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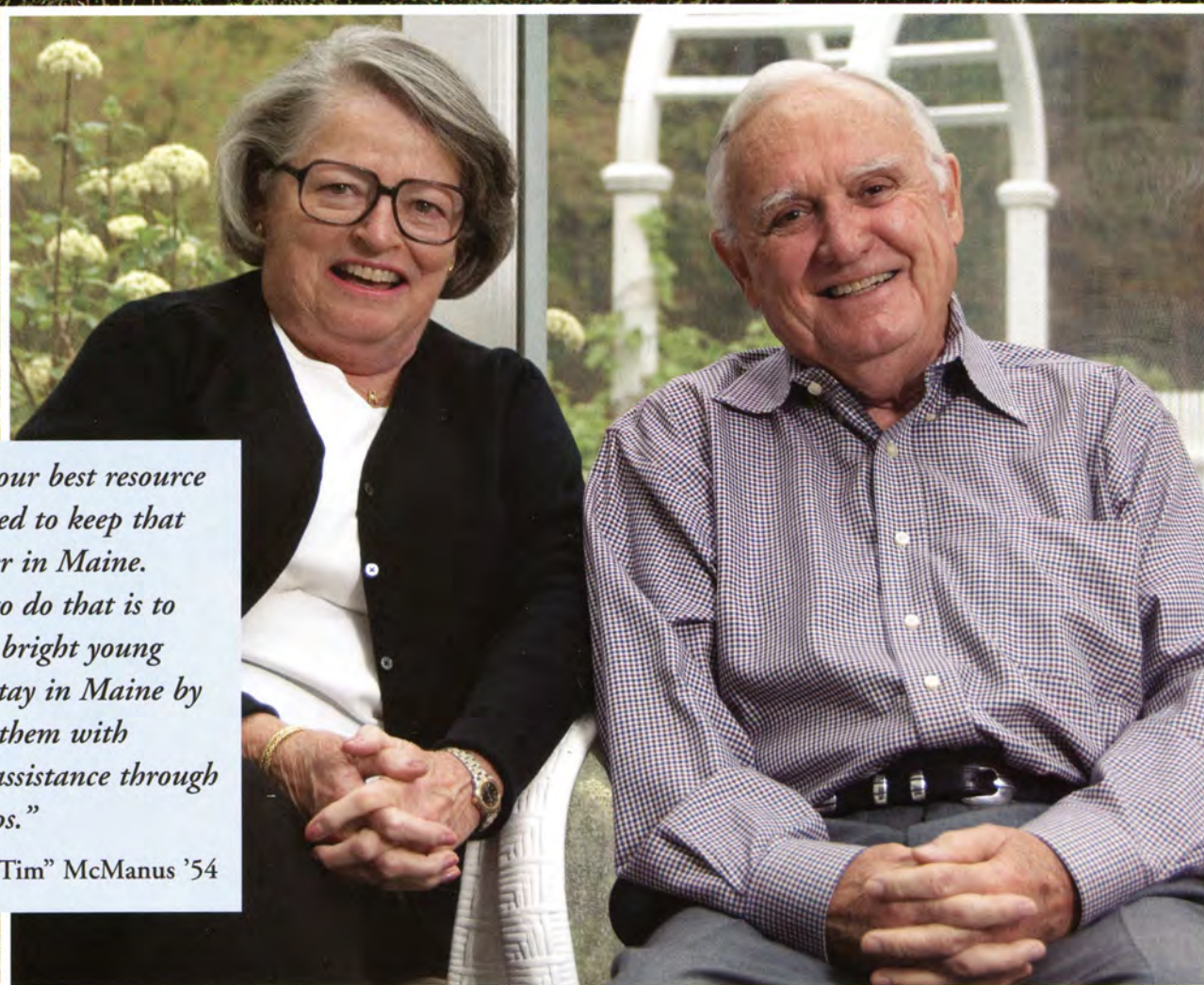
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—Edward "Tim" McManus '54

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Bequest by UMaine Alumnus is Largest in UMaine History

A \$12 million bequest from UMaine alumnus and Bangor native, George Houston '37, is the largest donation ever made to the University of Maine. As a result of the gift, the George L. Houston Scholarship Fund will enable the school of forest resources to recruit top students from Maine as well as from out-of-state. A variety of scholarships, from full tuition to study-abroad assistance, will be offered and the fund will create research and teaching opportunities for students.

"Mr. Houston's gift is remarkable," said Edward Ashworth, dean of the college of natural sciences, forestry, and agriculture. "Not only for the level of generosity, but also for the investment in future generations of foresters."

Houston, who was a forestry school graduate and a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, spent most of his career in New York working as an engineer and manager for the New York State Electric and Gas Company. Following his retirement, he owned an engineering and surveying consulting firm.

Houston's first major gift to the university came in 1995, a 217-acre family farm in Hudson. The UMaine Foundation began accepting forest land through the Green Endowment in 1992. The program was established to manage forest land on a sustained basis to provide an income stream for undergraduate education.

Report estimates UMaine's economic impact at \$698 million

University Gives the Maine Economy a Boost

A recent report by associate professor of economics Todd Gabe indicates that the University of Maine is the state's "leading driver of economic development."

Expenditures associated with the university's day-to-day operations, combined with student and visitor spending, create an annual total economic output of \$698 million to the Maine economy.

Gabe's calculations, which show \$7.65 in total economic activity for every dollar of state investment, are from data of the year ending June 30, 2006. It's based on how the university's expenditures provide income for people who in turn spend the money throughout the state. Last year UMaine spent \$286.9 million on goods and services.

As part of the study, Gabe calculated

the aggregate increase in lifetime earnings from a single graduating class, projecting that amount over the course of a typical work career. By that measure, each graduating UMaine class adds a total of about \$515.5 million to Maine's economy.

Gabe also estimates that visitors to UMaine spend some \$15.2 million in the local economy every year.

He adds that the university also provides benefits to the state that are not measured in the report.

"The skills and knowledge obtained at UMaine allow our graduates to make productive contributions to the Maine economy," Gabe notes. "It helps entrepreneurs come up with new ideas, and helps businesses expand and support new investments...the whole state wins with a strong University of Maine."



Engineering Students' Project Saves Energy, Cuts Costs

Four UMaine mechanical engineering students have been working on a senior-class project that promises practical benefits to the university and the environment. The students are designing a heat-recovery system for UMaine's Engineering and Science Research Building, a facility that houses offices and the laboratory for surface science and technology.

Justin Poland, an associate professor in mechanical engineering, said the system being developed would have the potential to recover an amount of energy equivalent to 27,000 gallons of oil a year from the massive volume of ventilation air that is needed in the building. The captured energy would then be used to help preheat the cold outside air to room temperature as it is vented into the building.

The recovered energy would reduce the amount of oil now used to heat the building as well as carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide emissions. Poland also noted that cost savings for the university would be substantial because the building uses 45,000 to 65,000 cubic feet of air every minute of every day.

"What is most important to emphasize about a project like this is that we are training our students in the ways they need to be trained, and at the same time we are benefiting the university," Poland said.

Alumni College to Offer Maine Politics and Policy

This year's University of Maine Reunion will again feature an Alumni College credit course. Maine Politics and Policy will be offered as part of the Maine Studies interdisciplinary master's degree.

It promises to be an exciting topic given that the presidential campaign will be heating up while the course is underway. It will begin with lectures on May 30 as part of the Reunion 2008 activities. The remainder of the course will be offered online. In addition to online discussions, there will be two field trips to Augusta, which students can experience in person or through an online video.

The course will be taught by two political science professors, Ken Palmer and Mark Brewer, and two public administration professors, Ken Nichols and Tom Taylor. For more information or to register please call 207-581-3219.

UMaine Alumna Among 2007 Maryann Hartman Award Recipients

Bangor Daily News arts writer, Alicia Anstead '88, was one of three women to receive a 2007 Maryann Hartman Award. Also honored were land preservationist and former UMaine faculty member Sally Jacobs and peace and justice activist Harriet H. Price.

The awards are given each year to recognize Maine women whose achievements provide inspiration to others.

Anstead is the first reporter to receive a Nieman Fellowship in Arts and Culture Reporting from Harvard's Nieman Foundation for Journalism.

"The thread that binds together all her work is her relentless pursuit of excellence," said Anstead's colleague at the *BDN*, Kristen Andresen '97. "She is never, ever satisfied with 'good enough.'"



Bion '68, '70G and Dorain Foster '68H make a \$1.5 million gift

Support for UMaine's Entrepreneurial Drive

The University of Maine Student Innovation Center opened in 2006 with the goal of having UMaine staff and outside experts help students develop the knowledge and skills needed to transform their ideas into real products and services. That mission will now be greatly enhanced by a \$1.5 million gift from Bion '68, '70G and Dorain Foster '68H. Much of the money will go toward programs at the center, while a portion will go to student scholarships and to the Student Recreation and Fitness Center.

In honor of their gift, the center will now be known as the Bion and Dorain Foster Student Innovation Center.

"It is fitting that this facility will bear the name of Bion and Dorain Foster," said UMaine president Robert Kennedy, noting that Bion was Maine's Entrepreneur of the Year in 2001. "They are true innovators and entrepreneurs who have succeeded in business and become community leaders because they exemplify the skill, intelligence, work ethic, and creativity that we strive to develop in our students."

The Fosters have a long history of giving to their alma mater. They have made contributions to the athletic department, the Page Farm and Home Museum, the food science department, and the University of Maine Alumni Association. Two recent donations were naming gifts—the board room in Buchanan Alumni House and the second-floor multi-purpose room in the new Student Recreation and Fitness Center.

Bion and Dorain also give greatly of their time. Dorain is a member of the UMaine development staff, where she works as special projects manager. Bion has been a long-time member of the alumni association's board, including serving two terms as chair. He has also served on the president's development council, and currently serves on the university's board of visitors. His record of community service outside the university is equally impressive.

The Fosters' gift helped UMaine's current comprehensive campaign reach the halfway mark of its \$150 million goal.

"We didn't want to wait to get to the finish line to give this gift," Bion Foster said. "It just made an awful lot of sense that we try and connect ourselves with the entrepreneurial drive that exists at this university."

How Will Climate Changes Impact Maine?

Governor Baldacci asks the University of Maine for an Assessment

Warmer winters, early thawing of lakes in the spring, and more uncomfortably hot, humid days in the summer—we've all sensed the changes already occurring in Maine's climate. Unfortunately, even more significant changes are likely to take place in the decades ahead. Those changes will impact the environment, the economy, and societal issues in the state.

Noting the "essential" need for the state's policymakers to consider management and policy decisions with the best available scientific information, Governor John Baldacci '86 recently requested a climate assessment from Climate Change Institute (CCI) director, Paul Mayewski.

"UMaine has one of the premier climate change research programs in the country," Baldacci wrote. "We need to utilize that specialized resource as we work to answer the challenges of global warming."

Two UMaine professors, George Jacobson and Ivan Fernandez '78, '82G, will lead a cooperative, interdisciplinary effort that, in addition to CCI, will include marine sciences, forestry, agriculture, tourism, resource economics, the Senator George J. Mitchell Center, the Margaret Chase Smith Center, and others. For Jacobson, the communication among disciplines is key.

"Working on this huge issue in isolation will not provide what's needed," he said. "It needs to be an integrated team effort and it's great to see that happening here."

Among the most critical areas that researchers are looking into are the potential climate scenarios and their probabilities for the remainder of the century.

Jacobson says that there are two impor-



UMaine professors Ivan Fernandez (left) and George Jacobson. (Photo by William Drake.)

tant factors determining the variability of predictions about climate change. One is how society will respond to reducing carbon emissions. The other is the type of climate models that are used.

"What happens is that there is a common experiment," Jacobson explains. "We ask the question, 'What happens if we double the amount of CO₂ that was here before the industrial revolution?' The result will be the best scientific estimate of the ranges of temperature, precipitation, etc. that we can make based on current knowledge of how the climate functions."

Although a dramatic change in technologies, lifestyles, and policies would certainly impact just how much future carbon gets emitted into the atmosphere, Jacobson says there is little doubt that we will see the doubling of the CO₂ levels.

"The carbon levels are rising rapidly," he says, "and, unfortunately, there just isn't much sign of any major changes in human behavior. I'd actually be surprised if we

don't reach three times the CO₂ levels before things start to change."

He noted that even if society does make major strides to reduce emissions, it would take a while before we actually saw any worldwide reduction. And the CO₂ already in the atmosphere will take centuries to dissipate.

"The climate of the 21st century will be quite different from that of the last century," Jacobson and Fernandez predict in their research plan. Because of that, an important part of UMaine's work will be to look at the challenges and opportunities that will arise as Maine's climate warms.

The two also stress that policymakers, business leaders, and private citizens need to include the realities of climate change in their decision making.

"We should not be dealing with climate change as an isolated issue while everything else is business as usual," Jacobson and Fernandez explained. They hope to have the assessment done by September.

University Expertise a Vital Part of New Navy SEAL Patrol Boat

Known for its great speed and maneuverability, the Mark V Special Operations Craft gets U.S. Navy SEAL teams in and out of sticky situations quickly. But that speed and maneuverability come at a price. The aluminum hull is stiff and lightweight, but as the vessel skips across the waves, it creates a jolting ride that can cause bone, back, and joint injuries.

In January, following several years of collaboration among the Office of Naval Research, the team at Hodgdon Yachts, and the UMaine Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center, an all-composite version of the Mark V was launched in East Boothbay.

The new vessel is made from multiple layers of carbon with a foam core and an



outer layer of Kevlar for added strength. And the new Mark V is 50 percent stronger and even lighter than the original version.

"This extraordinary boat is going to be an extraordinary value to the Navy and to our SEALs," said Senator Susan Collins, who christened the vessel at the January 11, 2008, launch.

Collins and the rest of the Maine congressional delegation were able to secure \$14 million in federal funds for the project.

University of Maine president Robert Kennedy has explained that the work on the Mark V represented an innovative way of implementing composite technology that could give a big

boost to the Maine boat-building industry.

"If the Navy ultimately decides to build a fleet of these vessels, it would mean tremendous economic development potential for Maine," Kennedy noted. If no problems arise with the new vessel it could be deployed in two to three years.

Researcher believes collapse of coral reefs is a clear early warning

Warmer, More Acidic Oceans Threaten Maine Marine Life

Increases in ocean temperatures and acidity that now threaten the existence of the world's coral reefs could also have serious implications for marine life in Maine.

Marine sciences professor Robert Steneck '78G is one of the authors of a new study predicting that increasing concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, if not abated, could cause coral reefs to disappear altogether in the next few decades. And Steneck believes a potential collapse of these ecosystems suggests a global atmospheric crisis that could seriously harm fisheries around the world.

"While we are far from where coral reefs live, it's important to consider what this might mean in Maine," says Steneck. "They may be the canary in the mineshaft Earth, and the canary ain't doing so swell these days."

In fact, scientists now estimate that 25 percent of the world's



coral reefs are gone or severely damaged and that another 30 percent are degraded or threatened.

Increases in carbon emissions have raised the world's ocean temperature by one degree Fahrenheit. And when carbon dioxide and water combine to make carbonic acid, it reduces the availability of limestone, of which coral reefs are made. Lobsters, sea urchins, clams, and scallops also need limestone to calcify the hard parts of their bodies.

Reduced carbonates in the ocean are forcing creatures to spend more energy making their shells, which places them under greater stress.

"The trajectory of a planet that is getting rapidly warmer and more acidic will likely affect organisms globally," Steneck says. "The problem is in our backyard....We have to redouble our efforts to curb emissions."

Engineering Students Come to the Aid of the Old Town Museum

The Old Town Museum is a modest operation that relies on the donations and the generosity of volunteers. So when the time came to replace the building's deteriorating wheelchair ramp, which no longer met accessibility standards, the board faced a tough financial decision.

"Building a new ramp was a big, expensive task for us, but it needed to be done," says Dick Eustis, museum board president.

Fortunately, help was just down the road at the University of Maine. The student chapters of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Associated General Contractors are always on the lookout for projects they can do as part of their community service mission. When they heard about the museum's need, they decided to donate their time and talent to the cause.



Drake Voisine tries out the new Old Town Museum ramp.

Led by junior mechanical engineering major Drake Voisine, the team of students designed a new, longer ramp, and prepared a list of materials for the museum to

purchase. About 10 students tore the structure of the old ramp framework apart one weekend, and resurfaced it with the help of a local contractor. The following weekend, nearly 20 different students chipped in to build a new, pressure-treated wood replacement.

"It was a good experience for everyone," said Voisine, who is from St. Francis.

Eustis couldn't agree more. Without the expensive

labor costs, he figures the museum saved about \$2,200 on the project.

"Obviously, we're very grateful for everything they did," he said.

Professor Burt Hatlen Remembered as Literary Scholar and Mentor to Stephen King

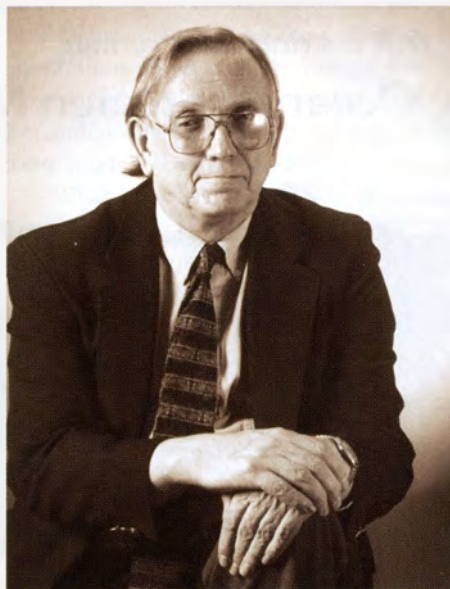
Long-time UMaine English professor, Burton Hatlen, a highly respected literary scholar and mentor to writer Stephen King '70, died on January 21 at the age of 71.

"Burt was more than a teacher to me," King told the *Bangor Daily News*. "He was also a mentor and a father figure."

King and Hatlen maintained a close relationship right up until Hatlen's death. King noted that he often sent his unpublished manuscripts to his former professor for review. The postscript to King's novel *Lisey's Story* is a tribute to Hatlen.

And over the years, Hatlen wrote several scholarly essays on King's works.

When Stephen and Tabitha King '71



made a \$4 million gift to the university, Hatlen was on hand to accept the first check for faculty positions in the arts and humanities.

A UMaine faculty member since 1965,

Hatlen was instrumental in the development of the National Poetry Foundation at the university. He served as its director for 15 years, helping to organize annual summer poetry conferences on the UMaine campus.

"Poetry is the most intense, self-aware form of language available to us," he once said.

Hatlen always taught a full load of courses and served for a time as chair of the English department. He was well known for his commitment to the department and its students.

There will be a campus celebration of Burt Hatlen's life later this spring. Anyone wishing to remember him in a special way can make a gift in his memory to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Scholarship Fund, University of Maine Foundation, 2 Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04469-5762.

(Some information courtesy of the Bangor Daily News.)

Sharing a Love of Science

With the help of a prestigious five-year fellowship, Katie McCann will be able to fulfill her strong commitment to teaching science in a rural Maine high school, like the one she attended.



Photo by Michael Mardosa '73

Katie McCann was five when she fell in love with science. Inspired by each edition of *Your Big Backyard*, then *Ranger Rick*, she headed outdoors and “checked stuff out.”

That thrill of discovery stayed with her through middle school when astrophysics became her passion. But in high school, McCann hit a self-described rough patch. Classes in chemistry and physics were uninteresting, mostly because they didn’t seem to have real-world applications.

The experience left her uncertain about her course of study at Northeastern University. Ultimately, she found biomedical physics and collaborated on research at Brigham and Women’s Hospital focused on neurodevelopment of the preterm infant brain. In particular, she studied cerebral fluid flow as a possible indicator of brain injury or defect.

McCann’s rediscovery of her love of science occurred because her coursework was driven more by concepts and theories than by formulas and prescribed experimental outcomes.

“I began thinking more deeply about

“I feel rural districts don’t get as much attention as urban ones. There’s still a pretty big need for good teachers and educational development.”

the huge underlying concepts that are so amazing and beautiful,” she says. “And I like that there may be more than one way to solve a problem. You may not remember the equations, but if you know the basics, you can solve the problem. That’s where the beauty comes in.”

McCann’s undergraduate experience could have led her to pursue graduate work and a job in industry or research. But that was not an option, she says.

“I wanted a career, so I’m going into teaching,” McCann says. “For me, it’s the difference between a job and fulfillment.”

The fulfillment, she explains, is being able to share her passion for science, particularly physics, to students in a classroom.

Last year, McCann enrolled in the University of Maine’s Center for Science and Mathematics Education Research, which

supports scientists and mathematicians committed to teaching. As a master’s student, she’s studying how students learn physics in an inquiry-based curriculum.

“An inquiry-based curriculum is so much more effective than lecturing to students,” she says. “When the lab precedes what the teacher talks about, the discussion is more dynamic and students have more input.”

McCann not only wants to teach science, she is committed to teaching it in a rural Maine high school like the one she attended. She’ll do that after she finishes her graduate work with the help of a prestigious five-year fellowship she was awarded this past spring from the Knowles Science Teaching Foundation.

Story Courtesy of UMaine Today.

The Seasoning of Cindy

Cindy Blodgett always had total confidence on the basketball court. Now, after 10 years as a professional athlete, that confidence is evident in all areas of her life.

By Melanie Brooks

When Cindy Blodgett '98 returned to the UMaine campus to accept the head coaching position for women's basketball last spring, things looked and felt very familiar to her. Games were still played in the Alfond Arena and practices were still at the old "Pit." As she was introduced to the fans, she still received their adoration. When she walked out to the parking lot, people of all ages still stopped to ask her for an autograph. And just as in 1994, the air around campus was full of expectations that she would once again lead UMaine women's basketball to the promised land.

What had changed, however, was Cindy Blodgett. The last time she stood on the floor in Alfond Arena it was as a player—the record-shattering superstar who helped the Black Bear women's team gain national recognition. The quiet, shy young woman, to those who didn't know her, only seemed comfortable on a basketball court.

Now she is head coach—a pro basketball veteran and seasoned traveler whose playing experiences have taken her throughout the United States and around the world.

Sure, Blodgett is still the lean 5'7" woman who was told over and over again that she was too small to take her talents to the next level. And she still has that intense drive to win. But she is no longer shy or reserved. She seems comfortable with adoring fans, with her players—even with the media. As a UMaine trainer noted in a recent newspaper article:

"She's the general. Before she was a



general by action. Now she's very vocal. She's come out of her shell...."

And UMaine's assistant coach, Rita Sullivan '95, who was Blodgett's first hire after taking over the program, agrees.

"When Cindy came as a freshman, I was a senior," Sullivan says. "Even as a first-year player, she was incredibly confident on the basketball court. But that wasn't the case off the court. She was always courteous, but she really wasn't comfortable with all the attention and public exposure."

Now, Sullivan says, that has all changed.

"The kind of confidence everyone saw as a player has now blossomed through all parts of her life," she says.

Blodgett's maturation, her experience, and her stature have brought her full circle—back to the program that, when she was a player, regularly filled the Alfond with 5,000-plus cheering fans.

Make no mistake about it; the current UMaine players are well aware of Cindy Blodgett's lofty status. So just how do they feel about playing under a Maine basketball icon?

"We don't talk about it," Blodgett says. "Do I think that they might put pressure on themselves to please or impress me? I think that's natural. When I was a player I'm sure I felt the same way about Coach McCallie."

It was, in fact, Joanne Palombo McCallie who enticed Blodgett to become a Black Bear.

"I could have gone about anywhere I wanted to—it was obvious to her, it was obvious to me," she says. "But UMaine presented the biggest challenge."

It was McCallie who stressed to Blodgett that UMaine was the place that would challenge her. The program hadn't been winning for a time and the people of Maine were already on the Cindy Blodgett bandwagon. Whether the UMaine coach knew it at the time or not, she was pushing the right button, dangling a carrot right in front of the young high school phenom.

"I'm a competitive person—I'm not one to run from a challenge and I thought, 'She's right, this is the biggest challenge,'"



Assistant coach Rita Sullivan '95 (right) was Blodgett's first hire when she took over the University of Maine women's basketball team. (Photo by William Drake.)

"One important way of getting players to respond is to command their respect. And Cindy has their respect."

Blodgett said. So she bit.

To say that Blodgett was successful in her four years at UMaine would be a gross understatement. A four-time All-American, she broke a total of 20 school records. She became the second woman in NCAA Division I history to lead the nation in scoring for two consecutive seasons (her sophomore and junior years). She led Maine to its first four appearances in the NCAA Tournament and was the America East Player of the Year in 1996 and 1998. She earned Academic All-American honors in 1998 and graduated cum laude with her bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

The college of education was a natural fit for Blodgett at UMaine.

"Teachers are coaches and coaches are teachers. In order for me to coach I needed to be an educator," she says. Her education has served her well in her brief coaching

career.

"It taught me that everyone learns differently and how to treat every person as an individual."

Blodgett's family, her former coaches, and her overseas experiences have also helped her become the mature, confident 32-year-old she is today. She's adopted coaching strategies from playing in the WNBA and overseas as well as from her former coaches. One of the major influences was Joanne McCallie.

"I think Joanne had a great impact on her," Sullivan says. "Certainly we employ a lot of her style of play, because Cindy knows it's been successful. But I also think Cindy, like all of us, was impacted by what Joanne did off the court. She was tremendously organized and she was great with the community and the media. She was tireless in promoting women's basketball in the state. Cindy observed all that for

four years and she knows how important it is to a college program."

Blodgett also talks fondly about her high school coach, Bruce Cooper. It was Cooper who showed her the human, more personal elements to coaching.

"He understands people, so I've tried to take that from him—his way of making every single person on the team feel very, very important."

That lesson would resonate with Blodgett as she transitioned from being a big fish in the UMaine pond to the professional ranks of women's basketball.

"In my last couple of years in the WNBA I realized that my career was winding down. I'm definitely a realist," says Blodgett who didn't get much playing time during her stay with the Cleveland Rockers and the Sacramento Monarchs. "I was a practice player. It's an important job and no one likes it, but it's very important to a team," she says.

And during her time in the pros she started to see the game from a coaching point of view, which Blodgett says helped her acclimate to her current position as a head coach more readily.

After the WNBA, Blodgett went on to play overseas for three years. She loved being able to continue playing basketball but found life so far from home to be a bit solitary.

"My experiences overseas helped me mature at a much quicker rate because you go to a foreign country and you don't speak the language and your teammates don't speak your language, you have to fend for yourself—there's no one looking out for you. There's a certain amount of survival skills you need to learn," Blodgett says.

Those overseas survival skills are being put to the test this season. A young team with a losing early season record, Coach Blodgett doesn't pretend there aren't plenty of doubters out there.

"If I spend one ounce of my time thinking about that, I'm not giving it to my team," she says. And Cindy Blodgett's focus is always the team.

Even though it hasn't been that long



Cindy Blodgett as a University of Maine senior in the fall of 1997.

since her own student days, Blodgett has had to adjust to the lifestyles of current college players. Today's student athlete is much more "plugged-in," literally, than in Blodgett's era. Twelve years ago texting wasn't a verb, and the iPod was nonexistent. Even email and the Internet hadn't been around very long. In spite of all the technological advances, Blodgett still prefers face-to-face contact. She doesn't like to be on the phone or tied to a computer. This Clinton, Maine, native has some traditional values.

"I think our culture today is very materialistic and at times our values are short-changed. So I try to get the players to invest in each other and invest in where the team is," Blodgett says.

Building trust and a support system is an integral part of Coach Blodgett's plan. "I think it's really important that they always understand that we're in this together. I'm never going to hang them out to dry," she says.

A big part of her relationship with her players is being direct and honest, qualities which Joanne McCallie says will serve her well.

"She's a truth-teller," McCallie said in a recent *Portland Press Herald* interview. "Cindy has great character and is inter-

ested in the truth. It's part of who she is—she's very straightforward.

"Those young women are quite fortunate to play for her. She will be very direct and honest. That's what kids need...."

Sullivan adds that the UMaine players respond to Blodgett's style and stature.

"One important way of getting players to respond is to command their respect," she says. "And Cindy has their respect."

When Blodgett started her new job last May, she inherited a program that was far from robust. No coaching staff and a young, depleted team for which most fans had pretty low expectations.

But it was just another big challenge for Cindy Blodgett. She explains that there is a difference between a coach who is using the position as a stepping-stone and one who is committed to the program for the long term.

"I think recruiting has taken a hit because coaches haven't been here thinking long term, therefore they may look two to three years into the future—not a long period of time to build and sustain a program," Blodgett says. "We need to invest. It's going to take us some time to rebuild. You want to get to a point where you've got eight or nine players who are all really fighting for starting spots. We're not there yet but we're not supposed to be—I didn't expect us to be."

Recruiting is a huge factor in building the women's program back to what it was when Blodgett was a player.

"I believed when I was 17 that this was the place for me," Blodgett says. "And all my dreams and aspirations were met here as a player and student athlete. I want every single player from Maine who I feel can make an impact on our program to come here. There is no reason to leave the state. Do they want to be a professional player? They can do it here."

While Blodgett has the charisma and drive to be a successful Division I coach, she now needs the tools to lure the best players into the program. While the new recreation center, the renovated Memorial Union, and the obvious beauty of the campus are draws for students, the facilities

for the basketball teams are something of a setback.

"Do I think our facilities are sub par—and I feel like I'm being polite in saying that? Absolutely. We don't have a home facility and that's sad considering we're the only Division I school in the state," Blodgett says. "We should have the very best facilities in the state and we do not."

Indeed, women's basketball rarely gets to practice on their home court in the Alfond. They have to share that arena with men's basketball and men's and women's hockey. Practice time in the 75-year-old Pit is also compromised because the basketball teams must share it with the volleyball team that practices and plays all home games on the court. In fact, the new floor in the Pit was installed only when volleyball became a varsity sport.

"The school, in general, has had a face lift," Blodgett says as we sit in her 1970s wood-paneled office in the Memorial Gym—an office that hasn't changed since Blodgett was a player under Joanne Palombo McCallie from 1994 to 1998.

"The Pit is the same. Alfond is the same (for basketball). And that bothers me sitting in this seat—that in almost 12 years that hasn't changed."

The solution? The hardwood floor is transported from Alfond Arena to the field house so that the team doesn't have to practice late at night. And there are real plans in the works to revamp the Pit—a project that would cost \$12 to \$15 million. Such a renovation would involve knocking out the walls of the Pit to make room for bleachers on the floor. The men's and women's teams would have new locker rooms and coaching offices as well as a new training room. Blodgett's heart rate quickens just talking about it and she doesn't hide her impatience for people who aren't as committed to the project as she is.

"I want young girls growing up wanting to come to Maine, and I feel if we can get the program back to that level then I've done my job," Blodgett says. "I'll feel fulfilled knowing that we are at the point where young girls aspire to come to UMaine to play basketball."

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Focus on Lobsters

In its two decades of operation, the Lobster Institute has strengthened the lobster industry by fostering open communication among everyone involved.



Dana Rice's family has been lobstering in Maine waters for generations. He was seven when he first accompanied his grandfather as he checked his traps in Birch Harbor. Now his seven-year-old grandson has started donning his oilskins to go out with his father on occasion.

That cultural heritage, the opportunity afforded young people, and the abundant natural resource are critical, Rice says, for maintaining an industry—and a way of life.

Key to the whole process is the Lobster Institute at the University of Maine, he contends.

"The institute brings people together and gives them a forum in which to discuss these things," says Rice, owner of D.B. Rice Fisheries in Birch Harbor and a member of the New England Fishery Management Council. "If it wasn't there, there basically would be no other place for us to discuss what's on our minds and find common ground to work toward common goals." It seems almost too simplistic to think that open, regular dialogue between Canadian and American lobstermen, pound owners, scientists, processors, and

distributors can yield far-reaching results. But ask those in the state's lobster industry what difference the institute makes and they'll inevitably cite the communication it has facilitated in the past two decades. "Prior to the formation of the institute, there was real mistrust between fishermen and scientists," says Cathy Billings '78, '95G, an assistant director at the Lobster Institute. "Lobstermen saw researchers as trying to control the industry without even being on the boats, seeing what the fishermen see day in and out. The institute built a bridge between them."

Bridge building was achieved by fostering relationships, says Bob Bayer, the

By Margaret Nagle '96G

Photos by Michael Mardosa '73

institute's executive director since 1995.

"There were many splinter groups from Newfoundland to New York, but we were able to get them in the same room, talking together, and represented on our board of advisers."

At the fourth annual Canadian/U.S. Lobstermen's Town Meeting, held last April in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, fisherman Ashton Spinney reminded the audience of 60 what brought them together to discuss topics such as the rising costs of lobster fishing, including fuel and bait; price structuring that occurs between fisherman and consumer; and reconciliation of environmental needs with economic realities.

"We may come from different geographic areas," he said, "but we all share and rely on the same natural resource. Sustaining a shared resource calls for constructive sharing of information. Our knowledge grows by this sharing of observations and experiences. The greater our knowledge, the better our decision-making will be."

The Lobster Institute is both a conduit and catalyst for research to meet industry needs. Working with a network of experts and scientists, many of whom are at the University of Maine, the institute has tackled a number of issues related to lobsters, starting in 1988 with research on lobster shell disease in tidal pounds and stock assessment. That research was followed by studies on alternative lobster baits, a patented technique for improving yield and shelf life of processed lobster, and development of a test for law enforcement to determine if female lobsters were illegally scrubbed of their eggs.

Scientists now affiliated with the Lobster Institute have been studying shell disease since the mid-1980s. Most recently, research by a UMaine graduate student is exploring the correlation of the disease to environmental health using GIS and maps indicating heavy metal deposits. Also under development is a low-cost hatchery to be used as a rearing facility for stock enhancement.

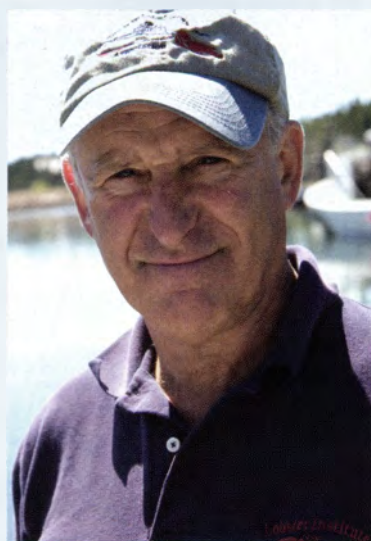
In addition, the institute has focused on research to create value-added products

like extruded snack foods for people and dog biscuits made from processing by-products, such as mince and shell.

