanda Hartgen** ('53G, '69G), best known as the wife of the late Vincent Hartgen who founded the UMaine Art Department, wrote *A Maine Passage*. The book includes two memoirs, *Close Like Yesterday* and *For Vincent: A Love Story*. Attorney **Doug Smith**, a lifelong resident of Dover-Foxcroft, is a former probate judge and tree farmer.

Please take a few minutes to send your news to us or to the alumni office. There are many Class of '69 members who are wondering what has happened to their college classmates.

1970

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My mailbag was kind of empty this time! Not much activity from the Class of 1970. **Carl Betterley** has retired from his position as town manager of Glenburn, Maine. Carl has served in various municipal positions for 36 years. **Susan Bell** has joined Bernstein Shur Government Solutions as senior project manager. Susan is a former legislator and senior advisor to former Maine Governor Angus S. King. She most recently served as director of the Office of Clerks of Court for the Maine State Judicial Branch. **Jim Fitzgerald** challenged the incumbent for his Senate seat in New Hampshire. Jim and his wife have three grown children and he

has served as an athletic director and coach at Laconia High School in New Hampshire. **James Joseph Juvinal** has received his Doctor of Ministry from Westminster Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania. **Prudence Grant** (M.A. in English) also tossed her hat in the political ring in Maine. She ran for the House of Representatives for the Lisbon area. Prudence is a veteran teacher at Lisbon High School and also has been involved in harness racing for many years. **Richard Boudreau** (master's in library science) and his wife, Madeline, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Richard is retired from Thomas College where he was a librarian and his wife is retired from the Waterville Public Library.

1971

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Hello everyone—happy winter and Happy New Year once again! I hope that 2007 is a wonderful time for you and for your families.

We have no report as yet about how our Reunion went. Again, I was unable to attend, having previously made a commitment to a convention here in Maryland. My friend here in Maryland, **Charles Stanhope**, was on his way to Orono but was fortunate enough to be in the Portland area when there was an illness in his family and he was needed there.

I have very little news to report, for which I am sorry. I have to rely on news clippings sent by the university in order to get information to you. It would sure be great to hear from someone in person from time to time!

Glenn Turner was named news projects manager at the *Morning Sentinel* and *Kennebec Journal*. He left his position as *Sentinel* city editor to take this newly created post. Evidently, they are aiming to strengthen the online presence of the newspaper. All of this took place in May, but it's never too late to get in touch with Glenn and congratulate him.

In July, **Pennie Page Cummings** (M.Ed.) won the Women's Maine State Golf Association Championship at the Purpoodock Club in Cape Elizabeth. She last won the

title 11 years ago, and she won it the first time 42 years ago. Known as a great competitor, Pennie came from four strokes behind to finish the three-day tournament, for her sixth crown.

I may have mentioned earlier, but maybe I had just read the story and not written about it, that **Tabitha Spruce King** has taken on the task of completing a manuscript left unfinished by the late Michael McDowell. I can only suggest that you read it. I can't tell you much about the plot, which one would suspect to be horrific since the action takes place in the aftermath of a young girl's father's murder and dismemberment. The young heroine endures continuous neglect, which is, although hard to believe, almost as dreadful as the fate of her father. Just get a copy and sit by the fire and enjoy this fascinating story, put together by two fine authors. It's entitled *Candles Burning*.

Judy Packard Kenney of Castle Hill, thank you so much for a lovely letter. It arrived today, when I needed so badly to hear from one of you personally.

Judy is, indeed, retired from teaching after many years. She now finds more time for her family, including two grandchildren in New Hampshire. She and husband, Mayer, enjoy motorcycling with lots of other classmates. She mentioned **Dory Stout Smith** of our class and her husband, Jeff '73. Also, **Michael and Carol Clark MacPherson**. They cruised around Maine, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia this summer. In the fall, she and Connie Anderson Piper '72 went to London and the northern lake area. Ah, retirement! Some of us can just dream—

Dennis King, of Freeport, was elected chairman of the Community College System board of trustees. Dennis is chief executive officer of Spring Harbor Hospital in South Portland.

Stay well, and please let me know what you are up to.

Some of you may recall that we have chosen Maine as our retirement option, but we have several years before we can return to Maine forever. Between now and then I would like all of you who live in the Portland area to write an essay on "Why I Love Living in ____" (fill in the name of your town or village). We have already begun looking for homes and are more confused than ever. Thanks to anyone who can help.

1972

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Greetings and Happy New Year! Short and sweet it is this time; I received three clippings from the alumni association for this issue, all to do with classmates' involvement in Maine schools.

Mary Lou Mooney Peterson was hired to serve as assistant principal of Paris Elementary School. She had been the literacy coordinator at the Oxford Elementary School and is an adjunct instructor for the University of Maine, as well as a Reading First instructor for the Maine Department of Education.

Bruce Mailloux was named assistant superintendent in Belfast after serving as interim assistant superintendent since May. He had also been working as assistant principal at Belfast Area High.

Patricia Sheedy Conant was chosen to be the new principal at Scarborough High School where she has been the guidance director since 2003. Previously, she was principal of Falmouth High School, principal of Dirigo High School in Dixfield, and assistant principal and athletic director at Livermore Falls High School. She also taught English, mathematics, and substance abuse prevention at Dirigo High School and has been president of the Maine Principals' Association.

Need help coming up with a New Year's resolution? How about sending me an email with your news?

1973

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Jeff and Lynn Dickie Peterson's daughter, Rebecca '05, '06G, received her master's from UMaine, summa cum laude, in teaching this past summer. Becky earned a B.A. in 2005 in English. She plans to teach high school English in Maine. **Tom Bradbury** was named chairman of the board of the Associated Grocers of New England. This is just one of Tom's many achievements, including EPA Lifetime Achievement



A large group of Tau Epsilon Phi brothers from the 1970s attended a gathering at their old fraternity house during Homecoming 2006. They enjoyed the affair with members of Phi Kappa Alpha (PIKE) who currently operate the house. The event was organized by PIKE advisor Dylan Mooney '04, '06G. Left to right are: Dennis Corkum '71, Chuck Nelson '70, Dean Pike '74, Ed Curtis '78, Paul Powers '77, Charles Hadianis '74, Pete Libhart '78, Vinal Applebee '76, John Boutet '74, Ted Scontras '71, Steve Ball '77, Chuck Kulbashian '70, Chris Hadianis '74, '76G, Chuck Pike '71, Jeff May '70, and Bill Spencer '74.

Award and publishing historical works and children's books. Congrats, Tom.

Lee Academy has a new post-graduate coordinator—**Carl Parker**. He will also coach the school's postgraduate basketball team. A native of Lincoln, Carl has a long history in both academics and coaching and helped establish the state's AAU basketball program in 1991. He coached varsity basketball at Bangor High, Foxcroft Academy, and Maine Central Institute. Good luck in your new position!

Gordon Smith and **Trish Riley** have been named to Governor Baldacci's '86 commission to assess the state's Dirigo Health program.

Make it this year's resolution to let your friends and classmates know what you are up to these days.

1974

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Happy New Year from Florida. Fortunately, we had an almost non-existent hurricane season and I'm waiting for the baseball Black Bears to announce their Spring Swing to the land of sand and palm trees.

UMaine football standout Montell Owens was a rookie for the Jacksonville Jaguars this year. How cool is that!

Now for the news!

Wanda Butler Avery is principal at Shapleigh Middle School in Kittery. For more than 30 years, she has held various teaching and principal positions and was a finalist for Maine Teacher of the Year.

Congratulations to **Alan Casavant** for winning the Democratic primary in June 2006 for House District 137. (Due to the date of the election, we did not know the outcome for our deadline.) Alan is a teacher at Biddeford High School and was a member of the Biddeford city council from 1976-1992.

The University of Maine at Augusta board of visitors selected **Gary Crocker** of West Gardiner to serve a three-year term. Gary is director of state and federal programs for the Maine Community College System and is past president of the Economic Development Council of Maine.

Jacquelyn Foster Dearborn was elected to the board of directors of Bar Harbor Bankshares. She is an accounts manager at the law office of Joel Dearborn, Sr. '70 and a mediator with the Court Alternative Dispute Resolutions Services. In addition, Jacquelyn is a past president of the Bangor Junior League and the S.A.D. 63 school district board. She was a member of the

town of Holden planning board. Congratulations!

We had an email from **Dan Dombrowski**. Dan is a professor of philosophy at Seattle University and recently had a book published by the Cambridge University Press. The title is *Rethinking the Ontological Argument: A Neoclassical Theistic Response*.

Paul and Jan Reid Willis called to say, "We are pleased that our son David graduated with a degree in business in May 2006, making him the third generation Maine graduate." Congratulations!

Virginia "Ginny" Fall Howard is back in the news as a member of the Maine Association of Community Banks executive committee. Ginny is with Skowhegan Savings Bank.

Maine's great nutritionist, professor emerita of food science and nutrition and 1974 classmate, **Katherine O. Musgrave**, received an honorary doctor of science degree from UMaine at the 204th commencement. At 86, she's showing no signs of slowing down and obviously is doing something right!

Stephen Unsworth is passionate about sailing and law. After receiving his degree from UMaine, he attended law school and now practices in Burlington, Vermont. His practice is in real estate, landlord/tenant issues, wills, and probates. He is married to Shona (he met her on a camping trip in England in 1983) and has three children.

Dr. **Donald Yerxa** ('74G) received Eastern Nazarene College's Professional Achievement Award for the third time. He has authored several books and is the editor of the historical society publication, *Historically Speaking*.

After eight years with the Alzheimer's Association, I'm now the executive director of the St. Johns River City Band, the official band of the City of Jacksonville. We still get to Maine and we even have a couple of bottles of Cold River Vodka in the liquor cabinet.

That's the news. Stay warm!

1975

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Happy 2007, everyone! Here's wishing you a wonderful year full of good health, fun times, and newsy messages to me about what you're doing. Even if your only news is a new snow shovel—shovel the news my way!

1976

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Hey '76ers—Happy New Year! Please make a resolution to let your classmates know what you've been up to!

I am pleased to announce the recipients of our Class of 1976 Scholarship Fund. This year the fund provided \$1,100 in scholarship assistance. Jillian Davis is a senior majoring in civil and environmental engineering at the University of Maine. Jillian is from Smithfield, Maine, and is the daughter of **Randall Davis**. Nathan Burnett is a senior majoring in international affairs at the University of Maine. Nathan is from Presque Isle, Maine, and is the son of **Paulette Smith Burnett**. Thanks to all of you who helped make our Class of 1976 Scholarship program possible.

I received a note from **Mike Webber** who writes that he and his wife, Dee, are currently living just outside of Chicago. Mike is director



Enjoying a morning gathering before the football game at Homecoming 2006 are Class of '76 members (left to right): Tom Constantine, class president Michael Webber ('77G), Kathy Smith Constantine, Dee Webber, and Jill Goodwin.

of maintenance and engineering working for the Finnish Paper Mill, Myllykoski, in Alsip, Illinois.

Rebecca Bubar has been named as the new principal of Brewer High School after working for the school system for the past 23 years. **Bruce Siket** is completing his final year of a master's program designed for second-career vocations at Blessed John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts. In summer 2007, Bruce hopes to be ordained as a Roman Catholic priest. **James Russell** has assumed the position of principal at Hermon Middle School. Jim previously worked as a math teacher and assistant principal in Corinth, Maine.

1977

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Hi, folks, and Happy New Year to everyone! I hope 2007 will be wonderful, happy, and healthy for all of you.

I received a note from **Curt Carleen** over the summer. He is now sales manager for Navis Logistics Network in Cranston, Rhode Island. Last June **William Brennan** became acting director of the U.S.

Climate Change Science Program, a top position at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. He continues as assistant secretary of commerce for international affairs, a post to which he was appointed by President Bush in 2002.

Steve Kahl emailed me quite a while back, and I apologize for taking so long including his news in our column. While spam filters are great most of the time, well, I suppose you can figure out the rest. Steve wrote that he "left the University of Maine Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research (which he founded in 2000) for a position in 2004 as director of the new Center for the Environment at Plymouth State University" in New Hampshire. Steve, his wife Mary Ann McGarry ('94 Ph.D.), and nine-year-old daughter, are "pleased to be living in the foothills of the White Mountains and at the edge of the lakes district of New Hampshire," and they return frequently to their seasonal home on Hopkins Pond in Mariaville (Maine), the best of both worlds.

Keep the news coming. It's always great hearing from you. As for me and my husband, David, we are now officially empty nesters. Son Wes is a senior at the Maine Maritime Academy and daughter Sarah just started her first year at St. Joseph's College of Maine. Neither one opted for UMaine, but still we love having the Maine connection. Any excuse to get back home.

1978

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Greetings, everyone. As I write this, the leaves are falling off the trees and I am starting to think about a Thanksgiving menu. However, when you read this, it should be winter and the snowflakes falling. May the time in between not be too terribly cold.

First, I apologize for not having a column last issue. I fully intend to blame this on my sons, who, despite repeated warnings to turn the computer off when they were done with it, never did. I'll bet you can figure out the rest of the story. Computer filter sucking in dust 24/7/365, causing things to overheat; one morning we awaken to the funny smell of the hard drive frying. Oddly, though, my sons were excited because they thought I was actually cooking breakfast; this does not speak well to my cooking abilities. Anyway, the hard drive was beyond any magical form of data extraction, and it went to the dump containing Class of '78 info.

My second apology is to our classmate who wrote to tell me about her interesting adventures; her info was on that hard drive. And, because I am now 50, I cannot remember who it was. Please, whoever you are, send me your information again.

I received the following information from Mark Letendre:

"My name is **Mark 'Rookie' Letendre**, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and a Graduate 'M' Club member. I just completed my seventh year in Major League Baseball as the director of Umpire Medical Services. Before that I served as head athletic trainer for the San Francisco Giants 1986-1999 and before that was with the New York Yankees 1978 through 1985.

"I was back to campus this past September 15th to help unveil the new Wes Jordan '63 Athletic Training Education Complex of which I cochaired fundraising along with Gary Thorne '70, another UMaine alum. I enjoyed visiting old friends and meeting President Bob Kennedy, dean of education Bob Cobb, and fellow classmates and SAEs, **Joe Bouchard**, **Mark Costello**, and **Tim Leet**.

"The center will assist future athletic training students to complete their education and training in order to sit for the national certification exam.

"There is more information on the center on the alumni web site."

It seems that in every column I have information to share about **Meredith Strang Burgess**. On top of all the work that she does to raise funds for breast cancer research, she was just elected to a seat in the state legislature, representing District 108. She is involved in so many things that I have to take a nap after talking to her; just the list of her activities makes me feel tired.

Another classmate who is in the news regularly is **Brenda Nasberg-Jepson**. I saw Brenda at Borders in South Portland recently, where she was doing a joint presentation with Layne Longfellow, a descendant of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Brenda and her filmmaking class at Caribou Technical School have made a documentary called *The Story of the Acadians*, about the expulsion of the Acadians from the Maritime provinces, and of course Longfellow's poem "Evangeline" dealt with the same subject. Layne Longfellow heard about Brenda's project, and agreed to record the introduction on the DVD. The documentary is fascinating, and is available in local stores and online through Brenda's company, Crown of Maine Productions.

Janet Selinske McIntosh (M.Ed.) became the principal of Brewer's Washington Street School this past fall. Janet has taught in Bangor elementary schools throughout her 35-year education career. For the last six years, she was a part-time principal at the Fourteenth Street School in Bangor. Janet lives in Brewer.

I hope you all have a lovely winter. And remember—please write to me! I will try my best not to lose your information.

1979

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Best wishes for the New Year! I hope one of your New Year's resolutions is to update your fellow classmates and friends on your family,

Patty Minigell Treworgy '79, '85G

Treworgy Family Farm Offers Kid-Friendly Attractions

Treworgy Family Orchards in Levant is becoming a popular destination for families, especially those with young children.

