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“Remembering the University of Maine through a bequest assures that students will receive my help long after I’m gone.”

— Edie M. King '67

Edie M. King made the most of her opportunity to attend the University of Maine. She was the eldest of five children and the first in the family to go to college. Money was tight, but Edie's parents understood the importance of an education. Choosing Maine's state university was both desirable and more affordable. Edie's enthusiasm was so keen that she memorized the Maine Stein Song before she arrived at the University of Maine. It is Edie's positive attitude that she attributes to her success. She didn't go home on weekends. She attended athletic events, concerts and other activities. She fully immersed herself in the life of the campus. Edie graduated from the University of Maine in 1967 with a degree in Bacteriology. When you talk to Edie, her love for UMaine and for her chosen field of study is apparent. Edie is giving back to her university and supporting students who share her passion for science. In addition to establishing a scholarship, Edie has remembered the University of Maine through a bequest.

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Fill the Stein for '59!



This bulletin published for Class of 1959 alums and friends.

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Bring back the memories at your 50th Reunion!

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Share your fondest memories: gabfests at the Bear's Den, toughest and easiest profs, Maine football, post-game parties, Maine Day, Dean Stewart, Dean Edie, all-night cramming, South Apartments, excursions to Bar Harbor, pizza -"and" at Pat's...and more.

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On the Road to Orono

We are aiming at records! Your 50th Reunion committee believes we have the spirit to break two UMaine records: attendance at a 50th Reunion and fundraising. Preliminary goals: minimum 290 attendance; class gift of over \$1,000,000. More about these goals and how we can get there later.

Meet & Greet Friends. A class lounge with interesting class memorabilia will be set up at Buchanan Alumni House.

Contact your classmates. Who would you most like to see at the Reunion? Recruit them for our 50th. Send their names to the Alumni Association office. We'll get back with your classmates' current addresses. Write, e-mail or call them.

Idea for Reunion Event? Send your idea to **Chris Corro**, Events Coordinator, or **Val Mitchell**, Reunion Giving Coordinator, at the UMaine Alumni Association office, P.O. Box 550, Orono, ME 04473-0550. Call: 800-934-2586.

Send Us Your E-mail Address! Send it to **Nonni Hilchey Daly** at nonni28@roadrunner.com. She is coordinating our online and e-mail programs. Special *Fill the Stein for '59* e-messages will keep you up-to-date with all the news!

Class Memories Go Online. The Class of '59 will be the first to use the new University of Maine Alumni *InCircle Online Community* site as its Memory Book---contact information, bios and photos of class members. More later.

Bookmark your Class of '59 Web site and visit often. New information about the 50th Reunion and your classmates will be posted regularly.
www.mainealumni.com/classpages/1959.htm.



Remember Humphrey?



Remember when Ernie Park met Humphrey Pennyworth? As "Keeper of the Maine Spirit", the campus mayor with his Humpmobile provoked laughter and cheers with equal ease at rallies and athletic events. Joe Palooka cartoonist Moe Leff arranged the introduction for the 1959 *PRISM*.

Reunion Events: Sneak Peek

Watch for news about the final schedule via regular mail, e-mail and on our class Web site.

- Pre-Reunion Outing & Activities, May 27-28
- Meet & Greet, Buchanan Alumni House, May 29
- Tours of campus facilities, May 29
- 50th Reunion Dinner, Friday, May 29
- Open House with Deans, May 30
- Class Business Meeting & Luncheon, May 30
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- Memorial Service for Class Members, May 30
- "Thanks for the Memories" breakfast, May 31

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Greatest Class of the Greatest Generation

THEY ARRIVED on the UMaine campus in the fall of 1940 full of hope and anticipation. For a brief year and a half college life was joyfully normal.

But on December 7, 1941, everything changed. Over the next several years, the vast majority of men in the class, as well as the university as a whole, would be called upon to serve their country.

World War II broke the Class of '44 up prematurely (only 182 of the original members graduated in 1944). But it was also that experience—one marked by shared hardships and sacrifice—that created lifelong bonds to each other and to their alma mater.

That extraordinary bond has led to more than 60 years of generosity and service to the university. The fruits of their commitment can be seen all over campus, from the School of Performing Arts building, to the Buchanan Alumni House, to the Bodwell Lounge at the Maine Center for the Arts, to the newly renovated Bear's Den.

In recognition of their loyalty and support to UMaine, the Class of 1944 was presented with the President Abram W. Harris Award in early October. The award is given annually to an individual or team of individuals whose actions have left the institution "stronger and in every respect better fitted to do its work" as was said of President Harris during his tenure from 1893 to 1901. The award comes with a \$5,000 prize.

University Welcomes Largest Ever First-Year Class

Some 2,105 first-year students arrived on campus on August 31, the largest entering class in University of Maine history. The number of new students marks a nine percent increase over last year. Almost 82 percent come from Maine.

In addition to the first-year students, 506 students transferred to UMaine from other schools. Total enrollment for the university is expected to reach 12,100, a 2.5 percent increase over last fall.

University president Robert Kennedy noted that the Class of 2011 is one of high academic potential as well. The new students' average SAT score was 1077, 60 points above the national average.

In a new effort to build a strong connection with their class and the university, this year's entering class are all housed in the same area of the campus.

Once again this year, hundreds of



UMaine faculty, staff, and current UMaine students participated in the Maine Hello program—greeted the entering class and their parents and assisted them in moving into their new residences.

Ivan Fernandez is 2007 Distinguished Maine Professor

Ivan Fernandez, who received both his master's degree ('78) and his Ph.D. ('82) from UMaine, was honored last May as the 2007 Distinguished Maine Professor (DMP). Fernandez is a member of the department of plant, soil, and environmental sciences.

The DMP award is presented by the alumni association. It recognizes outstanding achievement in the university's tripartite mission of teaching, research, and public service. The award comes with a \$4,200 prize, a blazer, and a pewter medallion, all generously funded by the Class of 1942.

Fernandez is known as an enthusiastic and gifted teacher who is able to explain and illustrate complex concepts in his soil science courses. He is consistently given top ratings by UMaine students.

Both students and fellow faculty members also note that Fernandez is an



exceptional mentor. Students gratefully acknowledge his help with presentations, his encouragement, and his personal and professional advice.

An internationally respected scholar, Fernandez's research focuses on biogeochemical cycling in forested ecosystems, emphasizing

soil processes. He is particularly interested in the effects of a changing chemical and physical climate on forest ecosystem function. He's been involved in more than 100 publications and has contributed widely to the field of soil science.

"This recognition of Professor Fernandez is very well deserved," said alumni association chair John Rohman '68. "He exemplifies all the qualities you want to see in a Distinguished Maine Professor. And his dedication to his alma mater is inspirational."

UMaine Ranked Among Best Colleges

For the fourth consecutive year, the *Princeton Review* listed the University of Maine as one of the best 366 choices for undergraduate education. The selections are based on several criteria, including the opinions of each institution's students.

Only about 15 percent of four-year colleges in the U.S. are chosen for the list.

"This ranking shows that UMaine students feel good about the undergraduate experience here and that they are willing to tell others that the university provides both quality and value," said UMaine president Robert Kennedy. "I can't imagine a better recommendation than one coming from our students."

Recognition for Improving Air Quality

The University of Maine was recently designated as one of America's "Best Workplaces for Commuters." The program, jointly administered by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Transportation, recognizes employers who provide environmentally friendly commuter benefits to employees.

UMaine is the first employer in the state to be recognized through the program.

"This designation demonstrates our faculty and staff members' willingness to participate in programs that provide the opportunity to make individual choices that have a broad impact," said UMaine president Robert Kennedy. "Our programs are successful only because of UMaine's employees."

Among the UMaine initiatives that were noted in the designation were the Green Bike Program, where green-painted bikes are available around campus for anyone's use, and an ambitious carpooling effort which includes free parking permits and preferred parking for those who carpool.



Dick '59 and Anne Collins '61 pledge \$5 million toward the renovation of the MCA.

The Beginning of a New Era at UMaine

DICK AND ANNE ADAMS COLLINS have long been among the institution's strongest supporters. On August 30th, the couple, who met as undergraduates at UMaine, took that support to a whole new level with the presentation of \$6 million to their alma mater.

"Today is really the beginning of a new era in the life of UMaine," said a joyful University of Maine president, Robert Kennedy.

The majority of the gift, \$5 million, will go to renovations for the Maine Center for the Arts. In recognition of the gift, the MCA will be renamed the Richard R. and Anne A. Collins Center for the Arts. The other \$1 million will be put toward a planned \$12.5 million Memorial Gym renovation which will include a new home for Black Bear basketball. Dick Collins, a former Black Bear basketball player, has also agreed to serve as chair of the UMaine athletic facilities fundraising campaign which is part of the university's current comprehensive campaign.

Speaking at the event, attended by some 175 people, Dick Collins described his family's deep roots in Maine and at the university. He grew up on a potato farm in St. Agatha. After graduating from UMaine, he went on to a highly successful business career, culminating in his serving as CEO and president of American Life Insurance Company. Anne Collins was born in Belfast and raised in Farmington.

"The best thing that's ever happened to me is Anne," Collins said in a speech filled with emotion. He went on to encourage other alumni to step forward in support of their alma mater.

"The opportunity for us to help expose young minds to the works of Shakespeare, the music of Mozart, and the art of Picasso was just too compelling to pass up," he said.

"It is our sincere hope that this gift will inspire other alumni and friends of the university . . . to contribute to Campaign Maine and help secure the future of the university for generations to come."

The \$5 million gift leaves the arts center just \$1 million short of the funds needed to complete the project. Anne Collins has agreed to head the effort to raise the balance of the money. The renovations are currently underway, with completion date projected for January 2009.

Hazing Activities Put Softball Team on Probation

The University of Maine softball team will serve a three-year probation and a one-week suspension next spring in light of hazing violations by several current and former team members. The suspension will be served at the onset of the 2008 season. In addition, individual penalties were assessed to three current players found to be in violation of the university's code of conduct and its student-athlete code of conduct.

The offenses came to light this summer when one of the softball players posted 2006 "rookie party" photos on the Internet. A hazing watchdog organization found the photos and put them online at their website. They then notified the *Bangor Daily News*, which carried a story about the photos and the party.

A university investigation revealed that similar parties had occurred in 2004, 2005, and 2007. Each of the parties took place at players' residences off-campus.

Grant will Double Campus Recycling Efforts

The university has received a \$6,000 grant from the Johnson Controls Educational Giving Program to pay a student coordinator to review sustainability initiatives in academic and residential buildings. The goal is to more than double the number of buildings to be assessed for improvements in UMaine's recycling efforts.

"It's our hope that we'll uncover simple ways in which the university can reduce carbon emissions, improve recycling, and reduce waste," says Green Initiatives co-coordinator Joshua Parda. "There is definitely room for improvement. A lot of it is simple—like having recycling bins next to copiers." He noted that the biggest source of waste is paper, which is very recyclable.

"Class Opera" Will Involve Many Talents and Disciplines

Preparations are now underway for what is being billed as the University of Maine's first ever "class opera." Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* will be performed at the Hauck Auditorium and discussed in classrooms across campus during the academic year.

The project melds the inspiration of a "class book" with the university's strong operatic roots. It will tap the talents of music, theater, and dance students and faculty and it will also be the springboard for discussions in a wide range of courses.

Also scheduled around *Figaro* are



Figaro rehearsal held last spring.

guest lectures, study guides, and post-show discussions with the cast, crew, and faculty.

"Productions like this have the potential to bring everyone—students, faculty, and departments—together," said professor of theater Tom Mikotowicz, who will be the stage director.

Figaro will also honor the long academic and perform-

ance career of music professor Lud Hallman, who has taught at the university since 1970 and will serve as the opera's musical director.

Climate Change is Impacting the Gulf of Maine

Research by University of Maine School of Marine Sciences' Andrew Pershing and Cornell University's Charles Greene indicates that a dramatic increase in meltwater entering the ocean as a result of climate change is causing shifts in northwest Atlantic ecosystems.

In a paper published in the journal *Science*, the two researchers suggest that the increase in low-salinity water entering the Atlantic from the Arctic during the 1990s altered circulation and stratification patterns, resulting in an ecosystem regime shift—a large, relatively rapid alteration in the ecosystem at multiple levels. The shift was marked by significant changes in the abundances and seasonal cycles of phytoplankton, zooplankton, and fish populations.

"Climate scientists are predicting that the North Atlantic will get fresher, due to more precipitation and ice melt. While we can't say that conditions in the 1990s were caused by global warming, our work suggests a new way that global warming could impact marine ecosystems," Pershing said.



Career Award recipient, Bill Smullen '62

A Distinguished Career of Service to his Country

Retired Army Colonel Bill Smullen '62 was honored by his alma mater on June 3 when he was presented with the University of Maine Alumni Association's most prestigious award, the Alumni Career Award.

During Smullen's 30-year career in the Army, he continually moved up to positions of greater responsibility. He did tours in Vietnam, Korea, and Panama, and altogether traveled to 110 countries while he was on active duty.

As Chief of the Army Public Affairs Media Relations Division, he is credited with reshaping the Army's approach to the media—from one of mistrust to one



of open communication and cooperation. For that achievement he was inducted into the Army's Public Affairs Hall of Fame.

The culmination of his Army career came with his service as special assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It would seem hard to top that. But as a retired colonel, Bill Smullen's most important challenge in public service was still ahead of him.

From 1993 to 1999, Smullen was in charge of managing General Colin Powell's private office and professional activities. During that time he assisted Powell with

his autobiography and also took on the responsibility of chief of staff for America's Promise-The Alliance for Youth, an organization which the general chaired.

When Colin Powell was selected to serve as

Secretary of State following the 2000 elections, he didn't hesitate to pick Smullen as his chief of staff. In that position he was responsible for monitoring and evaluating the formulation and implementation of departmental policies as well as the development of strategies on foreign policy matters.

Smullen decided to leave the State Department in 2002 to take a position as a professor of public relations at Syracuse University's S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, where he currently teaches.

UMaine, Bowdoin to Partner in Engineering

The University of Maine and Bowdoin College will offer a new five-year engineering program in which students can spend their first three years at Bowdoin and the final two years at UMaine. Students who complete the program will receive degrees from both institutions.

"The program builds on the two colleges' complementary strengths," said UMaine president Robert Kennedy, noting Bowdoin's outstanding reputation in liberal arts education and UMaine's highly regarded engineering programs.

Officials from both institutions believe that the first students may participate by fall of 2008.

Growing a Green Economy



From solid waste management companies to nontraditional energy startups, environmental and energy technology businesses and organizations in Maine generated \$574 million in sales, supported 5,269 jobs, and provided \$222.8 million in employee

earnings in 2006, according to a survey by the University of Maine School of Economics.

The survey by resource economists Todd Gabe and Caroline Noblet '05G is the first comprehensive report on the eco-

nomic significance of Maine's environmental and energy technology sector. Based on statistics from government and industry sources, the report outlines a growing sector with nearly 700 Maine businesses and organizations. More than

half employ one or two workers.

Although these businesses can be found throughout Maine, Cumberland and York counties are home to a combined 45 percent of environmental and energy technology industries.

2007 Vincent A. Hartgen Award recipient Arline Thomson

A Genuine Treasure for the Arts at UMaine

IN 1962, ARLINE THOMSON became the University of Maine's very first graphic designer. She retired in 1985 (continuing to work part-time until 1992), but it's a testament to Thomson's creativity and talent that her work is still being used today.

"Arline set the standard," said UMaine senior designer Mike Mardosa '73, who worked with Thomson throughout the '80s and into the '90s in University Relations. "Her influence extended beyond the graphic design department. With skill, talent, and love she has supported and contributed to the visual and performing arts throughout the university."

In April, Thomson was presented with the 2007 Vincent A. Hartgen Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the advancement of the arts at UMaine. The award, which was first given in 1999, is sponsored by the Patrons of the Arts. Hartgen was the founder of the university's art department and is credited with extending the influence of the visual arts, not just in the campus community, but to public schools throughout the state.

Thomson began her career in the advertising field in Boston and New York before moving to Maine in 1953. Before coming to the university, she designed and illustrated some 10 children's books. While working as UMaine's graphic designer, Thomson continued to produce her own art works, which were displayed at the University of Maine Museum of Art and throughout the state. Much of her work focused on capturing the character of the campus and other areas of Maine. Among her most seen works are a series of beautiful sketches of University of Maine buildings. Later she became fascinated with historic London. Her collection of sketches, maps, and diary entries were incorporated into a book, *Discovering Elizabethan London*.

"In her own quiet, mild-mannered way, she has had a profound impact on our community," noted Patrons of the Arts chair, Danny Williams '91, '94G. "She's a treasure."

Formerly a long-time resident of Old Town, Thomson now lives in Orono and Port Clyde.



Photograph by Michael Mardosa

November Bond Issues Would Help UMaine

Two bond issues on the November ballot in Maine would help the University of Maine in several different areas.

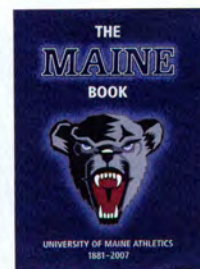
The first bond, Question #2, would provide a \$55 million fund for research and development activities in the state. All the funds will be awarded on a competitive basis to the state's research institutions. UMaine administrators are confident that the university would be awarded a significant portion of the funds for its numerous strong research and development programs.

The second, Question #3, would provide \$43.5 million for improvements at the University of Maine System, Maine Maritime Academy, and the Community College System, as well as for public K through 12 schools in the state. Under the distribution formula, UMaine could expect to get about \$12.5 million, much of which would be used for deferred maintenance of its buildings.

The Maine Book is Here!

The Maine Book by Stu Haskell '56 is now in print. Its 700 pages are jam-packed with more than 42,000 entries and 300 team photographs. It has all the athletes, all the coaches, all the records and statistics, and conference standings for every UMaine team that has competed since 1881—more than 125 years of UMaine sports history!

Only a limited number of books were printed, so be sure to order yours today at 1-800-934-2586. Price is just \$34.95 plus \$6 postage and handling. Any profits will go into a fund for athletic scholarships at the University of Maine.



Hutchinson Center Plans Major Expansion

The University of Maine's Hutchinson Center in Belfast is a remarkable success story. Since opening six years ago, more than 20,000 students have taken classes or seminars and enrollment for the fall 2007 term was up 22 percent from last year.

In fact it's been so successful that the original space is just no longer adequate to handle the center's ever increasing offerings. In response to the need for a larger space and more course offerings, the university recently announced a \$4 million expansion plan that will double the amount of classroom space. Two million of the funds come from a university bond to be repaid from future tuition revenue. The other \$2 million will be raised as part of the University of Maine's \$150 million comprehensive campaign.



The Hutchinson Center in Belfast will be doubling its classroom space and course offerings.

The 15,000 square-foot expansion will include science labs, multipurpose classrooms, and a multimedia broadcast and computing center as well as conference and faculty office areas. The added space will allow for new course offerings in allied health sciences, international affairs, the arts, hospitality, and management. Construction will begin next year with completion expected in fall 2010.

"The Hutchinson Center is a vital part of the University of Maine," said UMaine president Robert Kennedy. "We see the center as central to our growth and as positively impacting the community and families."

Center officials announced that some \$250,000 has already been pledged to the project.

Longest-serving Dean Influenced Education at the University and in the State

There were two things that stood out at the celebration for retiring college of education and human development dean Bob Cobb held at Buchanan Alumni House last spring. One was the longevity of his service. Former students approaching middle age stood in line with others in their 20s to give their best wishes to their former dean. The other was the obvious outpouring of love and respect for the man who has had such a major impact on so many teachers.

Cobb took over as dean of the college of education in 1977. That ranks him as the longest-serving dean in University of Maine history. During his tenure he became known as a champion for his college as well as for teachers and school children throughout the state of Maine.

One of the first steps Cobb took as dean was to establish strong connections with the public schools in the state.

"I met systematically with hundreds of teachers all over,"



he said in a recent *Bangor Daily News* interview. "I would just sit and I would listen."

After he heard what the needs of those schools were, he began developing partnerships and linking Maine's public school needs with the university's expertise and resources.

Cobb also focused on literacy education for elementary students, initiating training for literacy specialists who help teachers improve students' reading skills.

"It's important in virtually every profession and everybody's lives," he noted.

He also was a leader on several programs which received national recognition, including Sports Done Right, which provides

guidelines for youth sports—guidelines which keep sports connected to the overall school mission and local community values.

The former dean, who is a Winthrop native, plans to remain in the Orono area.

Beyond Fitness

The new state-of-the-art Student Recreation and Fitness Center has quickly become the “place to be” on the UMaine campus.



Few new buildings on the UMaine campus have come with higher expectations than the \$25 million Student Recreation and Fitness Center (SRFC). We're pleased to report that it seems those high expectations have been met.

Since the first hour it opened on August 31, there's been a constant flow of students, faculty, staff, and community members through the building. In the first week of operation alone there were some 15,000 check-ins to the facility.

And they like what they see.

“I love it! It's really fantastic,” said Jennifer, a first-year student from Biddeford. “I had heard a lot about a new fitness center, but I really didn't think it would be this nice. I've been here every day since it opened and I plan to keep coming every day.”

Scott, a junior from Belfast, had also been to the center every day since classes began.

“I'm really impressed with the whole fitness area, which is what I use the most,” he said. “I'm also impressed with how many students are here. It seems like this is definitely the new place to be on campus.”

One person who is thrilled to see so many people in the new building is Jeff Hunt, director of campus recreation. He says that he and his staff expected a very large number of users.

“Still, when we look out and see how many people are here—playing basketball, in the pool, using the fitness equipment, or just hanging out—well I think that does take people by surprise. But it's exactly

what we want. It's just so great to see all these people using the facility.”

Another thing that makes Hunt feel good is that he knows the new fitness center is attracting students and staff who never utilized the old facilities at the Memorial Gym.

Part of the reason for that might be the abundance of state-of-the-art facilities and equipment. The SRFC contains three times



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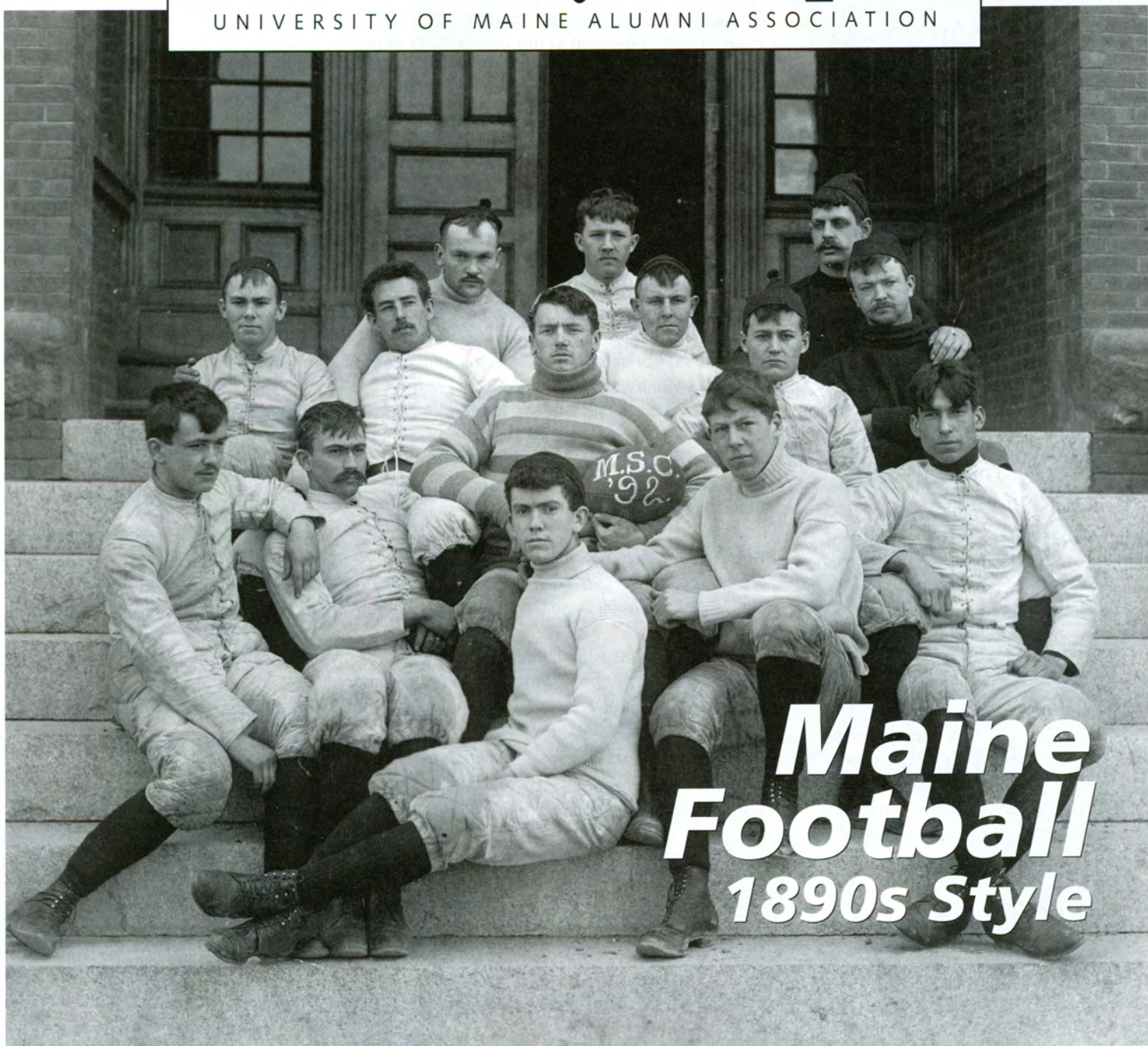
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Stan Allain '61 (left) receives a pewter plate for his service to the alumni association from board chair John Rohman '68.

Four Alumni Association Board Members Retire

Four members of the alumni association's board of directors retired this past June. Stan Allain '61, Elizabeth Cleale '00, Doug Kneeland '53, and Jeff Wright '73 were all thanked for their outstanding service to their alma mater and their fellow alumni at the association's annual meeting in June.

New members of the board are: Kristen Andresen Lainsbury '97, Erving Bickford '55, Robert Fitta '83, Kyra Rusch McCool '01G, Erin McCormick '05, and Richard McNeary '65. Kristen, who has served on the association's publications committee for several years, will be the new vice chair for publications.

On the Cover

This photo of the first varsity UMaine (then Maine State College) football team in 1892 shows just how much the game has changed. The ball used then was almost round. The only equipment used were nose and shin guards (no helmets—just knit caps). And with so few team members, almost all players were on the field for both offense and defense. Maine lost its first intercollegiate game against Colby, and didn't win its first football game until 1895.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday - Sunday, October 12, 13, & 14, 2007

Homecoming Weekend at the University of Maine

- UMaine Football vs William & Mary—3 p.m.
 - Maine's largest craft fair
 - Reunions for Classes of 1972, 1977, and 1982
- And much, much more!

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine annual meeting and dinner
Holiday Inn West, Portland—RSVP to 1-800-934-2586

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter lunch and meeting
Granite Hill Estates in Hallowell, ME—11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$9.00 per person. RSVP to the alumni association at:
1-800-934-2586 or (207) 581-1185

Guest speaker: Habib Dagher, director, Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Portland Alumnae Luncheon—noon
Location to be announced

Sunday, January 6, 2008

Maine Hockey in Portland (Black Bears vs RPI)—2 p.m.
Cumberland County Civic Center—Alumni reception preceding the game

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter lunch and meeting
Granite Hill Estates in Hallowell, ME—11:30 a.m. RSVP to the alumni association at:
1-800-934-2586 or (207) 581-1185

Guest speaker: Kenda Scheele, senior associate dean of students

For more information on alumni events, go to: mainealumni.com or call 207-581-ALUM

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Bill Bodwell '50

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Nominations Sought for Alumni Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for University of Maine alumni awards. Deadline is November 30, 2007. The categories are:

Alumni Career Award

Given for a lifetime's work of outstanding achievement and dedication.

Lown Alumni Humanitarian Award

Given for distinguished service to humanity.

Spirit of Maine Achievement Award

Given to an alumnus/alumna who has graduated in the past 15 years and who has demonstrated outstanding initiative and achievement.

Pine Tree Emblem Service Award

Given for outstanding leadership to the University of Maine's alumni body.

Fogler Legacy Award

Given to families with a long tradition of attending the University of Maine.

Hilda Sterling Class Correspondent Award

Given for consistent commitment to high quality communications for a UMaine class.

Black Bear Award

For devotion and loyalty to the university.

Block "M" Award

For leadership and participation in class and alumni activities, events, and programs.

For more information contact Diana Richardson at 207-581-1138 or via email at: diana.richardson@umit.maine.edu.

Rudy Vallée's Saxophone Given to Alumni House



Eleanor Vallée

Rudy Vallée '25 spread the University of Maine's name around the world when his 1932 upbeat version of the "Stein Song" became a huge hit. Now Rudy's alto saxophone will be on permanent display in the Class of

1943 Music Parlor of Buchanan Alumni House. The saxophone was presented by Rudy's widow, Eleanor Vallée, during the Alumni House's fifth anniversary celebration on June 3 during Reunion 2007.



New Jersey Alumni Spend a Day at the Races

Among the New Jersey area alumni enjoying a day together at Monmouth Park were (left to right): Ernie Ridlon '61, June Toulouse Heintz '61, and Larry Schiner '61, '62G. Also attending were: Cindy Van de Workeen Allen '80, Mark Cohen '54, Carol Ruzbarsky Woodhull '70, Donna Keirstead Thornton '78, '79G, Baron Hicken '63, Carl Kruse '54, Marilyn Harmon Saydah '52 '60G, Ralph Higgins '39, '47, Clifton McLaughlin '57, '58G, Margaret Wilde Giuliano '67, Jon Booth '68, Paul Ferrigno '55, and chapter chair Ron Sheay '55.



UMaine Family Legacy

The recipients of the 2007 Fogler Legacy Award are the Freeman and Brockway families. Accepting the award at Reunion 2007 were, front row (left to right): Barbara Brockway, Pam Brockway Adams '60, Betty Brockway Nevers '56, and Margaret Brockway. Standing: Don Brockway, David Adams, Dick Nevers '56, and Richard Brockway '60. The first family member to graduate from UMaine was George Leonard Freeman in 1903.

Classnotes



Senior Alumni

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To those people who do not attend Homecoming in the fall or the spring reunion weekend, you are missing so much. The June 1, 2, and 3 weekend was extra-special. The campus looked just beautiful with colorful flowers enhancing the landscape. It was truly a sight to see. The whole campus sparkled!

Entering the Buchanan Alumni House just fills one with pride. It is so beautifully furnished and its decorations, artwork, and exhibits reflect the history of the university. The staff is so friendly and helpful. Their versatility in hosting events is amazing.

The June Reunion weekend was hardly a quiet time. Friends greeting friends is a joyful sound. Lots of memories are shared. The events are well planned. The Senior Alumni staff and UMaine Foundation personnel make everyone feel so welcome. It is easy to see that they are well cast in their roles and that they enjoy their work.

Listening to the speakers during the weekend made me so proud of our university. This was the largest Reunion ever! The incoming freshmen entering next fall breaks records in numbers. The number of alumni staying in Maine to work or returning to Maine is awesome.

The Senior Alumni provided 51 scholarships this year and eight were top scholars! The celebrating Class of 1957 gave \$10,000 to the

scholarship fund. The Senior Alums led by **Dick Sprague '50** raised \$86,000. The list of accomplishments goes on and on, and with each new fact, the pride increases. As the ad on TV says, "You're in a great place!"

I guess by now you realize that I am super proud of the University of Maine. This wasn't my year to celebrate but sharing in everyone's happiness was a great experience. Do try and join us next year—you'll be glad you did!

The alumni publications office provided me with some wonderful info about **Viola Purinton Giffin**, Class of 1931. She currently lives in Orrington with her daughter and son-in-law, Joseph and Alola Giffin Morrison, both Class of '59.

Viola was a Pi Phi majoring in home economics. Married to Alvin Giffin '31, she served as a hostess for her husband, a pro Coast Guarder. Viola is the first of three generations to attend UMaine. In 1961 she and Alvin traveled cross-country, and in 1961 they traveled around the world. In 1981 she and her husband chaired their Class's 50th Reunion. Now widowed, Viola would love to hear from class members. She can be reached at: (207) 825-3735.

I wish I had more news (hint, hint!). The "Golden Girls," our UMaine Senior Alumni social planners, are putting their heads together to plan more activities for us. We heard many raves about last

fall's attendance at a lunch before a football game.

However, the weather was cold and rainy and miserable. Instead, we watched the game in the McIntire Room on the big screen TV. Everyone loved it—it was so nice we may repeat it and enjoy a football game in comfort and still cheering our team.

If you're not taking advantage of all the events planned for us "oldies but goodies," you're missing some wonderful times!

1935

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Dear Classmates:

A very interesting letter was received from Glen Torrey '36, one of my fraternity brothers. Glen and I, with several other students, milked cows on the university dairy farm in order to obtain our college education. Since Glen graduated in 1936, I felt obliged to refer his letter to the writer of the appropriate class column which I did with considerable reluctance. Glen did refer to some news that concerned our class members which I have lifted for use in my column. He reported that **Sarah Meltzer Smalley** was a

classmate of his at the Auburn high school and that they were partners in the chemical laboratory. He also wrote that Mary Frost Waterhouse '38 was married to his wife's brother. Mary and her family were our neighbors in Eliot where I grew up. We attended the same grammar and high schools. Mary graduated from the University of Maine in 1938 and now lives in Mexico, Maine. Small world!

I had the pleasure of attending the Rochester Alumni Association winter banquet at the Daisy Flower Mill in February. While I was the only '35 member present, I was able to socialize with the many other class members who live and work in this area. My good friend Pat Cummings '89, '44H was there from Orono.

Since you have not received my last column when I am writing this one, I am anxiously waiting for that avalanche of letters that I should receive in response to my request for information on those great-grandkids. In case you have not written that letter, please do so promptly so that we can start developing information on these fourth generation '35ers. Merry Christmas.

1936

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A note from **Glen Torrey** says that he retired from active dairy farming in the 1980s but rented out the land and continued living in the family farmhouse. His children, three daughters and a son, finally prevailed upon him to move to an assisted living center. Last September, Glen and his wife, Jane, moved to Montello Heights on the outskirts of Lewiston.

My brother, Richard "Rich" of the Class of 1938, has just moved to an independent living community in Sun City, a suburb of Phoenix, Arizona. His wife, Freddy, no longer has to prepare three meals per day. Rich says the food is excellent with filet mignon on the menu several times per week.



Grace Watson Wendell (left) and Peg Fowles Houston enjoying their Class of '32 luncheon at Reunion 2007 in early June.

I have just returned from a long flight to Oahu in the middle of the Pacific Ocean for the wedding of my eldest granddaughter. The first day in perfect weather I played golf with the bride and groom-to-be, along with the father of the bride, who also happens to be my son-in-law. Later, we sailed for an evening cruise on a 60-foot catamaran from the entrance to Pearl Harbor to Diamond Head, passing a mile offshore from brightly lit Honolulu and dark Waikiki on our way. A few days later at the wedding the music was supplied by a bass viol and two guitars all hooked up to a huge amplifier. They did not play "Here Comes the Bride" as the father and bride marched to the makeshift altar set up on the front lawn. They played one of their Hawaiian wedding marches which I had never heard before, but I certainly recalled the "Hawaiian War Chant" which they played later in the program to show that marriage is not always a path of roses.

1937

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William F. Bishop (207) 493-3169 lives at: 47 Coolidge Avenue, Caribou, Maine 04769. He delivered mail in the Caribou area for many years. He also farmed potatoes in the Washburn area. Last winter he had an accident clearing snow from his roof; he is now recovering from a leg injury and doing well. He lives in the same house—alone after Orize (his wife) died recently.

My address is the same and I would love to have University of Maine friends visit me. I am active in city affairs, especially the Presque Isle Historical Society and restoration of the old firehouse.

Be sure to make plans now to attend the Homecoming Senior Alumni Luncheon, October 12 at Buchanan Alumni House.



Class of 1936 correspondent Ken Ireland traveled to Oahu this summer for the wedding of his granddaughter Julie Kentnor (right). Left of Ken is his daughter (and Julie's mother) Elen Kentnor.

1939

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Our deepest and most sincere sympathy goes to the family and friends of "**Mel**" **McKenzie** whose military and family endeavors did him most proud.

Interesting news from **Carl Toothaker**. After spending February in Punta Gorda, Florida, with his son and old Maine friends, he attended

the NCAA Final Four Women's finals, in Cleveland, Ohio. Then the Toothakers were off to Caracas, Venezuela, for the wedding of his grandson, Christopher '95, to an oncology surgeon. Chris is a seven-year veteran Associated Press foreign correspondent, frequently caught up in the turbulent Venezuelan politics. This occasion allowed them to assemble three generations of Maine degrees—Carl '39, Robert '68G, Barry '72, and Chris. Best man was brother Greg who played football at Ithaca for legendary alumnus, Jim Butterfield '53. Too bad, he couldn't coax a Maine "Stein Song" from the group. After so much travel, Carl and family have been resting up before their trek to Maine.



James Stanley '38 at the Buchanan Alumni House fifth anniversary celebration with Jean (left, wife of Herbert Wave '52) and Jayne (wife of Dennis Libbey '73).

Ellie Crockett Hutchinson

writes of her granddaughter who is pursuing a Ph.D. in nutrition. Her youngest granddaughter is a junior at the University of Southern Maine, where she is also a track star. Her coach is planning to take her group abroad to compete in one meet.

An unwanted pneumonia bug in January sidetracked me from writing about my oldest grandson's wedding. Being two former Supreme Court clerks, the court was well represented. Also, Vera Wang designer gowns were most festive and truly beautiful. I am so glad I could be present. Pictures would do it all justice.

In March, my family hosted a truly memorable 90th birthday party for me in a special room at Carroll's Creek. Family and friends came, one even making a one-day flying trip from Chicago. A surprise list of 90 facts about me, read by one of my sons, gave the group (and me) a good laugh. In retrospect, it would seem that at this stage of life, one needs to keep moving, keep laughing, and look to the Man Upstairs for help in making decisions.

Enjoyed hearing from you, Carl and Ellie. Do write again with news of yourselves and friends.

All classmates (a dwindling number), please take time to at least say "hello" to keep this column going.

ELD

1940

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Dear Classmates,
My turn to get the news to you and we did hear from several classmates which was most welcome.

Deac Adams writes from California that he looks forward to the alumni magazine to bring back memories. He stays in touch with **Phil Curtis** and did hear from **Charlie Weaver** and **Doc Gerrish** before they left us. I asked him what he had done after graduation and he said like all good Mainers, in 1941 to 1945, he was kept active by Uncle Sam. He was teaching in Calais when he went in the Navy. His tour of duty was out of the states most of the time. In 1945 he married a WAVE from Colorado Springs. Sixty-

two years later they are still together. They have two sons but no grandchildren. After the service he went back to teaching in Washington, D.C. Then a move to California to Alameda. Then back to teaching in Antioch, north of Walnut Creek. A Fulbright Scholarship to Holland was the highlight of his 33 years of teaching. Deac said, "This was like having a nice chat without the cup of coffee." Thanks so much, Deac.

Felix Glodan said he had to move in October 2005 from St. Francis Retirement Village in Crowley, Texas, which was an independent retirement village where he had lived for 24 years, to Port Orange, Florida, near Daytona Beach. He is enjoying assisted living care by his sweet niece, Barbara, and her husband, Andy. At age 90 he manages to get around with a walker and cane because of lower back arthritis.