In 2006-'07, the institute helped channel awards totaling more than \$1 million in state and federal funding into lobster-related research. The institute is now planning a study on the impact of the lobster culture on tourism.

And the institute has launched a \$4.8 million capital campaign to ensure future funding for research and administration. Organizers hope the campaign will help establish a regional lobster health coalition of researchers and fund an annual lobster health survey.

"In Maine, the lobster industry and the state didn't realize for a long time how important lobstering is to the economy and the culture," says Rice. "When you're competing to make a living, you take for granted what you're doing, but the reality is there are no other fisheries like ours left. Without this culture, this would be just



Bob Bayer

"We may come from different geographic areas, but we all share and rely on the same natural resource."

another place to live."

Bayer came to UMaine in 1972 as a poultry expert, teaching courses in animal nutrition and physiology. He worked with a master's student who wanted to pursue research on the nutritional requirements of lobsters in tidal pounds. In another project, Bayer and a graduate student developed and patented a vaccine to control Gaffkemia or Red Tail Disease that afflicts lobsters in captivity.

By 1974, Bayer turned his research attention to crustaceans.

"No one on campus at that time was doing anything with lobsters," Bayer says. Talking with fishermen, it was clear they were not getting the help they needed.

"The people are what keep me involved with the lobster fishery and industry. The science is great, but the fact is it also directly affects the lives of people in the U.S. and Canada who rely on this industry for a living. It's an interesting community, the way they rely on each other and present their problems to us. Some of it has to do with their history and the joy of getting out and doing a day's hard work. Most tell you there's nothing they'd rather do."

The institute has become a trusted resource for the lobster industry, a place to turn for the most accurate, up-to-date information, Billings says. "I've always described the institute as industry driven," she says.

"Lobstermen came to us (UMaine) saying they wanted this. They were very proactive in wanting to secure their fishery because it's a very generational endeavor. They're bringing their grandchildren in, just like they came in with their grandfathers. They have a personal stake in it beyond the paycheck."

As part of Maine Sea Grant at the university, the institute was established 20 years ago with the help of the Maine Lobstermen's Association, the Maine Lobster Pound Association, and the Maine Import/Export Lobster Dealers. By that time, Herb Hodgkins of Hancock, head of the Maine Lobster Pound Association, was already tapping the research expertise of UMaine to study nutrition and disease control in crustaceans in captivity.

"The Maine Lobster Pound Association got off the ground with research the university did on lobsters in storage and Red Tail Disease," Hodgkins says. "We founded the association to support (further) research, then became one of the cornerstones for developing the Lobster Institute."

While the Lobster Institute does not advocate for the lobster industry, it does serve as an information clearinghouse for crustacean enthusiasts worldwide. The phone calls and email come not just from people in the industry, but also from the public.

The zaniest question for the lobster experts: How do I grow lobsters in my basement? (The answer: It's not economically feasible; in the wild, it takes five to seven years for a lobster to grow to a legally marketable size.)

An example of a more serious phone call: News that a shipment of U.S. lobsters has been turned back in Italy on grounds that lead levels are too high. In response, the Lobster Institute put Italian authorities in touch with researchers whose work has clearly shown that lead levels in American lobsters are well below minimums set by the Food and Drug Administration.

"We've been called 'lobster 911,'" says Billings. "If there's a problem or a question, we're typically the first called. If we can't give them the answer with Bob's expertise, we connect them to the person who can."

Concern about the environment, particularly water quality as it affects lobster health, remains one of the leading topics of discussion among fishermen. That was particularly true in 1999 when lobstermen from Connecticut and New York called

Bayer to lend expertise on the lobster die-off in Long Island Sound. While nothing could stem the die-off, Bayer was able to provide research findings that helped the lobstermen better understand the role environmental contaminants, particularly pesticides, can play in lobster mortality.

"We're primarily here to ensure that problems don't crop up for the industry by staying proactive in lobster health," Billings says. "Science is no longer a dirty word with lobstermen. They know they need to have research to keep the fishery going."

The fishery continues to evolve, says Rice, which makes it even more imperative that all those with a vested interest in the industry constantly keep the resource—and access to it—in mind. "It's the same old creature with no brain that keeps us humans on our toes," he says.



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Explaining America to Itself

As a top correspondent for the *New York Times*, Doug Kneeland '53 covered many of the nation's biggest news events. But the Lincoln native also had a gift for telling the story of small-town America.

Doug Kneeland often talked about his return to his hometown of Lincoln in 1993, following a sterling journalism career with two of America's top newspapers, the *New York Times* and the *Chicago Tribune*. Many of his journalistic colleagues scratched their heads at his retirement choice. Kennebunkport, Bar Harbor or Camden they understood, but where in the world was Lincoln, Maine?

"Lincoln wasn't the picture postcard Maine they envisioned," he once said. "This is a gritty little mill town—what people here proudly call 'the real Maine.'"

On the other side of things, the folks in Lincoln weren't the least bit surprised that Kneeland wanted to return home. As he liked to point out, most of them "never saw much reason for anyone to leave." And as for being a well-known, big-city newspaper correspondent, well, that just didn't make that great an impression on these folks.

"I'm sure some people don't even know I worked for the *Times* or the *Tribune*," Kneeland would say with a laugh. "And it probably wouldn't change anything if they did. It's one of the things I like about life here."

And Kneeland was especially proud that his move back to his hometown was a year-round commitment—no winter home in Florida or Arizona for this native son.

By Jim Frick

In 1999, Doug wrote a piece for the *New York Times* about his return to Lincoln—what life was like there and why he did it. It begins with the simple sentence, "You can go home again," and ends with an eloquent explanation of why he returned.

"Because I remember the streets and who lived in the houses, and where every pothole was," he wrote. "...Because the lakes and the streams are where they always were and I don't have to learn new names and new places. Because four generations of my family are buried in the cemetery on West Broadway.

"Because I'm from here. And here is not a bad place."

Kneeland died on December 15, 2007, in Lincoln, the same small town where he was born 78 and a half years earlier.

Retiring back to his hometown says a good deal about Doug Kneeland. He had a strong sense of place, even though his career forced him to take up residence in a half-dozen states and to spend weeks at a time on the road pursuing a story. And, though he had interviewed U.S. presidents and was on a first-name basis with senators and celebrity news anchors, Kneeland always seemed just as interested in the lives and dreams of less celebrated folks—farmers, mill workers, small town mayors, and shop owners. Real people—the kind of people he grew up knowing in Lincoln, Maine.

Although Kneeland spent most of his childhood in Lincoln,



he did get some early exposure to city life when his family moved just outside of Boston to Somerville, Massachusetts. At Somerville High, Kneeland received praise from teachers for his writing. He became the literary editor of the school newspaper and also wrote a column for the local weekly newspaper. By the time Kneeland returned to finish his high school career at Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln, he had thoughts of becoming a novelist.

Kneeland also was a talented athlete and earned letters in football, basketball, and baseball at Mattanawcook. Years later, his baseball skills were on display again as a member of Jimmy Carter's White House softball team. Kneeland's passion for sports stayed with him for the rest of his life.

When he graduated from high school in 1947, World War II had ended, but the GI Bill was still offered to enlistees. Kneeland knew he wanted a college education, but he put his goal on hold to take advantage of the Army's educational benefits.

His two-year stint in the military, including a tour in Korea, expanded Kneeland's horizons, giving him exposure to people and cultures that would later serve him well as a journalist. Not surprisingly, he was always proud of having been an "enlisted man."

As soon as Kneeland was discharged in 1949, he enrolled as a history and government major at the University of Maine. At the time he was thinking he might enjoy a life as a high school teacher and coach. But that all changed when he met the head of UMaine's fledgling journalism program, Wayne Jordan.

"He made a tremendous impression on me," Kneeland remembered, "and I decided to change my major to journalism."

Kneeland also became very involved with the student newspaper, the *Maine Campus*, which he said Jordan ran as a professional operation. Kneeland edited the *Campus* in his junior year.

"He was pretty insistent that we all devote ourselves to it," Kneeland said. "I remember I was thinking that I might try out



New York Times national correspondent Doug Kneeland in Kansas in 1968.

for football at one point, but he made it clear that if I played football, I couldn't be involved with the *Campus*."

Jordan was tough and demanding, but he also quickly recognized Kneeland's talents and gave him lots of encouragement.

"Wayne Jordan was holding him up as an example for us seniors," remembers Kneeland's good friend and fellow newspaperman Steve Riley '50, laughing. "He was a freshman at the time, and we were all very offended."

Although Kneeland's nonacademic activities were somewhat limited by Jordan's demands at the *Maine Campus*, he did join Beta Theta Pi at the end of his first year.

But his life as an active fraternity brother was short-lived. At the end of Kneeland's sophomore year, he married Anne Libby '53, and the couple moved to a basement apartment not far from campus.

Being married didn't really fit in with fraternity life, and another incident further estranged Kneeland from the Betas.

"There was a black fellow at the university that I wanted to rush for the fraternity," he remembers. "The Beta brothers at

UMaine had no problem with it, but the national fraternity wouldn't allow it. I was really turned off about that and wrote a strong letter of protest. It was pretty much the end of my involvement."

During his last two years at UMaine, Kneeland also began his career as a professional journalist, working as a part-time reporter for the *Bangor Daily News*.

The day after his graduation in 1953, he took a job with the *Worcester Telegram*. A few years later, his old UMaine mentor, Wayne Jordan, recruited him to his staff at the *Lorain Journal* in Ohio, where Jordan had taken a job as editor.

"We put out a heck of a paper," Kneeland recalled. "But I'll tell you, he (Jordan) was just as demanding there as he was when I was a student."

In 1959, in part on a recommendation by Jordan, Kneeland was offered an opportunity that most young journalists only dream of—a position at the *New York Times*.

Kneeland started on the foreign desk, then moved to the metropolitan desk.

"In 1967, I finally talked them into letting me be a national correspondent out of Kansas City," he said.

While he was often called upon to cover major news events, Kneeland's signature stories became the ones about life in America's heartland.

"I was able to go into a small town and really understand it," he explained. "That's because I grew up in Lincoln. I had an easy time relating to those people, although sometimes they were a bit hesitant when they found out I was from the *New York Times*."

Kneeland liked to note that being from the *Times* always had the opposite effect on "people of importance."

He was thoroughly enjoying his life as a national correspondent. But in 1969, *Times* national editor, Gene Roberts, talked Kneeland into returning to the newspaper's offices in New York. He wanted Kneeland's help in turning the *Times* into more of a national publication.

"Gene liked the kinds of things I was doing," Kneeland recalled. "Of course, I was flattered. He thought that what I was

doing out in Kansas City was the way to cover the country."

Roberts asked Kneeland to come back for one year to help with the transition.

"He promised that if I stayed for one year, I could have any assignment I wanted," Kneeland said. "So that was just too good to pass up."

Kneeland's decision was also influenced by the fact that he had the highest respect for Gene Roberts.

"We were in agreement on almost everything," Kneeland said. "What we were trying to have our correspondents do was get a real feel for America—not just a New Yorker's view of the world. Our goal was to explain the country to itself."

In that year, the *Times* national staff doubled and Roberts credits Kneeland with being a big part of the paper's successful transition to a national publication.

"Doug was a major force in improving national coverage on the *New York Times*, both as a brilliant editor and as an outstanding national correspondent," Roberts said. "He set high standards that others could follow. Quite simply, he was one of the finest journalists I have ever known."

In 1969, Roberts kept his promise, and Doug Kneeland was given his choice of assignments. He decided to make his base in Palo Alto, where he became a roving national correspondent.

"It was wonderful," he remembers. "I pretty much picked my own assignments. Of course, the *Times* also gave me assignments. But if it was something I didn't think I'd be good at, I was always able to get out of it."

Kneeland was writing about America during one of its most tumultuous times. There was no shortage of big stories and Doug Kneeland covered his share of them.

"It was really something to be a reporter at that time," he said "There was just so much happening in the country."

In California he covered the trials of Sirhan Sirhan and Charles Manson, which he remembered as "something of a circus—inside and outside the courtroom."

There were also the late-'60s race riots, student protests (including the shootings



George McGovern appears to be keeping his eye on Doug Kneeland during a campaign stop in the 1972 presidential election.

"When the primary season comes around and the snow starts falling, I still get the itch to get out and cover it."

at Kent State), and the Watergate hearings.

Not long after Kent State, Kneeland returned to his alma mater to do a story about how the University of Maine had been able to maintain relatively calm following the killings. It was a typical Kneeland piece—insightful, gracefully written, and with a very human touch.

One *Times* assignment that Kneeland never shied away from was a presidential campaign—he covered every one from 1968 to 1980.

Talking about following the presidential candidates around the country would always bring a smile to his face and a wealth of stories from his memory bank.

"When the primary season comes around and the snow starts falling, I still get the itch to get out and cover it," he said just a month before his death. "For some reporters it was a grind, but I loved it."

Kneeland believed strongly in "getting a feel for the lay of the land." He liked to get to the primary state a week or more before the voting took place. Occasionally it even gave him a chance to socialize with some of the most celebrated people in his profession.

One time, he was alone in a restaurant/bar in Manchester a week before the New Hampshire primary, when someone tapped him on the back. It was NBC news anchor John Chancellor.

"He said, 'You're Doug Kneeland, aren't you? I'm John Chancellor.' I looked at him and said, 'I know who you are!' He told me that he had been reading my stuff for years and how pleased he was to finally meet me in person. I thought, 'You're pleased to meet me?'"

Chancellor invited Kneeland to his table and the two newsmen talked until late into the evening.

"I remember him telling me that I had the best job in the country," said Kneeland. "I looked at him and said, 'You wouldn't want to swap salaries would you?'"

The presidential campaign that Kneeland found most intriguing was the 1972 race between Richard Nixon and George McGovern—primarily because of what it had to say about American society at the time.

"The election was a difficult one for those of us covering McGovern," he remembered. "Being right there with McGovern, we saw things from a whole different perspective. We observed the passion of his supporters and we, mistakenly, thought he would do much better than he did."

Covering that campaign also brought Kneeland some celebrity. He was one of the subjects in Tim Crouse's legendary chronicle of the reporters who covered the 1972 election. Crouse's book, *Boys on the Bus*, doesn't paint the most flattering picture of the campaign press corps, but Doug Kneeland clearly comes through as one of its most decent members.

His coverage of the McGovern campaign also earned a page in Bob Schieffer's book, *Face the Nation*. In it, Schieffer refers

to Kneeland as one of the “most mischievous men in all of journalism.”

Kneeland also wrote a wealth of stories about the 1980 primary battle between Ronald Reagan and the senior George Bush. Kneeland admired Bush and appreciated the respect the former president showed for reporters. The two men developed a warm relationship and Kneeland even visited the Bush family once at Walker’s Point.

But Kneeland was bipartisan when it came to his feelings about how various presidents and presidential contenders treated the press. In his screens for integrity and personality it didn’t matter if you were Democrat or Republican. He didn’t care much for Nixon, Reagan, or Carter. In addition to George H. W. Bush, he liked Bob Dole and Bill Clinton.

Steve Riley followed Doug’s political writings throughout his career and was always impressed with his fairness. “Doug was a lot more liberal than I am,” Riley noted. “But I could see no evidence of that at all. No bias....”

Of his hundreds of *New York Times* stories, Kneeland always thought the most significant was getting the “Saturday Night Massacre” story—when Nixon dismissed Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox, and Attorney General Elliot Richardson resigned.

He remembered being given some information that day by a White House staff member—information which turned out to be misleading.

“I had submitted a story late that afternoon,” he recalled, “and it just didn’t feel right to me. Then suddenly around 7:30 or so I got word that a statement was coming from the White House. I got over there as fast as I could and learned of Archibald Cox’s dismissal.”

The deadline for the Sunday morning edition of the *Times* had passed. But Kneeland knew that this story had to get in. The only possibility was by telephone.

“I literally ran to the phone and really had to put the story together on the spot, as I was dictating it,” he said. “That wasn’t easy—it was a pretty complicated story.”



Doug Kneeland with President George H.W. Bush at the White House.

“He never acted like he was from the *New York Times*. He acted like he was from the *Maine Times*. . . .”

Kneeland remembered his satisfaction when he opened the paper the next morning and saw his article as the front page lead in the *Sunday Times*.

After working as the midwest bureau chief out of Chicago in the late 1970s, Kneeland left the *Times* in 1981 and accepted a job as foreign and national editor of the *Chicago Tribune*. Later he moved to the position of associate managing editor. At the *Tribune*, Kneeland is remembered as much for his humility, generous spirit, and good judgment as for his skills as a writer and editor.

“He never acted like he was from the *New York Times*. He acted like he was from the *Maine Times*, and that made all the difference in the world,” said Jim Squires, the *Tribune* editor during Kneeland’s time at the paper. “I don’t think I made a major decision, good or bad, that I didn’t have Doug Kneeland’s advice.”

Doug later became the *Tribune*’s first public editor (ombudsman)—a fitting job for a journalist with his impeccable sense of fairness.

“Doug’s great strength was his real concern for journalistic integrity,” noted former *Tribune* managing editor Richard Ciccone.

Kneeland stayed at the *Tribune* until 1993. His wife, Anne, had died of cancer in 1989 and not long after, Kneeland had his own bout with the disease.

Following successful surgery, he “decided to focus attention on whatever future I was lucky enough to have.” He took an early retirement and decided to return to Lincoln, where his mother still resided.

He was soon recruited to write a column at the local weekly paper, the *Lincoln News*. Kneeland agreed because he said he “missed the deadlines, the clatter of the presses, and the smell of ink.” He even drove down to the *News*’s office every Wednesday to help put the paper to bed.

In the mid-’90s Kneeland also became reacquainted with an old high school friend, Barbara Jordan Lees. They were married in 1997 and enjoyed retirement together in Lincoln for more than 10 years.

Doug also reconnected in a strong way with his alma mater. For several years he lectured and taught courses in the UMaine journalism program and served as an advisor on the *Maine Campus*. Although his teaching stint was relatively short, he inspired and influenced a good number of aspiring journalists.

In addition, he became an invaluable member of the UMaine Alumni Association publications committee and also served on the association’s board of directors. And with his passion for sports he soon became a season ticket holder for Black Bear basketball games.

In 2003, Kneeland was inducted into the Maine Press Association Hall of Fame. Two years later he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Maine.

Those honors from his home state meant a lot to Doug Kneeland. His career took him away from Lincoln for almost 40 years. But Lincoln never left him.

Investing for the Public Good

After a successful career in the investment world, 2007 *Mainebiz* Business Leader of the Year, Hank Schmelzer '65, is now fulfilling his long-time goal of serving the public as head of the fast-growing Maine Community Foundation.

When Henry "Hank" L. P. Schmelzer graduated from UMaine in 1965 and headed for George Washington University Law School, he had one career goal in mind—public service.

A series of diversions delayed Schmelzer from fulfilling that goal. The first was a call to active duty in the U.S. Army and a stint in Vietnam. When he returned from the war, he was still thinking about public service. While looking for the right job, he took a part-time position in a Washington, D.C., law firm that did a good deal of investment work.

"Up until that time, I had no interest in the business world," Schmelzer remembers. "But after a few months, I became captivated by it."

So Schmelzer changed his career plans and he became a securities lawyer with New England Securities in Boston in 1972. By the 1990s he had advanced to a high-level senior position, overseeing \$8 billion in assets and managing a staff of 240.

But Schmelzer never lost the yearning to get into public service and when he turned 55 he saw the opportunity, and worked out a favorable retirement plan with his company.

He spent the next 18 months looking for the right opportunity. During one of his stays in Maine, he heard about a position that was opening at the Maine Community Foundation (MaineCF) in Ellsworth.

Schmelzer and his wife, Cynthia Livingston, had a home on Mt. Desert Island and he knew the departing MaineCF president, Marion Kane.

"Marion and I both served on the board of the Maine Bank and Trust Company," he says. "I asked her if it was a job she thought I'd be interested in and she told me I should definitely take a closer look at it. She said they were looking for someone with a business background so it seemed



Schmelzer and Wells sailing in the 1980s.

Parallel Lives

When 1965 classmates Hank Schmelzer and Owen Wells were students at UMaine, they began a lifelong friendship and a life journey with many parallels. As young men both wanted to enter public service. Both went off to George Washington University Law School where they were roommates. And both were called to active duty and served in Vietnam at the same time (leaving and returning on the same plane). Wells later practiced law in Portland and Schmelzer entered the investment world in Boston.

The two friends are now fulfilling their original youthful goal in public service, heading Maine's two largest foundations—Wells as president of the Libra Foundation and Schmelzer as president of the Maine Community Foundation.

like it might be a good fit."

Maybe the perfect fit. In his eight years at the helm, the MaineCF's assets have grown from \$78 million to more than \$200 million and the number of donors has doubled. As a result, in 2006 MaineCF gave a record \$18 million in grants to communities, groups, and initiatives around the state. In recognition of his achievements, Schmelzer was named 2007 Business Leader of the Year by *Mainebiz* magazine.

It took a while, but Hank Schmelzer was finally doing what he originally intended. Not that the shift in careers didn't have some bumps along the way.

"It was quite a change going from the corporate to the noncorporate world," he notes. "More than once that first year I wondered if I was really the right person for the job."

One thing that Schmelzer says he had to adjust to was the style of management.

"In the corporate world it's a lot easier to just say, 'Hey look, this is what we're going to do,'" Schmelzer notes. "Your success is largely determined by the bottom line as a result of your decisions."

Eventually, he found the nonprofit world to be a refreshing change.

"Decisions aren't just made at the top," he explains. "You try to get a consensus among the folks you're working with. You get support from everyone before you move forward. That takes time and effort, but I've found that it is well worth it. Once people buy into an idea, you get a better product in the end. The motivation is different but it's also very refreshing because it's about improving people's lives."

Another thing that was new to Schmelzer was grant making. Even though he doesn't get involved in decisions about specific grants (those are made by committee), he is very involved with projects that MaineCF undertakes. It's a part of the job that brings him great satisfaction.

The original mission of the MaineCF as envisioned by founder Edward Kaelber was to provide seed money to groups and communities in the state who weren't able to get funding from other sources.

"That is really still the case," Schmelzer says. "We have so many stories of organizations or towns that got a one or two thousand dollar grant that allowed them to take the next step."

One example that Schmelzer likes to use is the Center Theater in Dover-Foxcroft.

"We gave a group of citizens there a \$2,000 grant to conduct a study to see what would be involved in renovating the old theater downtown," he explains. "That was in 1999. It enabled them to raise money

for an engineering study. We helped them along the way, making subsequent grants probably totalling \$20,000. Eventually, they raised several million to renovate the theater."

A gleam comes into Schmelzer's eye as he talks about how that renovated theater has helped bring cultural events to the community and raise the vitality of the entire downtown. He also gets enthusiastic talking about what his organization can do to help the people and communities in Washington County. Just this winter the MaineCF made a \$200,000 grant to support heating needs and winterization of homes in that region.

Occasionally, MaineCF provides much larger grants. One was for \$1 million to help support the capital campaign for Spring Harbor Hospital in Westbrook. Another was a \$100,000 grant for the non-profit group GrowSmart Maine to help fund the Brookings Institution study to finding solutions to reviving downtowns

and other community problems. MaineCF gave an additional \$300,000 for the implementation stage of that project.

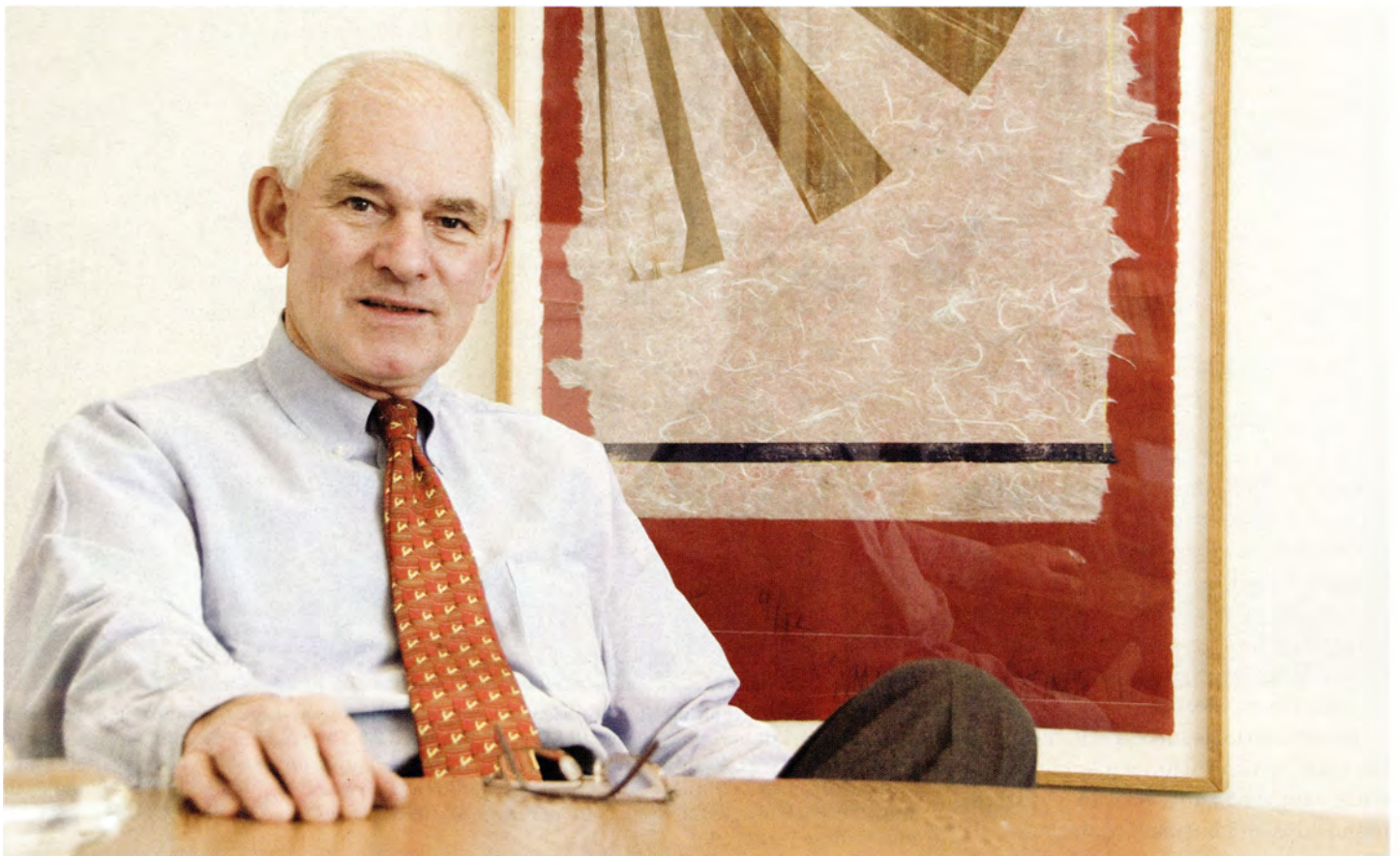
Of course the other major part of Schmelzer's job is working with donors and prospective donors. For that he's on the road much of the time. But it's a job he enjoys, primarily because of the great people he meets and works with.

"I like to say that the SOB factor in this work is very low—especially compared with what I was doing before," he says.

Schmelzer believes that the achievements of MaineCF are just the beginning of a long period of growth which will allow the organization to have a big impact on the people of Maine.

Much of that period of growth for MaineCF will have to happen without Schmelzer at the helm. He recently announced plans to retire at the end of 2008.

"I'm 65," he says. "I thought I would be in this job just a few years. I'm still having fun but they need some new blood."



Senior Skulls Form Alumni Group

For more than 100 years, a small number of young men who are leaders at the University of Maine are chosen every spring to become Senior Skulls. These UMaine students form a strong bond, but until recently there was no formal structure to keep them connected after they graduated. Now, a recently created Senior Skull Alumni Interest Group (Skull AIG) hopes to do just that.

"We think it's important to keep our brotherhood connected and provide opportunities for those who wish to reach out to other Skulls from years past or to those who are now students," said Dave Mitchell '87, who was recently selected as the Skull AIG's first president.

And if their first annual dinner and re-



Getting together at Homecoming 2007 are Senior Skull Alumni Interest Group board members, left to right: Steve Turner '69, '71G, Dave Mitchell '87, and Matt Hunter '07.

ception are any indication, the group will be a big success. More than 45 Skulls attended the dinner at Homecoming 2007.

Mitchell says that the Skull AIG has re-

ceived a great deal of support from Senior Skull alumni and from the University of Maine Alumni Association.

"We're off to a fast start," Mitchell says. "We've had polo shirts made up for members, we are working on a scholarship fund, and we are already planning for more events to bring Skulls back to campus."

Mitchell noted that the Skull AIG board of directors includes alumni from the 1940s to 2007.

There are currently about 700 Senior Skull alumni. Established in 1906, between 10 and 12 members of the group are

inducted every year based on leadership, integrity, and their service to the university. They also need to be in good academic standing at the university.

Penobscot Associates Celebrates its 50th Anniversary

UMaine alumni are very well represented in the group.

It was started in 1957 by some local business people who wanted to invest in the Bangor area's booming real estate market. Fifty years later, Penobscot Associates boasts 48 members and some \$3.9 million in assets. Today however, most of those assets are stocks not real estate.

Every member is required to contribute a monthly fee to the group fund and all investment decisions are voted on by members at the club's monthly meetings. The investment philosophy is definitely "long term." One article about the group noted that their investment approach reflected New Englanders' common sense and egalitarian ideals.

In addition to its success at investments, the club, which includes people from a wide range of ages, has also fostered friendships and business contacts.



UMaine alumni attending the Penobscot Associates 50th anniversary celebration in September 2007. Seated, left to right are: Merrill "Pappy" Bradford '39, Chet Norris '51, John Norris '48, and David Tibbetts '52. Middle row, left to right are: David Fenderson '68, Allison Briggs '50, Mark Foley '80, James Robbins '67, Peter Bartley '72, John Chapman '48, Robert Chase '47, and Rich Rosa '78. Back row, left to right: Nathan Briggs '02, '05G, Garret "Gary" Cole '72, Gary Briggs '85, and George Parke '69.

Class Notes

Plus Weddings, Obituaries, and Alumni Events

Alumni News and Events

Southern Maine Chapter honors Chris Emmons '76



The University of Maine Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine (UMACSM) recently presented Chris Emmons '76 with the 2007 Outstanding Alumni Award. The presentation ceremony took place at the chapter's annual meeting

and dinner in October.

Chris is president and CEO of the Gorham Savings Bank. In addition, he is actively involved with the Maine Association of Community Banks. He is also active in his community, serving on the board of Maine Medical Center and as vice chair of the United Way of Greater Portland. He also serves as chair of the University of Southern Maine Foundation. It was also noted that Chris and the Gorham Savings Bank have been strong supporters of the UMACSM annual golf classic.

Chris has two grown children and lives in Yarmouth with his wife, Marybeth Calvo Emmons '78, and their youngest daughter, Sophia.

UMaine Music Extravaganza Coming to Portland

Make plans now to attend a special musical event by the University of Maine Symphonic Band and the UMaine Jazz Ensemble at Merrill Auditorium on Thursday, April 10. Joining the UMaine groups will be musical groups from South Portland High School. For tickets go to: portlandevents.com.

Reunion 2008

May 30—June 1

Classes of '43, '48, '53, '58, '63, and '68

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter luncheon & meeting—11:30 a.m.
Granite Hill Estates, Hallowell, RSVP to the alumni association
Guest speaker: Dr. Kenda Scheele, senior associate dean of students

Thursday, February 28, 2008

Scottsdale, Arizona—Spring Swing alumni event—6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
"Lobsterfest" at the home of Michael and Stephanie Barry Brown '65
RSVP to the alumni association by February 18, 2008

Friday, February 29, 2008

Tucson, Arizona—Spring Swing alumni luncheon—11:30 a.m.
Mountain Oyster Club, hosted by Bob '68 and Cynthia Gray Cobb '69
RSVP to the alumni association by February 18, 2008

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Tampa, Florida—Spring Swing alumni luncheon—noon
Wine Cellar Restaurant, North Reddington Beach, hosted by Paul '59 and Nan Earley Desmond '55

Saturday, March 8, 2008

Sarasota, Florida—Spring Swing alumni luncheon—11:30 a.m.
Polo Grill, Lakewood Ranch, hosted by John '68 and Lynda Martin Rohman '81

Sunday, March 9, 2008

Naples, Florida—Spring Swing alumni luncheon—noon
The Club Pelican Bay, hosted by Bill '40 and Vivian Treat '40H

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Boca Raton, Florida—Spring Swing alumni luncheon—noon
At residence of Donna and Leith Wadleigh '59 in Delray Beach

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Ft. Pierce, Florida—Spring Swing alumni picnic—11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pepper Park, hosted by Dick '56 and Betty Brockway Nevers '56

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Portland Alumnae meeting & potluck luncheon
Masonic Hall, Route 1, Scarborough, hosted by: Helena Jensen '43 & Doris Ramsay Smith '53
RSVP to Helena at: (207) 772-4421 by March 28, 2008

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter luncheon—11:30 a.m.
Granite Hill Estates, Hallowell, RSVP to the alumni association
Guest speaker: Dr. Keith W. Hutchison, interim director for medical sciences

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter annual meeting & dinner—5:30 p.m. social—6:00 dinner
Augusta Country Club, Manchester, ME, invitations will be mailed as the date draws closer

For more information on alumni events or to RSVP go to: mainealumni.org or call 207-581-1185 or 1-800-934-2586.

The 2008 Online Alumni Association Auction Begins this April

The third annual Black Bear online auction will open for bids in early April. The alumni association will host a dedicated web site for its 2008 auction that reaches alumni and friends around the world.

Would you or your company like to donate an item to the auction? When you donate we will list your contact information, including email, and link directly to your web site. Being part of the Black Bear auction will help you achieve widespread visibility by tapping into an engaged, active community to promote your products.

The alumni association offers a special opportunity to Reunion classes. Donate to the online auction and help grow your class fund—all proceeds from your donated items will be credited directly to your class fund. We'd love to get gifts that are unique to your part of the state, country, or world—ones that reflect a special regional or personal interest. Gift certificates are also very popular auction items.

We're also seeking auction sponsors. To learn more about the benefits of sponsorship or to donate an item, please contact Diana Richardson at: 1-800-934-2586, via email at Diana.Richardson@umit.maine.edu, or write to: Auction, P.O. Box 550, Orono, ME 04473.