And why not? You can pick your own apples and pumpkins; pet and help feed the goats and llamas; get a close-up look at horses, a miniature donkey, sheep, and rabbits; take a tractor-drawn hayride, and if you time your visit just right, you may even get a demonstration of the owners milking goats.

Kids are even offered their own little wagons to pull their pumpkins and apples. There's also a summer day camp where kids learn about farm animals and crops as well as make products such as cheese and soap.

One of the farm's owners is 1979 UMaine alumna Patty Minigell Treworgy, who also earned a master's degree in human development from the university.

For more information you can call the farm at: 207-884-8354.



Patty Treworgy (right) with day camp participant Charlotte Zelz and Patty's daughter Annie (far left).

your job, or your travels by dropping me a line.

I am pleased to announce that the Class of 1979 Scholarship Fund has provided over \$500 in financial assistance to a UMaine student. She is Jennifer Booth of Cumberland, daughter of **Michael Booth**, and a junior majoring in nursing. Your generous support of our scholarship will make other awards possible in future years!

Karen Heck received the Maine American Association of University Women's highest award last spring for extraordinary community involvement in women's issues. She works as a program officer with the Bingham Project, a charitable endowment promoting health and advanced medicine in Maine. Karen's involvements would fill our entire column, but among those cited in the award were: Hardy Girls, Healthy Women; Rape Crisis Assistance; Waterville Rotary Club; Maine Women's Lobby; Maine Mentoring Partnership; Maine Family Literacy Collaborative; and Maine Center for Economic Policy. She and partner Bruce Olson live in Waterville.

Paul Chandler received the Mortgage Industry Leadership Achievement Certificate from Uni-

versal Mortgage Corporation. He is one of only 14 certified mortgage professionals in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, and he and wife, Joy, live in Newport, Vermont.

Lee Dellicker has been appointed president of Windover Development LLC in Gloucester, Massachusetts. Previously a partner at a design firm in Boston and a firm in Portland, Lee joined Windover in 2005; the company focuses on the state's North Shore properties and projects.

Bill Hughes is the new athletic director at Camden Hills Regional High School. Bill, previously the physical education director at Thomaston Grammar School, has been in education for 13 years.

Rob Horne of Gorham, Maine, wrote: "I read through every issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* as does my wife, Nancy Dube Horne '81. A special thanks to you for continuing to keep us all updated on members of our class. I continue to work as a manager and loan officer for Farm Credit in Auburn. My wife, Nancy, is the underwriting manager in the Portland office of Peerless Insurance Company, a division of Liberty Mutual.

"This year we celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. In Janu-

ary, we celebrated with Nancy's extended family during a family trip to Florida. And in August Nancy and I spent two weeks in Italy. We traveled to Rome, Venice, Florence, Siena, and Pisa; and we also spent several days in the Tuscany Region.

"We are looking forward to attending Homecoming this year as it is Nancy's 25th class Reunion. We will be taking a campus tour with our son, Ben, who will be a junior at Gorham High School and is looking at the University of Maine. Seems hard to believe!"

1980

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Hello, classmates! I recently had a conversation with my college roommate, Barb Brown Dalton '81. It sounds like they had a fabulous 25th Reunion last fall. Where do the years go?

I received an email recently from

Steve Maroon. He and his wife, Patty, live in the Washington, D.C., area where Steve is director of marketing for the Export-Import Bank of the United States. Steve also served as director of marketing for the Peace Corps prior to his current position. Great hearing from you, Steve!

Fellow public administration major **Dave Caron** writes that he is the town manager of Londonderry, New Hampshire. Dave and his wife, Loretta Philbrick Caron '79, have lived in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire for 25 years. They have three children, two of whom are current UMaine students!

Still waiting to hear from you! Please send me an email or an old-fashioned letter today, letting us know what you are doing to make news!

1981

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Seems that we all operate under deadlines these days! In the TV biz, we complain about having to have commercials in a half-day before they air. We often push the deadline as much as we can. In the magazine publishing business, we're talking months not hours. But the kind folks who put this magazine together gave the Class of '81 special consideration for this issue, so that I could pass along news of our 25th Reunion before it became half-a-year old.

We were "All Done in '81", and several of us were able to locate our senior year buttons that proved it and donned them proudly on October 21st! It was a windy fall day in Orono, temps weren't too bad, and a number of '81ers took part in the tailgate festivities prior to the football game. Maine got off to an early lead and never looked back, beating Hofstra 21-10. Following the game, the first official reunion activity commenced at the President's House. Bob and Mary Kennedy were gracious hosts as always, and 75+ classmates, spouses, and a few "potential students" (kids) were treated to a delicious spread of hors d'oeuvres and libations. Many remarked that in four years on campus, they had never visited the

Kim Strom-Gottfried '80 appointed to distinguished professorship at UNC

Kim Strom-Gottfried '80, professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work, was recently appointed the first Smith P. Theimann, Jr. Distinguished Professor for Ethics and Professional Practice. The distinguished professorship is the first in the country that is focused on ethics and professional issues in a social work program.

Kim, who received her Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University, is recognized as a national leader in ethics and social work research and practice. She joined the UNC School of Social Work in 1999 and served as the school's interim dean from 2000 to 2001.



President's House! Since you were all terrible about replying in advance, my list of attendees is not complete. If I start naming names, forgive me if I miss you! Perhaps our etiquette will improve a notch by the 30th!

The Beta boys and the SAE boys get the "crasher" award. It was great to see all of you and nice to see you're still traveling in herds! I could almost picture you in your frat jackets walking down the mall! Kudos to **Brad Peters** who always keeps in touch and warned me that other Betas were coming! The Pi Phi girls took the sorority award, turning out for all activities, even the Motor Booty dance on Friday evening at Alumni House. **Elaine Currier Blake**, who lives right here in Hampden, recruited **Betsy Harling** from Hingham, Massachusetts, and **Karen Lindsay Dunn** from Falmouth, along with Brenda LaRoche Whitney from the Class of '80, who added to the life of the party! **Dick Hewes** and **Ed "Skippy" Miller** represented the ATO brothers. **Bill Fraser** gets the "no show" award, but redeemed himself by emailing the day after to apologize and blamed it on his wife for getting ill, forcing them to cancel their trip! If you really miss Bill, go to: www.rustyromance.com, his band's website, and he'll personally serenade you! **Maria Maheu MacKellar**

made it from Topsham, with husband, Duncan '77G. The Grabbers were represented by **Bruce Wildes** and **Tim O'Brien**, but where was **Bill Lomas** who said he "might" come? Swimmer **Trisha Redden Haines** showed up from Topsfield, Massachusetts. **Mimi Gough** was there with her hubby from Portland and **Robb Morton** drove up from East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, without wife **Val Haynes Morton**! Val did have a good business excuse! Dr. **Nick Vachon** (Ellsworth) and Dr. **Lou Hardy** (Veazie) were present—hard to believe we've produced numerous docs! And **Jean Bingham** motored up from Connecticut and had a great weekend with her former roommate, Dottie Foster Vachon '80, and family in Ellsworth.

From the President's House, we moved on to a brief class business meeting at Buchanan Alumni House. For many, it was their first visit to that beautiful, new building and all were extremely impressed! At our meeting, we elected class officers for the next five years. Yours truly will continue on as your class president and author of this column. **Mark Gnade** (Sanford) will serve as vice president, Brad Peters (Glastonbury, Connecticut) continues on as secretary, and Elaine Currier Blake is our new treasurer. **Kathy Littlefield Reynolds** (Hampden) agreed to serve as class agent and

will, hopefully, help us to build our pitiful scholarship fund. That's a hint, in case you didn't catch it! My suggestion is 25 dollars for 25 years! If everyone would just send along \$25, just think how our fund would grow! That's another hint! We talked about the importance of updating email addresses and how this was the way we'll be doing much of our communicating from now on. Watch this magazine for news on new software that the alumni association will be investing in to help us all keep in touch and up-to-date!

Enough of that business. Now on to the fun! The one and only Ray Boston returned to UMaine for a special 25th Reunion performance! He was everything we remembered and then some! Yeah, the gray hair threw us for a minute, but he's still got a boyish face and has kept himself in great shape! And he can still play the guitar, sing, and keep you laughing all night long. We all forgot our kazoots, but that didn't stop us from humming and singing along. His audience participation songs were the best—just ask **Annette McCauley Griffin**, who won the dance contest, much to Brad Peters' delight! In typical Ray Boston style, we were asked throughout the evening, "What time is it?" and we obliged with all the correct answers! We sang along to "Amy" and dozens of other great songs from the '70s. The hokey pokey was performed masterfully by the "BCC Girls" and Joe Bennett '82! Cindy Noyes Lamond (Brewer), **Sue Hulse Burnham** (Topsham), and **Gay Bolduc** (Pembroke, Massachusetts) had lots of flashbacks to nights at The Bear's Den! We tried to continue the partying at the Beta house, accompanied by Ray Boston, only to find that our dear classmates who had invited us had already retired for the evening! Thanks, guys! We felt very old pushing our way through all those young co-eds while searching for the "old guys"! Those of you who missed Ray missed one heck of a time! We told him to keep his guitar tuned for the 30th, and I have no doubt that he will!

All in all, it was a great Reunion! Our numbers were typical of a 25-year class, and should grow at future reunions, as we become empty nesters! We need to improve the balance in our scholarship fund and add a few bucks to the class fund to help defray reunion costs. Please remember, 25 dollars for 25 years! Your help will be much appreciated! And promise to keep updat-

ing those email addresses! Thanks to everyone who made contacts and helped to make this such a wonderful weekend! UMaine is and always will be "the college of our hearts always!"

1982

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It sure is good to see so many of our classmates' names in the news for such positive activities and achievements! Hope this finds everyone well and planning to attend our 25th Reunion. Here's some of what has been going on:

Ernie Clark (history and journalism) has been presented the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Annual Media Award for his coverage of high school athletics. Ernie has been the sportswriter for the *Bangor Daily News* for the past six years, and was with the *Waterville Sentinel* for 11 years before that. He has also worked as a sports broadcaster for WZON radio station and Maine Public Television.

James Coleman (forestry) sent us a very enjoyable and informative email. He has had a fascinating career and life journey. Following graduation he pursued a doctorate in physiological ecology from Yale. He served on the biology department faculty of Syracuse University, and after receiving tenure, moved to the National Science Foundation to run a program. From there he traveled to Nevada to the Desert Research Institute. While there he became the vice president for research and business, but more importantly met his future wife. The next move has been to Columbia, Missouri, where he now serves as the chancellor for research at the University of Missouri. Jim tells us that he, Adele, stepson Chuck, and two golden retrievers live very happy lives. He would love to reconnect with friends from his time at UMaine. He can be reached at: colemanjs@missouri.edu.

Bill Crumley (liberal studies) is staying on as principal of Trenton Elementary School because of the overwhelming request of the staff and local community. Four years ago the school was on a list of 19 priority schools in the state because of low performance on the



Enjoying a pre-football game reception during Homecoming are Class of 1981 members (left to right): Robb Morton, Barbara Beem Tiernan, Ed Miller, and Mark Gnade.

Maine Educational Assessment tests. In three years the school was off the list, and much of that is due to Bill's leadership and dedication. He handed in a six-month retirement notice, but a petition asking him to stay on changed his mind. He is certainly respected by his community, and deservedly so.

Joseph DeGrasse (child development/family relations) has retired from 23 years of counseling services with the Bangor Veterans' Center. He started work at the center six months after it opened. His original position was a temporary opening, but grew into a rich and deeply appreciated career of service to

many.

Janet Hoskin (education) has been inducted into the Maine Field Hockey Association's Hall of Fame, the first and, to date, only person ever inducted as a player. Since graduation Janet has coached at Windham, Hermon, and Cape Elizabeth high schools. She has proven herself to be an exceptional leader in the world of women's sports in our state.

Rhonda Ricker Irish (agriculture and resource economics) is now the administrator for the town of Minot. For the 12 years prior to this she was the recycling and solid waste coordinator for the nearby town of

Jay, where she lives with her husband, Jay. They are the parents of a grown son and daughter, Ben and Allyson.

Lynn Ronan Silk (elementary education and M.Ed.) is now the principal of the Viola Rand School in Bradley after serving for quite some time as the assistant principal at the Lewis S. Libby School in the neighboring town of Milford. She also oversees the Reading Recovery Program at her new school. She and her husband, Mark, are the parents of three sons.

Amy Stanton Ladd (business administration) was recently inducted into the Marblehead All-Sports Boosters Hall of Fame in Massachusetts. Amy was a three-sport team captain her senior year at Marblehead High School. You may recall that she came to UMaine and was a member of our women's doubles champions and named an All-Maine Woman. She now lives in Danvers, Massachusetts, with her husband, Tom, and children, Greg and Alison.

Mark Waite (electrical engineering) has recently moved back to Maine and started a new company in Falmouth called Launch Momentum. This company invests and helps manage young companies. This is something Mark is certainly qualified for after his years affiliated with Toshiba America Semiconductor, Ring Medical, Analogic Corporation, and Tautron/General Signal. Most recently he helped cofound semiconductor company Extreme



Class of 1981 members had a blast at the Ray Boston performance at Alumni House during their 25th Reunion at Homecoming 2006.

Packet Devices of Ontario, Canada, which has now been acquired by PMC-Sierra of Santa Clara, California. Mark has been named "Angel of the Year" by Maine's largest software association for his fine and generous work.

1983

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Greetings, fellow members of the Class of '83, and Happy New Year! My name is **Bob Fitta** and I have agreed to take on the responsibilities as our class correspondent. It's been almost 24 years since we ventured out to the real world and I am looking forward to receiving updates from many of you. I am also curious if any of you share something in common with me, a new connection to the University of Maine, which comes in the form of an oldest child who has followed in her Dad's footsteps and is now a member of the sophomore class. One thing 24 years has changed is tuition, and the price of textbooks! Please send your latest news. I look forward to hearing from you!

Here's what we know about our classmates:

Wayne Enman (M.Ed.) served as interim superintendent for S.A.D. 34 from last August until the beginning of 2007, while a search was conducted for a full-time replacement. Wayne served as superintendent at S.A.D. 56 in the Searsport area several years ago and more recently as interim superintendent in S.A.D. 3 in western Waldo county.

Mark Savage, who previously coached Brewer girls' varsity soccer from 1986 to 1995, became the Brewer boys' varsity soccer coach this past fall. Mark also spent 11 years coaching boys' varsity basketball and four years coaching girls' varsity basketball. Mark was named the Maine Physical Education Teacher of the Year in 1996 for his work in starting and developing an outdoor education program. Kudos to you, Mark!

Adrienne Abromowich Michaud has joined the Hingham, Massachusetts, office of William Raveis Real Estate and Home Services. Adrienne, her husband, and two sons live in Hingham. She

Brew Master Bruce Elam '82

Bruce Elam '82, brewer at Shipyard Brewing Company in Portland, has created a beer recipe that was selected as Shipyard's 2007 Brewer's Choice. The brew, a honey porter, will be available nationally in January for as long as supplies last. The company will brew 10,000 cases of Bruce's recipe.

Every year, Brewer's Choice features a new beer recipe created by Shipyard's award-winning brew house team.

Bruce says that porter is an under-appreciated style and he hopes to change some minds with his new brew.

"It's exciting to have a little piece of your heart and soul out there for people to try," he says.



has worked as a realtor for 18 years, and enjoys gardening in her free time.

Brian Butler ran for a seat on the Windham town council last June. Brian, who is married and has two children, works for MACTEC Engineering and Consulting.

1984

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Hello, classmates! I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful winter. I have been getting outside as much as I can—sledding, skating, playing. Thankfully, my children seem to love winter weather as much as I do. It must be genetic! I am now working at the Mount Desert Island YMCA three to four days a week doing their financial work. If you are in the area, please stop in and say hello. My hours are flexible enough that I can be home when my children get off the school bus. I feel fortunate to be able to do this.