Stan Holland and his wife, Janet, lost their retirement home in Diamond Head, Mississippi, to Hurricane Katrina. They were at their summer home in Eagles Mere, Pennsylvania, at the time and this may have saved their lives. Janet is confined to a wheelchair and the surge reached the second floor. Their daughter, Susan, got them into a rental house in Wintergreen, Virginia. This led to a home of their own which they love. They have a live-in caregiver and relatives dropping in often. There are palatial grounds, which are well cared for. Sounds like pretty nice living, Stan.

A nice article came from the alumni office about **Woodrow "Woody" Mercier**, which had appeared in the Rumford Falls newspaper. Woody has had an interesting career. After graduating from Maine, he worked at the Oxford Paper Mill, testing paper to make sure it was satisfactory to sell. He then got his master's degree at Boston University. Teacher, to sub master, to principal, to superintendent, Woody taught history and coached basketball and baseball in much of his educational career. Woody's philosophy of life is simple. "Be willing to work hard and be honest in all of your associations." He and his wife, Silvia, are parents of three daughters.

I read the obituary of **Dot Phair Blanchard** in the *Portland Press Herald* in early May. Dot lived in Dover-Foxcroft. Dot and Bert '38 had lived in Exeter where they operated Smooth Acres potato farms. Dottie and Bert had three sons and many grandchildren. She

was predeceased by Bert and one son.

This is it for now. I am not sure when this will hit the press but I think it is safe to say Happy Holidays to all.

Don't forget that Ginny and I will be waiting to hear from you. Like Deac Adams, what did you do after 1940? And what are you doing now?

1941

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Warm greetings to all of you '41ers. Hope this finds you all well and full of news about yourself, your children, grandchildren, or even great-grandchildren, which you will forward to either **Agnes Walsh** or me for inclusion in future columns. Your classmates really want to know what's going on with their friends.

Dave Astor is still making headlines. According to an excellent article in the *Maine Sunday Telegram* of February 18, 2007, Dave hosted the popular TV show, "For Teenagers Only," for 15 years beginning in 1956 on station WGAN in Portland. It later moved to a larger space at station WCSH. The one-hour show aired every Saturday afternoon. Dave invited local teens to join his regular cast. Regarded as "cool" at the time, the program would include a group from such locations as Biddeford, Gorham, Auburn, or anywhere else in the state. It aired from early September through June.

"Dave's show was a miniature 'American Bandstand,'" said Tony Boffa, a one-time star on the show. "It was done with integrity, and good values were taught on the show. We ran the show with Dave's tutelage."

"This program represented an entire era and a generation," David stated. "I'm still in touch with people who were part of that show." Now a resident of Falmouth, Dave lost his wife of 64 years, Esta June, last January.

A note arrived from Robin, daughter of **Christine Tufts Taylor**, with the sad news that Christine passed away after a year of serious medical problems. Our deepest sympathy to her family. Christine's husband, Bob, a heart surgeon, passed away a few years earlier.

More sad news. **Mavis "Skip" Creamer Wilson** has also died.

Skip, who was still singing professionally at the age of 80, leaves a son, Kevin. **Faulkner "Mont" Chase** has also passed away. Faulkner was a sales manager dealing with companies nationwide. He had served as a first sergeant in the U.S. Army in World War II. He enjoyed golf, tennis, and the stock market. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, and also a son and a daughter.

Stewart Dalrymple died in California after a brief illness. After graduation he attended Officer's Training School and was commissioned a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve and assigned as a test engineer for a Navy program for the Chrysler Corporation, a position he held through the Mercury and Apollo space programs. He is survived by two daughters. Our deepest condolences to all their families.

Barbara Young Peirce Pullen is living with her daughter at 5 Rideway Lane, Veazie. Her daughter is on the faculty of the University of Maine.

The grandson of **Joyce Ramsey Carter** and John "Boake" Carter '42 has been appointed to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. He was selected by Senator John Warner.

Fred Hanson, owner with his father of Bangor True Value Hardware Company, which was in business 92 years, has sold his store to Aubuchon, according to an article in the *Bangor Daily News*. Fred, now 88, is retired but remains a shareholder. The Hansons hosted a small reception in honor of Fred's last day in business.

Life is busy in my family with a grandson newly married, another one getting married, and a grandson who qualified to run in the Olympic marathon trials in New York in November. With 11 grandchildren, there seems to always be something happening!

Well, that's it, classmates. Stay well and please send a note to Agnes or myself about what is happening in your lives.

To keep up on Black Bear sports, university news, and alumni events, log on to:
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1942

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Our long-awaited 65th Reunion has come and gone—what a wonderful weekend it was. The campus never looked better, the weather was warm and sunny, and pretty flowers were everywhere.

A very special memorial service was held at the flag plaza.

Our class met for lunch at the Sigma Chi Heritage House with 14 class members present: **Dorothy Brewer Erikson, Jo Blake Bail, Barbara Savage Thompson, Florence Cousins Weeks, Paul Phelan, Paul Beegel, Nat Crowley, Mike Roy, Earl Hodgkins, John Reed, Hal Blood, and Hulet Hornbeck. Howard Merrill** joined us later at the Sunday breakfast. **Elizabeth Caldwell Wilson** also came for part of the reunion weekend.

On the occasion of our 65th Reunion our class took time to honor our departed classmates, especially the 78 members from 2002-2007.

President Mike Roy presided at the business meeting. We voted to officially disband as a class and become part of the Senior Alumni—endowed class funds will continue to cover the annual expenses necessary to maintain the Distinguished Maine Professor Award and the Distinguished Student Scholarship.

The Distinguished Maine Professor Award was presented to Ivan J. Fernandez '78, '82 Ph.D. Professor Fernandez of the department of plant, soil, and environmental sciences has inspired hundreds of students, contributed to important scientific research, and provided invaluable service to the university, state agencies, and national and international professional organizations.

The 2007 Bernard Lown '42 Alumni Humanitarian Award was presented to Pamela Murphy White '71 for her many years of service to improve the health, education, and economic wellbeing of people around the world. For her extraordinary work in Mali she was awarded the highest decoration given to a foreigner, the Knight of the National Order of Merit.

I was overwhelmed to receive

the 2007 Hilda Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award at the all alumni reunion breakfast. Thanks to all of you classmates who kept me going all those years. It was indeed a very special award.

Even though we have joined the Senior Alumni I will still be here, so send all your news, pictures, and whatever to me and I will send them on to Senior Alumni.

Barbara Savage Thompson is a resident of the Highlands in Topsham, Maine, and she surprised the residents there by being on a float in the annual Topsham-Brunswick Memorial Day parade. The theme this year was Women in the Military. Barbara was a Marine from 1943-1945. She very graciously accepted the reception she received but she made it very clear she was not accepting the cheers from the crowd for herself. "It wasn't for me," she said. "I was just representing all the other women."



Marion Libby Broadbudd '42 was the deserving recipient of the 2007 Hilda Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award at Reunion '07 on June 3. The award was presented by alumni association chair, John Rohman '68.

His other son, Joshua, and wife, Mary of Bangor, became the parents of Betty's 11th great-grandchild on April 3, 2007. Family, in its broadest sense, has great significance for the multi-generational family of which Betty is the matriarch.

The last time I saw **Bruno Aho** was at the 50th wedding anniversary of **Jane Given Skelton** and **Lloyd**, and that was about 10 years ago. Bruno died this spring. He entered the hospital on Saturday to undergo surgery for a circulatory problem and never returned home. I spoke recently with his widow, **Nina Aho**. They were married for 61 years. They met while he was in college. Bruno Aho majored in poultry husbandry. Following matriculation at the University of Maine, he served in the United States Navy for two years and then returned to Maine to teach agriculture at the high school in Buckfield for two years. He was then employed by Sylvania in Waldoboro as a supervisor for some 30 years, and from which he retired in 1985. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting and one of his sons joined in these sports. Golf was the real name of the game for this family with parents and sons sharing this hobby. Bruno was a member of the golf club in Rockland for a number of years and partici-

pated in many tournaments. **Nina** said it was great to play and also it was a joy to watch televised competition. Bruno and Nina were parents of two sons who went on to matriculate at the University of Maine. **Henry Aho '70** has worked as an environmental specialist at the Maine Department of Environmental Protection in Augusta, Maine, since graduation. **Ronald '75** has been a scientist with the Maine department of marine resources, Augusta, since 1975. Bruno must have been a good mentor for his sons to steer them both to the University of Maine.

Richard "Sink" Sinkinson related that following commencement, he served his country in the Pacific Theater for two years. Then he was employed by the Raytheon Corporation where he became national sales manager for a division of Raytheon. This position required a lot of air travel to supervise the salesmen throughout the United States. He retired in 1980 and Industry, Maine, became home. Life is more leisurely now, allowing him to sit on his porch overlooking the lake on a hot summer's day. In the fall, Sink heads for the woods of Franklin County to enjoy hunting—a favorite hobby—and he usually bags a deer. He was active in town affairs, serving as first selectman for 15 years.

Daughter, **Pamela Sinkinson Mayo '72**, is a homemaker in Troy, Montana, and her husband, **James Everett Mayo '72** is general sales manager for ONDEO Naico Company that manufactures a chemical used in the paper industry.

Lately, Preston is putting on his thinking cap in regards to the 65th anniversary of the class in June 2008. Keep tuned!

**Senior Alumni Luncheon
at Homecoming 2007
October 12—11:30 a.m.
Buchanan Alumni House**

1944

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On April 21 several members of the class gathered in Orono to celebrate the 10th year of the Class of '44 Hall. A musical program in the Hauck Auditorium put on by the Maine School of Performing Arts and dedicated to our class was a highlight of the evening. The program featured performances by the University Singers, the UMaine Symphonic Band, the Black Bear Chorus, and the UMaine Jazz Ensemble. Prior to the musical, our classmates were treated to and honored at a dinner sponsored by the UMaine Patrons of the Arts organization held in the Bodwell Lounge. The evening ended with a reception in the McNeilly Lobby of the Class of '44 Hall where we had an opportunity to visit with leaders of the Class of 2010 (assembled by **Al McNeilly**) who are currently seeking to make their own positive mark on the university in the wake of what we have done as the Class of '44. In attendance at the events from our class were **Don** and **Jo Blake Bail '42**, **Russ** and **Barbara Higgins Bodwell '45**, **Pat Cummings '89**, '44H and guest **Doug Marchio**, **Al Ehrenfreid** and guest **Alice Bruton**, **Richard** and **Jan Hale**, **Pete Farnum**, **Al McNeilly**, **Charles Stickney**, and **Joe** and **Joy Iveney Ingalls**.

The UMaine College of Engineering gave a reception at the Portland Regency Hotel on May 24 to induct distinguished honorees into the Francis Crowe Society. Among the four distinguished honorees was our class president, **Al Ehrenfried**. Other engineers inducted that night as members of the society were classmates **Charles Stickney** and **Joe Ingalls**. Heading the initiation ceremony was **Dana Humphrey**, dean of the college of engineering who was our guest at the Owls Head reunion last summer. The dean introduced **Al**, who responded with some well chosen words.

In April, **Charlie** and **Anita Stickney** and **Joe** and I attended a meeting of the alumni chapter of southern Maine. Following dinner, **Dr. Edna Szymanski** spoke about the role she serves as provost in President Kennedy's administration at the university.

Last evening we attended an-

1943

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The Class of 1943 was represented at the alumni Reunion weekend 2007 by **Betty Bearce Harrison**, **Annie Dowling Mawhinney**, "**Ginny**" **Conant Miner**, **Preston Rand**, and **Jeanne Patten Whitten**. They enjoyed lunch and a program followed by acknowledgements from the two scholarship recipients. One recipient was a nontraditional student and one was a music major in the college of liberal arts.

Jeanne Patten Whitten has recently moved into a comfortable apartment at The Highlands retirement complex in Topsham. Brother **Bob Patten '47** and his wife, **Stella Borkowski Patten '47**, are already a part of the "Maine contingent" enjoying life at The Highlands. Also on the move are **Ed** and **Helen Deering Piper**—to Damariscotta.

Betty Bearce Harrison tells that she can be found more easily at camp in Orland than "at home" in Bangor these days. She traveled to Waupaca, Wisconsin, in July to attend the wedding of her grandson, **Andrew Harrison**, and **Amber Zempel**. They met at the Sandy Springs Friends School in Maryland where they both teach. His father, **Thomas Harrison '75G**, heads the science department at the school.



Members of the great Class of 1944 gathered at the Bear's Den in Memorial Union for their annual luncheon on July 17. They were joined by a number of UMaine deans, professors, and staff members and were given updates on the college of engineering, the Student Innovation Center, and the School of Performing Arts. They also heard a report from two members of '44's adopted class, the Class of 2010. Left to right are: Donald Bail, UMaine sophomore Matt Donahue, Joe Ingalls, Al Ehrenfried, Joyce Iveney Ingalls, Robert Beverage, Pete Farnum, Charlie Stickney, Pat Cummings '89, '44H, Al McNeilly, Russ Bodwell, and UMaine sophomore Owen McCarthy.

other UMaine affair with the Stickneys—a reception sponsored by the University of Maine Foundation at the Cianchette Center on Woodville Road in Falmouth. The Cianchette Center is a beautiful property with a 14,000 square foot home and surrounding land. It was recently gifted to the foundation through the kind generosity of Eric and Peggy Cianchette and their family. Currently, the property is appraised at 4.2 million and it's the largest single private donation received in university history. All attending the reception toured the magnificent home and looked out on its gardens. Amos Orcutt '64 welcomed the guests and introduced UMaine president, Robert Kennedy. President Kennedy thanked Eric and Peggy Cianchette on behalf of the university for their gift and gave a brief overview of all that is happening in Orono. We joined Don and Jo Bail for dinner in Yarmouth after the reception.

Communications with class members are not as numerous as I would like but I have heard from a few:

Esther Holden Hopkins, who lost her dear husband not long ago, wrote that she is keeping active and maintaining a positive attitude. She

was sorry to have missed the class gathering at Owls Head last summer but planned to join classmates at the Bear's Den in July this year.

Rhoda Tolford Stone spent the summer on Peaks Island. She arrived from Florida in June and issued an invitation for us to come out to the island to visit with her. Last summer Rhoda was thrilled to find the house that her Dad built in Portland and where, in front of the fireplace, she and Walter Swartz were married early in World War II. The house had been moved and relocated 10 miles distant.

I had a phone call this spring from **Mary Billings Orsenigo**. She keeps busy working as the customer relations person at a local bank in Florida. A perfect fit for Mary, who was always happy and smiling!

Sadly, we learned of classmate **Donald F. Presnell's** death on April 23rd in South Portland. Dinny, as we all knew him, enjoyed sports and was a strong athlete. He played varsity football in college and later in life was an avid handball and racquetball player. After retiring from Equitable Assurance Society in New York, he volunteered from 1983 to 2000 at the Sullivan Gymnasium, recreation department of the University of Southern Maine.

And we read this spring that Bill Spach, **Doris Kilburn Spach's** husband, passed away in early March. Many of us had met Bill through Dodie at Class of '44 events.

Our condolences to the families of these two dear friends.

Finally, Al, our president, planned a summer get-together for the class. It took place in July at the Class of '44 Bear's Den in Orono.

Keep those cards and letters coming!

1945

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We're experiencing the rains and the 60-mile/hour winds like a Florida hurricane! My kitty is hiding under the sofa and simply can't be coaxed out! I have numerous tidbits of news and hope you all will be happy to hear them.

Recently **Isabel Ansell Jacobs** wrote to me reporting that she'd sold

her home in Dexter and moved to Hallowell to a retirement home. She was most reluctant to take this major step. However, she had to "let her head rule her heart." Yes, I truly know this is a major decision most of us face, or will soon. I hope you'll be content there, Isabel. To everyone in the area, do plan to stop by for a visit with her. I know she'll be happy to see you! She's at: Granite Hill Estates, 60 Balsam Drive #128, Hallowell, Maine 04307 telephone: (207) 622-2710.

I had a very quiet winter and spring and didn't stray far from home. On April 19th I had surgery on my right hand. It seems as the eldest in the family I have the "honor" of inheriting the family infirmities. I have rheumatoid arthritis and had my knees replaced nearly 10 years ago while I was still in Florida. The results have been great—thanks to the 18 months of physical therapy I remained faithful to.

My right hand had a very inflamed and deteriorated first joint on my index finger. I have both osteo and rheumatoid arthritis as well as carpal tunnel syndrome! So a hand specialist surgically replaced that joint (just as my knees were replaced) and "cleaned out" (or whatever he had to do) the carpal tunnel inflammation.

My daughter Linda came up from New York to stay with me the first two weeks after that and the physical therapist came here to my home. I'm expecting it to be successful!

Ben Warner is still suffering from shingles. That's a dreadful illness—a recent article in *AARP The Magazine* told about it. It's caused by a virus that remains in our bodies after childhood chicken pox. Not everyone gets it, but a few do and after, it never leaves the body.

I had nice letters from both **Jo Clark Meloon** and from **Jim Donovan** with the thank-you letters from those students we gave scholarships to! What beautiful letters they wrote! Jim says, "It's proof that our scholarships are going to worthy students." Jo is so grateful to be free to read and not have this class letter hanging over her! She's also passed down her major leadership position in her church. She's been so faithful to both for years and years. She was truly ready for a change and is so grateful to have it.

Catching up with one another—**Connie Carter Lamprell's** grandson Simon Lamprell graduated from USM in May. Over 1,000 in his class! Quite a contrast to our 110

graduates in 1945! However, you men in our class certainly made up for it once you returned from your many areas of protecting our world for those long years—fighting and protecting our bounty and the world for many years. However, you completed your education and we've all been so very proud of you—no matter when or if you graduated.

I've talked with **Peter Calott** in Minnesota recently and he's doing well now and considering a trip to Maine to attend a basketball game with **John Wilbur**, a fraternity brother, next winter!

I read the obituaries each day and much too frequently see familiar names! This issue I have several for our classmates. I'm so sorry to tell you that Jim Donovan's wife, Peggy, has lost her three-year battle with cancer. Jim called all five of their children home in time for them to spend some precious time reminiscing with her. This has been a heart-breaking experience in their lives. However, he said how much she thoroughly enjoyed all their accolades and togetherness. We, as a class, do send our deepest sympathies and caring love to you, Jim, and to all your family as well. Feel free to call on any one of us for any need you may have. There are plenty of us here in Cumberland and York counties to be of assistance.

A recent note from Jim told of the loss of another classmate, Dr. **George Faulkner**. He lived in Cape Porpoise and was a dentist. It's almost frightening to see the number of classmates in our obituary column. However, we have reached that special age of three score years and ten and are well past it by 10-15 years! I think our classmates expect to live forever! And perhaps some of us will! However, we were such a close-knit class—probably because we were saying, "so long—take care of yourself" to most of our classmates—even before we completed our freshman year! We expected to live forever and indeed we will in the hearts of one another.

Hope your summer was great and I look forward to letters and phone calls from some of you to tell me about yours! And share with all the rest of us! Keep well!

Stay connected. Be sure to renew your alumni association membership.



Participating in the Class of '47 toast at Reunion 2007 in June are (left to right): Evelyn "Whitey" White Desmond, Barbara McNeil Marsanskis, and Evie Foster Adams.

1946

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Greetings, Class of '46 and happy fall! I hope you all had a great summer. Please take a moment to write and tell us what's going on. We'd really like to hear from you!

1947

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As I write this column, it's one week after our 60th class Reunion at the University of Maine. Busy, beautiful, and unbelievable. The campus has grown so much that we needed a map to determine where we were and at what we were looking. Lots of fun investigating.

Best of all was seeing our

classmates and reviewing the years and the memories. **Joanie Ambrose Shaw** and I went up Saturday for the '47 class meeting, luncheon, and memorial service. Tried to catch up with what we had missed already—everyone talking at one time. Although we were few in number, we are overqualified in conversation.

Elmer and Nora Chipman Schaible drove up from Greenwood, South Carolina, visiting family and friends along the way. "Chippy" hasn't missed many reunions and I'm certain Elmer has been to more of our class reunions than I. He ought to be Elmer '47 by now. Great to see you both. **Ruth Boerker Siegel** flew east, and rented a car to get to Orono. We think she may have come the farthest. She wanted to see all the changes and walked so much viewing and visiting everything that she needed to see a doctor, who told her, "No more walking. No driving a car!" Alumni aides to the rescue. Reunion rejoined. Marvelous Maine spirit—plus alumni service.

Phyllis Pendleton Bragg came to celebrate her 60th Reunion with her classmates and to share her daughter Bonnie '72 with us. Bonnie and her husband, Sanford Johnson '72, were celebrating their 35th

Reunion at Orono this same weekend. That's a special family celebrating together. In May, Phyllis had two grandsons graduating from Maine schools—one from Unity College, another from MSSM in Limestone. Congratulations to everyone and bless you, Phyllis.

Also attending were: **Eleanor Webb, Barbie McNeil Marsanskis, Evie White Desmond, Jane Longfellow Cullen, Evie Foster Adams, Joanie Ambrose Shaw, and Barbara Sullivan Knowlton '48.** "Sully" started with our class and took the five-year nursing program, so she's on the books as '48, but we still claim her. Furthermore, she was at ATΩ with us in September '43 and she has a list of the girls at ATΩ.

Of course our class president, **Bob**, and class agent, **Stella Borkowski Patten**, who head up our group, had already signed up for the big weekend. When Bob fell ill, Stella wisely registered him at EMMC. Our class was without a voice or a rudder. We were adrift and worried and wondering—but word came from Bob, by Stella, delivered by our alumni aide—"There will be a class meeting in August! Probably August 16. Place to be announced." He was resting—and thinking of '47 business—and pleasure. Wishing he were with us while we were worrying about him. We did get back on track, reviewed the agenda, financial report, and appeared to be in agreement with all the material. We do have a very agreeable group—decided to make it all more official at our August class meeting.

You'll all be happy to know that the Class of '47 Scholarship fund had \$2,540 available for the year 2006-2007. One recipient, Randy Clifford from Bangor, Maine, is the great-grandson of Thomas Stotler (who graduated in '47 but affiliates with the Class of '44). Randy is a sophomore majoring in mathematics and science at the University of Maine.

Megan Marsanskis is a senior majoring in psychology at the University of Maine. Megan is from Montville, Maine, and she's the granddaughter of Barbara Marsanskis.

The scholarship awards are really a blessing financially and mentally. The students appreciate your support and they do not forget. A big thank you to the alumni for remembering.

Our memorial list 2002-2007 seems longer now. Although it was a five-year period, there are always

some names to surprise and bring back associations. We all seemed to have some special connection to share with the others. It's really a small world. Our moment of silence was a flurry of private thoughts, heartfelt thanks for the memories to those who have gone before us, and prayers for those in need who are with us yet.

The all alumni buffet breakfast and awards ceremony on Sunday is always a highlight for Joanie and me. This year we had a brochure so that we were able to follow the presentations as they were given to these very deserving alumni. I came home and read the brochure again. Each one is my favorite. A very impressive group and we're certainly proud of each and every one.

The awards program and the acceptance speeches close out reunion weekend on a high note for me. Enjoyable, informative, humorous, and thought provoking. Makes me want to go back to Orono and "shout till the rafters ring."

Earlier in the spring **Arline Tankle Keith** had called me to check on our Reunion date and details. She was hoping to be with us, but changing schedules, dates, appointments, and flights gets complicated—not to mention, expensive! She sent "regrets and best wishes." She lives in West Chester, Pennsylvania, now to be nearer her family. Still very involved with community activities and volunteer work. When I asked if she still sang, she said, "Oh, no. My voice is too old now, but our group visits hospitals, nursing homes, and senior residential units to entertain." She plays an African drum for a senior group band. Her favorite hobby is dressing up as a clown and performing as "Princess Ding-A-Ling." She giggled and I had to laugh. Same happy giggle I remember. She sent me her photo as the "Princess." It's perfect! Now that's entertainment.

I called **Jean Ritchie Adams** in Corvallis, Oregon. We tried to catch up on 60 years in 15 minutes. She and Hokie (Holyoke Adams '48) don't travel very far from home nowadays, but they do enjoy news from the East Coast—especially from UMaine friends. They sent best wishes to all along with an invitation to stop by and visit the Adams family in Corvallis whenever you are in the neighborhood.

Barbie Woodfin Dana was thinking of us as she wrote a letter dated June 2, 2007 (the day we were sharing meetings and memories in Orono). She retired after

teaching elementary school in Marblehead, Massachusetts, for 39 years. That's a lot of kids! She said, "I enjoyed every minute of it." Then she had time to travel—several trips to Europe and numerous times to Bermuda, Jamaica, and Hawaii. Her son Greg graduated from the University of Maine in the Class of '72. Another "Dear Old Maine" alumnus. Her grandson will be graduating next year from Boston University. Wonder if he will be a teacher? Barbie still lives in Marblehead although at a new address which really sounds elegant. And she sounds content. She did write that she had fallen in January. Not a good thing at any age and it can certainly ruin anyone's day. Her reaction is, "I've had some really great years!" I'll give her an A+ for attitude. She wants to be remembered to all.

Dottie Boulos sent a note saying she was in the middle of jury duty, but she'd try for the 65th Reunion. Good thinking. She lives in Cape Elizabeth now but during her career as a government employee she was based in Washington, D.C.—also posted overseas with the U.S. Foreign Service. I know she could write a book.

1948

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To use a cliché, how time does fly between columns. By the time you read this, we will be enjoying the fall foliage. Here goes with what's transpired this winter. In March, the KC was treated to a lovely luncheon at **Margie Watson Savignano's** new condo in Auburn. Margie's great culinary skills brought up memories of home economics incidents that occurred during undergraduate years at Maine. They were hilarious. One gal's pudding (which wouldn't set) fortunately fell off the windowsill at Merrill Hall before it could be judged by Mrs. Snyder for grade. Lucky break there! Another classmate dropped her potholder into the Hobart mixer as it was vigorously rotating mashed potatoes. Yet an-

other unfortunate classmate put so much salt in the muffins that Miss Selch declared them not even fit for the university chickens! We had a wonderful afternoon. Thank you, Margie.

Douglas R. Johnson wrote a while back that in case we really need something for the column, he was sending his annual report. He writes that he had a chance meeting with Joe Lupsha '50, a founding member of Sig Ep, and spent some good time with him. He also reconnected with David Pierce '50 and stayed with him and his wife, Bobbi, at their summer house in Rhode Island. He was best man at their wedding.

Of his family, he writes that his daughter Debora '78 is with the Mount Hood Community College in Portland, Oregon, with their Head Start Program. Note that Deb graduated just 40 years after he did. His other daughter, Donna '79, '90 Ph.D., is at the University of Maine's chemical engineering department as a research associate in the pulp and paper laboratory.

He noticed Bill B. Mann's name in the 1949 notes of the fall 2006 *Maine Alumni Magazine* and writes that he stopped in at the Portland Harbor Museum last summer where they chatted. Douglas volunteers at both the Portland Harbor Museum and is a walking tour docent for Greater Portland Landmarks. Sounds as though you have a very busy, productive life, Doug. Keep up the good work.

A very welcome email arrived from **Elaine Craig Carrano**. She writes that she retired from the real estate business two years ago and is living a happy retiree's life in Colchester, Vermont. She loves the Burlington area with good sailing on Lake Champlain and ski areas nearby. Two of her three children live within visiting distance and she has two grandchildren. One son lives in Colorado but that makes for an excuse to visit the Rockies, doesn't it, Elaine? She keeps in touch with **Mary Bachelder Sproul**, who lives in Naples, Florida, in winter and Cape Cod in summer. She also hears from **Olive Coffin Hart** who lives in Nobleboro. Thanks for the great update on yourself and other classmates, Elaine. We need more emails like yours.

Una Jean MacDonald Mead's son, Andrew '73, is a newly appointed justice of the Maine Supreme Court System. Congratulations on your son's achievement, Deenie.

Sadly, we lost two classmates last winter and we send condolences to the families of **Malcolm "Bud" Brown** and **Marcia Smargon Kornetsky**. They will be missed by their classmates of '48.

We attended a Reunion planning workshop in June at Orono to make plans for the 60th Reunion of the Class of 1948 in 2008. To close with another cliché, time goes fast when you're having fun! Hope you are!

1949

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Hope to have lots of news in the '49 column for the winter issue. Write me with your news. Your classmates would love to hear from you.

Have a great fall!

1950

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Although you are reading this in the fall when we view the beautiful colors of fall and search for the perfect pumpkin for Halloween trick-or-treaters, I am writing the column shortly after my return to Mystic from the excellence of Reunion 2007. The campus was lovely, lush and green, with myriad spring blossoms bobbing in the breezes—including tulips, beautiful azaleas, and many varieties of fragrant lilacs with colors ranging from whites and gentle pinks to lavenders and deep purples. We checked in at the Buchanan House Friday afternoon, and then took a bus tour of the campus in order to view not only the campus of "our day" but also the expanded campus of 2007. We saw the Memorial Union/Hauck Auditorium/Maine Center for the Arts that is in the vicinity of the Fogler Library and were struck by the fact that the names of newer buildings on campus have been named in honor of many of the professors and deans from our era—from Hitchner and

Bennett to Murray and Shibles halls. Coed dorms abound, there is a tremendous food court associated with the Memorial Union, and the bookstore contains an expansive variety of items from texts to clothing! Carnegie Hall is slated to become the new "home" of the university administrative offices and there is a beautiful student recreation and fitness center that will be ready for use by the students this fall; the facility is truly "awesome!" If you haven't been to Orono and environs in a few years, plan a trip back to see our campus and then some!

We attended the fifth anniversary celebration of the Buchanan Alumni House on Saturday. The house has indeed provided reality to the long-time dream to establish "A Place to Call Home" for all alumni and friends. We were pleased to be a part of that celebration and to greet Eleanor Vallée, widow of Rudy Vallée '25, who presented his famous left-handed saxophone to the university in his memory. The sax is now on display in the music room of the House along with other memorabilia from his time, including sheet music of "The Stein Song."

Saturday morning dawned mild and clear; we collectively gave a sigh of relief that we were able to conduct the Memorial Service and Greatest Generation Awards program at our Class of 1950 Flag Plaza. Piper Elwood "Woody" Beach from the Class of '51 escorted guests from Buchanan Alumni House to the plaza. Class treasurer Alton "Hoppy" Hopkins conducted a moving memorial service that paid tribute to 33 members of the class who had died since our service last June. Of that number, 25 were veterans of World War II—representing all of the services including the U.S. Merchant Marines. Classmates who participated in the program included prexy **Margaret Mollison McIntosh**, **George R. Gonyar**, **Dottie Lord Hopkins**, **Flo Maddocks Fairfield**, and **Henry Saunders**. Veep **George R. Gray** and **Dick Fairfield** announced the awarding of The Greatest Generation Award to two of our classmates, recognizing their dedicated service and valor to our country during World War II.

Willard C. Sawyer (from Stonington, Maine) was a member of the 117th Cavalry Recon Squadron, 6th Army in the European Theater of Operation—and saw action in Italy, France, and Germany. Willard's unit provided the



Honoring "The Greatest Generation"

Willard Sawyer (left) and Jim Jalbert were presented this year's Greatest Generation Awards during the Class of 1950 flag ceremony at Reunion 2007. The awards recognize the valor and bravery of '50 members who served in World War II, Korea, or Vietnam. Willard served in the 6th Army in the European Theater and saw action in France, Italy, and Germany. Jim served in the Army Air Corps in the South Pacific. For more details of their outstanding service see the Class of 1950 column.

eyes and ears for the Army forces behind it; those skilled mechanics assigned to the squadron were "mounted" on M8 armored cars, half tracks, and recovery tracks in order to make necessary repairs to vehicle motors and radios—while at the same time risking life and limb to keep our troops mobile. The men were often in the line of enemy fire while performing their duties! Willard's group found itself in a defensive posture in the area near Bitche, Germany, in January of 1945 as it suddenly was cut off from support troops. All hands found it necessary to participate in the fight, while at the same time attempting to accomplish vital vehicle repair assignments. Willard was working on the engine compartment of an armored car—with the hood up—when he was suddenly confronted by an elite SS trooper who fired his rifle at close range. That bullet hit Willard in the left shoulder and resulted in serious injuries to his shoulder and arm. Happily, a team of skilled surgeons at a field hospital was able to save his arm, though a long period of rehabilitation followed. For his valor and heroism, Willard was awarded the Purple Heart as well as three Bronze Star Medals. Willard

was delighted to receive our award and during his remarks, he reported that during the crucial repairs he made to vehicles—those repairs were invariably made as he stood in deep/wet puddles and drainage ditches! He paid tribute to his wife, Edith, who has been his lovely bride for some 60 years; their engagement extended through the war years and she was a faithful correspondent and sender of care packages. She sent a special gift to him in December of 1944 that was delivered one very snowy and cold night while he and his five-member maintenance crew sought refuge from the weather in a dark and unheated farmhouse. Quite suddenly the squadron clerk delivered the package to him from Edith. As he opened the box, he was fairly transported back home as he began to carefully uncover individually wrapped fragrant balsam branches; he could "smell" the woods of Maine as he removed them and could "see" our stately evergreen trees; further down in the package, he found trinkets and ornaments complete with holders so that he could hang them onto those balsam branches. One member of the crew fashioned a tree frame upon which to place

those branches and trinkets—and there was such a wonderful bit of Christmas cheer for all. Best of all—WAY down at the bottom—he found an added treat in a carefully sealed canister of delicious homemade chocolate cookies (his mom's recipe) for all to savor and enjoy. What had been a bleak night became bright and warm with that loving gift of Maine and home! Willard is retired now and the happy skipper of a new lobster boat. Later on, Henry Saunders remarked that while we were students, Edith was a nurse at the campus infirmary. As a result of a dreadful cold and infected throat, Henry's doctor had prescribed a series of penicillin shots for him—in order to facilitate in the recovery process. He remembered that Edith was to administer that first shot and utilized a needle that must have been four inches long and continued to grow larger as she approached him! He recovered nicely, but has never forgotten that needle!

The second award went to **James P. Jalbert** (8306 Pamela Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23229) who was a B-24 pilot in the United States Army Air Corps serving in the Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations. In one instance, his squadron was sent on a mission to destroy the Japanese aerodrome at Galela, Halmahera Island, just prior to the U.S. invasion of Morotai Island where it was anticipated that its capture would serve as an important advanced base for our fighter aircraft seeking to provide cover for bombing missions to Borneo and the Philippines. Despite terrible weather prior to and during the mission, his aircraft successfully accomplished its objective, with three direct hits scored on the runway of the base with additional damage inflicted on enemy bombers that were parked close to the runway. We were gratified to note that at the end of the war, Jim was only one of two pilots in his squadron's history who never had to turn back on a combat mission. He participated in more than 58 combat bombing missions against the Japanese in the Bismark Archipelago, New Guinea, Netherland East Indies, Borneo, the Philippines, and China—Formosa as well as its naval fleet at sea. He was awarded five Air Medals, the Philippine Liberation Medal with two Bronze Stars, the Asiatic-Pacific Medal with nine Battle Stars, and many letters of commendation. We are mighty proud of Jim. Many members of the Jalbert and Sawyer

families were at the ceremony and shared in our tribute to both classmates for their courage and valor, and for jobs so well done!

The Greatest Generation Awards are designed to recognize and honor the valor and bravery of classmates during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Classmates are invited to request an application for consideration from GGA co-chairman Dick Fairfield, 36 Walnut Street, Barrington, Rhode Island 02806. If you have questions, please contact Dick at: (401) 248-1065 or contact him via email at: dickf36@juno.com. The next award(s) will be made at Reunion in June of 2008!

I received a lovely note from Robin Foster, widow of **George A. Foster**, who was one of the recipients of the Greatest Generation Award in 2006. She said that George so appreciated the honor he received and though it was a difficult journey to Orono because of his declining health, he was determined to get there and was most appreciative of the honor our class bestowed upon him. George died very peacefully on the 6th of January and we are grateful for having known such a fine gentleman who was indeed a gentle man, a kind man, and one who was intelligent and honest.

We really did have a wonderful weekend! **Edie Snow Cole** '50H, '53, widow of our dear **Sherm**, came to Orono with Henry and **Marjorie Higbee Saunders**, all of whom were enjoying their summer homes at Sebago Lake. It was our pure pleasure to present a certificate naming Marjorie an honorary member of the Class of 1950 at our short class meeting after luncheon. Marjorie has been a staunch supporter of our class as well as the university! The signboard at Alumni House indicated that **Caroline Strong** had signed in, but we did not see hide nor hair of her! We were pleased to see Brother **Bill** and Janet Marston **Bodwell** '55 from Brunswick as well as her brother and our classmate **Dick Marston**, who winters in Winter Haven, Florida, and spends the summer months at a cottage in Orland near family. We were delighted to see **Floyd** and Dorothy **Smith** who came over from Pembroke, New Hampshire. **Byron** and Prudence **Meador** were with us and look so very well; they spend winters in Sun City, Arizona, and the summers in Patten. He volunteers with the AARP in his area helping members with income tax preparation, is a happy golfer, and is very active



The Class of 1950 made Marjorie Higbee Saunders (right) an honorary member of their class during a ceremony at Reunion 2007. Presenting her certificate is '50 president Maggie Mollison McIntosh. Marjorie is the wife of '50 class member Henry Saunders.

with his church. I sat across the dinner table from George and Sharon Gonyer and was so pleased to see him looking so very well after having suffered a stroke on Christmas Eve last year. He has made a fabulous recovery, for which we are all grateful and his voice is as strong and melodious as ever.



AL "HOPPY" HOPKINS '50 received a Black Bear Award at Reunion 2007 for his 50-plus years of outstanding service to his class, the alumni association, and the university. Al has held the position of Class of '50 treasurer since his junior year at UMaine. He served two terms on the alumni association board and was instrumental in planning and promoting the Class of '50 Flag Plaza project. Al is also a staunch supporter of the "M" Club and is a member of the Stillwater Society.

II veterans. Many thanks to vice president George Gray who provided champagne for our toast after the dedication. We hope that you can join us at Reunion next May 30, 31, and June 1 where we shall conduct our annual services at the Flag Plaza. We have blocked a set of 10 rooms for the Class of 1950 at the University Inn, 5 College Avenue in Orono, overlooking the beautiful Stillwater River. If you are interested in reserving a room, please call the motel noting that you will be utilizing the block of 1950 rooms. Telephone: (207) 866-4921. The reservation also includes breakfast each morning in addition to ample parking.

We reviewed the financial report for the class, and are happy to announce that the Class of 1950 Scholarship Fund—which makes awards to descendants of the Class of '50 who attend the university at Orono—is at our stated goal of \$50,000. Guidelines for the scholarship (granted at not less than \$500 per student) stress the fact that it is to be awarded, based on financial need as well as academic merit with a GPA of at least 2.5. Determination of need and academic merit will be evaluated by the office of student financial aid. We are very pleased to announce that three grandchildren of classmates will be awarded scholarships for the academic year 2007-2008 in the amount of \$1,283 each: George Bragdon III, grandson of **George H. Bragdon**; Carlisle Knowlton, grandson of **Charles Carlisle**; and Joel Dooling, grandson of **Eugene Powers Hart**. Congratulations to the students, their

parents, and their grandparents! Just a reminder: 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 application. We hope all classmates will urge their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to apply for the scholarship!