University of Maine General Alumni Association, Inc.

Call to 2008 Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 1, 2008

Starting at approximately 10:45 a.m.
at Buchanan Alumni House—
immediately following the alumni
awards breakfast.

Constitution and by-laws changes may
be proposed. Please check
www.mainealumni.org for details.



Senior Alumni president Bill Currie '52 with Gail Alexander '09 and Peggy Crawford '83G

Scholarship Student Address Highlights Senior Alumni Luncheon

One of the primary goals of the Senior Alumni is to provide much-needed scholarship money to deserving nontraditional students as well as to top UMaine scholars. One of those nontraditional students, Gail Alexander '09, gave a moving talk at the annual Senior Alumni luncheon during Homecoming 2007.

"I can't tell you how much it meant to me that someone out there believed in me," she told the group. "I was a high school dropout with two kids and not much of a future. Now I stand here as a UMaine student with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. My experience at the university has been life-changing, and you have helped to make it happen."

Also speaking at the event was dean of students, Robert Dana '80, and the head of student financial aid, Peggy Crawford '83G.

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Bill Bodwell '50

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Classnotes



Senior Alumni

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I just can't believe that the words I write today, an oppressively humid day in September, will be read by you in January! I send warm thoughts to you all.

Reunion time was a wonderful weekend. The celebrating classes had great turnouts who reminisced, regaled, and relived their days at UMaine. Having **Rudy Vallé's '25** widow there was special for it was he who immortalized the "Maine Stein Song."

Even though I was not in a celebrating class, I enjoyed the meals and events and renewed friendships.

All classes can be forever proud of our scholarship support for current students. We can also be justly proud of the Buchanan Alumni House (funded completely by alumni), a focal point for all who return.

I wrote in a previous column about **Marjorie Mooers Jenkins '31**, now a resident of Millinocket living with her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. William '62 and Leslie Jenkins. She had several responses to the article from friends and former students at Brewer High where she taught for 39 years.

There are often columns about **Donn Fendler '50**, the 12-year old scout who was lost on Mount Katahdin for 10 days in 1934. He has been a regular visitor to Maine and often shares his experience with local school children. I encouraged

my students to read his book *Lost on a Mountain in Maine*. He emphasizes the importance of good preparation and precautions when mountain climbing. He credits his survival in great part to the Boy Scouts.

John Holyoke '93 of the *Bangor Daily News* wrote an article about Donn earlier this year. Donn was given a fishing license, which will be renewed yearly. Donn proclaimed, "My heart's in Maine. It's always been in Maine." He was planning a fishing trip in the East Branch of the Penobscot River where his adventure ended in 1939.

Dorothy Averill Hawkes '49, who was the class correspondent for many years, passed away very unexpectedly early in 2007. She was very active in the Unitarian Universalist church in Bangor. Recently they unveiled a special quilt in her memory.

Another fascinating alumna was **Sarah Thompson '29** of Millinocket. With her UMaine education she taught science in New York for 30 years. She returned to Millinocket summers and came back for good upon retiring. Former students from New York often came to visit her.

As a retiree she became very active in town affairs and her church where she sang in the choir. Her interest in education never waned, nor did her interest in sports. She faithfully followed Stearns High School, UMaine sports, and the Red Sox. Black Bear hockey was her favorite.

Sarah and her sister, Effie Mitchell, both Stearns grads, left a large sum of money to Stearns, which was put in an investment fund. Managed by the scholarship committee at Stearns and Patricia Wilson, a neighbor, \$6,000 is given annually to a student for four years. The income earned this year made it possible for a second scholarship of \$3,000 for two years for a student attending a community college. Sarah and Effie were both remarkable ladies.

I had a nice note from **Carol and Karl "Lindy" Lindquist '49** expressing continuing interest in UMaine but find the distance between Orono and their home in Key West, Florida, too great.

It's always great to hear from alums, and alums so enjoy hearing about their former friends and class-

mates. So grab a pen and tell me your news and reconnect to "dear old Maine."

1935

Basil Staples
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Rochester, NY 14624

Dear Classmates:

My request for information about fourth generation progeny did not produce any results as yet. Are you all too busy in your retirement to drop me a note about your great-grandkids? It is a bit difficult to write a news column when no news is forthcoming. I could write about past experiences of our members but I prefer to tell what is currently happening. Please help me to make the '35 class column interesting and informative.

I had the pleasure of attending the annual Rochester Chapter Lobster Picnic on September 15th. While no other '35 members were present, it was really nice to visit with the Rochester area Mainers. The delegation from the university helped to make it a great success.

Yours truly recently had an aneurism operation. The doctor put me out of business for a month, but I am now back to cutting my winter firewood.

1936

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On our annual visit to Goose Rocks Beach, my brother Don and I visited the two families of our old friends who still live there—a far cry from the large number we grew up with during the summers of the 1920s and the 1930s.

We found time to visit **Dana Sidelinger** and take him out to lunch. His 1820 colonial style house on Route 5 in Limerick had been newly painted, and could no longer

hide among the trees. Dana was interested in Don's new Prius hybrid Toyota car which gets 50 to 60 miles per gallon of gas under all conditions. Toyota recently reported that they have built and sold over 1 million of the models. Most of them must be driving in Japan and China, as I have seen only one of them in my recent travels.

The second wedding of a granddaughter within two months was like a triathlon to me. We played golf starting at nine. The wedding ceremony took place at 4:00 at the First Episcopal Church in Andover, Massachusetts. The music was supplied by a single trumpeter and one woman singer along with the church organ. When they all got together in "Here Comes the Bride" the sound was electric—and deafening. The reception took place at 8:00 in a huge tent erected on the golf course grounds.

I have just received news that my lifelong friend and classmate, **Jim Haggett**, has passed away. He fell and broke his hip last October. The surgery to repair his hip went well, but he developed pneumonia, and he died just three days beyond his 93rd birthday.

Jim and I had many of our classes together at Orono, as both of us took the general engineering course. The two years before Pearl Harbor, Jim and I were roommates at Old Mill Place in Trumbull, Connecticut, as Jim was then working for GE in nearby Bridgeport. Old Mill Place was a large stone house similar to a fraternity house, but there were only 12 occupants including John Gowell '38 and Ted Butler '35. One evening Jim's girlfriend got me a blind date for a bridge game. Her name was Lee Carroll, and a year later she became my wife for 64 years.

1937

Audrey Bishop Thibodeau
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Please make a New Year's resolution to write to me so your classmates can hear from you. We want to stay in touch.

1939

Edna Louise "Squeeze" Harrison Dempsey
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First of all, many, many thanks again to **Carl Toothaker** for practically keeping this column going. He sent a picture of **Afton Farrin, Jr.**, receiving his 60-year star from Masonic Lodge #43 in Damariscotta. Also, he sent me a note concerning the fact that the South Bristol Farrins recently had a family reunion with 200 attendees! His comment was that it must have been the ocean air—

Recently, I came upon the old black and white, Oscar-winning Joan Crawford movie, *Mildred Pierce*. This jogged my memory back to my '39-'40 year in New York City. One day, while walking up Fifth Avenue, I came upon a group of people following a small, lovely lady with broad shoulders, high-heeled ankle strapped sandals, and the most startling blue-green eyes. I followed her into Woolworth's where she walked through the store looking at various articles of merchandise. (She bought nothing.) It was Joan Crawford, whose hauntingly beautiful eyes are etched in my mind today.

This headline caught my eye a few weeks ago, and so I saved it. "Woman, 92, rearing six great-great grandchildren." Having just become a great-grandmother for the first time, the very thought of her exploits takes my breath away! This calls for a reality check in my honest opinion.

Please send your news to fill this column—
ELD

1940

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One day in late August I called **Peg**



Happy 100th

Clarence Nottage '30 recently celebrated his 100th birthday with family and friends. Clarence, who is from Waterville, worked for many years as a civil engineer for the U.S. Geological Survey.

Peaslee Danforth hoping for news of some of our classmates. She had news! At that very minute, **Ruth Worcester Johnson** was entertaining at her home in Buxton. **Margaret Steinmetz Mosher, Ruth McClelland Jewell, Maxine Robertson Furbush, and Jack Dequine** were visiting Ruth and Paul and were leaving for a trip to the Mt. Katahdin region. After that, they planned to visit **Emily Blake McMonagle** in South Portland. All of these friends have kept in touch and visited with each other as well as other classmates over the years and certainly 67 years is *one long time!* Margaret wrote that she had been in touch with **Marjorie Coffee Latus** and that Marjorie moved a year ago to the New Hartford area from Utica, New York. She has an apartment in a small assisted living establishment and is happy to be near three daughters and their families. **Norma Sylvester Heanssler** still lives in Deer Isle in the part called Sunshine. Margaret says that Norma remains an active gardener, growing many vegetables for herself as well as for her friends.

Again the Highlands in Topsham entertained many UMaine alumni at a luncheon in September. The two 1940 attendees were **Ed Rich** and I. There were about 40 or 50 of us there. And, speaking of University of Maine gatherings, the Kennebec County Alumni Association had a

luncheon meeting here at Granite Hill Estates this week with about 65 alumni there. I looked and listened in vain for the year 1940—no luck! Cindy Blodgett '98 was our speaker—we were all delighted to listen to her as she starts her coaching at the university.

I had lunch with **Lucille Maddocks Sprague** last month. She is still living happily at the Phillips-Strickland House in Bangor.

I wish I had more news. Don't forget to get in touch with Alice Ann with any news for next time, and remember we both would be so happy to hear from you.

1941

Agnes Ann Walsh
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A Maine Hello to all '41ers! I hope your summer and fall have been to your liking as now we either hibernate or take off for warmer places. Both **Connie Philbrook Leger** and I received notes of appreciation from Julian Burnett, the recipient of the Class of 1941 Scholarship for the 2007-08 academic year; the amount was increased to \$2,194. Julian, the grandson of **Mary Boone Smith**, is a sophomore majoring in the busi-

ness program as he has very strong math skills and experience in computers. As a conscientious, industrious young man, he does work-study during the school year and works a full-time job during the summer at a University of Maine System site, Aroostook Farm Extension Service in Presque Isle. His brother, Nathan, has been a '41 scholarship recipient previously; both young scholars have been most grateful.

In June, **Charlene Perkins Strang**, Helen Maling Walker '40, and I drove to Orono for Saturday's Reunion events. We were delighted to see **Donald Weston** and his wife, Teddy; and **Angelo Zieno** from our class in attendance; we had lunch together in the Leadership Hall of the Buchanan Alumni House.

Charles and **Alice Smith** drove up to campus from Dirigo Pines, their new residence, to check to see who was registered; they did not stay for any events.

There's an alumnus who lives at the Highlands and accompanied the three of us to Orono; George Andrews graduated in 1932 and was returning for his 75th Reunion. We felt honored by his presence and amazed that three from his class were present. The Cianchette Wing of Buchanan Alumni House was dedicated on Saturday and the Buchanan Alumni House celebrated its fifth anniversary—all part of Reunion weekend festivities.

A fall event which U of Maine alumni look forward to is the luncheon at the Highlands in Topsham. **Charlene Perkins Strang**, **Barbara Savage Thompson '42**, and **Dan Hatch '49** are hosts. The Class of 1941 is certainly active, well, and socializing; we had the largest attendance—eight: **David Astor, Joanna Evans Bardo, Joyce Ramsay Carter, Gordon and Janice Merrill Chase** (Highlands residents), **Anna Verrill DeMunn**, as well as **Charlene** and myself. A great showing, don't you think? We just won out over the Class of 1942 who had seven present. The guest speaker was Dr. Ivan Fernandez '78G, '82 Ph.D., professor of soil science and the 2007 Distinguished Maine Professor—this honor established by the Class of 1942. There were five class correspondents from 1940 to 1944 there; of course all looking for classmates and news—

1940, Virginia Pease Dogherty; 1942, Marion Libby Broadus; 1943, Helena Jensen; and 1944, Joyce Iveny Ingalls.

Here are a few campus news items; the freshman class this year is the largest in the history of the Orono campus and has the most students from Maine; the Class of 2011 total is 2,105 students who have strong academic credentials. The total enrollment is expected to be 12,200 students from 47 states and 62 countries.

The freshmen are being housed in a cluster of residences on Hilltop; this is a new undertaking. The newly constructed Student Recreation Center opened in this area this fall—a large, impressive building and immensely popular with the student body. The University of Maine Foundation has been bequeathed a beautiful estate in Falmouth, Maine, by Eric and Peggy Cianchette. There was a reception and tour of the mansion and grounds this spring. In September the Charles F. Allen Society held its recognition luncheon at the Buchanan Alumni House. The guest speaker was John H. Reed '42, former governor of Maine and also former ambassador to Sri Lanka. Following the luncheon and program there was the unveiling of Governor Reed's portrait in the grand reception area in Buchanan by Governor Reed and his grandson, Reed Duford, who had painted the portrait. The Charles F. Allen Society was established to recognize alumni and friends who share the intent to support the University of Maine by will or other deferred plan; Allen was the first full-time president from 1871 to 1879. Donald Weston and his wife were at the same table with me. In October I was on campus again for the University of Maine Foundation annual meeting and luncheon. At this event Al McNeilly '44 gave the acceptance speech for the Abram W. Harris Award which was given to the Class of 1944. This award is to recognize an individual or individuals whose actions, like those of President Harris, left the University "larger, stronger, and in every respect better fitted to do its work." This luncheon was indeed an exciting event for me because I was elected as an honorary member of the University of Maine Foundation; I feel so deeply honored with this recognition. Please stay well and stay in touch!

Go Blue!

1942

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In September, a portrait of former Governor **John H. Reed**, painted by his grandson Reed Duford, was unveiled in the Buchanan Alumni House. John was also the featured speaker at the Charles F. Allen Society luncheon, which was held prior to the unveiling. The Charles F. Allen Society was established in 1995 to recognize alumni and friends who share the intent to support the University of Maine by will or other form of planned or deferred gift \$10,000 or greater. The next time you are at Buchanan, you will want to admire this excellent portrait.

The University of Maine luncheon at the Highlands in Topsham, Maine, on September 12, 2007, was once again a wonderful affair. **Barbara Savage Thompson**, Charlene Perkins Strang '41, and Dan Hatch '49 were the greeters for area alumni. Professor Ivan Fernandez '78G, '83 Ph.D., Distinguished Maine Professor of 2007, was the guest speaker. Our class was well represented by **Florence Atwood Butterworth**, Barbara SavageThompson, **Mike Roy**, **John Carter**, **Florence Cousins Weeks**, **Elizabeth Honan**, and myself.

A note from **Arthur and Doris Bradeen Boyd** noted that Arthur had a mild heart attack and now lives with a pacemaker. All those wonderful medical discoveries keep us going on and on.

Nancy Philbrook died July 5, 2007, after a long illness. All of us who attended the summer reunions at Wit's End looked forward to Nancy's special cakes and pies—her goodies were the first on our plates. Nancy and her sister Connie Philbrook Leger '41 together operated the Phibrook Farm Inn, a long-time family establishment.

Dorothy Warren Crane died September 13, 2007, in Milbridge, Maine. So many of our class have passed on but oh, the memories we have of them.

Edgar Thurlow Pitts died April 28, 2007. Thurlow was the author of that wonderful book, *Long Ago and Far Away*, which tells of his life growing up on Deer Isle. He kept a journal all his life. I have read his

book twice and have included some excerpts from his college and military service years.

September 2, 1938, freshman week began with 516 men and women who made up the class of 1942. His advisor was Dr. Spofford Kimball. Freshman year he lived on the third floor of Hannibal Hamlin Hall. His proctor was Hal Dryer. 1939 nylon stockings went on sale. Germany invaded Poland. Dinner at Pat's 50 cents. 1940 Selective Service Act passed. 1941 December 7, Japan attacks Pearl Harbor. Ted Williams batting average .406. 1942 May 25 commencement and diplomas at last. Advanced ROTC graduates in uniform received active duty orders from Dr Arthur A. Hauck, our college's most respected president.

The excerpts above are just a taste of Ed's wonderful book. It really tells the story of our Class of 1942 from the start to finish at our beloved University of Maine. This book is full of memories not only of our college years but life in coastal Maine.

1943

Reunion
May 30-June 1

Helena Jensen
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Via the alumni office we learn that **Richard "Dick" Pierce** has been named the 2007 Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the selectmen of Dixfield. This honor was bestowed in appreciation for Dick's commitment to the operation of the town. For the past 26 years he had volunteered to serve on numerous town committees. He was chairman of the board of selectmen from 1989 to 1999. Dick is happy that he helped obtain a two million dollar grant for Dixfield to build a new water system. He currently serves on the water advisory committee, which ensures safe, clean water for the residents. He also sits on the town finance committee and was a former member of the board of assessors. Dick's interest in the economic development of the Androscoggin River Valley is evident by his commitment to the River Valley Growth Council and the River Valley Technology Center.

Dick is treasurer of the Maine Tree Farm Committee and is a member of the Maine Tree Foundation whose goal is to improve Maine

forestry. In addition, he is a six-year representative from Dixfield to the Northern Oxford Regional Solid Waste Board. He was a founding member of the Oxford County Joint Municipal Board.

Dick was honored twice before by Dixfield: (1) the 2000 town report was dedicated to him and (2) he received the American Hometown Leadership Award. He majored in forestry at the University of Maine. His interest in forestry began when he was a Boy Scout and it became his life's work. A master's degree was earned at Yale University.

He served in the United States Army in Europe in World War II and he was a prisoner of war in Europe for one year. Upon his return to America he first worked for Owens-Illinois of Toledo in Old Town, moved to Toledo, and then on to the employ by United Timber where he became vice president of the Highland Lumber Company, a division of United Timber and from which office he retired. Now, what does he do in his spare time? He enjoys his vegetable garden and his woodworking shop.

Sons David '94 and Richard '94 followed their father's love of forestry and majored in forestry at the University of Maine. David is a forester with the Maine Bureau of Public Lands division and works out of Ashland; Richard is a forester with the Timber Resources Group, working out of Farmington. Daughter Marjorie Gulyas '73 was formerly human resources manager for the ARAMARK Corporation in Philadelphia; a new job requires her to travel throughout northern New England.

From Bar Mills and back to Bar Mills encompasses the full circle in which life has led **George Marshall Pease**. George majored in civil engineering at the University of Maine and, upon matriculation he worked for Curtis-Wright for one year designing the C-46 airplane. He then served his country in the 14th Armored Division in France and Germany during World War II. During the summer of 1946 George worked for the Maine Turnpike Authority building the Maine turnpike. The following year he went to work for the New England Telephone Company in Bangor as outside plant engineer, which was the beginning of a 38 and a half-year career with that company. Employment meant many transfers to the Canadian border, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, New York, and back to Portland, Maine. George described this as a "good company to work for, I enjoyed the

work." That says a lot in a few words, doesn't it? In today's society, one seldom hears that testament of loyalty and sincerity. Back along, George spent two to three weeks in Florida. One memorable trip began with a flight from Montreal to Vancouver, driving to Los Angeles and then, without haste back to Bar Mills.

A very satisfying volunteer activity has been delivering Meals on Wheels. Aside from that, summertime finds him in his garden or mowing the tall grass around the garden. George states he is "busy all the time. I feel fortunate to have good health."

Barbara Leadbeater Lincoln looks back on two successful careers—first as a medical technologist and then as a junior high school teacher. Soon after successfully completing a major in zoology at the University of Maine, Barbara spent one year at Worcester, Massachusetts, state hospital to learn those techniques required of a medical technologist. She then returned to Maine to work at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston and the old Thayer Hospital in Waterville. Along the way, Barbara took courses to obtain a certificate to teach. She began her teaching career in Newcastle and then moved on to Bristol for a total of 20 years, retiring in 1985.

Barbara and husband, Edward Lincoln, Jr., took a memorable trip to London in 1997 to visit the site where he was stationed during World War II. The highlight of that journey was a side trip to Stonehenge. "It was truly impressive," said Barbara.

Since retiring she has enjoyed volunteering at the switchboard at Miles Memorial Hospital for a number of years but had to give it up due to eye problems. For 37 years she has served as church clerk at Bunker Hill Baptist Church in Jefferson and where the good work was recognized by a pewter plate inscribed with names and years of service. The Lincolns are parents of Edward Lincoln III, who works for the Maine Department of Transportation, computer division; Barbara Lake is a substitute teacher in Readfield and Manchester.

Olive Rowell Taverner has moved to the Lodge of Granite Hill Estates in Hallowell: 60 Balsam Drive, Apartment 222, Hallowell 04347. **Gladys MacLeary** lives there, as do other UMaine alumni.

On another note the eighth annual "Highland Fling" luncheon



Four classmates accepted the 2007 President Abram W. Harris Award at the University of Maine Foundation's annual luncheon in October. Left to right are: Al McNeilly, Earland Sleight, Harris Award selection committee chair Pat McGuigan Collins '49, '86, Russ Bodwell '47G, and Dick Hale.

UMaine Honors the Class of '44

The Class of 1944 was the recipient of the prestigious 2007 President Abram W. Harris Award in October. The award is presented annually to an individual or individuals whose work and actions have left the university "stronger and better fitted to do its work."

The Class was recognized for the tremendous support and leadership it has provided to the University of Maine for more than 60 years. Its generosity is evident all over the campus—from the Class of 1944 Hall, to the Buchanan Alumni House, to the Bodwell Lounge at the Maine Center for the Arts, to the newly renovated Bear's Den. In addition, the class's loyalty and leadership has inspired generations of alumni, faculty, administrators, and students.

Following the award presentation and a showing of a video honoring the class, '44 member Al McNeilly gave a moving acceptance speech on behalf of his classmates. The award comes with a \$5,000 prize which will be put in the 1944 Class Fund.

was held on September 12, 2007, at The Highlands in Topsham. It was just a great day weather-wise and camaraderie-wise when members of the '30s, '40s, '50s, and '60s classes from southern Maine gathered at Topsham. Dan Hatch '49 was master of ceremonies and introduced the speaker, Dr. Ivan Fernandez '78G, '82 Ph.D., chairman of plant, soil, and environmental sciences at UMaine. Dr. Fernandez spoke of his interactions with students as advisees, grad students, and students who work in research labs. He is affectionately called "Dr. Dirt" by his students. He differentiated dirt from soil in that "dirt" does not have much value whereas "soil" meets life's needs. Dr. Fernandez is the 2007 Distinguished Maine Professor.

1944

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Al Ehrenfried, our able president, called the class together for a summer gathering and annual meeting on July 17th at the Bear's Den in Orono. Those attending from the class and their guests were: **Bob Beverage, Pete Farnum, Don Bail, Charles and Anita Stickney, Russ and Barb Higgins Bodwell '45, Al Ehrenfried** and his grandson Shamus, **Al McNeilly, Joe, and Joy Iveney Ingalls**. We missed those of the class who were not able to attend.

Arriving at the Bear's Den at 11 a.m., we enjoyed an hour or so of coffee and light snacks plus a lot of conversing, catching up on what we are all doing these days.

University staff attending included: Dean Dave Humphrey, college of engineering; Dean Ann Leffler, college of arts and sciences; Dr. Stuart Marrs, chair of the music department; Professor Chip Farnum, coordinator of the school of performing arts; Dr. Robert Dana '80, dean of students; and Angel Loreda and Kenda Scheele, associate deans of students. From the alumni association: President Todd Saucier '93, '97G accompanied by Valerie Mitchell, Chris Corro, Rebecca Brunton, and Shannon Coiley '93. Pat Cummings '89, '44H represented the university development

office and Sarah McPartland-Good, the U of Maine Foundation.

At the buffet luncheon we were entertained with live background music by Al Ehrenfried, Jim Frick, and John Cooper, a musical ensemble who knew and played many of the old 1940s tunes. They were great!

After lunch, Al Ehrenfried kicked off the business meeting introducing university and alumni association staff, each of whom gave us an update on what is going on in his area of responsibility at Orono. Debbie Neuman, director of Target Technology Incubator, gave us a very interesting and informative insight into her work of providing information technology firms with access to the resources they need to grow and attain long-term success.

The business meeting continued with the treasurer's report presented by Charlie Stickney; a report on recent class giving and suggested additional gifting with comments and offered matching gifts by Russ Bodwell, class vice president.

To top it all off, at 2:30 p.m., Ginger Hwalek, named the 2006 Teacher of the Year by the Music Teacher's National Association, gave an update on the school of performing arts and a tour of the Class of '44 Hall. By 4:00 p.m. we had all found our cars in the parking lots and headed home—proud of our college and our class.

Since this meeting in Orono, Al Ehrenfried has proposed that the spouses of our class be made honorary members of the Class of '44. This is the latest news heating the email and sounds to us like a super idea.

A letter to Al Ehrenfried from Bill Treat '40 reads, "I have recently had the privilege of establishing a scholarship and endowment fund at the University of Maine honoring my late sister, **Mary Esther Treat Clark**, who was your classmate. Mary Esther spent much of her adult life helping other people and for over 30 years was president of the Little Chapel of All Nations, which is affiliated with the University of Arizona in Tucson." Bill also enclosed a news clipping with the heading "UMaine scholarship honors Waldo County woman." The article lists Mary Esther's many distinguished services to her community throughout her lifetime. Randi K. Kisiel, who succeeded her as executive director of the Little Chapel, was quoted as saying, "Mary Esther's leadership of the board was handled with dignity

and with the warmth that radiated from her winning smile." We are all proud to have this lady as our classmate.

Keep those cards and letters coming. We'll be writing another column before very long and need input!

1945

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Welcome, classmates!

The summer was long and hot (great for vacations!). However, with the recent new moon a cold rain has taken hold. Last night the heavy pouring rains awakened me! And it's still raining this evening!

This morning when I looked out the window the beautiful tall maple that was golden yesterday at dusk was brilliant coral red today! There's a tall pine beside it and they are beautiful side by side. I did skip out to take a picture—this color is truly photographic—actually this apartment house is surrounded by huge tall pines and maples—and it's especially beautiful this time of year. This apartment complex was originally named Tall Pines—and indeed these are—and the maples have certainly kept up as their partners—a gorgeous combination year round but after last night I realize the frost does give us this beauty for our New England fall season.

My daughters recently really surprised me with a visit to The Gorham House in Gorham—and at just that moment announced, "We've made arrangements for you to move here, Mom!" To say the least I was shocked—I had barely been in Windham a year. However, with no one here even near my age and not feeling safe to drive since last April (I stopped as I felt it wasn't safe for me—and others, as I've had dizzy spells since last fall.) It will be nice to again live with others of my age and also I'll have dinner at night with others too. I've found it difficult to eat alone for the first time in my life, and cooking for one is really no fun! I miss the happy chatter at meals and miss sharing a meal with others too. I am looking forward to sharing the dinner meal with friends each day. I will still prepare my own breakfast and lunch but that's OK.

What a great time my daughters and **Connie Carter Lamprell** planned for my birthday recently! She's tried for the past two years to arrange a luncheon for several of our classmates. Since it's fall, relatives return to work and school and there's little free time. She decided she would like to have this on my birthday!

Daughter Cindy Bradley Brochu '73 drove me down to Kittery Point, **Ruth Higgins Horsman** and **Peg Brown Bunker** had a friend drive them down from Auburn, and **Doris Emery Spencer** drove herself up from Peabody, Massachusetts, for the day. She's as perky as we all remember her. She lives there in a home. She went on a most pleasurable cruise recently to Bar Harbor, her hometown, and to the Caribbean. She had a marvelous time and I'm so happy for her.

Everyone loved Connie's antique home as well as all of her antiques throughout her home. Most are very old pieces that have been in the family for generations and fit the age of the home (1700s). They especially enjoyed the large and airy sunroom. It's so cheery looking out on the Atlantic.

To catch you up with other classmates, a phone call from **Barb Higgins Bodwell's** daughter, Joanne Bodwell Ferreira '73, gave me the opportunity to see Russ '44 and Barb and enjoy a very leisurely lunch with them here in Windham where we stretched it out for nearly three hours! They both are doing very well and have really enjoyed their summer at Moose Pond in Bridgton. Joanne found a lovely cottage for them and she lives nearby! Jo said she feels like they'll enjoy going back next year though they have summered at the cottage on Highland Lake in Falmouth for over 47 years! However new owners changed that and they adjusted beautifully. They've moved from New York permanently to Dirigo Pines in Orono well over two years ago and thoroughly enjoy it. They also enjoy the numerous activities on campus. They are an ideal couple for D.P!

Bob and wife **Marge Chase** moved there in the fall of 2006 as well, seemingly for the winter. However, they enjoyed it so much they decided last spring to sell their home in Hampden. They had lived there for over 50 years! Being from Hampden they're still in the general area and Bob, for his golf, goes to the Penobscot Valley Country Club in Orono. Last summer they also did

their own thing as well! When Bob attended his Army reunion in the Midwest, Marge flew off to Canada to visit her sister! And in the early fall they all had their annual Ames family vacation on Kezar Lake together at Severance Lodge in Center Lovell, Maine.

A recent telephone chat with **Jim Donovan** brought me up to date with his activities. The summer was busy with his children coming and going throughout the season—and he thoroughly enjoyed that. However by fall it was getting very quiet. His daughter Meggie was going off to London for a reunion with her class at Oxford. So she invited him to go with her (doctors rarely have time for these pleasures). He jumped at the chance and had the time of his life! He said he saw "every inch of it" and enjoyed it all except for one factor—the English equivalent to the American dollar took his breath away. It's only worth 33 cents on the dollar. Jim, it's time you spent something on yourself—so glad you had such a great time there.

Connie Carter Lamprell had a marvelous visit to Blue Hill, her hometown, this fall. She visited her best friend from grammar and high school there and she took her to all their old haunts! Their high school, the church, her former home, and even the cemetery. It was all very nostalgic but warming as well. She has no family there any more though. She did see her high school and college friend **Becky Bowden Wanbaugh**. Becky is retired from UMaine in Presque Isle where she taught history for over 30 years. It was great fun to visit old friends and nostalgic places after so many years. She's so glad she went.

By doing in-depth research I've finally located our close friend **Dottie Currier Dutton**. The 2005 directory lists her as living with her daughter in Yarmouth. However, when I called for her, her grandson answered and said, no, Grandma does not live here but she still lives at her home on the lake! He gave me her number and I called her and indeed she is there! She does have a very nice caretaker who called me today and asked me to let her friends know where she is and her telephone number and I said hello. She's very anxious to hear from you! I'm so happy we were able to locate her again and her address is: Dorothy C. Dutton, 243 Prides Farm Road, Falmouth, Maine 04105. Her telephone is: (207) 797-0371.

Until next time keep well, keep

happy, and give me a call or write to keep me posted about your lives so I can share it with the other '45ers. I expect I should say Happy Holidays too! (As these are published quite some time after we write them.) Bye for now—

Keep those cards and letters and phone calls coming.

1946

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During these cold winter days, please take a moment to write. Even if your address hasn't changed and you have no news, we still want to hear from you. Please—no news is not good news.

1947

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You could put a smile on someone's face just by sending a note for the alumni magazine. Whether you spend the winter shoveling snow or playing golf, we'd love to hear what you're doing. Come on, brag about those wonderful grandchildren or great-grandchildren.

1948

Reunion
May 30-June 1

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A Maine Hello to all you '48ers!

I have just been to a luncheon meeting of the Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter and I am convinced that the athletic department has made the correct choice in the hiring of the head coach of the women's basketball team. Cindy Blodgett '98 was the speaker and she demon-

strated her personality, charm, and wit, along with her true dedication to her team, our college, and all alumni. I hope that some of you will be able to attend a game this season and give them our support. By the way, academics is a requisite for her team members.

We had an email in August from **Bob Macdonald**. He writes, "Hi, '48ers. Just a note to say that I continue to enjoy life in fast-growing Bozeman, Montana." He also says that if you have a sick sense of humor, visit Yahoo!, TV's Comedy with an Edge, to see what's on. We are happy to hear from you, Bob. His email address is: macd1120@yahoo.com.

Millie Morris Stengel says hello to all. She attended the KVC luncheon also and sat across the table from me. She reported that her grandson, Joel Dooling, a sophomore majoring in business administration and international relations, was a recipient of some scholarship money, thanks to the Class of '48.

I am going to assume some bragging rights and tell you that my grandson Kyle Knowlton, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering, and my granddaughter, Whitney Knowlton, a freshman with an interest in business administration, have both received scholarship money

from the generosity of the Class of '48. Kyle is the son of Rick Knowlton '80, and Whitney is the daughter of Bob Knowlton '83 and Stephanie Zabka Knowlton '82. Our thanks to all of you for your support.

We had our annual summer gathering at Granite Hill Estates in Augusta with as many classmates, spouses, and friends that we could contact. We wish all you '48ers locally and from the surrounding areas would join us next year. It is a very pleasant gathering. Get in touch!

Alan and Mary Marble Burgess '46 joined us again. It is great that they have a place in Madison on Lake Wesserrunett and come from Oklahoma for the summer. Mary was thrilled that most of their children were coming for a week's visit from Colorado, Missouri, Illinois, Massachusetts, and Maine; including a great-granddaughter who is learning to walk. Am sure it was a wonderful experience and the walls were bulging.

Barbara Patten Wells would like to get in touch with friends from Orono. She is now living in Topsham. Barb—we need more information—either email address, street address, or phone number. We'd like to be in touch with you, too.

Al '44 and **EdieAnne Young Hutchinson** went up the 42 stories to the observatory of the new Penobscot Narrows Bridge. "Amazing sight." It is the only cable-stayed bridge in Maine and the only one with an observatory on the American continent. Old Fort Knox has been restored also and it is the entrance to the bridge. Edie says you'd never believe how great it looks today. Note: Have been there and done that and I agree. Take a picnic and spend the day. Take the grandchildren with you. Al and Edie also highly recommend the new Boothbay Botanical Gardens which formally opened this summer. There are 400 acres of outstanding plantings, all in a natural state.

Hank and **Bonnie Andrews Slager** were spending the summer in a cottage on Mount Desert Island. They winter at home in Palm Coast, Florida. Bonnie says they're busy caring for her mother, Julia, now 105-years young. She can still name all the counties and cities in Maine in alphabetical order. Their great pleasure is to go on a couple of cruises a year. Good for you.