With my niece a freshman on campus this year, we have made several more visits to Orono the past few months. The campus looks great and makes me nostalgic for

my college days. I miss many of my college friends with whom I have lost contact. I am certain that many of you feel the same way. You want to know what these people are doing, and I know your classmates would love to know what is going on with you. Do any of you have any news about marriages, children, grandchildren, education, trips, work, hobbies, or sports? (Please note my correct email address of: lcsoucy@adelphia.net, particularly if you have had problems sending me emails in the past.)

I saw **Carl Soderberg** when he ran the Bar Harbor Half-Marathon. It was a hot day for running with temperatures in the 80s. Carl ran an amazing 1:32:16! He and his wife, Lisa, live in Caribou and have two daughters, ages 8 and 11.

The *Franklin Journal* ran a wonderful article about **Sharon Cram** (M.Ed.) who has been teaching for over 40 years! Sharon teaches sixth grade at Academy Hill School in Wilton, Maine. She estimates that she has taught close to 900 students over the years! I have fond memories of many of my teachers and I bet there are many people out there with fond memories of Sharon.

Julie Treadwell placed third overall at the 2006 Women's Maine State Golf Association championship held at the Purpoodock Club. Julie's home course is J. W. Parks Golf Club in Pittsfield, where she is the

athletic director at the Maine Central Institute.

Bangor Savings Bank appointed 10 incorporators at its annual meeting June 26, 2006, one of whom is **Holly Smith Fernald**. Holly is the funeral director at Brookings-Smith Funeral Homes in Bangor. The incorporators represent the customers of the institution, elect the bank's board of trustees, and perform other corporate governance functions.

Pat Dunn wrote, "On the road again. We have packed up our bags and headed back to the sunny and hot south. I decided to give up my own successful consulting practice and join SunGard Availability Services as a practice area manager based in Alpharetta, Georgia. I have a team of consultants (most of them University of Georgia fans) who are responsible for providing business availability professional services to customers across the southeast. Upon joining SunGard, I was also tasked with developing the methodology for incident/crisis management to be used by SunGard's consultants nationwide. We are living in Buford, Georgia, just a stone's throw from the Mall of Georgia which is my wife and daughter's new favorite shopping area. I hope to hear from y'all if you are in the Atlanta area—please feel free to contact me at: patrickrdunn@gmail.com."

Jay Skriletz '03G is the director of the Calais Community Theater and directed their first production last spring. His goal is to reintroduce live theater to the city. Community theater is a wonderful thing. We enjoy going to productions put on by the Acadia Community Theater here on Mount Desert Island. We see many of our friends and neighbors onstage sharing their previously hidden talents!

That is all I have for this time. Please send me your news. What is humdrum to you may be very exciting to your friends from UMaine!

1985

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Hi all, and Happy New Year! As you can see, our column is getting shorter each time. Please make a point to send me your news. Your

former classmates look here first!

In August I received a nice thank-you note from Justin Backer who is a recipient of the Class of 1985 scholarship for a second time. He wrote, "I think being selected for a scholarship was so flattering it inspired me to increase my efforts. I plan on graduating this coming spring and I have ambitions on joining the Peace Corps, so that I can see more of the world and be able to help others. So thanks—your thoughtfulness and generosity are much appreciated."

Jay McIntire is the new school superintendent for Maine's Wiscasset school department. After graduating from UMaine, Jay earned a master's degree in environmental education from Lesley College and then completed three years of doctoral work at the University of Virginia. After a stint as a lobbyist in Washington, D.C., and regional special education director for Maine School Administrative District 47, Jay has settled with his wife and two young sons in Wiscasset.

Rhea Cote Robbins of Brewer, Maine, has spent years tracing her French origins and several recent years writing down the French and English proverbs she remembers hearing from her mother as she was growing up. An author, teacher, and mother herself now, Rhea has developed 39 colorful, poster-sized wall hangings of her mother's sayings—preserving them to give herself a sense of personal ownership of her heritage and lineage. Each of the 39 sayings is featured in its own collage with colorful artwork and photos to illustrate it.

Rhea says, "This is not simply an exercise in nostalgia, but how I choose to reclaim for myself the proverbs and give meaning to them as I see them, part of the everyday magic of life." Rhea teaches at UMaine Fort Kent and had the first public show of "Maman Disait" (Mama said) last winter.

The Maine Association of Community Banks (MACB) held its 113th annual meeting June 22 at Migis Lodge in South Casco. **Andrew C. Perry** from First Federal Savings of Bath was named to the MACB executive committee.

Joan Morong Merriam made the move from race director to participant of the 31st Tour du Lac 10-mile road race in Bucksport in June, finishing 46th with a time of 1:36:49.

Our daughter attended field hockey camp at UMaine in August; staying in Hancock Hall and eating



John Dodge '82 and daughter Abigail enjoy a moment together at her school where John and other fathers prepared and served lunch to the students. He is a telecommunications attorney in Washington, D.C., where he and his wife, Mary, have lived since 1991. John was the former voice of the Black Bears for WMEB and still closely follows the UMaine teams.

at Stewart Commons (where **Colleen McGoldrick Meader** and I used to earn \$4.20/hour checking your meal tickets at the door). Moving her into the dorm room for a week was an eye-opener—four more years and it'll be the real thing.

All for now—please send an update.

1986

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Hi! **George** and I wish you and yours a very happy and healthy new year!

Here's what some of your classmates have been up to:

Dr. C. Monique Haggopian-Lucarelli was appointed to the Central Maine Medical Center (CMMC) medical staff. She is a CMMC hospitalist, providing care for in-patients at the request of their primary care physicians. Prior to joining the Lewiston-Auburn, Maine, medical community, Monique practiced for 10 years with the Bowdoin Medical group in Brunswick, Maine.

She has an extensive background in medical research, dating back to being recognized with highest honors for her undergraduate research work.

We are happy to let the class know that this year's recipient of the Class of '86 Scholarship is **Tabatha White** of Ellsworth, Maine. Tabatha received \$393 and is a sophomore majoring in forestry. She is the daughter of classmate **Lorna White**.

Retired Gardiner, Maine, librarian **Glenna Nowell** once again compiled her fun annual "Who reads what" list, in time for National Library Week last April. Since 1988, Glenna has heard from presidents, judges, Hollywood Who's Whos, athletes, and more—including a couple of United Nations secretaries general. She tries to mix up her list requests, getting people of all political parties and from varied backgrounds.

Gary Tanguay has landed a role in the independent film *Stiffs*. Gary played TV reporter Mike Roberts in this black comedy starring Danny Aiello and Leslie Ann Warren. He and friends, the film's director, the screenplay writer, and coworkers at FOX, turned the exciting and interesting insider's look for Gary into a charitable endeavor also. They auctioned off an extra role to benefit the Salvation Army's Good Neighbor fund, which assists people with home heating costs.

Gary is the cohost of FOX Sports Net New England (FSNNE) and studio host for FSNNE Boston Celtics telecasts. He and other FOX staff had wanted to do something for charity. Gary also landed a role in Ben Affleck's drama *Gone, Baby, Gone* a few months later.

Dr. Deborah J. Buswell was awarded the 2005 Texas Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award. She is an assistant professor in the department of kinesiology and health science at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. Deborah has also made over 40 presentations at conferences from the local to international level and has contributed to more than 50 publications.

She has been an active member on numerous committees and for the past 30 years has volunteered for the Special Olympics. Most recently she served as a member of the Games Organizing Committee for the 2005 Texas Summer Games. Deborah was also a college of education finalist for the Presidential Award For Excellence in Teaching in 2004 and 2005.

Eric Wicklund is the new editor

of the *Biddeford-Saco-OOB Courier*. Previously, he spent almost 20 years on the editorial staff of the daily *Journal Tribune*, starting as a staff writer in 1986. Eric is also involved in a number of local sports programs, including the annual Tour de Cure, an event to raise awareness and funds for diabetes research. He and wife, Debbie, live in Lyman with sons Brendan and Andres.

Governor **John Baldacci** has been named as one of the national top 25 doers, dreamers, and drivers by *Government Technology* magazine. John was chosen based on his accomplishments for information technology during his administration, including his creation of the Office of Information Technology.

Keith Patterson of Saco, Maine, played in the Paul Bunyan Golf Tournament at Kebo Valley Golf Course in Bar Harbor, Maine. If you get a chance, ask Keith about his amazing and funny view from Cadillac Mountain, too!

A variety of literature was the aim for the six free Going to Sea weekly discussions held this past spring at Lubec, Maine, Memorial Library. **Colin Windhorst** (M.A.) guided the evening talks. A Maine Humanities Council associate for several years and a longtime resident of Dennysville, Maine, Colin serves as pastor in Dennysville, Perry, and Robbinston. Readers who gathered to explore the sea sagas said they enjoyed the lively discussions and gained a much clearer understanding of how life apart from land was lived in the days of "wooden ships and men of iron."

Jonathan "Jon" Jenks (M.S.) was named distinguished professor at South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota. He has several students working on master's and Ph.Ds. He and students are helping the Game, Fish, and Parks Department in the study of mountain lions in the Black Hills. Jon was honored at the graduation ceremonies last spring.

Larry Fox (MPA), most recently the principal of Presque Isle Middle School, became the new vocational education director this past July. Larry has worked for S.A.D. #1 for about 15 years both as a teacher and an administrator.

Even for a family with "Lov Hky" on its minivan license plate, Linda '91 and **Wesley Williams** hadn't foreseen running an ice rink! George mentioned in our last column that the Williams family has worked together to lease and run the T. J.

Ryan rink in Brewer, Maine, saving it from closing last year.

Sons, Lee, the rink manager, and Robbie '05 have worked hard to learn and perfect ice maintenance. Twelve-year-old Cooper and friends even help out with trash removal and working the concessions.

Linda says their goal was to have "great ice and great coffee." Both have been achieved, along with great hot chocolate according to the younger set! The family has had to deal with the biggest and most difficult factor in running a rink— money. The rink has survived thanks to their family's persistence, community pride, and help from the Youth Hockey Program folks; as well as countless others. The 1960 Olympic bronze medal winner, Nancy Graham, skates there too.

The rink is looking and hoping for town and corporate sponsorship. Until then, friends of the rink and the Williams family will work hard to keep the dream alive! Almost all of our news comes from newspaper clippings, but we occasionally get a real note, usually via email. Please don't hesitate to drop us a line, with news, suggestions, even to catch our mistakes! Let the class know what's happening after two decades!

Sharon Kennedy Peabody writes that her new basketball coaching duties at China Middle School this past winter were a blast! Her team also got to play in a tournament at Cony High School, Augusta—a fun "blast from the past"! She and I (**Donny**) taught there and at Hodgkins Middle School years ago. Sharon still goes to Cony High School from time to time to do student speech testing and evaluations. As I mentioned in the past, she currently works for Vassalboro Community School as their speech pathologist as well as holds a few private contracts for student testing like Cony High School. I have always admired Sharon's energy and spirit! Son Luke was on husband Dale's '83 baseball team and daughter Hanna was on the school softball team. In fall they are knee deep in the soccer season in China, and love it! When I ran into Dale a few weeks ago, he said their 15th wedding anniversary was coming up! Congrats! Very best wishes!

Julie-Ann Baumer was appointed by the Junior League of Boston as cochair of its 34th Decorator's Show House, held at the Dana House in Cambridge, Massachusetts, last summer. Julie-Ann previously held a position on the 2005 show house operating

committee and said, "I am humbled and honored to have been chosen as one of this year's cochairs...and I look forward to working with the talents of New England's top interior and landscape designers while helping to raise awareness for the Junior League of Boston and the Dana House."

The show house, one of the League's primary fund-raisers, featured over 35 decorated spaces created by many nationally recognized designers and opened to the public last May. The League says that Julie-Ann has generously donated her time to make this year's Show House a success and to maximize the funds raised for the community programs which focus on the health and education of women and children. Many congrats and we hope it was a great success!

Kim Buck Russell's kids are energetic and fun and always amuse their ol' Aunt Donny! Kim's oldest, Mary, is now at UMaine and is pledging Kim's old sorority, Gamma Sigma Sigma. This is the first "legacy pledge" they've had in a while and Kim is very proud. Son Donald, our godson, is 15 years old and in his high school band. George and I went to his awards night last spring at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield, Maine. We found the school programs offered very innovative, challenging, and forward thinking. Daughter Brenna (oops, another who won't speak to me, ha!) was big into wrestling last year.

George and I went to a lovely Rainbow Assembly reception last spring for Mary, in which her proud sister participated and Kim did wonderful memory scrapbooks for Mary to share at the banquet. Hope you guys are having a great school year, and have fun!

In our news, George just had his 20th anniversary at the Maine DOT! Good thing he still likes his job, ha! Different positions over the years. He's now in the highway program and dealing with the financial and scheduling side of projects. He took a little time off for us to relax and celebrate! Health problems still keep me out of work, but hope to change that in the future. We keep on plugging along!

Sharon Kennedy Peabody is the newest column writer drawing winner! She has a choice of the University "Go Blue" Tshirt or the "Maine Hello" polo. Yah! Please contact us for size/color info.

Please drop us a note when you get a chance! We don't always have prizes but will try to as much as



Barbara Butler Merrill '88 surprised a lot of political experts with her strong showing in the Maine governor's race. As an independent, Barbara came in third with an impressive 21 percent of the vote. An attorney, she lives in Appleton with her husband and their two children. (Bangor Daily News photo.)

possible. If you write in, keep your eyes peeled for the winner's name.

Your classmates are curious about what you've been up to, work or play! Hope we saw you at Homecoming in October! Great memories! Take care, Donny

1987

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Hello Class of '87 and Happy New Year! I hope that all of you will let us know what you are up to. There doesn't seem to be much news lately.

Donna Trask Buttarazzi is living in Arundel, Maine, and writing a weekly column for the *York County Coast Star*. **Patrick Kelly** is living in the Camden area with his wife and three children. He is teaching biology and oceanography at Camden Hills Regional High School in Rockland. Patrick had been the wrestling head coach since 2002 but recently stepped down to spend more time with his growing family. During his tenure he coached the team to three Class B state championships, four Kennebec Valley Athletic conference crowns, and an overall record of 117-5.

Have you received a promotion

lately? Won any awards or elections? Why not tell us about all of the great things you have been doing? You can send me an email or mail a card to the alumni office.

1988

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Okay, everyone, what's up? Please make a New Year's resolution that 2007 is the year you will write and tell us your news.

Kristin Dane DiCroce is a full-time nursing student. Now what about the rest of you?

1989

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Winter greetings!

Our news is brief this time around so let me wish you a Happy 2007 and ask that you keep us informed of the never-ending changes in your lives! Time flies and we don't want to get to our 20th Reunion and not know what has happened to you since graduation! It only takes a minute with email—so next snowstorm, please drop me a line!

Grant Sorterup is the owner of Heritage Landscaping in Damariscotta. He is an ICPI certified paver installer and Lakesmart certified landscaper and belongs to PLANET (Professional Landscape Network) and the Maine Landscape and Nursery Association.

Eric Weinrich has accepted an offer to be an assistant coach with the American Hockey League's Portland Pirates. Eric was pleased to be able to stay on the east coast and was looking forward to working with his former coach, Bruce Crowder '90G.

Walter McKee of Lipman, Katz, & McKee, PA in Augusta, recently became president of the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (MACDL), which is Maine's

sole organization dedicated to preserving the rights of the accused in criminal cases. Walter's practice focuses on litigation with a special focus on criminal defense and personal injury matters. He has been involved in many high-profile criminal cases in Maine and is a veteran of over 80 fully contested jury trials. In his spare time, Walter is an avid runner, hunter, mountaineer, classical violinist, licensed private pilot, and soccer coach! He is cohost of the weekly local cable television show "Looking at the Law" and is president of the Pineland Suzuki School, which teaches violin, viola, cello, and piano using the Suzuki method. Walter graduated from UMaine Law School in 1993.