Edwin Treworgy, who has spent "nearly a lifetime serving the town of Milo," was recently named as the 2006 recipient of the Myrick Award, given annually by the Piscataquis County Economic Development Council to recognize a county resident who exemplifies a commitment to education, economic development, and civic leadership. The Milo town manager, Jane Jones, said that Edwin is one of those "extraordinary individuals who melds optimism, ethics, dedication, and caring into a lifetime of service to his fellow man. His tireless efforts on behalf of this community, his devotion to children, and his commitment to education make Edwin the quintessential Myrick man!" Congratulations!

The *Bangor Daily News* had a great article featuring **Milton Fuller** and three other retired University of Maine professors in Machias who have been meeting for more than 30 years for breakfast at the Bluebird Ranch Restaurant in that fine town. The "learned" group—who taught history, political science, physics, mathematics, education, and psychology—call themselves The Policy Board and meet each Wednesday not only to enjoy a delicious breakfast and socialize, but also to discuss world events, town planning, and a broad range of news from the paper. **Dick Kelson** (35 Faraway Drive, Bridgton, Maine 04009) wrote that he was a member of Club Hockey from 1947-1950 on campus and he is still playing hockey twice a week in a 35-year and older league and also on a 50-year and older league. He said that since 2001, when UMaine hockey coach Shawn Walsh invited him to play in the alumni game, he has been playing in that game each year since. We fully expect that he will join us at our summer meeting at the Cumberland Club in Portland this coming August. Will fill you in on further news from Dick in my next column—plus all of the activity at the Cumberland Club. We extend thanks to veep George Gray for making all of the arrangements for this meeting. **Bob** and Vera **Stoddard** wrote from their home in Nepean, Ontario, Canada, with news of their 60th wedding

anniversary last August. They have lived in the Ottawa area for some 33 years and are members of the Bells Corners Canadian Legion Branch 593 where they are very active as members of a line-dancing group called "The Liners" which regularly entertains various groups in the area. Bob continues to be an avid sports fisherman. He said that last winter was a strange one, for he fished in open water from a bridge in January after it had frozen and thawed twice—and then in February/March the water froze once again and he was finally able to get out onto the ice on "the longest skating rink in the world" and enjoy the Ottawa Winterlude Celebration. Bob remembers when we were students—and in those lean years when the men hunted deer for food, not for the sport of it. He remembers that Edith and Willard Sawyer were also off-campus trailer dwellers as well as **Gerry** and **Jean Mayberry**, **Bob** and **Betty Given**, and **Bob** and **Jean Morrow**. Bob and Vera also have fond memories of their '31 Model A coupe and the Given's '29 Chevy sedan that were the primary means of transportation to and from the campus!

We are all so pleased and proud that our Alton M. "Hoppy" Hopkins was awarded a 2007 Black Bear Award at the alumni award breakfast the final day of Reunion. The award is presented to an individual in appreciation of outstanding service to the university through multiple endeavors. And that is a "for sure" knowing of his active involvement in the life of the university during our undergraduate years as well as in the 57 years since! In addition to Class of 1950 endeavors (including making the dream of the Class of 1950 Flag Plaza a reality) he served two terms on the alumni association board of directors and more. It is indeed a great award to a superb classmate!

And that is about it from the class. Please be sure to write me your news—for the column can only be as "meaty" as the news items I receive from YOU! Ruthie

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Class of 1952 members take part in a toast to celebrate the fifth anniversary of Buchanan Alumni House during Reunion 2007 in June. Left to right are: Adelaide "Gump" Grant Ruby, Alice Cole, Al Cole, and Ruthie Drysdale Frazier.

1951

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Elwood "Woody" Beach reports getting together with **Jack Ryder**, **Milt Victor**, and **Dick Sweetser** at Reunion this year. Woody played the bagpipes for the Class of 57's 50th Reunion, the Class of 50's annual Flag Plaza Ceremony and Memorial, and the Class of 52's 55th Memorial Service. He also played the pipes to lead the procession of dignitaries at the Buchanan Alumni House fifth anniversary celebration. He was interested to see Rudy Vallée's '25 wife Eleanor present the university with one of his saxophones which is now on permanent display in the music room of the Buchanan Alumni House.

Clair Shirley writes that he and **Nadia** sold their mobile unit in Lake Worth, Florida, last winter and rented a unit at Sun City Center on the West Coast. For the summer of '07 they planned a bus tour from Salt Lake City to Seattle, where they planned to board a cruise to Alaska. Clair also would like to warn his classmates to be careful when driving. He had a narrow escape

thanks to an air bag when he fell asleep at the wheel.

We extend our sympathy to the families of **Winifred Keith Fish** and **Marjorie Hill**. Winnie died on April 12, 2007, in Holden, Maine, after a year-long struggle with cancer. She was a graduate of Higgins Classical Institute and the U of M five-year nursing program. She was a registered nurse in the Boston area for many years. After Winnie and her husband, Edward "Bud" Fish, moved back to Maine, she became the primary operating room nurse at Mount Desert Hospital. Later she established the health center at Mount Desert High School and worked there until her retirement. In addition to her husband she is also survived by a son, Jeffrey Fish '86G, and his wife, Lynn Jordan Fish '80, '86G, of Edinburg, Maine, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Marjorie Hill of Deer Isle, Maine, died on April 18, 2007. Marjorie majored in government and later obtained a Ph.D. in social psychology from Boston University. After working in San Francisco and Mexico, she became deputy director of criminal justice planning for Alaska. Later she was mental health coordinator for the state of Maine. She donated her extensive collection of Alaskan artifacts to the University of Maine's Hudson Museum. She is survived by her sister, Eliza-

beth Hill Sanders, of Ossipee, New Hampshire.

We also extend our sympathy to **Ruth Wentworth Gilchrist Addison**, our class valedictorian, whose brother John W. Wentworth '49 passed away in October '06.

1952

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What fun it has been writing from the cupola, but after five years, I am so looking forward to reading our class columns written by our new class correspondent, **Margaret "Marnie" Murray Pease**. Congratulations to our whole class for the new hire, and especially to **Mary Snyder Dow** for thinking of Marnie. I think we proved on June 1 and 2 that if you build a cupola, they will come, and if **Perry Hunter** calls, they will come. Both of these happenings indeed brought the Class of '52 back to the campus en masse. At least in my opinion we had a great turnout of classmates. According to the percentages expected to be present for one's 55th Reunion by the alumni association, I am just guessing. We'll hear eventually from them about how we actually measured up with real numbers.

Before I turn the column duties over to Marnie, I did want to tell about **Sally Delorme Pedrick's** amazing art exhibit and sale on April 14, 2007. Carol Prentiss Mower '53, Nancy Schott Plaisted '53, and I met for lunch at the famous Moody's Diner in Waldoboro. We had not eaten there prior, but of course we had all wanted to since the Maine humorist, Tim Sample, began regaling the place years ago. After our delightful meal (and we too were impressed with the place), we were off to locate Round Pond, Maine. Sally's antique house is called The Library Art Studio, and once one is inside one knows why. The white walls were filled with her beautiful oils, woodcuts, and pastels. A musical group, including Sally's husband, entertained us from the upstairs hall,

and the table was laden with colorful breads, spreads, and goodies. We were actually sorry that we had eaten lunch. Every morsel was delicious. She must have spent days cooking for the event. By the time we left, about 30 or 40 guests had arrived. I think she said she has one of these events twice each year. Well worth traveling to see if you read about the next one. I bought a small woodcut of a rooster that now hangs in my kitchen.

I certainly enjoyed hearing from each of you during the five years I wrote, and I know you will keep Marnie informed. Thanks for everything including the round of applause at our class luncheon at the Buchanan House.

Frances Smart Trefts

Greetings. I hope you will all bear with me as I attempt to take over from **Fran Smart Trefts**. She has done such a great job handling this assignment and with her good advice and the help of the alumni office, I hope to keep you in touch with the Class of '52! Of course, this also depends on you because I will need your input as well!

To start with, **Alan "Al" C. Pease** and I live in Camden at the above address and would welcome a visit from any of you who are in the area (or messages by USPS, telephone, or email). We are still active—walk several miles four or five times a week, bicycle, and cross-country ski (when there is snow here on the coast!). Al is busy making web pages for non-profits and teaching computer for seniors at our local high school adult ed. We also attend Senior College in our area. I spend my volunteer time at a local library and also help out at the food co-op. Life is full!

We recently attended our 55th Reunion at Orono, which was great, thanks to the reunion committee. We saw lots of old friends and made new ones. We also talked about those of you who were unable to make the trip and we would like to hear from you! The lobster bake on Mt. Desert was a fun get-together and a delicious meal. The Memorial Service at the Newman Center was very meaningful. Our class officers did a fine job planning the weekend and it was a very upbeat occasion.

In April 2007, **Isadore "Izzy" Stearns**, who taught at the Acton-Boxborough High School, received word that the gym there has been named for her. On her watch, the girls' basketball team had a record of 265 wins and 76 losses. Her softball team had a 44-game win-



Roger '52 and Thela Leach were among the UMaine alumni who returned to campus to celebrate Reunion 2007. Roger is a retired University of Maine professor. He and Thela currently live in Sarasota, Florida.

ning streak and the numbers go on! We are proud of your work, Izzy!

In March at the annual meeting of the Maine Potato Board, **Barbara DeCormier Porter** was named Woman of the Year by the Maine Agri-Women. Her great interest in farming made her worthy of this



PERRY HUNTER '52 was a recipient of a Block "M" Award at Reunion 2007 for his outstanding service to his class and the alumni association. Perry, who now lives in Stonington, has long served as the '52 treasurer and class agent. He also spearheaded his class's effort to raise \$150,000 for the Buchanan Alumni House cupola. Perry also served a number of terms on the alumni association board and executive committee as chair of the Annual Fund.

award. We are glad they appreciate your support, Barb.

David Wentworth, who lives in Granby, Massachusetts, wrote of how much they enjoyed Homecoming last fall. He and his wife, Mary, are busy with Elderhostel trips. They visited Auburn University learning how to fly Cessna airplanes and on another Elderhostel trip enjoyed a canoeing and camping trip down the Allagash. Thanks for keeping in touch, David.

In April the *Bangor Daily News* posted a

letter from **James Buchanan** of Willimantic, Maine, concerning the University of Maine's athletic director's decision to award broadcast rights for sporting events to an outside company instead of WVOM, which is owned by Stephen '70 and Tabitha Spruce King '71 (who have done so much for the University). I hope you all read the article in the last issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. Very interesting!

Watch for news on the trip some of your classmates are taking to Victoria, British Columbia; and Banff, Alberta, at the end of September!

1953

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It's 4:30 on a Sunday afternoon in July, cool and cloudy. President Bush and Russia's Putin are at Walker's Point, along with the entourage that goes with important people: helicopters, news media, protesters, supporters, tourists, Secret Service. It's vodka and lobster time!

I've had a great time talking with some of you classmates. I always do. I might dread the column, and its deadline, but once I decide whom to call it's simple. I looked through the 1953 *Prism*, saw the cross-country team on page 165 (only three '53ers, I'll do that)—**Dave Beppler**,

Ed Perry, and **Bill Hirst**), but when I looked at our class list, I found a few more with "cc" after their names—**Neil Littlefield**, **Carroll Akeley**, **Roy Lutz**, **Tom Laskey**, **Merlon Wiggin**, and **Arthur Partridge**. And not to leave out the girls, I called **Shirley Stillings Keene**, **Lois Welton Byrne**, **Barbie Girard Dorman**, **Joan Hall**, **Mary Skelton Ames**, and **Nancy Moulton Gerry** and her husband, **Jack**. I also talked with **Woody Carville** and **Ron Bishop**, **Zeke Mavodones**, **Don LaRochelle**, and **Helen Strong Hamilton**, our class president. And then there were a few emails (**Hank Woodbrey**, **Lloyd Oakes**, and **Ray Robbins**), and the university sent me news clippings on **Tom Walsh** and **Carol Prentiss Mower**.

However, I must first make some corrections. Hank sent me the following: "Nancy, I have read your latest column and find it very complete and interesting! But, please make a couple of corrections in your next column. I have had several calls from family and teammates with comments. The picture shown (in the Spring/Summer issue) is of the 1951 team. Most of the spring sports teams didn't get pictures in the *Prism* until the next year or even a couple years later. Next, I guess I confused you with all those Woodbrey's. Eddie '49 played many positions including all nine in one game according to the late Sam Sezak '31. Eddie batted .593 in 1945 just before joining the U.S. Navy. Vic '52 was a pitcher on the 1950 Yankee Conference Championship team. I pitched on the '51, '52, and '53 teams. The '53 team went 11-7, and was co-State Series Championship team. Jim '56 was a catcher.

"For many more details of all athletic teams, anyone should refer to Stu Haskell's '56 *Varsity Athletic Record Book* (1970). Also, Stu's new book will be much more inclusive."

Note: When I went to Reunion this past June, I picked up some information on Stu's new book, *The MAINE Book, University of Maine Athletics 1881-2007*, which contains "approximately 42,000 entries and 700 plus pages" with "more than 300 team photographs." Stu is a retired UMaine director of athletics, retired commissioner, Hockey East; and retired commissioner, America East. To order: contact the alumni association's business office: 1-800-934-2586. Price: \$34.95 plus \$6 shipping. You can also send a check, made payable to UMAA, and

mail to: UMAA Business Office, Buchanan Alumni House, One Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04469.

I guess I feel like I'm a publicist here, but I like to spread the word, and speaking of books, how about the University of Maine yearbooks online? I picked up a brochure by that title at Reunion and I quote: "The *Prism*, the University of Maine's yearbook, was published for the years 1895 to 1997. In 2004, a University of Maine yearbook with the title *Dirigamus* was published. No yearbooks have been published since then." So take a peek at the *Prism* online. I'm going to log on to: www.library.umaine.edu/yearbooks/. Why don't you?

And then there's InCircle you can join for free. Bob Potts wrote me: "Our entire alumni database, 99,000 people, were loaded into InCircle. Not all are on and registered." So sign up and as the brochure says: "reconnect with old friends and with your alma mater—the University of Maine. It lets UMaine alumni worldwide network and connect with one another, classmates, friends, and friends-of-friends based on occupation, shared interest, geographic location, common acquaintances, and more." Just log on to: www.mainealumni.com and follow directions. If I can do it (I'm getting there), you can, too. I'm trying to make "friends," but it takes time. They have to reply/register. Bob is a "friend" as is Shirley Stillings Keene, and I think Lloyd Oakes is one, too. It's a great way to keep in touch (once you know how to do it). Think how many "friends" you can have! If someone doesn't want to be your "friend," they don't have to accept your invitation and reply. It's that simple. Play with it and see what happens.

On with the cross-country guys, in no particular order. (Why weren't there any gals?)

Dave Beppler, "The Apple Picker," of Port Matilda, Pennsylvania, "thoroughly enjoyed the sportsmanship of track, the guys." He ran four years and said, "I had great memories of Coach (Chester) Jenkins." Why the nickname? "The reason is I never came in the front of the pack. We ran through the apple orchards and I picked and ate apples. I was a member of one of the fraternities (Phi Eta Kappa) and someone nicknamed me that." Well, Dave and Marcia still own about 12 acres of woodland, pasture, and yard. "I'm the major director of the landscaping crew, the high school kids with the woodcutting, lawn-



Members of the Class of 1952 reunion team got together at Buchanan Alumni House during Reunion 2007 in June. Standing, left to right are: Bill Currie, Al Pease, Dorrie Mayne Lindquist, Perry Hunter, Al Cole, Ron Schutt, Ida Moreshead Wiley, Sumner "Ken" Wiley, Marilyn Kilpatrick Burt, Donald Burt, Dottie McCann, Bill Lindquist, Ralph Martin, and Delores Amergian Drivas. Sitting, left to right are: Marnie Murray Pease, Ginny Norton Beach, Frances Smart Trefts, Harriet Johnson Currie, Beth Leighton Furlong, Jo Vachon Victor, and Jean McIntire White.

mowing, and Marcia is in charge of artistic planning," he said. Dave, 76, who "feels his age" (has one new knee, might need another), said they're active enough to travel, love Thailand, the people in the mountainous area, been there perhaps six times, and love Thai food. "It's expensive to buy the ticket to get there, but living there is not." He hopes to go there twice more before he's 80. Happy traveling!

Ed Perry, of Sherborn, Massachusetts, since 1974, said he "basically ran, a good sport for me, didn't have a team in high school." He said he met **Robert Touchette** in his freshman year, both in the same fraternity—Phi Eta Kappa—and that Bob was the one who got him going. (Bob, I just realized you're our classmate, but since you had a "tr" after your name, I was only looking for "cc." Must call you next time.) Ed, who ran his sophomore, junior, and senior years, said, "I enjoyed it and put a great deal of value on it. It was a walk-on sport, the coach would have patience." Ed, who did cross-country in the fall, indoor track in the winter, and outdoor track in the spring, said, "I always wished I could have run faster for Coach Jenkins." Originally from Hampden, Maine, and an engineering physics major, he said he and Jane have been married just over 40 years. He's now retired, having worked his entire career for Sylvania Electric (now GTE), all down in eastern Massachusetts. His hair? "Not like in the yearbook," came the reply with a chuckle. I

asked him about reunions and he said he's "anti-reunion, a malformation of my genetic structure." Well, we had a great talk. He told me they have one daughter, Christine (39), of Marlborough, Massachusetts, who has "provided us with our first grandchild," a grandson, Matthew Smith. They also have a son, David (35), in Manhattan, who works in finance for a bank called Calyon. Ed's active in community affairs, trustee of a public library, and involved in reclaiming and maintaining a reservation that used to have mills on it, with the remnants still here. He has a garden, with one row of rhubarb. (He used to have raspberries and tomatoes, but the deer have stripped those.) He talked of his brother, Harry '48, six years older (father of two sons and two daughters), who worked for years in the oil business, a geologist, who's now retired and living in Houston. Thanks, Ed.

Bill Hirst, a Tau Kappa Epsilon guy, of Port Richey, Florida, originally of Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, said Coach Jenkins was "the best coach in the world. You had to work at it, but it was fun. I ran from '49 to '51." A government major, Bill said he first worked for GE, left in 1965, went to work for Arthur D. Little in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and then Digital Equipment Corporation, also in the Bay State. At 80, he's now retired. I also talked with his wife, Gail, a Simmons grad. She said Bill traveled all over the world in his career and that they both have done a lot of volunteer work with the

Red Cross. They have a son, Dan, in Rhode Island, and a daughter, Dale, in Massachusetts. Gail said they spent 10 years traveling all over the country, and Alaska, five to six months a year in a motor home. Various sizes, she said. "Like a boat, you'd get a little bit bigger." They see **Ellie Byron Gove** (married and in Lewiston). "We see them quite a lot in the wintertime in Tarpon Springs," said Gail. I asked Bill what he did for a pastime, and he said, "I had a stroke in 2003." Well, I think you're doing pretty well, Bill. I know you said you don't go to reunions, but really think about our 55th in 2008. You've got to come.

Neil Littlefield, an engineering physics major, originally from Calais, who did cross-country his freshman year, now lives in Denver, Colorado. But Maine's his first home, he said. As to cross-country? Coach Jenkins "was a good coach, but I wasn't a good runner. At least I was in sight of the field when I entered the stadium. I was still in the pack." I asked his age—"76 the last time I looked." Neil was a college professor of law, 30 years at the University of Denver, and retired a couple of years ago. "Any undergrad could get into law school at that time." As to reunions? "Just the first year. Had to make choices." I spoke of our 55th next year and he said, "I should be able to make that one." Great! Neil was a North Dorm freshman and spent two years of required ROTC. He spoke of his brother **Brian (Eldred B.)**, who lives in Fort Wayne. "Brian graduated first in his class, among

the engineering physicists," said Neil. "I was tired of competing with him." (Brian, two years older, had been in the Navy for two years, so he and Neil were classmates.) In fact, the whole Littlefield family were UMaine grads: Mary Carolyn Littlefield Hefler '51, of Brunswick, Maine; Brian and Neil, both '53; Jane Littlefield '54, of Indiana; and Nancy Littlefield Greenier '55, of Winthrop, Maine. Neil said, "Most of us had scholarships." (Neil had a four-year Charles Irwin Travelli Scholarship that the university gave out.) He said Sigma Chi "tried to get me, but I couldn't afford a fraternity." He said he's rich now, but wasn't then. How did he find his wife, Carla, from Iowa? At a Halloween party and they've been married 30 years. His pastime? Stamp collecting—a philatelist—"sounds dirty doesn't it?" came the reply. We laughed. Neil reads an "awful lot, historical novels." It's Peter the Great right now. He likes to walk, likes traveling very much, such as the 50-day cruise to Bangkok, and if he had his life to live over—"Just what I did. I'm very, very, very happy." Thanks for sharing.

Roy Lutz, originally of Bath, and also now of Bath, was way down back on the lawnmower when I called. I talked a while with his wife, Claire, a Morse High grad, who met Roy at the Hyde Rehabilitation Center. Well, anyway, Roy, who only went to UMaine one year as a freshman, and ran cross-country, worked at Bath Iron Works as manager of the testing laboratories. He then went on to receive his marine chemist license. He retired in 1995, but still works as a marine chemist. Married 55 years, I asked for the secret to a long marriage. It was *honesty*. They have two grandchildren: Meagan (30), a University of Northern Arizona grad who has one son, Grayson (3); and a grandson (27), a University of Montana grad in research and development, who works for Fuchs Lubricant Company in Kansas City. Thanks. Come to reunion in 2008!

Tom Laskey, a new Maine resident, of Camden, who has an official Maine license plate on his little red convertible, also resides in Woodstock, Connecticut. (And he likes shrimp and linguini.) You see he bought an old house in Camden, 1840, that has a couple of additions and he's renovating/furnishing it—five bedrooms and several fireplaces. And you know what? We're going to have a party in Camden next year. He can handle 25 or 30,



Four UMaine friends got together at the opening of Sally DeLorme Pedrick's exhibit "Tides of Time" in Round Pond. Left to right are: Fran Smart Trefts '52, Sally '52, Carol Prentiss Mower '53, and Nancy Schott Plaisted '53.

not 60, he said, so whom do we leave out?! Not me, said the little red hen. Anyway, Tom, originally of Old Town, started cross-country in high school, state champs junior year at Old Town High. Jack Thomas was #1 that year, said Tom, who was #3. Senior year Tom couldn't run, a kidney stone. He had to work at UMaine, so couldn't run until his senior year, running track, the one and two-mile. Tom, a Phi Eta Kappa man, said he was in the Naval Reserves with **Pete Shumway**, Sigma Chi, of Etna, New Hampshire, and **Doug Vollmer**, Delta Tau, of Yarmouth, Maine. Tom was also into boxing, a welterweight, inter-fraternity. And how did he win the championship? If you entered, that was five points and if you won, it was 15 points. "Four of us weighed in," he said, and he was the only one to show up.

Also, Carol Prentiss Mower gave me some newspaper clippings, and the dateline on one was Orono with the heading "UM Alumnus Pledges Scholarship Funds." It said that Tom Laskey "spent much of his time at UMaine juggling his studies with an assortment of odd jobs. 'Money was tight,' Laskey said." He's "hoping to ease the way for other needy students. He has pledged \$100,000 to Campaign Maine, UMaine's comprehensive fundraising campaign, for scholarships to benefit undergraduates who have exhibited leadership potential in high school or been involved in community service. First preference for the Thomas P. Laskey '53 Family Scholarship Fund will be given to residents of Penobscot County or graduates of a Penobscot County high school." In

the article Gianna Felix Marrs '88G, associate director of student aid, said that the scholarship "will enable the university to make 50 or more 'substantial awards' over 25 years." It's a great article. When I talked to Tom, not having read the article, he very briefly mentioned the gift. Thanks, Tom, for doing what you do. It was interesting to note in the article: "Determined to nurture his grandchildren's community spirit, as well as their business acumen, he gives each one \$1,700 as a 17th birthday gift. They have to put \$1,000 into a mutual fund and use the other \$700 to contribute to a charity or help their parents with their education," he said. Tom is father of three and grandfather of eight.

Carroll Akeley, of Conway, South Carolina, originally of Presque Isle, I tried to reach you, but the recording said, "currently out of service." Maybe you're here in Maine for the summer? Carroll, a Lambda Chi Alpha man, who majored in mechanical engineering, also ran cross-country.

So did Merlon Wiggin, of East Marion, New York, originally of Clinton, Maine, who majored in agricultural engineering. Sorry, I couldn't reach you. No voice mail.

And so did Arthur Partridge, of Moscow, Idaho. I left a message for Arthur of Trees, Inc. I think his voice mail said something about tree consultants and the firm Partridge &—couldn't quite get the name. Arthur, a forestry major, was originally from Douglaston, New York. Sorry I didn't call earlier.

Lloyd Oakes sends emails, this one dated March 19, 2007: "Oh, yes

... we had the alumni picnic last Wednesday. . . **Angie Parisi Olenczak** and I were the only ones from '53 there. There were others from Old Town and Bangor." (Lloyd and Gloria, of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, winter in Florida.) Another from Lloyd, dated June 21, 2007: "Do not have any really noteworthy news. . . keeping busy with my veggie garden, lawn mowing, and generally fix-er-upper."

Last week I called one of my roommates in Balentine and Colvin halls, Joan Hall, of Bryant Pond, Maine. She's fine and said she saw classmate **Art Gouin**, of Norway, Maine. Then classmates' names came up: Nancy Moulton Gerry, her roommate freshman year, now of Raymond, Maine; and **Jane Bellamy Young**, of Lincoln, Massachusetts. She also said to say hi to Caroline Strong '50, of Vassalboro, Maine.

Since Raymond is the next town over from Casco (and our family camp), I called Jack and Nancy Moulton Gerry. Jack was in Dublin at a conference when I called and Nancy had just come in from swimming. Both are originally from Maine—Nancy from Auburn, and Jack from Poland Springs. Nancy was a home ec major (I'd forgotten she roomed across the hall from me freshman year in West Hall), and an AOPi, and Jack, a Phi Mu Delta man, majored in engineering physics.

They're parents of five (three girls and two boys), grandparents of 10, and great-grandparents of one (with another due in September). Nancy said they married the Saturday after graduation, June 20, also her birthday. The secret to a happy marriage? Her answer: "Love your mate." Sounds like it would work. Childhood sweethearts, all the way through high school (where they were in the band, she, clarinet, he, sax), they moved four years ago, in 2003, from Sudbury, Massachusetts, to what was once their summer cottage on Crescent Lake. The cottage, on Fire Lane 1 had burned down in 1986 and they rebuilt it. She said I could give their address: 10 Randall Drive, off Myron Hall Road. She and Jack started out in youth ministry in 1972 (Jack had left Raytheon at that time), and in the early '90s they began working with churches and adults. She said Jack served as interim pastor in a number of churches. "Crossroads" is the name of the ministry, a non-denominational Christian ministry, which in the last 15 years is leaning toward a

"deeper life ministry," Nancy said. "We read books, we talk with people, we email people back and forth," she said. "We're busy all the time." They also have two sons and one grandson living with them and for the summer, a grandson from Florida. "It keeps us young," she said. I guess it does. She sounds so vibrant and happy. Thanks, Nancy.

Here's a classmate who would "love to hear from anybody," Lois Welton Byrne, of San Diego. Her phone: 858-755-3021. Lois, a Chi Omega gal and a home ec major, is originally from Brewer, Maine, and she and her husband, John "Jack," have two children, Christopher and Grace. She hasn't been to a reunion for a "long, long time," she said. "No spare time." She does get the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*, so keeps in touch. But, you've got to come East, Lois! She and Jack both work for the Homeowners Association where they live (she inspects the landscape). Gardening, sewing, and painting (acrylics) in her studio (has two websites) keep her busy. Jack, now retired, was a naval officer for 32 years, then came industry, and teaching human resources management at the college level. She said she sees roommate/classmate **Charlotte Trough** of Cambridge, Massachusetts, once a year, and sees Dorrie Mayne Lindquist '52. Lois and Jack have two children and three grandchildren, who all play golf. "They can't get enough of it," Lois said. One granddaughter, Lucy McGovern (19), who received a golf scholarship to Loyola University in Chicago, has competed in golf on the national level and the NCAA. Then there's Claire (16), and Jack (12). She said everybody in both families played golf. "They all want to get golf scholarships." Lois hasn't played golf lately, but as she said: "I'm alive and kicking!" That's what we want.

This classmate's secret to a happy marriage? "Keep busy and come back for dinner." That's Barbie Girard Dorman of Irvine, California, for you. She, a Delta Zeta and Latin major, and Dwight have been married 52 years, and for their age, "we're fine," she said. When I called, Dwight answered and said Barbie was playing bridge at the Sea Cliff Country Club. What else would she be doing! She goes on cruises with Dwight, 94 so far; he's in charge of the bridge playing and she's his right-hand gal. In September, they're going to the Black Sea, two cruises back to back, 23/24 days, to Yalta, Odessa, Turkey, and Romania.



Class of '53 friends Ron Bishop (left) and Woody Carville traveled to Guatemala City in March to help build homes with Habitat for Humanity. (For more information see the Class of '53 column.)

What fun! They have one son, Chip (50), who lives six to eight miles away and he has a daughter, Hope (13). Happy cruising!

I was in my car a few weeks ago, taking my granddaughter Carli to Camp Lincoln in New Hampshire, when **Doug Kneeland**, of Lincoln, Maine, called my cell phone. I had called him earlier to catch up on any news he and Barbara might like to share. I couldn't really talk; I was following directions. He said, "Nothing new, trips to doctors—just plugging along." But, Doug, during the Reunion weekend celebration, you received the Block "M" Award (alumni activities award to recognize good will for UMaine through work in local organizations, class activities, and the alumni association). Doug, you're so humble!

Never in the world did I ever expect to reach Mary Skelton Ames. (She and I grew up on Main Street in Lewiston.) I had no idea where she was, but a recent printout of classmates had her listed in Colorado Springs. So I called information and we talked on and on, reminiscing, a wonderful, wonderful talk, and this is what she emailed me:

"I got a phone call today from some lady asking if I knew anyone named Mary Skelton. I should have said 'No,' but I was curious. And what did it get me, personally? A request to 'send a significant

amount of memories' because she, Nancy Schott, has a column due tomorrow. Beware if you get that kind of call!

"I was at the University of Maine in the Class of '53. I was there for only two years, but long enough to meet the man I would marry, two years hence, Phil Ames, Class of '51. We had our ups and downs—we divorced after 27 years. We have three lovely daughters, and Phil and I are still friends, who live 2,000 miles apart.

"Following his graduation, he served in the Korean War. A generation later, our oldest daughter, an Army linguist, also served in Korea.

"While Nancy and I were visiting on the phone, we talked about so many of the people we both knew, growing up in Lewiston; but for the most part, they were people with whom we went to elementary and middle school, Wallace and Jordan Grammar. Just thinking about it, it seems like light years away and yet ... although we both (and also you who are reading this) are 75 years old! We *feel so young*. My knees creak, and there's a little arthritis in the hand, but she mentioned the names of so many that we knew and enjoyed.

"I must admit that after the first few years, I never bothered to keep abreast of what others in my class were doing. I figured, with all the

moving around we did, I'd probably never see any of my former classmates again. And that proved to be so. Phil was an electrical engineer with GE; I was a stay-at-home mom. Some of the places we lived were Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Georgia, New Jersey, and Connecticut. Eventually I moved back to Maine with the girls. I stayed in Lewiston for another 15 years, and then followed my married-to-a-soldier daughter to Colorado Springs where I've stayed, while she moved with the Army. For her, 'Home is where the Army sends you.' I've now lived here for 15 years.

"My three girls live in West Virginia, Texas, and Arizona; the latter, where I plan to move in the near future. It would be nice to not live so far away from all my family.

"Having not kept in touch, on those occasions when I've returned to Maine, it's been difficult to do more than visit with family or church family.

"Maine has wonderful people, and I miss her rockbound coasts and beautiful beaches, but, ah! the west. It's a whole different lifestyle. Foxes and deer and not so infrequently, even bear and wild cats come right into our neighborhoods. Colorado Springs is at the foot of Pikes Peak, a 14,000 foot mountain. Colorado has many 'fourteeners,' and whenever I see these majestic mountains, I think of my Creator. Colorado is an easy state to love.

"And Arizona will be, too. Her sunsets are beyond magnificent and it's nowhere near as hot in the Huachuca Mountains as it is in Phoenix and Tucson. I have a great sense of satisfaction from that work which 'keeps me off the streets.'

"God has been very good, and I am much blessed. I hope all of you who are reading this also are."

Thank you, Mary.

Here's news from Poughkeepsie, New York. Zeke Mavodones "severely sprained his hamstring" last fall at a Greek festival dancing. Serves you right, Zeke, at your age. He spoke of his youngest daughter, Eirene, and her husband, David, who live in Brussels, Belgium, who had a son, Jonah, December 15. He and Maria went over to see them. So, it's three daughters, four grandchildren, and a nephew. In May, they went to Douglas, Massachusetts, for their grandson Zachary's christening. Zeke's secret to a happy marriage (they'll be married 50 years this September)? "Listen sometimes rather than speak." I had called

Zeke because I saw the obituary of Patricia A. Mavodones in the May 7, 2007, edition of the *Portland Press Herald*. Patty, as he called her, of Yarmouth, Maine, was politically active and well known, he said. Our condolences, Zeke.

I came across this word in *Webster's New World College Dictionary*: "lucubrate." Do any of you know what it means? (Sounds terrible, but it's not. We all did it. See answer at end of column.)

Oh, yes. We had a reunion-planning meeting in Orono on June 13, for our 55th Reunion next year. Other major reunion classes were there also. There were 12 of us present: Helen Strong Hamilton, **Frank Pickering**, Woody Carville, Hank and **Dawn Miller Woodbrey**, Carol Prentiss Mower, **George Weatherbee**, **Dot Ramsay Smith**, **Cynthia Cowan Dunlap**, **Isabelle Stearns Foss**, **Edd Johnston**, and myself. Nice to see classmates. I talked with Helen, our class president, recently and she said that anybody who would like to be on the reunion planning committee is certainly most welcome. Others on the committee, but not present, were: **Fred Hutchinson**, Doug Kneeland, Tom Laskey, **Peggy Given White**, **Al Smith**, Lloyd Oakes, and **Trudy Harriman Metzger**. Helen said our 55th will have entertainment that "everyone should thoroughly enjoy." Let's have hundreds there. It looks like there are 494 of us, so it's possible. You won't be left out—you'll be getting letters and calls to remind you of the big event. I believe it's Bar Harbor May 28-29 and then Orono May 30, 31, and June 1. What better places to be? Stay healthy!

A few email changes: Helen Strong Hamilton: Helen.Hamilton@comcast.net and Ron Bishop: ronbish@bellsouth.net.

I received a nice note from Ron on April 18, from Cornelius, North Carolina: "Here are the first three pictures I have located from those who actually took their cameras to Guatemala to help build Habitat houses.

"It was a very interesting and unusually challenging trip this year! You should call Woody to get the details of his 'adventure' getting from Orono to Guatemala City in spite of bad weather, total collapse of USAirways computer system, and a brief 'incarceration' by immigration officials in Mexico City! He'll tell you the whole story, but I've never had anyone as bulldoggedly persistent as he was to overcome one road-

block after another. Knowing Woody, I wasn't surprised ... he is still a champion!"

Ron said they worked on three, two-thirds finished when they got there in March. When they left, one was totally done, Ron's had a roof, but needed windows, etc., and Woody's, a little behind because some of the kids weren't allowed to work. From what Ron wrote and said, Woody had quite the trip, coming and going. But just think, Woody, three free tickets to Guatemala next year! Are you going?

An email from Ray Robbins, of Pittsford, New York, in May: "Will you be on campus this weekend? Have a good time in Orono and give my regards to our classmates." He mentioned meeting John Gower '52 in a grocery store in Southwest Harbor in June and that John said a classmate of his, Ray Feasey '52, knew Ray's son Dan. It seems Ray, of Honeyoye Falls, New York, and Dan, of Williamston, New York, build boats together. Ray also talked of his multi-class high school reunion August 4 in Northeast Harbor, classes of 1932 and 1933 up until the '60s, hoping for 50 to come. "When you called I was working on an Every-Name-Index for a rather extensive Robbins family genealogy I'm doing. Going back several generations I've found out that there was a marriage between a Robbins and a Stewart. More research showed that former University of Maine dean of men, John E. Stewart (and my calculus teacher when I was a freshman) was a distant relative." Thanks, Ray.

I also see Don LaRochelle, of Wells, now and then, as Anne, his wife, a good friend of mine, lived a few houses down the street when we were growing up. Of course I knew Don, as he was a high school classmate of mine. They're fine and just moved into a new condo, still in Wells, but a little closer to me. Don, PE (retired), of Construction Inspections Services, of Wells, has recently written a Construction Inspection Manual, For Clerk of the Works and Owner's Representatives, Quality Management for the Construction Project. Great going, Don. Contact CIS for details on acquiring this 314-page manual (7.4 megs), hard copy, electronic copy, or CD-ROM copy, by email: info@clerkoftheworks.com.

I received this note in March from Sally DeLorme Pedrick '52, of Round Pond, Maine. It reads: "Although I was in the Class of '52 (Sally Arseneault) I wanted you to

know how much I appreciate and look forward to reading every word you write. The classes just ahead and behind our particular graduation year were where many of our close friends shared our experiences. Here's an article that was in this week's local paper. I worked summers in Kennebunkport when I was at the University of Maine, so your address is familiar. My parents, brothers, and I lived in Sanford, not too far from Kennebunk. I don't have email, fax, computer, or even TV (by choice) but I do write letters every day. Do stop by sometime. An 'appointment' just means if you are more than a mile away, phone to be sure I'm in and not out painting." Thanks, Sally. Your handwriting is wonderful. And the article she enclosed was from *The Lincoln County News*, March 29, 2007 edition, with the headline: "Exhibit Explores 'Tides of Time.'" That was the title of her new exhibit of oil paintings, woodcuts, and pastels at her home, The Library Art Studio, where Fran Smart Trefts, '52 class notes columnist, Carol Prentiss Mower, and I went to the reception April 14. Look in Fran's column for more details. I had a great time, Sally. I do remember you at college.

Just two more classmates and then I close my "tome." These which the university sent me, women first: From *The Penobscot Times*, January 4, 2007, with the headline: "AARP honors volunteers at recognition awards ceremony." I couldn't believe how much Carol Prentiss Mower, of Orono, and Roberta Fowler, '65, '66G, of Old Town, look alike. It said: "Carol was honored for her outstanding outreach regarding the Medicare Part D program." It said that Carol "traveled over 3,829 miles around the state, covering four counties and conducting some 100 presentations. She spoke at senior citizen groups, meal sites, American Legion organizations and residences, and at senior housing complexes, just to name a few." I'm sure by now Carol has been to Washington, D.C., to receive an award "for her outstanding efforts." Congratulations, Carol. You're one busy classmate!

And classmate Tom Walsh made the *Bangor Daily News*, March 30, 2007 edition. The headline: "Bangor Natives vie for Pier Project: Major Development Seen for Portland Waterfront." And I quote Anne Ravana of the news staff: "Kevin Mahaney, 45, president and chief executive officer of The Olympia Companies, and Tom Walsh, 79,

chairman and founder of Ocean Properties Ltd., have put forth competing proposals for an extensive redevelopment of the Maine State Pier in Portland. The \$90 million project will boast an upscale hotel, shops, galleries, restaurants, and office space." Ravana reports that Tom has "teamed with former Senate majority leader George Mitchell of Maine to invest in the project, which proposes commercial facilities similar to Mahaney's, but in different locations. Walsh and Mitchell would place the hotel on land instead of on the pier, and they suggest a 300-car parking garage on the site. They also intend to start a coastal ferry service between Portland, Rockland, and Bar Harbor."