Along with the "Kitchen Cabinet" group, we were very pleased to have **Robert** and his wife, Janet Malcolm **Buck** '57; **William** and Carolyn **Tozier**; **William** and **Marit**



Annual '48 Gathering

Class of 1948 members got together for their annual event at Granite Hill Estates in Augusta this summer. Back row (left to right): William Wilson, William Tozier, and Alan Burgess. Middle row (left to right): Marit Andersen Wilson, Margaret Watson Savignano, Cynthia Bean (wife of the late Ralph Bean), Aletha Meade Blackmore, EdieAnne Young Hutchinson, Mildred Morris Stengel, Barbara Sullivan Knowlton, and Pauline Parent Jenness. Front row (left to right): Barbara Andrews Slager, Marguerite Sullivan Powers, Willard Moulton '50G, and Robert Buck.

Andersen Wilson; and Hank and Bonnie Slager with us to enjoy the conviviality and lunch.

Friends who joined us were Jane Longfellow Cullen '47, Rick '49 and BJ Durgin Banton '47, John Kelley '49, Gladys Clark McLeary '43, and Virginia Pease Dogherty '40.

Cynthia Bean, widow of **Ralph Bean**, who lives at Granite Hill Estates, was pleased to join with us and we to have her.

We were sorry to learn that **Miriam "Mim" Hepburn Mosley** passed away on October 9. Mim and Bud lived in the university trailers. Later, Mim taught school for many years. We send our sincere condolences to her husband, Howard "Bud" '49, and her family.

Chris Corro and Valerie Mitchell from the alumni association came from Orono to give us an early reminder that 2008 is our 60th Reunion and not too early to start making plans. It boggles my mind to think of the passing of 60 years. In the twinkling of an eye?

That's the news for this time. Please know that we are always eager to get any news from you. You send it, we'll print it.

All good wishes for a Happy New Year to everyone!

1949

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Greetings, classmates, I hope you enjoyed the holidays. Here's a little news for our class.

Ramon "Ray" M. Rakoff wrote that he retired 15 years ago and relocated to Sarasota, Florida, with his second wife. "I have recovered from cancer and I lead an active life with new friends. My wife, Myra, is a Ph.D. of psychology and is just going out of office after serving as president of the Sarasota Mental Health Community Center. I would welcome hearing from any classmates who visit here."

Marian Stanley Burns is proprietor of Mira Monte Inn in Bar Harbor, Maine. For the past five years, Marian has been inviting members of the Class of 1949 to Mira Monte prior to opening up her bed and breakfast for the summer season. Members of the class this year attending were **Colleen "Sparky"**

A Visit to Bar Harbor

A group of 1949 members gathered at Mira Monte Inn in Bar Harbor last spring. The proprietor of the B&B is classmate **Marian Stanley Burns**. Marian has been inviting class members to the gathering for the past five years.



Fred Robie '53 (left) with Thomas Coughlin '49



Thelma Crossland Robie (left) with Kathleen Kennedy Nickless (center) and Paulyn Cheney Howard.



Colleen "Sparky" Richardson Coates providing the entertainment.

Richardson Coates, Thomas Coughlin, Evelyn Ellsworth Dearborn, Vance Dearborn, Lois Nicholson Healey, Mary-Abbie Pulsifer Kilgore and her husband, Ken; **Kathleen Kennedy Nickless, Thelma Crossland Robie** and her husband, Fred '53, **Paulyn Cheney Howard, Mary Wiswell Libby**, and me, **Rosemarie G. Hallsey**.

We bring food for the evening meal, but breakfast is provided by Marian's staff. Her only request from us is a small donation for her staff and a \$25 donation for Habitat for Humanity! It's a very worthy cause! Best wishes for the new year, and send me your news!

Look for an alumni event near you. Check the calendar on page 26.

1950

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I reported to you on our June 2007 mini-reunion activities in Orono, and what a great time we had! The weather was perfect, and we were so pleased to meet and greet some 28 classmates and spouses who returned for all of the festivities. Two months later, we held our annual late summer class gathering on the 2nd of August at the Cumberland Club in Portland, hosted by our veep, **George Gray**. The day was sparkling as 20 classmates, plus spouses and guests, gathered for conversation, a short meeting, a delicious luncheon, and then a trip

across the street to the Portland Museum of Art. In addition to many of those who were in Orono, we were delighted to see **Irv** and **Dottie Butler Marsden** who had just arrived in Maine to spend the month on Peaks Island; they said that their Florida home is lovely, but there is nothing like Maine in the summer! **Dick Hewes** and Betsey arrived for the meeting looking very hale and hearty; ditto **Al** and Joye **Levesque**, **Al Mosher**, and **Chuck Barr**. **Dick Kelson** joined us from Bridgton and we were so pleased to hear of his continuing interest and involvement with ice hockey plus the fact that he plays in the annual alumni game in Orono. Dick was honored this year at the Friends of Maine Hockey annual awards banquet in Brewer, where he was presented the Madeline Bacon Spirit Award, given annually to an individual who has shown exceptional devotion and support for the University of Maine men's hockey program. Dick plays

in a 50-and-over men's hockey league in Portland and is delighted to drive to Orono to sell 50-50 raffle tickets at all of the home games! Congratulations to you, Dick!

The 1950 executive committee met in early November at Maggie's time-share at the Samoset Resort on Penobscot Bay. We met a day later than usual inasmuch as **Alton** and **Dottie Lord Hopkins** had just returned to New England from Atlanta, Georgia, after the marriage of their son Scott to his beautiful bride, Colleen. They said that the wedding was lovely—with one and all so very happy! We all enjoyed the sights and sounds along the bay as we continue to make plans for our 60th Reunion in 2010. In addition, we recommended the selection of several classmates to be the recipients of the 2008 Greatest Generation Award; that ceremony is an integral part of the annual memorial service at our Flag Plaza scheduled to be held on Saturday morning, the 31st of May. Festivities for the 2010 Reunion will extend from Friday, the 30th of May until noon on Sunday, the 1st of June. The Class of 1950 has reserved a block of eight rooms at the University Inn, 5 College Avenue in Orono, overlooking the Stillwater River—and those reservations are for the nights of the 30th and 31st of May. If you are interested in reserving a room (price yet to be determined, but will undoubtedly be in the area of \$88 plus tax) please call the motel, noting that you will be utilizing one of the block of rooms for the Class of 1950. The telephone number is 1-207-866-4921; price includes your room and a hearty breakfast, in addition to ample parking. Keep tuned for more information!

Just need to remind all classmates of the Class of 1950 scholarships that are awarded annually to descendants of members of our class who are attending the University in Orono. The scholarship guidelines (granted at not less than \$500 per student) stress the fact that it is awarded based on financial need as well as academic merit with a GPA of at least 2.5. Determination of need and academic merit is evaluated by the office of financial assistance. Please remind your family member(s) that it is the individual's responsibility to make his/her relationship to the Class of 1950 known to the office of student financial aid at the time of application.

Marvin and Glenna Billings

Adams celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July at a family gathering hosted by their four children in Cape Elizabeth. Glenna and Marvin met and fell in love at Cold Stream Pond in Enfield, where they still maintain a family camp. The Adamses settled in Cape Elizabeth (3 Chesterwood Road—04107) and it is there that they raised their four wonderful children, and taught them to ski, sail, garden, and enjoy beautiful music. Marv practiced medicine in the Portland area for some 35 years. Congratulations to you both!

Nicholas Smith of Brunswick received an honorary doctor of humane letters at the university's 2007 commencement ceremonies in Orono. Nicholas is a Native American studies scholar and was honored for his work documenting the history of native peoples in Maine and neighboring states and provinces. He has published more than 60 articles, has translated numerous articles, and has developed a widely used bibliography related to Wabanaki studies.

Some 68 years ago, our classmate **Donn Fendler**, then a 12-year-old Boy Scout, safely emerged from the northern Maine woods after having been lost for more than a week. He accomplished that feat by following a stream and telephone lines, eventually coming to a sporting camp on the Penobscot River. He was lost while hiking with family members on Mount Katahdin and made national media attention as a result of his plight. After the ordeal, he was promised a lifetime fishing license by the then-Governor Lewis Barrows—but somehow that license never became a reality until this past June when Governor John Baldacci '86 presented the license to Donn—and in addition presented him with a decorative canoe paddle autographed by the governor. In turn, Donn presented the governor a copy of his book, *Lost on a Mountain in Maine*, which tells of the adventure! Donn, who coauthored the book with Joseph B. Egan, said that the book "tells you what not to do if you get lost!" Donn returns to Maine every summer from his home in Tennessee (1770 Theresa Drive, Clarksville, 37043) and still thor-



College of engineering dean, **Dana Humphrey**, (left) visits with **Dick Noyes '51** at the Senior Alumni luncheon at Homecoming 2007.

oughly enjoys taking hikes along the Penobscot River!

Immanuel and Betty Friedler Wexler spent a superb week at a lake in Maine last summer where they delighted in canoeing, swimming, and just savoring the sights and sounds that surrounded them. Betty reported a highlight of the vacation was a mini-reunion and luncheon in Auburn when they met **Don '49** and **Martha Fogler Hobbs**, **Marilyn Seavey Reilly**, and **Bob and Ginny Kennedy Nickless** to have luncheon while getting caught up with one another's activities/families plus just reminiscing about our undergraduate days and the "short" years since.

Millard Clement and his wife, **Leah '78**, recently celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary. They are living in Orland (417 Castine Road 04472) where he has served for 22 years—and is the current chairman of the Orland Planning Board, and is chairman of the Orland school committee, on which he has served for 38 years. Millard and Leah are mighty proud of their nine children, their 20 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren! **Edward MacGown** and his bride, **Anne**, have been married "close on" to 60 years and live in Ellsworth in a farmhouse on MacGown's Hill that was built in 1831 and has seen six generations of the MacGown family. What a wonderful family history the house represents and how great it would be if it could but talk and verbalize that history! Ed was a civil engineer after graduation and worked on projects across the country, including the Bangor International Airport, Andrews AFB in Washington, D.C.; and the Mount Desert Island Re-

gional High School.

Please make a 2008 New Year's resolution to send me your news. This column is as large as the news items we have to report on—so as "they" say, "Keep them cards and letters coming!"

My love, **Ruthie**

1951

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In June 2007 **Bryce Beattie** was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. Bryce's first basketball coaching position was at Stevens Academy in Blue Hill. From there he went on to Freeport where he won four Western Maine and three state championships in the years he coached there. Next he coached at Windham and in two years developed a team that went on to the Western Maine finals. He continued coaching in Massachusetts and Florida, finishing his career at Noble High for two years. He is credited with bringing the full court press to Maine. In the Sanford News Bryce said, "I decided to try something different. I told the boys we were going to play man-to-man all over the court, no matter what. When the game ended, we had won by 15 points. I knew then that there had been something missing in basketball. It had such an effect on players on the other teams that by the time they got to the basket they were too tired to make the shot."

In July **Joan Wiswell Beach** organized a mini reunion of some South Estabrooke friends and spouses. Jo and her husband, Dale, hosted a dinner in Latham, New York, for **Floyd and Isabelle "Pepper" Burbank Milbank**, **Gus and Paulina "Boo" Robbins Gosse**, and **Forrest and Frances Pratt Caswell**. The next day we boarded a cruise boat in Troy, New York, for a Rensselaer County Historical Society excursion down the Hudson River to New York City. After spending the night in Teaneck, New Jersey, we returned to the boat for a tour of New York Harbor. After lunch, we docked and boarded a bus for the return to Troy. That evening we ate at the Mohonk House, a classic summer hotel atop a mountain

across the Hudson from Poughkeepsie. A grand time was had by all.

The following students are recipients of the Class of 1951 Scholarship Fund for 2007-2008. George Bragdon III of Madawaska, a first-year student majoring in kinesiology and physical education, is the grandson of **Patricia Murphy Bragdon**. Jenny Smick of Sedgwick, a senior majoring in English, is the granddaughter of **Russell and Joanne Josslyn Meade**. Kirsten Elliott of Holliston, Massachusetts, a sophomore majoring in elementary education, is the granddaughter of James and **Barbara Grover Elliott**.

Elwood "Woody" Beach, class president, announces that the executive committee of the Class of '51 will hold a lobster picnic on Wednesday, August 6, 2008, at the summer home of Frances Pratt Caswell in Harpswell, Maine. It is time to begin planning for our 60th Reunion in 2011. All class members are welcome; however, a mailing with particulars about the event will only be sent to executive committee members and classmates who have attended summer class picnics in the past. If you would like to receive information about the picnic, please contact Woody Beach, 7317 Valley Lake Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27612; email: elwoodmbeach@yahoo.com or Frances Pratt Caswell, class correspondent.

1952

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From our class president, **Bill Currie**: "It has been about three months since we attended our 55th class Reunion and what a great one it was for those who were able to attend the Bar Harbor and/or Orono activities. Our class had the second largest attendance this time around. The Class of 1957, observing their 50th, had the largest number in attendance. All told, about 650 alums attended their class reunions. We were pleased that **Perry Hunter**, our class agent, was presented with the Block "M" Award for all his work supporting the university, our alumni



Five Class of '51 members took an excursion on the Captain JP II last July from Troy, New York, down to New York City. Left to right are: Elton "Gus" Gosse, Frances Pratt Caswell, Floyd Milbank, Joan Wiswell Beach, and Isabelle "Pepper" Burbank Milbank.

association, and of course the Class of 1952."

Your Class of '52 executive committee met on August 16th at the Buchanan Alumni House with a good representation. We discussed many items under the leadership of president Bill Currie. One item discussed was the quality of the meals provided by the university at our 55th (which many had listed as inadequate on their comment sheets after Reunion). We are thinking about our 60th Reunion and want it to be special, so if any of you have suggestions, we are open to your thoughts!

Since Reunion, 11 deaths of our class members have been reported, which I assume you will see in the necrology section of this issue. Time is taking its toll on our group. Please keep this in mind as you do your estate planning; our scholarship fund and class gift can use your help. As recent news reports note, many seniors are spreading their wealth now, rather than include their bequests in will form.

I was pleased to see **Frank Kace** and his delightful wife at Reunion. Frank would like to be in touch with **Paul Judkins** and his wife. Does anyone have a current address for Paul that she or he could send me so that I may pass it on to Frank?

Several members of our class spent a day with John '51 and **Nancy Knowles Moore** in New Hampshire when they were on vacation from their home in Green Valley, Arizona. In attendance on a beautiful day were: **Mary Snyder Dow** and Stewart Coffin from

Andover, Massachusetts; **Jeanne Frye Begley** from Waldoboro, **Al and Marnie Murray Pease** from Camden, **Owen "Bud" Smith** and Wendy Kemp from Saco—all in Maine. **Mary Snyder Dow** and companion Stewart Coffin took a trip to Jasper National Park in late summer. It sounded like a fantastic experience, Mary. I recently enjoyed a phone call with **Joyce Smith Bernard** who, after teaching for seven years in Maine, getting her master's degree, and teaching on Long Island, New York, for 30 years, is retired. She and her husband are enjoying retirement on Long Island. It was so nice to hear from you, Joyce. **Ruth Drysdale Fraser** from Reno, Nevada, recently was presented with her first grandchild. Congratulations, Ruth, to you and your son Tom and his family.

Our fall Canadian trip to the Rockies was fabulous—first class all the way. The group was very compatible and the leadership of our venerable class president, Bill Currie, made things run smoothly. Class members taking the trip were Woody '51 and **Ginny Norton Beach**, Bonnie and **Connie Bosworth**, Bill and **Harriet Johnson Currie**, Perry Hunter, **Ray Lamoreau**, Bill and **Dorrie Mayne Lindquist**, **Fran Smart Trefts**, **Ken and Ida Moreshead Wiley**, and Al and Marnie Murray Pease. Jo Lamoreau, Ray's wife, had planned to go but had an unfortunate accident—broken hip. We missed you, Jo.

Our stay in Victoria at the Empress Hotel was delightful with a

highlight being tea Sunday afternoon. The train ride from Vancouver to Banff aboard the Rocky Mountaineer was exceptional with a wonderful young, vibrant staff who explained everything we experienced during the two-day trip and catered to our needs. The food service in the dining area (beneath our observation deck) was superb and very well served. The humor of all the staff was a delight. Our bus drivers were great tour directors, especially from Banff to Chateau Lake Louise and the Athabasca Glacier. We stopped to observe the wildlife—eagles, bears, long-horned sheep, goats, etc.—and we were even encouraged to take brief hikes with our driver when we came to interesting spots. The mountain scenery was spectacular—and many of us took innumerable photos. At Chateau Lake Louise we received an upgrade in our rooms and were positioned over the front entrance with the lake, its mountains, and glacier in our view. The trail along the lake was a delight even though the temperature was minus 4 degrees Celsius. We finished our trip by having dinner at the Calgary Tower before flying home via Toronto to Boston, where we were met by limo for the ride to Maine. Our four intrepid members from Seattle saw the Mainers off in the early a.m. before they left later in the day for their homes.

Please do keep in touch and let us know any news of your activities. Many readers are eager to hear from former classmates!

1953

Reunion
May 30-June 1

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Fall is definitely here and when you read this (probably in January) it'll be even colder here in the Northeast. I'm freezing in my office, but refuse to turn on the heat (unless my fingers won't work the keys).

And how are all of you? I know you're out there—somewhere. Just haven't heard from a few hundred of you. According to **Helen Strong Hamilton**, our class president: "There were approximately 552 reachable classmates as of September 20, 2007."

There were 928 members of the



'52 Members Visit the Canadian Rockies

SOME MEMBERS of the Class of 1952 and friends decided to take another trip together last fall, this time to the Canadian Rockies. Two years ago a group of 26 '52ers and friends took a Norwegian coastal cruise and stopped for two days in Iceland on the way home. This year a group of 16 of us traveled to Boston's Logan Airport for an Air Canada flight to Vancouver, where we were picked up by a private tour bus to Victoria, British Columbia, for a two-day stay at the famous Fairmont Empress Hotel. Highlights of the two-day Victoria stay were a visit to the renowned and beautiful Butchart Gardens and the sumptuous high tea at the Empress.

The group returned to Vancouver for an overnight. The next morning we boarded the famed Rocky Mountaineer train, advertised as being "the most spectacular train trip in the world." The reserved dome car with private dining facilities was great. Gourmet breakfasts and lunches were served each day and the on-board attendants with their interpretive commentary and warm Canadian hospitality were wonderful. It was a two-day trip, with the train traveling only during the daylight hours. The views along the rugged slopes of the Coast Mountains and the scenes along the Fraser and Thompson rivers kept the group glued to the windows. The views were truly awesome!

Midway on the train ride we stopped overnight at Kamloops with dinner provided. The second day ended at Banff where we stayed for the night. After breakfast, our private tour bus met the group and off we went to the Fairmont Chateau Lake

Louise for a two-day stay. En route, we visited Bow Lake, Athabasca Falls, and the Columbia Icefields where the group boarded an "Ice Explorer" vehicle for the ride up to the Athabasca Glacier. The icefield is one of the largest accumulations of ice south of the Arctic Circle.

The two-day stay at Lake Louise was delightful and restful. The views of the sloping mountains were spectacular.

On the way to Calgary, views of hoodoo rock formations and the splendor of the Bow River Valley were some of the highlights, along with the breathtaking view of snowcapped peaks and valleys. A ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain in the Banff gondola gave the group a 360-degree view of the Banff town site and surrounding mountains.

In Calgary, the group stayed overnight at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel, a historic landmark in the center of Calgary. The evening, and trip, ended with dinner atop the Calgary Tower—4,029 feet above sea level, overlooking the lights of Calgary. What a way to end a fabulous trip with a great bunch of classmates and friends! Next day we boarded our flight back to Boston and then home to Maine with just one question remaining—What do we do next?

—Bill Currie



Photo at top of page: At the Athabasca Glacier, left to right: Al Pease, Byron Baxter, Gisela Baxter, Connie Bosworth, Bonnie Bosworth, Fran Smart Trefts, Marnie Murray Pease, Harriet Johnson Currie, Bill Currie, Ray Lamoreau, Ginny Norton Beach, Dorrie Mayne Lindquist, Carol Prentiss Mower '53, Woody Beach '51, Bill Cummings, Lorraine Cummings, Bill Lindquist, Ken Wiley, Ida Moreshead Wiley, and Perry Hunter.

Class of 1953 as of September 1949. Of that total, 25 did not finish and 107 cannot be found. There are 227 who are deceased.

We had a nice turnout on August 21 at the Samoset Resort in Rockport. There were 24 of us (plus some spouses) for our annual summer get-together and the weather was beautiful. Those attending were: **Carol Prentiss Mower, Helen Strong Hamilton, Peggy Given White, Ted Tocci, Vernon Jordan (G), Dot Ramsay Smith, Ann Twombly Bonang, Pete Douglas, Shirley Stillings Keene, Ruth Mitchell Hartley, Isabelle Stearns Foss, Lorri Skolfield Lowell, Signe Swanholm Gardner, Roman White, Woody Carville, Dave Beppler, Harry Burns, Warren Moody, Ray Robbins, Dave Field, Al Smith, Frank Pickering, Tom Laskey**, and myself. Dr. Robert Kennedy, UMaine president, also came and spoke. So did Todd Saucier '93, '97G, UMaine Alumni Association president. Bob Potts, Val Mitchell, and Chris Corro of the alumni association also attended, as did Pat Cummings '89, '44H of the development office.

You might see a photo of classmates **Lois Welton Byrne** and **Charlotte Troubh**, taken in Palm Springs, California, when Charlotte, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, visited Lois, of San Diego. As Lois wrote: "Acting silly on vacation. The bronze man is Einstein and we all had fun together." (The three are shown sitting on a bench.) Lois is an artist who is teaching young people to sew.

Before I forget it, Helen sent me the minutes from the August 21 Samoset meeting and some of the things mentioned were as follows:

"Class secretary **Mary Maguire Riley** is unable to continue in that position; therefore, a golden opportunity has opened for that someone who will be greatly appreciated as the scribe for our class meetings, which are held infrequently. Val Mitchell will also advertise the position on InCircle." Please contact Helen at: Helen.Hamilton@comcast.net, or call her in Bow, New Hampshire, at: (603) 224-4893. Thanks, Mary, for a job well done!

As to our 55th Reunion in May/June 2008 are you all for going to Bar Harbor (or elsewhere) the Wednesday and Thursday before (May 28, 29), like we've done in the past, leaving Friday, May 30, for Orono, for the weekend Reunion? Just let Helen know. Probably by the

time you read this, it will all have been decided.

I had a nice note, dated September 18, 2007, from classmate Ted Tocci of Hampton Falls, New Hampshire: "Both Marietta and I enjoyed seeing you and being seated together at the Class of '53 luncheon at the Samoset. It is always wonderful to see familiar faces of our classmates. Too bad more of them did not attend. Enclosed is an article about my civic involvement and voluntary efforts. Thought you would be interested. Take care. We are looking forward to our next class activity. Sincerely, Ted."

In the photocopied article Ted sent from the *Hampton Union*, with the headline "Selectman to lead RPC," and subhead "Ted Tocci plans to improve communication in his term," it tells of Ted, who was recently elected chairman of the Rockingham Planning Commission, "which is a nonprofit regional planning commission that serves in an advisory capacity to its municipalities, which comprise 27 of Rockingham County's 37 towns." Ted was quoted saying, "My goal being the chairman is to try to improve the communication and the cooperation between the commissioners and all the boards in the towns." It said Ted served as one of its commissioners for 10 years, but has only lived in the area for 12 years. (Ted also served on the planning board for seven years.) As he was quoted: "I've enjoyed it. In New England the governments are run by volunteers ... I think those who have the time and the interest should get involved."

The article went on to tell about our classmate: "The father of six children and grandfather of 17 put in a long career at the 3M Company, which took him out of the area to upstate New York and later Minnesota. He and his wife, Marietta Garavaglia, who is also an active volunteer within the community, moved to Hampton Falls in 1995 after looking up and down the East Coast for a place to retire." Ted, originally from Watertown, Massachusetts, said: "I knew New Hampshire quite well not only as a young man but also through my working career." Now he and Marietta live in an Applecrest subdivision, with an orchard, where they also make cider, and "give the apples to the family and the kids." He said: "After you retire, there's a ton of things to do. I'm as busy as I was working, almost. I think the nice thing when you stop working is being able to do

the things you want to do."

Do you make apple pies, too? I'll be right down if you do. Thanks a lot, Ted, for writing.

As usual, I also heard from **Lloyd Oakes**, of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts. He sends me attachments (which I can't open) and once, when I replied, I told him about renting a table or two at a local flea market. The adventure was quite interesting, but the money I made would only fill my gas tank. I still can't believe I did it. One of the rules was that you couldn't arrive before 3 a.m. My goodness! You wouldn't catch me up at that hour! I arrived there about 6:45. A dealer came, looked at what I had, told me I only needed two tables, and showed me where to park. You see, he was interested in what I had. I was new and other regular dealers soon came over. One asked for Edison records, the first records ever made. I had some of my father's, but didn't bring them with me. Dealers are looking for *old* things and I want to keep that kind of stuff. The pink vases went, but regular glass ones didn't. A homely red velvet swivel chair of my daughter's finally went to a youngster who pleaded with his parents. They gave in and I got to keep \$6.

Lloyd replied: "We also did a flea market sale. Found out it does not work. Our daughter was in a town-wide one and she said that worked better."

Woody Carville thought it would be nice if I called classmate **Dick Whatley** of Fayette, Maine. He gave me his phone numbers, both at his home and his camp on Annabessacook Lake in Winthrop. Woody said Dick's children had gone to UMaine and that he was an interesting fellow. That he was. But, after talking it over with his wife, Dick said: "Just say Dick Whatley is still alive." Well, Dick, I'll leave out all those wonderful good parts you told me to leave out, but I hope you won't mind what's here in print.

Dick, originally from Dunellen, New Jersey, was a Kappa Sig man who majored in athletics. (His class photo is in the '54 *Prism*.) He spoke of **Don Cannon**, the fraternity's president. And he spoke of his and Anne's own five children and 15 grandchildren. Their son, Bill '77, coaches swimming in Ohio (and was waterfront director to Hal Westerman at a summer camp in Damariscotta); son Timothy '81 is a landscaper in Collegeville, Pennsylvania; daughter Janet Whatley Blum '82, of Falmouth, is a professor of exercise

physiology at USM; daughter Suzanne is a homemaker in Raleigh, North Carolina; and son Ed "Ted," of North Delaware, who came back from Iraq in June, works in Washington, D.C., for the Defense Intelligence Agency. (Dick's brother Bob '65, lives in South Carolina.) "We enjoy our 15 grandchildren," he said.

As for Dick, he's coached track for the past 15 years at Colby. He's also coached track and football at the University of Rhode Island, and track and football at Springfield College. At Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, he wore many hats in his 35 years there: dean of students, professor of physics, assistant athletic director, head football coach for 17 years, track coach for 15, and inducted into the Athletic (Football) Hall of Fame.

And his wife, Anne McKiel Whatley '51, a home ec major and a Pi Beta Phi, lived at the Elms in Orono and played intramural basketball. A teacher for 30 years, she's been a substitute teacher at the elementary school in Readfield since 1993. She joined a quilting club when she retired in '93 and is a member of the Maine Quilters Guild, "just a novice at it," she said. It so happens that she and my sister Joan Schott Wiebe '62, of Readfield, are in the same quilters' group and Anne's sister Alice was in Joan's class at UMaine. Small world!

Hope to see you both at the 55th Reunion!

I saw classmate **Don LaRochelle** when his wife, Anne, my sister, and I went out to lunch recently. They've moved to a great condo in Wells at: 65 Hidden Brook Drive, and Don is still working. He's clerk of the works at Seacoast School of Technology in Exeter, New Hampshire. Give him a call about his *Construction Inspection Manual*. Keep it up, Don. (Anne, a good friend, is also a quilter.)

It's always sad when a fellow classmate dies, but when I received a notice in the mail of **Anne Dutille Ryan**'s death, it announced her passing as a playbill:

"Anne's Diamond Jubilee
A Celebration of Life!
1931-2007
Act I
Scene 1: Sept. 8, 2007
St. Mary's Church, Wells, Maine,
MASS 10 a.m.
Scene 2: Reception St. Mary's
Hall 10:45 a.m.
Scene 3: Short Stop at Ocean
View Cemetery 11:45 a.m.
Act II

Arrive at The Farragut –
Kennebunk 12:15 p.m.

This format was selected to honor Anne's lifelong love of live theater. Her last 20 years on this earth were spent realizing her dream at the Ogunquit Playhouse and with the Wells Seacoast Follies."

Vince, her husband of 51 years, a retired USAF major (a navigator), sent me Anne's obituary which appeared in the May 30 edition of the *Portland Press Herald*. Anne died May 27, 2007, after a seven-year battle with multiple myeloma, but the celebration of her life took place September 8. Born in Waterville, Anne graduated with a B.S. in elementary education at UMaine and taught throughout the country for 40 years. "She was a pioneer in the field of special education and was instrumental in implementing the system into public schools in the 1970s." When she retired, it stated that, "Anne knitted hundreds of scarves, hats, and mittens and donated them to local hospitals and homeless shelters. She always promoted the Ogunquit Playhouse and served in many different capacities. She'll be especially missed by the many patrons who enjoyed her wonderful smile and gracious welcoming as they entered the theater.

"Throughout her life, Anne was a very talented figure skater and was accepted by the Ice Capades in 1956. She opted for marriage and raising a family and joined Lt. Vincent J. Ryan in a 20-year military career."

Anne was *Anne* – a warm, colorful, dramatic, engaging person, and once you met her, you wouldn't forget her. I well remember the scarves she made and brought to reunions. And it was at the church that Vince's sister spoke, wearing a straw hat with a large sunflower perched in the center, high clear sandals with butterflies on top, and a *very colorful* dress (which it so happened Anne had picked out, and which the priest, smiling, commented on, saying how like Anne).

Vince has moved to a condo at The Farragut, still in Kennebunk, just a short distance away from their former residence. Our condolences go out to you, Vince, your two children, Captain Matthew Ryan and Kathleen Ryan LeBlanc, and spouses (son Captain Mark D. Ryan died in 2003), and seven grandchildren. We'll miss your smile, Anne.

Peggy Given White called recently, inviting me to her "try-to-do-it-yearly" get-together with fellow



Reunion at the Samoset

Among those enjoying the Class of 1953 mini-reunion at the Samoset Resort in Rockport were (left to right): Ann Twombly Bonang, Ruth Mitchell Hartley, Helen Strong Hamilton, Isabelle Stearns Foss, Shirley Stillings Keene, Lorrie Skolfield Lowell, and Signe Swanholm Gardner.

Below (left to right): Roman White, Woody Carville, Pete Douglas, Dave Beppler, Ray Robbins, and Warren Moody.



classmates at her Peabody Pond cottage in Sebago. It's a year-round cottage, but she ventures back to Reading, Massachusetts, when it gets cold ... "same old, same old," said Peggy. Those who went were: **Noni Dinsmore Mills** and her husband, Ron '55, of Kittery, Maine; (Noni, what's this I hear about a hot air balloon celebration?) **Hank and Dawn Miller Woodbrey**, of Orono; and **Dee Draper Weidemeyer** and her mother, Jean Draper, of Clearwater, Florida; Dee's sister Chris Butler of Jacksonville, and Dee's dear friend Julianne Krieg of Clermont, Florida. I talked to Hank about the get-together and he said he and Jean, 99, talked of the complexities of the stock market (among other things). "She's very

bright, very pretty," he said. Congratulations on being 99, Jean, and turning 100 in January, and what great genes to pass on! Dee brings her mother and sister up to Cundy's Harbor each summer to stay and returns in the fall to bring them back home. Peggy said Jean is "amazing!"

I talked with Hank about Homecoming (I was in Canada). Maine played William & Mary and lost by one point. Good try. He said it was a "gorgeous" day, the annual craft fair was "mobbed, elbow to elbow," and that it looked like a "good crowd" at the game. At the tailgate tent before the game he saw Helen Strong Hamilton, Al Smith, Tom Laskey, **Ed Johnston**, and Woody and Jean Grindle Carville '54, and that Carol Prentiss Mower "was around." (If I

know Carol he probably saw her at the craft fair.) In talking with Woody, who ushers, "kind of helps" people who go into the Alford stadium box, he told me of **Ron Bishop's** skydiving misadventure. (Woody had gone skydiving with Ron a few years back. It seems to be a birthday thing.)

So, I made the call to Ron in Cornelius, North Carolina, and sure enough, he answered the phone. I asked if he had a minute and he replied: "I've got all kinds of minutes. I've got until Thanksgiving!" Good, now to the mishap. Well, on October 5th, Ron went to skydive in Chester, South Carolina. (He was supposed to jump on his 75th birthday, September 18, but had to cancel.) "First time there," he said. "It was a tandem jump, of course. We were planning to land a different way than you usually do." The regular way, he said, is to keep your legs up in the air, straight out in front of you and land on your rear.

"This time we were going to land on our feet and walk along. Unfortunately, I caught my toe on my left foot. We tumbled and in the process I broke my left leg and ankle and one bone in my right leg." (His right leg was in a cast fairly quickly, he said, but they had to operate on his left one.) And along came a wheelchair for four to six weeks, no weight on either foot.

He said this was his fourth tandem jump and he was "embarrassed a little bit." (He'd made jumps in the Army in jump school, he said, but never in an airborne unit.) "The first 13,999 feet and 11 inches were great! The last inch is what got me." A young fellow jumper came over, (to see what happened, to help him) and said, "Oh, sir, was that your first jump?" Ron replied, "No, but it might very well be my last jump." Luckily, there happened to be a doctor on board, a parachutist, who quickly splinted his legs. As to his tandem diver? "He was strapped to my back. We were one big mass of humanity." (And he's OK.)

Ron said he's keeping up on six months of magazines and reading books. He's also "catching up on broken bones, so he gets his quota in" (though he can't remember ever breaking any). He's also manning the telephone 24/7.

Ron said he thinks he spent four days in the hospital, and when he got home, some of his Habitat volunteers were in the process of building an access ramp at his home for his wheelchair. Great! Now, every afternoon he and Lorna, his

wife, go out for a walk. She's making sure he doesn't go too fast, he said. "The whole key to the solution is to have a positive attitude and to live with it," he said. "I'm dealing with it. I'm disciplined enough to go through the recuperation period and my wife is being very patient."

"It was just a wonderful jump," he said. "I'm in pretty good shape. I'm fine physically, but some might question my mental capacity." (You could hear him laughing.)

A speedy recovery to you, Ron, and let's get you back on your feet quickly!

Classmate **Doug Kneeland**, up Lincoln way, also had surgery, and was convalescing at home. I talked with Doug and his wife, Barbara, and they sounded great. Sadly, Doug passed away in December. Our heartfelt condolences to Barbara and his family.