Sadly, **Kenneth Morrison** passed away in an accident last summer. Ken was a political science major and a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He worked in the insurance industry with Liberty Mutual and the Dunlap Group. More recently, Ken served as the human resources director for Applicators Sale in Portland. Father of three, he enjoyed coaching soccer and attending his children's games. Any contributions in Ken's memory can be sent to: The Morrison Children, care of Gary West, P. O. Box 3212, Brewer, Maine 04412.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year!

1990

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone's holidays were great. We were fortunate to spend the holidays with family and friends. One of the things I enjoy the most during the holidays is to visit with friends who are returning to Maine to celebrate the holidays with their families.

Please email or mail me any news you want to share with your classmates. Your classmates want to hear from you. Hopefully, you will have time to send me your news!

In May 2006 **Scott Stevens** was recognized as Maine's 2005 Trooper of the Year. Scott was chosen from a field of 11 finalists. Since 1998, Scott has patrolled the Franklin County area. Scott and his wife, Leah, have two children. Scott also



Class of '92 members Michelle Bouchard and Rachel Bonenfant Zehner enjoyed a barbeque with their kids this summer in Falmouth, Maine. Rachel was on a visit to the U.S. from Australia. Left to right are: Courtney Meader, Michelle with Andrew Meader, Rachel with Annabelle Zehner, and Sydney Meader.

volunteers with the Dead River Historical Society.

Guy Perron is the new recruiting coordinator/top assistant coach for our own University of Maine men's ice hockey team. For the past two seasons Guy was the Maine women's ice hockey head coach. Previously, Guy was a four-year standout and a two-year captain at Maine.

Martha Page White ('90G) finished in a three-way tie for fifth at the Women's Maine State Golf Association title game held at the Purpoodock Club in July.

Lucy Quimby ('90G), is the Bangor Land Trust president. The Bangor Land Trust has received a gift of 410 acres from two couples, Fritz and Caroline Oldenburg and Dennis and Jane Shubert. The nature preserve is open to the public for recreational use and is called the Walden Parke Reserve. The preserve is located west of UMaine. I wish I was still at the university to enjoy this great nature area!

I hope your winter is going well and I look forward to receiving your news!

1991

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My best wishes to each of you for a New Year filled with peace and

happy days.

Some of our classmates have new adventures to report in their professional or personal lives. Eastern Maine Community College has hired **Danny Williams** as its new foundation president and director of development. Before his appointment, Danny worked in a number of capacities at the University of Maine, including fundraising, admissions, enrollment management, and student programs. He also served a term in the Maine Legislature. In his new role, Danny will lead the annual appeal, direct alumni relations, and launch a capital campaign to complete the last phase of the new Campus Center.

Matthew Bigley has been promoted to senior field adjuster at MMG Insurance Company, a subsidiary of Maine Mutual Group, a regional, property, and casualty insurance company in Presque Isle.

The board of directors of Youthlinks welcomed **Thomas Karod** as a new member. Tom also volunteers actively with local schools, previously serving on the Belfast school parent teacher group and on the building committee for the new Captain Albert W. Stephens School in Belfast. He practices estate planning and real estate law with Elliott & MacLean, LLP in Camden where he lives with his children, Maddie and Will.

Jeremy Veilleux is a principal at Baker Newman, & Noyes in Manchester, New Hampshire, where he supervises the audit practice. He has over 14 years experience in delivering audit and consulting services, primarily to clients in the

financial services, manufacturing, health care, governmental, and not-for-profit sectors.

Romeo Parent (MPA) was hired last spring to be the administrator of the Machias Veterans Home, a 30-bed residential-care facility with 40-plus employees. He is a former CEO of Van Buren Community Hospital and was assistant executive director at Cary Medical Center before doing consulting for MVH Caribou. In his free time, Romeo enjoys collecting sea glass, playing golf, cross-country skiing, and building. He and his wife are looking forward to living on the water.

Campbell Blair, who had been a full-time assistant coach at the University of Maine for the past five seasons, was named as the top assistant/recruiting coordinator at the University of Alaska-Anchorage. He and his wife, Kate, who was an assistant for the Maine women's hockey team last year, moved to Alaska over the summer.

Did anyone get back to UMaine for homecoming this year? How much has changed on campus in the past 15 years? I'm sorry I couldn't make the trip from Kansas. Please share some stories about your weekend—tailgating at the football game, walking down the mall, visiting old residence halls or fraternity and sorority houses, filling steins with friends, sharing stories from the past, or making new memories.

M-A-I-N-E, Gooo BLUE!

1992

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Hello, everyone! It is that time again to find out what all our classmates have been doing.

Unfortunately, I have not received much news from you all, so you must be very busy. I'll start with our mini UMaine get-together we had earlier in the year to visit with **Rachel Bonenfant Zehner** who was home visiting from Australia. We had a barbeque at a friend's house and many from our class were able to visit with her. **Charlie** and **Sara Inman Carroll** were there as well as **Cheryl Cleland Daley**. It was great to see everyone again and meet

everyone's children. The kids outnumbered the adults!

David Williams has left his position at the Bath town office to take a new position as town administrator for Charlton, Massachusetts. **Garth Snow** has officially retired from the NHL to accept a position as the new general manager for the New York Islanders. His duties will include handling trades and overseeing pro scouting. Garth and his wife, Erica, have a young son, Glenn, as well as a new baby. Congratulations on your success, Garth!

Edward Mercier was married to Heather Hurd in August and had a reception at the Black Bear Inn.

Nino Chiappone was married to Melanie Hersom in August as well, and they had their reception at Beech Hill Pond. Congratulations!

Lastly, **Karen Larsen** has written a travel memoir called *Breaking the Limit: One Woman's Motorcycle Journey through North America*. It recounts her solo voyage from New Jersey to Alaska and back. She has since married Brad Alexander and now lives in Vermont where she teaches at Montpelier High School. They have one child, Neil.

That is all this time around. I hope everyone is surviving the winter and has a great New Year!

1993

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Happy New Year!! Where did the year go? My column this winter is short. But I know you all are out there, reading this. So fill me in—what have you been up to? Please, drop me a note, give us the goods—married, new baby, career change, promotion, moved, or anything else of any significance.

A few of our classmates have recently tied the knot! Congratulations to **Julie Buxton** who married Andrew Scafidi in August 2006. Julie is employed as a teacher at the Maria Hastings School in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Congratulations also to **Anne Marie Ayotte** who married Robert Kiley on May 29, 2006. The couple lives in Cadyville, New York. Anne Marie works for Champlain Valley Veterinary Services.

Jonathan Robbins (master of library science), is a retired high

school English teacher from Whitefield, whose avocation is collecting, repairing, and rebinding rare old books. Robbins recently donated his skills and time to help the Fogler Library restore some of their Special Collections books. He repaired a three-centuries-old French Psalter, a book of psalms with oversized musical notes and Latin lyrics used by church choirs. Making the books useable for another century! Thanks, Jonathan!

That's all I've got this time around. Hope to hear from more of you for next column. Have a wonderful spring!

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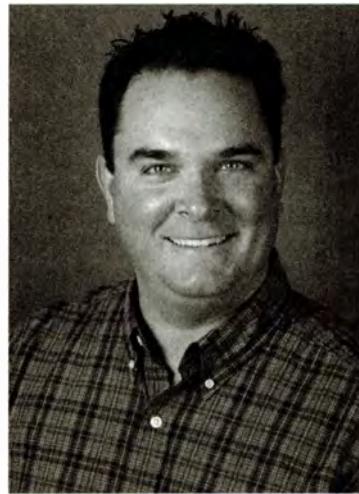
Happy New Year, classmates! We hope you all had wonderful holidays and are surviving the winter!

As usual, there's not a whole lot of news to share. Actually, that's a big lie. There is news, and we think it's quite noteworthy. And for this column, the "we" really means Stacey, because **Beth** has her hands full with her new baby boy. Yes, you read correctly—there's a new addition to the Calhoun family, and just this once, we don't mean a cat! Sean Michael Calhoun (Class of 2028) arrived on September 7, 2006. Mom and incredibly adorable baby are doing just fine. Stacey is very excited to be a pseudo-aunt and hopes her knitting skills improve quickly. Congrats to Beth and Jason on their new arrival!

In other news, **Michael Crooker** was hired as the town manager of Glenburn. He had been the executive director of the River Coalition in Old Town prior to his appointment.

Best wishes to **Tara Pineo**, who is engaged to Mark Severance and is planning a May 2007 wedding.

And now for the usual not-so-subtle reminder to pleasepleaseplease send us your news. We're particularly adept at wedding well-wishing, gushing over babies, and congratulating on new jobs, but we are eager to expand our repertoire.



Alex Bradstreet '95 was recently promoted to assistant vice president in eCommerce at TD Banknorth in Falmouth. Alex is a resident of Old Orchard Beach where he is a board member in his church. He also volunteers for the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association and for WMPG, Greater Portland Community Radio.

1995

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Happy New Year, everyone! I hope the holidays were nice for you and that you have time to enjoy all of your favorite winter activities.

I don't have too much to report this time around—news was scarce. So, if you have anything to share, please forward it along to me.

My good friend and our classmate, **Clint Deschene**, is a proud papa. He and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed a daughter, Reagen Bennett Deschene, to their family on June 28th. Clint and Jennifer reside in Hermon where Clint is the town manager—congrats to them both!

Robbin Miller ('95G in student personnel counseling) has been presenting disability sensitivity training in the Worcester area of Massachusetts. Robbin is a licensed mental health counselor and in addition to her UMaine degree has degrees from the College of St. Rose in Albany, New York, and from Worcester State College. Robbin is the chairwoman of a group that addresses the rights, equality, and

dignity of the disabled, and is the president of Potential Plus and Associates in Shrewsbury where she counsels children and adults. Robbin also produces a show called "Miller Chat" on which she discusses disabilities as well as topics of interest and everyday activities for Shrewsbury Media Connection and Worcester Community Cable Access Channel 13. You can learn more at her website: rmillerchat.com.

Tricia Ann Nixon married Jason Spearin '00 in September. Tricia teaches dental hygiene at the University College of Bangor.

Bucksport High School had the privilege of having **Ron Provencher** as the speaker for their 72nd commencement in June. Ron's speech discussed his own time at Bucksport High as part of the Class of 1988, being captain of the football team, and his difficulties getting into college. Ron said he recognized the need to energize his ambitions and become an elementary school teacher. After seven years of working his way through college he recognized that ambition, and is currently teaching kindergarten within the Bangor school system. Ron's speech at the high school was very well received and he noted it was one of the highlights of his life.

That's about all I have to report, unfortunately. I hope this finds you well and that we may hear from you soon!

1996

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Greetings, '96ers! I hope you all had a great summer and fall. Here's what some of our classmates have been up to:

Karin Wilkes has turned a historic building in downtown Ellsworth into an art gallery. The building was the city's first courthouse and was also the high school at one time. The Courthouse Gallery features work from local artists and is located on the corner of Route 172 and Route 1. Karin lives in Ellsworth with her husband, Michael.

Jack Kelly is a sales agent at Jaret and Cohn Real Estate in Belfast. He lives in Lincolnville with his wife, Erika, and their children, Andrew (5) and Kristina (3). **Jenni-**

fer Goode is a personal lines producer at the Allen Agency, an employee-owned insurance, benefits, and financial services company in Camden. Jennifer lives in Waldoboro with her son, Ian.

Margaret Jones lives in Bucksport and enjoys road races. In June she came in fourth in the Tour du Lac, a 10-mile road race held in Bucksport. Great job, Margaret!

Drop us a line and let us know what you've been up to. I'm sure your classmates would like to hear about you. Take care and have a fantastic winter!

1997

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Greetings, Class of 1997! I haven't heard from many of you, so I'm assuming you all had a great time at Homecoming and had a safe trek down I-95. I heard from former WMEB-FM program director and student station advisor, **Jeff Schweitzer**. Jeff and his wife, Dawn, also a UMaine grad, welcomed home their new daughter, Callie Anne, on May 27, 2006. After 13 years, Jeff has retired from coaching high school and American Legion baseball in exchange for coaching under-age-four soccer. Jeff's enjoying his new position and we can only assume that three-year-old daughter, Camden Rose, prompted the change. Jeff graduated with a degree in business administration. He and his family live in Wrentham, Massachusetts.

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Kevin Mattson (MBA) was appointed to the Finance Authority of Maine board of directors by Governor John Baldacci '86, reports the *Kennebec Journal*. The mission of the Finance Authority of Maine is to provide innovative financial solutions to help Maine citizens pursue business and educational opportunities. Kevin is the president of Harper's Development. He resides in Winthrop.

Scott St. Hilaire has joined Trask-Decrow Machinery as an



Christa Currier Galipeau '96 recently started Great Expectations Tutoring Service in Presque Isle. She left her teaching job and started the service in order to spend more time with her twin daughters. (Photo courtesy of the *Presque Isle Star-Herald*.)

applications engineer, reports the *Sun Journal*. Scott will assist customers in determining their industrial air compressor and pump needs. Scott holds bachelor's degrees in mechanical engineering and technologies from UMaine and previously worked at Atlantic Pump and Engineering in Sanford. Scott lives in North Yarmouth with his wife and two kids.

Congratulations to **Charles Rudelitch** for graduating cum laude from the University of Maine Law School. Charles lives in Harrington.

Gaile A. Nicholson (G) has been named to the Health Services Foundation board, reports the *Houlton Pioneer Times*. Gaile is currently the marketing director for Katahdin Valley Health Center in Patten and has an MBA from UMaine. Gaile's public service includes serving as president of the St. Croix Valley Chamber of Commerce and as a board member of the Abnaki Girl Scout Council in Brewer. Gaile lives in Millinocket.

1998

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Hearty Maine Hello! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. When you receive this I should be close to

finishing my second tour in Iraq and returning to Germany; I was originally due to redeploy around the first of the new year, but my brigade was extended in late summer. Several times this year I was able to meet with Captain Eric Pelletier '01 with the 172nd Striker Brigade Combat Team during my travels in Iraq. On August 3rd, I took command of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment with 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division. I expect to return to the states in the summer of 2007.

Also recently taking command was my UMaine ROTC classmate, Captain **Kyle Fox**. On April 28th Kyle took command of B Company, 314th Military Intelligence Battalion at Lackland Air Force Base at San Antonio, Texas. Previously, Kyle served twice at Camp Hovey in South Korea and once at Fort Benning, Georgia. Kyle is married to the former Angela Crawford. They have two daughters, Reagan (4) and Brenlee (2).

It was great to hear from **Eden Hindley Spierdowis**. She and her husband, Bill, welcomed their first child, William Grant Spierdowis, born July 5, 2006. They still reside in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Also newborn congrats go to **Adam "Hoagie" Fisher** and his wife, Nina. Henry Fisher was born on 20 September 2006. Henry weighed eight pounds, 11 ounces, and was close to 22 inches long. They reside in Farmingdale, Maine.

Congrats to **Travis R. Jacques** who is engaged to Allison Sanford. They plan a 23 June 2007 wedding. Travis is employed by Cadbury Schweppes in Dallas.

Jean Hay Bright ran for the U.S. Senate against Senator Olympia Snowe '69 this year. Although she lost, she ran a solid campaign and raised many important issues.

Nicole Forsyth (M.A. in communication) has been named president and CEO of United Animal Nations (UAN). UAN is a leading provider of emergency animal sheltering and disaster relief services, and a key advocate for the critical needs of animals. Nicole will oversee a staff of nine and an annual budget of \$1.3 million; implement UAN's strategic plan; and administer its full complement of programs. Recently, she joined a distinguished group of international animal welfare experts for a week-long online forum on avian influenza.

Take a minute this winter to let us know what is going on with you.

We look forward to hearing from you!

1999

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Hello everyone! I hope that you had a great holiday season and that the winter weather isn't too harsh. Are you planning to vacation this winter? If so, we'd love to hear about your travels. Here is a little news from some of our classmates.