I called Tom's Delray Beach residence, but the line was busy. The paper said Walsh "lives in North Hampton, New Hampshire; and Key West, Florida; and his business is based in Delray Beach, Florida, and Portsmouth, New Hampshire. I hope he wins/won. "The city council has said construction will likely not begin until late 2008." Sounds good.

And the answer (who cheated?) to the meaning of "lucubrate." "To work, study, or write laboriously, especially late at night." In other words, to burn the midnight oil. I did. Did you? I'm tired, it's nighttime, and I'm not going to lucubrate. I'll see you in four months' time. Meanwhile, be yourself, but remember Orono, Homecoming, and our 55th.

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Early summer is trying to arrive and the time for another column approaches. Also approaching is the celebration of our Class of '54's 55th Reunion to be celebrated in 2009. Planning has already begun and we are asking you to "ink in" the spring dates of May 30th, 31st, and June 1st on your calendar of forthcoming events. It seems that our 50th was such a short time ago! In preparation for that event in particular, but

also at any time, we'd love to hear from each of you so your news can be shared with classmates.

First off, we got a wonderful newsy letter from **Margot McCarthy Anderson** from Salem, South Carolina, where she winters. She enclosed a picture of her and **Dot Leonard Churchill** at The Village where they had a great time. She reports that Bob is still getting about with his pacemaker and they play golf three times a week. Bob has become an expert on bridge as well as the computer. Margot was able to leave just 24 hours ahead of the hurricane but their place escaped damage. The Churchills winter in Florida while they summer in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. Margot reported she would fly home on May 24th to Swans Island, Maine. She says that she and **Norma Smaha Truman** keep in contact via email and that Norma will soon be heading back from Florida. She is in hopes of seeing "**Kit**" **Kidder Berger**, **Joyce Hobbs Walsh**, **Mary Small Eckton**, and the **McCanns** this summer.

We reported earlier that **Jim Holland** and **Claudette** had celebrated their 52nd anniversary a year ago. Jim said that they missed Homecoming but did get to Orono to see Maine play Northeastern. He was hoping to see Maine hockey at UMass in March. He says he is working part-time delivering cars all over the northeast for Enterprise Rental Agency.

We see **Marshall "Bucky" Burk** and **Nona** regularly around the Augusta area. They live in Winthrop and, although retired, are still big local sports supporters even though their children are well beyond those years. They have been long-term supporters of the William S. Cohen Senior Center in an advisory board capacity and as being "big" winners in weekly bridge. They are also very active in the Kennebec Valley Chapter of the UMaine Alumni Association as advisory board members. We often see **Herb Doten** and **Pat Fortier Doten '56** at the local alumni events. They live in Augusta and have a grandson at Maine doing very well in the football program. You can guess that Herb is really into football these days!

We were very fortunate to get to Orono for the celebration on June 2nd of the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Buchanan Alumni House, a very nice event combined with this year's Reunion weekend. Among the sponsors of the event were **Al Bancroft** and **Mary-Alice**

Hastings Bancroft '55 and **Fred '53** and **Dione Williams Hutchinson**. For those of you at our 50th you can only imagine how much use and value that this building has been to the university as a whole!

Helena Melhorn McCusker still resides at: 9309 Robin Hood Circle, Westerville, Ohio 43082. She and her husband, **Don '53** (deceased in 2000) had six children, one of whom still lives near Helena, while the others are scattered around the country. Many of you will remember that Don was piloting the plane that crashed and resulted in the death of **Alexander Onassis** (over 25 years ago). A book published about two years ago written by **Stuart Speiser**, entitled *The Deadly Sins of Aristotle Onassis*, contains information about Don's involvement with the Onassis family. Helena returns to Maine every summer for a month at her cottage on Little Sebago Lake in Gray.

Pat Fair Morin-Kralovic is a travel consultant with **Linden Travel** in Manhattan (NYC) where she has lived for the past several years. The travel business keeps her extremely busy and recent trips have taken her to Egypt and Africa. Pat also has a weekend place out in East Hampton, Long Island. She has two children—one living in California, the other in Colorado. She is a native New Yorker who loves Maine. She would love to hear from classmates at: 200 East 84th Street, NY, NY 10028. Pat was at our 50th Reunion and plans to be at our 55th!

We tried to reach **John Norris** to catch up on him but his wife, **Margaret**, reported that John was in the hospital. He has been in very good health, and she expected him to be out soon. Classmates will remember that **Johnnie** was a star basketball player at Bangor High School and at UMaine. He continues to enjoy all sports with special attention to golf and fishing. They still reside at: 10 DeRusha Lane, Brewer, Maine 04412.

Remember that there are so many of your old classmates out there who are wondering about you. Let's hear from you for the next column!

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Thank you, **Sal Scarpato**, so much for your very kind note. In response to my request in the winter edition of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* that I would love to hear from classmates who have celebrated their 50th anniversary, Sal said that he and **Joanne Barberio Scarpato '58** celebrated their 50th on September 30, 2006. They both are still active in their family business, and Sal said, "... in spite of the usual 'old timers' aches and pains, we are in pretty good shape, so far." Sal and Joanne keep quite busy with family and six grandchildren. Sal enjoys reading about classmates in our column.

An email arrived from **Father Don McAllister** who had received a copy of the obituary of **Betty Hatch Norburg** from **Roger Frey**. Betty died on March 5, 2007, due to complications of pancreatic cancer. Betty also had MS. Don said that he had such a great conversation with Betty at our 50th Reunion. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Betty's family.

Thanks to the alumni office for sending me a picture that was in the *Bangor Daily News* of **Ed Guernsey**. Ed lived in Bangor for 38 years and moved his monument business there in the mid 1980s. He has decided to sell the land and house to a developer who will build and lease the space to Walgreens Drugstore.

It was a joy to get two telephone calls and two emails from **Al Healy**. He and **Gloria** left Colchester, Vermont, on January 30, 2007, in four degrees below zero weather for a nine-to-ten-month trip to Alaska via many, many stops in between. They visited family and friends in Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia on their way to Florida where they visited more family and friends. They are traveling in a motor home and staying in campgrounds. Then they went to Alabama and then spent a week doing volunteer work related to the Katrina damage in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi. Then on to Memphis to visit Graceland and next to Branson, Missouri. After leaving Missouri, they had planned to go quickly through the boring flatland of Kansas but then decided to try camping at one of the lakes close to

I-70. They were totally unprepared for the beautiful surroundings—rolling hills, lots of perfectly shaped trees, and everything fresh and green. At the time of the last email, **Al** and **Gloria** were in Lake Milford, Kansas—right in the center of "tornado alley." Al said that they slept with their clothes on just in case there would be a quick exodus. We heard all about the tornadoes and feel certain they are safe and sound and on their way to Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Hope to hear from them again soon as to where they are. The Healys have another four or five months for their trip to Alaska, so stay tuned for the next edition of the Healys' trip to Alaska in the next class column.

Another article by way of the alumni office concerns **Omar Norton**, a veteran educator who was hired as interim superintendent for Union 104, which comprises Eastport, Charlotte, Dennysville, Pembroke, and Perry.

I must end this column now for two reasons. First, I have no more news to share with you at this time, and second, my computer went by way of "computer heaven" yesterday, and my new one won't arrive for two weeks, which is beyond the date that this column is due in the alumni office. Won't you please email, call, or write me as did Sal, Al, and Don.

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Wow, how time does fly. As I write this the Class of 1957 has completed their reunion and ours is really history, but I had one more report that I had to share. **Ellen Hay Bell** wrote, "I am still thinking about our great Reunion. It was such a surprise to me that I was moved so much when I saw the campus and classmates whom I hadn't seen for 50 years."

"I discovered that I still felt a lot of affection for Maine and actually teared up a little when I found out that **Balentine** is still a dorm and that **Professor Hartgen** is still revered as much as he was when he was bouncing around on his desk keeping us enthralled in class. Many of the facts I learned in my other classes have dimmed, but the history of art that I learned from him is still part of my life. What a guy! How I wish I had

been able to scrape up the \$100 he said he would take from any of his students if we wanted one of his paintings.

"When **Penny Banks Hickey** and I arrived for the first luncheon, we were driven to the Union by a cheerful student who identified herself as a 'County girl.' Penny and I, being County girls ourselves, were surprised that the term still exists. She said that County girls are very much in demand, and that Maine men think dating one is a social coup. Did they used to think like that?

"**Alta Kilton McDonald** and **Betty Kononen Berry** were as dear as they had always been. Seeing Penny as she watched the CDs of the old Phi Gamma Delta movies from our time was also a tender moment. There they were, Penny and Frank together again whooping it up at a Fiji house party. The brothers were thoughtful to Penny also, especially **Hi Bronson** who hadn't changed much at all, still quietly supportive and friendly. **Ed Plissey** and his wife were welcoming to everyone. I think Ed must have kissed nearly every female classmate. How nice it was to see **Fred Otto** whom I remember from the Maine Masque. He was the guy who did the lights under Professor Bricker's very strict direction. He still drives the same car, which was a golden oldie when we were in college.

"Of course, the most moving part of the weekend was the memorial service for all of those classmates whom we have lost. Sadly, some of them were people I had hoped to see at the Reunion. They were so full of life when I saw them last. The organist at the service played an old song that expressed my feelings so well, 'We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when.'" Ellen is already anticipating our 55th.

"I had a great email from **Chuck Barrett**. He didn't make our Reunion because he was helping a very dear friend move into a condo in Concord, New Hampshire, and he was then too tired to drive to Orono. The following weekend his family (three children, five grandchildren and Maine alums from '52 and '54) helped him celebrate his 80th birthday! In 1991 he retired from the Boeing Company after 30 wonderful years, the last 15 with Boeing International in Europe and the Far East. Although he still loved Maine he chose to settle in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in his grandfather's 150 year-old little brick three-story house

that he had inherited some years ago and rented to his daughter. In his spare time he did volunteer work for various organizations: New Hampshire Counseling Service, AARP, and the last three years he was in New Hampshire, with the Rockingham County Probate Court as a guardianship monitor. In 2000, a friend he had worked with in AARP was going to sell her mother's home in Sarasota, Florida, and wanted to know if he would be interested. He flew down to look at it and she offered him a price he couldn't refuse so that is how he got to Florida in 2000. Most of his time has been spent doing volunteer work for his Masonic organizations, primarily the Shriners' Hospital in Tampa, and as captain of the Shrine Color Guard in lots of parades. He sold his grandfather's house when he moved to Florida. He does get to New Hampshire for Xmas with his family and maybe a visit in the summer.

Sue Bogert Allard seriously considered coming to our 50th Reunion last June, but four planes and close to 18 hours of solo travel negated the thought. She is a happy retiree, living in Moscow, Idaho, where she's been for almost 10 years after living in Wisconsin for 35 years. Her daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren live there, and she enjoys having family close by. She gardens, knits, sews, and does quite a bit of volunteer work. She even does driving for some "elderly." (We aren't there yet!)

We received very nice thank-you letters from recipients of our class scholarship. **Jonathan M. Pirruccello**, the grandson of Herb '54, '56G and **Pat Fortier Doten**, is studying biology and playing football. **Lindsey Wyman**, granddaughter of **Art** and **"Fritzie" (Marilyn) Page Thompson**, has a UMaine family legacy and found the chance to continue playing her clarinet in the pep band and concert band the determining factor in choosing the University of Maine. (Yea, music.)

It's a small world struck again when **Jane Wiseman Johnson** ran into **John** and **Laura Krueger Schwartz** on the Celebrity cruise ship, *Infinity*, as it passed through the Panama Canal. This was a two-week cruise that made stops in Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, and Aruba on the way from California to Fort Lauderdale. Jane and **Nancy Sinclair Wilson** attended the Scottsdale, Arizona, UMaine lobster bake at Stephanie Barry Brown's '65. Jane also had a correction of **Peggy Flynt Haskell's** report of the

Reunion in the winter *Mainely People*. The person passing around the sketches was **Judy Barker Carducci** who is a wonderful artist and drew many cartoons of our gang during those college years.

Carl and **Barbara Kirkpatrick** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary November 3, 2006. He retired from the Maine Department of Education. Their children, John, Gordon '67, and Suzanne, have stayed in Maine but they have grandchildren scattered from Maine to Florida to California.

Don and **Jan Lord Mott** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Ireland in July. Then they headed to Bethel for Jan's 55th at Gould Academy. Don enjoys playing golf year round. You guessed it, he was writing from Florida, not Maine.

Judy MacPherson McDonald continues with all the activities she usually does. At church she sings in the choir and is part of a sewing circle that presently is making quilts for wounded war veterans (Quilts of Valor). She also enjoys Home Extension, Decorative and Folk Painting Group, P.E.O. (Women's education advocacy and support), and (no surprise) grandchildren.

Susan Ashton York-Wilbur has a new email address: syorkwilbur@gmail.com. She spends her winter weekends skiing at Mt. Abram where her elder son is an instructor. She loves downhill skiing and tries to get as much in as possible as it is such a short season. "**Chummy**" (**Frances Hanson**) **Hamilton** often is her skiing companion.

Ed and **Grace Libby McKinlay** joined **Betsy Harvey Ruff** for a New Year's Eve weekend.

In July **Henry "Hank" Brodersen** traveled out to Montana to spend a week doing volunteer work in the Scapegoat Wilderness under the auspices of the National Smokejumper Association. The old-timers get together every summer to clear trails and perform whatever work the U. S. Forest Service wants them to do. The work is fun and the camaraderie is outstanding. Other than that, he and his wife spend Thanksgiving in Arizona with their son and his family, and then Christmas in Florida with their daughter and her family. He still plays tuba with the Southern Maryland Concert Band and two church groups and delivers Meals on Wheels every week. Retirement isn't for the lazy!

Congratulations to class president, **Bill Johnson**, who has been

reappointed as a University of Maine System trustee.

Joan Fuller Russell and **Carolyn Bull Dahlgren** were hostesses at my house for the August 2, 2007, summer coffee for the Portland Alumnae. **Jody Owen Bingham** presented her quilting demonstration, which was planned for April but cancelled by a snow-storm.

Thank you for all those newsy letters and emails. This column is easy as long as you supply the information. Remember, if you change your email or snail-mail address please let the alumni office and me know. You are a valued member of '56.

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The campus at Orono was in lush full flower when we arrived June 1st at the Buchanan House to register for our 50th Reunion. Such excitement to recognize by face, voice, or name those who had not been able to come for a long time, and to see again those more familiar! The large boardroom held "period displays" of **Jiggs Cecchini's** newspaper clippings, and snapshots galore, paddles, dance favors, mugs, and so on. The oval table with chairs encouraged browsing the scrapbooks in groups, and the wall display space was augmented with easels. **Connie Doe Leslie**, who handled the "baby picture identification board" and **Ann Dingwell Knowles**, with their contributors and helpers, came up with a great presentation in a very short period of time. That room was not without visitors very much of the time the building was open.

Jiggs said they started out with 20 for golf, but lost four who thought the weather might not pan out. That was OK because one never knows what weather will occur. The 16 who played had a good time and were treated fairly by Bangor Municipal Golf Course, playing on the front course of 18 holes which is a really nice challenge. In the first group were **Roger Miles**, **Aram Garabedian**, **Margaret MacKinnon McGrath**, and her brother **Ed MacKinnon** '68. The second group



President Lois Whitcomb gives a toast to her '57 classmates. Lois was given the Golden "M" Award for her service to the class.

A Toast to '57!

One hundred and thirty Class of 1957 members return to the University of Maine campus for a weekend full of friendship, fun, and celebration.



Ready to join the festivities at the President's House on Friday evening are (left to right): Michael Latti ('56), Jo Drivas Latti, Karlene Graham Mahaney ('55), and Keith Mahaney.



Former University of Maine roommates Ellie Small Williams (left) and Joyce Lyon Fuller talk about old times at the '57 class dinner at Stodder Hall on Friday evening. Both Ellie and Joyce were members of Delta Zeta sorority when they were UMaine students.



Classmates Judith White Boothby (left) and Joyce Tracy Rushton.



Enjoying the class dinner at Stodder Hall are (left to right): Jeanne White Conroy, Sylvia Thompson Lee, and Sarah Chipman.



Class of '57 mates (left to right): Lewis Janicola, Jim Varner, and Bob Smith, D.O., at the President's House reception.

was **Bob Dragoon, Earl Fletcher, Phil Coffin, and John Watson**. The third group was a test for Gene '59, who played with his wife, **Claudia Halle Higgins, Dru Nesbitt Pedro, and Nancy McGouldrick Green**. Finally the caboose was **Peter and Joann Kostacopoulos, Harold Hutchinson**, and Jiggs, who says, "If you golf in this outing, you must have fun, enjoy the fresh air, and appreciate the friendship of those in your golfing group. It was a success. Everyone was a winner!"

The first official university activity was the joining of '57 with the Senior Alumni before lunch in the Stodder cafeteria. Centerpieces of large opening rose buds in teacups were attractive and used throughout the weekend. President **Lois Whitcomb** presented the group with a check for \$10,000 for their scholarship for nontraditional students who go to school after working without the benefit of a full university education, often with family responsibilities. President Kennedy spoke for the first time, and by the end of the weekend, many of us found more than one pleasant similarity to Arthur Hauck in this current president. Walking and bus tours of the campus followed with many changes to be noted by those absent the longest time. There was a '57 (on a banner this time) displayed on Stevens Hall, once again!

A reception at the President's House prefaced the Class of '57 dinner in Stodder. I think Dione Williams Hutchinson '54 started the movement to refurbish this Victorian house by ripping up a green shag rug, and it was looking great, inside and out. Some groups returned to the boardroom, some went to various nightspots to hear bands with familiar horns, and others had started early and called it a night.

Saturday started with the "M" Club breakfast at Buchanan for those on campus for the weekend. The memorial service for about one third of our class took place at 10:00 in the Newman Center across from Buchanan, with Woody Beach '51 "piping" us in from the parking lot. Lois Whitcomb welcomed the class. **Margaretmary McCann** inspirationally read excerpts from two poems, 15 class members read the names of departed classmates in groups with hymn breaks, and Dr. **Sterling W. Huston** gave a moving reflection that was followed by more of organist Dana Ross's thoughtful musical selection. The class picture was then staged on the risers in the Newman Center.

Lunch, with grace and "Old Time Religion" sung by **James Varner**, and the class meeting followed in Stodder. The same slate of officers was nominated: president, Lois Whitcomb; vice president, Connie Doe Leslie; treasurer, **Carl Beaulieu**; secretary, **Liz Hibbard Smith**, co-class agent, **Max Burry**; reunion coordinator, **Pat Wade Fraker**; and voted in, as in '52. Bill and **Marilyn Pennell Johnson** '55, **Rusty Perham**, and **John Watson** got awards for having grandchildren currently attending the university, and I missed a few others who called out that they also did. Winning the photo contest were **Phil and Sylvia MacKenzie Emery** with seven of ten correct for the girls, and Jim Varner who got five of ten correct for the boys. **David Ward** had the oldest car, once again. Lois Whitcomb was awarded the Golden "M" for service to the university.

President Kennedy gave **Dick Bastow** a full pardon for painting the '57 on Stevens Hall and Dick was called upon to explain just how he had been able to do it. He obliged with aged paper diagrams and verbal explanation of the location of the ladder, and how he dealt with the need for an extra four feet of height or so to the satisfaction of all. The mystery is over! A vote of thanks was given to Pat Wade Fraker for reunion coordinating, and Jim Varner volunteered to be the Class of '57's representative to the Senior Alumni executive committee.

The next period of time was split between the deans' events and the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Buchanan House with the dedication of the Cianchette Wing, with those dear to many of our hearts playing jazz outside the front door. **Wes English, Mel Tukey**, Les Nadeau '59, and others played the songs we in the audience asked for, on and on. The scenes that could go through your head—freshman mixers, proms, house parties, jam sessions—marvelous memories! Wine and cheese were available at the dedication, and dinner followed in the Memorial Union, tightly packed with about 200 "Goldies," and numerous members of the other classes that attended. As the 50th Reunion class, it probably is not unexpected that we won three awards—the Attendance Cup for the class with the largest number of classmates attending reunion, the Century Cup for the class with the highest percentage of their class registered for Reunion, and the Memorial Fund Bowl, for the class

with the largest percentage of participation in their class gift. Over the last five years, our class gave \$3,217,537 to the university, finally "getting ahead of" the Class of '52! By next year's Reunion, Wells is to be revealed as a "large group-friendly conference center"—this year it is a construction site! Entertainment was in the Hauck Auditorium, the Rudy Vallée Tribute, featuring Eleanor Vallée, rare clips from Rudy Vallée's '25 films, and the presentation of his left-hand saxophone to the Buchanan Alumni House.

Sunday morning I was somewhat nonplussed to be receiving the Block "M" award. I'd like to thank those of you who nominated me for this, and want you to realize that Les '63 is fully entitled to at least half of it. He is the available source of things I can't immediately remember (that is a lot these days), has a wide acquaintance with those I don't really know, supplies the technical equipment in the house, and proof-reads ruthlessly. Another recipient, Jeff Mills '82, former president of the alumni association, and his wife went to school with our children in Bethel. We managed to arrive "on time" at 8:00 for breakfast but had to leave before the awards were completed in order to meet a prior commitment.

The "after gathering" at the Samoset, capably arranged by "Mingie" McCann, with a bit of help from Connie Doe Leslie, was a pleasant chance to slow down and appreciate those who attended, talk things over, and enjoy everything but the weather. Rain had held off at Orono. The Samoset lobby held a large circle of seating by late Sunday afternoon and no one was out on the golf course in the damp fog. Cocktail hour was hardly dressy and many of us didn't stir to leave and eat downtown. For some reason the schooner captain decided not to attempt the sail with the deck full of twenty some "70 plussers"—high seas, wind, and rain, temperatures in the high 40's. We piled into bus or car to avail ourselves of some of the Rockland area attractions—the bus riders had lunch at Lincolnville Beach. Walking inside to dinner Monday evening, the rain was just sheeting down the large windowpanes looking out where the breakwater is, but no light could be seen. **Mary Flood Thompson's** husband, John, did bring her over from Friendship to have a taste of Reunion after she was unable to come earlier because of illness. **Jane Barker** cancelled from Bar Harbor and the

Knowleses did not set out from Falmouth—it was "a dark and rainy night!" Our 50th Reunion was a very full period of time, and we certainly missed those of you who could not make it. I, for one, would like to revisit many of the events in order to speak with those of you I missed talking with at the time.

I finally have looked at InCircle. I said I'd try to get something going for the Class of '57. This is not something I feel that I can do alone. Is there anyone out there who could help with part of it?

Three additional forms and a correction showed up after we had printed the Memory Book. Please correct **Dottie Butler's** street address to: 26 Nottingham Street in your *Memories*. The telephone and town are correct.

After retiring from a long career in the American National Red Cross, **Richard V. Dillenbeck** is comfortably settled at: 3344 Quaker Spring Road in Augusta, Georgia 30907-3644. He spends the summer months at his 1990s-built summer home on China Lake, where he grew up, and his daughter and family have a home close by. His son lives nearby. Dick usually goes back to a second "home" in Germany for a month to pursue his long-time hobby of mountain hiking and climbing. You may reach Richard at: r.v.dillenbeck@att.net.

Retired from Ingersol Rand, **Edward L. Farrar**, known as "Bird," who was a member of Tau Beta Phi and Delta Tau Delta, lives at: 733 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, Florida 33947 during the cool parts of the year and summers at: 43 Sunset Drive, Pemaquid, Maine 04558. He and his wife, Marion, have four children and nine grandchildren that keep them interested in fishing and boating and doing genealogy. He is also active in several historical societies.

Presque Isle native **William C. Harvey**, who majored in zoology, went on to graduate with an M.D. from Cornell University Medical School in 1962. Currently he is chief, nuclear medicine service, Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas and living at: 8919 Meadowknoll Drive, Dallas, Texas 75243 with his wife, Katherine Calabria Harvey. His field of study was nuclear medicine and he published extensively from 1966 to 1971 on a variety of topics. He was appointed to Air Force hospitals in 1968 through 1974 and then went into teaching in Texas, D.C., and the Southwest. He has four children.

Wedding anniversary notes I'm aware of: Jim '56 and **Louise Jenney Rouvalis** quietly renewed their vows during the Reunion weekend. Don and **Mary E. Donnell Burchard** had a Popham Beach cottage rented and an anniversary brunch given by their daughters and sons-in-law, right across the river from their honeymoon location. John and **Gretchen Vickery Sliva** were honored at an afternoon gathering at their son and daughter-in-law's in Randolph, Maine. There likely are enough more of these to fill an entire column—please let me know!

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Classmates! We almost lost our space in this issue because all of you have been so calm and quiet in what you have been doing that there was no news to report. However, one brave soul saved us. **Stephen Law** and his wife, Elaine, are in the process of trying to give to a non-profit organization 115 acres of forestland with the stipulation that the land be used to teach children about the importance of the forest in Maine's future. Stephen, who was a U.S. Forest Service civil engineer, started, with his wife, a hands-on program called Kids and Trees Growing Together. Through this program, elementary school pupils in Guilford, Milo, and Dexter plant Christmas trees and care for them on the Laws' acreage. By the time they are seniors in high school, the trees will be ready to be sold as a fundraising event towards their graduation. During the years, the children learn about every aspect of trees and their growing through field trips to the forest and talks from Stephen regarding the necessity of keeping the forests growing and renewing and replacing. Hopefully, some organization will accept the land and the program.

Now another reminder about our 50th Reunion, which will run from May 28 to June 1, 2008. A boat cruise on *The Katahdin*, pizza party from Pat's, the Senior Alumni luncheon, and a reception at the President's House before the alumni banquet are some of the things that the executive committee is putting in place for the weekend. You should



Elisabeth Hibbard Smith '57 received a Block "M" Award at Reunion from alumni association chair, John Rohman '68, for her outstanding service to her class. As the '57 correspondent for the past ten years, Liz has never missed a column. She also serves as class secretary and was coeditor of the class's 50th Reunion Memory Book.

have received materials from the university regarding these events by the time you are reading this column. I would remind you to pay your alumni dues, so that you can continue to receive the magazine and other materials from UMaine, especially the materials relative to Reunion. Fundraising to help the university is a big part of the reunion setup, so please consider a healthy donation this year and next to be credited to the class reunion fund. A memory book will be put together, so if you have pictures, souvenirs, etc. that you would like to have included, send them to a member of the committee or to me or to the alumni association at the University of Maine.

And a question related to Reunion—is there a member of the Class of '58 who is a member of the clergy and would be willing to conduct a memorial service on Saturday, May 31, 2008? If so, please contact "**Mickey**" **Mitchell Shibles**, Val Mitchell at the alumni association (207-581-1144), or me.

Again, I ask that you send me information on you and your families because without it, this column will disappear!

**Make your plans now for
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Hi '59ers! First of all, the most important reminder is that our 50th Reunion will be June 8-10, 2009. Start thinking now about your plans to attend and reconnect with classmates.

Scary as it may seem, it will be here before you know it. Also remember that in making any contributions, please designate to our class fund. Your reunion committee has already begun lots of

planning. We will be starting to test the email addresses that we have soon and hope to add more so if you want to get the latest info make sure we have your most up-to-date one. Just send your email address to: nonni28@adelphia.net.

As well as working tirelessly for our class, **Nonni Hilchey Daly** writes that she has a new passion in life—horses! She is the proud owner of a seven-year-old gelding, Bruizer's Lil Star. She reports that six of his last starts have resulted in a paycheck! As a result of her new interest, Nonni is involved in Maine Harness Racing, Standardbred Pleasure Horse Organization of Maine, and is vice chair of the Standardbred Industry Advisory Committee of Maine. In addition, she's been spending a great deal of time with the equine program at UMaine helping the student groups and promoting the program. In recognition of her work her papers are being evaluated to award her adjunct professor of equine studies status in the animal and veterinary services department, college of natural sciences, forestry, and agriculture. She also enjoys working as an advisor to the equestrian and drill teams and the student equine marketing committee. Wow! Way to go, Nonni! It's never too late to start a new career.

If you happened to see the Tony Awards you would have seen that Brooks Ashmanskas, talented son of

Joycemarie Crockett Ashmanskas, was nominated for Best Featured Actor in a Musical. He was honored for his Broadway role in *Martin Short: Fame Becomes Me*. What an honor to be nominated! He is currently appearing in a show in Boston, *Present Laughter*, and I have seen him written up in the *Boston Globe* several times. His acting career on Broadway has also included appearances in revivals of *Gypsy* and *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying* and off-Broadway in *Songs For A New World*.

On another happy note, **Bob** and I attended the wedding of classmate **Judy Adams Gardiner** to Harry Connor on June 21 in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. A wonderful occasion! Judy and Harry honeymooned in Maine and are living in her home in Old Saybrook.

I received a nice email telling of a get-together of classmates and their wives, **John** and Norma **Laverty** and **Gerry** and Rose Marie **Kirwin** at the Kirwins' home in Burke, Virginia.

John is retired and they spend winters in Annapolis, Maryland, to be near their daughter and granddaughter, and summer in Kennebunk. Gerry is retired from the Department of the Navy but has returned to work as a Department of Homeland Security detailee.

They noted that they are amazed at the changes on campus and Bangor but that Pat's remains the same. John still plays guitar with amateur groups in Maine and Maryland while Gerry plays handball and rides his 1985 motorcycle. Both look forward to the 50th Reunion in 2009.

Gerry Gordon has been in the news regarding his exploits in support of the environment. In his daily four to seven walks he retrieves discarded bottles, cans, and other debris from returnables. This is a lesson, folks, that we need to encourage more recycling. Gerry returned to Maine after teaching history for 35 years at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania, where he also started running and competing in road races. Now he combines his walking with doing his part for the environment.

Ernie Hollis sent the following: "Although mostly retired as an engineering fellow and program manager at Lockheed-Martin and an adjunct professor at various universities in the U.S. and England, **Ernie Hollis**, a recipient of UMaine's Distinguished Engineer Award, is still inventing. After three and a half

years of effort and aperiodic funding, his microelectronics invention entitled 'High Speed, High Density, Low Power Die Interconnect System' is now pending. At 90 pages of text and 45 pages of figures it is the largest patent application that either he or the patent attorney has ever done. He continues to write, fly radio-controlled airplanes, teach spreadsheets, and enjoy his two grandchildren."

Milton Huntington has started writing "Milt's Musings," a column for the *Capital Weekly* in Augusta. Milt has a long history in the newspaper business starting as sports editor for his high school paper and then his first job for the *Republican Journal* in Belfast. While in the Army he discovered his interest in writing, took correspondence courses, and majored in journalism at the University of Maine when he returned home. He served as editorial page editor for the *Maine Campus*. He worked at the *Waterville Morning Sentinel* and then the *Kennebec Journal* as reporter and photographer. In addition he worked in public relations for the Maine Department of Economic Development, Maine Highway Safety Committee, and as executive director of the Maine Petroleum Institute. In retirement he has returned to his first love of being a columnist.

The stone home of **Roger (G)** and Roseanne **Paradis** in Fort Kent, Maine, was recently featured in the *Bangor Daily News*. Built in 1975 in the French-Canadian "manoir" style, its construction features stones they picked from the local fields. Roger has been a history professor and Acadian folklorist at the University of Maine at Fort Kent and is currently writing a history of the Acadians with a focus on the deportation. The home features examples of Roseanne's talents as a quilter, weaver, and knitter.

That's all for now. See you in '09!

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Again greetings! It is hard to believe we have only three years to our 50th Reunion. Please, everyone—contact the classmates you stay in touch with and encourage them to send

me news, and also to start planning now for the college reunion of a lifetime! For certain the alumni office will be in touch with every member of our class, and if the 50th is your first reunion ever, you will have waited for the best! And now, here is the news I have collected since the June column.

Joe and Judy Pride Drapeau have been living in St. Augustine, Florida, for seven years. Judy gives tours of the Oldest House one day a week and also works as an assistant librarian at the St. Augustine Research Library two days a week.

Felicia Schroetel Lee is at: 3743 Stokes Avenue in Charlotte, North Carolina 28210. She has worked 38 years as a librarian in the various places she has lived and has done a lot of world traveling in Europe, Turkey, Greece, Mexico, and most recently to Norway, England, China, and Croatia. Felicia has one daughter, Heidi, who is a nutritionist, and five grandchildren. As a retiree, she babysits, teaches swimming to autistic children, and mentors an after-school program for same.

Charlie Colwell is the Reverend Dr. Charles, who was ordained at St. Luke's Cathedral in Portland in the spring of 1963. He has just completed a book, *Embracing the Secular: Confessions of a Parish Priest*, which will be published in the late fall. He has been an Episcopal priest for 44 years, serving in the South Bronx in an inner city parish, later working in prisons and hospitals, and then in Manhattan for five years, and on to the church of St. Barnabas in Irvington, New York, in 1972 where he has been rector for 35 years. On 9/11 he and his wife and visiting Australian friends watched the twin towers burn and collapse. Charlie is president of an organization he founded to bring people of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faiths together. He and wife, Judy, have been married for 43 years. Judy is a psychotherapist. The Colwells have three grown daughters.

Classmate **Tom Lapointe**, who grew up in Van Buren, an ethnically diverse community, went on to be a town manager in Carmel and Thomaston before accepting a New Jersey gig in Lakewood, New Jersey, another very diverse community. Like many other cities in the country in the turbulent era of civil rights demonstrations, Tom experienced two riots in two years and his leadership there did not go unnoticed. In 1979 he received an award

from the Human and Civil Rights Association of New Jersey, for "exemplary efforts in promoting human and civil rights" in the state. Tom has recently written a story of the urban unrest he experienced in a book entitled, *A Time of Trouble: Speaking out on Race and Government Policy*. The book is published by Cloonfad Press. Tom retired in 1993.

Another "county" classmate, **Gaylen Flewelling** of Easton, received the president's award from the Maine Potato Board in March. Gaylen, president of the board in 1990 and 1996, grew potatoes for 32 years. Along with his son, Brend '89, Gaylen raises 650 acres of processing and chip potatoes, and 650 acres of barley. He also has served on the National Potato Council for a number of years. In 1985 Gaylen was the Grand Champion Potato grower for McCain Foods, and in 1992 he was the top grower for McCain foods. It is great to hear good news of farmers in Aroostook!

Nancy Morse Dysart, after retiring from the University of Maine Alumni Association, has been working on special projects, including the completion of a capital campaign for the Greenville hospital. On December 31 she will officially retire from her position as the director of the Children's Miracle Network of Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems. Nancy helped raise a half-million dollars for the organization. Also, in June she completed her 27th telethon for children's healthcare for Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Maine, raising \$641,454.

Nancy also writes that last October she and college roommates, **Sandie Page** and **Gail Mallet Rae**, engaged a Registered Maine Guide to take them on a trip of a lifetime to go on a moose calling expedition in Rockwood, Maine. Along with four other women, they spent three days in the Maine north woods calling moose. The final evening, just before nightfall, their guide called the largest bull moose Nancy had ever seen, and she has seen more than she could count. The magnificent bull weighed 1,200 pounds and came within 10 feet of where they were sitting. An unexpected by-product of their journey was a TV production of the expedition filmed by Ursus Productions. It has been aired several times on "Harry Vandemiers' Northwoods Journal" so perhaps some of you may have seen it. What would be an alumni news column without some "moosecelania?" The roommates

also get together at Sandie's Maine home on Marshall Pond in Hebron, Maine, in September and hope **Connie Atherton Martin** will join them. Nancy and Donald are easing into the world of retirement and in October of this year will visit Homeport, their cottage on Prince Edward Island.

Do you remember our class twins Catharine and Cynthia Ayer? **Catharine** and **Phil Curtis** are in Maine near Biddeford Pool. They are both retired and have three adult married children, and six grandchildren. Catharine worked for many years as an administrator at a home for the aging, Wardwell Home in Saco. Phil worked as a math teacher and coach at Thornton Academy in Saco for 32 years. Catharine says she and Phil have a good time biking one-half mile from the ocean, and Phil plays tennis and buys and sells antiques at K & B Antiques in Saco. **Cynthia** and husband, **Bob Hickey** '59, are in East Sandwich, Massachusetts. Cynthia has worked as a volunteer for hospice, as director, and Bob "taught chemistry, forever." They have five children and 10 grandchildren.

After speaking with **Diane Tatlock Pierce** in Las Vegas, I got a lead on some other classmates.

Bonny and **Bob Brown** are living in Scarborough. Bob's passion has been coaching and he has worked at Boston University, USM, and Chevrus High School. They also are enjoying retirement and seven grandchildren, three in San Antonio with their son, and four in Marblehead with their daughter. Their son, Brett, is coach for the San Antonio Spurs basketball team. The team just won the national championship! They love retirement, and time during the warmer months in the Steuben, Maine, area. Also very close to them and summering down east are **Dick** and **Barbara York Sturgeon**. As I was unable to reach them, I do not have family details. **Carol Robinson Jones** also lives in the Portland area. More news in the next column on these folks. So for now, from the land of pine, potatoes, and people, all the best! Gail

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This is a recording. Press one if you plan to send me news this fall! I can only share the news you send to me. So please! You've got the email address. Use it. We ARE interested in you!

Our class president, **Larry Schiner**, retired after more than 40 years as a college athletic director. I'm told that Larry and Barbara plan to retire in South Carolina. Larry and Barbara, along with **June Toulouse Heintz** and **Ernie Ridlon**, attended the New Jersey alum picnic at the Monmouth Race Track in June. I don't think any of the three walked away a big financial winner but fun winners all.

Don Sturgeon and wife, Jane, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Black Bear Inn. Don retired from Old Town High School in 1996 after 28 years as principal. The Sturgeons have kids and grandkids who are also alums. **Charles and Paula Chamberlain Hanson** sent a note that they have moved back to New Harbor for their retirement years after living and working in Maryland. **David and Nancy Quigg Smith** have moved back to Maine from Taunton, Massachusetts, where they have been since graduation.

Phil Taylor also retired this year. Phil spent 34 years in law enforcement. Now that he's retired, he says, "I miss it. I see those blue expired stickers on cars and can't stop them anymore!" Phil's entire career was in police work—first as an MP in the Army, then with Pinkerton Detective Agency, and finally with the Bethel Police Department. His military career included service in Germany and Vietnam.

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Celebrating their 45th class anniversary at Reunion 2007 in early June are (left to right): Lois Murdock Libby ('63) Larry Libby, Jeff and Peg Boothby Lyon, and Jayne Fitz Wilcox.

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Our 45th Reunion was another terrific success. For those classmates unable to attend, I will try to bring a bit of the weekend spirit to you via this column. I hope it will encourage you all to mark your calendars now to make plans to be there for our 50th. It is, after all, the renewing of friendships and memories that makes each reunion so special.

Two members of our class were honored at the alumni awards breakfast on Sunday morning. Colonel **F. William Smullen** received the 2007 Alumni Career Award. Bill was recognized for his 30-year-long distinguished military career, during which he traveled to 110 countries and earned, among many others, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star. Bill served as special assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs under both Admiral William Crowe and General Colin Powell. General Powell and Bill retired from the Army on the same day and Bill joined the general as his executive assistant through the writing of *My American Journey* and the establishment of America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth. When Powell became secretary of state, he chose Bill to be his chief of staff. Ever active, Bill is now profes-

sor of public relations at Syracuse University. He has been asked by UMaine to return this October as a guest speaker. No certain date had been set as of this writing, however Bill would love classmates to join him on campus this fall. Contact me for an update.