Our classmate **Tom Walsh**, president of Ocean Properties, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, is one of two Bangor natives who is "competing to develop the Maine State Pier and build a mega-berth for cruise ships at the city's adjacent Ocean Gateway Terminal" in Portland, according to the *Portland Press Herald*. Their fate rests in the hands of the city councilors. In the article it said that Tom "is the patriarch of a family business that is among the largest privately held hotel operating and development companies in North America. His financial partner is George Mitchell, the former majority leader of the U.S. Senate from Maine. The governor's brother, Bob Baldacci, is spearheading the project."

Maxine Dresser Thurston, of Forest Dale, Vermont, made the news in the June 7, 2007, edition of *The Bethel Citizen*. Maxine, a 1949 graduate of Andover (Maine) High School, spoke to members of the Class of 2007 at the annual alumni banquet May 26. "Remember where you came from," she told the senior girls present, reminding them to look to the future with enthusiasm, knowing they had grown up in a caring community which wasn't about to forget them as they left their hometown behind. "This town will always be in back of you, supporting what you do." The Andover Alumni Association sponsored the event which had nearly 120 alumni, senior parents, and friends attending. Harmon '51, Maxine's husband, was also seated at the head table. Great going, Maxine!

Dot Ramsay Smith, of Scarborough, arrived home in Octo-



Having fun with a statue of Einstein during a vacation in Palm Springs are '53 classmates **Lois Welton Byrne** of San Diego (left) and **Charlotte Trough** of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

ber from a two-week bus tour of Seattle, Banff, Lake Louise, Vancouver, (British Columbia) and Jasper (Alberta). In the middle of nowhere, at a very tiny rest stop between Banff and Lake Louise, who should call out her name and tap on her shoulder, she said, but Carol Prentiss Mower (on her bus trip with the Class of '52). One never knows. Then in the middle of November, Dot took off again for Branson, Missouri, "to have fun and see three shows a day." (On November 14, she said, "Branson is the only place in the world where they celebrate Christmas first. It's mind-boggling.") Not to stay home, Dot takes off the end of November for the Army and Navy game on December 1st, played this year in Baltimore, not Philadelphia. (Her grandson Alex is a junior at Annapolis.) Well, welcome home whenever you get back to stay, Doris.

I just have to add this wonderful three-day vacation weekend I had recently when I went with my sisters and sister-in-law to visit our sister Joan Schott Wiebe '62 and her husband, Marshall Wiebe's '60 oldest daughter and family in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. Jennifer and Tom Beckley and their children, Sam and Lena, are "city people" and yet they are also "country people." Jen is an instructor at New Brunswick College of Craft and Design and Tom is a professor of forest sociology at the University of New Brunswick, both in Fredericton, while their new four-story home is out there with a water view and a lot of land (163 acres)

with gardens, chickens, a rabbit, three cats, two dogs, and deer and pregnant cows (not theirs) roaming the fields.

On the way home we stopped at my cousin Nancy Perkins' home in Patten, Maine. Her husband, Ken '63, is retired and faithfully reads the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* (and my column). Hi, Ken.

I must close. But before I do, will you please give serious thought to returning to Orono for our 55th Reunion in May/June, 2008, and a pre-reunion get-together (wherever that might be). I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there, and so are others, I'm sure. Try—it's not that hard. Until then, have the best of seasons and above all, stay healthy. That's the hard part. Cheers, Nancy

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Just as we had put our last '54 column "to bed," we received news from both the university and from the media that Al and Sally Carroll

Fernald '55 were honored at a June meeting of the Stillwater Society. Al and Sally met at Orono in 1951 and recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. It was announced at the meeting that the Fernalds, who are cochairing Campaign Maine, UMaine's largest-ever private fundraising campaign, had made a one-million dollar gift to the university that will support arts and academic programs.

At UMaine Al was a psychology major and belonged to a fraternity; Sally was a member of a sorority. Later, Al earned a master's degree in business from New York University. More recently he was awarded an honorary doctorate from UMaine. The Fernalds, who live in Camden, purchased *Down East Enterprise*, the publisher of *Down East* magazine, in 1977. After serving as publisher for over 20 years, Al retired five years ago. Talk about legacy, Al's brother is a Maine alum while Sally's four sisters all attended and met their future husbands there. Their son Bob '02G, who now runs *Down East Enterprise*, earned a master's degree at Maine while his twin sons also earned undergraduate degrees there.

In August a local newspaper feature caught us up on **Davis** and **Jeannette Hovey Wiggin '53**, codirectors of the New England Music Camp in Sidney, Maine. The camp, located on Messalonskee Lake, features swimming, kayaking, canoeing, and sailing. However, its primary mission is music! In 1937 Paul Wiggin, Davis's father, bought the camp and ran it until his death in 1969 at which time Davis and Jeannette took over as codirectors. Since the first years, buildings have been upgraded or added so now there are 108 brown and white structures in the compound! "There is a real sense of history here," said John Wiggin, their son who serves as treasurer of the corporation. He will take over as director as his folks retire. Can you believe this in today's age—grace before every meal, flag ceremonies morning and night, and dressing up for dinner before recitals!

If that is not enough, the camp does not permit cell phones, televisions, computers, or other electronics!

The Houlton, Maine, *Pioneer Times* has brought us an interesting update on **Byrna Mae Porter Weir** who continues to live in Rochester, New York. After high school in Houlton, Byrna started her advanced education at Ricker College

and transferred to UMaine where she majored in psychology and minored in education and social studies. She went on to Penn State where she received a master's degree in clinical psychology. Since then she has worked as a school psychologist in public schools, at the Rochester School for the Deaf, and for about 10 years as director of an energy conservation counseling program. In 1974 she took a year to travel around the world and spent nine months living in Israel. After many years of additional travel she ventured into stock photography work, taking pictures for books and magazines. "I was always interested in writing and it seems that I always gravitated back to it," she says. In 1973, a book of her translations of Yiddish stories to English was published, and following that she published a book of essays on the environmental movement in her area.

The Leonards Mills newsletter reports that **Barbara McGowan** has been elected secretary of the board "until a replacement is found." How soon will that be, Barb?

A few weeks ago we were just completing a nice afternoon at the Union Fair, a small agricultural celebration at Union, Maine, when a couple tapped us on the shoulder. It proved to be **John** and **Nancy Cameron DeWilde '55!** Earlier, they had been interested in some aerial views of their place in Union but found them to be more than they'd wanted to pay. The day we met them they had taken a helicopter ride from the fair, very inexpensively, and were thrilled as the pilot took them close in for several photo opportunities. They invited us over to their cottage, which is a beautiful summer home on Seven Tree Pond. The place is on a huge and private end of the pond previously owned by Nancy's family. They told us that they had almost totally rebuilt, expanded, and modernized the main building within the last two or three years. We had really just missed the big excitement, as they explained they had just taken down the tent from a huge Sigma Chi mini-reunion they had held over the weekend. Almost 30 brothers and spouses had been in attendance. The DeWildes spend from June to September in Union and October to May in Sun City Center, Florida. Needless to say, John and Nancy are superb hosts!

In closing, remember that many of your old classmates are out there wondering what became of you.

We'd be happy to share your news if you'd send it on to us or to the alumni office. We know that you have already marked your calendar for our 55th Reunion that will be held in May and June of 2009! See you then, if not before.

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Although by the time you receive this *MAINE Alumni Magazine* the holiday season will be over, it is still not too late for you to send me an after-holiday note. So, won't you please do so, as I do love receiving mail, phone calls, emails, etc.

A recent article in the *Bangor Daily News* begins with the heading "Couple donates \$1M to UMaine." And yes, that couple is Allen '54 and **Sally Carroll Fernald**. Sally and Allen just celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary having met on campus just three days after Sally arrived on campus in the fall of 1951. They donated this money in part because of the special role the University of Maine played in their lives. Al and Sally are co-chairs of Campaign Maine. Their gift will support the University of Maine's arts and academic programs. Sally's four sisters attended Maine along with Allen's brother. The family is involved in the ownership of Down East Enterprise that publishes *Down East*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, and *Shooting Sportsman* magazines and operates Down East Books, the state's largest publisher. Sally and Allen have been involved as alumni in fundraising over many years and strongly believe in the direction the university has taken in recent years. They presented this \$1 million at a dinner in June, and Allen asked the alumni there to reflect when he said, "Think back. We're all of a certain age, and we're about to preside over the biggest transfer of money to the next generation in history." He urged alumni to think about the role the University of Maine has played in their lives. The Campaign Maine goal is to raise \$150 million by 2011, \$60 million of which has been donated in two years. I am certain that the university would be very receptive to any amount that any individual might make to this cam-

paign—large or small. We congratulate you, Allen and Sally, for your very generous donation.

As of this writing, **Gloria and Al Healy** are on their way to the Canadian Rockies having spent a glorious time in Alaska on their trip which began in January of 2007. They visited Denali National Park, Anchorage, Fairbanks, and everything in between. They said that one of the highlights of their trip was a sled-dog demonstration, showing how the dogs are housed and how they perform as a team. The dogs are eager to do the job they have been trained to do and they strain at the harness and leap into the air as they are waiting to go. They said, "It's fascinating to learn about the special roles that some of the dogs have and about the very strong bond between the dogs and their handlers." You must have thousands of pictures that you've taken. You must bring some to show us at our next reunion. Thank you, Gloria and Al, for keeping me informed about your travels. I enjoyed reading all your emails.

Muriel Verrill Gade and I had a delightful luncheon together when she was visiting in Maine this past summer. She was telling me about **Liz Pierce Cross's** son, David, being involved in building homes from ship containers. Following this, Muriel emailed an article that was in the *Charleston Regional Business Journal*. David has formed his own company, SG Blocks, and is hoping to sell his design to the masses as an alternative to traditional housing structures. He has had success already in California and Florida. You must be very proud of David, Liz, and rightly so. Good luck to David in his venture.

Another anniversary to be acknowledged is that of Joyce and "**Buzz**" **Knight** who celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2007. The Knights have lived in Monmouth, Maine; Holbrook, Massachusetts; and South Weymouth, Massachusetts, and have now retired to Lake Cochnewagon, in Monmouth. Their three children and four grandchildren celebrated this event at the Augusta Country Club in Manchester. (Compliments of the *Kennebec Journal*.)

Priscilla (PJ) Ames Pike wrote to tell me about the University of Maine group that gets together every summer in Maine at different people's homes or cottages. This year they went to Muriel Verrill Gade's cottage on Little Sebago Lake and those who attended were

Westy and Sylvia Farris Keene, Jan Marston Bodwell, Liz Pierce Cross, Muriel, PJ and Tom Pike '54, and PJ's and Tom's granddaughter Victoria. It was a very hot day, and I am certain that the lake was a welcome relief from the heat. In mid-July, she and Tom spent a night with **Bill and Marion Bugbee Batt Mannheim** in Rock Hill, South Carolina. PJ said it was a very special visit for them and that Marion and Bill were most gracious hosts. PJ and Tom were in Maine from mid-June at their camp on Thomas Pond in South Casco. They had a busy summer with lots of company and family activities and returned to their home in Storrs, Connecticut, right after Labor Day. I guess that's all the news for this time. Do keep me on your contact list.

1956

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Safely through another year and what a year it has been. **Don MacKinnon** sent an email asking if I remembered him. Sure I do. He was an accomplished musician and played clarinet in the Woodwind Quintet. He lives in Bemidji, northern Minnesota, having moved there in 2005. Like many of our classmates, he did his stint in the military after graduation. Then he moved to Florida and taught middle school music for 20 years. After the kids were out of the house he and Ginny moved to Maryland for seven years and then made the final move to snow country. They keep busy with volunteer work in the community and in their church, and Don is accompanist for the local senior chorus.

In May, **Myrilla "Rilla" Daley Carson** and husband **Linwood "Woody" Carson** were honored by Shirley Dobson, chairman of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, with special service pins for coordinating the National Day of Prayer breakfast in Fort Collins for six years. Then in June they celebrated their 50th anniversary with a fantastic cruise and land tour of Alaska. Upon their return to Fort Collins they met their new grandson, Ezekiel Carson Espedal, adopted son of daughter Amy and son-in-law Eric

Espedal. They also have an adorable 11-year old granddaughter, Christine, daughter of their older daughter, Betsy, and her husband, Dennis Smith. Both their girls and families live near them in Fort Collins. They are "refocused" not retired. Rilla is a speaker for Stonecroft Christian Ministries. In July, she and Woody traveled 1,600 miles through Nebraska, Iowa, and Kansas speaking at 10 different meetings. Woody is a Gideon and is chairman of their camp's memorial Bible distribution. He always has a great garden in the summer and they enjoy lots of fresh vegetables.

Alan Hamilton's YTBN (Yet To Be Named) banjo club has a website: garyandmaria.org/YTBN. Amongst other places, they've played on the *Songo River Queen* and at the Fryeburg Fair.

He reports that the farmer's market is growing so much that today they had a big sign-up about their new location next door at a larger parking lot. **Frances "Chummy" Hanson Hamilton** planned to take a trip with a friend across Canada and around the western, southern, and eastern borders of the U.S. in September and October.

Al put me in contact with another Sig Ep banjo player, Stan Lewis '61, who lives in Oregon. Stan started with us and opted for the five year P&P program. In the summer of '55 he joined the USMC. He returned in '59, and finally graduated in '61 with a chemical engineering degree and a certificate in P&P.

We have another gardening family in **Dave and Darlene Grundy** in East Montpelier, Vermont. He's retired from teaching math and science at the Vermont Technical College and Vermont Community College. He writes that the Phi Mu Delta fraternity listed a number of 1956 graduates with whom they had lost contact. So if you are a Phi Mu please contact your national organization at: hq@phimudelta.org.

Richard "Doc" and Betty Brockway Nevers were among the eight Freeman/Brockway family members in attendance to receive the Fogler Award at the Reunion breakfast. They were here for the summer, heading back to Florida in mid-October via Hamilton, Ontario, to visit Betty's cousin and Cleveland, Ohio, to visit Doc's cousin.

Carolyn Bull Dahlgren brought me copies of two editions of *The Bangor Daily News* featuring two of our classmates. **Alice Crie Knight** has been attending the Rockland



Priscilla "PJ" Ames Pike '55 (second from right) and Tom Pike '54 (far right) visiting Bill '55 and Marion Bugbee Mannheim '55 at their home in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Lobster Festival for 60 years. In 1951 she was one of the contestants for Sea Goddess. What started as an opportunity to have fun soon grew to an opportunity to help the community. Alice has served on the board for 40 years and had the honor of being selected as this year's grand marshal. **Emery "Doc" Howard** is one of our non-retired classmates. He still spends four days in his pediatric office but his great love is golf. He started in the caddy tournaments and won a junior tournament at age 16. At UMaine, he was the state intercollegiate champion in 1955. He played professionally for a couple of years but medicine took more of his time for about 30 years. Now he is combining both and has achieved a high level of amateur golf status, playing in many tournaments statewide and throughout New England. At age 73 he still played 166 rounds in 2006. And how many children has he doctored? We don't know, but we do know he's on the second, headed for the third, generation. Kids and golf—what a super combination.

Bill Johnson had a challenging summer. An infection caused him to lose his left hip. He spent eight weeks in the hospital and rehab and after a waiting period he hoped to have total hip replacement for the second time in the fall. Bill and Mary Atkinson Johnson '55 are grateful for the love and support shown by family and friends and for the expertise of a great medical team. Bill says, "Please thank my classmates for their cards, prayers, and support."

It is an awesome and humbling

experience to be honored for "doing what comes naturally." If a project has to do with music or kids or education, I'm interested and, after retiring from full-time teaching, I've had time to indulge in my passions. In June I received Falmouth Citizen of the Year Award. In July, Erlon '55 and I went on a cruise in the Baltic with Roy '55 and Leora Cummings. This fall I'll be codirecting the OLLI Chorus, one of the courses at the Senior College held at USM, Portland.

That's it for now. It's time for you to contact me with news for the next issue of class notes.

1957

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The night before they attended Reunion, David '58 and **Ellie Small Williams** once again hosted a dinner including John '55 and "Biddy" **Smith Roger** and **Chris and Joyce Lyon Fuller**.

The summer continued busy after Reunion with golden wedding anniversaries. I'd appreciate hearing about more of these to note in the column. **Howie and Mary Gallop Lyon's** children hosted a large gathering in honor of their 50th at the Indian Lakes State Park Beachfront Pavilion close to their home in Manistique, Michigan. Many long-time neighbors and all five

children and the grandchildren were able to be present, with the grandchildren remaining for a week afterwards, visiting and getting reacquainted with each other. Marty '58 and **Barbara Swann Pineau** were honored at a dinner near the children's homes in Massachusetts and were given a trip to Bermuda in September to celebrate their 50th.

Walter and Judith Dale

Maddougal's 50th invitation had their lovely wedding portrait on the cover, and they enjoyed close to 90 relatives and friends, with their three boys and the grandchildren, at a nice party in Sebec. Chris and Joyce Lyon Fuller were honored by their three daughters, their husbands, and eight grandchildren with a lovely party at the Augusta Country Club, a central location for the many relatives and friends who attended.

Dave and Jan Griffin Maxcy were pleased to host all 25 members of their immediate family as their daughters "almost surprised" them with a great party including many other relatives and close neighbors at the snowmobile club in Presque Isle.

Carl and Mary Lou Hughes

Richardson were invited over to a daughter's for dinner with the family. As they visited a bit, Mary Lou's attention was directed to a large limo coming down the driveway. This carried the surprised '57er and the entire family group to DeMillo's in Portland, and returned them to the house for cake later. **Bob Nadeau** met the former **Frannie Blackwood** freshman week and was very surprised to find she was only 16. He said his four boys went all out, hosting an afternoon "big gig" at a local restaurant with a band for a large group of family and friends, and then the party moved to their house where it continued on into the wee small hours, ending with a call by a lady cop after fireworks were set off. **George and Pattie Karnedy** once again were back in beautiful Vermont and celebrated their anniversary with the entire family, including his 96-year-old mother. **Peter and Joann Hanson Kostacopoulos** had another great day at camp with the family down in East Machias for their anniversary. Bill '56 and **Marilyn Pennell Johnson** celebrated their 51st for a week in the same cottage their children had surprised them with for their 50th last year, on Cliff Island. On a more somber note, **Scott and Dottie Richards Marshall** spent their 51st anniversary together in the hospital just before Scott died in September.

Elva Brackett Alden and her children came in September to have **Howard's** memorial service in Newport and visit with friends and family.

Late in June I finally attended Cynthia Rockwell Wright's '58 "ladies who lunch" at Round Pond after not making it the last couple of years. The setting was lovely and the company good, as only '58s can be. Nice to see several I had not for several years, but I didn't keep a list. It was nice to speak with Jane Dudley Newhall '58 and remember **Fred**. Molly Inman Nagle '58 looked familiar, but she had to tell me who she was. The day ended in a thunderstorm that laid a thick coating of hail on departing cars. The road was white for several miles on that side of the peninsula.

Margaret MacKinnon McGrath, **Janet Newman Cutcliffe**, and **Barbara Hasey Andrews** '58 surprised **Barbara Pineau** and **Marty** with a visit at their home in Bridgton in late July and a good time was had by all.

The Jiggs Open celebrated their first match without the need to escape the rain in a long stretch of years. Keep that third Tuesday in July open for the big 25th Jiggs Open next year!

The "Girls Summer Gathering" was held at **Ann Dingwell Knowles'** home in Yarmouth on a lovely summer day with probably a record number in attendance. **Janet Higgins Nolan**, **Jeanne Partridge Mason** '56, and **Lois Whitcomb** came from the inland area, with **Barbara Swann Pineau**, **Carole Thomas Fryover**, **Marilyn Pennell Johnson**, **Mary Lou Hughes Richardson**, **Kay Fletcher Mosher** '56, and **Alice Kelson Longmore** '56 all coming from points west. **Ginnie Freeman** '58, **Judy Demerchant Cohen** '58, **Mary Sanborn Bradford** '59, and **Dotti Foster O'Donoghue** '59 arrived from points south. From the Portland area we were glad to greet **Joyce Hobbs Walsh** '54, **Norma Smaha Truman** '54, and **Emily Smaha Delmonaco** '51, looking for a congenial home for some of their old yearbooks as they are in the midst of downsizing—a word many of us will become more familiar with. **Margaretmary McCann**, **Dru Nesbit Pedro**, and **Claudie Halle Higgins** had short drives as did **Carolyn Frazier Skolfield**, **Janet Malcolm Buck**, **Lois Blanchard Widmer** '58, and **Charlotte Bourret Hart**. **Judy Carroll Stockbridge** has a long day of it, coming with **Connie Doe Leslie** and **Frannie Rich Secord**. **Mary Flood**



John Bridge '57, '63G (far right) with his wife, **Charlene**, and assistant professor of engineering **Bill Davids** '89, '91G at the Senior Alumni luncheon on October 12. Later in the day, John attended the grand opening of the new UMaine tennis courts named in honor of his father, **Chester G. Bridge**.

Thompson, Barbara Coy Thaxter, and **Pat Wade Fraker** came from the middle of the midcoast. **Cyn Rockwell Wright** joined **Sandy Daley Denman** '58 and **Doris White** '58. **Carole Buzzell Ranco** '58 was there also, and **Marilyn Graffam Clark** '58, as usual, in-between house and camp in the summer. **Phil Emery's** pictures of Reunion were played on the computer upstairs as things slowed down later in the afternoon and were enjoyed by all who viewed

them. Royal blue and white was the color scheme and I think everyone made and wore nametags!

Lois Whitcomb attended a meeting of the Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter to hear **Cindy Blodgett** '98, the new UMaine women's head basketball coach, speak and found **Norm Gosline**, **John Bridge**, and **Earl Adams** taking over as president. **Earl** was guest speaker at the retirement ceremony of the 1st Battalion, 152nd Field Artillery Bat-

alion, after 85 years of distinguished service in Caribou, Maine, in mid-September. He is Maine's former Adjutant General of Defense, Veterans, and Emergency Management; and former chief of staff of the Maine Army National Guard.

The recipient of the 1957 scholarship for 2007-2008 is **Eric Payne**, forestry major **Frederick J. Payne's** grandson. He is pleased to be able to follow his father and other relatives through Orono, has changed his major from business to computer engineering, and plays on the lacrosse club team. **Frederick** died this past April after a career as a highly respected waterfowl biologist in Atlantic Canada. He pioneered the idea of wetland habitat development plans in Atlantic Canada.

There must be more golden weddings to be noted, but I need to hear about them and get the information written down right then!

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Mark your calendars for our 50th class Reunion—May 28th to June 1st 2008. You should have received a letter from our class prexy, **Judy Demerchant Cohen**, detailing all the activities that will be taking place



A large number of Class of 1957 members were among those who gathered at the summer home of **John** '54 and **Nancy Cameron DeWilde** '55 on Seven Tree Pond in Union, Maine, on August 15 for a Sigma Chi reunion.

during those five days. It looks to be a great time.

Again this column is short on news, so fill out those blue Memory Book forms and send them back to the university—perhaps I can incorporate some of the material into the column next time around.

We have both some good and sad news. The good is that **Barbara Hasey Andrews** and her hubby, Tom, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 22, 2007, with a renewal of their wedding vows done on June 24th at All Souls Congregational Church in Bangor where they were married in 1957. Barb and Tom have three sons, three granddaughters, and one grandson. Barb founded Greene County Day Care Homes and spent 15 years in Carmichaels, Pennsylvania, as a home school visitor. She is active with AAUW and serves as volunteer coordinator for the homeless at an agency in Florida while they are in Sarasota during the winter months.

Received a nice letter from **Milt Friend**. Milt retired from government service in 2003 but says he still goes in to the National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wisconsin, almost every day and maintains an office there as an emeritus scientist. He is currently serving as a mentor for a scientist from South Korea, training him in ways to establish a proactive wildlife disease program in his country. Milt has published a book entitled *Disease Emergence and Resurgence: The Wildlife-Human Connection*, U.S. Geological Survey 2006. It was recently awarded first place in the soft cover book category by the National Association of Government Communicators and also received the 2007 Best Book Award from The Wildlife Society. Another publication, *Tularemia*, received a second place award in the technical report series, also from the National Association of Government Communicators. Milt is still teaching two courses in two different departments at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he is currently an adjunct full professor. His spare time, when he is not lecturing at national and international scientific conferences, is spent taking photographs. He has taught two courses at the Center for Photography at Madison, exhibits frequently, and, as he put it, has "been fortunate enough to receive several awards for my work." Milt says that he wants to do more work in photography, so he is cutting back on some of his professional work



Phi Kappa Sigma Reunion

A good number of '59 and '60 members attended a Phi Kappa Sigma reunion in Augusta in September. Above are Class of '59 members (left to right): Bruce Probert, Bob Munson, Nancy Roberts Munson, Shireen Sneider Vincent, and Clyde "Kikie" Ross '73G.

Below (left to right): Joe Carroll, Steve Howe, Stan Chenoweth, Bob Sterritt, Dave Gagnon, and Bruce Johnson.



and hopes to be free and clear by the start of 2009. He and his wife, Jacki, still reside in the Madison area and have two children—Lisa, who is a special ed teacher in the public school system there, and Scott, who is an attorney in Anchorage, Alaska. Milt says this allows him to have some of the best fishing he has ever had.

The sad news is that **Judy Murray Benson** lost her husband to cancer on September 10, 2007. Dick, who was a member of the Class of '60, had been diagnosed with asbestosis, which metastasized to the brain, liver, pancreas, and lung. Judy herself is in poor health following a massive heart attack that has left her with about a 20 percent heart function. Our sympathy goes out to Judy and the family.

Again, remember to send in the blue form for the Memory Book for our 50th, pay your dues, and make your plans to attend the Reunion—May 28 to June 1, 2008. Also if you have any photos, etc. that you would like to see in the Memory Book, please send them along to the alumni office at the university care of Valerie Mitchell.

We are seeking someone from 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 you are able to assist, please contact "**Mickey**" **Mitchell Shibles**, Val Mitchell at the alumni association (207-581-1144), or me.

Go Blue!

1959

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Happy New Year to you all! As I write this we are in the midst of another beautiful New England fall and the Munsons are getting ready to return to Florida.

Bob and I just traveled to Augusta the end of September to attend a Phi Kappa Sigma reunion, which is held every two years. There were about 40 present of which five of us were from the Class of '59. Hence their news—**Clyde "Kikie" Ross** keeps very busy in Farmington as deputy chief of the Farmington Fire Rescue as well as public information officer for emergency management of Franklin County. He is also active in the firefighter training program at the technical school. A major claim to fame is the part he plays as Chester Greenwood, Farmington native who invented the earmuff. As Chester, Kikie has led the annual parade on Chester Greenwood Day for over 20 years.

Bruce Probert lives in Searsport and has been retired for six years after working for the Sprague Company and the government. He is active in local politics and keeps busy with his tree farm and fishing.

Shireen Sneider Vincent attended with husband, Jerry '57. They retired to Bethel after living in Texas for 25 years. Shireen told me she keeps in contact with her UMaine roommates, **Joyce Pagurko Brown**, who lives in South Harpswell; **Sandy Pinette Paige**, of Arlington, Virginia; and **Ione McIver Golden**, Ormond Beach, Florida.

Not attending the event but communicating via email was **Norm Descoteaux** who now lives in Vienna, Virginia, and is doing some consulting work.

On our drive up the coast we stopped to see **John Day** at Day's Emporium in Damariscotta. He was in the process of moving his shop so unable to make the trip to Augusta. His new location is at the corner of Academy Hill Road and Mills Road, Route 215, just up the street from the former one. The business has grown from gifts to a concentration on engraving and monogramming. He invites everyone to stop by.

We also learned that **Bill**

Hutchinson is living in Charleston, West Virginia, after a long career teaching in China. He was attending a wedding in China during the event.

In June, **Leith** and Donna **Wadleigh** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The Wadleighs started the Governor's Restaurant chain in 1960, which expanded to seven locations throughout Maine. They retired to Veazie and winter in Delray Beach, Florida. The anniversary was celebrated on Monhegan Island and then with a cruise to Bermuda in August with children and grandchildren.

That's it for the news. By now you have received notices regarding our 50th Reunion in '09! We are well into the planning stage and it's going to be great! Plan now to attend!

1960

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Today is the first day of fall. The fair season in Maine is in full swing and the leaves show signs of turning. This winter column will appear sometime in January and the landscape will have a different twist.

Sorry to say, I do not have all that much news for you this time. People who read the alumni news tend to read about the class that graduated before and after them. Since the alumni magazine is not free like it was when we graduated, it seems the readership may be down.

Ernest Lamson and his wife, **Leona**, celebrated their 50th anniversary last February, and enjoyed a cruise to the Caribbean on the *Miracle Carnival*. They were married in Jonesport, but now live in South Portland. They have four children who surprised them with a dinner party at The Good Table in Cape Elizabeth. Also, the Lamsons enjoy 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

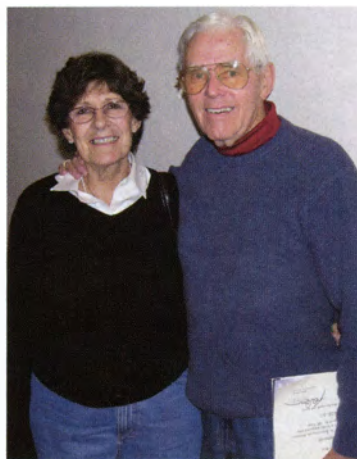
Mark and Betty Colley Shibles were in Maine at their cottage near Farmington. Their daughters and families came from New Orleans and California for a week or two to overlap so all could see each other. Mark still consults some and went back to Connecticut every two

weeks, but enjoyed summer in Maine.

Charlie '61 and Hilda Santoro Emerson have spent summers in Ogunquit for many years, and Hilda's parents had a place there as well for many years. The Emersons' wedding and reception were at her folks'. Two years ago Hilda and Charlie built a new house, and in August we got together for a nice lunch at Charlie's golf club and shared stories of our journey not shared since the 25th Reunion. Hilda and Charlie have lived in New Jersey, where he worked for Exxon, and then in Belgium, Milan, back to New Jersey, and then to Singapore. Over her travels Hilda has served as a volunteer and studied art. We were very well received at the wonderful Ogunquit Art Museum after lunch, due to her efforts there! Their two children are chips off the block, as we say in Maine. Lisa, daughter, is moving from London to Dubai and son Steven is leaving Australia to work in Japan. The photos of the four grandchildren reflect big smiles and happy times when the family all got together. Hilda and Charlie are in Naples, Florida, as a primary residence.

Diane Faucher Roderick, our former class correspondent, is busy helping her husband with his stamp business. Her daughter, Heather, a lawyer, is in California and has two boys; and son, Scott, lives and works in the Bangor area. She said it is great to have one offspring close to home.

This year our class scholarship



Class of 1959 member Art Bennett attended the "M" Club breakfast at Homecoming on October 13 with his wife, Lorraine. The couple, who lived at the old South Apartments, had not been back to campus since their '59 graduation. Art was recognized by the "M" Club as a former varsity ski jumper.

fund provided \$1,388 in assistance. Shannon Scott, a senior majoring in nursing, is the granddaughter of **William Stiles**. Shannon is a first-year nursing student. She is from Cumberland. I am sure the university appreciates our continued commitment and generous support.

Well, classmates—all the best for the New Year. Often I think of all of you. Please send me news. Have a very healthy and happy new year!



Skip '62 and Carolyn Chappelle (couple on left) and Don '61, '64G and Jane Sturgeon (couple on right) traveled to Sebec last June to help celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Wayne '61 and Jean Champeon. Wayne, Don, and Skip also reminisced about their days playing basketball at UMaine. The three played on one of the most successful teams in Black Bear history, including the 19-4 1959-60 season (still a UMaine record).

1961

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Just returned from the New Jersey Lobstermania held each year by the alum group. **Ernie Ridlon** and I represented our class. **June Toulouse Heintz**, an active member of the group, was in Maine for her high school reunion while class president, **Larry Schiner**, and wife, **Barbara**, have moved from Jersey to South Carolina.

Next week I'll be attending a college night at one of our major high schools as an alum ambassador. If you have time and would like to "sell" the university to high school kids, please contact the alumni association for more information on how you can help. It's lots of fun and a worthwhile service to your school.

Received an interesting letter from **Ruth Bouchard Klein**. She writes that in the past year, since she is a Franco-American who grew up in a French-speaking family, she decided to do research on French-Canadian and Franco-American novels and short stories that reflect people's experiences in Canada and New England. Ruth hopes to introduce the general public to the Franco way of life. Ruth gave a presentation on Franco-Americans at Brunswick High's 50th reunion this summer. When not working on her research, Ruth is an organic farmer.

Our globetrotting classmate **Dick Dawson** sent me postcards from Hue, Vietnam; and Mt. McKinley, Alaska! Dick writes that Vietnam was very hot and humid but tempered by good beer. In Alaska, he and his wife camped and saw grizzlies, caribou, moose, wolves, foxes, eagles, and assorted other critters.

Shirlene Heath Gosline is active in civic and community organizations. Governor Baldacci '86 recently reappointed her to a third term to the Maine State Museum Commission. She previously chaired the commission, during which the museum received a 10-year accreditation by the American Association of Museums. Shirlene is also president of the Garden Club Federation of Maine, the umbrella organization for 51 local Maine garden clubs. She

recently retired as president of the Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter, where she succeeded **Dick Schade**. She currently serves as that group's vice president.

Deane Jones was elected in a special election to fill the seat of a representative who was killed in a skiing accident last winter. Deane, a democrat, was assigned to the tax reform committee by Governor John Baldacci '86. Sadly, Deane died unexpectedly this past summer.

By the time you read this, my daughter, Ginge, will be home from 15 months in Iraq and stationed back at Fort Bragg—hopefully with her dog who has been “vacationing” at my house since Ginge shipped out. I plan to retire from my job in social research early in January. I hope this will allow me more time to jump in the car and “come home” to my adopted state, Maine.

1962

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Hello, everyone, and Happy Holidays. I hope that you all had a wonderful summer and are enjoying this season with family and friends.