Michelle Laub is engaged to Brian Haskell. She is a mortgage specialist at Residential Mortgage Services in Sanford. The couple resides in Kennebunk. They planned a New Year's eve wedding. **Lisa Farrington** is engaged to Sean Holman. Lisa is studying for a master's degree at the University of Southern New Hampshire while working at Aetna Insurance. The couple lives in Saco. Congratulations to both couples!

Alexandra Powell Spare has joined Heritage Landscaping in Damariscotta. After graduation, she worked in the Annapolis, Maryland, area designing numerous projects along the Chesapeake Bay. Congratulations and welcome back to Maine, Alexandra! **Paul Santerre** (master's in music) is the instrumental director at Pelham Memorial School in New Hampshire. According to an article in the *Lowell Sun*, Paul has given the music program a complete makeover and increased participation from less than 40 students to over 150.

My husband, Ray '97, and I welcomed a son into our family on September 22. We are now a blended family of six: mom and dad; Avarie (12); Acadia (3); Brooke (2); and little brother Eben Bryce. Things are quite chaotic here, but I'm sure we'll eventually find a routine that works for us.

I hope everyone has a happy, healthy new year. All the best in 2007!

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2000

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I just arrived home from a friend from UMaine's wedding in Ohio. It was great to visit with old friends and get caught up on the news of everyone. It is always great to hear what your old classmates are up to. So, if you haven't spread the word of your happenings in your life, feel free to share using the class notes section.

Also this past week I worked a college fair in the Baltimore area for UMaine. It always reminds me of the good times at Orono and I love to share my experience with prospective students. The great memories of UMaine!

Head softball coach at Maine and classmate, **Stacey Sullivan**, was named the league's Coach of the Year. She guided her Black Bear team to a 35-17 overall record, which is the most wins for the program in a single season. Congratulations go out to her and her UMaine team.

Classmate **William Post** (G) of Waldoboro settled into his new position as the Knox County administrator. His long-term goal is to work with the municipal managers to see how the county can serve the towns better. William and his wife, Jennifer, have been married nine years and have two children, a six-year-old son, Wyatt, and a four-year-old daughter, Taylor. He also coaches T-ball for the Waldoboro Little League and youth soccer for the Waldoboro Recreation Department.

Two of our classmates just recently got their doctorate degrees. **Elizabeth Beal Jardine** was awarded a doctorate of audiology degree May 6th, 2006, from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. Her doctoral thesis, Noise Exposure Levels for Workers in the Commercial Fishing Industry, earned her the National Hearing Conservation Association's 2005 Outstanding Research Poster Award. Her work also was selected for presentation at the 2005 American Academy of Audiology National Conference in Washington, D.C. Elizabeth and her husband, David Jardine of Fairbury, Nebraska, reside in Stockton, California. **Blaine "Adam" Page** graduated in May with a Juris Doctor degree from



Vika Rybalko '03 earned a fourth-place medal in the long jump at the European Track and Field Championships in Goteborg, Sweden. She long jumped 6.62 meters or 21' 8.75". Vika took the summer off from her Ph.D. studies in cancer research at the University of Rochester to compete in Europe all summer long and it culminated in this great performance. She also won the long jump championship for her birth country of Ukraine.

Pierce Law Center in Concord, New Hampshire. He is employed at the new law office of Cantor Colburn LLP in Atlanta, Georgia. Congratulations to both of these classmates on their success.

Got news to share? Spread the word through the 2000 classnotes.

2001

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Now that the leaves have fallen and the air has gotten colder, flip flops and days on the beach are only a summer memory. It's time to think about making a trip to the university to visit with friends and see all of the changes that have taken place since you've been back. If you can't make it back, here is what some of your fellow alumni are doing.

Susan Brinker (M.A.) has been

named the new director of the Mount Washington Valley Choral Society. She most recently spent a year as the choir director for the Jackson Community Church.

The Tour de Lac drew out many UMaine alumni, including **Judson Cake** of Bar Harbor. He placed sixth overall and placed in the top five for the men's field. The race, in its 31st year, took place in Bucksport. Judson also recently won the Sugarloaf 15k road race. He is the 2005 Sugarloaf marathon winner as well.

Fred Ventresco has recently accepted the position of town administrator for the town of Weare, New Hampshire. He was previously the town manager, treasurer, and clerk for Madawaska, Maine. He is looking forward to the new challenges that lie ahead and the town is eager for his positive presence.

As you can see, we are in need of more information from the Class of 2001. Please forward your new career choices, hobby achievements, wedding and birth announcements, and anything else of interest to the alumni association. Thank you and hope you had a happy and joyous holiday season.

2002

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As the snow begins to fall, many of our classmates have some accomplishments to note during the past year.

Matthew Jones, R.N. was promoted to lieutenant at a ceremony at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Yokosuka, Japan. He received the Naval Achievement Medal and chest ribbon for his service aboard the H.M.S. *Mercy* during the relief efforts of the Indonesian tsunami undertaken by the U.S. Navy in early 2005.

Bridgette Therriault has announced her engagement to Erik Alanko. She is currently attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she is pursuing a doctorate of pharmacy. **Dana Susi** married Isaiah Peppard on July 2nd. She is currently working at Purbeck Isle in Farmingdale.

Sarah Stewart graduated from the University of New England

College of Osteopathic Medicine on June 3, 2006. She fulfilled her residency in family medicine at Eastern Maine Medical Center.

Matthew Small returned to his hometown of Windham and performed over the past summer with Music on the Hill. He has worked in public relations and marketing in Maine and New York theaters. He is currently pursuing his master's degree at UMaine in counseling and will graduate in May 2007.

Mike Morrison signed a one-year contract with the Phoenix Coyotes after playing 25 games last season for Edmonton and Ottawa.

Rob Pontau designed and built a disc golf course at his home in Durham, Maine, to honor his lifelong friend, Dan Leeman, who died August 21, 2003, in an ATV accident. On Saturday, July 22, 2006, Rob held the third annual "Seaman" Leeman Memorial Disc Golf Tournament to benefit the Daniel Leeman Scholarship Fund. The money for the scholarship fund was raised through entry fees (donations) for a round robin disc golf open tournament.

Suzhong Tian (Ph.D. '02) teaches Chinese classes at Husson and UMaine. He is one of the driving forces behind the Bangor Chinese School. Each year he and his wife hold a Chinese Dragon Camp at Husson College where children can learn about Chinese traditions and language. The summer sessions consist of six one-week sessions running from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.,



Michele Savage '03 was recently promoted to assistant vice president of corporate sponsorships at TD Banknorth in Falmouth. A Scarborough native, Michele now lives in Gorham. She serves as chair of the Senator George J. Mitchell Institute Alumni Council.

Monday through Friday. They have received an enormous positive response from the community to continue this program.

As always, I would love to hear any news and see any photos that you would like to share. Happy Holidays!

2003

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I thought I'd start out this column with a once-in-a-lifetime story. **John Bagnulo**, who received his Ph.D. in nutrition from UMaine in 2003, has become the first Mainer to climb Mount Everest.

Congratulations are also in order for **Shane Ashe** and Meredith Hill '05. They were married on August 19th. Shane received his degree in child and human development and is currently working at Spurwink Corporation in Topsham. Adam Knowles '05 is also a newlywed. He married **Heather Fraser** on August 5th. Adam graduated with a degree in kinesiology and physical education and is working as a physical education teacher at SAD 3.

Danielle Lagasse and **Matthew Lazzano** are recently engaged. Danielle received her degree in botany and is working as a landscaper at a private estate in Searsport. Matthew received his degree in parks and recreation and is working at Hamilton Marine in Searsport. The two are planning an August 2007 wedding.

And congratulations are also in order for **Jennifer Holst** who has recently been promoted to the front desk manager at Inn By The Sea in Cape Elizabeth. Jennifer has a degree in history from the University of Maine.

2004

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Hearty Maine Hello and Happy



Former Black Bear ice hockey star Martin Kariya '04 and UMaine high jump standout Claire Poliquin '04 celebrate after running in a charity race last spring in North Vancouver to support research for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). Martin was the first male to finish the race and Claire was first in the female category. Claire is a clinical dietitian in Vancouver. Martin is currently playing professional hockey in Finland.

Holidays! Some of our alums have been making headlines this holiday season, and some have recently heard wedding bells ringing.

Matthew Rodrigue has recently teamed up with UMaine senior William Sulinski to introduce a new product with numerous applications in the home heating oil industry. The pair has been incredibly successful in a series of business plan competitions both here and abroad. Matthew and William began their run of good luck by winning a business plan competition sponsored by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, as well as being awarded first place in a competition sponsored by the Center for Entrepreneurship at the school of business at the University of Southern Maine.

The pair also recently received a \$5,000 seed grant from the Portland-based Libra Future Fund for their device. The success has led the two to recently open an office at

the Target Technology Center in Orono. Although he is now enrolled full-time in the MBA program at Harvard, Matthew will continue his involvement in the project as an advisor. The product that they are in the process of patenting is called the Heat-Safe 1000, and is a wireless device that allows heating oil companies to monitor when customers' tanks reach certain low levels. The pair believes that the device should reduce the number of emergency oil deliveries during the peak heating season.

All Maine Woman **Jessica Bennett** is now living and working in Millbrook, New York. Jessica initially accepted a position as supervisor keeper with the Trevor Zoo. Since then, she has been promoted to a position as the zoo's animal care coordinator. Trevor Zoo is one of the only zoos in the United States which is affiliated with a collegiate prep school, and is home to seven endangered animals and a variety of exotic animals. Jessica also coaches field hockey locally, and is a dorm parent in one of the prep school's dormitories.

Meredith St. Saviour has recently achieved a great deal of visibility with a local radio station. Currently residing in Brewer, Meredith is an on-air personality with the Cumulus Media Corporation. She is currently cohosting the morning show for the Z107.3 station. **Morgan Carnahan** recently graduated from Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Benning, Georgia. Morgan was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army, and is a military intelligence officer.

Sarah Bullard was married this past July to Timothy Tibbetts. Receiving both her bachelor's and master's degrees at UMaine, Sarah began work in the fall as a guidance counselor at Marshwood High School. Also, **Elizabeth Mendell** married Adam Hawthorne this past

fall in Bangor.

I hope that the holidays brought you good tidings and Christmas cheer, and if you have any updates for me please swing me an email at the address listed above. Happy New Year!

2005

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Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the fall, as well as the holiday season.

Jessica Laplante was awarded a scholarship from Alpha Delta Kappa-Lambda, a New Hampshire sorority for women in education. The scholarship is awarded to those who come back to teach in their communities. Jessica recently completed her first year as a physical education and health teacher at White Mountains Regional High School, her alma mater. Another educator, **James York**, is going into his second year at Presque Isle High School. James also coached JV baseball last spring, and is taking over as the varsity golf coach this year.

In sports news **Adam Goode** finished third in June's Tour du Lac road race. **Robbie Snow**, who is currently working for Northeast Timber Corporation, a family-owned business, has been contributing to a family project of rehabilitating an ice rink in Brewer. The endeavor was featured in the *Bangor Daily News* as a "Perspective" piece, focusing on economic development.

Ryan Dougherty graduated from Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Congratulations to **Pamela Page Fiske** and her husband, who were married on April 16th of 2006, in St. Augustine, Florida. Congratulations also to **Erin Wilcox**, who planned a September 15, 2006, wedding to Brian DeGrasse. Erin is currently employed at Eastern Maine Healthcare.

I look forward to hearing from our classmates and sharing it with all of you, and hope that you continue to send news and updates my way. Best of luck for the New Year, and talk to you again in the spring!

Weddings

1988

Joseph Kennedy to Jessica Sisco on September 2, 2006, in Bangor.

1991

Cyrus York Carter to Melissa Ann Small on July 8, 2006, in Canaan, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Connecticut and reside in Canaan.

1993

James Robert Richards to Linda C. From on July 3, 2006, in Topanga, California. They live in Los Angeles.

Anne Marie Ayotte to Robert L. Kiley, Jr. on May 29, 2006, on Maui in Hawaii. They honeymooned on Maui and reside in Cadyville, New York.

1995

Tracey Cook to Mark Sardella on June 30, 2006, in South Portland, Maine. After a honeymoon in Bar Harbor, the couple resides in Old Orchard Beach.

Stanislaw Barski III to Karen Helene Burr on July 26, 2006, in Las Vegas, Nevada. They honeymooned in Las Vegas.

1996

Trevor Spaulding to Melissa Herrera in Jacksonville, Florida. They took a honeymoon to Amelia Island and Saugatuck, Michigan, and live in Jacksonville.

Jennifer J. Haley to Timothy J. Bryce on August 5, 2006, in Bangor. They honeymooned in Kennebunk and reside in Bangor.

Stephanie Lynn Davis to Joshua Reed Henrichsen on October 3, 2006, in Yosemite National Park. They honeymooned in Mount Holly, Vermont, and reside in Carson City, Nevada.

1997

Monique Marie Gibouleau to Andrew Mark Bouchard on July 1,

2006, in Old Town, Maine. They live in Old Town.

Brian Kinley to Annette Fournier on September 10, 2005, in Brewer, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Canada and live in Bangor.

1998

William Charles Warren to Sarah Lane Keller on July 29, 2006, in Burlington, Vermont. They honeymooned in Bermuda and reside in Brighton, Massachusetts.

Cindy Laughton to E. Jeremy Quimby on January 7, 2006, in Topsfield, Massachusetts. They honeymooned in Vermont and live in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

Brian Grigsby to Christine F. Rysz on August 18, 2006, in Chatham, Massachusetts. They took a wedding trip to Hawaii and reside in Hudson, Massachusetts.

Darby Labbe to Christian Wheeler on July 8, 2006, in Bath, Maine. They honeymooned in the Dominican Republic and reside in Prince George, Virginia.

1999

Kristen Maxwell to Matthew Lutz on July 8, 2006, in Boston. They took a wedding trip to Maui and live in Stamford, Connecticut.

Suzanne Thibert to Mark Araujo



Heidi Dombrock '00 (right) with her matron of honor, Elizabeth Elias Syring '01. Heidi was married to Brandon Weaver on July 3, 2006, in St. Michaels, Maryland. She is the Class of 2000 correspondent.

on October 14, 2006, in Attleboro, Massachusetts. They honeymooned in St. Lucia and live in Attleboro.

Lindsey M. Smith to Lucas I. Reed on January 28, 2006, in Pelham, New York. They spent their honeymoon on Maui in Hawaii, and reside in New Rochelle, New York.

Edwin George Lord III to Wanda

Kay Bowden '00 on July 22, 2006, in Dedham, Maine. They reside in Pittsfield, Maine.

2000

Andrew P. Smith to Bodie B. Colwell on August 18, 2006, in Brunswick, Maine. They live in Brunswick.

Anne Bissonnette to Joseph Pelkey on May 20, 2006, in Montego Bay, Jamaica. They honeymooned in Jamaica and reside in New Gloucester, Maine.

Joshua Walls to **Rebecca Potter '04** on August 19, 2006, in Yarmouth, Maine. They took a honeymoon to Nova Scotia and now reside in their new home in Lyman, Maine.

Edward Washuk III to Josephine Lauer on September 9, 2006, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They took a wedding trip to South Africa and reside in Chicago.

Jessica Dunn Peabody to **Matthew Jacobson '03** on August 19, 2006, in East Grand Lake. They spent their honeymoon in St. Andrews, New Brunswick, and live in Windham.

2001

Shaun Patrick Bunker to **Michelle Renee Rodrigue '02** on January 28, 2006, in Augusta, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Hawaii and live in Kittery, Maine.

Jody Breindel to Brian Butilier on July 1, 2006, in Brewer, Maine.