Our own class vice president and executive agent, **Gary Cran**, was the recipient of the 2007 Black Bear Award. Gary was honored for his work on behalf of the university as chair of the President's Development Council and his generous contributions of time, effort, and money to UMaine over the years since graduation. Gary and his wife, Sally, have also established a legacy gift through the UMaine Foundation. As part of our executive board, Gary works just as tirelessly for the Class of '62. The Crans are avid sailors. Gary's boat, appropriately named *Black Bear*, provides much needed rest and relaxation during the summer months off the Maine coast near Owls Head where they live.

The highlight of the Reunion weekend had to be the lobster luncheon, class meeting, and auction held at Dick '60 and president **Nancy Nichols Hogan's** lovely lakeside home in Dedham. It was a beautiful warm June day and Dick spent hours ferrying classmates around Phillips Lake in their boat. At our class meeting, we voted to raise the amount of the 1962 **Val Beck Sterritt** Scholarship Fund awards to \$1,000 each, with first preference still given to descendants of class members. All your class officers agreed to continue in their present

roles for the next five years and with the help of a strong reunion committee will get us ready for 2012. To close the class meeting, **Pat Smith Ranzoni** inspired us with a reading of her poem, "Steps," written for the dedication of the renovated Fogler Library steps. Pat and **Ed**, reunion committee members, joined us for the weekend from their home in Bucksport. Pat donated four copies of her latest collection of poetry, *Only Human: Poems from the Flyway*, for our class auction. **Tom Patrick**, once again, served as auctioneer, and skillfully raised over \$2,000 for our scholarship fund. He has promised to take on that role again in 2012. Tom and wife, **Linda Gillis Patrick**, live in Boothbay, but have a passion for travel. Last winter they spent 55 days on an exciting round-the-world cruise aboard the *Queen Mary II*. The Patricks, long supporters of UMaine, were among the main contributors to the Fogler Library renovations.

During the afternoon at Nancy's, we celebrated landmarks. Class treasurer **Lin and Sue McNeary Billings** won the award for most reunions attended. Sue and Lin joined us from their summer home in Blue Hill. They built a log cabin on Morgan's Bay a few years back and now enjoy the sunrise over Cadillac Mountain from the front porch each morning while having their coffee. **Dick and Rosemary Rich Leonard** were honored for having the most children attend UMaine. Dick and Rosemary spend winters in Daytona Beach, summers in Maine, and always manage to be at reunions. They also volunteered to serve on

our 50th committee. The award for driving the oldest car went to **Eli** and **Ann Crichton Karter '63**. They are the proud owners of a restored 1965 Mustang. Eli and Ann, also helping with the next reunion, winter in Florida as well, and spend summers at their beautiful seaside house in Phippsburg. During the winter, Eli can be found on the golf course three or four times a week, but, according to Ann, becomes an avid fisherman once he hits the Maine coast.

Several other classmates have volunteered to help us get ready for the next Reunion. **Jayne Fitz Wilcox**, definitely winning the "most miles traveled" award, came all the way from Wasilla, Alaska, to join us for the weekend. Jayne teaches math at Wasilla High School, loves to ski, fish, garden, and entertain visitors to her frozen wonderland. This was Jayne's first time back to UMaine, but she has promised it will not be the last. Other first timers and volunteers are **Lee** and **Marion Johnson Sanborn '63**. Lee is a retired homebuilder. He and Marion spend winters in Florida, but return to Maine to summer in Stockton Springs. They both love to travel. Lee, who restores old cars, is currently working on a '66 Mustang and a '69 Jag. Other faithful Reunion attendees willing to work for us once again are: **Millie Simpson Stewart**, **Blake Donaldson**, and **Barbara Williams Gee**. Millie and her husband, Al, drove up from Brunswick for the day with **Dill Paiste**. Millie had a very busy summer ahead of her. Along with her work at the Mid-Coast Hospital she is also planning a wedding for their daughter. Dill, a wonderful cook, continues to help Millie as a part-time chef at the hospital café while he and wife, Kitty, are in Maine for the summer. The Paistes recently returned from a three and a half-week trip from Chicago to Los Angeles via the famous Route 66. Talk about memories for people our age! They then traveled up the coast of California to spend time in Napa before heading home. Dill loves to fish. He ties his own flies and donated a box of beautiful flies for the class auction.

Blake Donaldson, retired after 35 years with Aetna Insurance, lives in Thomaston. He and wife, Alethe Flint Donaldson '61, love to spend time with their six grandchildren in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. They are avid birdwatchers and are currently researching their family genealogy. Blake serves on the boards of Thomaston Academy, the town



Class of '62 correspondent Diane Ingalls Zito enjoys a visit with classmate Lin Billings at Reunion 2007 in June. Lin's wife, Susan McNeary Billings, is also a '62 class member.

historical society, and his church. **Barbara Gee** joined us once again from Minnesota. She and classmate **Ann Adjutant**, from Yarmouth, are regulars at reunions and continue to provide me each year with news of their latest travel adventures. They planned a trip in the summer and I know I will have interesting tales to share with you all once they return home.

Kay Kenney Wilkins is happily retired from IBM to Branch Lake in Ellsworth. She keeps busy with gardening and coordinating the community garden at Woodlawn (the Black House, for those of you who grew up in the area). **Jerry** and **Linda MacDonald Hunnewell** traveled to Reunion, once again, in their motor home. Jerry is recently retired and they plan to move to Lake Lanier, Georgia, to be nearer their grandchildren. However, summers will always be spent at their cottage overlooking Mt. Katahdin. **Jim Wakefield** and wife, Angie, spend winters in Fort Meyers and summers in Marblehead, Massachusetts. Jim retired in 2002 and wonders, like many of us, "how he ever had time to work." The Wakefields keep very busy gardening, working on their family genealogy, and traveling. **Pete Forbush** joined us from his home in Marlborough, Massa-

chusetts. Pete still works as a consultant to financial institutions in New England, but finds time to play golf and visit with his six grandchildren at the Cape. **Jeff** and **Margaret Boothby Lyon**, who logged over 60 years of teaching between them, have finally retired and live in Millersville, Pennsylvania. They recently purchased a condo in Naples, Florida, where they will be able to enjoy their newly acquired hobby of golf during the winter months. **David** and **Jean Elliott Warren** live in Surry. They are in the process of renovating their second home, but manage to find time for their seven grandchildren, Jean's watercolor painting, and David's love of the woods. **Nellie Gushee Hedstrom** and husband, **Warren '61**, both had careers at UMaine. Nellie retired in 2005 and Warren is due to do the same this fall. The Hedstroms spend leisure time at their camp on

Nicatous Lake in Hancock County. **Judy Blom Coccia**, another first



GARY CRAN '62 was presented with a Black Bear Award at Reunion 2007 on June 3. In addition to being a very active member of his class, Gary served on the Pulp and Paper Foundation Board and is currently a member of the President's Development Council. Gary is such an avid Black Bear hockey fan that he named his boat Black Bear.

timer to Reunion, traveled to Orono from River Falls, Wisconsin. She spent her career in medical research at various institutions, the last 25 years at the University of Minnesota in cancer studies. She has been retired for 10 years now, and enjoys many hobbies and travel. **Susan Merrill Blaisdell** spends winters in Danbury, Connecticut, and summers in her Maine cottage in the historic theatre complex of Lakewood. During the year, most of her travel involves time spent in the Finger Lakes region of New York to be with children and grandchildren. **Norm Farrar**, now living in a FEMA trailer off the shores of the Dog River near Mobile, Alabama, sends his appreciation to classmates for their words of support. A victim of Hurricane Katrina, Norm has retained his sense of humor and is always a joy to have at reunions. **Larry Libby** and wife, **Lois Murdock Libby '63**, first timers at Reunion, recently acquired a summer home in Lamoine, and promise to join us at the 50th. Larry retired as director of the John Glenn School of Public Policy at The Ohio State University. The Libbys winter in Columbus, but plan to be in Maine from May until November from now on.

I will have a bit more news about the weekend in my next column, but I am sure you have figured out by now that the 45th Reunion was a huge success. The only thing that would have made it better would have been your attendance. It is not too soon to call old friends, contact sorority or fraternity buddies, and make a commitment to join us in June of 2012 when we celebrate our 50th. We are counting on you!

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Now is the time, classmates, to be thinking of next June and our 45th Reunion weekend. If you have any suggestions, please send them to one of your class officers. Email addresses for **Irv Marsters**: composition@bangorlettershop.com, for **Baron Hicken**: Bbhicken@aol.com, and mine is listed above. In the coming months, you will be receiving mailings about the events. We hope that many of

you will consider this celebration, now that so many are retired and able to take the time to reconnect with college friends.

I got an email from **Sondra Holmes Hill**. She writes, "We want to remain Nevada residents since there's no state income tax here, which makes it nice. When in Maine last year we saw **Jeff Ackor** and his wife for dinner on the coast at the B&B where we stayed for two nights."

Bruce Wentworth writes, "The latest *MAINE Alumni Magazine* reminded me that I should break silence and send you my little news. After 28 years in banking, I have retired from Citizens Bank, a large bank in the eastern U.S., where I had positions as a branch manager and most recently as a branch operations officer. I still enjoy running 10-15 miles per week and ran the Downtown 5K in Providence last fall. Retirement allows me to travel to conferences with my wife, Rosemary, who is a mental health and substance abuse counselor. Last year we went to Florida, Pennsylvania, and Scotland. This coming summer we look forward to spending three weeks in China and Mongolia as participants in a People to People Ambassador Program. At home, I continue to serve as a director for the Visiting Nurse Association of Care New England. I had a nice Reunion last fall with classmate and teammate **Bernd "Ben" Heinrich** at a gathering at his cabin in Weld. He is retired as a zoology professor at UVM and continues his research and writing. His next book (#10) is scheduled for publication this summer."

While in Florida this winter, I drove over to the east coast to Palm Beach Gardens, to see **Judy Shaw Furlotte**. Judy and her husband, Paul, have a lovely home in the PGA community there. Judy is a travel consultant with Unique Travel of Palm Beach. Her email is: JudyF@UniqueTrav.com and her phone number is (877) 999-3663. If you want a great trip, contact her to arrange it. I have done it and many other friends have gone on trips using her and we all agree, it's the way to go!

Jim and Joan Marshall Hanson stayed with me for a few nights while we were in Florida. They are enjoying the freedom of traveling to Maine in summer and South in the colder months, but they live in the Greensboro, North Carolina, area where Jim can enjoy playing golf most of the year. Joni is enjoying



Amos Orcutt '64 received a Black Bear Award at Reunion 2007 for his outstanding management of the University of Maine Foundation and for his leadership and support of his fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho.

being near the grandchildren.

From Baron Hicken, "I have not retired, making too much money for the time put in. **Chubb Michaud** and I are going to La Paz, Mexico, this year for our annual Dad's Day adventure with our sons Matt and Mark."

I did hear from **Bo Robertson** in February. I stored his letter and when I went to open it, my Adobe Reader would not let me open it! So, I apologize for not having his news and ask him to email me again. The first weekend in June—mark it on your calendars!

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One of the joys of Maine is the unique character of her people and ranging variety in the state, so tied to "real" that even non-fiction can seem like fiction to the reader. Most famous of her writers today is probably the University of Maine's own Stephen King '70 and his wife, Tabitha Spruce King '71. But were you aware that Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland and attended Bowdoin College? That Nathaniel Hawthorne lived in Raymond, Maine, as a teen and also attended Bowdoin? That Harriet Beecher Stowe was a resident of Brunswick, and E. B. White of

Charlotte's Web fame was inspired by a spider in his outhouse in Brooklin, Maine? Terry Goodkind of Mount Desert Island's work includes *Wizard's First Rule*, a book which at a 1994 auction brought the most money of any fantasy novel in history, and Tess Gerritsen, a full-time Maine writer, is the contemporary author of medical dramas such as *Life Support* and *Bloodstream*. And in all this, what I am getting to is our own Sanford "**Sandy**" Phippen, who can be found in the English department at Neville Hall at the University of Maine, is the author of a slew of highly regarded books:

People Trying to be Good, *Kitchen Boy*, plays such as: *Standing Just Outside the Door* and *Other Plays*, *The Police Know Everything*, *The Straight and Crazy Doped Up World*, and others. Sandy is the editor of the *Puckerbrush Review*, Maine's literary magazine since 1978.

Which reminds me, if you have something special you do or sell, let us know. Buying Maine is fun and nostalgic and often the best way to go!

Sandy reports that his college roommate **David Wiggin** retired as superintendent of schools for Appleton, Hope, and Lincolnville last year, and that **Mary Day Monahan**,



Lewis Pearson '63, '65G received a Black Bear Award at Reunion 2007 on June 3. Lew is a longtime supporter of his alma mater and has been instrumental in organizing alumni and other University of Maine events and activities in the Washington, D.C., area.

whose late husband, **Gene Monahan**, was our class vice president, has moved back to Maine.

And while we are speaking of writers, our classmate **Paul Reynolds** received four first place awards in the annual outdoor writing competition—one for best humor in a magazine, one for best opinion in a magazine, one for best opinion in a newspaper, and a first place for best still life photograph in a magazine. Paul is editor of the *Northwoods Sporting Journal* and writes a weekly outdoor column for the *Lewiston Sun-Journal*.

Alan Hall (engineering physics major) writes that he retired after 36 years with IBM, a job that traveled him to every state in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, England, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Iceland, Japan, and Singapore. Imagine being "home" after all that. He apparently has the travel bug, however, because he says that all three of his children live in good places for him and his wife to visit—Annapolis, Maryland; Kailua, Hawaii; and York, Pennsylvania. He and Kathy are in New York, IBM's hometown.

Momentarily we are expecting news that **Dewey Chase** welcomed his first granddaughter. He expected to catch up this summer with **Phil** and **Susan Keene Morse** and **Donald McBeth**, where his "welcome mat is always out at Pemaquid Point."

As we slide into another academic year and end of summer, be sure to keep your eyes on the Black Bears and our University of Maine. Those alumni publications are wonderful! And write or email me what you are doing. You would be surprised how many compatriots you may find or renew!

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It is easy for me to picture **Henry "Hank" Schmelzer** in his office at the Maine Community Foundation in Ellsworth. The building was the former Ellsworth train station. I grew up on the street right above the station and spent lots of fun hours with my sisters and friends at the

station. "Applebee," the stationmaster, and his helper Sam never seemed to mind our questions and gave us free rein to play all over the property. An extra attraction in the summer was the arrival of the Bar Harbor Express, bringing families and their help from Philadelphia to their palatial summer cottages in Bar Harbor and on MDI. Hank is president and CEO of this Ellsworth-based nonprofit organization with assets over \$200 million. Hank has been chosen by *Mainebiz* as its 2007 Business Leader of the Year. In 2006, the Maine Community Foundation awarded a record \$18 million in grants including over \$116,000 for Hancock County programs including a play area for children living in transitional housing for domestic violence victims; nature programs and workshops for K-12 grade students, and a project to study affordable housing needs in an area town. In 2000, Hank left a Boston asset management group where he oversaw \$80 billion in investments and a 240-member staff. He wanted to work for a nonprofit organization that had a clear social mission. Maine Community Foundation was a perfect match, as Hank and his wife, Cynthia, already owned a summer home in Somesville on MDI and had an extensive network of many friends and contacts. Hank has obviously gained a quality of life and fulfilling work that makes a clear social and economic impact.

Over the years, I have reported on the many volunteer projects of **Roberta Fowler**, an Old Town resident. She was recognized at AARP Maine's annual volunteer recognition awards ceremony and luncheon—with the Belle Rush Award, given to volunteers who have participated in community activities and projects sponsored by an AARP chapter. In 2005, Roberta was a recipient of one of the WLBZ-2 Those Who Care Awards.

Michael Hope, a native of Pemaquid, who started with our '65 Class, recently retired with more than 40 years of dedicated federal service, most recently as area specialist in the Scarborough office of USDA rural development. Michael helped families and enterprises in his long career and was often the first to try new programs. He said in a newspaper story, "one of my most difficult changes was financing aquaculture in the early days when no one else would; and helping get running water and indoor plumbing for the first time was one of the most

memorable." Michael has been well respected among his peers and colleagues and continues to dedicate his time to rural Maine through volunteerism in his retirement.

Roger Moody was named the Camden-Rockport-Lincolnville Chamber of Commerce's Townsperson of the Year. He has retired from the Camden National Bank but remains active in several community endeavors.

Charles "Chick" '61 and **Pam Braley O'Leary** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in May at a party hosted by their daughter Ann at the Sea Dog in Bangor. They recently became grandparents of a third granddaughter, Violet Yi Lan O'Leary-Liu, who lives with her parents, Ann and Goodwin, in Berkeley, California. Ann is an attorney with the city of San Francisco and Goodwin is an attorney and professor of law at UC-Berkeley. Pam and Chick's oldest daughter, Kate, now lives in Bristol, Connecticut. Their granddaughter Alicia is 17 and her sister Megan is 15.

Sanna Crossley Purcell and her husband, Bill, are enjoying visits to their retirement home at The Landings on Skidaway Island, Savannah, Georgia. They presently live in Thornwood, New York. Their son Brandon will be attending the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley in August.

I have been a patient at Norwalk Hospital (again) since May 1. It is now June 25 so I hope to be at my home soon. I really enjoy hearing from classmates.

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I just received notice from Nancy Kinney '65 that her husband, **Mark Kinney**, was the recipient of a Fulbright Grant from the State Department to teach in Hungary. While teaching education courses, he coordinated faculty seminars, developed new programs, and sang in two choirs. Now back in the states, Mark is serving on the Presque Isle (Michigan) County Commission.

Jim Jenkins and his wife, Anne Witham Jenkins '67, were co-recipi-

ents of the Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce's Persons of the Year Award. They received the prestigious honor at the chamber's 82nd annual awards dinner in February at the Samoset Resort before 400 members and guests. Both are active and involved in community life. After graduation from Maine, Jim was commissioned, serving with the 101st Airborne as a pilot in Vietnam. He earned an MBA from William and Mary. He has taught economics, and enjoys a successful career with UBS Financial Services. Away from the office, Jim has served and raised funds for many nonprofits in and around Owls Head. He serves on the board of the University of Maine Foundation and is past president of the Rockland Rotary Club. His love of the outdoors made him an obvious candidate to raise funds for Ducks Unlimited to preserve wetlands and habitats for waterfowl. Jim is a true giver, but his greatest love, besides his wife of 40 years, are their two children and five grandchildren. An amusing memory: The Class of '66 had two students named James D. Jenkins. At the end of the fall semester (sophomore year) the registrar's office crossed their grade reports in the mail. Jim says, "I was dancing when I saw all the As and Bs while the other Jim was obviously shocked with his grades. Unfortunately, he had the university correct the error."

Peggy Nason Swett and her daughter Lisa wrote a Bible study together for the United Methodist women's national magazine, *Response*. Their picture graced the front cover! The article, "One in the Spirit," deals with how music has pulled them together and strengthened their faith in Christ (January 2007 issue).

From the reunion information forms: **Carl Hill** lives in Windham. His daughter, Bethany Hill Fortier '93, is a UMaine grad. From 1966-87, Carl was a teacher and administrator in several Maine high schools. He spent the last 19 years at the University of Southern Maine as director of student judicial affairs, residential life, and just retired again. He and his wife, Judy, live on Little Sebago Lake and enjoy water sports and cross-country skiing. He is very involved in his community and serves on the parks and recreation advisory committee. As you read this, he and Judy are probably RVing, as he wants to travel more when he grows up!

Mike Skaling lives in Collierville,

Tennessee, and works for International Paper in Memphis. He married Pat Rodgers Skaling '67 and they have two children and four grandchildren. He enjoys road and mountain biking, powder skiing in Utah, and visiting the kids in Alaska and Utah. Some of his best memories are spring breaks at Sugarloaf.

Nancy Scamman Huber is on the faculty at the University of Arizona. She works for the provost as faculty associate for leadership development. Before she retires, she hopes to create a new minor in contemporary leadership studies. Her new interest is watercolor painting which she took up three years ago with her oldest grandson. Her memories of Maine: the fun of campus mayoral elections and her year as resident advisor with the late Blanche Henry '33.

Colonel Robert "Bobby" Michaud retired from the Army in 1992. He relocated from Sun Valley, Utah, to Bridgton, Maine, in 2005. He keeps busy playing hockey, skiing, hiking, and canoeing. At Maine, he enjoyed soccer and his fraternity, Phi Kappa Sigma. What stands out? Every day he went to classes with all assignments completed—but there weren't many!

Alice Morency Ladd retired from social work for the state of Maine Department of Human Services in 2002. Her nephew Daniel and daughter Karen Ladd '91 both are UMaine grads. Alice resides in Waterville and keeps active tile painting, reading, and taking walks with her German shepherd. Fond memories of Maine; living in a co-op her senior year, where all the women prepared their meals and maintained the household.

Gary Roderick has been very busy since he left Orono with an MBA in '67. He spent some 38 years in marketing management with some time as an independent consultant. He was published in 1991 by The Financial Institutions Association of Chicago. He and wife, Dolores, live in South Windsor, Connecticut, and spend summers at their lake cottage in Maine. He still loves to ski and enjoys a good book. He remembers Sigma Phi Epsilon, and being a member of the varsity ski team. He mentioned dating a girl between 1964-66, but I don't think it's his wife . . . soooo . . . no names!

Rebecca "Becky" Rich Waterman Otten got her master's degree at Purdue, has five children, 11 grandchildren, and is proud that her Mom and sister are both alums. Her career as an accountant/admin-

istrator brought her to Purdue University, Stanford, and Bowdoin College. She also worked in investments for Robert W. Bruce Management before retiring in 2000. She keeps active teaching nursery school, being a grandparent, and volunteering at her church and library. She's proud to have been chosen to be a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society while at Maine.

Reverend Philip Chauncey Jacobs III returned for our 40th last June, but he has had such a wonderful, rich life that I just had to wait for the proper time to share his accomplishments and contributions to humanity and God. After graduating from Maine, Phil taught high school for two years, then went to divinity school and was ordained an Episcopal priest in 1971. In 1972, he received a subsequent degree from Yale. He has served parishes in Massachusetts since 1972. He and wife, Phoebe, are rarely still for a moment. Mission trips to Labrador, national boards for the church, as well as local boards and committees. In his free time, he is restoring a 1953 Henry J automobile, camps up in Baxter State Park, attends classical music concerts, works on the Canton, Massachusetts, area Helpline and Food Pantry board, and in peace and justice activities. While at Maine, Phil was a member of the University Chorus, Canterbury Chapel, and sat on the Distinguished Faculty Award committee his senior year. Memories that stand out: huge snowfall the winter of '62-'63, attempts to drink beer before it froze on the fire escape, and being on campus during the highly political sixties. He cites my advisor, Dr. Walter Schoenberger, as preparing him to deal with an ever-changing political landscape.

Carol Ann Inforati Gaetjens lives in Peabody, Massachusetts, and has had a varied, busy life. She's taught, worked with the developmentally disabled, raised two children, taken home healthcare courses and dressage lessons, does interior design, and volunteers in many areas. She's pleased to read about the standardbred horses at the University of Maine as they can be tremendous therapy for special needs and handicapped kids, an area that is near and dear to her heart. She was a charter member of Alpha Phi sorority while at Maine.

Roger Knowlton retired from Central Maine Power in 1995, and in 2004 started a new business, Energy Solutions Partners, with his

wife, Nancy Pratt-Knowlton. Their son, Jeffrey '86, is a UMaine alum. In his free time, he volunteers for SCORE (Service Corporation of Retired Executives). Roger and his new business are located in Poland Spring, Maine.

Eileen Grossman Shulman lives in Novato, California, and retired as district sales manager for Paychex in 2004. She's married with three children and three grandchildren. She had two cousins and an aunt who graduated from UMaine. Eileen compiled many awards during her career at Paychex. She volunteers at her Jewish Community Center, plays the violin, loves to garden, travel, and enjoys her family and grandchildren. Memories: living in an all-female dorm for four years, 7:30 curfew unless you were at the library, Vincent Hartgen's Art Appreciation, and hanging out at the Den.

Paula Noyes Singer has one of the great stories that I need to share with you. When she entered college, she had only enough funds for one and a half semesters. She had no idea where she would find the funds to make it through the entire year. Her parents were in their 60s and her father could no longer work as he was diagnosed with lung cancer. She was encouraged to go to college by her high school history teacher who encouraged her to take one semester at a time and she'd find the money. In the spring of her freshman year, knowing the cafeteria needed help; she applied despite school policy against hiring freshmen at the time. She explained her financial situation as well as her past working experience in food service and was hired, enabling her to stay in school. Since she worked all four years she had no time for activities, but managed to make Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. Upon graduation she received her law degree and is a tax attorney and partner in a Newton, Massachusetts, law firm. Paula is cofounder and chairman of Windstar Technologies, the author of eight tax books, and has had over 40 articles published. Along the way, she married and had two children.

Anne Bostrom Sullivan retired from the Central Intelligence Agency in 1996 after 30 years. After Maine, she received her master's from the University of Maryland. She and husband, David, reside in Oak Harbor, Washington, where she serves on several boards, including the garden club, library, Retired Officers Club, and Friends of Home Health Care. They enjoy reading,

entertaining (she loves to cook), traveling, and community volunteering.

Robert Kittredge received a master's degree in business administration from MIT and had a second career with Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems. He lives in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, where he works. Bob retired from The Naval Undersea Warfare Center in 1999. In what free time he has, he skis, does ballroom and swing dancing, calls himself a Master Gardener, is a fly fisherman, enjoys photography, and practices drip irrigation. His personal philosophy: the realization that life is truly short, and don't settle for less than you want!

We got a couple of short notes from **Barbara Raymo Niznik** who lives north of me, right on the Canadian border in Derby, Vermont. She received her master's in human development, and has two children and three grandchildren.

Margo Wooster Hope married Michael Hope '65. They have three children and live in Pemaquid. You may reach them at: (207) 677-2193.

The day I received the spring-summer issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* back in June, I received a nice call from **Charlie Newell** who corrected my notes about him. He did not play in The Tangerine Bowl Game, but watched it on TV like most of us. Sorry, Charlie, I tried!

In closing this column, I really appreciate your kind notes and memos. This is a fun assignment and I can only hope to hear from more of you. Our 45th Reunion isn't that far off, so make plans now to be in Orono, Maine, during the first weekend of June 2011. We are planning to reserve an entire hotel off campus for the rowdy Class of '66! Believe me, you won't be too old to party!

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The Class of 1967 had a very successful 40th Reunion with 38 classmates returning, several for the first time, so we have lots of news! Everyone enjoyed the Friday night dinner and class photo, Saturday's

Bear's Den lunch, and delicious lobster at **Dave Ames'** home in Northport.

As usual, **Edie McVay King** brought our reunion history—all the class photos, Mug Book, and a poster board of memorabilia. Classmates came from near and far. Some have retired. Many had/have successful careers in the field of education. Our president, **Sue Chadbourne**, thanked everyone for coming, and for those of you who did not attend, we missed you! Plans are already underway for our 45th. Our class scholarship fund has a current market value of \$38,672.54 and the alumni association is still accepting gifts for our class reunion fund. It was noted that Dave Ames and Edie McVay King have attended ALL of our reunions!

Bob Poulsen from Poway, California, a first-time attendee, received the Greatest USA Distance Award. Bob has been a staff attorney for the San Diego Superior Court since 1988 and is on the executive committee for the annual Poinsettia Bowl and Holiday Bowl football games. He and his wife, Peggy, have one daughter, Rachel, who works for the San Diego Zoo.

Sim Oyetunji from Nigeria received the Greatest Foreign Distance Award. Sim worked for the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited from 1972 until his retirement in 1999. He now has his own engineering consulting firm, Three Ayes Technical Services Limited, in Lagos. Sim and his wife have seven children, two of whom are University of Maine graduates.

Paula Clough Gibbs has worked since graduation as a writer in various capacities and has been editor of the *Wiscasset Newspaper* (Maine) since 1998. She has a summer cottage on Long Island in Casco Bay, where many of her relatives, descendants of the Cushings, have lived for generations. Paula thought the Buchanan Alumni House was "a splendid mix of warmth and classic architecture."

Carleen Williams Cook is director of Catholic Relief Services and Missions for the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland.

Marion Agazarian Peterson retired earlier this year after seven years as director of the South Portland (Maine) Public Library.

Don Chretien recently retired from National Semiconductor. He spent his first few years after graduation as a helicopter pilot in the Marine Corps and was in Vietnam in 1970. After leaving the corps he

developed an interest in training and development and spent 20-plus years as a corporate trainer and the last five years in human resources. Don enjoyed Reunion, catching up with former classmates and friends.

Jane Wing Giglio retired in 2003 after 27 years of teaching primary grades K-2 in several area schools. The last 17 years she taught second grade at Manchester Elementary School in Manchester, Maine. Jane is thoroughly enjoying retirement. She and her husband, Ray, are planning a fall bicycling trip to the Provence region of France. After cycling for a week, they will meet Jane's daughter, Julie, and her husband, Rick, in Barcelona, Spain, to celebrate Julie's 40th birthday.

Dave Ames has been retired from the University of Maine for six years. He says, "After 40 years I still officiate between 50-60 high school and college basketball games per winter and supervise the Eastern Maine High School Basketball Tournament." Dave likes to hunt, fish, and has several large summer gardens. In February he and Adele (an honorary member of our class) celebrated their 40th anniversary.

Carol Snyder Drummond is currently studying the ethics of endocrine disruption toward a Ph.D. in conservation biology and conservation ethics.

Marge Lipton has had a very busy and active career since graduating. She spent 20-plus years at ABC News covering stories from around the world, which appeared on the evening news and "Nightline." She produced some award-winning documentaries, worked at the Council on Foreign Relations, has been a consultant at the World Economic Forum in Davos, and served a brief stint as a communications officer for UNICEF in Papua New Guinea. Currently Marge is the director of marketing, communications, and conferences for SUNY's new graduate institute in Manhattan called The Neil Levin Institute for International Relations and Commerce.

Jeff Kestenbaum has retired to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, after 38 years as an insurance executive, mostly with AIG. Jeff and his wife, Judy, have lived in Hong Kong, Tokyo, Bangkok, Boston, and New York. Now it is golf for Jeff and horses for Judi plus spending more time with their four children, seven grandchildren, and four golden retrievers.

Kristin Selmer-Larsen Cook is very busy being Grammie, but "opens her paint box when she can"



Shopping at the University Bookstore during Reunion 2007 are '67 classmates, front row (left to right): Zack Longley, G. Kelley Sherry, Edie McVay King, and John Sherry. Back row (left to right): Bob Brown, Wally Nelson, and Rick Woods.

to paint watercolors of life around Orland.

Susan Chadbourne is currently a telecommunication analyst for the office of the New York State attorney general, Andrew Cuomo.

Zach Longley is still in Newburyport, Massachusetts, helping folks with retirement planning

issues and investment counseling. He purchased his old grammar school and has his office there. Zach enjoys traveling and spending time at his camp in Cundy's Harbor, Maine, often with other classmates. His son, Zach, works for IDEX in Portland and his daughter is a lieutenant in the Navy.



Enjoying their 30th Reunion are, front row (left to right): Wally Nelson, Zack Longley, John Sherry, and Don Chretien. Back row (left to right): Dave Ames '68G, Jeff Kestenbaum, Ralph Brier, Rick Woods, Dennis Doyle, and Jerry Perkins.

Nancy Townsend Schlachter is retired from teaching school in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Brenda Erickson is retiring from FEMA after 35 years of government service.

Ray Houston has worked for ASML Holding N. V., a Netherlands-based company that supplies photolithography systems to integrated circuit manufacturers in the U.S., Asia, and Europe, since 1984. Ray works as a field service engineer mostly at IBM in Essex Junction, Vermont. He runs diagnostic tests, performs preventive maintenance, and replaces or repairs modules that do not meet performance standards. A challenge has been to learn Unix, a computer language used on European systems. Ray and his wife, Ann, live in Jericho, Vermont, and are avid golfers. He "had a very good time at Reunion."

Paul Pendleton retired from the Maine State Retirement System in 2005 after spending 38 years in public education. About two weeks later, he went to work as an assistant principal at Catherine McAuley High School, an all girls Catholic high school in Portland, Maine. Paul thought our 40th Reunion was "a great time!"

Rick Woods, with his wife, Gail, lives in Midlothian, Virginia. They enjoy their children and grandchildren, golf, bridge, and spending summers in West Bath, Maine. Rick retired in 2000.

John and G. Kelley Sherry came to Reunion after spending time with their grandchildren in Massachusetts. John is an attorney with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Dennis Doyle is retired from the publishing field, having sold his company in 2004.

Also attending were: **Ralph Brier, Bob Brown, Patty Cochrane, Janice Blethen Cramer, David Edelman, Bruce Edge, Frank Gilbert, Gene Humphrey, Nancy Watson Johnson, Patty McKay Kelly, Karen Pike Knox, Walter Nelson, Jerry Perkins, and Bernadine Dickison Robertson.**

In other news:

Stephanie Burnell Hillard was recently honored as staff member of the year by the Hartford, Vermont, school district for her many years of service and contributions to the community. She has served on the town recreation commission, the board of civil authority, the property tax review panel, and is a justice of the peace.

Mike Henderson of Mike's Maine Pickles in Easton was featured in the "Pleasing Palates" article in the January/February issue of *UMaine Today*. Mike has worked with UMaine food scientist Al Bushway '68 on his recipes, and products include old-fashioned bread and butters, dilly beans, and pickled eggs and sausages.

John Huard owns Northeast Turf, a South Portland company that has installed FieldTurf, a synthetic surface, at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts, Fitzpatrick Stadium in Portland, and at Mahaney Diamond at the University of Maine.

Anne Witham Jenkins and her husband, Jim '66, have won the Person of the Year award from the Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce in Rockland.

Hope you all had a good summer. I enjoyed being a volunteer in the Maine Healthy Beaches summer water testing program.

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Yes—I have a new email which means I am retired. I thought the transition might be difficult but by the time you read this column, we will be grandparents, we will have spent the entire summer in Maine on our sailboat, *Pemaquid*, and begun working with the reunion committee to plan our 40th Reunion—see below. It has been such a delight to reconnect with so many of you and especially **Joy Jewett Johnson**—our acting class president. With other class news: **Ted Ames** has been managing the Zone C lobster hatchery project in Stonington. A joint effort between the local lobstermen and the Penobscot East Resource Center, the hatchery project was designed to determine if hatchery-raised lobsters can survive to maturity and if stocking those lobsters can help replenish depleted lobster grounds. **Bill Brownell** has served in the U.S. District Court in Portland and recently retired as the clerk/magistrate of the federal court. Bill plans to drive across the country



For Outstanding Service and Leadership

Current alumni association board chair John Rohman '68 (right) presented the 2007 Pine Tree Emblem Service Award to former UMAA chair Bion Foster '68, '70G at Reunion on June 3. Bion's long service to the alumni association includes two terms as board chair. He continues to be an important presence on the board in the position of immediate past chair.

In addition, Bion and his wife, Dorain '68H, have been significant financial supporters of their alma mater and in particular of Buchanan Alumni House. Most recently they provided the naming gift for the alumni house's boardroom.

with his wife, Elaine Jordan Brownell '70, and play golf.

John Rohman, chairman of the Maine Arts Commission, has also served as the Bangor mayor. He is president of the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies and also on the board of the National Council for the Traditional Arts, the group responsible for the National Folk Festival. He has been to the White House on behalf of the National Endowment for the Arts, lobbied Congress for additional arts funding, and traveled to England to talk about Maine's creative economy and how rural areas of the UK can learn from Maine's experiences. News about **Fred Quivey** and his wife, Beth Hobbs Quivey '69—Fred celebrated his left click birthday with fellow Lambda Chi brothers **Skip Reynolds**, **Paul Cote**, and **Rick Woodruff** '67. Fred has retired after 16 years as the vice president and treasurer of Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania. They are now

living in Wiscasset. Their son is attending St. Lawrence University and just returned from a semester abroad in Kenya and Uganda. I dropped in on **Tom Meiser** in Winthrop, Maine, while visiting a good friend who just moved to Winthrop. He looked great and had the same wonderful sense of humor. He is now retired from the state and enjoying the good life on his wonderful home by the lake. **Jane Huard Richards** writes that they would become grandparents in July 2007. They both teach at Indiana University East.

In 40th Reunion news: Mark your calendars for May 30, 31, and June 1, 2008.

The Class of '68 Reunion Committee is in full swing and we have an incredible weekend planned. We expect a great turnout, making this Reunion the best ever.

On the first day of Reunion, Friday, May 30, there will be a Barn Party at **Greg** and **Joy Jewett**

Johnson's Snow Ridge Farm in Cundys Harbor (two hours south of Orono).

The following day, Saturday, May 31—Remember '68 tour of the campus, class lunch and meeting, and cocktail party and alumni dinner followed by after party.

Sunday, June 1—University of Maine alumni awards breakfast, followed by brunch at local classmates' homes.

More details and lodging information will be mailed to you all but if you have any questions, feel free to call or email me.

If you are planning to attend the 2007 Homecoming on October 12-14, let me know, as a bunch of us are also planning to attend. We are planning to arrange a '68 tailgate party and hope to include surrounding classes to join us.

1969

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Hello, classmates—can you believe that our 40th class Reunion will take place in two years! Keep thinking of all the friends you'd like to see back on that beautiful campus and contact them to keep that event in mind.

Alan Mark Woodward, executive editor of the *Bangor Daily News*, is the chairman of the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. Rockport fire chief **Bruce Woodward** received a special recognition award from the Camden-Rockport-Lincolnville Chamber of Commerce. In July 2006, **Greg Goodspeed** of Cumberland retired after 33-plus years in public education in southern Maine. **Duncan T. Moore** has been appointed vice provost for entrepreneurship at the University of Rochester. Duncan is the Rudolph and Hilda Kingslake Professor of Optical Engineering, professor of biomedical engineering, and professor of business administration.

Sharon and Alan Reed-Erickson of Rochester, New Hampshire, rode their tandem bicycle in the American Lung Association of New Hampshire's Clean Air Challenge. Sharon is curriculum coordinator for the Seabrook, New Hampshire, school district.

This spring our daughter, Samantha, met **Al Hodsdon** and **Steve Turner**, Senior Skull alumni

who returned to campus for the Senior Skull-All Maine Women induction. Steve and Al have returned for this event for the past few years. Samantha '02 is a co-advisor for the All Maine Women, advisor for Alpha Phi, and a member of the UMaine Alumni Association board. We are also proud of our son, Ben, who graduated from UMaine in May 2007. Later in May, **Bill** and Samantha took a vacation in China. That's our news so don't forget to send us your news.

1970

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I had an email from our classmate, **Mimi Salisbury Miller**! She and her husband, David Miller '73G, have lived in Maine and then Detroit, Michigan, and now live in Raleigh, North Carolina. They have a son, Alex, who is attending Maine Maritime Academy in Castine. David is a senior scientist with National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and has a summer lab at the MDI Biological Lab in Salisbury Cove. Mimi also spends her summers back in Maine on Mt. Desert and returns to Raleigh in September. They spend their free time riding their two horses in North Carolina and Southern Virginia.

Paul Dulac has become the superintendent of schools in Marblehead, Massachusetts. He was previously the principal of Edgartown Elementary School on Martha's Vineyard and superintendent in Plymouth, New Hampshire. He was also at the International School in Beijing, China. Paul has a master's and doctorate from Vanderbilt University. He likes to perform and has even been in an amateur musical and also enjoys fishing. If there is enough support, **Morrill Worcester** may receive the Presidential Citizens Medal for his work and generosity in placing Christmas wreaths on over 5,000 headstones in Arlington National Cemetery every year since 1991. This is the nation's second-highest award given to a U.S. citizen and was established in 1969.