I am pleased to tell you that the **Valerie Beck Sterritt** scholarship continues to aid in the education of UMaine students directly connected to our class. This year's recipients are: Kevin Price, grandson of **Ron and Trudy Chambers Price**; Matthew Scott, grandson of our own **Matt Scott**; Caroline Lucy, step-daughter of **Ronnie Stather Nelson**, and Hannah Nilson, granddaughter of **Leonard Nilson. Nancy Nichols Hogan** and I both received lovely thank-you notes from these students. Kevin writes that he is a first-year student majoring in international affairs. He thanks us for the help that this scholarship plays in the realization of his dream to enter the diplomatic sector after graduation with an ultimate goal of becoming ambassador to a Latin American country. Matt, a senior from Hampton, is majoring in chemical engineering. He is looking forward to graduation this spring and putting his degree to work. Caroline is a sophomore nursing student. Her passion is volunteering. This year she plans to participate in the Alternative Spring Break program.



Enjoying the Homecoming brunch at the President's House on October 13 are left to right: Val Michaud '62, Louise Hicken, Lynda Duncan, and Baron Hicken '63.

Hannah, a first-year student in engineering physics, writes that while she has been saving for college since she first started working in high school, it wasn't even close to enough. She is “thrilled that we have helped her afford her first year at Maine.” Our class can be very proud of the contribution that this scholarship continues to provide to the university and these deserving students.

Speaking of pride, it must give **Tom Duston** a real sense of accomplishment every time he looks out the back window of his Chesterfield, New Hampshire, home. Tom, an economics professor at Keene State College, has spent more than a decade working with the Monadnock Conservancy to insure that over 150 mountaintop acres will remain forever protected from development. This non-profit organization, founded in 1989, conserves land in 35 communities in the Monadnock region of New Hampshire. Tom is a trustee of the conservancy and is currently chair of the Chesterfield Conservation Commission.

In July, Frank and I enjoyed beautiful oceanside lunches with several classmates in Bar Harbor. First, we caught up with **Gale Brewer**, visiting from California and celebrating her recent retirement from Charles Schwab. Gale tries very hard to spend the first two weeks of July back “home” each summer. Later that month we had a chance to have lunch with **Millie Simpson Stewart**, her husband, Al, and Nancy Hogan. Millie and Al were enjoying a weekend holiday

gift from their children and Nancy came down from Dedham to join us for the afternoon. The weather was fantastic, and the harbor was filled with boats. It was a great way for all of us to extend the camaraderie of Reunion weekend. As for the **Zitos**, our usual few summer weeks home on Mount Desert Island were happily stretched out this year as we fulfilled a longtime dream. We purchased a summer home in Southwest Harbor. It is our hope to spend June through October in Maine in the future. If you are traveling to Acadia during that time, please look us up.

Meanwhile, write or email me with your news. I look forward to hearing from each and every one of you.

1963

Reunion
May 30-June 1

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Our class is preparing for the June Reunion and needs help in acquiring pictures and other memorabilia to display in the room we will use as a gathering place (at the Alumni House). So please look through your remembrances and let me know if you will bring something to add to the display. It would be nice to have snapshots enlarged and backed for displaying around the room. Extra copies would be welcomed to share with friends who are in those pic-

tures! If we each brought one, it would make quite a statement.

Pat Cummings '89, '44H of the development office shared that the University of Maine received the collected works of Vincent Hartgen from his family and the agreement allowed for the deaccessioning of some pieces in support of the greater collection. Therefore, the art department has made available 35 Hartgen paintings, which may be offered to collectors in exchange for a \$5,000 gift to the department or art complex project. Five works have already been sold.

Therefore, classmates who contribute \$5,000 or more to the Class of '63 Reunion Fund for the purpose of supporting renovations to the art department's current and future facilities may select a Hartgen from a special catalog for donors.

Perry Clough enthusiastically offered to be the first to contribute \$5,000 to the class fund. Those present agreed that this project had the most appeal to classmates who would remember Hartgen.

Irv Marsters writes, “It would be helpful to remind classmates planning to attend our May 30, 31, and June 1 Reunion that they can make reservations now at The Country Inn at the Bangor Mall (1-800-244-3961). Ask for the UMaine Alumni Association rate. While the 60 rooms are available for any Maine alumni, our '63 committee is convinced that it's the best place for our classmates to make reservations and have a gathering place (we've reserved the suites). It's clean, comfortable, and there's plenty of parking and shopping nearby. There are a variety of places to eat, easy access to the interstate, and the alumni association will provide shuttle service to the campus. So we encourage classmates to register there and do it early.”

From **Norma Towne Clayton's** husband, John, comes word that Norma has decided to retire as director of planned giving at West Chester University at the end of June 2008. He doesn't think she's ready, but knows that if she's going to do any traveling, it has to be done while they're still able. They sold the big house in Newark, Delaware, two and a half years ago and moved to a townhouse near West Chester, Pennsylvania, where all of the outside work is done by the homeowner's association (including snow removal) so they're free to close the door and go. Since John is retired, he travels with Norma on her “far-away” business trips. Florida, Ari-

zona, California, and the Carolinas are places they went last winter. They have fallen in love with Hermosa Beach, California, and expect to spend some of the winter-time there in the years ahead.

Bernd Heinrich has written a book about his father's extraordinary life and how it shaped his own. The title is *Snoring Bird: My Family's Journey Through A Century Of Biology*.

Now, my pep talk about the 45th Reunion! This is the warm-up one leading to the 50th in five years, so we want to make this one a big one for all to enjoy. As you make your plans for May/June of 2008, do consider that we all want to see you in Orono so we won't be strangers at the 50th! You will be receiving letters about the plans from now until we meet in Orono. So ride the wave of enthusiasm and join us.

Irv Marsters would also like to remind us that there is a web site for the Class of '63's 45th Reunion on mainealumni.com. Please go online and make sure we have your correct mailing address. If you see any incorrect information, please update your records and mailing and email addresses.

You can also go on InCircle at mainealumni.com to connect with classmates. You need your alumni identification number to register. If you don't know it, please call 1-800-934-2586 and a staff member will tell you your ID number. Once you have your number, you can register and connect online with fellow alumni.

1964

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Greetings, classmates, and storm warnings . . . it appears we are almost done with our first year of presidential campaigning and about to enter the second. I bet no one in Congress is going to suggest time limits on campaigns, eh? (That's a Downeast "eh" please.)

A little short in correspondence this time, so while you are writing your Christmas letters, just add me to your list so I can call it for items for our class notes. Good idea!

Our **Robert Perkins** (G), now of Palm Harbor, Florida, and retired



UMaine development officer Pat Cummings '89, '44H (second from left) visited Dana '63, '64G (far left) and Sally Dolloff while they were sailing off the Maine coast this summer. Pat brought UMaine chemical engineering grad student David Cassidy (far right) on the visit. Dana is the director of environmental affairs for Rayonier in Jacksonville, Florida.

language teacher, recently came "home" to Portland, Maine, for the 50th reunion of Deering High School's class and gave a free organ concert including the works of Bach, Pachelbel, Guilman, and Gordon Young. Although he has performed in France, Virginia, and Massachusetts, "That's not Maine!" he said, where he had not visited for more than 20 years. **Aileen Bamford Wescott** is enjoying her second retirement. After 32 years in the Maine Department of Human Services, she retired in 2001, and now, after five years as an advertising sales rep for *The Town Line* newspaper in China, Maine, she is doing it again. Her sociology degree from UMO probably helped her give the paper the excellent service for which she was lauded, but she is eager to get back to dabbling in oil painting. **Norm Dineen**, of Calais, is championing a recognition for those he calls "Home Warriors," those family and friends who have soldiers and sailors and airmen serving our country and who can only sit and wait and hope. He learned from his mother, he said, whose husband's ship was sunk during the war and waited months to learn of his status (he survived and was in the hospital, the Red Cross finally reported), and then again when her son was sunk in a later war (and Norm obviously survived). Sometimes these people

are heroes of their own kind and often use their time bettering both our country and their far-away military heroes.

May I report a little about my year. I, **Ginny Bellinger Ollis**, have very full days as a realtor in the wonderful city of San Diego, California, but have spent a lot of this year organizing and supporting a town council for my primary community of Mission Hills. The recognition that when you create a teamwork and issue-focused environment, people naturally put aside their egos and antagonisms—neighborhoods are just like families in many ways—and generate wonderful resolutions and bonding they didn't even expect. It has been enormously rewarding and exciting. And I was fortunate that a friend celebrated his 60th birthday (child that he is) by taking 16 of his best friends to France. I spent 30 days ahead of time crash studying the French I passed over in favor of learning German and did not do us too proud, but I became proficient with "Comprenez l'Anglais?" and they jumped right in to practice their English. Thank goodness. What a wonderful place, and I learned the difference between drinking wine and pairing wine, wow!

Finally, may I report that our classmate **Peter G. Thompson** is the new chairman of the University of Maine at Augusta's board of

visitors. Purposed to forge stronger links with the greater Augusta area, Peter's presidency and chairmanship of the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce should serve his new role well. The board of visitors is charged with advocating for UMA, raising funds, and advising the president and board of trustees. Thompson now lives in Readfield, if you are going to be nearby. Well, as Bugs says, "th th that's all, folks!"

1965

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It is October when I'm writing this, and here are more "notes from Norwalk" (Hospital) for the winter issue. I can't seem to get away from this place. Unfortunately, there is not much to report.

As many of you are aware, tuition costs are skyrocketing all over the country as well as at UMaine. The UMaine System board of trustees approved an increase in tuition last spring. **Sandra Blake Leonard** and **Jim Goff '63** wrote a thought-provoking "Keep UM Affordable" letter to the editor in the *Bangor Daily News* on May 29, 2007. As members of the UM board of visitors, they feel President Bob Kennedy and his staff are working hard to keep the University of Maine affordable.

In July I missed a mini reunion with some of my closest UM friends—over 40 years of friendship. **Caroline Fuller Hutchinson, Ann Brown Lowrey, Pat Hayden Herrick, and Judy Plummer Sanborn** had a fun gathering at Ann's cottage on Norway Lake.

A *Bangor Daily News* article in August reported a float plane accident while landing on Kezar Lake. Sadly, the pilot, **Joseph Solari**, was killed and his four passengers were injured. Joseph, an experienced pilot, was a former Fryeburg selectman and long-time manager of the town's Eastern Slopes Regional Airport.

I have been away from my email since May 1st but I hope to be able to open the 600+ messages soon. It is never too late to contact me with what's been happening in your lives.

1966

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Dear classmates, this year our class provided \$1,120 in scholarship assistance. Brie Jellison is a senior majoring in clinical laboratory studies. Brie, from Orland, Maine, is the granddaughter of **Warren Orcutt**. Nicholas Fiore is majoring in new media. Nicholas, from Bangor, Maine, is the grandson of **Bruce McGray** (G).

Our Class of '66 scholarship fund is perpetuated by the interest earned on our scholarship account. We can always use additional donations to increase our principal in order to provide larger scholarships. This scholarship fund provides assistance to relatives of the Class of '66 as priority recipients. So, when you consider giving to UMaine, please think first of our Class of '66 scholarship fund. In addition, our Class of '66 fund is always in need of your generous support to further our activities with the alumni association.

I am pleased to report that we received a matching gift from a classmate with enough funding to pay off our pledge for the Buchanan Alumni House garden project! Many thanks for the kind donation!

I am sad to report that **Roger A. Knowlton** passed away unexpectedly back in August. After earning his B.A. in business administration at Maine, he received his MBA at the University of Michigan in 1983. He married Nancy Lothrop Pratt and was employed for 22 years at Central Maine Power until his retirement in 1995. He and his wife operated a home-based business until his death. Roger was very active in SCORE in the Lewiston/Auburn area. He leaves his wife and two sons.

Jim White and **Ency Whitehill** both retired on the same day, August 31, 2006. Jim was in education for 40 years, teaching at Brewer High School for 19 years and was principal at Cutler Drive School in Orrington for 21 years. Ency spent the past 20+ years working at the Cutler Health Center at the University of Maine as the finance manager. They have lived in Orono for the past five years. They enjoyed



Phi Eta Kappa Tailgate at Homecoming

A group of Phi Eta Kappa brothers and their spouses enjoyed a tailgate party at Homecoming 2007 in October. Left to right are: Guy Whitten '63, Tracey Whitten, Phil McCarthy '62, '71G, Jason Centrella '77, Bob Mahlman '62, '66G, Doug Tankard '77, Woody Woodworth '64, Terry Grindle '77, Cynthia Grant Grindle '77, and John and Barb Brookings Prentiss '76.

the warmer weather during the winter months as they spent almost three months driving south to Florida, across to the southwest to Arizona, California, and back. While on the trip, they followed their mutual passion and hobby of mineral and gemstone collecting at a variety of sites in different states. The sightseeing and scenery was a fabulous experience as they put 12,000 miles on their van. Sounds like lots of fun!

I really wish I had more to share with you, but we haven't had much feedback from you in some time. When your alumni magazine arrives, we'll be in a new year, with lots of hope for you and your loved ones. Stay healthy, happy—and plan to be with us at our next Reunion in 2011. Blessings!

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Greetings, classmates! I hope you all had a pleasant fall. The foliage in Maine was especially brilliant this year and our delightful crisp days

were very much savored.

I trust you all noticed the wonderful photo of **Edie McVay King** regarding the University of Maine Foundation, which appeared in the most recent issue of the alumni magazine.

Thanks Edie, for your tremendous support of our university!

In our news:

Marsha Brown Shibles of Knox, Maine, has been elected to the Future MSAD 3 board of directors. Marsha retired in 2005 from the United States Postal Service after 26 years as a rural carrier for Knox, Montville, and Thorndike. Currently she volunteers as treasurer for Literacy Volunteers of Waldo County.

In June **Enga Dahl Stewart** retired after 23 years in education, 16 of them in Augusta, Maine, and the last eight as principal of Lincoln Elementary School. Enga has taught all levels of education but prefers one age group. As she says, "I love the little ones. They love to learn, they're happy to be here, they love their teachers and their school. It is fascinating to watch them learn to read." She will be very much missed, especially by children used to seeing her skip rope on the playground, joining them in the cafeteria, and reading their made-up stories to her. She also believes that a rousing game of hopscotch is much

healthier than watching a video game. (I'm sure that many of the educators in our class would agree!)

Barbara Thompson Manning was recently installed as president of the Great Barrington, Massachusetts, Rotary Club for 2007-2008. Barbara is active in community organizations and currently is a fitness trainer at Berkshire South Regional Community Center.

I recently received an email from Peter Cole '68 about InCircle. InCircle is the University of Maine Alumni Association's social and professional network. Through InCircle, UMaine alumni can connect online with classmates and friends to share information based on occupations, interests, travels, location, etc. Only registered University of Maine alumni are permitted to use InCircle. Peter is currently acting as our administrator but would like someone from the Class of 1967 to take over this responsibility. If you are interested, please let me or Abby Zeiz in the alumni office know. You can find out more about InCircle at: www.mainealumni.com.

Classmates, do send in your news—to me or the alumni office. We want more large gatherings at our future reunions and this column is a way to keep in touch. Have a great winter!

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Our 40th Reunion is rapidly approaching and we hope you all have marked May 30, 31, and June 1, 2008, on your calendar. This is one Reunion you do not want to miss. Several of our class members have offered up their lovely homes in Maine as part of the Reunion festivities. Highlights include a Friday night barn dance and barbecue at **Greg and Joy Jewett Johnson's** in Harpswell. Saturday activities on campus include tours, a class luncheon, and an all alumni dinner, followed by brunch on Sunday at **Bion Foster's** home in Hampden. So far, there has been a lot of enthusiasm and we expect a record turnout. So—no excuses, get into your car or catch a plane and come to Orono. The campus has never looked better. You will be so pleased and proud of how our school looks, and feel so proud to call Maine your alma mater.

Please take note of my new email address: pblaisdell@verizon.net. I have been thoroughly enjoying retirement since June 2007 and we spent all summer sailing the coast of Maine. We ran into **Gordon "Erik" and Donna Porter Erikson** in one of our favorite harbors, Pulpit. It is a wonderful, protected harbor that is on North Haven and has wonderful sunset views of the Camden Hills. By joining the Down East Yacht Club, we have met many wonderful people who either summer or live year round in Maine. We spent most of our time in Penobscot Bay and next year we are going to venture further down east to the St. John River and spend more time in the Bay of Fundy. Thank heaven for radar and GPS, though this past summer we hardly had any fog to speak of.

Classmate **John Rohman** is once again in the news as he has joined the board of directors of Camden National Bank. John is president and CEO of WBRC Architects/Engineers.

Tony Filauo writes that in 2003, he ended a 28-year career with Great Northern Paper Company in Millinocket. He currently works part-time for Gerald Pelletier, a logging contractor, and does volunteer work



The Day Before

Bob Poulsen '67 and his wife, Peggy, of Boway, California, ordered 35 Maine lobsters back in October for their weekly Florida Gator Club gathering (Peggy is a Florida alumna) at a local sports bar in San Diego. Bob cooked the lobsters at the restaurant and then served them to friends on the beach.

Sadly, the devastating Southern California fires approached the area the next day. "The memory of the event faded quickly," Bob says. "That night the marine layer (night and morning low clouds) left, the Santa Ana winds arrived, and all hell broke loose. In less than 24 hours after our lobster bake the winds had blown in and two major fires would cover more than a quarter of a million acres and destroy 2,500 homes in the county in two days. It all happened that quickly."

in professional, civic, and church organizations. He is semi-retired and enjoys the additional free time.

Joy Jewett Johnson writes that

she saw **Jan Martens Staples** and **Tom and Sally Savage** at the Cohen Lecture Series at the university in the fall. Former Senator Bill Cohen



Four 1965 classmates had a fun get-together at Ann Brown Lowrey's cottage on Norway Lake in July. Left to right are: Pat Hayden Herrick, Ann, Caroline Fuller Hutchinson, and Judy Plummer Sanborn.

and Bob Woodward discussed Watergate and Iraq. Jan is head of the Cohen Center at the University of Maine.

Eric Brennan writes from Newburyport, "Two years ago I joined the baby boomers going back to graduate school. I received my master of public administration degree from Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government in June 2007."

Dave and Martha Berglind Burnham are the proud new grandparents of Noel David Collings, born on July 13, 2007. They took three trips to Colorado this past summer and fall, visiting with their daughter, son-in-law, grandson, and also their son, as both of their children live in the Denver area. As many of you know, grandparenting is the best!

Michael Roberge retired from IBM Global Security after 29 years. At the present time he is a design consultant for Wintergreen Solariums in Portland, Maine. He is also on a committee for the University of Maine System in fundraising.

Sue Adamski Samoriski recently received the 2007 Child Advocacy Award from Friends of Children, a Northampton, Massachusetts-based organization "for her dedication and vision in advancing the educational interests of Franklin County children." Sue is the executive director of the Mary Lyon Foundation, which supports excellence in local education and provides services, programs, and resources to children in western Massachusetts. Sue also led a group to China in August where she was instrumental in establishing a sister village relationship between Mutianyu, China, and her hometown of Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts. Mutianyu is about an hour northeast of Beijing. The two villages have much in common, and it is believed that this is the only sister village relationship in all of China and the United States. Mutianyu is famous for its access to the Great Wall.

Susan Vogel Neulist writes, "I am living with my husband, Richard, in North Carolina. For the last 10 years we have been in Carrboro (near Chapel Hill) but soon to spend eight months in Asheville, North Carolina. We have recently retired though I still teach vegetarian cooking classes for the Cancer Project—a not for profit organization based in Washington, D.C. We did come to the coast of Maine this past summer and it is as beautiful as I remember so hope maybe to attend the Reunion next year."

Steve Rideout writes, "The week after we all met at UMO, I journeyed to Island Falls (Donna Porter Erikson's hometown) and spent a few days with **Jeff Bubar** fishing for trout and bass with his son Jay. Jeff and I both came to UMO via Oakfield, Maine, and Lee Academy (Lee, Maine). We were in ROTC with Erik, **Mike McInnis**, and others. Jeff went on to UWV for graduate school, joined the Air National Guard, and served in the first Gulf War. He has lived in West Virginia with his wife, Barbara, who he met at UWV."

Bion Foster writes, "Like you, life is hectic as usual. I continue to spend a great deal of my time on volunteer boards, especially at the University of Maine, where I serve as a member of the Board of Visitors; as immediate past chair of the board of directors for the alumni association; and a member of the Campaign Maine capital campaign committee. I also serve as the chairman of the board of the Bangor Region Development Alliance, a coalition of municipalities, companies, and organizations promoting economic development opportunities in Maine and our region. Obviously, the outreach of the University of Maine is significant in the promotion of this region for the expansion and relocation of companies. **Dorain** (honorary '68) is working at the development office for the University of Maine, and it gives us a great deal of pleasure working for our alma mater on many different levels. But although we are busy, we try to take time to enjoy our daughters, their families, and our six grandchildren as much as possible. Oh, if only we all had more time! Our best to all of our fellow classmates and UMaine alums."

Bob and Shirley Hanson McCarthy retired from their careers in 2001 and 2002. Shirley was a librarian and Bob was a chief structural engineer for the Navy. They have just sold their successful bed and breakfast business in Lititz, Pennsylvania, but continue to live in the same town. For the four and a half years they owned their B&B they met over 5,000 people from all over the world. It was a wonderful experience. They are now retired and enjoying returning to Maine where Shirley's Mom lives in Augusta and the McCarthys have a family cottage in Round Pond.

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It is the beginning of autumn with a crispness to the air and clear skies, but it will be January by the time you read this column. We hope your winter holidays were happy ones and that you have had contact with classmates over the year. Let us know about your activities.

Dover-Foxcroft's **Douglas Smith**, whose public service career has included being an attorney, a probate judge, and a member of the state House of Representatives, is now a state senator. **Paul Brogan** of Falmouth, the longtime cross-country and track coach at South Portland high, has retired from coaching and teaching. Paul had 17 state championships as a head coach.

The Ellsworth Rotary Club honored **Lee Beal** with a Paul Harris Fellowship in June. This recognition is given to show appreciation for contributions to the Rotary Foundation's charitable and educational program. Prior to retirement, Lee had been principal at Sumner and Ellsworth high schools where he had also coached girls' basketball. Since retirement from education, Lee has served on the Ellsworth city council, has served as a board member of the Ellsworth Free Clinic and Washington Hancock Community Agency, has delivered meals for the local Meals for ME program, and has helped coordinate the Safe Exchange Program. Senator **Olympia Snowe** has received the Keystone Leadership in Government Award in recognition of her congressional achievements. The Keystone Center is a nonprofit organization founded to develop public policy. Judge **Rae Ann French** of Augusta was sworn in to the Maine District Court by Governor John Baldacci '86 in August. This is Rae Ann's third reappointment to the court.

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Last summer **Peter Scontras** was a

featured artist at the Saco, Maine, Sidewalk Art Festival. This is something he has taken part in since 1990. He specializes in landscape and still-life photography. He also teaches English at the Saco Middle School and published a book in 1994 titled *Saco: Then and Now* in which he used some of his own photography. Penobscot County sheriff **Glenn Ross** was appointed to the board of the New England State Police Information Network. He is the first sheriff in the state to be appointed to this board. **Morrill Worcester** was in pretty fast company when he was honored by the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, D.C., for Wreaths Across America, which puts Christmas wreaths on veterans' graves throughout the country. Among others being honored that same evening was actress Bo Derek! **Stephen King** made a surprise visit to an Australian bookstore while on vacation last summer and almost got in trouble for defacing his own books! Luckily, the bookstore owner realized that he was no vandal and was very happy to have some autographed copies of *Lisey's Story* to sell!

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Here's hoping that you are enjoying the winter weather of 2008. We have a few newsy items to report, and we're always looking for more. Besides getting back into the swing of things after the holiday season, what are YOU doing? Please let us know.

In the wonderful world of education, there seems to always be something going on with our classmates. In Presque Isle, **Sharon Scott Brown** had been principal at Pine Street Elementary School for 10 years and moved on to become principal of Zippel Elementary, which educates grades three to five. In Steuben, Ella Lewis School principal **Cathy Kindbom Lewis**, previously credited with turning around the K-8 school academically during her past five years, has resigned, causing School Union 96 superintendent Bill Webster to state that her leadership will be difficult, "if not impossible" to replace. **Peggy Ouellette Mailman**

grew up in Biddeford and has lived in the area all her life. She enjoyed teaching elementary school in the Saco school system for 33 years until retiring recently. She is now enjoying her position as a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker in Saco.

Author **William Sawtell**, a native of Brownville, has spent his lifetime promoting his town and the area's history in a total of 38 books. This past summer he was recognized as Brownville's Citizen of the Year. He has served his community and his country, having served in the U.S. Army in Thailand during the Vietnam War and having subsequently served as a statistician for the state of Maine. He routinely visits Brownville Elementary School, lecturing on local history and assisting students in designing projects based on his history lessons.

Again, our Dr. **Clifford Rosen** is in the news, having accepted a position in Scarborough with the Maine Medical Center Research Institute, joining 12 other senior researchers and raising the stature of the institute, which is the only facility in Maine that is experimenting with human stem cells. Biomedical research is seen by state officials as an area of strong economic growth for "our" state. Last year, the state announced plans to double the size of the research institute within the next five years, possibly doubling the budget from \$15 to \$30 million and the staff from 12 to 24.

There is sawdust, maple syrup, and kindness coursing through the veins of our classmate **Gerry Hawkes** of Woodstock, Vermont. He was one of several people who were chased down by this naughty "columnist" and responded to my pleas, thus enabling me to report that he is having a productive life and a positive impact on the environment by working on a variety of solutions to reduce air pollution in many ways, such as developing systems and methods to reduce the environmental impact of typical forestry practices. His work has resulted in five U.S. patents, two registered trademarks, several patents pending, and founding three companies, Eco Systems, Bike Track, and Forest Savers.

While studying with us, he was awarded the St. Regis Paper Company Scholarship for the student in the Northeastern U.S. expected to contribute the most to the future of forestry. He went on to West Africa in the Peace Corps after graduation and consequently found consulting

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assignments with USAID, the United Nations, and the World Bank. Congratulations to Gerry on having built such a prosperous, exciting career upon his education at the University of Maine.

And who else is out there and would like to get in touch? Please do. We miss hearing from you. Now get out there and look forward to spring!

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Last August, **Dale Tudor** of Brewer participated in a three-day leaders conference for selected members of Modern Woodmen of America. Members were invited to learn more on retirement topics and brokerage accounts. Modern Woodmen of America is a fraternal benefit society founded in 1883. It offers financial services and fraternal member benefits to individuals throughout the United States.

Also last summer, our 12-year-old daughter and I went to New York City for a whirlwind of a weekend with another mother/daughter pair. We packed more into 24 hours than I thought possible! We spent a couple hours at American Girl Place, stumbled upon the most wonderful Japanese bakery (Minamoto Kitchoan at Fifth Avenue & 49th Street—I recommend the Yamato Wakakusa), checked into the Crowne Plaza (smack dab in the middle of Times Square), ate dinner at Rosa Mexicana near Lincoln Center (delicious, elegant, and affordable), saw the musical *Grease* and hung around the stage door for autographs, and rode the glass-ceilinged elevator to the Top of the Rock for views of Manhattan. We also showed up at NBC studios early on Sunday morning to stand outside with a small crowd of people hoping to be in the background of the broadcast of the "Today" show. By chance, we were standing in the very spot they aimed the camera at during the show. So if any of you were watching the "Today" show on Sunday, August 19, and you thought you might have recognized one of the people making a fool of herself, waving and holding signs, yep, that was me. Must have added at least 10 seconds to my 15 minutes of fame! "Hi, Mom!"



Nancy Prisk '72 (right) enjoys the Homecoming 2007 brunch at the President's House with Julia and Dale Flanders. Nancy is currently spending a good deal of time on campus volunteering at the Senator George Mitchell Center while taking a course in Native American studies.

1973

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Make it your New Year's resolution to let your classmates know what you have been up to as we approach the 35th (OMG) anniversary of our graduation.

Our own **Andy Mead** is Maine's newest Supreme Court justice, sworn in last May by Governor Baldacci '86. **Roger** and **Judy Dalton Carr's** daughter, **Elizabeth** (America's first in vitro fertilization baby), celebrated her 25th birthday in the spring. **Stephen Perkins**, principal of Winooski High School in Vermont, was named the Robert Pierce Secondary Principal for 2007. This award recognizes effective leadership and exemplary characteristics, as well as involving the community in the life of the school. **Mary Ann Perrow Johnson** attended a leadership conference for selected members of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Alice Greene '74G sent me sad news of **Rick Greene's** death after a lengthy battle with multiple sclerosis. I am sure that many of you remember Rick's easy smile and warm, outgoing nature that his son wrote of in a lovely obituary. He is survived by Alice, three children, and a granddaughter, as well as his

mother, a sister, a brother, and a large extended family.

Steve's and my oldest daughter, **Emily**, was married this past summer in Healdsburg, California. She and **Andy** live in Marin County. We were happy to have with us **Stephanie Bubar Knight** and **Karla Brewer Seaman** from our Maine days.

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Not a whole lot of news, classmates. Get out your paper and pen or send an email. Someone must have some news to share!

Anthony Anderson was recently named as marketing director of the Maine Highlands Artisan Guild located in Dover-Foxcroft. He has a broad and varied background including a degree in communications with a concentration in film and broadcast media. He was president of a publishing company, State of Maine Guides, for 20 years. He has been a chef and restaurant owner and designed and created websites. **Anthony** and his wife, **Suzanne**, and their two dogs live at Lucerne-in-Maine. Congratulations on the new position.

Northeast Bank Insurance Group recently acquired Southern Maine Insurance Agency and hired **George Gould** of Windham as branch manager. **George** has over 25 years experience in the insurance industry. He has achieved designations CPCU, ARM, AIC, INS, and LOMA. He has held numerous positions in industry organizations and authored many courses for continuing education of agents.

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court is now the home of Maine's own **Andrew Mead '73**. Officially sworn in by Governor Baldacci '86 in March, **Andy** was installed in Bangor with the help of his wife, **Kelly Clark Mead**, and their adult children, **Sarah** and **Andrew, Jr.** Congratulations to the Mead family on the occasion of earning the title of Justice.

We are enjoying the fantastic winter weather here in North Florida. We are knee deep in raking leaves and picking grapefruit in the back yard. Life's tough, but someone has to live it! Stay warm!

1975

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Happy 2008, everyone. You're not making this job easier. We need news to report. Tell us about your figure skating skills—or spills. Whether you're training pets to do silly tricks, writing the great American novel, or entering a couch potato competition—let us know!

1976

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Hello, '76ers and welcome to 2008! It seems like just yesterday we were the new graduates from UMaine. The last 32 years have gone by quickly! When we first graduated we all wrote about new jobs, marriages, and then children. Now we write about our kids in college, their marriages, and now many of us are becoming grandparents! Some of us

are even retiring.

Daniel Breen and his wife, Karyl, are proud to announce the birth of their grandchild, Bailey Elizabeth Breen, born on June 8, 2007. Bailey is the daughter of Elizabeth and Mathew Breen. Our classmate, **Ellen Johnson**, was featured in the *Machias Valley News Observer* as part of a series on women who are making a difference. Ellen has returned to her family homestead in Robbinston where she has opened an organic bakery. **Steven D. Goodwin** was named the new dean of the college of natural resources and the environment at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Steven has been a member of the faculty at UMass Amherst since 1986. He earned his Ph.D. in bacteriology from the University of Wisconsin.

I received a first-time email from **Dale Holmes** who writes that he and his wife, Penny Jo, have been married for 27 years and are now living in Hampden. They have two children, Eric, who graduated from the University of Connecticut in December, and Heather, who is a junior at the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York. Dale had a unique opportunity last summer to travel to Dubrovnik, Croatia, where he met up with his daughter, Heather, at the end of her study abroad semester. They traveled to Prague, capital of the Czech Republic, and Krakow, Poland, before returning home. Dale says it was a trip of a lifetime with his daughter. I encourage all of our '76 classmates to drop me a quick email to let us all know what you've been up to.

1977

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Hello, fellow classmates! I know that by the time you receive this issue we will be well into winter, but as I face my computer to write this column it's an exceptionally beautiful fall day, one of several we've had lately in central New York State. Unfortunately this is also one of those times when I have not received any clippings from the alumni office! I did receive an updated alumni biography from **Elizabeth**



Dale Holmes '76 traveled to Dubrovnik, Croatia, last summer to meet up with his daughter, Heather, who was finishing a semester abroad (she's a junior at Rochester Institute of Technology). They traveled to Prague, Czech Republic, and Krakow, Poland, before returning home. Dale lives in Hampden with his wife, Penny. They also have a son, Eric, who recently graduated from UConn.

Brown Wilkins who lives in Austin, Texas. She writes that she is working for Indigent Care Collaboration, also in Austin, and has two children. Thank you for the update, Betty.

Since there isn't much in the way of news to pass along, I'll take this opportunity to fill you in on "What I did on my summer vacation." And herein lies a lesson to you all—if you don't want to hear about me, then send in YOUR news!

In early August I took a road trip out west with my son helping him move to Kansas to begin graduate school. That task completed and goodbye hugs exchanged, I then caught an airbus to Denver and visited with my brother, Roger Turcotte '71, and his family. It was my first time in that part of the country and I thoroughly enjoyed the trip, except for the return flight to Syracuse, New York, by way of JFK. In case you've wondered about all the negative publicity lately regarding JFK, judging by my experience it's likely all true.

End of August I was back on the road, this time to Maine to drop off my daughter at college and then spent five perfectly relaxing days on my own at the beach! Weather couldn't have been better, tides were perfect for long walks along the water's edge, and I did my best at getting my quota of fried clams and lobster.

More recently I attended our 30th class Reunion in Orono—great fun! Chatted with **Doug Curtis, Jr.** at the football game and met his daughter

Andrea '04, '06G. After 30 years of service Doug has retired as a colonel in the Army Reserve. His last assignment was as the Army's emergency preparedness officer for the state of Maine, a position he held for the past five years. He also mentioned that he periodically runs into **Diane Zollo Thompson** at the Rockland Rotary. **Kevin Bushey** retired recently from the Air Force Reserve and is working as a senior analyst for Abrams Learning and Information Systems in Arlington, Virginia. **Brent and Sue Janke Baeslack** came up from Bradford, Massachusetts, for the day and we had a great visit over lunch in the new (and definitely improved!) Memorial Union.

Now it's back to work, an empty nest, and the daily grind. But my mind keeps wandering back to Maine and those long walks on the beach. Let's see, retirement is how far away? I can dream.

That does it for now. Please keep sending your news, even jokes or funny anecdotes are welcome, of course only ones fit for your mother or children to read. Until next time!

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Hey, everyone, 2008 is the 30th Reunion year for our class. If you haven't written to the alumni association or to me in the past three decades, it's time. One communication every 30 years isn't too much to ask! So please fill in the blanks: I live in/work at/ enjoy _____. My memories of Orono include _____.