Jenifer Provencher to **Alfred Blais** on September 17, 2006, in Portland, Maine. The couple traveled to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Adam Ernest Bradstreet to Jasmine Miranda Caret on May 13, 2006, in Hinckley, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Negril,

Share Your Happy News with Classmates

Recently married? Your UMaine classmates and friends would love to know about it. Send the information (date, location, where you are living, etc.) and, if possible, a wedding photo, to Alumni Publications, One Alumni Place, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469. Or email us at: abigail.zelz@umit.maine.edu. We will use any alumni wedding photo that is of acceptable quality.

Jamaica, and live in Albion, Maine.

Jessica Madden to Joe Lyons '03 on June 23, 2006, in Charleston, South Carolina. They live in Charleston.

2002

James Stoughton to Wenyu Zhu '03 on May 20, 2006, in Los Angeles, California. They honeymooned in Hawaii and live in Agour Hills, California.

Gregory N. Bogan to Elizabeth Alexander on June 11, 2006, in Canandaigua, New York. They traveled to Mexico and reside in Burlington, Vermont.

Brienne Layman to Kyle Hensley on May 27, 2006, in Mason, Michigan. They are planning a trip to the Dominican Republic and live in Mason.

Krystal Kathleen Fogler to Francois Irene Lavigueur III on August 26, 2006, in Exeter, Maine. They honeymooned in Puerto Rico and reside in Hampden, Maine.

Joshua Walls to Rebecca Potter '04 on August 19, 2006. They reside in their new home in Lyman, Maine.

Melissa Wolverton to Lance Reardon on July 9, 2006, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Mexico and lives in Scarborough, Maine.

2003

Michael Joseph Loveless to Angela O'Kane Merbach '04 on July 8, 2006, in South Paris, Maine. They live in Portland.

Brian Thomas Bolduc to Meredith Anne Polk '06 on July 22, 2006, in Northeast Harbor, Maine. They honeymooned in St.

Anne Marie Ayotte '93 married Robert L. Kiley, Jr. on May 29, 2006, in Maui, Hawaii. They live in Cadyville, New York.



Edward Washuk III '00 and Josephine Lauer were married on September 9, 2006, in Milwaukee. They live in Chicago.

Lucia and live in Biddeford, Maine.

Kristin Swenson to Jeff Gagnon on August 19, 2006, in Freeport, Maine. They took a cruise to Cozumel and live in Branford, Connecticut.



Stefany Gregoire to Matt Arsenault on August 26, 2006. They live in Lewiston, Maine.

Shane Ashe to Meredith Hill on August 19, 2006, in Brunswick.

Nathan Webster to Molly Willey on August 27, 2006, in Lincoln, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and live in Bangor.

Meghan Elizabeth Asquith to Daniel Patrick Diffin on July 22, 2006, in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. They traveled to Maui, Hawaii, for their honeymoon and live in Lewiston, Maine.

Amanda Elizabeth Bouley to Andrew Steward Hunt on September 23, 2006, in Greenville, Maine. They are planning a honeymoon in the southern Caribbean islands.

Ellen M. Gelinis to Cooper M. Willard on July 28, 2006, in San Antonio, Texas. They live in the Monterey, California, area.

2004

Sarah Elizabeth Bullard to Timothy David Tibbetts on July 15, 2006, in South Portland, Maine. They reside in Alfred, Maine.

Greg Sinnett to Marilyn Nichols '06 on August 5, 2006. They live in Westbrook, Maine.

Jonathan Bradstreet to Sherry Rosano on August 27, 2006, in Concord, New Hampshire. They took a wedding trip to Hawaii and live in Allentown, New Hampshire.

Jennifer Marshall to Frank Rapp on September 14, 2006. They live in Holden, Maine.

Heidi Hall to Jeffrey Franklin on July 16, 2006, in Gray, Maine. They live in Bridgton, Maine.

Stephanie Lynn Morin to Chad Philip Wright '05 on July 15, 2006, in Lewiston, Maine. They took a cruise to the Bahamas and live in Monmouth, Maine.

Rebecca Duda to Timothy Young on August 5, 2006, in Portland, Maine. They are planning a wedding trip, and live in Hollis, Maine.

2005

Adrienne Pelletier to Lee Pidacks on May 26, 2006, in Bangor, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Quebec City and reside in Veazie, Maine.

Katherine Mann to Corey Vaillancourt '06 on May 26, 2006, in York, Maine. They honeymooned in Hilton Head, South Carolina, and reside in South Berwick.

Michael John Leavitt to Alisia Mae Melvin '06 on June 24, 2006, in Palmyra, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Florida and the Caribbean, and reside in Topsham, Maine.

Adam McNaughton to Lindsay Girard '06 on June 24, 2006, in Saco, Maine.

Dominique Francis Corriveau to Bridget Rae Dow on August 19, 2006, in Windsor, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Vermont and live in Bangor.

Jonathan David Bell to Brianna Victoria Rand on June 17, 2006, in Portland, Maine. They traveled to the Dominican Republic and reside in South Portland.

2006

Amy M. Knowlton to Michael J. King II on July 8, 2006, in Connersville, Indiana. They live in Rushville, Indiana.

Jessica Lee Young to Justin James Cloukey on June 17, 2006, in Bangor, Maine. They honeymooned in Aruba and live in Old Town.

Deaths

Unless otherwise stated, all towns are in Maine. For more complete obituaries go to: www.mainealumni.com.

1927

Isabel Zilpha Ames, 100, from Belfast, on October 8, 2006.

1929

Edwina Bartlett Beckler, 98, from Rochester, New York, on July 13, 2004.

1930

Vivian Maude Veysey Seale, 92, from Westmoreland, New Hampshire, on December 16, 2001.

1932

Katherine "Kay" Kilgore Mead Herrick, 95, from Concord, New Hampshire, on August 26, 2006.

Asa "Stan" Herbert Stanley, Jr., 96, from Hyannis, Massachusetts, on January 1, 2006.

1933

Martha "Marnie" Louise Smith Baldwin, 96, from Norwich, Connecticut, on July 13, 2006.

Dorothy Whidden Blair

Bohnson, 97, from Gray, on September 3, 2006.

Elizabeth Tryon Libby, 94, from Nashua, New Hampshire, on July 14, 2006.

Dora Mae Jamieson Mayhew, 94, from Machias, on July 22, 2006.

Eleanor "El" Ferguson Cross

Nunn, 93, from Natick, Massachusetts, on July 16, 2004.

Monroe "Mun" Romansky, M.D., 95, from Chevy Chase, Maryland, on August 12, 2006.

1934

Stanley Russell Doane, 94, from Aurora, Colorado, on July 31, 2006.

Robert Crossland Russ, 95, from Cape Elizabeth, on October 15, 2006.

Abraham Striar, 92, from Bangor, on July 27, 2006.

1935

Robert Gage Higgins, 91, from Midlothian, Virginia, on November 9, 2004.

Paul Dunbar Merriam, 94, from Rockland, on August 20, 2006.

Woodrow "Paigie" Evans Page,

93, from Dover-Foxcroft, on August 9, 2006.

Ashton "Huck" Parker Sawyer, 94, from Homosassa, Florida, on June 19, 2006.

Francis "Topsy" Lawrence

Topping, 94, from Sanford, on July 14, 2006.

1937

Newell Albert Avery, 91, from Bath, on November 16, 2006.

David Norman Bedrick, 91, from Newton, Massachusetts, and Palm Beach, Florida, on May 7, 2005.

Mary Josephine Grant Dobbs Hawkes, 90, from Bar Harbor, on August 24, 2006.

Barbara Colby Syster, 91, from Sarasota, Florida, on October 16, 2006.

Thelma Gertrude Sibley Turner, 91, from Veazie, on October 23, 2006.

1938

Bert Fernald Blanchard, 90, from Caribou, on October 27, 2006.

Hester Anita Billings Hanson, 89, from Brewer, on October 1, 2006.

John Francis Hooper, 90, from St. Simons Island, Florida, on April 16, 2006.

Philip Francis Peterson, 91, from Caribou, on August 25, 2006.

Iris Louise Guiou Shofstall, 87, from Kearney, Nebraska, on August 22, 2003.

Charles Taylor Stone, 91, from Bridgton, on November 15, 2006.

1939

Cora Alice Bailey Cannon, 88, from Sidney and Camden, on July 27, 2006.

Samuel Crowell III, 89, from Eliot, on October 11, 2006.

Earle Wilbur Tibbetts, 89, from Port Clyde, on July 26, 2006.

Erling Peter Toennesen, 92, from Cocoa Beach, Florida, on June 23, 2006.

1940

Lewis "Louie" Daniel Hennessy, 87, from Leominster, Massachusetts, on July 17, 2006.

Julia "Winnie" Winifred Warren Kierstead, 86, from Fairfield, on July 27, 2004.

Anne Elizabeth Perry Brann Morse, 87, from Hampden, on

Elizabeth Tryon Libby Class of 1933



Elizabeth "Betty" Tryon Libby died on July 14, 2006, in Nashua, New Hampshire.

Following her graduation from

UMaine, she did graduate work at Rutgers University. She returned to Maine and worked for many years as a home demonstration agent for the Maine Cooperative Extension Service.

Many UMaine alumni will remember Betty as the university's First Lady under the presidency of her husband, Win Libby '32.

September 28, 2006.

Evelyn May Randlett Myrick, 87, from Duxbury, Massachusetts, on August 9, 2006.

Harley Cummings Nelson, 88, from Damariscotta, on August 8, 2006.

Marguerite Connor Bannigan Suto, 88, from Los Gatos, California, on July 21, 2006.

1941

Calista "Buzz" Louise Buzzell Coggeshall, 86, from Bolton, Massachusetts, on September 20, 2006.

Robert Harrison Graves, D.D.S., 86, from Plattsburgh, New York, on August 7, 2004.

Emily "Emmy" Marjorie Hopkins Jordan, 86, from Lynnfield, Massachusetts, on June 30, 2006.

George Currier Treat, 89, from Holden, on August 21, 2006.

1942

Shirley Belle Berg Bassman, 85, from Des Moines, Iowa, on October 2, 2006.

George "Tom" Thomas

Bowden, Jr., 95, from Bar Harbor, on August 16, 2006.

John "Slug" William Eldridge, 84, from Santa Rosa, California, on July 21, 2006.

Allan Wilson Johnson, 87, from Greenland, New Hampshire, on September 19, 2006.

Edward Stevens Kierstead, D.M.D., 85, from Fairfield, on February 4, 2006.

Ellen Rae Hurd Smith, 86, from Orono, on November 9, 2006.

1943

Rodolphe Alexis Gaulin, 86, from Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, on March 19, 2006.

Eugene Roswell Hussey, D.V.M., 85, from Conway, New Hampshire, on August 21, 2006.

Winston Bruce Ireland, 85, from East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, on September 12, 2006.

Irving Jules Keiter, 84, from Brookline, Massachusetts, on July 13, 2006.

Stanley Joseph Kus, 86, from Ridgecrest, California, on July 11, 2006.

John Ellis Ranks, 82, from California, on November 29, 2004.

Mary "Lib" Elizabeth Grady Swaluk, 83, from Jacksonville, Florida, and Eastport on July 7, 2006.

1944

Ruth "Trol" Eleanor Troland Bull, 83, from Denver, Colorado, on April 11, 2006.

Philip Floyd Day, 84, from Roque Bluffs, on September 14, 2006.

Virginia Stockman McIntire, 84, from Yarmouth, on March 10, 2006.

1945

Robert Cornelius Dutton, 82, from Falmouth, on August 14, 2006.

Malcolm "Mac" Herbert Pierson, 81, from Saco, on August 12, 2006.

Doris Ann Dexter Thompson, 83, from Limestone, on August 16, 2006.

John Frederic Thompson, 84, from South Portland, on August 19, 2006.

1946

Thomas Evans Coulton, Jr., 79,

from Seattle, Washington, on June 30, 2003.

David Dunlap Holmes, 79, from Chesterfield, New Jersey, on August 9, 2006.

Hugh "Huge" Wilson Hunter, 81, from Gardner, Massachusetts, on September 26, 2006.

Gordon Lester Miller, 81, from Cumming, Georgia, on July 5, 2005.

Charles Donald Stebbins, 82, from Winchester, Massachusetts, on October 9, 2006.

1947

Ray Freemont Rollins, 85, from Norfolk, Virginia, on July 9, 2006.

1948

Willis "Wil" Emile Anderson, 88, from Swampscott, Massachusetts, on September 4, 2006.

Spencer Hart Baker, 86, from Duxbury, Massachusetts, on September 8, 2006.

Wallace Hight Barrows, 83, from Timonium, Maryland, on October 16, 2006.

Joseph Raymond Bosse, 80, from Holden, on October 22, 2006.

William Joseph Collins, 83, from Chelmsford, Massachusetts, on September 13, 2006.

Harrison "Harry" Everett Davis, 84, from Montville, on October 4, 2006.

Oral Dudley Page, Jr., 81, from Belgrade, on October 6, 2006.

1949

Philip Leroy Craig, 86, from Scottsdale, Arizona, on August 21, 2006.

William Nolan Deehan, 83, from Liverpool, New York, on October 22, 2006.

Harold "Hal" Edwin Farmer, 83, from South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, on May 11, 2006.

Jeanette Staples Staples, 79, from Bar Harbor, on October 12, 2006.

Leonard David Whittier, 82, from Springvale, on November 15, 2006.

Oscar "Lew" Lewis Wyman II, 78, from Orono, on September 18, 2006.

1950

Frederick Palmer Andrews, 81, from Cape Elizabeth, on August

25, 2006.

George Peter Broutas, 79, from Bangor, on July 18, 2006.

Lewis Edwin Clark, 79, from Orono, on October 25, 2006.

Stanley Wheten Cross, 86, from Jacksonville, Florida, on July 12, 2006.

William "Buzzer" Edward Feeney, 83, from South Portland, on July 12, 2006.

Alvin "Gil" Everett Gilbert, 80, from South Paris, on July 11, 2006.

Bradley Beecher Irish, 78, from Bangor, on July 26, 2006.

Fred W. Jones, 84, from Scarborough, on September 11, 2006.

Douglas Franklin Libby, Jr., 81, from Camden, on September 9, 2006.

Ernest Averill Lowell, 80, from Enfield, on July 17, 2006.

Ervin Eugene Maynard, 81, from Brunswick, on November 12, 2006.

John Ackley Sweet, 81, from Arlington, Massachusetts, on August 18, 2006.

H. "Ken" Kendall Warner, 78, from Orono, on September 29, 2006.

1951

Carl Joseph Bernier, 87, from Bedford, New Hampshire, on September 15, 2006.

John Jacob Curran, 80, from Westfield, Massachusetts, on September 7, 2006.

John Albert Doble, 79, from Fulton, Maryland, on August 31, 2006.

Richard Flanders Downing, 80, from Niantic, Connecticut, on August 26, 2006.

Raymond Willard Farnham, 95, from Bath, on November 3, 2006.

Arthur Frederick Ilsley, 81, from Garden City, South Carolina, on July 21, 2006.

Ralph Crosby Marden, 81, from China Village, on August 23, 2006.

1952

Lawrence E. Kenney, 84, from Topsfield, Massachusetts, on July 26, 2006.

Richard Allen Lambert, 60, from South Beloit, Illinois, on May 15,

H. Kendall Warner Class of 1950



H. Kendall Warner died on September 29, 2006, in Orono.

Following his graduation from UMaine, he received a

master's degree from Cornell University.

Ken had a distinguished 50-year career with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. He was generally regarded as one of the world's foremost experts on landlocked salmon and coauthored three books on the subject. His work has had an enduring impact on fisheries research in Maine.

1991.

James "Red" John Mahaney, 80, from Augusta, on September 24, 2006.

Irene "Monty" Harris

Montgomery, 82, from Levant, on September 30, 2006.

Donald "Quig" Quigley, 75, from Fort Kent, on August 16, 2006.

Roy P. Webber II, 78, from Birmingham, Alabama, on November 2, 2006.