Thomas Knowles and his wife, Jane Scanlon, are working to convert the former Forest Grange build-

Alumni Humanitarian Award Recipient Pamela Murphy White '71

Working to Improve the Health and Well-Being of People Around the World

The 2007 Bernard Lown '42 Alumni Humanitarian Award was presented to Pamela Murphy White '71 (journalism) during Reunion 2007 in early June. Pam has more than 29 years of service in improving the health, education, and economic well-being of people around the world.

That service started as a Peace Corps volunteer following her graduation from UMaine. After that, she began her career in the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). She worked in Haiti and numerous African countries and from 1991 to 2001 was instrumental in coordinating the delivery of much-needed food to Ethiopia and Eritrea.

Perhaps Pam's most impressive work was in Mali where, as mission director, she helped triple the number of girls attending primary school and more than doubled the percentage of children receiving vaccinations. During her tenure in Mali, the number of elected women leaders increased 200 percent. For her extraordinary work, she became just the second American to receive the Knight of the National Order of Merit (the other was President Jimmy Carter).



Pam Murphy White receives her award from alumni association president Todd Saucier '93, '97G.

ing in Lee, Maine, into an arts and community center complete with coffee and ice cream shop. Thom has retired from teaching at Lee Academy. **Gary Thorne** has taken a job as television play-by-play announcer for the Baltimore Orioles. In the past he has been a broadcaster for the New York Mets, Chicago White Sox, and for ESPN. Of course, we know he really got his start doing UMaine hockey broadcasts! Hope to have more news to report the next time we get together—keep those cards and letters coming!

Mark your calendar!
Homecoming 2007
October 12-14

1971

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Hello again at such a lovely time of the year. I hope all is well with all of our classmates and that the newsy note you've been meaning to send me is right there on the tip of your fingers! I would love to hear from any and all of you.

Our classmate **Dan Dauphinee**, operations manager of Northeastern Log Homes in Kenduskeag, was welcomed by the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce as one of their new board members. **Jack Wadsworth** has been elected to the

Fryeburg County Fair Finance Committee. Jack, after majoring in forest management, worked as a forester from 1977 to 1994 and then started his own forestry consulting business, Wadsworth Woodlands. He has since formed a partnership, K&W Timberlands, which has purchased 5,300 acres of timberland in Maine. He and his wife, Beth Carr Wadsworth '74, have operated Rock Crop Farm in Hiram where they raise and show registered Herefords. Busy family, talented Jack!

Cathy Kindbom Lewis, about whom I reported a few months ago, stepped down as principal of the K-8 Ella Lewis School in June. You may recall that Cathy was credited with re-energizing the school when it had struggled academically five years ago. Last year, her school's fourth graders met or exceeded all content standards on the Maine Educational Assessment. Her skills have obviously made a great difference to many children in that rural school.

Ronald Lebel, an attorney with Skelton, Taintor, & Abbott in Auburn, Maine, has been selected as one of the finest family law lawyers in the United States by the national Best of the U.S. organization. He was chosen from a pool of 760,369 actively practicing lawyers in the U.S. and is one of 14,268 lawyers to receive this recognition.

Lots to be proud of in our class, and there's more news out there—if you'll just get in touch and let me know what you're doing, please!

1972

35th Reunion at
Homecoming
October 12-14, 2007

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Well, now I know that once in a while, some of you out there actually read this column! Last February, I received an email from **Joe Leone** after he read the January class notes. Here's the really funny thing: since 1973 Joe has been teaching math and coaching baseball at Concord-Carlisle High School, the high school that my town is part of, so he knows my neighbor, my husband's cousin's kids, and if he stays in his job two more years, he

may be our daughter's math teacher! Joe has been married for 35 years and has two children—Jason (30) and Cara (28). Jason and his wife, Paige, had a daughter on May 18. Joe says of his first grandchild, "Madison Rose is absolutely adorable and I am going to spoil her rotten." (Hopefully Joe and I will have met for coffee by the time this is printed, too!)

The Ellsworth American ran a story about the Reverend Dr. **Eric Kelley**, who has been called as pastor by the Milbridge Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in Milbridge, Maine. Eric received a master of divinity degree from Bangor Theological Seminary, spent some years in ministry in the Portland area, and then graduated from the doctoral program in the department of psychology and clinical studies at Andover Newton Theological School. His most recent pastoral position was at Williston-West United Church of Christ in Portland, where he served for 20 years.

Did any of you happen to attend the open house at Hammond Equipment in Auburn, Maine, last March to celebrate its 50th year in business? Our classmate, **Fred Hammond**, owns the business with his brother Cliff. Their father, Russell Hammond, started the business in 1957, and Fred and his brother grew up working in the store. After retiring from a 24-year teaching career, Fred started running the store full time with his brother.

Pat Sheedy Conant, if you read this, please send me an email. Another classmate was asking about your whereabouts.

Valerie King Osborne, who has served as director of the Old Town Library for 25 years, has taken a position with the state as the Northeast libraries district consultant for the Augusta-based Maine State Library. Her new job entails assisting librarians in northern and eastern Maine by providing them with professional advice regarding collection management as well as assistance with development of library policies and personnel issues. One of Valerie's most significant projects was the \$1.5 million expansion and renovation of the Old Town Library, which hadn't been touched since it was built in 1904.

I'm wondering how many of you have checked out the Class of 1972 InCircle group. It's easy to sign up at <http://incircle.mainealumni.com/> umaine. **John Herrick's** post said, "It would be interesting to see what



CHARLES STANHOPE '71 (French) received a Block "M" Award at Reunion 2007 for his many years of service to his class and his alma mater. He has been active in the planning of all of his class's reunions and served on the '71 executive committee and as class secretary and class correspondent. In addition, Charles has served as a Maine Mentor and often hosted UMaine honors students at the Library of Congress, where he is director of development.

our group members are doing! My guess is that some are working but many are retired. I am still working. I spent 15 months in New Orleans working the Katrina disaster, then the last four months working with nuclear waste."

Paul Soucy is Hermon High School's athletic administrator and vocational coordinator. He recently stepped down as head of the Big East Conference, a post he held for 22 years as the league's first and only director. Paul is quoted in the *Bangor Daily News*: "Being an athletic director is so challenging and time consuming. As you get older and your priorities change and you want to spend more time with your family, you realize how full your plate is. I realized I was spreading myself too thin." Paul was this year's

recipient of the Big East Recognition Award. Congratulations!

As the new marketing manager at Bangor International Airport, **Risteen Lennox Masters** is responsible for developing the airport's marketing strategies and public relations. She is a 14-year veteran of the tourism and transportation industry, having served as the director of marketing for Bay Ferries LLC, executive director of the Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce, and as chairman of Down East Acadia Regional Tourism.

Frank Davis of East Millinocket is one of 11 new members of the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame inducted during ceremonies in July. Frank played third baseman for the Black Bears and went on to play semi-pro baseball for teams in East Millinocket, Cutler, and Yarmouth.

Bruce Mailloux took over as superintendent in SAD 34 in Belfast, Maine.

We're gearing up for our 35th Reunion, which is scheduled for Homecoming weekend—October 12-14, 2007. Mark your calendars! We also have our own class page: www.mainealumni.org/classpages/1972.htm.

That's all the news until next time!

1973

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As we approach our 35th (OMG) Reunion I was hoping that I would have more to report. Please take a minute and let us know what y'all are up to.

The Hanson family has owned Bangor Hardware for 92 years, but closed its doors as Aubuchon Hardware took over the store. Dick '68 and **Tom Hanson** say that there are no family members to take over the business. **John Cashman** has rejoined the Baldacci staff as a senior economic adviser working on job growth and development.

Marshall Wing Baker has joined the board of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. She has taught mathematics at Messalonskee Middle School in Oakland since 1993, and previously taught in elementary schools in Belgrade and Old Town.

1974

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We spent almost three glorious weeks in Maine this summer—Memorial Day and 4th of July holidays. We missed one of our favorite spots—The Village Inn—in Auburn. They had a fire and were closed. We did venture to Two Lights and the Lobster Shack and several other places. It was mostly about kicking back and sailing and reading.

Congratulations to **Jan Bickmore Cynewski** and her husband, Dick, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 3rd. They have five children and 12 grandchildren. They live in Corinth and winter in Tarpon Springs, Florida. Jan was a teacher at Charleston Elementary School for many years.

Steve Orlofsky was one of the Maine arts educators honored by Governor John Baldacci '86. He is a music teacher at George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill.

We wish **Frank Spencer** a happy retirement from his position as athletic director at Scarborough High School. Originally from Vermont, he is leaving his position to help his parents on their 31-acre farm. Frank played offensive tackle for the Black Bears and then went into a career of teaching and coaching. He spent many years at Portland High School and at South Portland. He took over as AD at Scarborough in November of 2000 and has had a stellar career in athletics. He will be greatly missed.

There is a pier development project happening in Portland and **Robert Baldacci** is one of its principals. As vice president of Ocean Properties, he and owner Tom Walsh '53 are putting together a bid in competition with Kevin Mahaney, CEO of The Olympia Companies. This will be a major project for Portland's waterfront.

Androscoggin Bank has promoted **Sally Johnson Wilson** to assistant vice president. She has been with the bank since January of 2006. Prior to the banking industry, Sally was with L.L. Bean. She lives in Freeport with her husband and two sons.

Former Maine baseball coach John Winkin has brought some of

his former players and friends together to form a summer baseball league—the New England Collegiate Baseball League—and base it at the Husson College Winkin Complex. One of the group members is Penobscot County commissioner and attorney, **Peter Baldacci**. Also involved are Mike Bordick '88 and Mike Coutts '83, '90G. Sounds like a winning team to me. We'll keep you posted on their efforts.

Coach **Jeff Wren (G)**, a member of the Maine swimming and diving program for 36 years, has applied for partial retirement. He is head coach of the men's and women's program.

Fall is upon us and the leaves will be turning soon. Enjoy the foliage and the truly most beautiful time of year in Maine. Please send me a note for the next column.

1975

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Come on, folks, please send in your news. You must have something to report to the class. Tell us if you spent the summer working at a desk or lounging by the water—we could either feel sympathetic or envious. Even if there's no change in your job, address, family, hobby, pets, or car, we'd like to hear from you.

1976

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Hello '76ers,

I hope you had a wonderful summer. You all have been pretty quiet lately. How about sending me a quick email to include in the next column?

I had a special opportunity to attend the ordination to the priesthood of our classmate **Bruce Siket** at St. Sebastian Church in Madison, Maine, on May 20. Bruce has been assigned to serve the Catholic churches in Waterville. Bruce discerned his priestly vocation after his

wife, Stacy, of 20 years died of cancer several years ago. He had earned his B.A. in physics from the University of Maine and been an engineer at various paper companies. He had been attending Blessed John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts.

Please take a moment to let your classmates know what you've been up to. Best wishes and enjoy the autumn colors.

1977

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Hi, everyone! Can you believe our 30th class Reunion is nearly here? Doesn't seem possible that it has been that long since we bid farewell to UMO. Hope many of you will be able to attend the Reunion on October 12-14. It may be a nine+ hour drive from my home here in New York State to Orono, but I'm hoping to get there for this milestone. Hope to see many of you there as well.

I have a few newsworthy items to report, thanks to the folks at the alumni office. This past spring **Michael Thorne (G)** celebrated his 20th anniversary as town manager of Harrison. **Nancy Lannamann Laite** was recognized by the Camden-Rockport-Lincolnville Chamber of Commerce for her work in the performing arts at Camden Hills Regional High School. **Neal Wykes** was named Warden of the Year by the Maine Warden Service at its annual awards banquet in April.

Michael Cooper, who resides in Carmel, has been promoted to executive sales representative in the Bangor office of Liberty Mutual.

Terry Grindle, owner of the Roland Grindle Insurance Agency, was recognized for his contribution to community service by the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce at its annual awards ceremony in March.

Greg Bellemare, principal at Piscataquis Community Middle



Father Bruce Siket '76 was recently ordained as a Catholic priest by Portland Diocese Bishop Richard Malone. Bruce, who is 53, says he was called to the priesthood after his wife of 20 years died from cancer. A UMaine physics graduate, he had worked for many years as an engineer in the paper industry.

School for the past 11 years, is moving on to a new position as principal in the Higley Unified School District in Phoenix, Arizona. Best of luck to Greg and Phyllis in this new venture!

That covers the news for now. Remember to mark your calendars for Reunion weekend October 12-14 and make plans now to attend. Hope to see you there!

1978

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Greetings, classmates! It is a muggy summer day as I write, but I realize it will probably be chilly with foliage by the time you read this. I hope you all had a lovely summer with your friends and family.

Thankfully, some of our fellow '78ers have written to me! Otherwise this column would consist of nothing but my name and address, so thank you so very much to those who dropped me a line.

The following news came from **Anita Ouellette Bleem**: "I'm a ninth grade science teacher in Fort

Collins, Colorado, teaching honors biology, biology, and intro to chemistry, physics, and earth science (called ICPE for short) at Boltz Junior High. I've also taught eighth grade science. This is a new career for me (I've only been teaching for five years; I did a variety of other things before this—received a Ph.D. in environmental health from Colorado State University in 1987, worked for USDA:APHIS:Veterinary Services from '88-'91, stayed home to raise my children from '91-'98, and substitute taught from '98-2002. I've lived in Fort Collins for 25 years this August, and have two children: Alissa (15) and Eric (12). My husband, John, is not a UMO alumnus. Most of my family still resides in Maine, in the Bath-Brunswick area, and I return once a year, usually in the summer, to visit."

I received a message from **Richard Brewer**, who would like to see more members of our class use the University's InCircle network, which he has explained below.

"Richard Brewer has invited you to University of Maine Alumni Association's social and professional network—InCircle! Through InCircle, you can search and message fellow alumni based on a rich profile of who you are and the network of who you know. Use InCircle for jobs, housing, advice, to reconnect, and stay in touch.

"I will be sending you some news via my normal email, but I wanted to invite you to join my network. There are a few '78 grads in it already and I am steadily trying to contact others I know. Who knows, it might help our column fill out some.

"Registering is as simple as 1, 2, 3.
1. Go to: www.mainealumni.com and click on InCircle
2. Fill out the form
3. Click Login
InCircle is an official service of University of Maine Alumni Association. Only University of Maine alumni are permitted to use InCircle."

I have recently registered as a user, and I will let you know in the next column how it works. It would be great if people would use this as a way to keep in touch, and I could get info on people for this column.

Please, please, please write, call, email, or use a carrier pigeon—whatever way best gets your information to me. I really want a lot more messages from people so I can write a really long column!

Go Blue!

1979

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Finally, as I write this, after a strange winter and cold, wet spring—there are leaves popping and flowers blooming. When you read this, summer will be over. Remember to drop me a postcard with your latest news.

Gehrig Johnson (G) was named superintendent of schools in Ashland, in addition to his duties as superintendent of S.A.D. 1 in Presque Isle. The year-long experiment has Johnson overseeing construction of a new K-12 high school in Ashland, and is an attempt to share school administrative costs.

Charlie Todd (G) remains with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and is an expert on the North American bald eagle. He spoke recently at the Fields Pond Audubon Center on the successes as well as continuing challenges to eagles.

Earl Anderson has completed his coaching career after 12 years at Nokomis (and previously at Hampden Academy, Maine Central Institute, and Orono). Recently married to Martha Susi '74, he is looking forward to traveling since coaching took up most school vacations. **David Turner** lives in Millersville, Maryland, and reports he keeps up with Black Bear sports through Internet broadcasts.

Songbird **Ann Bruce Mills** continues to spread music from her home in Lincolnville. She began training with the New England Conservatory of Music in the World War II era, picked it up again when her husband, Leo, was posted with the Air Force in Germany, directed an international women's choir in Taipei, and finally received her bachelor's from UMaine in voice performance. I remember Ann in *Carmen*, and am delighted that she's continuing to make music!

1980

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JEFF MILLS '82 (education) was the recipient of a Block "M" Award at Reunion 2007 on June 3. Jeff returned to his alma mater in 1997 to take over as president of the alumni association. He quickly became an enthusiastic leader in planning and fundraising for the Buchanan Alumni House—overseeing the entire project from beginning to end.

After being asked to also assume the role of UMaine vice president for advancement, Jeff fostered a new cooperative spirit among the university's various fundraising arms, resulting in record-breaking amounts of money raised.

Jeff is currently the vice president for advancement at Monmouth University in New Jersey.



Now that everyone is back from summer vacation, why not drop me a line to let me know what's happening with you. If you didn't send me a postcard from your vacation spot, I can't report your news. So please take a moment and send an email or a note. The fall reminds many of us of returning to campus, and Orono.

1981

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Rainy days at camp sometimes mean digging through old boxes carted out of my family homestead in Calais. I recently unearthed several issues of old *Maine Alumnus* magazines that belonged to my dad. Published during wartime in the 1940s, they were most interesting to read. I can't imagine living in those times and not hearing from your loved ones overseas for weeks on end. Our parents truly were part of "the greatest generation." As I flipped through the class notes sections, I recognized a name here and there of a famous alum, former faculty member, or friends of my dad's. How well I remember my mother's humorous tales of living in South Apartments following the war and their neighbors upstairs with the

squeaky bed! There was such an influx of students back to campus in the post-war years that a lot of temporary housing had to be constructed. Were any of your folks on campus back then? One end of the Field House was actually used as a temporary cafeteria! I also ran across several fundraising pieces for the Memorial Union building. Built as a memorial to World War II veterans, the Union was originally planned for the front of campus with large terraces facing the Stillwater River. This was the first I had heard of that and wonder why it was actually built on its present site next to the library? Perhaps some campus historian out there has the answer to that question! I'll add these little treasures to my stacks of UMaine memorabilia and someday someone will be digging through my belongings and can take their own little trip back in time.

Congrats to **Phil Dunn** on receiving the American Society of Civil Engineers 2006 Citizen Engineer Award for Region 1, which includes New England, New York, New Jersey, and Puerto Rico. Phil is professor of construction management in the UMaine School of Engineering Technology. This national award is one of nine presented annually to a member of the engineering society in recognition of outstanding accomplishment in public service. Phil was cited for establishing himself as a dynamic leader who promotes civil engineering to citizens and, in particular, youngsters who might consider a career in civil engineering.

Seth Bradstreet of Newport serves as commissioner of the Maine Department of Agriculture.

Classmate **Wilton Jones** has stepped down as boys' varsity basketball coach at Mount Desert Island High School in Bar Harbor, after 14 seasons. He compiled a 162-90 regular season record as varsity coach with 11 winning seasons and had the opportunity to coach his two sons. Prior to coaching varsity, he coached JV at MDI for eight years. He plans to continue teaching social studies and coaching golf at MDI, but is looking forward to having more free time!

Susan Bradstreet Foster emailed news of her engagement to Steve Englert. She is a senior graphic designer at a large commercial printing firm in Manchester, New Hampshire, and heads up the graphic design for their political division. Her son graduated from college last year and her daughter enters her second year this fall. Best wishes, Susan!

That's all for now, folks! Wish I could persuade a few more of you to email me with your latest news! Add me to that Christmas card list this year! We're hunkering down for another long winter here in Maine, but looking forward to hockey and basketball seasons at UMaine—particularly women's basketball with Coach Blodgett '98! Stay tuned for updates!

1982

*25th Reunion at
Homecoming
October 12-14, 2007*

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Kenneth Albino (business) was recently awarded the Lt. General Harold L. George Civilian Airmanship Award by the Order of the Daedalians, one of civilian airmanship's most prestigious awards. Kenneth received his pilot's license at age 14 and joined the United States Air Force following his graduation from Orono. Now a pilot for American Airlines, Ken put all his skill to use and averted potential disaster twice in one day recently, on two different planes! Both times, plane malfunctions jeopardized the lives of several hundred passengers, and both

times Ken's ability brought everyone to safety through emergency landing.

Jim Difrederico (education) has stepped down as boys' varsity basketball coach at Nokomis Regional High School after 16 seasons due to health issues. During his career Jim has also coached girls' junior varsity basketball for his alma mater, Stearns High School (Millinocket); girls' junior varsity and assistant varsity basketball for Central High School (Corinth); head coach for Southern Aroostook (Dyer Brook), and head coach for Hampden Academy.

Cornelia Evans (theater) is the new director of development for the Long Wharf Theater, a Tony Award-winning regional theater located in New Haven, Connecticut. Previous to this she worked as the director of major and planned gift giving at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Cordelia now oversees all fundraising for the theater: individual, corporate, foundation, and government. She lives in Branford, Connecticut, with her husband, Vladimir Shpitalnik, and their family.

William Fowler (M.Ed.) has retired as superintendent of School Union 92 (Eastbrook, Hancock, Lamoine, Mariaville, Otis, Surry, Trenton, Waltham) after eight years. Previous to this he served as superintendent of SAD 31 (Howland-Enfield). He and his wife, Christine Blondell Fowler '70, are building a retirement home near Newport.

Robert Kolledge, Jr. (natural resources) has left his position as Massachusetts secretary of environmental affairs to become Ghana country director for the Peace Corps in Ghana, West Africa. Robert has extensive experience in environmental management in both the public and private sectors. Following graduation he served with the Peace Corps in Costa Rica where he worked on aquaculture projects with local farmers. Following his return home, he was director of the Environmental Service Group in Massachusetts. For 13 years he served in a range of senior positions within the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection leading up to his appointment as commissioner in 2003. He was named secretary of environmental affairs by Governor Mitt Romney in 2006.

Donna Gregoire McNally (business) wrote to tell us that her youngest son, Sean, has started his career as a freshman at UMaine and has accepted a basketball scholarship for the Black Bears.

Mark LeBlanc '84

Developing New Models For Teaching Genomics

Mark LeBlanc '84, a professor of computer science at Wheaton College in Massachusetts, recently coauthored *Perl for Exploring DNA*, which he hopes will "empower biology faculty and students to learn how to solve problems in sequence analysis by programming."

After receiving his bachelor's degree in computer science from UMaine, Mark went on to earn a master's and Ph.D. from the University of New Hampshire. Mark's father is also a UMaine alumnus, earning a graduate degree in 1969.

He is the co-principal investigator of two NSF-funded grants: one for developing a model for teaching genomics (the analysis of DNA sequences) to undergraduate computer science and biology majors, and one to develop workshops for faculty who are interested in incorporating genomics into their biology or computer science classes.

Mark and his wife, Kathy, live in Norton, Massachusetts. They have six sons, which Mark says, "keeps life full of new excitement on a daily basis."



Jim Hersom (education) has stepped down from his position as varsity football coach at Edward Little High School after four seasons due to health concerns. Since his time at Orono, Jim has also coached at Mount Ararat, Brunswick, and Livermore Falls high schools.

Rebecca Ireland Wright (theater) is the chairman of the fine arts department at Ellsworth High School and director of the Ellsworth High School choir. She recently took the show choir to Orlando, Florida, where they won first place in the national show choir competition for their performance of "Wicked."

Thomas Marciniak (civil engineering) has been promoted to the position of president of Regional Construction Corporation, a division of National Realty and Development Corporation in Purchase, New York. Tom joined Regional Construction in 2001 as director of construction. Previous to this he served in several positions for Turner Construction, culminating with the office of senior estimator. Tom resides in Southbury, Connecticut.

Father **Scott Mower** (child development) was recently appointed administrator of St. Vincent DePaul's Parish (Bucksport), Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish (Stonington), and Our Lady of Holy Hope Mission (Castine), in addition to his duties as administrator of St. Joseph's Parish (Ellsworth). Prior to his assignment to Ellsworth in 2004, he served as pastor of St. Mark's Parish (Ashland) and associate pastor of Parish of the Holy Spirit (Waterville).

Gail Orndorf-Sperry (M.Ed.) is the new owner of Curves fitness studio in Old Town. Formerly a teacher in Brewer, Gail is particularly pleased to be near her daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren, who all live in Old Town.

Nancy Wanderer (CAS) has been named Outstanding Alumna by the Women's Law Association of the University of Maine School of Law where she serves as director of the legal research and writing program. Nancy has also served on the U.S. Defense Department's advisory committee on women in the services, and on the Maine Commis-

sion on Gender, Justice, and the Courts.

I have very much enjoyed being class correspondent for the past 15 years, but due to increased responsibilities in my life, have come to the conclusion that I am no longer able to continue serving this office. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our 25th Reunion. Please come with a name to suggest as new correspondent—perhaps it may be yours!

1983

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Welcome to the fall edition of your *MAINE Alumni Magazine*, fellow classmates. At this time next year we will be celebrating our 25th Reunion at Homecoming; the word YIKES comes to mind! I hope to meet many of you at this time next year!

I trust all of you had enjoyable and relaxing summers. Our plans included a trip to Glacier and Yellowstone national parks; however I am writing this edition of class notes on deadline and before we make the trip, so trust me Old Faithful was worth the trip!

Someone who did have a busy summer is **Candee Zaninetti McCafferty**. Candee, along with her husband, Doug, spend their summers hosting vacationers and sportsmen and women at Whisperwood Lodge and Cottages in the Belgrade Lakes region. Candee reports that most of their guests come to fish, and she spends her days cooking meals and tending to the 11 cottages.

Candee and Doug have combined to raise a family of four, Cameron and Jimmy McCafferty, Kegan Barrett, and a daughter Mickelle McCafferty. When we spoke she informed me that Cameron had just returned from Afghanistan where he was part of the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division. Kegan Barrett, the son of Candee and her former husband, **Don Barrett**, is an invited walk-on for the University of Maine football team this fall, and at 6'6" and 250 pounds who could blame them!

Candee welcomes fellow class members to visit them at Whisperwood next season, so visit

them online at: whisperwoodlodge.com when you're thinking about next summer's fishing trip!

If you're like me, every once in a while you have a great idea that would make for a great game, or be the next technological breakthrough. Well classmate **Paul Joseph "Joe" Shumaker, Jr.** does not just have the ideas, he puts them in action. Joe is the president and co-owner (with his wife Mary) of New Hope Products Company, and their company specializes in creating games. Presently Joe has 11 game licenses and is developing several more games for Disney licenses including Hanna Montana and High School Musical 2. Two games are for sale in Wal-mart: High School Musical Get'cha Head in The Game, and SNAP. For adults he has developed TRI-WORDS and 24 CTU Undercover.

When Joe is not developing games he is helping others follow in his footsteps through iCubis. iCubis is a creativity web site (www.icubis.com) where anyone can go to post and search for free overviews of ideas for making money from their own inventions! Joe and Mary live with their two cats in the home they built together in Biddeford.

Andrea Bowen Freedman and husband, Rob, are busy enough tending to 11-year-old Elena and seven-year-old Jenny. But that's not cramping their style! In the past year they have traveled to Yosemite National Park where they hiked the falls and throughout the park, and at deadline were off to Seattle to see Mount Rainier and other sites in Washington State. When they are not hiking national parks you will find the Freedman family at various ballparks. In the last year they have visited Fenway Park, Yankee Stadium, AT & T Park (San Francisco Giants), and Safeco Field (Seattle Mariners). When not traveling, the Freedmans reside in North Hampton, New Hampshire, where Andrea is a data architect for Liberty Mutual.

Fellow '83ers, please don't be shy—share your experiences, interesting news, career successes, and anything else you deem worthy with your fellow classmates. Don't make me hunt you down, when it is so easy to contact me! Please see the contact information above and email me or send me a note at your earliest convenience.

Go Blue!



Andrea Leavitt Pape '85 (right) has teamed up with her sister **Paula Leavitt** in a business called **Be a Girl Today**. The family enterprise features a line of fitted T-shirts and bumper stickers aimed at athletic girls. One of the most popular is a T-shirt with their first slogan, "Ride Like a Girl" under a drawing of a female rider on a horse. Check out all of their other products at: beagirltoday.com. (*Bangor Daily News* photo.)

1984

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Ah, fall! It is unfathomable that 25

years ago, we were in the midst of our college years! Like many of you, I was beginning my junior year and enjoying myself immensely. There were plenty of activities in which to take part, the classes became more interesting, and our social lives were awhirl! Now I have two school-aged children, and I find that my social life frequently revolves around theirs.



PAUL PORADA '84 (forest engineering) is now a vice president at Woodard & Curran in Portland. Paul has been at the firm since 1988. In that time he's been involved in landfill expansion, permitting, and design; estuary water quality modeling, and hydraulic analysis for dam removal.



JOHN MCKEON '84 (business administration) is now senior vice president in deposit operations at TD Banknorth in Lewiston. John joined TD Banknorth in 1996 and has 25 years of banking experience. He is a native of Portland and resides in Brunswick.

Ah, c'est la vie!

I was excited to receive a couple of emails from classmates. **Rich Vannozi** writes that he completed his M.S. at UMaine in December 2006. By now, he should have begun his doctorate at the University of Connecticut, where he will be studying Geographic Information Systems (GIS). His research will focus on improving educational methods for land surveyors in GIS. He lives in Plymouth, Massachusetts, (in a 250-year-old house) with his wife, Sarah, and their two youngest children, Christopher and Emily. Their oldest, Tony, has left the nest.

Tim Fram sent me an email just to say hello to the Class of 1984. He said he has a lot of great memories of his time at UMaine. (He vaguely referred to some regrets, as well, but I didn't probe.)

John Ayers has written his second book, *Heteroepitaxy of Semiconductors: Theory, Growth, and Characterization*. John went on to earn an M.S.E.E. and a Ph.D.E.E., both from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Since then he has been employed in academic research and teaching at the University of Connecticut. His scientific papers in the area of heteroepitaxy have been cited hundreds of times by researchers worldwide. He currently lives in Ashford, Connecticut, with his wife and three children.

The Reverend **Nancy Sherrard Salisbury** was named the interim pastor at Gray Congregational Church in March. After graduating from UMaine with a major in philosophy, she earned a master of divinity degree from Bangor Theological Seminary. She spent some time as a counselor at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor and subsequently at Mercy Hospital in Portland. She was ordained at Westbrook Warren Church in 1988. I would be interested in knowing if she is still at Gray Congo?

I enjoyed reading about these alumni and sharing their news with you. I would love to talk about 20 of our class alumni in our next issue. Please send me an email or a quick note and let us know what you are doing these days. Enjoy the fall! It's a fabulous time of year!

For the latest in Black Bear sports, university news, and alumni events, visit: mainealumni.com

1985

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Hope that your summer was full of fun! Please drop me an email so that I can share your news with our classmates—they *really* want to know what you've been up to!

Congratulations! **John Coleman** of Yarmouth, cofounder and CEO of the VIA Group advertising agency in Portland, received the 2007 Achievement in Business Award from the Maine Business School at the University of Maine. The award recognizes leadership and outstanding achievement, service to UMaine and the community, and commitment to lifelong learning. VIA is one of New England's largest independent advertising agencies, with 82 employees, and offices in Portland, Boston, and New York. Major clients include TD Banknorth, HP Hood, Dunkin Donuts, and CBS RADIO.

Best Wishes! In August 2006 **Emily Ellis** and Tom Hashey were married at their home on Chapin Park in Bangor, Maine. UMaine alums in attendance included: Catherine Gallant Novio '95, **Clayton Ellis**, Dee Ellis Hurst '91, Vicki Hashey Nanni '73, Debbie Hashey Belknap '75, Dave Gonyar '87, Ted Novio '91, Tom Sullivan, Mark Turner, Dave Johnson, and Jack Cosgrove '78.

James Boothby has been hired by Maine School Union 92 (Hancock, Lamoine, Mariaville, Otis, Surry, Trenton, and Waltham) to be superintendent of schools. James has also served as principal of Mattanawcook Academy and the Ella Burr Elementary School, both located in Lincoln, Maine; and physical education teacher and athletic director for MSAD 48 in Newport, Maine.

That's all for this time. Please put me on your holiday card list—we'd love to hear from you!

Mark your calendar!
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James Gibbs '86 Honored for Research and Scholarship

James Gibbs '86 (wildlife management), a faculty member of the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, recently received the most prestigious award given by the SUNY Research Foundation, the Excellence in Research and Scholarship Award.

Following his graduation from UMaine, Gibbs went on to receive a master's degree from the University of Missouri and a Ph.D. from Yale. His research interests lie in biodiversity conservation and ecological monitoring. He has built a thriving research program, including designing ecological monitoring programs for U.S. National Parks, the conservation biology of giant Galapagos tortoises, and the ecology of several endangered species in New York.

In addition, he has been involved in a service effort to the United Republic of Tanzania, designing and implementing an ecological monitoring program for the Kihansi Gorge. He is the author of some 40 peer-reviewed articles as well as four books.

He is married to UMaine alumna Thane Joyal Gibbs '85.



1986

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Hey, everyone, how about communicating with us so we know what's happening with you? Only four more years until our 25th Reunion! There must be something that's happened in the last quarter century that you can tell us about!

1987

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Hello, Class of '87. I just got back from a trip to Rockland and St. George over the weekend. The

place continues to develop and look more and more like Massachusetts, but I still hope that someday I can live in Maine again. This time around we mostly have promotions and awards to talk about.

Gerilyn Bosse was recently licensed as a certified general appraiser by the state of Maine. Gerilyn works at James W. Sewall Company as a senior consultant and has been involved in a broad range of appraisals, timber valuations, and project management for the past 20 years. **Ronda Curtis Aurand** has been promoted to senior director of sales for Atkins Nutritionals of Alabama. Ronda will manage the eastern sales operations and nationwide trade promotions. In March, **Jim Boylen** was hired as head coach for the University of Utah men's basketball team. Jim has been an assistant coach in the NBA for 13 years with Houston, Golden State, and Milwaukee. When he was with the Rockets the team won two NBA titles.

Matthew Dunlap (G) was recognized by the New England Outdoor Writers Association. Matthew who

writes a monthly column for the *Northwoods Sporting Journal* and is Maine's Secretary of State, received second place for Best Column in a Magazine. **Dan Tremble** was elected to the board of the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. **Paul Cavanaugh** received the Michael McPherson Volunteer Award from the Calais recreation department. The award recognizes Paul's more than ten years of volunteer work as a coach, referee, and official in the Calais schools and recreation department. Paul is Maine first district attorney in Calais. In April **Dave Ploch** was inducted into the Maine Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame. Dave led Old Town High to 13 straight Class B state championships, two Penobscot Valley conference titles, and won state Coach of the Year six times. Dave is a science teacher at Old Town High.

Amy Everett Cotton was named to the governing board of The Alzheimer's Association of Maine. Amy is the director of operations at RossCare's Center for Healthy Aging in Bangor and is an adjunct professor at Husson College and a fellow of the National Gerontological Nursing Association. Fred McGillan, Inc. was named Business of the Year by the community of Fort Fairfield. The business was founded in 1987 and is run by **Fred McGillan**. Fred and his wife are on many boards and committees to help the town.

1988

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Hello, Class of 1988! Let me introduce myself. I am **Deborah Carli Curtis**, the new correspondent for this column. I have worked for 18 years at Massabesic High School in Waterboro, Maine, first as a high school language arts teacher and currently as a guidance counselor. Recently I graduated from USM with a degree in school counseling. My husband, Larry Curtis '87, and I live in Buxton with our two boys.

Sandra Rivard Volkernick is a volunteer firefighter/EMT in Scarborough where she resides with her husband, Mike, and two children. Sandra and Mike are a husband and wife team selling real

estate at Home Sellers of Maine.

Other classmates have shared their news with me this time around. **Patrick A. Morin** lives in Brunswick with his wife, Dianna Dixon Morin, and their three children. Patrick has been promoted to principal at Baker, Newman & Noyes where he manages the firm's IT consulting division. **John Saunders** has been promoted to varsity head coach of Walled Lake Northern High School's lacrosse team in Commerce, Michigan. He lives with his wife, Kim, and his two sons in Farmington Hills, Michigan, and works as a national account manager with Life Time Fitness—*Experience Life* magazine.

Making the papers with their news, **Thomas Fortier** became Richmond, Maine's, town manager in February 2007, and **Barbara Butler Merrill**, former state representative and Appleton lawyer who ran for governor in the fall of 2006, has opened a restaurant with her husband, Peter Merrill, on Mount Desert Island in the village of Manset. It was announced in February that **Bobby Wilder**, once the Black Bears' all-time leading passer and long-time coach, was named head coach at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. **Mike Bordick** has once again made the news along with former UMaine baseball and current Husson College coach, John Winkin. Mike, Coach Winkin, Mike Coutts '83, '90G, and Peter Baldacci '74 have joined together to bring a new team into the nonprofit New England Collegiate Baseball League that will play at Husson College's Winkin complex. The goal is to have a Maine team with Maine collegiate players and Maine backing.

The graduate students from the Class of 1988 need also be recognized in this column. *Bangor Daily News* writer, **Alicia Anstead**, has received the inaugural Nieman Fellowship in Arts and Culture Reporting from Harvard University's Nieman Foundation for Journalism. This fellowship will allow Alicia to participate in the 10-month program as she focuses her studies on the economy and business of the arts. May we also hope she'll take in a Red Sox game?

I hope to hear from many more members of the Class of 1988. Drop me a line! I can be reached at: dcurtis@neora.net. Keep those notes coming!

Go Blue!

1989

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Happy fall to all!

News is quite sparse this time around. The only pieces of info I've received have come via email. This is the quickest, easiest way to get your news to me for publication. Please consider dropping a line, and help me bulk up this column!

James Edward Radgowski was born in October '06. His big sisters, Maddie and Carly, love having a little brother, reports dad **Ed Radgowski**.

Michele Wehrwein Albion just signed a contract with the University Press of Florida. Her book, entitled *The Wizard Takes a Holiday: Thomas Edison in Florida*, will be published next year. Congratulations, Michele!

Tim Vacchiano wrote, "I graduated from the University of Southern Maine in 2005 with a master's degree in educational leadership. I live in Cornish, Maine, with my wife, Amy, and four kids. I recently accepted the position as principal of Sacopee Valley High School in Hiram, Maine."

1990

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My family and I had a wonderful summer. We were able to do all the normal Maine stuff—go to the beach, go camping, and (a first for my kids) go to the drive-in movie theatre.

In January 2007, **Tasha Goss Gardner** became a principal of the firm Beatham, Bernier, Seekins & Colpritt. This certified public accountants firm is located in Brewer, Maine. Congratulations, Tasha!

Anthony Zambrano was appointed to the executive director position at Downeast Horizons, an organization that provides support and training for developmentally disabled adults in the Bar Harbor and Ellsworth area. Downeast Horizons

has 73 employees and 75 clients. Before joining Downeast Horizons, Anthony was the director of operations at the Charlotte White Center in Dover-Foxcroft for nine years.

In February, **Julie Murchison Harris** became the editor-at-large of the *Bangor Daily News*. Previously, she was the managing editor.

Dr. Trinto Mugangu (Ph.D.) of Zaire has started a new nonprofit organization called FONDAMU. This organization will provide education, homes, healthcare, and training for children who live on the streets because their parents died from AIDS or from the war in Congo.

Hope all is well with you and your families!

1991

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How was your summer vacation? My husband, Andy, and I spent the summer anticipating and preparing for our second baby. Parker Hayden Daniel Bentley arrived on August 8, weighed eight pounds and 14 ounces, and was 21 inches. Big brother Spencer, who turned two years old in June, has yet to comprehend how his life will change, but I'm sure the boys will enjoy growing up together. Anyone have advice for raising two boys? I'd love to hear it.