1979

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First and most importantly—note the new email address! Please use it to send me news of you and your family.

Next, I'm pleased to report on our Class of '79 scholarship recipient. She is Caitlin Dionne from Farmingdale, daughter of **Sue Cunningham Dionne**. Caitlin is a senior majoring in nursing.

And finally, do you realize our 30th class Reunion is just around the corner (2009, for those of you who are mathematically challenged). Please make a note on your calendar, in your Blackberry, or whatever you use to track appointments. And watch this column for more details. Hope you have a wonderful winter.

1980

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Hi, everyone!
I hope you all had a nice summer. Helping my son pack for school this fall, I remembered those years at UMO preparing to return each fall. It doesn't seem so long ago—
Tom Sullivan recently retired

after 20 years of teaching and serving as an administrator at Bucksport High School. Congratulations, Tom!

Looking forward to hearing from you. Please let us know how you are doing, and whether you made it back to dear old Maine for Homecoming last fall!

1981

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I usually close with some kind of "rah-rah" for our class scholarship, but think I'll open with it this time! Had a very nice thank-you note from this year's recipient, Erin Brown, of Farmingdale. Erin is the daughter of our classmate, **Bradford Brown**. She's a junior pursuing a double major in English and French, and is also a member of the Honors College. It's great to know that we're helping many of our own in recent years with this scholarship. Unfortunately, we're not able to give them much, since our fund balance is rather pitiful. If you have a little extra in the checkbook, send along a few bucks to your alma mater. It's more expensive than ever to get an education and these talented young men and women appreciate our help. Think of all your UMaine education has done for you!

Not much to report for this issue—come on, gang! **Gloria Hewett Clark** coached field hockey at Mount View High School in Thorndike in the late '80s. Well, she's come full-circle and she was back coaching field hockey there this past fall, along with teaching art at the junior high. Gloria was a field hockey player during her years at UMaine. **Pete Thiboutot**, formerly junior high principal in Waterville, was named assistant superintendent for Waterville schools this past summer. **Sylvia Bradeen Lowry** teaches at the new private high school in Blue Hill, Blue Hill Harbor School. And finally, **Harold Burbank** writes from Canton, Connecticut, that he is a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives. He is a lawyer in private practice in Canton.

Hope many of you had the opportunity to attend your 30th high school reunions this past year. The Class of '77 from Calais High School

had another great turnout back in August. We've had reunions every five years since we graduated! A number of my classmates have had or now have children at UMaine, which I'm always pleased to hear! Decided to review my yearbook to see who took the brave trek across Route 9 with me to "UMO" back in the fall of 1977. Do you remember any of these "kids"?—Mike Duddy '82, **Rita Hill Yardley**, **Steve Johnson**, **Evan McKeown**, Phil Oliver '83, Ken Thomas '82, and Tom Waite '82. They didn't all graduate with us in '81, but we had a pretty good representation from a small Downeast high school. If you want updates on any of them, drop me an email. And send me news of your reunions and other UMaine classmates who may have attended high school with you! Don't forget to update us when any of *your* children come to UMaine!

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Waterville High School has a new principal, **Carole Cutliffe Dodge**. She previously was assistant principal at the junior high in Waterville. Also in education, **Janice Voisine Gereben** (G) helped Gateway School in Van Buren earn School of the Year in Maine from the National Energy Education Development Project. For the outstanding energy education project that Janice undertook with her sixth grade class, they were invited to an awards program in Washington, D.C., and honored in Maine by the Maine Public Service Company.

In Bucksport, **Marcelle Harmon Marble** (G) became the new elementary school principal last summer. Marcelle taught in elementary schools and worked as principal of the elementary school in Baileyville for 13 years. Newly selected as superintendent of S.A.D. 3 in the midcoast area is **Joseph Mattos** (G). Joseph was previously Waterville's assistant superintendent.

Woodard and Curran has promoted **Devon Carter**, professional engineer, of Veazie, to technical leader.



Left to right: Mark Chase, Melanie Wold, Elizabeth Campbell Morin, and Betsy Huyett Paradis '79.

Class of '77 Celebrates 30th Reunion at October Homecoming



Left to right: Marilyn Strong-Townsend of Yarmouth, Pearl Turcotte Gapp of Clinton, N.Y., and Carol Ryan-Ertz of Yarmouth.



Left to right: Fred Graunke '81G, Jean Anderson Graunke, Deborah Allen Arcaro, David Bennett, and Pat Morin Lyons.

Liza Nolette Case has worked at the Oxford Hills Veterinary Hospital for 25 years. She is a licensed veterinary technician, and lives in the Lewiston-Auburn area with her husband and son.

Barbara Morse Ollinger of HTG Investment Advisors has earned the certified financial planner designation. Barbara has been with HTG for 10 years. She lives in Ridgefield with her husband and teenage daughter.

Recently relocating for a position as vice provost for research at Rice University in Houston, Texas, is **Jim Coleman**. Jim previously worked as vice chancellor for research at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Many thanks to **Scott Mower** who wrote the class column for the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* for the past 15 years. Thank you for your years of service, Scott! Due to Scott's increasing responsibilities he has stepped down from this role. We hope to introduce a new class correspondent in the next issue. If you like writing, enjoy knowing what's happening with your classmates, and can meet deadlines three or four times a year, this job may be for you! Contact the alumni publications office at the above address if you are interested in learning more about it.

1983

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The year 2008 has arrived and with it we are reminded that in a few months it will be 25 years since we marched out of the football stadium at the University of Maine and into the "real" world. Reminders of my alma mater come in different ways. This summer as our family traveled to Glacier and Yellowstone national parks, we spent our first night on the road in St. Regis, Montana. After hauling our bags in from the rental car my wife pointed at a Volvo in the parking lot with Michigan plates; upon closer inspection the license plate frame proudly displayed the phrase "University of Maine alumni." We never ran into the owners as we headed out for our drive to Glacier National Park the next morning, but it was certainly a reminder that regardless of where we go, we



Enjoying the 25th Reunion celebration at the UMaine President's House on October 13 are Class of '82 members: Nora Normile O'Melia, Marie Curran Gerardin, Lauren Dilley Crory, UMaine President Robert Kennedy, Louise Nadeau Everett, and Barbara Morse Ollinger.



Gathering at the 1982 Reunion lunch at Homecoming 2007 in October are: Laurie Miller, Donna McNally, Lauren Dilley Crory, and Marie Curran Gerardin.

remain connected to the University of Maine.

Our class notes read like the sports section, as 2007 was a year of transition for a few notable alumni. **Bob Lucy**, who starred as a linebacker during his college years at Maine, remained in the broadcast booth for a 10th season for Maine football games. Bob and fellow Maine alum Rich Kimball '89 made the move from WZON to WVOM to continue their role as the voices of Maine football. When Bob is not on the air he is serving the Orono community in a much more impor-

tant way, as the principal of the Orono Middle School.

From the football field to the baseball diamond, **Mike Coutts** has brought his considerable coaching experience and talent to work. Mike, who served as an assistant to John Winkin after his playing days at Maine, has coached as far away as Alaska. This summer he was named head coach of the Sanford Mainers. The Mainers play in the New England Collegiate Baseball League, and finished the season under Coutts's guidance with a record of 19-24. When he is not coaching on

the field you may find Mike doing some coaching off of it. He is owner of Frozen Ropes baseball and softball training center in Portland. Mike and his wife, Lynn, reside in Scarborough with their two children, Jackson and Maggie.

On the hardwood **Rick Carlisle** may not be pacing the court this season for the first time in a few years. Rick stepped down as vice president of the Indiana Pacers over the summer after losing the coaching job. With the basketball season yet to begin at the time of this writing, rumors were being circulated that he was a candidate for the vacant Seattle Supersonics position. If Rick is not coaching in 2008, he will still have a presence with the NBA, since he has signed on to serve as an analyst for ESPN.

On the education front while Bob Lucy is helping to shape young minds in Orono, on the other side of campus, **Cynthia Jennings** has a new position in Old Town. Cynthia has spent her life involved with kids, and helping them to read. Early in the summer she was named head librarian of the Old Town Public Library. Jennings had previously worked in Corinna where she and her husband, Roger Priest, (who works at the University of Maine) resided. Jennings has also been involved in home-schooling her three children, 21-year-old Erin, 12-year-old Hannah, and 7-year-old Noah.

In Ellsworth, **Sterling Wayne**

Enman (G) is serving as interim superintendent of the Ellsworth school department this year. Sterling has spent his career in education and previously served as superintendent of S.A.D. 56 in the Searsport area, as well as S.A.D. 34 in an area that included Belfast. He indicated that it was likely he would serve in the position until June of 2008.

Finally, as a reminder to my fellow classmates, as we close in on our 25th Reunion I need your help in making our class notes interesting. Tell me about any great trip you have taken, the arrival of a child or grandchild, a great accomplishment, perhaps a hole-in-one! It would make my job easier and would live on our class notes as well. I can always be reached by email at rdfitta@verizon.net, and my address is noted above. Here's to the very best in 2008! Cheers!

1984

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Hello, classmates! I am currently enjoying a beautiful fall day. It is one of those gorgeous September days where the sky is crisp and clear and the leaves have started to change colors. By the time you read this column, however, I'll be looking at snow outside my window. If you have a moment, send me an email and tell me how you spent the Christmas holidays, what great vacation you are planning, or how brilliant your children (or grandchildren) are!

Dr. **Tom Folsom** is now in Dubai after serving as an educator for 35 years. He spent the last 17 years as the principal of Zippel Elementary School in Presque Isle.

Wayne Suomi (G) has been named principal of Searsport Elementary School in Searsport, Maine. He has 30 years experience as a teacher and principal.

Lauren Corey was recently named president of the Maine Better Transportation Association. Lauren is a director for Macdonald Page and Company in Portland where she specializes in construction accounting and employee benefit plans. Lauren is the first woman to head the association in its 67-year history. Her grandfather, Phil Corey, served



Hart Hall "Girls" Reunite

This group of former Hart Hall dormmates enjoyed their own mini-reunion at the Class of '82's 25th Reunion celebration at the President's House during Homecoming 2007.

as president in 1953 when the group was known as the Maine Good Roads Association. Lauren earned her CPA certification in 1988 and certified employee benefit specialist certificate in 1999.

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Happy New Year! Don't know about you, but these years seem to go by more quickly as I get older—hope you're squeezing in some fun!

Carol Morneau Cronin is the owner/designer of Jean Jungle in Scarborough, Maine. Her inventory includes thousands of pairs of jeans, "real jeans for real people"—everything from skinny legs to tummy-tuck and plus sizes. Carol says that she tries to carry jeans that are unique to Maine, including her own design called Jane. For more info, see: www.thejeanjungle.com.

Doug Letch has authored a new Alaska mystery novel, *The Stir of Ashes*, which is available through the publisher's website www.authorhouse.com/bookstore. The book is a new story involving attorney Hayden White and the central characters from Doug's first novel, *Bitter Cold*. Sounds like some good reading!

Cassandra Koutalidis was

recently named city engineer for Medford, Massachusetts. Cassandra received her licenses as a professional engineer in Maine in 1990 and Massachusetts in 1993. Prior to her appointment in Medford, Cassandra spent time with Metcalf and Eddy and the city of Cambridge, Massachusetts, water department. As city engineer, Cassandra will work on a variety of issues including roads, drainage, water, and sewers.

Please take a minute and dash off an email. Your UMaine friends read this column first—and they want to know where you are and

Julie Gerard '82 appointed to national committee



Julie Watson Gerard '82 was recently appointed the regional vice chair of the North American Lex Mundi executive directors committee. Lex Mundi is the world's

leading association of independent law firms.

Julie is executive director and CEO at Bernstein Shur in Portland. She is a resident of Brunswick.

Julie is also a member of the Association of Legal Administrators and serves on the board of the Maine Society of CPAs.

what you're doing. Wishing you all good things for 2008!

1986

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Governor **John Baldacci** and his son, Jack, made the hike up Maine's tallest mountain, Mount Katahdin, last summer. Though their trip was a little wet and foggy, John said it was special to him to make the hike with his son and said it was an experience like no other.

Lilly Eliza Goodwin was welcomed by new parents **Charles** and **Shannon Thomas Goodwin** of Brewer, Maine, in May 2007. Proud grandfather Charles Goodwin Sr. '57 of Benton, Maine, is an alum also.

Scott Tilton is the new administrative assistant to the board of selectmen in North Yarmouth, Maine. Scott is returning to municipal management after a decade at his family's business, Central Maine Auto Auction, in Hermon. Previously, he had been the town manager in Exeter, Winterport, and Dixfield. Scott also received his master's in public administration from UMaine in 1997.

Christopher Penney has joined Murphy Insurance Agency as commercial lines manager. Christopher has had extensive experience in commercial insurance, with more than 20 years underwriting and management experience. Most recently, he was a territory manager with OneBeacon Insurance. Working out of the Marlborough, Massachusetts, office; he, his wife, and three children live in Boylston. Christopher is also a coach in their youth baseball softball association.

Scott Storgaard was recently hired as vice president, trust investment officer with Bar Harbor Trust Services. He has over 20 years of investment experience and works out of the Bangor and Ellsworth Bar Harbor Bank & Trust offices. Scott is an active volunteer with the Orono-Veazie Little League, currently as treasurer, and has served with the Bangor Homeless Shelter board, the Bangor YMCA investment committee, and the Bangor Rotary.

After decades of service, Weston, Massachusetts, fire chief

Edmund M. Walker is leaving to become the director of the Massachusetts Fire Academy. Edmund, who grew up in Weston, has worked full time for the department since '87 and said he's going to miss the town. In addition to his UMaine bachelor in psychology, Edmund has a B.S. in fire and life safety technology, University of Cincinnati, and a master's in business administration from Northeastern.

Gary Groves brings his experience and enthusiasm for athletics and youth programs to his new position at West Gorham (Maine) Union Church, as its new pastor and to the Portland High School football staff as a volunteer assistant coach. The outgoing pastor of the church said that they needed someone with experience and enthusiasm and the energy to keep the church going. Gary recently earned his license as a minister and has been involved with athletics since his Black Bear days. He played football for UMaine and pro ball in Italy. He was previously the event coordinator at Anaheim Stadium in California. He was most recently the athletic director at Portland High School and previously at Westbrook and Deering high schools.

Rebecca Abell Rosen and husband, Clifford '71, start a new adventure in southern Maine. Dr. Clifford Rosen '71 recently wrote a thank-you letter to St. Joseph Hospital and the Bangor community in the *Bangor Daily News*. The Rosens were grateful for their years in the area and for raising their three kids there. Particularly, it was a thanks for the blessings of living in a place like Bangor—with its residents, St. Joe's, the University of Maine, the Bangor airport, the Jackson Lab, and all of the people and resources of our state.

George and I recently had a great time at George's parent's 50th wedding anniversary celebration in Sebec/Milo, Maine. It was a lovely afternoon of food, fun, friends, and laughs with Walter '57 and Judith Dale Macdougall '57. Though I couldn't possibly list all of the UMaine grads there, it was so good to see my brothers-in-law, Arthur '80 and Malcolm Macdougall. We had a chance to visit and celebrate with friends and family; some of them dear friends of George's parents at the university! Friends that last a lifetime—another benefit of UMaine!

Please write/email us and get in on our occasional contests for UMaine stuff! Most of our info comes via newspaper clippings and,



Peter '86 and Annia Warner at the craft fair during Homecoming 2007 in October. Peter is a second generation UMaine alum and his son is a UMaine student.

I hate to tell you, but as the years go on, the slimmer they get, ha! Your classmates want to know what you and your UMaine friends are up to!

Take care, stay warm, Donny

1987

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Happy 2008, everyone! Hope you have a great year, with lots of news to report to the class in this column! We'd like the spring column to be bursting with Class of '87 updates, so please email me! And if you haven't joined InCircle, go to mainealumni.org and register—we'll see you online!

1988

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Hello, Class of 1988! What have you been up to? I am not too sure since I haven't heard from you, but I would like to share your news with your classmates. I am hopeful that before writing the next column many of you will have written or emailed me so that your news can be included. I really want to hear from you.

In our last column, I was happy to report that **Alicia Anstead** had received a fellowship at Harvard University's Nieman Foundation for Journalism. I am pleased to tell you that in July of 2007, Alicia won third place for her story about an Iraq war veteran making a name for himself as a stage actor. Way to go, Alicia.

For those baseball fans, no University of Maine Class of 1988 column would be complete without a mention of **Mike Bordick**. In a human-

interest article in the *Kennebec Journal* by Jenn Menendez on July 12, 2007, Mike commented about the steroid issue afflicting Major League Baseball today. Mike says that he "was pretty much oblivious to it, honestly." He goes on to say that, "The way people talk it seems like it was in all the clubhouses. I never even saw it." Mike also commented that he believed that Barry Bonds would "go down in history as one of the greatest ballplayers of all time, no matter what...The fans kind of showed too by voting him into the All-Star game." No matter what someone thinks about the steroid issue, it does seem to be in the news quite often.

Again, for all you Class of 1988 graduates, please drop me a line. I can be reached through the alumni association or by email at: dcurtis@neor.net. Enjoy these winter months!

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Winter greetings to the Class of '89!

Happy New Year to everyone. Hopefully this winter will find you ready to reconnect with our classmates! We were lucky to have more news than ever this column!

Mark LaFountain is the new varsity football coach at Mt. Ararat High School in Topsham. Mark played for the Black Bears for one

year under Buddy Teevens, and then got into coaching at Orono and Brewer High Schools while still at Maine. He is a detective with the Topsham Police Department off the field, and he and his wife, **Kelly Nobert LaFountain**, are the parents of two children.

Alan Stearns of Hallowell is the newly appointed deputy director of parks and lands in Augusta, and has been a senior policy advisor to Governor John Baldacci '86 since 2003.

Eric Weinrich is playing with the Portland Pirates again this season. He got back on the ice six months after announcing his retirement as a player. Weinrich finished his NHL career after playing in 1,157 games with 388 points, 70 goals, and 318 assists.

Michael Riley is the new superintendent of the water department in Bangor. Prior to taking this position Michael worked for the last 11 years at Woodard & Curran in Bangor, leading the firm's Maine water team, and prior to that served for six years as chief engineer at A.E. Hodsdon Engineers in Waterville. He is licensed as a professional engineer in Maine and New Hampshire and is a member of the American Waterworks Association, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Maine Water Utility Association.

D. Mark Stebbins has joined Kennebec Savings Bank as vice president and commercial loan officer. He has over 15 years of commercial and industrial real estate experience in Maine's banking industry, most recently with Maine Bank & Trust in Portland. He and his wife, Karen Labbe Stebbins '92, live in Sidney with their three children.

Peter Merfeld was recently inducted as president of the Maine section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). ASCE represents over 650 civil engineers in Maine, and over 100,000 worldwide, promoting civil engineering as a profession and providing continuing educational opportunities to its members. He is employed by the Maine Turnpike Authority and resides in Augusta with his wife and three children.

Tim Tozier, LUTCF, has been hired by the Bernard M. Sullivan Insurance Agency in Ipswich, Massachusetts, as director of commercial accounts. He has been in the insurance/investment industry for over 14 years, most recently acting as an account executive for a regional insurance brokerage in Wakefield, Massachusetts.

Frank Hackett has left his position as Ellsworth's superintendent to become superintendent of schools in Pembroke, Massachusetts, which is my hometown! Frank served as assistant superintendent in Bangor and superintendent in East Millinocket and Camden prior to his position in Ellsworth. Good luck!

Matt Rossignol has stepped down as the boys' varsity basketball coach at Madawaska High School after nine seasons, so he can spend more time being a spectator at his kids' basketball games. Matt scored 1,297 career points while playing at Maine. His coaching career took him to Houlton, Van Buren, and Madawaska.

Rita Rogers Lovejoy has been teaching in the Milford school system for 17 years, currently teaching first grade. She and her husband, Bill '72, have four sons, one daughter, and two granddaughters!

John Gaetani and Anne Hall are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Claire Louise, on April 25, 2007. Claire joins older brother, Mark, who is two years old.

Rich Kimball and Bob Lucy '83, '87G continue to broadcast UMaine football games, starting their 10th year in the booth. Hopefully Rich will be commenting on a winning season!

Melanie Taylor Coombs has left her position as director of the Bailey Public Library in Winthrop to become the director of the Farmington Public Library.

John Kachmar and his wife, Ingrid, also his business partner, were recently in China where they joined other Maine boat builders as part of a delegation to the 12th annual China International Boat Show in Shanghai. John is president of Wilbur Yachts in Southwest Harbor. John feels that the market potential is there to develop a recreational boat industry and there will be future opportunities to sell Maine-built boats in China when that happens.

Jack Capuano is the head coach of the Bridgeport, Connecticut, Sound Tigers of the American Hockey League, which is the top minor league affiliate of the New York Islanders. He and his wife, Donna, and children Adriana and Anthony, are living in Bangor and happy to be back in Maine!

John Ryan, who serves as an athletic trainer in the Bangor school department, received the National Athletic Trainers Association Service Award at the NATA's convention in California in June. This award

comes months after Ryan was named the winner of the Micro-Bio Medics Award, which is given by the Eastern Athletic Trainers Association. Congratulations, John!

Conrad Skov has been managing highway and bridge projects for 18 years as an engineer for the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Bureau of Construction.

Keep in touch! Until next time, fill the steins!

1990

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Happy winter! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday! My daughter, Kayla, is in kindergarten and enjoying every minute of it. We are enjoying the wonders of winter. Our youngest child, Mikey, will turn three in February.

The New England Associated Press News Executives Association announced the winners of their annual awards. **Andrew Neff** won second place in the sports story category. He was recognized for his story about young Boston Red Sox pitchers. He is a writer for the *Bangor Daily News*.

Denise Adams is the president of the Augusta Rotary Club. The Rotary Club is "an organization of business, community, and professional leaders united worldwide to provide humanitarian service and help build goodwill and peace." Denise lives in Hallowell.

David Whitney owns three Washington County businesses: Whitney's Blueberries, Whitney Wreaths, and Whitney's Tool Shed. His businesses won the 2007 Jeffrey H. Butland Family-Owned Small Business of the Year Award. Congratulations!

Bruce D. McLean is the executive development director of the Millinocket Area Growth and Investment Council (MAGIC) located in the Katahdin region. He works with established businesses and start-up businesses. One of his goals is to diversify the economy and unify the regions around Millinocket, East Millinocket, and Medway.

Your classmates and I would love to hear your news! Send me a quick email.



Kristie Deschesne '92 at the Homecoming craft fair in the Field House in October. Kristie lives in Orono.

1991

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Hello, classmates. Happy Holidays and best wishes for a joyous New Year. It's hard to believe that another year has begun. Where has the time gone? My family grew this past year and now includes two little boys who are getting bigger and learning something new every day. Please consider sharing stories of your family with the class. We love to hear what's going on.

Mike Roundy has begun a one-year clerkship for U.S. District Judge Alfred Covello, in Hartford, Connecticut. Mike graduated cum laude from Western New England College School of Law in May, after working as a science editor for many years at dictionary publisher Merriam-Webster in Springfield, Massachusetts. He, his wife, Susan, and son, David, live in Westfield, Massachusetts.

Dean Scontras announced that he will enter the race to be the Republican candidate for Maine's 1st District congressional seat being vacated by six-term Democrat Tom Allen, who is running for the Senate against Republican Susan Collins. Dean and his wife, Dawn, have two children. He is employed as a sales consultant for a data networking company in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Carl Gartley of South China has been chosen as China's new elementary principal. He had been assistant principal at Camden Hills

Regional High School since 2005 and was previously an assistant principal in School Administrative District 3. For 10 years before that, he was a math teacher and technology coordinator at Erskine Academy in South China.

When I first started this column, the Red Sox were down 3-1 in the ALCS series with Cleveland. Would that night be the end of the season? Only Boston fans would have faith that the Red Sox would come back to win three straight, and then take the World Series title in four games. An unbelievable October with lots of late nights in front of the TV, or if you were lucky enough, at Fenway Park!

Perhaps it wasn't a World Series year for **Mark Sweeney**, but the 2007 baseball season offered some personal high points for our classmate. In July, he hit a double that marked the 150th pinch hit of his career, tying him for second on the all-time list with Manny Mota. The San Francisco Giants fans treated him to a standing ovation and a curtain call. In August, Mark was traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers in the first trade between the rivals in more than 20 years. Although he says he will miss San Francisco, this is a better baseball opportunity for him. Besides being pinch hitter, he will be called upon to play first base and outfield for the Dodgers.

Congratulations to classmates with wedding bells in their plans. **Todd Marshall** announced his engagement to Kimberly Ann Yorkey. Todd is a mortgage consultant with Alpine Mortgage Corporation. **Joseph Wainer** and Kendra Somers had a December 2007 wedding planned. Joseph is a music teacher at Conners Emerson School in Bar Harbor.

Our sincere sympathy is offered to **Deanna Lothrop House**, whose 22-year old son, Joel, was killed by a bomb in Taji, Iraq, on June 23, Deanna's birthday. About 550 people, including Governor John Baldacci '86, the entire state congressional delegation, and an honor guard, attended a service for Joel at Lee Academy. Baldacci and Major General John Libby '66 of Maine's National Guard presented a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart to Deanna and her husband, Paul. We are so sorry for your loss.

May the New Year bring us time for reflection on the important things in our lives and may we make an effort to appreciate them more. My best wishes to you and your families.

1992

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We must all be very busy with lives and families because I have very slim pickings this time around. Please take a moment to send a note in and let all your friends from Orono know what you have been doing! On with the news—

Sandford Blitz (G) has been selected to serve as the next regional director of the Small Business Administration. He needs to be approved by President Bush and both of Maine's senators, Snowe '69 and Collins, will give their strong endorsement of Blitz to Bush. Sandy is currently an adjunct professor at UMaine and serves as executive director of the East-West Highway Association. He is also the owner of Emesbee Associates.

Northeast Bank announced the promotion of **Greg Thompson** of Scarborough to vice president and director of information technology and facilities. He will oversee the design, installation, management, and security for all of the bank's hardware, software, telephonic, and networks systems. Congratulations, Greg!

Ethan Strimling has announced that he will be running for Congress. He will be vying for the 1st District seat that will be vacated by Representative Tom Allen.

S.A.D. 4 superintendent **Paul Stearns** (G) was chosen as one of 800 educators from the United States who were invited to visit China. This was an all-expense-paid trip by China as an effort to build and expand Chinese language programs in U.S. schools. While on his trip, he visited many schools, participated in ceremonies, visited the Great Wall, and even got to meet with the minister of education in the People's Republic of China.

Woodard & Curran has promoted **Jim Wilson** to senior project manager in its Bangor office. Lastly, **Andrew Grass** was promoted by his company, MMG Insurance Company, to commercial lines underwriting assistant manager. Congratulations to everyone!

Go Blue!



Diana Tibbetts Richardson '93, assistant to the president of the UMaine Alumni Association, had "the thrill of a lifetime" in June when she sang the national anthem in the Maine State House chamber. Diana's husband, **David '71, '90G**, represents Carmel (District 23) in the House.

1993

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As I am writing this, it is October of 2007, and I am just returning from a fabulous week at the Atlantis in Paradise Island, Bahamas (Doesn't that sound cozy warm at this time of year?) Now, back to reality!

Just a few updates to report this time.

John Holyoke, of the *Bangor Daily News*, won first place in the sports story category in the New England Associated Press News Executives Association competition. His winning story was for his coverage of a wheelchair-bound man's experience in both a local marathon and a 15-kilometer race. Congrats, John!

In April of 2007, **Keith Flagg** was appointed vice president of operations for Federal Marine Terminals. He has relocated with the company to various locations (including Chicago, Milwaukee, Charlotte, and Montreal). Congrats on your promotion, Keith!

Environmental scientist and educator, **Christopher Evers**,

heads the new Animal Embassy at the Stamford Museum & Nature Center in Stamford, Connecticut. Each August Chris heads up to Alaska to guide kayak trips along Frederick Sound, where he and his guests view and photograph whales, wolves, bears, and eagles.

In May of last year, I made a three-week visit back to Maine while our kitchen in Seattle was being remodeled. I met up with **Karen Gilbert Hujak** in Portland. Karen is a teacher and is living in Goffstown, New Hampshire, with her husband, Jim, and their two boys. It was so great to reconnect and catch up with Karen on the good ol' days of UMaine!

Well, that's all for now! Hope to hear from more of you next time around.

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Hello all! We hope you're all having a good winter so far. By the time this arrives in your mailboxes, spring will be just around the corner. Then again, that's probably just wishful thinking.

It's time for yet another address change for Stacey. She moved back to New England (yet again) late last summer—just in time for Beth and her to head north to Orono to attend Homecoming. It was a great weekend visiting many of our old haunts. There are some snazzy new buildings on campus—including the gorgeous new rec center!

Beth has also been cycling back to places she has been before. At the beginning of October she started a new/old job at Dechert LLP, having returned after a three-year stint at another large Philadelphia law firm. Outside of work, Beth has been active with the DAR and was recently appointed to serve as vice chairman of junior membership for eastern Pennsylvania. She was also selected as her chapter's Outstanding Junior Member.

In other news, **Susan Silsby Howland** has been named chief financial officer of Wayfarer Marine Corporation in Camden. **Dyonisia Giatis** recently joined the Maine Public Broadcasting Network as a development officer.

The *Penobscot Times* named first grade teacher **Linda Murphy** to their STAR Program, recognizing outstanding Milford school system teachers.

Tom Hinds, who coached football at Cony High School for seven seasons, is now an assistant football coach at Bates College.

1995

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Happy New Year! As I write autumn is just starting to show us some colors and it's tough to think of reading this in the middle of winter. I certainly hope that the season is easy on us!

You may have heard, news of Maine women's basketball seems to be everywhere lately, but **Rita Sullivan** has accepted a position as assistant to coach Cindy Blodgett '98. Cindy and Rita were teammates at UMaine and stayed in touch after both graduated from Maine. Rita

was captain of the basketball team at Maine for two years. Rita previously worked for the Harvard University-based Harvard Electricity Policy Group and also graduated from the Muscular Therapy Institute in Watertown, Massachusetts.

Aaron Stasulis has accepted the position of financial consultant with Union Trust Company, Cornerstone Investment Services Division. Aaron previously was employed by Horace Mann Insurance Company where he focused on client relations in the midcoast region. He is now based at the Union Trust branches in Rockland and Waldoboro.

A fellow County native, **Robin Soucy Brown**, is known as the Metrics Queen at NAVAIR Aging Aircraft Team as a diminishing management sources and material shortages management analyst. Robin is originally from Fort Kent and is now based in California, Maryland. She completed her master's degree in clinical psychology and then moved from Maine to Maryland with her husband, Jeff, while doing counseling. Robin's new position is as an obsolescence analyst where she works with a team that finds parts for aircraft so that they can continue to fly and perform as expected. Robin is also working on completing her doctorate degree.

That's all this time around—short and sweet. I hope this finds you well and if you have a chance, drop us a note and tell us what's going on.

1996

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Hello, '96ers! Please take a moment to let us know what you've been up to. In the meantime, here is some news from a few of our classmates—

Travis Noyes is a project engineer at Woodard and Curran's Bangor office. Woodard and Curran is an integrated engineering, science, and operations company serving public and private clients locally and nationwide.

Todd Starbird is the regional vice president of Bar Harbor Bank and Trust. Todd has been working for the bank since 2004 and has 15 years experience working as a

commercial loan officer in midcoast Maine. He previously worked at Camden National Bank.

Linda Quagliaroli and her husband, Doug, own five McDonald's restaurants: Old Town, Bucksport, Ellsworth, Machias, and Belfast. Linda and her husband are both graduates of Hamburger University.

I hope you're all enjoying this fantastic winter. If you need me, I'll be snowboarding down the various slopes of Montana and Idaho. See you in the lodge!

1997

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Class of 1997—I trust all is well with you. It was nice to see many of you in Orono at Homecoming. Before we dive into what our classmates are up to, I'd like to thank many of you and the alums in other classes that I mercilessly hounded for votes in the Gather.com contest to get my book published. Unfortunately, I didn't make round two—but finished ninth out of 296 entries. Not too shabby, if I say so myself. As far as class news—you know the drill: send information to me at Yolanda_Sly@hotmail.com or contact the alumni office!

Congratulations to **Kristen Andresen Lainsbury** for her award from the New England Associated Press News Executives Association. Her *Bangor Daily News* feature, "Ladies Night" covered the prevalence of drinking among young women and won second place in the association's feature story category.

So, my married friends with kids are always telling me that date night is extinct. I'm sure some of you could agree. Since I'm the "auntie," I can't really sympathize. But after seeing the article in the *Coastal Journal* featuring Dr. **Rok Morin** and his wife, Mary Ellen—I know next time to tell them—like anything else—you make time for date night. According to the article, even with four kids (none are in high school) Friday night is date night for Rok and his wife.

Linda M. Leahey Bowe (G) is the new principal at Stockton Springs Elementary School, reports

The Republican Journal. Linda holds a master's in educational leadership from UMaine and is nearing completion on her doctorate, which is also in educational leadership from UMaine. Prior to being named principal, Linda worked as a teacher, graduate instructor, and educational consultant.

Brian J. Keezer joined the Auburn office of Harriman Associates, a full-service architecture and engineering firm in Auburn and Portland, reported the *Kennebec Journal*. Brian holds a bachelor's in civil engineering from UMaine and previously worked for the Maine Department of Transportation. He is currently working on the Westbrook Middle School and Buxton Elementary School projects. Brian resides in Winthrop with his wife, Renee, and their three boys.

1998

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Where have the past 10 years gone? For those of you who haven't made the connection yet, we're coming up on 10 years since we graduated from UMaine! It was a busy fall for me here in Monterey. I'm continuing my progress in learning Russian out here at the Defense Language Institute. It is an intensive and amazing language program! It was great to see fellow Beta, Major Jon Velishka '97, when he stopped by for a visit en route to run the San Francisco Half Marathon from his home station at Fort Irwin, California.

Let me personally send my best to **Eric Simonds** on his marriage to Kate Lachance in Saco on September 15th. I unfortunately was not able to return to Maine for what I have heard was an incredible event! They honeymooned in Scotland and Ireland. Best of luck, Eric and Kate! They both reside in Saco, Maine. **Dwight Cram** also had a September wedding planned to Patricia Haernick. They both live in Concord, New Hampshire. Congrats, Dwight and Patricia!