1953

Howard Thomas Doucette, 78, from South China, on October 12, 2006.

Lloyd Ellsworth Emery, 78, from Kittery Point, on September 3, 2006.

Frances Caroline Lubanda Hartgen, 93, from Orono, on November 11, 2006.

John William Lusth, 81, from Northridgeville, Ohio, on August 23, 2003.

Norman Warren Pelletier, 75, from New Hartford, New York, on August 20, 2006.

Eleanor Alice Toothaker, 94,

from Dixmont, on July 22, 2006.

1954

Thomas Jordan Haley, 74, from Saco, October 2, 2006.

Robert Wallace Madore, 74, from Ocala, Florida, on August 22, 2006.

Robert Louis Mahan, 71, from Blaine, on November 8, 2006.

Ralph Charles Monroe, D.D.S., 78, from Milo, on September 15, 2006.

Barbara Coombs Renell, 93, from Saco, on October 10, 2006.

1955

Robert Philip Doiron, from Rumford, on September 23, 2006.

Elizabeth Joan White Nadeau, 73, from Old Orchard Beach, on August 31, 2006.

Merle Leroy Noyes, 74, from Wirtz, Virginia, on July 13, 2006.

Richard Sumner Pollard, 71, from Addison, on August 22, 2006.

Edna Marion Canham Priest, 91, from South Windsor, Connecticut, on May 24, 2006.

Barbara Reeves Daniels Smith, 73, from Skowhegan, on October 1, 2006.

1956

John M. Lyons, 71, from Salida, California, on September 3, 2006.

Gilbert Burton Moran III, 76, from Millinocket, on September 13, 2006.

Harold "Hal" Joseph Schaller, 72, from Augusta, on October 10, 2006.

Ralph "Steve" Stanley Stephenson, 73, from Belfast, on July 28, 2006.

Zane Albion Thompson, 72, from Roque Bluffs, on August 12, 2006.

1957

David Leonard Adams, 74, from Falmouth, on October 24, 2006.

Howard Rankin Alden, 72, from Fort Collins, Colorado, on October 1, 2006.

David Doran Beisel, 77, from Venice, Florida, on August 11, 2006.

Olivier Rene Edouard Chesaux, 83, from Barre City, Vermont, on August 2, 2006.

Charles Augustus Low, Jr., 75, from Berea, Ohio, on May 20, 2000.

LeRoy "Red" Elize Nightingale,

Deaths

76, from Wells, on July 21, 2006.
Curtis William O'Brien, 76, from Augusta, on July 12, 2006.

Gordon Whitney Smith, 75, from Geyserville, California, on July 22, 2006.

1958

Hilton Rogers Chase, 73, from Scarborough, on August 21, 2006.

Phillip LeBaron Merrithew, 74, from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on November 10, 2006.

1959

Joseph Lionel Gregoire, 78, from Waterville, on November 13, 2006.

Peter Mills LeVasseur, 68, from Fort Fairfield, on September 3, 2006.

Robert Warren Ronco, 78, from Corinth, on July 21, 2006.

Richard John Ross, 69, from Marshfield, Wisconsin, on October 23, 2006.

Eugenia Doris Averill Stephens, 90, from Bangor, on July 15, 2006.

1960

John Joseph Curley II, 71, from Chelmsford, Massachusetts, on September 23, 2006.

Frances Kunc Nichols, 90, from Fallis, Oklahoma, on August 31, 2005.

Jack Philip Wyman, 71, from Pownal, on October 4, 2006.

1961

Lynne Carol Baseman Allen, 66, from Sharon, Massachusetts, on June 23, 2006.

Lorette Pelletier Caron, 92, from Fort Kent, on August 13, 2006.

1962

Chester "Chet" Albert Carville, 66, from Encinitar, California, on August 19, 2006.

John Nelson Dennis, 67, from Lewiston, on August 7, 2006.

Agnes Mary Fay Burns O'Keefe, 83, from Newburyport, Massachusetts, on July 22, 2006.

Marguerite Marie Melanson

Randolph, 87, from Greene, on September 30, 2006.

Terry Lawrence Turner, 68, from Hubbardtown, Vermont, on October 18, 2006.

Mary Brooks Woodward

Weston, 65, from Waldoboro, on May 5, 2006.

1964

Margaret Hiddgon Cormier, 91, from South Portland, on October 10, 2006.

Nathan Benson Flood, 72, from Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, on September 21, 2006.

Dorothea Irene Watson Hallett, 93, from Gorham, on September 3, 2006.

Alice Ethelyn Shanks, 95, from Millinocket, on November 13, 2006.

Nora Evelyn Wold, 88, from York Harbor, on August 31, 2005.

1965

Arthur Harry Barton, 71, from Denmark, on September 26, 2006.

Wayne Merrill Johnson, 64, from Westbrook, on August 19, 2006.

Trudy Anastasia Kinney

Sullivan, 63, from Carson City, Nevada, on September 29, 2006.

1966

Douglas Rodney Avery, 65, from Bridgton, on September 18, 2006.

David Robert Blais, 62, from Cumberland, on July 15, 2006.

Vance Stuart Burnham, 62, from Charlemont, Massachusetts, on October 4, 2006.

Norman Albert Davis, 62, from Belfast, on August 6, 2006.

Eleanore Marie Greenleaf Fox, 62, from Milford, New Hampshire, on October 11, 2006.

Edward John Mountainland, 71, from Audubon, New Jersey, on January 10, 2004.

Douglas Adelbert Smith, 62, from Richboro, Pennsylvania, on September 1, 2006.

1967

Nancy Marie Benner Billing, 60, from Jefferson, on July 17, 2006.

Eileen Ruth Crocker Francis

Johnston, 61, from Minot, on August 23, 2006.

1968

Rosemary "Carli" Jane Burke, 60, from Sunland, California, on September 8, 2006.

Jerry Delmas Cardwell, 54, from Auburn, Alabama, on July 5, 1996.

William Coburn, 60, from Topsham, on September 9, 2006.

Harry Everett Hasey III, 61, from Bradford, New Hampshire, on September 26, 2006.

Dawn Dwyer Larlee, 77, from Oakfield, on October 21, 2006.

Judith Alice Higgins Murphy, 61, from Bangor, on July 30, 2006.

1969

Ruth Etta Drake Ives, 59, from Pemaquid, on November 13, 2006.

1970

John William Keithan, 56, from Montville, on August 4, 2006.

Edith Jessie Smith Leighton, 80, from Lincoln, on August 12, 2006.

Bruce Daniel Reynolds, 57, from Hampden, on September 2, 2006.

1971

Veronica Mary Dupuis, 57, from South Berwick, on August 6, 2006.

Michael James Roberts, 54, from Phippsburg, on May 2, 2003.

Dennis Paul Stanley, 57, from Milford, New Hampshire, on October 25, 2006.

1972

Betsy Anne Economy Preble, 53, from Bangor, on July 21, 2006.

1973

Robert Paul Chamberlain, 55, from Dover, New Hampshire, on October 29, 2006.

Nancy Larson Clark, 78, from Orono, on August 11, 2006.

Kenneth Roy Crosley, 62, from New London, Connecticut, on September 6, 2006.

Bruce Anthony Francis, 56, from Pleasant Point and Dennysville, on August 4, 2006.

1974

Rebecca Hope Paquette, 55, from Fairfield, on October 31, 2006.

1975

Jacqueline Stephens Bryan, 60, from Brooksville, on August 20, 2006.

Robin Don Lambert, 56, from Portland, on October 27, 2006.

1976

John B. Forster, 64, from Vassalboro, on August 3, 2006.

1977

Edward Raymond Carrell, Jr., 52, from East Millinocket, on October 11, 2006.

Janice Gail Tisdale Jenkins, 66, from Gardiner, on August 26,

2006.

1978

Kathleen Parent Palin, 52, from Quincy, Florida, on October 21, 2006.

1982

Michael Wayne Conners, 47, from Bangor, on November 3, 2006.

1983

Janice Davis Rowell, 78, from Winterport, on July 17, 2006.

1984

Howard Frederick Ryder, 57, from Greenville, on November 11, 2006.

Kent Dahel Thalacker, 44, from West Palm Beach, Florida, on June 20, 2006.

1986

Michael Hugh Smith, 42, from Portland, on September 13, 2006.

1987

Diane Marie Wood Cavanaugh, 42, from Calais, on August 30, 2006.

Tyler Wayne Holloway, 43, from Stratford, Connecticut, on July 9, 2006.

Carroll D. Nightingale, 63, from Patten, on July 18, 2006.

1989

Kenneth Bryant Morrison, 41, from Orrington and Saco, on August 11, 2006.

1991

Donna Baker Crosman, 61, from Richmond, on September 22, 2006.

1992

Jean MacNutt Aho, 64, from Old Town, on October 20, 2006.

Kristine Theresa Cousins

Butterfield, 43, from Carmel, on October 2, 2006.

Sharon M. Johnson, 44, from Bangor, on October 25, 2006.

1993

Stephanie Hamm Hoxie Benoit, 37, from Margate, Florida, and Old Town, on August 18, 2006.

1995

Richard J. Pratt, 65, from Embden, on August 21, 2006.

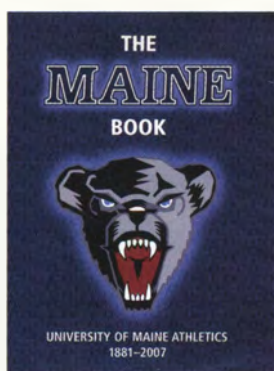
1998

Gabriel Alexa Lowery, 31, from Lubec, on October 15, 2006.

Sue A. Cadorette Violette, 51, from Clifton and Van Buren, on September 11, 2006.

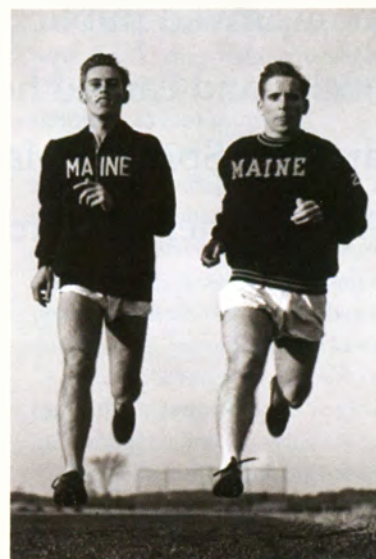


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Getting Tough With Big Tobacco

As assistant attorney general for the state of Maine, Melissa Reynolds O'Dea '92 became a national leader in enforcing the provisions of the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement with the big tobacco companies. Her hard work and diligence have resulted in improved public health and earned her the 2006 Spirit of Maine Achievement Award.

*Photographs
by William Drake*



Back in 1998, Maine had one of the highest youth smoking rates in the country. That same year, 47 states, including Maine, signed the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement with the major tobacco companies. It was a promising step, but everyone knew it would take a major effort to enforce the provisions of the agreement and hold big tobacco accountable.

One of the people who played a leading role in that effort was University of Maine alumna and current Maine assistant attorney general Melissa Reynolds O'Dea. Due in no small part to her hard work and diligence as chair of the Tobacco Enforcement Group of the National Association of Attorneys General, Maine now receives \$50 million a year to spend on health-related issues, including a comprehensive campaign to discourage teenage smoking.

As a result, Maine's youth smoking rate has been cut by more than half.

"This was directly attributable to our efforts," O'Dea says. "Maine has been ranked number one in the nation on the amount spent per capita on tobacco prevention. Reducing the number of young smokers is the thing that has brought me the most satisfaction from this job."

O'Dea knows firsthand about the lure of smoking for young people. She started smoking in high school, even though she didn't fit what you might think would be the standard profile. She was an all-A student, an athlete, and she had parents who were very involved in her life. In addition, O'Dea had a grandmother (a smoker) who died of lung cancer.

"I was one of those kids that people didn't think was at risk for smoking," she says. "Yet I did it. I made a really poor choice. And I think that goes to show that no kid

is safe from the targeting of the tobacco companies."

She finally quit when she was 26, but she sometimes wonders if those years of smoking will affect her health later in life.

"Even smoking for a short time increases health risks," she notes. "That's why I tell myself that if I can keep even one kid from making that bad decision, it's worth all the hours of work."

One major accomplishment of O'Dea and her enforcement group, on a national level, was to get tobacco ads out of the weekly publications that are distributed to school kids.

"People are dying from smoking, so they need to get new smokers.

It's all about making money. I look at what they do and it is just so wrong. It means we have to be constantly vigilant."



Melissa Reynolds O'Dea with her husband, John '91, and daughter Claire.

"The tobacco companies were hesitant to make the change because it would mean a selective binding process that they said would cost money," O'Dea explains.

But O'Dea and her group looked into it and found that the selective binding would not be a major expense.

"After that, we strong-armed them into making the change," she says. "To us that was just the right thing to do. I mean what in the world would possess anyone to run tobacco ads in magazines going to kids, unless you are intentionally targeting young people in your marketing?"

The enforcement group was also concerned with sponsorships—in particular with the RJ Reynolds sponsorship of NASCAR's Winston Cup (now known as the Nextel Cup).

Eventually, O'Dea's committee helped pressure RJ Reynolds into giving up that sponsorship without litigation. That part of the group's work was of particular interest to O'Dea because she is a big NASCAR fan.

There are other practices by the tobacco companies that O'Dea is concerned with—including the marketing of "light" and other so-called "reduced risk" tobacco products.

"Our concern about 'reduced risk' tobacco products is that people will think that they are safer," O'Dea says. "But there is no safe alternative except quitting."

In the fall of 2004 she led a national conference in Chicago on "reduced risk" tobacco products. The event was attended by state officials, scientists, and marketing experts. O'Dea also invited each of the companies currently marketing "low-risk" tobacco products to explain the scientific basis for their marketing claims.

She believes that the big tobacco companies are probably still violating some areas of the agreement—at the very least they are not doing the right thing when it comes to

being up-front about the dangers of smoking and targeting potential tobacco customers.

"They need to keep their consumer base up," O'Dea explains. "People are dying from smoking, so they need to get new smokers. It's all about making money. I look at what they do and it is just so wrong. It means we have to be constantly vigilant."

So far, her vigilance has paid big rewards for public health. It has also earned her numerous accolades and awards.

"No one in America has worked harder to ensure that tobacco manufacturers are living up to their legal obligations," noted Maine Attorney General Steven Rowe.

Rowe isn't the only one with such a high opinion of O'Dea's leadership. In 2004 she was presented with the Loveland Award, named for the late Laurie Loveland, North Dakota, assistant attorney general who played a pivotal role in negotiating the Master Settlement Agreement. And just this past October, O'Dea was presented with the 2006 Spirit of Maine Achievement Award. The Spirit of Maine is given annually to an outstanding UMaine alumnus/alumna who has graduated within the last 15 years.

Although O'Dea is passionate about her tobacco-related work, it wasn't an area she ever intended to get into.

"I didn't choose it, it chose me," she says. "My division chief, Paul Stern, was in France when a case came in on the tobacco settlement. It needed to be addressed right away, and I was asked to do it. I had one of my 'confront your fear moments,' but I just said to myself, 'You can figure this out.' That's how it started, and it slowly became more and more of my job."

Those "confront my fear moments" have been a big part of O'Dea's personal and professional growth.

The first one came when she decided to switch majors and pursue political science at UMaine, with the goal of going to law school. She assumed that lawyers would need to do a lot of speaking—something that made her extremely nervous.

"In high school, I got all As, except

when it came to oral reports," she remembers. "I'd break out in hives if I had to get up and speak in front of people."

She knew it was something she would have to overcome, or start thinking about pursuing another profession. So in her junior year at the university she signed up for a public speaking and a theater class.

"It was really all about confronting my fear," she says. "We all have things we're afraid of, but we have to get through it. Somehow, as a totally frightened student, I made myself get up and perform. I'm still

"I was worried that I might not be as prepared as the students coming from top private schools....I quickly realized that I had received just as good an education at Maine as they got at Harvard, Brown, or Colby—and for a lot less money."

nervous speaking, but now I know I can get past the nervousness and do it."