The staff of the alumni association was certainly impressed and touched by a call they received one morning in January. **Christopher Tatian** was calling to set up automatic payments for contributions to four groups on the UMaine campus. He was calling from Afghanistan where he was serving as a major in the U.S. Army. It is something to think that even while serving in Afghanistan, this alum wanted to make sure that he gave back to the university and remains a member in good standing with the UMAA. Christopher was a Senior Skull, one of the organizations he chooses to support with his donations.

Gregory Sherman was promoted to comptroller of the Houlton Water Company. In that position, he will be responsible for all HWC accounting and financial duties and be actively involved in all operating departments and outside organiza-

tions. Gregory has been employed by HWC for nine years. He and his wife, Angela, reside in Hodgdon with their three children.

Patricia Weidler (G) has been elected to be a partner at the firm of Linnell, Choate & Webber LLP of Auburn. She joined the firm as an associate in 2002 after clerking for Justice Jon Levy of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court in Portland. Patricia practices in the areas of family law, workers' compensation, juvenile law, and Guardian Ad Litem. Patricia also serves on the board of directors for Pine Tree Legal Assistance and is a member of the Justice Action Group, a statewide group that provides leadership and assists in planning and coordinating civil legal services to the indigent.

James Kane was presented with the Presidential Valor Award during the annual Maine Sheriff's Association meeting in recognition of his actions with the Piscataquis County Sheriff's Department. Jamie and another deputy risked their lives answering a report of a domestic assault last year that involved an armed man and a standoff of several hours.

Former Black Bear All-American, **Mark Sweeney**, keeps tabs on the progress of the UMaine baseball team, and contacted coach Steve Trimper in the spring with an offer. Mark, who is the backup first baseman with the San Francisco Giants, invited the Bears to batting practice with the Giants and to meet the players. The Black Bears were in Arizona to play a four-game series against Arizona State. The Giants were at their spring training facility in Scottsdale, Arizona. Mark still owns 21 school records, including career games played (238), hits (328), home runs (52), RBIs (211), and stolen bases (69).

Guilford town native, **Gary Myrick**, continued his advance through the Democratic ranks in January by assuming the position of chief of staff for Democratic majority leader Harry Reid. Gary, who first entered politics in 1989 as a page and later a clerk in the Maine Legislature, has since worked for two other Democratic leaders—George Mitchell and Tom Daschle. He began working with Senator Reid in 2003 and in 2004 became his deputy chief of staff. Gary and his wife, Lauren, live in Falls Church, Virginia, with their five-year-old son, Henry.

Scott Stuart has entered his third and final year at the Medical University of South Carolina's

Children's Hospital as a Fellow in Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics. This position is funded through the United States Navy Full Time Out Service program. In June, he was promoted to the rank of commander / O-5. He has presented his research in the field of ADHD at the national level and continues to teach extensively at the medical university.

Are the leaves changing where you live or are you in a semi-tropical climate with no need for multiple seasons of clothing or a snow shovel? Personally, nothing beats the fall in Maine. I'm envious of all you enjoying the cool nights and beautiful, crisp, colorful days. Let me know what it is like in your corner of the world.

1992

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As fall approaches, I hope everyone got out and enjoyed the summer. It's hard to believe that we were graduated 15 years ago! I'm sure you all must have new and exciting things going on in your lives—please send a note and let your classmates know what you've been up to.

Kristine Mattei-Ridley's company, Vacationland Mortgage, is celebrating its first year in business. Vacationland Mortgage specializes in residential and commercial financing for the local community. Kristine resides in Lisbon with her husband, Todd, and their four children, Kait, Nick, Benjamin, and Michael. **Jeff Porter** is now the new assistant superintendent of schools in Biddeford. He was the principal of Harrison Lyseth Elementary School in Portland for the past five years.

In other news, **Michael Johnson** is the new skipper for the Maine Sea Coast Mission vessel, *Sunbeam*. Michael has been part of the crew for five years as the engineer and is also the harbormaster for the town of Mount Desert. He has a U.S. Coast Guard 100-ton master's license and a captain's license. He resides in Mount Desert with his wife, Jean, and daughter, Olivia.

Earlier this year, **Pat Laughlin** was named the new head coach of the University of Maine men's soc-



Ricky Jones '97 (business administration) won his fourth Whited Ford Paul Bunyan Amateur Golf Tournament at Penobscot Valley Country Club in June. He was three over par for the three-day tournament and won by a four-stroke margin. (*Bangor Daily News* photo by Kate Collins.)

cer program. He was the assistant coach at the University of Rhode Island and was also UMaine's team captain when he played. In his first season as head coach, he will be faced with trying to get the struggling program back on track. Good luck, Pat!

We are short on news this time around, so please drop a line and update everyone on what is going on in your lives now. We look forward to hearing what is going on.

1993

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Here's an update on a few of our 1993 classmates!

Donald Merrill was married to Victoria Villamar in April 2007 in Highland Beach, Florida. They reside in Boynton Beach, Florida, with their 11 year-old daughter, Taylor Oakley. Donald is employed as the quality assurance manager for Quantachrome Instruments.

Wendy Thomlinson Vreeland

was recently awarded an assistantship at Penn State University to pursue graduate work in wildlife ecology. The research will be "Detecting evidence of mange in Pennsylvania's black bears." Wendy and her husband, Justin '94, live in Alexandria, Pennsylvania.

Ben Sirmans, former football player at UMaine, along with Jeff Comissiong '97, was recently named an assistant coach for the Boston College football program. Ben will handle the running backs. For the past two years, he was an assistant coach at Michigan State. Congrats, Ben!

Howard Kroll was made a deputy city clerk this past January for the city of Brewer, Maine.

John Panciocco recently resigned after nine seasons of coaching the Medfield, Massachusetts, boys' hockey program. His decision was based on wanting to spend more time with his wife, Christa, and three young daughters, Caitlin, Elizabeth, and Mary. They reside in Walpole, Massachusetts.

Chris Hollingsworth (G) became the Jay Elementary School principal this past summer. He and his wife, Jodi, have four young children.

That's all I've got this time around. Hope to hear from more of you for next column. Have a wonderful winter!

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Many thanks to those of you who wrote in this time around to share your news. **Justin Vreeland** emailed to let us know that he recently accepted a promotion to

regional wildlife management supervisor for the southcentral region within the Pennsylvania Game Commission. He and his wife, Wendy '93, live in Alexandria, Pennsylvania.

Stacey heard from her freshman roommate, **Lanissa Weisleder Nadeau**, who is a music teacher in Brewer. Lanissa used the UMaine Alumni Association's InCircle network. Have you checked it out? <http://incircle.mainealumni.com/>

We also heard from **Angela Bennett Cushman** who reports that they have a new baby girl, Abigail Camden, born on September 29, 2006. Abigail joins siblings Taylor (6) and Ashton (2 1/2). They've been living in Conyers, Georgia, for 10 years. Angela works at CR Bard as a senior quality engineer in new product development.

As for others whose news made it our way: **Valerie Grondin** was featured in an article about One Vine Lady, the University of Maine's own standardbred racehorse. One Vine Lady is trained and raced by the Valerie Grondin Stable at Bangor Raceway. **Todd Livingston** has accepted a position as the new athletic director at Falmouth High School. Todd was previously the assistant athletic director at Greely and lives in South Portland with his son and daughter. **Christopher Madden** has joined Brantner, Thibodeau & Associates, certified public accountants, in their tax department.

1995

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Autumn is upon us, though as I write it's very warm and humid. I hope the fall colors are starting to show wherever you are!

Dan Scott was awarded Canine Case of the Year by the Maine Game Wardens at their annual awards banquet back in April. Dan and his dog, Roxy, were commended for their part in finding and rescuing a diabetic man. Palmer, Massachusetts, has a new conservation agent in my program classmate, **Sheryl Becker**. Sheryl has been a member of the Agawam Conservation Commission for five years and finished her master of

science degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst this spring.

The Maine Department of Education is the new professional home of **Dave Patterson**. Dave previously was the men's soccer coach and sports information director at Maine Maritime Academy. Dave will be an education specialist focusing on distance education. Dave lives in Bangor with his wife, Lori, and sons Sam and Jack.

Cathy Adams Jordan (G), LCSW has been named to the board of directors for the Rape Crisis and Education Hotline (REACH), a group serving the towns in Oxford County and the towns of Bridgton and Harrison. Cathy is a clinical coordinator of Outpatient Services at the Oxford Hills Unit at Tri-County Mental Health. Cathy also serves on the Oxford County Domestic Violence Task Force and the Oxford Hills Technical School Advisory Board.

The Knox-Lincoln soil and water conservation district sponsored a series of speakers designed to learn more about different conservation topics. Classmate **Morten**

Moesswilde (G) spoke in February on Woodland Owners' Options within the topic of sustainable forestry. Morten is a Maine forest service district forester for the midcoast district. He provides forest management and conservation information, education, and assistance to landowners, school groups, loggers, foresters, and other interested in the diverse forest of Maine's midcoast. In addition to the public lecture, landowners with more than 10 wooded acres in the midcoast area were able to schedule a free visit to their woodlands.

Congratulations to **Michael Thomas**, who will wed Amie Parker at the Morgan Hill Event Center in Hermon in October. Michael is a team leader at the Department of Labor in Lewiston while Amie is a human resource director at Sugarloaf/USA in Carrabassett Valley. Congratulations also to Chris and **Kassidy Holmes Madden** on the birth of their daughter, Haylie Elaine, on August 15, 2006. Haylie joined two older brothers, Dylan Christopher and Colin Stephen.

Lastly I'd like to announce the birth of my daughter, Caitlin Beth, on March 8th at Midcoast Hospital. She's tremendously loved by her big brother, Thomas, and we are enjoying having her in the family.

Feel free to drop us a line when you get a chance—we'd love to hear from you!

1996

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Hello, classmates! Here's what a few of you have been up to lately—

Major **Rob Grover (USAF)** was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his work with the U.S. State Department as midstream advisor to the Iraq ministry of oil, where he helped them prioritize, rebuild, and construct refineries and oil pipelines. Rob is currently assigned to Headquarters Air Force Space Command in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he lives with his wife, **Deirdre Schleich Grover**, and their two children, Jeremy (5) and Jenene (2).

Dale Morris is the new town manager in Oakfield. He served two years as manager in Clinton, and five years as assistant manager in Ashland, Massachusetts. Dale received his master's degree in public administration from Suffolk University in Boston. He and his wife have two children, Jack and Tyler.

Another town manager, **Robin Bennett (G)**, has been hired in Southwest Harbor. Robin was previously the city manager in Barre, Vermont.

Linda Huff (G) is researching the first six women elected to the Maine legislature in the 1920s and she plans to write a book about them. Linda spoke at the University of Maine at Fort Kent about her project: "I thought their stories need to be told. I felt like they should be recognized and honored for the things they have done." Linda is a member of the Maine Federation of Business and Professional Women, one of the sponsors of the Maine Women's Hall of Fame. She is a statistician at the state department of labor in Hallowell and lives in Winthrop with her husband, Master Sergeant Stephen Huff (Air Force). They have two grown children.

Rob Westerberg (G) was honored as an honorable mention at the Arts Education Advocacy Day at the state house in Augusta. The awards were presented by Governor John Baldacci '86 and first lady Karen Weston Baldacci '83. Rob is a teacher at York High School.

The new Biddeford High School football coach is **Scott Descoteaux**. He is a physical education teacher at Biddeford and previously served



ATTICUS MULREADY '00 (business administration) recently joined TD Banknorth as a commercial loan portfolio officer in the commercial lending department in Bangor.

Atticus has seven years of banking experience. Prior to joining TD Banknorth, he worked for Bangor Savings Bank. He is a native of Hampden and now lives in Winterport.

as offensive coordinator for the Biddeford High School team. Before that he was an assistant coach at Bangor High School and Noble High.

John Deetjen and his new bride, Joanna Oakes, live in Dover-Foxcroft. John works at Hardwood Products Company in Guilford.

Please let us know what you've been doing. We want to hear from you!

1997

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Class of 1997—What have you been up to? We're really lacking in the news department. (Not so subtle hint: Send information to me at: yolanda_sly@hotmail.com or

contact the alumni office to share your news!) Meanwhile, I highly recommend catching the Police on tour.

Congratulations to former UMaine coach **Jeff Comissiong** who is now an assistant coach for Boston College. Jeff will be coaching the defensive line, reports the *Bangor Daily News*. Last year, Jeff coached the same position at Harvard.

The Ellsworth Chapter of Business and Professional Women named **Laurie Ellen Flood (G)** as its 2007 Woman of the Year. Business and Professional Women is a national organization focused on achieving women's equality in the workplace through advocacy and education, reports *The Ellsworth American*. Laurie received her master's in civil engineering from UMaine. She is currently an associate professor of marine engineering at Maine Maritime Academy. Laurie's vast MMA responsibilities include serving as a marine engineering technology program co-coordinator and as a board director on the MMA's alumni association. She also is a Girl Scout troop leader and is a board president of Castine Child Development Center. Laurie and her husband, Randall, and their daughter, Hannah, live in Castine.

Scribbles Preschool has been awarded an Early Starts grant from the department of health and human services, reported the *Gray-New Gloucester Independent*. Co-owner **Stephanie Haskins** obtained her physics and education degrees from UMaine. Scribbles Preschool was one of seven schools that received the Artist-in-Residency grant awarded statewide. The fund will allow for local storyteller Jody Fein to offer a literacy and theatre program.

Congratulations to **Jennifer Lynn Albert** on her engagement to Franklin T. Brown. Jennifer received her master's in literacy education and is teaching at Maine School Administrative District 47 in Sidney. Franklin is employed by Verizon. *The Kennebec Journal* reports that the couple is planning a 2007 wedding.

Mark your calendar!
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1998

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Hearty autumn Maine Hello! It was a busy summer for me. On June 1, I married Lottie Toney, an Army nurse corps captain and graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. We had a small civil ceremony in Horsens, Denmark. We are planning a traditional ceremony and reception in the Washington, D.C., area in October 2008. We also moved from Germany (after four + years) to Monterey, California, to attend the Defense Language Institute for a year. En route, I had the opportunity to visit friends and family on the East Coast. These included reuniting with our classmates **Eric "Slappy" Simonds** and **Adam "Hoagie" Fisher** as well as numerous other UMaine Betas and Skulls. Many thanks to Eric for his hospitality in letting me stay at his house during my stay in Maine. Eric is engaged to Kate Lachance. They will marry in southern Maine this September 15th and I look forward to attending their wedding.

Last December, **Belle Ryder** was featured in a *Bangor Daily News* article on the strong boat-building industry in Maine. The family business she owns with her parents, Union River Boat Company, moved to a much larger facility in Bucksport from Ellsworth almost two years ago and has seen incredible growth. The company builds hulls, decks, tooling, and small boats for large and small yacht makers in Maine.

Congrats to **Ryan Genz** for his invention, the Hug Shirt, for being named one of the top inventions of 2006 by *Time* magazine! The Hug Shirt is a Bluetooth accessory, which allows hugs to be sent and received over cell phones. Ryan, an artist and anthropologist, now lives in London and is the cofounder of CuteCircuit, which designed the shirt. He has also earned a master's degree in interaction design from the Interaction Design Institute in Ivrea, Italy. Previously, Ryan worked as an art director for Signal Interactive and ASAP Media Services in the U.S., and also worked as film/video director specializing in the creation of future scenarios. He specializes in motion graphics, computer programming, and wireless networks.



The Joyful Organizer

Bonnie Joy Richards Dewkett '01 has started her own business in Danbury, Connecticut, as a professional organizer. The Joyful Organizer offers services for the entire home as well as for time management, sports equipment, personal shopping, and photo management. Her company also helps organize offices and will even help you organize for packing and loading your household goods if you are moving to a new home. She says she follows the old adage—"A place for everything, and everything in its place." Find out more by visiting her website at: www.thejoyfulorganizer.com.

Bonnie also serves her class as class correspondent.

Lisa Greening Burns sent an update in May on her family and her second son with Aaron Burns '96, Logan Aaron, who was born on October 24, 2006, at 1:33 a.m. "I'm taking parenting leave for the '06-'07 school year to stay home with the boys and will be going back to teaching in the fall." Congrats again, Lisa!

Congratulations to **Leslee Mahon** (G) for her new position as the district-wide director for the gifted and talented program in Presque Isle. She previously was a guidance counselor at Presque Isle Middle School. Also congrats to **Cindy Blodgett** for being named head coach for UMaine's women's basketball program in May; the 10th head coach in the history of the program. Cindy spent the last two seasons as assistant coach for Brown University where she was recruiting coordinator and coordinated the daily activities of the program. Prior to Brown, she was

the assistant head coach at Boston University from 1999-2000. Welcome home, Cindy!

I look forward to hearing more from everyone soon and hopefully seeing more of you now that I am back in the states.

1999

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Hello, Class of 1999! Little pieces of news continue to trickle in from our classmates. Here's everything that's fit to print:

Kim Bryant Bremer has been promoted to organizational development manager at JSJ

Corporation in Grand Haven, Michigan. She has been with the company since 2002 and also serves on the board of directors for the Association for Corporate Growth in West Michigan. **Rico Spugnardi** is a business development engineer with the Portland Water District.

The Penobscot Times published a wonderful article about **Dorothy "Dodi" Flaherty Saucier** (G) back in March. She was inducted into the Maine Field Hockey Coaches' Association Hall of Fame last December. Dodi coached at Orono High School from 1979 until 1992. She also coached in the Old Town school system, developing the field hockey program at Leonard Middle School. Dodi is a cancer survivor and continues to cheer for field hockey teams in Old Town and Orono. Many of these teams participate annually in the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure wearing t-shirts that say "Dodi" on the back. Congratulations on all of your achievements!

Man-Ching (Terence) Lee is engaged to Christina Seeber '05. The couple resides in Old Town and is planning an autumn 2008 wedding. **Leslie Sherburne** of Denver, Colorado, is engaged to Ryan Eldridge. Leslie received her master's in environmental engineering from the University of Iowa and is now employed by Environmental Strategies. The couple is planning to wed in September in New Mexico. **Jeremy Ray** is engaged to Suzanne Hussey '03. Jeremy is the principal of Canal Elementary School in Westbrook. The couple planned to wed in June. Congratulations to these couples and the other classmates who heard wedding bells this summer!

That's all the news for now. Please drop me a note or email when you get a minute!

2000

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Another fall is upon us and the changing color of the leaves reminds me of how beautiful the UMaine campus is in the fall, my favorite time of year there. I hope you all had a great summer. I know I

did. I had a chance to catch up with some fellow UMaine alumni as I traveled up to New England at the end of July. Please let me know if you have any information to share with your fellow classmates. I will be happy to include it in the next classnotes section.

Classmate **Joshua Madore** during the day is a process engineer at Fairchild Semiconductor in South Portland and at night he performs his own music in southern Maine. This past spring he released his debut album, "The Same Mistakes."

Music is also playing for some fellow classmates, as bells will be ringing for their wedding day. Classmate **Zachary Zamboni** married Emily Mraz this past summer. Zach is a freelance cinematographer in Brooklyn, New York. Classmate **Troy Degerstrom** is planning a June 2008 wedding to Natalie Beiser '05. Troy is employed by Rent-A-Center in Bangor, Maine. We wish these couples well in their married lives.

Enjoy the fall beauty!

2001

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It is hard to believe that it has been over half a decade since we graduated from UMaine. Although we all keep our school and friends in our hearts, as time goes on the University of Maine family grows as our alumni get married, have children, and go on to accomplish great things.

John Jenusaitis wed Tonya Sandburg in a May wedding. John works as a naval contractor in Brunswick. In October, **Christopher McLaughlin** will marry Sarah Leighton '04G. **Nishka Morze** heard wedding bells this summer when she married Clancy King in June. Nishka works as a nurse at St. Joseph Hospital. **Heather Anzelc** wasn't kidding around when she married Glenn Adams this August. She currently works as a kindergarten teacher. Best wishes to all our alumni with recent nuptials!

Dave and **Brianna Day Bryant** became proud parents on December 5, 2006. Their bundle of joy, Matthew Bryant, weighed seven pounds

and 13 ounces. Congratulations to the new parents.

Francis Grey has recently become the town manager of Gouldsboro. This is his first town manager position and he is very excited about his duties managing the five villages that make up Gouldsboro.

Recently receiving the Chartered Financial Analyst designation, **Mark Bernier** is a portfolio manager at Trust and Investment Services Group of Bangor Savings Bank.

Old Dominion University's football program has welcomed **Brian Scott** as their new offensive coordinator. Scott ranks 12th in all time passing yards at the University of Maine. Scott has coached football since he graduated from UMaine.

Thanks to all the grads who shared information with us. Until our next column, please be sure to send us information about your latest business venture or personal accomplishments.

2002

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Fall always reminds me of the beautiful foliage around the state and along the mall on campus. I cannot believe that five years have passed since we left campus. The alumni association offers a great way to stay connected with our classmates through InCircle.com. It's similar to MySpace but just for UMaine alums. If you are interested in signing up, just visit the alumni association's webpage: www.mainealumni.com and click on the InCircle icon. It's free and the Class of 2002 has a group started.

This summer some classmates have started their future with that someone special. **Allison Piper** was married on June 9, 2007, to Michael Glessner '05G at the Woodlands in Falmouth. Allison works as an environmental scientist with ENVIRON International in Portland. She got her bachelor's and master's degrees at UMaine. **Jenny Bouffard** and **Jason Straetz** had a September 8, 2007, wedding in southern Maine. Jenny studied English and Jason studied financial economics. Jenny is currently employed by Kennebunk Savings Bank as a marketing coordinator. Jason is currently working

for Gorham Savings Bank. **Justin Cobb** got married on August 10, 2007, to Suzanne Imbruno. Justin is currently employed by Sports Fields in Monmouth. **Jennifer Lynn Hitchcock** was married on August 11, 2007, to Darek Grant. Jennifer received her bachelor's degree in bio-resource engineering and is pursuing a master's degree in public administration at UMaine. She is employed as an assistant manager by Maine Drinking Water Program in Augusta. **Amanda Giblin's** wedding to Patrick Hennessey took place on September 22, 2007, in Rangeley, Maine. Amanda is employed as a sixth grade teacher at Gray-New Gloucester Middle School. **Kathryn Downs** was married in late August to Antonia Caizzo II at the Bear Mountain Inn in Waterford, Maine. She is currently employed by Maine Medical Center and Boston Children's Hospital. **Angela Small** planned a September 8, 2007, wedding to Matthew Snow. Angela is employed at Bank of America as a small-business specialist. **Adam Killip** and his wife, Brianna, welcomed their first child, Connor Michael Killip, on April 20, 2007. Connor was 10 pounds, four ounces, and 21.5 inches long. The family is very happy and healthy. **Julie Martel Morris** and her husband, Jim, had a baby girl named Ella Grace on April 17, 2007.

Some of our classmates have great success in their jobs to report. **Brianne Layman Hensley** got married last May 2006 and now works at the Center for Athletic Medicine as an athletic trainer. She currently resides in Michigan. **Kathleen March Ph.D.**, professor of Spanish at UMaine, has been named a Senior Fulbright Specialist, a designation that places her on a list of specialists selected to receive financial assistance for special teaching projects, typically in a foreign country. Kathleen has taught at UMaine since 1984. **Noah Winslow** accepted a new position in March as manager of the potato sales and grain departments for Maine Potato Growers. The position will have primary responsibility for developing consistent communication strategies to MPG's customer base. **Marie Dubord**, who earned a graduate degree in May '07, was named Graduate Student of the Year at UMaine by the Women's Resource Center on the Orono campus. The university honors student employees on campus for exceptional professionalism, responsibility, and service to their departments and the university.

As always I would love to hear

from you with any news that you would like to share. I get most of the news from newspaper clippings that the alumni association prepares for me. You can contact me with any news that you would like to share at: braggins@umit.maine.edu. Wishing everyone the best!

2003

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Congratulations are in order to a good number of the Class of 2003. **Maria Beal** is engaged to be married to David Powers. Maria is a registered nurse and is busy planning a poolside wedding in June of 2008. **Angela Brown** is marrying Jason Moore. The two are planning a September 2007 wedding. Angela is working as an instructional strategist at the Cape Elizabeth school department. **Alyson Greenleaf** is recently engaged to **Shaun Leeper**. Alyson is employed at ALR in South Portland and busy planning her summer 2008 wedding.

Bert Brewer is working in sales support at Macy's and was married in May to Nicole Sulinski. **Crystal Franck** is living in Massachusetts and was married in August to Jared Gordon. **Matthew Madore** was married in July to Vanessa Grover. Matthew is working as a choral music teacher at Stearns High School. Finally, **Andrew Dumond** has married Katherine Rioux. The two were married in August. Andrew is a chemist at Envirologix in Portland.

Congratulations are also in order for some 2003 graduates who have new positions. **Susan Faloon** is the new communications officer at Bangor Hydro. **Milja Brecher-DeMuro** (G) is now in charge of the alumni relations department at the College of the Atlantic, and **Tom Schmidt** has been awarded the position of percussionist for the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra.

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Weddings

1976

Allen Strout to Marjorie Becker on February 12, 2007, in Montego Bay, Jamaica. They honeymooned in Jamaica and reside in Orrington, Maine.

1979

Kimberly Martin Hall to **Christopher L. Smith '02G** on June 23, 2007, in Presque Isle, Maine.

1987

Brigitte B. Dionne to **Mark P. Giordano, Jr. '00** on March 26, 2007, at Waikiki Beach, Hawaii. They spent their honeymoon in Hawaii and reside in Hampden.

1989

George B. Morgan to Miho Kazahaya on December 28, 2006, in Gray, Maine. They honeymooned in New Gloucester before returning to Soja City, Okayama, Japan, where they live.

Christopher Todd Lovell to Shirley Jean Dominguez on February 14, 2007, in Las Vegas, Nevada. They took a wedding trip to Belize and live in Ridgefield, Connecticut.

1990

Jefferson L. Longfellow to Karen A. Colbath on October 1, 2006, in Bethel, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Vermont and live in Waterville.

1992

Edward Mercier to Heather M. Hurd on August 5, 2006, in Dedham, Maine. They honeymooned in the Caribbean and reside in Brewer.

1994

Tara Jo Pineo to Mark Alan Severance on May 19, 2007, in Bangor, Maine. They spent their honeymoon on the Mayan Riviera and reside in Corinth, Maine.

1995

David Moon to Nicole Shea on September 15, 2006, at Fenway Park in Boston. They reside in Belmont, Massachusetts.

1997

Erik A. Worcester to Debra M. Scott on August 26, 2006, on Peaks Island, Maine. They reside in Freeport.

1998

Robert Brewer to Lottie Toney on June 1, 2007, in Horsens, Denmark. They live in Monterey, California.

1999

Kristy Karlyn Labbe to **Trevor Jonathan McFarland '00** on July 7, 2007, on Timothy Lake, Oregon. They live in Portland, Oregon.



Mary Gatchell-Fenderson '05 was married to **Lt. Nicholas "Nick" Gauvin '06** on June 9 at All Souls Congregational Church in Bangor. The reception was held at the Penobscot Valley Country Club. In the wedding party were (left to right): **Matthew Carter**, **Kevin Miller**, **Benjamin Pottle '06**, **Ryan Curry '06**, **Mary and Nick**, **Cindy Dionne Curry '06**, **Miranda Gauvin**, **Crystal Smart**, and **Jaime Flaig '07G**. Mary and Nick postponed a honeymoon in order to move to Alaska where Nick is currently stationed with the Army.

2000

Tabitha Curit to Todd Swanson on November 4, 2006, in Lewiston, Maine. After a honeymoon in St. Lucia, they reside in Windham, Maine.

2001

Nathan Ponitz to June LaVallee on



Captain Rob Brewer '98 was married to **Captain Lottie Toney** on June 1, 2007, in a civil ceremony in Horsens, Denmark. A traditional ceremony and reception are planned for October 2008 in the Washington D.C., area.

October 7, 2006, in Rangeley, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Switzerland.

Keith Genest to Heather Williams at Camden Hills State Park, Maine. They live in Sidney, Maine.

2002

Jaren Aimee Bates to Mark Ryan Gabrych on October 21, 2006, in Auburn, Maine. They honeymooned in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico, and live in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Jennifer Rogers to Christopher Miller on August 12, 2006, in Carrabassett Valley, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Jamaica and reside in Bangor.

Christine O'Neill to **Robert Nadeau '06 Ph.D.** on September 30, 2006, in Raymond, Maine. They honeymooned in Naples, Florida, and live in Boston.

2003

Kristen Elizabeth Labrie to Brandon Ricky Beaudoin on November 11, 2006, in Lewiston, Maine. They took a trip to Jamaica and reside in Lewiston.

Andy Goupee to Kate Anderson on July 22, 2006, in Dedham, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland, and live in Ellsworth.

2004

Robert Jeremy Winslow to Morgan Brittany Wallace on January 6,

2007, in Thomaston, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Orlando, Florida.

Elizabeth Mendell to Adam Hawthorne on September 16, 2006, in Bangor, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in St. Maarten and reside in Newport, Maine.

Andrea Doody to Grant Robinson on August 25, 2006, in Millinocket. They reside in Kingsville, Texas.

2005

Joshua Bubier to Kara Pushard on September 23, 2006, in Winthrop, Maine.

Mary Gatchell-Fenderson to **Nicholas Gauvin '06** on June 9, 2007, in Bangor, Maine. They live in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Sarah Carolyn Prentiss to Timothy Michael Fabrizio on December 9, 2006, at Saddleback Mountain, Rangeley, Maine. They honeymooned in London and live in St. Albans, Vermont.

2006

David Alfred Starr, Jr. to Rachel Elizabeth Storer on April 19, 2007, in Nevis, West Indies. They spent their honeymoon in the Caribbean and reside in Waldoboro, Maine.

Send your wedding information and photo to: **Abby Zelz, P. O. Box 550, Orono, ME 04473-0550.**

Deaths

Unless otherwise stated, towns are in Maine. For more complete obituaries go to: mainealumni.com.

1927

James Emerson Herrick, 102, from Bailey Island, on July 9, 2007.

1930

Harold Duncan Harding, 97, from South Sandwich, Massachusetts, on March 24, 2006.

Royal "Roley" Allison Roulston, 99, from Salem, New Hampshire, on March 8, 2007.

1931

Paul "Pip" Russell Goodwin, 94, from York, on July 20, 2003.

Mason Joseph Stewart, 97, from Trumbull, Connecticut, on June 23, 2006.

1932

Eleanor "Sugar" Kane Hall, 97, from Dexter, on June 15, 2007.

Walter "Leach" Rayford Leach, 96, from Bucksport, on July 17, 2007.

Ruth Estelle Treworgy Tuck, 96, from Bar Harbor, on April 24, 2007.

1933

Donald "Don" Irving Coggins, 95, of Easthampton, Massachusetts, on May 6, 2007.

1935

Helen Leona Blaisdell Skehan, 94, from Gardiner, on April 23, 2007.

1936

Mary Poor Talbot Bean, 94, from Rockland, on April 25, 2007.

1937

Edwin "Red" Hill Bates, 92, from Falmouth, Massachusetts, on July 5, 2007.

Walter "Wimpy" Balentine Hanaburgh, 86, from Buchanan, New York, on December 13, 2002.

Elizabeth "Lib" Gardner Norweb, 90, from Willoughby, Ohio, on June 1, 2007.

Merton "Mert" Rogers Sumner, Jr., 90, from Arlington, Massachusetts, on April 13, 2007.

1938

Earle Edwin Gray, 91, from Starks, on July 26, 2007.

Leon "Lee" Bernard Levitan, 89,

from Needham, Massachusetts, on May 21, 2007.

Robert George Parker, 93, from Portland, on July 5, 2007.

Priscilla "Pris" Anne Marie

Tondreau Rowe, 90, from Harpswell, on June 6, 2007.

Elizabeth Helen Mitchell Smith, 89, from West Lafayette, Indiana, on April 12, 2007.

Kenneth Bradford Young, 91, from Ocala, Florida, on April 3, 2007.

1939

Albert "Albie" Harris Friedman, 90, from San Diego, California, on April 8, 2007.

Elizabeth "Betty" Rachel Dixon Inskeep, 88, of Woodbridge, Virginia, on May 2, 2007.

Margaret "Meg" Louise Huff Smith, 89, from Saco, on June 29, 2007.

1940

Dorothy Elizabeth Phair Blanchard, 87, of Dover-Foxcroft, on May 8, 2007.

Vincent Victor Checchi, 86, from Silver Spring, Maryland, on August 25, 2005.

Linwood Browne Rideout, 90, from Bowdoinham, on June 10, 2007.

1941

Merle Sedgewick Brown, Jr., 88, from Brunswick, on May 23, 2006.

Lawrence "Larry" Edward Burney, 90, of Bangor and Orono, on May 4, 2007.

Stewart "Stew" Willard Dalrymple, 89, from Piedmont, California, on April 1, 2007.

Sidney Owen Griffith, Jr., 87, of Waterboro, on May 10, 2007.

Carl Morrill Hamlin, 88, from Milo, on June 3, 2007.

Alfred "Sammy" Alroy Mann, 86, from St. Cloud, Florida, and Gorham, on April 18, 2007.

Christine "Chris" Evelyn Tufts Taylor, 86, from Marco Island, Florida, and Rangeley, on February 23, 2007.

Mavis "Skip" Lorraine Creamer Wilson, 86, from Camden, on March 13, 2007.

1942

Arthur "Dole" Sidney Dole, Jr., M.D., 87, of Caldwell, Idaho, on October 12, 2004.

Linwood B. Rideout Class of 1940

Linwood Rideout died on June 10, 2007, in Brunswick. He was 90.

As a Navy officer, Linwood skippered an LCT to the beaches of Normandy on D-Day in 1944—for which he was awarded a Bronze Star.

Linwood had a great love for the Merrymeeting Bay region. He and his wife, Miriam, ran a guiding and hunting facility at Browne's Point. He also loved the woods and owned a 100-acre woodlot. As a professional forester, Linwood earned numerous honors. He worked for many years at Pejepscot Paper Company in Topsham.



Richard Dresser Dole, 86, of Casco, on May 18, 2007.

Waldemar "Vic" Vickery Littlefield, 86, from Myerstown, Pennsylvania, on June 19, 2007.

Philmore "Red" Windsor Meserve, 88, from Mechanic Falls, on June 14, 2007.

Nancy Clara Philbrook, 85, from Shelburne, New Hampshire, on July 5, 2007.

Edgar Thurlow Pitts, 87, from Stonington, on April 28, 2007.

George "Gus" Augustus Riese, 88, of Arlington, Massachusetts, on January 16, 2007.

James "Herb" Herbert Roberts, 87, from Dartmouth, Massachusetts, on July 13, 2007.

Ruth Eileen Loring TenBrink, 86, of Bowling Green, Ohio, on May 17, 2007.

1943

Lawrence "Larry" LeRoy Dorr,

86, from Machias, on July 29, 2007.

Alexander "Sandy" Hardie, Jr., 86, from Union, on April 29, 2007.

Enid "Peanut" Frances Tozier, 85, from Solon, on May 10, 2007.

Walter Raynes Welch, 86, from Boothbay Harbor, on June 11, 2007.

David Walter White, Jr., 84, from Arizona, on November 22, 2003.

1944

Ruth "Bunkie" Adelaide Bunker Ellis, 84, from Rockland, on April 15, 2007.

Gerard Henry Pooler, 85, from Augusta and Falmouth, on June 20, 2007.

Donald "Dinny" Franklyn Presnell, 84, from Saco, on April 22, 2007.

Carolyn Ada Dunham Smith, 80, from Fayetteville, New York, on April 27, 2002.

Stanley Bartlett Smith, 87, from Fayetteville, New York, on April 10, 2007.

Ruth Ann Hall True, 83, from Farmington, on April 30, 2007.

Y. C. James Yen, 96, from New York, New York, on January 17, 1990.

1945

Guy Randall Bailey, 87, from Portland, on June 10, 2007.

John Frederick Doescher, 84, from New Limerick, on June 13, 2007.

George Annand Faulkner, Jr., D.D.S., 84, from Cape Porpoise, on April 15, 2007.

Louis Byron Grass, 83, from Bridgewater, on June 16, 2007.

Alice Margaret Maney McFarland, 83, of Portland, on May 15, 2007.

Wilfred Leon Perry, 86, of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, on April 22, 2007.

Gordon "Tommy" John Thompson, 87, from Rockland, on December 9, 2006.

1946

Simon Berenson, D.D.S., 82, from Sarasota, Florida, on June 15, 2007.

David George Willey, 84, from Gorham, on April 26, 2007.

1947

Winona Gould Edminster Chase, 82, from Norway, on June

5, 2007.

Janet Alta Clark Loveys, 80, from Damariscotta, on December 6, 2005.

Constance Elaine Davis Lowe, 81, from Winterport, on April 14, 2007.

Robert Homer Page, 87, from Rye Township, Pennsylvania, on May 21, 2007.

Harlan Sylvester Spear, 84, from Santa Ana, California, on January 10, 2003.

Valerie "Senior" Warren Varaneckis Warekois, 81, of Anna Maria, Florida, on April 5, 2007.

1948
Marjorie Arlene Bragdon Eisenberg, 84, from Palto Alto, California, on July 18, 2007.

1949
Samuel "Sam" Aron, 85, of Voorhees, New Jersey, on May 9, 2007.

Joseph "Hank" Henry Cameron, 85, from Bangor, on July 2, 2007.

Paul Frederic Chantal, Jr., 83, of Cape Elizabeth, on May 6, 2007.

Elsie Marie Sjostedt Haley, 79, from Stockholm, on June 1, 2007.

Virginia "Ginnie" Ruth

Robinson McKay, 79, from Sudbury, Massachusetts, on December 6, 2004.

Aphrodite Edith Floros Sarelas, 90, from Chicago, Illinois, on June 4, 2007.

Barbara Ellen Hines Spear, 80, from Santa Ana, California, on November 26, 2001.

David Thomas, Jr., 83, from South Portland, on April 28, 2007.

Paul Dawes Turner, 82, from Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, on April 18, 2007.

Frederick "Ted" Alden Wheeler, 84, from East Hampton, Connecticut, on April 20, 2007.

1950

Edwin William Forsythe, 79, from Raleigh, North Carolina, and Old Town, on May 25, 2007.

Charles "CC" Everett Lusth, 82, from Windham, on July 12, 2007.

Butler Hillman Pratt, Jr., 82, from Falmouth, on August 5, 2007.

Milton Ellis Silverman, 78, of Framingham, Massachusetts, on November 8, 2004.

Edgar Thurlow Pitts Class of 1942, 1953G

Edgar "Ed" Pitts died on April 28, 2007. He was 87. Ed was an outstanding student at the University of Maine, graduating first in his class and achieving the highest GPA achieved at UMaine up to that time. He was a member of three honor societies, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Sigma Mu Sigma.

Following graduation Ed attended the U.S. Naval Academy Post Graduate School. He served in the Navy during World War II as a weather analyst. His UMaine and Navy experiences became part of a memoir titled *Long Ago and Far Away*.

Following the war, Ed became the principal of Stonington High School and later of Ellsworth High School and MSAD 73. He earned his M.Ed. from UMaine in 1953. His son, Nathan, graduated from UMaine in 1970.



1951

Louise Ellen Snow Cummings, 77, of Sebago, on May 23, 2007.

Arthur "Art" Ernest Fernald II, 80, from West Newbury, Massachusetts, and York on April 20, 2007.

Marjorie "Judy" Judith Hill, 77, from Deer Isle, on April 18, 2007.