Attending UMaine wasn't a difficult choice for O'Dea. With her excellent high school grades, she probably could have gotten into some of the top private schools, but she knew she could get an excellent education at UMaine and be able to graduate with a whole lot less debt.

The university was also a very familiar and comfortable place for O'Dea. Her mother was a long-time UMaine employee whose first job on campus was secretary for the fledgling Black Bear hockey team.

Melissa, who was nine at that time, got to attend games and spend time with players and coaches. She became an avid fan of Maine hockey, and remains one to this day.

Like so many alumni before and after her, O'Dea's decision to attend law school was greatly influenced by one UMaine professor, the late Eugene Mawhinney '47, '49G.

"Yes, he had a big influence on my thinking about becoming a lawyer," O'Dea says. "He made me aware of what was involved in law school, but more importantly, he helped me develop an analytical way of thinking which is essential in the law."

O'Dea ended up being accepted at the University of Maine School of Law. When she first saw the list of her classmates, she became a bit worried. Many of them were from Ivy League schools as well as Bates, Bowdoin, and Colby.

"I was worried that I might not be as prepared as the students coming from top private schools," she says. "But it wasn't even an issue. I quickly realized that I had received just as good an education at Maine as they got at Harvard, Brown, or Colby—and for a lot less money."

As she was beginning her career, she met John O'Dea '91 through his sister, who attended law school with Melissa. She had been aware of John as a campus political leader and a state representative from Orono but the two never actually met while they were at UMaine. They were married in 1999.

The O'Deas' daughter, Claire, was born in 2005. Since her birth, Melissa is not as involved in the tobacco work—primarily because it requires so much traveling and time away from family. But she is still committed to keeping the pressure on big tobacco to do the right thing. Currently she is helping on a case defending a Maine law that closely regulates the delivery of cigarettes ordered on the internet. The U.S. Supreme Court has not yet decided whether or not it will hear the case.

"I try to stay as involved as I can," she says, "I'm passionate about this work."

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On Top of the World



**John Bagnulo '03 Ph.D.
becomes the first
Mainer, and first
UMaine graduate, to
conquer
Mount Everest.**

It took until 1953 for the first person to reach the world's highest peak—the 29,035-foot summit of Mount Everest. Since that time some 2,250 climbers have made it to the top, but prior to last spring, not one of them was from Maine.

That changed on the morning of May 11, 2006, when John Bagnulo '03 Ph.D. of Freeman Township successfully reached the great mountain's peak.

It's not surprising that the number of successful ascents on Everest is relatively small. First of all it's dangerous. More than 185 people have died on the mountain, making the odds for survival about one in 11. Many others, who did survive, suffered serious injuries.

And, disregarding the danger, the climb is an unimaginably grueling experience—even for a highly experienced climber such as John Bagnulo.

"First of all there is the sleep deprivation," he says. "I didn't sleep for seven days and seven nights. It's hard enough to sleep on the mountain as it is, but in

addition, I had an eye irritation problem which kept me awake."

And as you get closer to your goal, Bagnulo says, the extreme altitude begins to take its toll.

"The hardest part on summit day is getting through the snow fields above the rocks. Those fields are about 600 yards across, at a 50-degree slope," Bagnulo says. "The snow was waist deep and we were breaking trail. Every small step at that altitude is just so much work. I remember just wanting to lie down and sleep."

Another difficult part of that final ascent is encountering the dozens of frozen corpses.

"We didn't pass any other living people on summit day, only dead bodies," Bagnulo says. "It's a pretty strange experience. The bodies are totally preserved—some from more than 30 years ago. You're exhausted, and looking at those bodies—well, you start to ask yourself if you're making the right decisions. The bodies are a reminder of the consequences of making poor decisions."

He says that many of the people die because they start the ascent to the summit too late. Others just move too slowly.

"If you don't make it to the summit by noon, you're in trouble," he says. "You have the problem of coming down in the dark, and almost every afternoon at the top of Everest strong winds kick in and the weather can be a big challenge."

To avoid such problems, Bagnulo and his new-found climbing partners (his original partner, Bill Yeo, had to turn back because of respiratory problems) left for the summit at 11 p.m. With the help of good weather and a moonlit night, they reached the top of Everest in a very impressive eight and one-half hours (at 7:30 a.m.).

He spent a half-hour at the summit, spreading the ashes of a close friend and calling his wife and his mother on his cell phone.

"It was an emotional time up there releasing his ashes and celebrating getting to the top of the world."

Bagnulo's Everest expedition is even more impressive when you consider that

he did it without the aid of Sherpas. Most Everest teams have Sherpas carry supplies and set up camp. But Bagnulo carried his own 60 pounds of supplies on his back and set up his own camp after each grueling day of climbing.

"I feel it's good to climb a mountain under your own power," he explains. "That's the way I've done it my whole life. I didn't want to change my style of climbing."

Bagnulo had also decided to make the climb without the use of oxygen. But in the end he was convinced it was needed.

"We were going to ascend without it," he explains. "It's just the way I feel Everest should be climbed. So my decision to use oxygen in the end was the major compro-



"Every small step at that altitude is just so much work. I remember just wanting to lie down and sleep."

mise I made during the trip. But if I hadn't used it, I almost certainly would have lost some of my toes [which he says he couldn't feel for almost the entire summit ascent]. Oxygen makes such a big difference in your circulation."

One of the reasons Bagnulo originally

thought he could do the climb without oxygen is that he's able to adapt rapidly to high altitudes. He's also a highly experienced climber who prepared arduously for Everest—including hiking more than 100 miles at 14,000 feet in Tibet for two weeks before the ascent.

And back in Maine he had prepared for a year by spending much of his free time hiking Mount Abram and the Bigalows, near his home.

You might say Bagnulo has been preparing for Mount Everest since he was a kid. That's when he was inspired by Reinhold Messner's successful 1980 ascent of Everest, the first without the use of oxygen. He got hooked on hiking and climbing. At the age of nine he trekked Maine's 100-mile Wilderness (Appalachian Trail) and at the age of 13 had the opportunity to climb volcanos (including a 10,000-foot one) in Central America. Right after high school he traveled out West to climb Mount Whitney and Mount Rainier.

After receiving his undergraduate degree from Boston University and master's from the University of North Carolina, Bagnulo entered the Ph.D. program in nutrition and exercise physiology at UMaine.

"Nutrition and physiology seemed to go hand in hand with my climbing," he says. "It makes such a big difference at high altitudes if you provide your body with what it needs."

Before the Everest expedition, Bagnulo was teaching at the University of Maine at Farmington. He now has a private practice in nutrition and fitness which gives him the flexibility and independence to fulfill his ambition of climbing all of the "Seven Summits"—the highest peaks on each of the seven continents.

He's already completed three of the Seven Summits. Next up is Puncak Jaya which soars 16,024 feet out of the rain forest on the island of New Guinea. He plans on making the climb in the coming year.

"It's in one of the most remote places in the world," Bagnulo says. "There are still headhunters in the jungles. I'm really looking forward to climbing in a whole different environment and climate."

Outsmarting the Counterfeiters

When it comes to high-tech solutions for ensuring a product brand, Jim Rittenburg '76, '81 Ph.D. and his Authentix colleagues are the world leaders.

Not long ago a well-known spirits company was losing significant sales in one of its Asian markets. It turns out that counterfeiters were collecting the empty name-brand bottles and refilling them with diluted, locally made alcohol. The counterfeit booze was then being redistributed as the genuine product.

Counterfeiting problems like these are occurring all over the world—not just with spirits, but also with oil products and pharmaceutical brands. Often the counterfeiters are part of organized crime syndicates or even terrorist groups. But thanks to inventors like Jim Rittenburg, a fellowship team member at Authentix, there are now high-tech solutions to the problem.

In the case of the Asian liquor situation, Authentix developed a colorless, tasteless marker which was incorporated into the spirit before being bottled. Any substitution of the name-brand product could then be readily identified on the spot by a simple procedure. And the genuine product could be authenticated.

The result was a dramatic drop in the distribution of counterfeit product and a \$6 million increase in revenue for the legitimate spirits company.

The basic method used to authenticate a brand-name product is one that Rittenburg has been working with for more than 20 years.

"It's called immunoassay, and it's really the same technology that is used in home pregnancy kits and in drug testing," he explains. "It basically relies on a very specific recognition of a chemical by a specific type of protein called an antibody. You

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generate those materials by vaccinating an animal with a particular material that you want the antibody to detect. Then you can isolate the cells that make those antibodies and grow them in culture and produce large quantities of the protein that is very specific to the chemical you want to detect. Those proteins become the basis of the testing."

Rittenburg explains that in the case of brand authentication, materials are put in products at very low, trace levels—levels that would be impossible to detect by conventional equipment.

The method is much like a lock and key.

"The antibody we use is exactly complementary to the three-dimensional structure of the molecule that is used as a marker," he notes. "If it fits, we have a positive result. If it doesn't fit, you won't detect it."

One of the major applications of this method has occurred in the area of fuel products, where more than half the industry now utilizes marker technology. In an energy-hungry world, big money can be made by smuggling and substituting fuels.

"In the United States it's largely a franchise abuse issue," Rittenburg says. "Franchise owners who sell fuel under a particular oil company name are required to use that company's product. And those companies want to be sure that all their franchise stations are doing that. But substitutions can take place. By including a marker in the fuel product, companies can authenticate that their fuel is being sold."

In East African countries such as Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania, problems with diluted, adulterated, and illegal (also untaxed) fuels were widespread. With the use of Authentix marker technology, the fuels are now being tested and tracked. As a result, much-needed revenues in those countries have increased by tens of millions of dollars.

Rittenburg notes that the fastest growing use of marker technology is in the pharmaceutical industry.

"In the last three or four years we have seen a growing number of applications in



This field authentication device was developed by Authentix to confirm the presence of covert (invisible) features (specific chemical fingerprints) that are applied to various products to enhance security.

the health care area," he notes. "Partly because counterfeit copies of some major brands were discovered in the U.S. markets, drug companies have been doing a lot more to protect their products. Just recently it was in the news that counterfeit glucose testing kits were showing up around the country."

He notes that being able to authenticate a brand-name drug can prevent the need for expensive recalls and also mitigates potential lawsuits.

Currently, Rittenburg and his Authentix colleagues are working on a number of nanotechnologies that will lead to more advanced authentication methods—ones that will be even more difficult to detect.

He says that it's all part of staying a step ahead of the counterfeiters.

"They are pretty sophisticated," he admits. "Organized crime groups in particular can be very innovative. Some of them would have made good research and development people if they had gone into a legitimate company."

As an example, he cites one group of counterfeiters who went as far as to use holograms on a fake pharmaceutical product, indicating that it was "genuine" (holograms are frequently used as a security feature). "The real product didn't even have a hologram," he notes. "So the fake actually looked more genuine than the

brand name."

Rittenburg has been an innovator since he completed his studies at UMaine in 1981.

While finishing his undergraduate degree, Rittenburg had the good fortune of meeting up with Bob Bayer, a professor conducting lobster research (he's now director of the Lobster Institute). The two worked in the same building on campus, but they actually got to know each other through the airwaves as ham radio enthusiasts. Bayer happened to be looking for good graduate students, and young Rittenburg found Bayer's lobster research enticing.

In his graduate work, Rittenburg was introduced to the application of immunoassay methods in looking at diseases in lobsters. He was also introduced to a master's degree student in animal science, Lorna Good '82G, who would later become his wife.

When he finished his master's and Ph.D., Rittenburg proposed some ideas for applications of his methods to a dairy company. They liked the ideas and he was off to Vermont and then to the parent company in Britain for four years.

But he stayed in close contact with Bayer. The two remain close friends to this day, and for many years have enjoyed an annual camping trip together in the Maine woods.

In the mid '80s, Rittenburg returned to the U.S., eventually getting involved with a company called Biocode. It was there that he was instrumental in developing a whole new application for his past immunoassay work—using trace levels of materials to be used as a fingerprint in looking for counterfeit products. Biocode eventually merged with several other companies that used different technologies to form Authentix.

With increasing globalization and the growing threats to security from terrorism, Rittenburg's lab in Pennsylvania will be searching for more applications for existing technologies and for new and better ways of ensuring that the products we purchase and use are the real thing.

Mike Bordick '88 has his Black Bear baseball number retired.

The Consummate Professional

Back at Hampden Academy in the early 1980s, a baseball career seemed an unlikely prospect for young Mike Bordick. Sure, he had some talent, but he also had a track record of discipline problems, and had even managed to get himself thrown off the high school baseball team.

But legendary UMaine coach John Winkin saw something he liked in Bordick—something that other baseball people missed.

"I wrote him a letter and told him he should really go to college because he was a good player and at college he had a chance to make something of himself," Winkin remembers.

Winkin's faith in "the tough kid from Winterport" made an impression. Bordick jumped at the opportunity to enroll at UMaine and to have a chance to play for the highly respected Black Bear team.

At UMaine Bordick worked hard to improve his skills and his study habits. He shook off some nightmarish early performances on the baseball diamond and became one of the Black Bears' most consistent and dependable players. Ultimately he carried that work ethic and consistency to professional baseball, where he earned a reputation as one of the best fielding shortstops and one of the classiest people in the Major Leagues.

When his University of Maine baseball jersey (Number 3) was retired on a beautiful day in mid-September, a very emotional Mike Bordick talked about how much the university had aided him in all he went on to achieve.

"It's nothing I did," he said. "I was pretty rough around the edges when I got here, but with the help of people like John Winkin, Walt Abbott ('58, '65G), Wes Jordan ('63, '69G), Al Hackett ('53, '59G), and Bobby Whalen ('79, '86G)... well they provided me the opportunity, not only to play



Mike Bordick embraces his former coach, John Winkin, during a September 16th ceremony at which Bordick's Number 3 jersey was retired. (Bangor Daily News photo by Kate Collins.)

baseball, but to get an education and to become a man."

When Bordick left campus at the end of his junior year, he promised Jordan and others that he would some day come back to complete his degree. He fulfilled that promise when he graduated with the Class of 2006 last May.

As a ballplayer, Bordick helped the Black Bears earn their way to two College World Series (1984 and 1986). After the 1986 season, seven of his teammates were drafted and signed professional contracts. Bordick wasn't among them, but he had no doubt that he had what it took to make it to the next level.

"Mike had unbelievable confidence in himself," John Winkin said in a 2003 interview. "Nothing fazed him."

Bordick continued to work hard in a summer league and was noticed by scouts

for the Oakland Athletics. The team picked him up as a free agent.

Bordick made the most of his opportunity and before too long became Oakland's regular shortstop. His team-first attitude and tremendous work ethic impressed former Athletics' manager Tony La Russa, who once said Bordick was his favorite player to manage.

And when it was time for the Baltimore Orioles to replace "iron man" superstar Cal Ripken, Jr. at shortstop, the team didn't hesitate to sign Bordick. His humility and professionalism diffused much of the controversy surrounding Ripken's move to third base.

At Baltimore, Bordick continued to develop as a player. In 2002, he set a major league record by going 110 consecutive games and 544 consecutive plays without making an error. He also set season records for highest fielding percentage (.998) and errors (1).

By the time he retired at the end of the 2003 season, Bordick had played in 1,720 games for four different Major League teams. He had a respectable career batting average of .260. Most impressively, his .982 fielding percentage now ranks second among all shortstops to play in the majors.

Bordick is also the only former Black Bear who can claim to have played in both the College World Series and the Major League World Series.

As he looked out at the gathering of fans, friends, and former UMaine players, it was obvious that the honor of having his number retired (just the fourth in UMaine baseball history) was more than just a recognition of an outstanding career. It was an emotional reminder of what his time at UMaine had meant to him—as both a baseball player and a person.

"This is a special place," he said. "Just driving on campus, your emotions start up."

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