John August Smiley, 79, from China Village, on July 12, 2007.

1952

Albert Dennis Bishop, 80, from Caribou, on July 19, 2007.

Robert Burton Chatto, 77, from Lafayette, Colorado, on May 23, 2007.

James Edward Conley, Sr., 78, from North Port, Florida, on April 12, 2007.

Charles Sanford Hendrickson, 74, from North Beach, Maryland, on June 13, 2005.

Harold Lester Jordan, 82, from Milford, New Hampshire, on May 16, 2007.

Francis George Rovnak, 82, from York, on February 27, 2007.

Barbara "Barbie" Mary Hart

Schoch, 77, from Conway, New Hampshire, on June 4, 2007.

Richard Sheldon Wilner, 76, from Gorham, on April 29, 2007.

1953

Jean-Charles "JC" Boucher, Jr., 79, from Auburn, on January 7, 2007.

William Howe Cousins, 76, from Bethel, on July 15, 2007.

Philip Dean French, 76, from Mount Vernon, on May 24, 2007.

Anne Marie Dutille Ryan, 75, from Kennebunk, on May 27, 2007.

1954

Lucien "Joe" Roger Garneau, 75, from Cumberland, on April 26, 2007.

Joseph Wilfred Morin, 88, from Farmington, on July 28, 2007.

Earle Augustus Tarr, Jr., 74, from Green Valley, Arizona, on May 2, 2007.

Lawrence Walter Whitney, 75, of Bellingham, Massachusetts, on May 15, 2007.

1955

Gertrude Mary Chick, 90, from

South Portland, on August 1, 2007.

Joan "Jo" Geddy Roming, 73, from Unity, on April 27, 2007.

1956

Benoit Joseph Bouchard, 95, from Old Town, on August 6, 2007.

Richard Higgins Crummy, 72, of Frenchtown, New Jersey, on August 19, 2006.

Wendell "Wendy" Philips

Holman, Jr., 74, from Frankfort, Delaware, on July 29, 2007.

Herbert Eugene Karp, 74, from Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, on April 22, 2007.

John Eric McLeod, Jr., 73, of Smithfield, on April 28, 2007.

1957

John "Mike" Maurice Cluff, 86, from Brewer, on June 15, 2007.

Frederick Joseph Payne, from Kentville, Nova Scotia, Canada, on April 8, 2007.

John Bulman White, 68, from Biloxi, Mississippi, on January 8, 2004.

1958

Richard Malpas Carter, 66, from Buffalo, New York, on February 15, 1995.

Jean Francis Gallagher, 76, from Norfolk, Virginia, on March 15, 2007.

Walter Clarence Lawrence, 74, from Westford, Massachusetts, on July 31, 2007.

1959

Richard Earl Bennett, 69, from South Gouldsboro, on May 24, 2007.

Paul Richard Hoffman, 78, of Tucson, Arizona, on April 15, 2007.

Peter Anthony McKenna, 70, from Mexico, on April 21, 2007.

Elizabeth "Betty" Anne Dow Scott, 69, of Bangor, on May 9, 2007.

1960

Peter Arnold Russell, 79, of Damariscotta, on March 21, 2007.

Robert Jason Spear, 73, from Old Orchard Beach, on July 10, 2007.

Charles "Charlie" Tanous, 72, from North Turner, on June 11, 2007.

1961

Margaret Eleanor Grindle Eich,

Deaths

87, from Orrington, on April 29, 2007.

Merriman Collins Foster, 77, from Falmouth, on July 31, 2007.
Paul Reginald Franklin, 76, from Reading, Massachusetts, on July 15, 2007.

Margaret Mary McAuliffe, 98, from Portland, on July 19, 2007.
Ronald Samuel Novak, 74, from Spotswood, New Jersey, on July 21, 2007.

Milton Linfield Smith, 82, of Tilton, New Hampshire, on May 27, 2007.

1962
Gail Larkin, 79, from West Enfield, on July 29, 2007.

Marc Edward Plante, 74, from Old Orchard Beach, on August 3, 2007.

Basil Kent Teague, 66, of Windsor, Massachusetts, on May 3, 2007.

1963
Armand Joseph Arel, Jr., 66, from Biddeford, on June 22, 2007.
Harriet Lord Stanley Duthie, 93, from Ellsworth and Charleston, on January 29, 2007.

Eva Huff Fifield, 95, from Danforth, on April 14, 2007.

Blair Lee Ingalls, 69, from Franklin, on June 19, 2007.

Lillian Eleanor Morgan Lemke, 89, from Auburn, on April 20, 2007.

Robert Mel Moroney, 88, of Fairfield, on April 23, 2007.

Geneva Scott Reed, 95, from Falmouth, on August 8, 2007.

1965
James Magella Hewitt, 86, from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, on April 9, 2007.

Marion Pauline Hitchings Mantai, 63, from Buffalo, New York, on June 3, 2007.

Michael Henry Round, 67, from Orono and Bangor, on July 2, 2007.

Joseph Edward Solari, 68, from Fryeburg, on August 4, 2007.

1966
John Levis Houle, 88, from Biddeford, on July 11, 2007.

John Moore Johnson, Jr., 56, from Hollywood, Florida, on October 2, 2000.

Hilma Bamford Morrill, 97, from

James L. Ross Class of 1970

James Ross died unexpectedly, of natural causes, on July 29, 2007, in Kathmandu, Nepal. He was 58.

Following his graduation from UMaine (anthropology), James went on to earn a master's and Ph.D. in anthropology from Case Western Reserve University. Much of his career was devoted to improving health and living conditions in developing nations. Most recently (since 2000), he worked for Family Health International (FHI). As director for that group's HIV/AIDS program in Nepal for four years, he greatly expanded the efforts to treat and prevent that disease. In 2004, he became country director for FHI's largest project, the Global HIV/AIDS Initiative, Nigeria. And in 2007 he was chosen to be senior director of global operations for the Asia-Pacific region, located in Bangkok.

James was married to fellow UMaine Class of 1970 member Cheryl Warman Ross.



Milo, on May 14, 2007.

1967
George Albert Anderson, 77, from Liberty, on June 4, 2007.

1968
Gary Samuel Crocker, 61, from Dixmont, on July 30, 2007.

Pamela Lee MacLeod, 62, of Union, on May 3, 2007.

Baheru Yadeta, 63, from Keene, New Hampshire, on May 15, 2007.

1969
Ann Louise Horsman Field, 73, from Bangor, on July 23, 2007.

Paul DeWitt Stoyell, 64, from Old Town, on June 4, 2007.

1970
Louis Raymond Doyon, 59, of Scarborough, on May 8, 2007.

Mary Ruth Hayden, 84, from Portland, on July 13, 2007.

Janet "Jennie" Taylor MacKay, 84, from Lincoln, on July 13, 2007.

John Elden Palmer, 60, from Wellington, Florida, on

April 12, 2007.

James Larry Ross, 58, from Bangkok, Thailand, and Weston, on July 29, 2007.

1971
Jayne Edwina Kimball Buckley, 58, from Falmouth, on July 11, 2007.

Eleanor Harriet Ramsdell Meader Porter, 83, of Randolph, on May 2, 2007.

Marie Cabrini Pulsoni, 83, from South Portland, on July 5, 2007.

Betty Deane Roberts Stetson, 58, from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on June 7, 2007.

Christina F. Winter, 70, from Portland, on June 14, 2007.

1972
Deale Bradbury Salisbury, 73, from Ellsworth, on June 25, 2007.

1973
Marguerite McGurty Houdlette, 81, from Lady Lake, Florida, on February 21, 2007.

Norma Darlene Karram, 58, from

El Cajon, California, on July 1, 2007.

Peter William Kenney, 73, from Homewood, Alabama, on February 18, 2007.

Steven Charles Ranney, 60, from Auburn, on May 28, 2007.

1974
Ernest Merle Harmon, 64, from Portland, on June 20, 2007.

Patricia Ann Moores, 65, from Eddington, on April 24, 2007.

John Wyman Paul, 53, from Yarmouth, on April 22, 2007.

1977
Danny R.P. Michaud, 53, from Madawaska, on July 4, 2007.

Bonita Rae Desjardins Morgner, 52, from Winthrop, on June 1, 2007.

William J. Zuke, 51, of Biddeford, on May 24, 2007.

1978
Christian Thomas Chenard, 56, from Portland, on May 20, 2007.
Steven H. Thornton, 51, from Angier, North Carolina, on June 13, 2007.

1980
Paul Edward LaVangie, 49, of South Portland, on May 10, 2007.

1982
Craig Jefferson Davis, 57, from Manlius, New York, on April 7, 2007.

1991
Sandra J. Huntington Pratt, 61, from Hermon, on July 31, 2007.

1992
Cynthia Anne Groff Muir, 55, from Trenton, on June 13, 2007.

1993
Carolyn Nancy Dolan Campbell, 35, from Chocowinity, North Carolina, on April 10, 2007.

1995
Justin "Jay" G. Butts, 34, from Scarborough, on July 14, 2007.

2000
Jean Ouellette Hamalainen, 58, from West Rockport, on July 2, 2007.

Matthew Scott Reynolds, 28, from Bangor, on July 6, 2007.

2004
John "JR" Russell Boucher II, 24, from Fort Kent, on July 7, 2007.

the amount of weight-lifting and aerobic equipment as the old Latti Fitness Center (where there was generally a waiting list for a treadmill). There is an elevated running/walking track overlooking three wood-floor courts for basketball and volleyball. In addition, there are two glass-fronted racquetball courts and a multiple activity court which can be used for soccer, floor hockey, and roller hockey.

The pool area, with an impressive high cedar ceiling, features two 25-yard lap lanes, a vortex current pool, a shallow splash area with a fountain, and hot tub that can hold up to 20 people.

"The pool is definitely a place where students seem to like to gather," Hunt says. "We'll see 40 or 50 people in there at a time."

There are also multipurpose rooms and even an area where students can sit and talk over a cup of coffee.

In addition, the center will offer a wide variety of exercise classes and wellness services, and will sponsor the many popular intramural and sports club programs.

All in all, it's a long way from what many of us think of as a "gym." And that's probably one reason why it is attracting young people who might have been uncomfortable in other fitness facilities.

The design itself makes this a very in-



viting and comfortable place. There's lots of natural wood and stone. And windows stretching from floor to ceiling provide an abundance of natural light and views of campus and surrounding woods.

And in addition to being consumer friendly, the building is also environmentally friendly—utilizing a good many recycled materials in its construction and maximizing energy efficiency and water savings.

The amount of usage of the SRFC has meant a big increase in staff. Hunt says that most of that increase has been achieved through hiring student workers.

"We have about 150 students working here now," he says. "Lifeguards, supervisors, folks at the front desk and in the equipment room, and personal trainers. The student staff has been tremendous. We need them. We can't run this facility with-

"This is exactly what we want. It's just so great to see all these people using this facility."

out them."

In the first week there were a few expected glitches. The locker room floors were getting too wet. The new computer software created some challenges. And with the vast amount of activities going on, there were a few scheduling mix-ups.

"Keeping up with the huge usage is definitely a challenge," Hunt says. "I tell our staff that pretty soon we'll be seeing a problem for the second time and then we'll know what to do."

The friendly, "customer first" attitude of the student workers seems to greatly lessen the impact of the minor glitches.

The SRFC is open from 5:30 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday (the pool area has slightly modified hours).

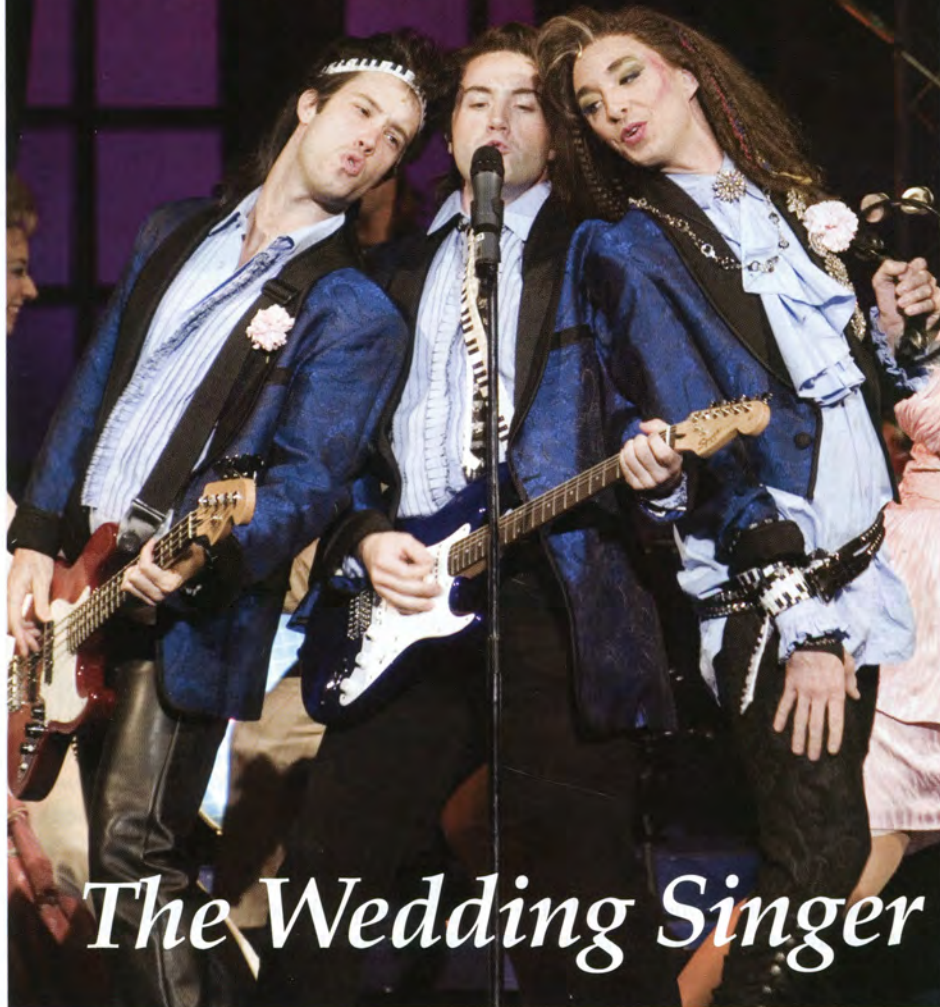
Who uses a fitness center at midnight? Remember this is a college campus.

"We always have people coming and going," Hunt says. "Even at those late hours. We have seen quite a few people coming in at 11 o'clock at night."

For more information on the Student Recreation and Fitness Center offerings and how to join you can call 207-581-1082 or visit: www.umaine.edu/campusrecreation.



On the Road as



The Wedding Singer

Just three years after graduating from the University of Maine, Merritt David Janes '04 is putting his singing and acting talents to work as the lead in a Broadway national tour.

Photographs by Phil Martin

WHEN he was a vocal and instrumental music education major at UMaine, Merritt David Janes '04 says he wasn't the best trumpet player at the university—not even the best singer. But he knew he had talent in a lot of different areas. So did his UMaine professors. All along the way they encouraged and inspired him to go as far as he could in everything he pursued.

Janes worked hard to improve on his natural talent in his years at UMaine and afterward at Circle in the Square Theater School in New York City.

The hard work and the breadth of his abilities all paid off big time this summer when he was selected for the lead in the Broadway national tour of *The Wedding Singer*.

Janes almost missed his opportunity. He was just finishing up his training at Circle in the Square and was thinking that he should probably start getting some theater experience. He heard about the audition for *The Wedding Singer* lead only the night before it was scheduled. He woke up the next morning and decided to give it a try.

"It was a crap shoot," he says. "I walked in not even knowing what song I was going to sing. I ended up choosing an old Maine Steiners song called 'When I'm With You.' It was the very first tune I ever sang with the Steiners."

Janes went back home without any expectations. But he got a callback to do a second audition. By the end of the grueling process there would be a total of nine callbacks.

"My big thing on this was taking what I called 'baby steps' to success," he says. "I didn't try to see beyond the next call. Every callback is like starting all over again and it can be very nerve-wracking, if you let it."

In the end it came down to Janes and a young singer who had finished eighth on "American Idol" (the year Fantasia won).

"I was totally ecstatic when I got the

Top left photo: The opening of *The Wedding Singer* with Merritt David Janes playing Robbie Hart, Justin Jutras as Sammy, and John Jacob Lee as George.

part," Janes says. "I called my Mom (the concert mistress for the Vermont Philharmonic) and just about everyone else I know right away."

After weeks of rehearsals, *The Wedding Singer* is now on the road for one to two-week stops in some 30 cities including Baltimore, Atlanta, Minneapolis, Seattle, Boston, and Providence.

And after the show's opening engagement in Baltimore, Janes was relishing the experience.

"It's the greatest job I've ever had," he exclaims. "I go and do a show every day with a wonderful cast. We have a couple of brush-up rehearsals a week. I get treated so well by everyone. And we get to see and experience all these great cities."

Another big benefit of being the lead in a Broadway national tour is that you get to meet a lot of the right people.

"This is a huge door opener," Janes says. "Not just on the resume, but you also get to meet and know a lot of people in the theater and movie industries. It's very, very cool."

Of course along with all the great contacts, theater people also have to face the critics. Janes says some of the early reviews of *The Wedding Singer* have been mixed. But that's okay with him.

"I don't put a lot of stock in reviews—neither do the producers," he says. "I have no beef with them. They're there to pick the show apart—that's what they are paid to do."

He laughs about one reviewer in Baltimore who said he liked Janes' dancing more than his singing.

"I'm not sure that person knew what he was talking about," Janes says. "Singing is definitely my strongest suit. And I haven't had any training in dance, so that's my biggest challenge."

In the role of New Jersey's fa-

vorite mid-'80s wedding singer and rock-star wannabe, Robbie Hart (played by Adam Sandler in the movie and Stephen Lynch on Broadway), Janes is called upon to make use of all his natural talent and training. One thing that helps him with the role is the fact that he had led his own rock band, Five Stories High. Featuring all original material, the band, which included Janes' fellow UMaine graduate, Keith Luhmann '01, performed at downtown and midtown clubs throughout Manhattan.

He also credits his two years at Circle

"You know it's really a survival of the fittest business. The more adaptable you are, the more stuff you are good at, the more opportunities you'll have along the way."



The Wedding Singer finale with Janes and Erin Elizabeth Coors.

in the Square with providing a big boost to his acting and theater skills.

"Some great actors like Phillip Seymour Hoffman and Kevin Bacon have come out of there," he says. "It provides great training."

But he also credits the University of Maine for giving him the foundation in music and inspiration he needed.

"I became a well-rounded musician and performer at the university," he says. "Everyone there helped me so much. I wouldn't be in this great part if it weren't for the music department at the University of Maine."

Janes ended up at UMaine after attending a Maine Summer Youth Music Camp where he was inspired by UMaine professor Chip Farnham.

As an undergraduate Janes continued to pursue trumpet (where in addition to Farnham, he was inspired by jazz professor Karel Lidral). But he gravitated more and more to singing, performing with the Maine Steiners as well as other choral groups and getting leading roles in several UMaine stage productions.

One of the major influences on his vocal development was UMaine professor Dennis Cox.

"He was a huge influence," Janes says. "When it comes to vocal work, he has all the goods."

Janes says he just doesn't know what lies ahead when *The Wedding Singer* tour comes to an end. As he noted, the experience should open lots of doors for him, but he says he will still continue to pursue a wide variety of interests as a kind of insurance policy.

"I'm a singer first," he says. "Whether it's opera, theater, or in a rock group. But I love acting too. You know it's really a survival of the fittest business. The more adaptable you are, the more stuff you are good at, the more opportunities you'll have along the way."



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When Children go to War

The use of child soldiers is occurring all around the world. UMaine alumnus Arthur Serota '66 is devoting much of his life to trying to end the practice and to rehabilitating the thousands of kids who have been deeply affected by the experience.

KIDS LIKE TO PLAY AT BEING SOLDIERS. But for an estimated 300,000 children around the world, it's not play—it's the real thing. In more than 60 conflicts in Asia, Africa, South America, Eastern Europe, and elsewhere, children—free, easily intimidated and manipulated, physically fit, and blindly obedient—are becoming the soldiers of choice.

In Liberia, one-quarter of the various fighting factions were children. Eighty-five percent of the Lord's Resistance Army in Northern Uganda is comprised of children. In the ongoing, three-sided conflict in Colombia 70 percent are children. And it's estimated that 20 percent of Burma's 350,000 soldiers are under 18.

Girls as well as boys, some younger than 10 years old, are abducted or lured into service. For many, joining an armed group may be the only way of being guaranteed food and protection. But, along with the food,

By Jim Frick

they are given drugs and forced to commit or witness unspeakable acts of violence and inhumanity, which most are unable to comprehend. In addition, girl soldiers are often expected to provide sexual services for the adults in command.

One person who is working hard to end the scourge of child soldiering as well as to provide rehabilitation for former child soldiers is UMaine alumnus Arthur Serota '66, director of the United Movement to End Child Soldiering (UMECS), located in Northern Uganda.

Serota has devoted the last 27 years of his life to helping communities in Africa. It all started with a sabbatical to Zimbabwe in the early 1980s, where he taught, helped to build schools, and assisted with various agricultural projects in rural areas of the country.

After three years, he returned to America. But he was drawn back to Zimbabwe in 1990 and it was then that he was exposed for the first time to the reality of child soldiering.

"The South African-supported RENAMO Army was crossing over the Zimbabwe border, attacking villages in the area where I was staying," he remembers. "There was a lot of killing, kidnapping, and mutilation. And the RENAMO Army had a large number of child soldiers (estimates as high as 10,000). This was the first time in my life I had encountered it."

Serota's friends told him not to stay—that it was just too dangerous. Almost every night there were raids very close to where he was living.

"My number could have been up at any time," he says. "But I knew I needed to stay. This was a turning point in my life—feeling fear, going to villages and seeing the horrible carnage. It all had a major impact on me."

He has been working in Africa ever since—not just in Zimbabwe, where he worked on reforestation, agriculture, health, and education, but also in urban South Africa where he helped with community development and education projects. And most recently in Northern Uganda, peace building and rehabilitating



"I knew I needed to stay. This was a turning point in my life—feeling fear, going to villages and seeing the horrible carnage. It all had a major impact on me."

war-weary children with UMECS.

Along the way, he has written a book—*Ending Apartheid in America* and a play, *The Awakening*, which takes place in South Africa.

The road to a life of community and peace building in Africa has been a long and interesting one for Serota.

Growing up in the densely populated, urban landscape of Brooklyn, New York, Serota had an unlikely longing to become a farmer. He had visited Maine with his family as a child and, as he approached his high school graduation, decided to apply to the university's agricultural college.

"It was quite a transition from Brooklyn to Orono," Serota remembers. "But it was a good transition, and an easy one. The university was a very friendly place to be. And coming from the city, I didn't take the beauty of Maine for granted."

Serota spent all four years in the college of agriculture, joining Phi Gamma Delta, playing racquetball, and devoting himself

to his studies. Two of UMaine's legendary agricultural figures, Win Libby '32, '33G and Bruce Poulton, became his mentors.

Serota was also a member of the university's ROTC unit. And while at summer boot camp in 1965 he received some news which profoundly affected him and shaped the course for what he calls his "growing consciousness." The news was that the sibling of a friend and fraternity brother had been killed in Vietnam.

"It was the first time I had actually been touched by the war," he remembers. "When I returned to UMaine for my senior year, I realized I was heading into a commitment to participate in a war that I did not and could not support."

Discovering more about the United States' involvement in Vietnam led to an awareness of other social issues, and specifically to an interest in Indian Island. There he observed the poverty, discrimination, and other problems affecting the Penobscots. He decided to get involved. Ultimately, working with community members, he helped to found a short-lived, but significant publication, *The Indian Island Gazette*—the first Native American newspaper east of the Mississippi that was started on a reservation.

"That experience on Indian Island, well, it was my first real endeavor into social justice issues and it was a turning point which shaped my life journey thereafter," he says.

And by the time he graduated in 1966, Serota had become even more strongly opposed to the war in Vietnam.

"I wasn't opposed to military service," he explains. "I wanted to be respectful of the Army. But I was not willing to participate in that war. I was hoping to find a way I could serve without having to go to Vietnam."

He thought if he delayed his service by getting a deferment to attend graduate school, the war might end before he was called to active duty. So he applied to Suffolk Law School in Boston.

By the time he received his law degree, however, America was still deeply entrenched in Vietnam. He received his orders to report for duty. But much to his

relief, he never had to face the dilemma of what to do when the time came to go to war. After five months he received a medical discharge for a preexisting respiratory condition.

Serota decided to put his law training to work in aiding others in the armed forces who were opposed to the war, setting up a law practice near Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts.

Helping soldiers avoid serving in Vietnam was a controversial occupation to say the least. His current work to keep children from going to war may not be controversial, but it's still a daunting task.

One problem has been a lack of American and European focus on the many conflicts being fought in developing countries around the world and the widespread use of children to fight those battles.

Recently, more attention has been drawn to the issue through the bestselling book, *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*, by Ishmael Beah. At the age of 13, Beah was picked up by Sierra Leone government forces and for years participated in the terrible carnage which plagued the country.

In addition to providing a moving account of the nightmare that child soldiers live through, Serota points to Beah as an example of how children who have been traumatized and changed by violence can recover and heal and go on to be caring people—living productive, even inspiring lives.

Beah was fortunate enough to be rescued by UNICEF workers and brought to a rehabilitation center.

"These children need time to heal and restore themselves in a safe professional center," Serota says. "They can and will return to normal life with acceptance and support. All over the world there are examples of how rehabilitation leads to success, how success nurtures hope, and how the power of hope restores humanity."

He notes that one important factor for child soldiers coming from rural areas of Africa is that they were raised in solid traditional families and communities.

"They have a foundation of family sup-



Arthur Serota with Northern Uganda community leader Florence Komakech.

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port and cultural traditions," he explains. "Even though a child can be brainwashed, the change doesn't have to be permanent — not if you have a family and community to return to."

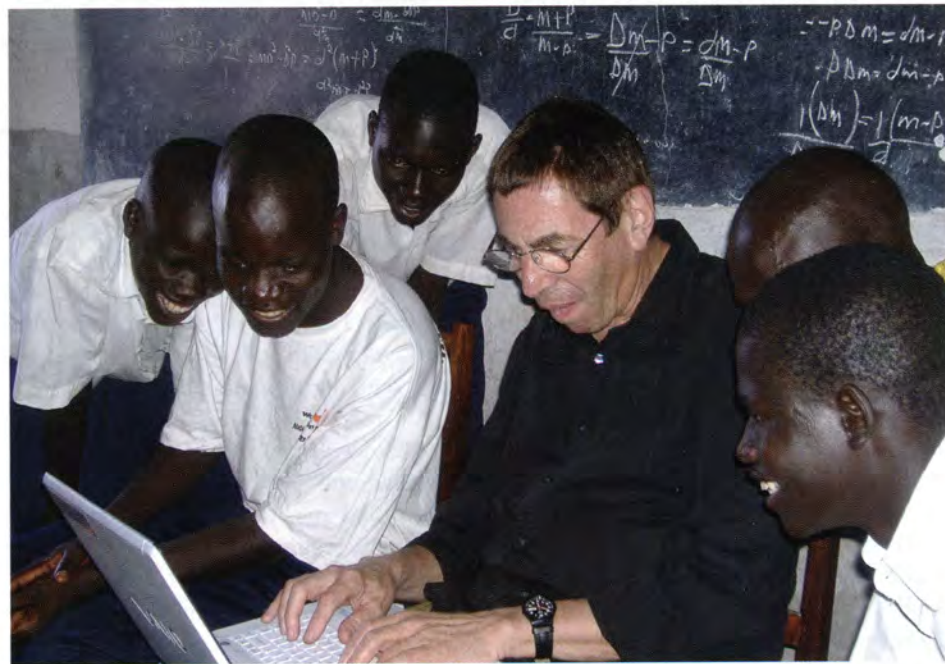
He adds that many of these former child soldiers have committed terrible atrocities against their own countrymen, and the forgiveness of their victims can be an important part of the healing process.

"Most of the people here understand that this was forced on these children," Serota says. "They were all part of these horrible experiences—they were victims together, and this allows for forgiveness."

Serota stresses that education is also an important part of the rehabilitation process.

"When they can't get to a school their rehab is much more difficult," he says. "When they're in school, they develop self-esteem and hope through academic work, as well as in sports and other activities."

In Northern Uganda, Serota's organiza-



Arthur Serota demonstrates the use of a laptop computer to students on a UMECS team visit to Pajule College Secondary School in Northern Uganda.

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tion runs three interrelated programs to foster that hope in children: the Northern Uganda Education Program, the Northern Uganda Internship Program, and the Peace Fellows Program.

All those in the programs have been deeply affected by war and violence. The majority, but not all, are former child soldiers. Serota says it's important not to exclusively select child soldiers, because doing so tends to divide the local communities.

In terms of education, UMECS makes a commitment to each child for the entire secondary and higher educational journey.

"What makes our programs successful (97 percent have stayed in the programs) is our holistic approach," Serota explains. "We pay for all school fees, uniforms, medical exams, scholastic materials, sports equipment, living needs, and transportation."

In addition UMECS offers ongoing mentorship, counseling, and career guidance.

The internship program brings in graduate students (teachers, business people, peace workers, etc.) from around Africa to serve as role models and mentors for the students.

The third component of the UMECS program is the Peace Fellows Program which sponsors university graduates from Northern Uganda war zones to the graduate program of Africa University's Institute of Peace, Leadership, and Governance.

In addition, Serota is very excited about UMECS's school-based peace program in partnership with three Northern Ugandan high schools. It combines a peace studies curricula and youth-led peace activities with community-based projects.

"My hope is that, over time, this pioneering program will help to build a culture of peace throughout Uganda," he says.

To many, building peace in a region that has been so devastated by war seems like an almost impossible task. But Arthur Serota, who has lived through it, remains optimistic and hopeful.

"I do continue to have tremendous hope," he says. "I have great admiration for the African people and culture. The vast majority of the people here are peaceful and compassionate, but they are caught up in the spirals of violence all around them. Africa is full of strong, wonderful communities and that gives me great hope for the future."

For more information about the work of Arthur Serota and the United Movement to End Child Soldiering, you can visit www.endchildsoldiering.org or email info@endchildsoldiering.org.



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Sweet Success

Trina Beaulier '69 started out just wanting to make a truly great brownie. Now her mother/daughter operation, using old family recipes, has blossomed into a thriving, nationally recognized business.

By Kristen Andresen '97

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Tall, dark, and handsome meets sweet, decadent, and rich. Sounds like a match made in heaven, right? Well, Trina Hayward Beaulier '69 would agree. And so would her star-studded clientele, who have fallen in love with her Simply Divine Heavenly Brownies.

They've appeared in Academy Awards party bags. Oprah raved about them on TV. Rachael Ray featured them as her snack of the day. On the "Today" show, Al Roker called them "sweet, thick, chewy, and chocolatey." And the online newsletter *DailyCandy* praised their "gooey, rich sweetness."

Beaulier didn't set out to become a media sensation when she started the com-

pany in November of 2004. All she wanted was a brownie that tasted as good as it looked. A few months earlier, she and her best friend, Suzanne Rand, were driving Beaulier's daughter to graduate school in New York. They stopped at a bakery to load up on treats, but the brownies turned out to be all style and no substance—or flavor.

"I said to my daughter, 'I could do a lot better than this,'" Beaulier, a retired schoolteacher and mother of five, recalled. "It was a lark."

But it stuck. Three months later, Beaulier and Rand, who has since left the business to spend more time with family, hung out their shingle. Using a family recipe as a base, they crafted beautifully

decorated brownies piled high with indulgent toppings. Offerings such as High Spirits, infused with Wild Turkey bourbon; Cocoa's Incredible Creations, a chocolate on chocolate extravaganza; and Love Affair, crowned with peanut butter frosting and crumbled peanut butter cups, were unlike anything on the market.

"I've always been a brownie lover," said Beaulier. "What I know now is that good brownies are really expensive to produce. Most places use mixes."

Mixes were never an option for Beaulier, who lives in Mount Vernon, Maine. Her goal was to produce the Mercedes-Benz of brownies, and from the get-go, everything was made from scratch, using farm-fresh butter and eggs and the finest chocolate available. Each brownie is cut and packaged by hand in an elegant wrapping.

"We knew ours was going to be a high-end brownie," Beaulier said.

That meant a price tag to match—a half-dozen starts at \$23.50, and a single shaped and decorated brownie goes for \$7.95. Today, the treats are sold at such luxury retailers as Saks Fifth Avenue, Henri Bendel, and Dylan's Candy Bar, a tony Manhattan sweet shop owned by Ralph Lauren's daughter. At first, her friends and advisers told her nobody would pay that much for brownies. But Beaulier proved them wrong.

"If I had been approached three years ago with Trina's plan, I would've said her chances of success are probably not all that great," said Bert Bolduc '67, the company's business consultant. "But she's given it a great deal of leverage and made the product extremely attractive. It's not that you're giving someone a dozen brownies or a tray of brownies. It's the presentation of the brownies that makes it unique and special. It's like you've paid special attention to the recipient, given them special care; it's like you've picked something out especially for them."

For Bolduc, "something special" is whatever Beaulier's latest creation is — it seems that each variety he tries tastes better than the last. For Al Roker and the "To-



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day" audience, special meant brownies dusted with 24-karat gold dust. And this year's Oscar gift bag featured a quartet of brownies that celebrated Jane Seymour's Children Uniting Nations charity.

But in the early days, before Simply Divine became a favorite of media and movie moguls, the company only offered six flavors, baked and frosted in a home kitchen. That changed pretty much overnight, when one of their regular customers sent a letter to the editors of *DailyCandy*. The web site and email newsletter recommends new, unique, and stylish products. It has 2.4 million subscribers—magazine editors and Oscar goodie-bag stuffers among them.

DailyCandy's May 6, 2005, post called the company "a chocoholic's American Dream." By noon, 500 orders had come in. More followed. To meet demand, Beaulier enlisted the help of family and friends, including her sorority sisters from Chi Omega, who baked, frosted, and packaged brownies around the clock.

"The best people I know, I met in my college years," Beaulier said.

These days, Beaulier runs the business with her eldest daughter, Meggen, who has a business degree from Simmons College. The company has moved to a 2,000-square-foot commercial kitchen and retail space

in Brunswick's historic Fort Andross Mill complex—which already feels too small. And they now offer more than 30 varieties, including the newly introduced raspberry brownie truffles.

"We just can't believe our good fortune," Beaulier said.

All of her friends from the University of Maine are willing to help out when things get a little hectic, which tends to happen when the company gets major media attention. Though Simply Divine now employs 15 part-time workers, the "Today" appearance caused a flood of orders. In addition, magazines such as *Gourmet*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, and *Chocolatier* have featured the company.

At Christmastime, Trina, Meggen, and their crew now turn out an average of 15,000 brownies a week—using roughly 3,500 eggs and 200 pounds of chocolate. However, with a steady roster of wholesale, resale, and corporate accounts, including Home Shopping Network, the bakers are busy year-round. These days, anyone who wants to visit the factory store needs only follow her nose.

"It smells good everywhere," Beaulier said, "but I don't smell it anymore."

Still, success tastes sweet for this University of Maine alumna, who met her husband, Bill '68, when they were students at the university.

And it just keeps getting sweeter. Her plan to launch a line of frozen brownies has made the top 20 in *Forbes* magazine's \$100,000 "Boost Your Business" contest—out of more than 1,000 applicants. This would allow customers to bake their own brownies at a substantial savings. It also would fast-track plans for franchising.

"It could go in a number of different directions," Bolduc said. "I see growth in a variety of different perspectives."

With Simply Divine brownies' winning combination of good looks and great taste, it's no wonder Beaulier has come so far, so fast. And no matter what direction the business takes, Beaulier knows Simply Divine is here to stay.

"I like to say it's because our product is so great," she said.

A former student remembers journalism professor Arthur Guesman

Lessons in Journalism and in Life

Daniel Warren '79

Harry Truman used to talk about a sharp-edged device that Missouri farmers used when the stomachs of their bulls filled up with too much gas and became bloated. The device went by many names—one included the word “pick.”

“Could use a pick around here today,” he would reportedly say when dealing with Washington politicians he thought were full of gas and/or badly bloated.

I heard the Truman story in the fall of 1975 on the campus of the University of Maine. Professor Art Guesman was telling me and other freshman journalism students that the Truman device was not only helpful in dealing with politicians. It might also come in handy dealing with journalists from time to time.

I was stunned.

Here I was, my young head filled with Woodward and Bernstein and the Watergate scandal, thinking journalism can save the world, and this guy was telling me that my future profession was badly bloated with the gas of ego?

This was a role Arthur O. Guesman would play in my life, and the lives of other journalism students, over the next few years.

Sadly, Art died on March 17. His widow, Ann, wrote and told me that the end had been difficult.

I’m coming up fairly soon on 30 years of not having the daily influence and browbeating and pep talks of Art Guesman. But those ages of 18 to 22, boy, they are so impressionable. I still remember things he said to me, or didn’t, like they were yesterday.

Sometimes people denigrate teachers by saying, “Those that can do; those that can’t teach.”

Poppycock.

Art “did” and then, fortunately for many of us who needed to get their ears pinned back now and then, he came to tell us what he had learned on the paths he had taken.

He was enthusiastic, energetic, interested in life, determined that the journalism factory at UMaine would turn out good, solid, and responsible widgets—and only that type.

He perspired often. Coming from a long line of laborers, I always thought that was a good sign in a professor.

He taught a wide spectrum of courses in journalism, but advertising was always his first love. When I took his Introduction to Advertising course that first semester, there was this question on the first test about a shopping center that was experiencing high crime rates. The local newspaper, where you are the editor, printed one story about crime rates at the mall. The mall manager calls. “Print another story and your paper will never get another penny of advertising from any of our stores,” he says.

The test question—what should the editor do? Cave in to economic pressure? Or continue following the story and printing the truth—even if the paper loses revenue as a result.

My answer? A 300-word essay about a new kind of industrial light bulb I heard of or read about. Use more of them in the parking lot at the mall, and crime would go down.

Art called me in to see him.

I was young and cocky. I’m sure I was convinced he wanted to praise me and rave about my work on the exam.

“What is this?” he asked, holding up my blue book. I could see the red ink notes in the margin from across his desk.

“You missed the point completely. Did

you attend classes? If so, did you grasp anything we were talking about?”

I left the office feeling so low that I would have had to jump up to hit a worm in the stomach.

But I recovered. And I soon “got” it. I did okay in the course and went on to take others from him.

In teaching us journalism, Art Guesman also taught us a lot about life—about being human. For example he told us not to run a story “just because you can.” He had us think about how a story might affect all the people involved. “Ask yourself, ‘is it the right thing to do?’” he would say.

During my junior year, Art and I discussed turning the twice-weekly student newspaper into a daily when I became a senior. “Why?” I asked. “Twice a week was enough, wasn’t it? Plus we might try and fail.”

“Do you want to be good, or do you want to be great?” he asked. “And failure? Remember what Teddy Roosevelt said about not trying—that it’s worse than failing. Or something like that.” Art liked to make fun of his memory.

“So how do we make the decision about going daily?” I asked.

“I would tell you one thing,” he said, looking serious. “Don’t make a decision, whatever it is, that, 30 years from now you’ll look back on and regret.”

The Campus went daily in the fall of my senior year. It was a great ride.

I had often looked forward to celebrating the 30th anniversary of that decision with Art. He left us two years shy of the goal.

Goodbye, Art Guesman. Rest in peace.

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