This past summer, **John Blyberg** joined the staff at the Darien Library in Darien, Connecticut, as head of technology

and digital initiatives. He and his family relocated there from Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he worked with the Ann Arbor District Library as the system administrator and lead developer. Previously he was the IT manager for Lotus Engineering. He also studied graduate level creative writing at the University of Michigan and was named a "Mover and Shaker" by *Library Journal* in 1996.

Congrats to **Erica Chipman** on completing a master's degree in biology with a 4.0 GPA from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. Her thesis work was on the behavioral ecology of western burrowing owls.

Air National Guard airman first class **Norman C. Pacholski** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Congrats, Norm!

Loretta Clark (G) was hired as the principal of the Pine Street Elementary School in Presque Isle. She previously was the district's first daycare and preschool director. She has also served as principal at the former Westfield Elementary School and assistant principal at the former Gouldville Elementary School, both in the district.

I hopefully will see some of you next fall at Homecoming! Also sign up online for your free InCircle account and join the rest of us online!

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Happy New Year, everyone! I hope you had a great 2007 and a wonderful holiday season.

Tyler Leighton is engaged to Darcie McElwee. The couple is planning a 2008 wedding. **Laurie Dionne** of Augusta is engaged to Jesse Babcook. Laurie is currently working on her master's degree in theater at Hunter College in Manhattan. **Kristi Spinney Miller** is engaged to Jared Todd. She is a kindergarten teacher in Waldoboro. Congratulations to all of these couples and the other classmates who heard wedding bells in 2007.

Please send your news to me or the alumni association if you get a

minute—the deadline for the next issue will be approaching as you read this! And please note my new email address.

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I hope this classnotes update finds you rested up after the holiday season. I hope the holiday season brought you and your family good cheer and gatherings, and that the warmth of home kept you comfortable, as the weather outside turned cold.

Classmate **Marian Spalding** (G) is vying for the seat on the selectman board in St. Albans, Maine. She previously held this position from 1995-1999. Marian has been an elementary school teacher for 23 years.

Wedding bells will be ringing on June 21, 2008, for classmate **Alison Hall** as she marries Brian Morrison in South Portland, Maine. Alison currently works as a financial aid manager for Strayer University in Northern Virginia and resides in Burke, Virginia. We offer Alison and Brian best wishes on their big day.

Two classmates had new additions to their families this past year. **Jaime Wheeldon Bangs** and her husband, Todd, of Holden, Maine, welcomed Griffin Nicholas on April 7th at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. **Michael May** and his wife, Amanda, of Milford, Maine, welcomed Sadie Barbara on May 18 at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, also. Sadie joins her two-year-old brother, Conner, in the May family. We wish these two classmates great joy on the arrival of their new family members.

I have news to share also. Brandon and I, **Heidi Dombrock Weaver**, are expecting our first child in April. So, I guess the baby bug has caught some of us classmates. I welcome any news you have to share by contacting me via email or writing to the address provided.

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Now that the holidays have passed and winter is fully upon us, it's time to reflect about the coming year, our goals, and our life changes. During the past few months, many of our alumni have started new jobs, new lives, and are making a difference in their world.

Travis Gass recently won first place as part of the *Bangor Daily News* photography/design team. The feature that won them the award dealt with scarves. The New England Associated Press News Executives Association gave the award.

John and **Claire McDonough** have established a scholarship fund for students in the school of engineering technology and school of nursing. Students must demonstrate excellent academic performance and exhibit outstanding personal characteristics that promise successful careers. The couple lives in Orono and has four children. Two of their children are UMaine grads.

On October 20, 2007, **Justin Birt** wed Clemson alumna Toni Cantrell. Both currently work in southern Maine.

Grant Richard Chamberlain has recently announced his engagement to Ryann Elizabeth Clark. They plan to wed in a May 30, 2008, ceremony.

Todd Jogoutz has recently joined Seafax as a regional sales manager. As a business school alum and an ex-punter for the Maine Black Bears, he will be responsible for managing current customer accounts as well as creating new business for Seafax.

Good luck to all of our alumni in their new endeavors and please don't forget to let us know what your newest adventure is!

2002

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After the hustle and bustle of the

holidays, some of our classmates have had great achievements. **Jim Leonard** was named athletic director of S.A.D. 5 in Rockland. He was a past student athlete for that district. Jim graduated with a degree in journalism and was our valedictorian. He later went to University of Maine School of Law in 2003 and was a former fire fighter for Rockland. Being the athletic director was a perfect fit for him! **Francesca Desantis** was sworn in to the Maine Bar Association in May 2007.

With the New Year, some of our classmates are planning for their future with that someone special. **Jessica Shirley** and **Anthony LeBlanc** got married on July 7, 2007, at Mackerel Cove. They reside in Brunswick. **Jill Hutchinson** got married to William Stephens in November 2007. Jill currently is employed by Marietta City Schools in Marietta, Georgia. **Randy Loubier** is planning a wedding with Katie Pooler for September 2008. Randy received his bachelor's degree in spatial engineering and is employed by Owen Haskell in Portland. **Edward J. "EJ" Hikel** (G) is getting married to Jennifer Cole. They are planning to wed on May 31, 2008, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lincoln. EJ graduated from UMaine with a master's degree and is the director of business systems at Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems.

Nicole Goulet wrote, "I am living in New York City and am in charge of employee communications at InterActiveCorporation, Barry Diller's company. I've been running in races in Central Park as a member of the New York Road Runners Club. I intend to run in the NYC Marathon in either '08 or '09 depending if I make the lottery. I go home to Maine occasionally to visit family and go to Houston, when I can, to visit my sister. Just experiencing New York to the fullest. A classmate and a very good friend, **Beth Nale**, also lives in New York and works for Bridgespan Group. I ran into **John Gelsamino**, who also lives in the city, and **Mike Morrison**, who is now playing for the New York Islanders. **Erin Plourde McAllister** just had a baby boy, Owen, with her Maine alum husband, Brian McAllister '00. That child is adorable. They reside in Salt Lake City, Utah, and I am attempting to make it out there to see the baby before he can talk!"

If you have any news to share, please let me know. I would love to hear from you.

2003

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As usual there are a lot of marriages and engagements to announce! **Edward Regan** is recently engaged to Chelsey Graves. E. J. is employed by Lisbon High School in Lisbon Falls and the couple is planning a summer 2008 wedding. Congratulations are in order to **Jamie Marden**. She is engaged to Dante Ravelli. Jamie is finishing her degree in physical therapy at Husson College. The two plan to marry in the fall of 2008. **Tianna Scanlon** was recently married to Trent Baker. Tianna is working for Walt Disney Company. The two were married in October. **Katie Roberts** was married to Lars Sjulander. Katie is now an account executive at WGME 13 in Portland. She and Lars were married in September. **Daniel Bell** and Emily Trimm were married in November. Daniel is a property management supervisor at C. B. Mattson in Farmingdale. **Nicole Soucy** was married to Wayne Pelletier in April. She is now working as a human resources assistant at Fraser Papers in Madawaska. **Spencer Maynard** is married to Heather Searles. The two married in August. Spencer is working for the department of transportation in Presque Isle. Congratulations to **Elizabeth McPheters**. She is now married to Patrick Lemieux '05. The couple wed in October. Elizabeth is working as a developmental therapist for the Blue Barn School in Bangor. **Jason MacDonald** is married to Lori Cyr. Jason married Lori in September. He is currently working at Joel D. Davis and Associates in Augusta as an associate financial advisor. **Lisa Moores** and **Eric Gill** were married in September. Lisa is a chemical engineer with Procter & Gamble in Sacramento. Eric is a project manager with Schetter Electric in Sacramento.

There are also some job changes for 2003 grads to announce. **Tim Tunney** (G) was promoted to business banking officer at Bar Harbor Bank and Trust in Ellsworth. **Ned Cardinali** is the owner of the Fisherman's Catch on Harbor Road in Wells. **Tracy Guerrette** is the new women's basketball coach for UMPI and **Kori**

Dionne will take over as coach of the Nokomis girls' basketball team.

2004

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Hearty Maine Hello and Happy Holidays! It's certainly been a busy winter for our alumni, so I'll get right into the recent weddings.

Alyssa Blanchard tied the knot with Teddy Kajkowski, Jr. this past August. After receiving her bachelor's degree, Alyssa went on to receive a master's degree in communication sciences and disorders from UMaine, and is currently employed as a speech language pathologist. **Quinton Donahue** married Jessica Taylor this past July, and Quinton is currently a teacher at Hampden Academy. Quinton is also pursuing his master's degree in teaching at UMaine.

Holly Dyer married Joshua Gunn in June at the Columbia Street Baptist Church in Bangor. Holly received her bachelor's degree in child development, and recently received her master's in counselor education. She is currently employed as the tutor coordinator with the greater Old Town Communities Who Care program, and her husband is a police officer for the Hampden police department. Rounding out this past round of summer weddings, **Martha MacFarland** (G) married Christopher Gill in July. Martha is currently employed as a first grade teacher in Paris, Maine.

As for the fall weddings, **Jody Lewia** tied the knot with Amos McCannell '05 on September 14th, and Jody is now a speech language pathologist with the Maine Center for Integrated Rehab. **Jillian Buxton** got hitched this past September to Jonathan Tardiff. The couple resides in Augusta, and Jillian works in the medical oncology department at the Maine General Medical Center. **Aaron Vryhof** and Meagan Cochrane have recently announced their engagement. A wedding is in the works for next August, and both the groom and bride-to-be are employed with Blue Flame Gas in Rangeley.

Many of our fellow alumni are finding new positions in the job



Kate Jensen '07 (left) and Lindsay Hamlin '06 enjoying Homecoming afternoon at the craft fair in the Field House in October.

market now, and we have some new job announcements.

Mark Haskell has recently joined the staff of the *Courier-Gazette* in Rockland, and he resides in Waldoboro. **Sarah Thompson Blake** recently received her master's degree in mechanical engineering at Texas A&M, and is now living with her husband in Sugar Land, Texas, and working at Schlumberger. Woodard and Curran also recently announced the promotion of **Kyle Corbeil** to the position of engineer 2 in their Bangor office.

The news has been a bit thin lately, so if you have any good stories or updates you'd like to see in the class column just swing me an email. See you in the spring!

2005

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Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that it is already 2008. I hope everyone had a great holiday season. My husband and I are still adjusting to the chilly weather here in Fairbanks, but really enjoying our Alaskan experience. I am currently very active as a substitute teacher in the Fairbanks North Star Borough school district, where there are 14,000 plus students and over 900 teachers! Seeing moose on the side of the road reminds us of Maine, but we miss UMaine hockey!

Speaking of hockey, a big congratulations goes to our very own **Dustin Penner** and the Anaheim Ducks on their Stanley Cup win. Dustin is the first UMaine player to have his name on the cup as a player, and we are very proud of him! Another standout in her UMaine athletic career, **Shaunessy Saucier**, has been hired as an assistant coach for the field hockey team. I know the athletic department is happy to have her back! Interestingly enough, Shaunessy's younger sister was also hired as an assistant field hockey coach, at SUNY New Paltz.

In other new jobs, **Diana McElwain** has been chosen as the communications and marketing specialist for the Maine Credit Union League. Congratulations to Diana on her new job, and for her marriage to fellow UMaine graduate, **Jason Dionne**!

Amanda Rudy was recently appointed the education/outreach coordinator for the Knox-Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District Board Warren office. I have one other notable new position to mention. **Colleen Lepage** (G) taught a course called French Language and Maine Society at USM's Lewiston-Auburn College over the summer. Colleen is an adjunct humanities instructor at the college.

I love reading in the newspaper about UMaine students and all the fantastic research they are participating in. **Sara Walton**, a current Ph.D. candidate at UMaine, was featured in the *Kennebec Journal* for her participation in a study looking at heating and compressing wood to make ethanol. This research is directly related to finding alternate

fuel sources. Another accomplished graduate student, **Ryan Sullivan**, was named to the dean's list at Logan College of Chiropractic.

While the traditional wedding season is over, there are still many engagement and wedding announcements to share. **Sarah Josephson**, who received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from UMaine, was married to Christopher Shorette on July 7, 2007. **Jessica Bickford** and Chris Williams were married on August 18, 2007, and **Christy Charters** (G) and Jeremy Kervin were also married on August 18th. I'd like to send a big congratulations to all of the newlyweds, and a personal congratulations to my PSY 100 buddy, **Chris Hanlon**, on his engagement and marriage to Kylie McGinn. Chris and Kylie married on December 29.

I look forward to hearing what the New Year brought to you and yours!

2006

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The Class of 2006 has a new class correspondent to write the column for *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. Please send any news to **Liz** at the above address. We look forward to hearing from you! Tell us where you're living, working, whether you're taking more classes, etc. This column can help you stay in touch with your friends from Orono.

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Weddings

1988

Scott Lewis to Elizabeth Murphy on September 8, 2007, on Chebeague Island, Maine. They traveled to Tuscany for their honeymoon and reside in South Portland, Maine.

1991

Christopher Kempton to Kimberly Foster on July 14, 2007, in Winthrop, Maine. They took a Caribbean cruise and live in Biddeford, Maine.

1993

Julie Buxton to Andrew Scafidi on August 19, 2006, in Concord, Massachusetts. They took a honeymoon trip to the Greek Islands and live in Maynard, Massachusetts.

1994

Arthur Francis Jones, Jr. to Lisl Ann Kludzuweit on July 7, 2007, in Camden, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Europe, and live in Arlington, Massachusetts.

David Joshua Moffitt to Margaret Leah Moore on August 10, 2007, in Pleasant Point, Maine. They live in upstate New York.

1995

Jeffrey David Fishman to Mindy Leigh Hakerem on April 22, 2007, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. They honeymooned in Montego Bay, Jamaica, and live in Watertown, Massachusetts.

1997

Rhonda Diane Wuensch to Brian David Clark in August 2007, in Salt Lake City, Utah. They went to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for their honeymoon.

Jennifer Albert to Frank Brown on July 20, 2007, in Gardiner, Maine. They are planning a trip to Antigua, and live in Chelsea, Maine.

2000

Jason Spofford Randlett to Kathryn Woodward Newman on April 27, 2007, in Bermuda. They reside in Boston.

Judd Newcomb to Amanda Montgomery on July 6, 2007, in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Paris, and reside in Gray, Maine.

Kristen Holly Leo to **Benjamin Pierre Guité** on June 30, 2007, in Portland, Maine. They spent their



Liz D'Ambrose '06 and **Phil Mason '06** were married on August 11, 2007, in Middletown, Connecticut. They now live in Baltimore where Phil is an electrical engineer and Liz teaches kindergarten in the city's school system.



Bethany Anne Delaware '02 and **Peter Paul Bosse '02** were married at the Orono United Methodist Church on September 29, 2007. Bethany, an All Maine Woman, now works as a veterinary technician in Falmouth. Peter, a Senior Skull, is a quality assurance manager with Rynel Inc.



UMaine alumni were well represented at the wedding of **Jillian Nicole Hanson '07** to **Ian F. Crowley '03, '07G** on August 18, 2007. Left to right are: **Nick Pellerin**, **Vicki Gabor**, **Melanie Akeley '07**, **Heather Currier '04**, **Rachel Hart**, **Jillian and Ian**, **Forrest Lancaster '03**, **Bob Hart**, **Brett Gabor '03**, **Christian Hanson**, and **Matt Poirier '02**. The flower girl and ring bearer standing in front of the bride and groom are **Moira and Liam Crowley**.

honeymoon in Aruba and reside in Denver, Colorado.

Daniel Patrick McDonough to Kristine Ann Tunney on September 26, 2007, in County Tipperary, Ireland. They live in Virginia.

2001

John Jenusaitis to Tonya Sandberg on May 27, 2007, in Durham, Maine. They live in Durham.

Jamie Elizabeth Brewster to James Ryan Cooper on June 9, 2007, in Charlotte, North Carolina. They honeymooned in Mexico and reside in Charlotte.

Heather Suzanna Anzels to **Glenn John Adams '04** on August 18, 2007, in Augusta, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Mexico and live in Oakland.

2002

Decha McAllister to Adam Bailey on August 12, 2007, in Rockport, Maine. They traveled to Cancun and live in Hampden, Maine.

Kathryn Downs to Antonio Caiazzo on August 25, 2007, in Waterford, Maine. They are planning a honeymoon.

Jillian B. Trapini to Brandon D. Huff on June 30, 2007, in New Gloucester, Maine. They reside in Scarborough, Maine.

Jenny Lee Bouffard to **Jason Nicholas Straetz** on September 8, 2007, in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. They honeymooned in Mexico and reside in Saco, Maine.

Bethany Anne Delaware to **Peter Paul Bosse** on September 29, 2007, in Orono. They honeymooned in Carmel, California, and reside in Topsham, Maine.

Kelly Michaud to Michael Woods on September 15, 2007, in Rockland, Maine. They took a trip to Mexico and live in South Thomaston, Maine.

Amanda Giblin to Patrick Hennessey on September 22, 2007, in Rangeley, Maine. They honeymooned in Rangeley and reside in New Gloucester, Maine.

2003

Heather M. Fraser to **Adam J. Knowles '05** on August 5, 2006, in Bangor, Maine. They honeymooned in Cancun and reside in



Rachael Hilgar '05 and Cameron Lyall '04 were married on July 13, 2007, at St. Phillip Neri in Pennsburg, Pennsylvania. They currently reside in Long Island, New York, where Rachael works in collegiate athletics and Cameron works in finance. Among the many alumni in attendance were Mathew Deschamps '07, Todd Jackson '04, Jana Ouellette '05, Karyn Magno '03, Emily Dooling '05, Traci Rainone '05, Shaunessy Saucier '05, Kimberly Leo '03, Tara Bedard '03, and Nicole Sergeant '06.

Brewer, Maine.

Ian F. Crowley to **Jillian Nicole Hanson '07** on August 18, 2007, in Dover, New Hampshire. They honeymooned in Virginia and live in Alfred, Maine.

Elissa Shuman to Gary Emmons on September 2, 2007, in Rockport, Maine. They took a wedding trip to the Mediterranean and live in Richmond, Maine.

2004

Meghan Jewell to Kevin Baker on September 23, 2006, in Brewer, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in the Bahamas and reside in Newburgh, Maine.

Cameron Lyall to **Rachael Hilgar '05** on July 13, 2007, in Pennsburg, Pennsylvania. They honeymooned in Jamaica and live in Long Island, New York.

Fred T. Lazo to **Erica L. Perry '06** on July 28, 2007, in Old Town, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Prince Edward Island and reside in Charlotte,

North Carolina.

Lauren A. Marshall to **Jeffrey M. Bowen '05** on June 23, 2007, in Fairfield, Maine. They spent their honeymoon on a Caribbean cruise and live in Champaign, Illinois.

Adrian Wells to Robyn Koerner on July 14, 2007. They spent their honeymoon in New Hampshire and reside in Buxton, Maine.

Ryan Holmes to **Erin Graviett '06** on July 14, 2007, in New Gloucester, Maine. They live in Bowdoinham.

Rebecca Anne Eugley to Frank Nicholas Maltais on July 28, 2007, in Owls Head, Maine. They honeymooned in Hawaii, and live in New Hampshire.

2005

Jessika Bickford to Chris Williams on August 18, 2007, in Augusta, Maine. They honeymooned in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and live in Auburn, Maine.

Eric Tweedie to **Katie Wildes '06** on August 25, 2007, in Augusta,

Maine. They took a Caribbean cruise and live in Saco, Maine.

Danielle Grant to **Brian Raymond '07** on October 14, 2006, in Orono, Maine. They live in Bangor.

Heidi Martel to Daniel Hall, Jr. on October 13, 2007. They live in Old Town, Maine.

2006

Otis Clapp to Melanie Pike on June 15, 2007, in Readfield, Maine. They took a wedding trip to the Bahamas, and live in Epping, New Hampshire.

Alan George Kinne to Kelly Marie Spinney on July 7, 2007, in Hallowell, Maine. They took a trip to Cape Cod, and live in East Waterboro, Maine.

Michelle Sheldon to **Gregory Perkins '07** on October 6, 2007, in Morrill, Maine. They live in Orono.

James Frederick Dwyer to **Rebecca Jayne Fortier '07** on July 14, 2007, in Ellsworth, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Anguilla and reside in Vail, Colorado.

Elizabeth Rose D'Ambrose to **J. Philip Mason** on August 11, 2007, in Middletown, Connecticut. They reside in Baltimore, Maryland, after a wedding trip to Kona, Hawaii.

2007

Eilen Teresa Surrence to Bruce Lloyd Stevens on June 23, 2007, in East Millinocket, Maine. They took a trip to Florida and reside in Lincoln, Maine.

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(Photographs need to be high resolution.)

Deaths

Unless otherwise indicated, towns are in Maine.

1928

Kenneth "KC" Cousins Lovejoy, 101, of North Port, Florida, and Veazie, on June 14, 2007.

1931

Lyndell Emma Smith Arsenault, 98, of Portland, on December 20, 2006.

George "Smitty" Algernon Smith, 97, of Clearwater, Florida, on February 8, 2005.

1932

Mary Morton Soule Bateman, 97, of Woolwich, on August 15, 2007.

Eleanor "Nicky" Clark Meacham Jenks, 98, of Vernon, Connecticut, on October 21, 2007.

Charlene Wilhelmina Peterson Sandstrom McIntire, 90, of Presque Isle and Florida, on November 24, 2007.

1933

Arthur Albert Francis Brown, 75, of Washington, D.C., on March 25, 1999.

Helen Berniece Osgood Ripple, 95, of West Hartford, Connecticut, on August 23, 2007.

Frank Warren Webb, 82, of Brunswick, on February 16, 1992.

Freeman George Webb, 96, of Corinna, on November 1, 2007.

Eleanor "Babe" DeAlbra West Yerxa, 94, of Falmouth, on November 21, 2007.

1934

Burton Anderson, 96, of Gorham, on August 12, 2007.

Kenneth Sharrock Cleaves, 95, of South Portland, on November 16, 2007.

Kenneth Landmaid Parsons, 95, of Old Town, on September 28, 2007.

Eleanor Estes Grinnell Thomas, 95, of Garland, on September 18, 2007.

1935

Ira Joseph Packard, 97, of Searsport, on November 17,

Freeman George Webb Class of 1933

One of the university's most loyal graduates, Freeman George Webb, died on November 1. He was 96.

As a UMaine student, Freeman was a track star, setting state records in the pole vault. In 1932, he tied for third place in the Olympic Trials in the pole vault competition. In honor of his athletic achievements, he was inducted into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame in 2005.

He was also a member of Senior Skulls and Theta Chi fraternity.

After serving in World War II in Korea, Freeman was employed as a manager of Moosehead Woolen Mills. He later moved to Florida where he operated a small motel. In Florida he was instrumental in organizing the St. Petersburg Alumni Club, serving as its president for many years. He served as president of his class and also established a scholarship for the UMaine track team.

For his outstanding service, Freeman was awarded both the Block "M" and Black Bear awards by the alumni association.



Freeman Webb speaking at his class's 50th Reunion in 1983

2007.

1936

James "Jim" Wilder Haggett, 93, of Mashpee, Massachusetts, on October 30, 2007.

Glen Willard Torrey, 91, of Portland, on September 4, 2007.

1937

Loomis Dudley Ashby, 93, of Presque Isle, on September 24, 2007.

Marjorie MacKinnon DeWick, 93, of Woolwich, on December 1, 2007.

Jerome Adolphus Emerson, 91, of Corinna, on August 21, 2007.

Ruth Kimball Holmes Gray, 91, of Saco, on August 18, 2007.

Henry True Lowell, Jr., 92, of Sun City, Arizona, on October 13, 2007.

George Seth Williams, Jr., 92, of Falmouth, on October 30, 2007.

1938

Marian "Mary Jane" Jane Moan Sanford, 90, of Branford, Connecticut, on October 3, 2007.

1939

Mary Bowler Engelbert, 88, of Rochester, Minnesota, on December 27, 2005.

Helen Virginia Twombly Severance, 81, of Kennebunkport, on March 23, 1998.

1940

Robert Tristram Coffin, 90, of Brunswick, on January 12, 2007.

Alvah "Pang" Edward Pangburn, 92, of Caribou, on November 21, 2007.

Richard Miles Sawyer, 90, of Silver Spring, Maryland, and Little Diamond Island, on September 3, 2007.

1941

Walter Wadsworth Gosline, 88, of Fort Myers, Florida, and

Gardiner, on August 9, 2007.

Miriam "Mim" Goodwin Hamilton, 88, of Bridgton, on November 23, 2006.

Walter "Hooky" Allan Hook, 90, of Middletown, New Jersey, on June 16, 2007.

Robert E. Johnston, 87, of Melbourne, Florida, and Gouverneur, New York, on July 25, 2007.

William Frederick Mussenden, 85, of Topsham, on November 13, 2004.

Donald Ralph Sprague, 90, of Avon, Connecticut, on August 11, 2007.

1942

Virginia Weston Bradford, 89, of Dover-Foxcroft, on August 31, 2007.

Dorothy Lois Warren Crane, 87, of Milbridge, on September 13, 2007.

Howard Clifford DeShon, 87, of Perry, on September 12, 2007.

Edward Anson Henderson, 86, of Beverly Hills, Florida, on August 10, 2007.

1943

Albert Robert Blacky, 87, from Waterford, Connecticut, on September 13, 2006.

Howard Alvah Crosby, 86, of Hermon and Bangor, on August 25, 2007.

William Bert Gorham, 83, from Manor, Texas, on February 18, 2004.

Robert "Jenk" Dunlap Jenkins, 86, of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, on October 16, 2007.

Henry "Bud" Grant Leonard, Jr., 88, of Norway, on October 6, 2007.

Barbara "Barbie" Bean Strohmeier, 83, of Gladwyne, Pennsylvania, on July 26, 2004.

Mary Jane Dempsey Wendle, 83, of Wilmington, Delaware, on April 19, 2006.

1944

Frances Ann Sheehy Brown, 85, of Hyde Park, Ohio, on November

2, 2007.

Josiah "Joe" Edward Colcord, Jr., 85, of Seattle, Washington, on October 21, 2007.

Paul "Huck" Jean Eastman, 87, of Hallowell and Wells, on August 24, 2007.

1945

Annette "Toni" Elizabeth Steele Ewers, 84, of Boulder City, Nevada, on September 26, 2007.

Charles "Pat" Kirkpatrick Foster, 83, from Ellsworth, on December 2, 2007.

Effie "Brick" Susanne Ellis Hendrickson, 84, of Brewer, on September 3, 2007.

1946

John "Brookie" Wilmot Brookings, DMD, 83, of Bangor, on December 3, 2007.

1947

Lewis Jonathan Birt, 88, of Bangor, on October 16, 2007.

Ralph Daniel Blanchard, 80, of Auburn, on October 8, 2007.

Jane Elizabeth Longfellow Cullen, 81, of Waterville, on October 16, 2007.

Marguerite "Peggy" Raymond

Googins Dowe, 83, of Turner, on December 2, 2007.

Robert Haley Parmenter, 79, from Tucson, Arizona, on June 3, 2005.

John Coggin Wellington, 87, of Manset, on November 19, 2007.

1948

Percy "Joe" Harmon Coombs, 85, of Boothbay Harbor, on November 26, 2007.

Gloria "Mac" Jean MacKenzie Ferland, 80, of Millinocket, on August 15, 2007.

Miriam "Mim" Hepburn Mosley, 81, of Standish, on October 9, 2007.

1949

Morton "Pete" Covell Bartlett, 79, of Lindenhurst, Illinois, on November 21, 2007.

Richard Jordan Denison, 84, of Norway, on September 20, 2007.

Janice Elaine Crockett Fuller,

Howard "Howie" Alvah Crosby, Class of 1943

Howard "Howie" Crosby died on August 25, 2007, at his home in Bangor.

After graduating from UMaine with a degree in electrical engineering, Howie entered the U.S. Army. While serving in Alaska, he met and married his wife, Ruth. Following the war, Howie and Ruth (who died in 2005) returned to Maine and spent the next 55 years on Miller Hill in Hermon, running the Hermon Motor Court.

In the late 1940s, Howie began teaching electrical engineering at the University of Maine. He retired in 1980 following 34 years of service.

Following retirement, Howie joined in his wife's passion for gardening. Together they created the Crosby Gardens and Arboretum, practicing environmentally sound gardening and land preservation techniques. To insure that the land would be preserved, they eventually transferred their home and property to a trust.



Howie and Ruth Crosby at their arboretum in Hermon in 1992.

80, of Orono and Ellsworth, on September 29, 2007.

Ella Dorothy Lehrman Garber, 77, of Marblehead, Massachusetts, on April 22, 2007.

Malcolm "Mal" Scollay Hayden, 80, of Harpswell, on October 4, 2007.

Elizabeth Ann Johnston Ostroff, 80, from Sudbury, Massachusetts, on December 2, 2007.

Paul "Prad" Alfred Praderio, 79, from Clinton, Massachusetts, on November 29, 2007.

Carleton Adrian Ranks, 85, of Melbourne, Florida, and Bangor, on August 6, 2007.

Norma "Dum-dum" Jean Drummond Rothwell, 78, of Saugus, Massachusetts, on August 14, 2007.

Charles Augustine Simonds, 82, of Falmouth, on August 13, 2007.

John William Steves, 82, of

Hampstead, North Carolina, on October 28, 2007.

1950

Francis Leo Boyle, Jr., 82, of Portland, on September 14, 2007.

Leon "Bim" Fred Brown, 79, of Shreveport, Louisiana, on July 3, 2007.

David Clark Cates, 82, of Visalia, California, on June 29, 2007.

Abram "Pete" W. Harris III, 85, of Ormond Beach, Florida, on December 19, 2007.

Laurence "Whit" Whitney Hodgkins, 84, of East Winthrop, on October 28, 2007.

Waldon "Wally" Fred Huston, 85, from Portland, on December 10, 2007.

Richard Joseph McGlaufflin, 88, of Rockport, Massachusetts, on November 20, 2007.

Sterling "Link" Cecil Morris, 82, of Wilmington, Massachusetts, on

November 1, 2007.

Edwin Freemont Smith, 81, of Portland, on December 14, 2007.

Harry Wiggins Trask, 82, of Lyman, on August 16, 2007.

1951

Edwin Thomas Knight, 86, of Machias, on September 1, 2007.

Richard William Lovaas, 79, of Scarborough, on October 6, 2007.

Maxine Beryl Lambert Gowen Morgan, 77, of Pownal, on November 22, 2007.

Lorraine "Lorry" Frances Curry Niemi, 78, from Rockland, on November 30, 2007.

Philip Raymond Paiement, 82, of Marietta, Georgia, on August 18, 2007.

Virginia Elaine Towne Roberts, 77, of Dover-Foxcroft, on October 26, 2007.

Richard Charles Swanson, 79, of Crosby, Texas, on May 25, 2006.

Arthur Stanley Tobiassen, 81, of Falmouth, on October 10, 2007.

Richard Joseph Young, 78, of Sandy Hook, Connecticut, on August 21, 2003.

1952

Gordon Haliburton Falt, Jr., 80, of Woolwich, on September 6, 2007.

Roy Herbert Gilman, 81, of Fairfield, on October 4, 2007.

Bernard Atherton Goding, 82, of Enterprise, Alabama, on August 24, 2007.

Ralph Moses Long, 81, of Lecanto, Florida, on August 22, 2007.

James Leo Plunkett, 76, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, on March 16, 2007.

Harold Seymour Story, 74, from East Greenbush, New York, on August 6, 2001.

Clement "Clem" Paul Thorne, 79, of Island Falls, on November 8, 2007.

Deaths

1953

Jean-Paul "Jeep" Alberie Cyr, 78, of Rockville, Maryland, on March 26, 2007.

Douglas Eugene Kneeland, 78, from Lincoln, on December 15, 2007.

Lendall Henry Nevens, 79, of Brownville Junction, on November 15, 2007.

Robert Adrien Neveux, 80, of Lowell, Massachusetts, on May 16, 2005.

John Edward Wilson, 79, of Hampden, on December 1, 2007.

1954

James Gordon Ault, 75, of Hermon, on October 17, 2007.

Edmund Skelding Cook, 76, of Gardner, Massachusetts, on April 2, 2007.

George Robert Cray, 74, of Palmyra, on November 4, 2007.

Jean Louise Danforth Goodfield, 91, of Redding, Connecticut, on November 13, 2007.

1955

Milton Fairfield Beal, 74, of Jonesport, on September 27, 2007.

Roger Duncan Chandler, 73, of Caribou, on November 14, 2007.

William Robert Dow, 74, of Fort Myers, Florida, on August 21, 2007.

Edward Elbridge Guernsey, Jr., 75, of Bangor, on October 16, 2007.

William Allen Oliver, 79, of Orono, on September 25, 2007.

Ralph Harry Perlberg, 74, of Andover, Massachusetts, on August 11, 2007.

David Kimball Ward, 72, of Deer Isle, on August 15, 2007.

1956

John Norman Gallagher, 73, of Nobleboro, on December 4, 2007.

Caroline "Cal" Woodman

Gerald Hotham, 72, of Waterville, on September 21, 2007.

Mary Seabury Bowers Seavey, 98, of Hermon, on August 17, 2007.

Abram "Pete" W. Harris III, Class of 1950

Abram "Pete" Harris III died on December 19, 2007, following a battle with cancer.

Pete began studies in psychology at the University of Maine after five years of service in the U.S. Coast Guard. As a UMaine student, he was a member of Sigma Chi.

Following graduation in 1950 he began a diverse career as a yacht and marina owner, and a marine contractor. Later he worked in the defense industry as well as in employee relations.

Pete was the grandson of former University of Maine president Abram W. Harris. Several years ago he established the President Abram W. Harris Award which is now presented annually by the UMaine Foundation to individuals or groups of individuals who have left the university stronger and better fitted to do its work.



William Frank Stone, 75, of Prospect Harbor, on December 1, 2007.

1957

Bernard Lee Butler, 75, of Farmington, on October 2, 2007.

Robert "Spike" Oliver Gerry, 73, of Jensen Beach, Florida, on November 4, 2007.

Ernest Scott Marshall, 73, of Ellington, Connecticut, on September 10, 2007.

Gautrey John Musk, 71, of Augusta, on September 21, 2007.

Rosemary Theresa Riley, 80, of Bangor, on October 19, 2007.

Margaret Ruth Swett, 86, of Cape Elizabeth, on October 17, 2007.

Ann Gertrude Rubin Weinstein, 71, of Lakeworth, Florida, on June 6, 2007.

1958

Maximillian Otto Braune, 74, of Emigrant, Montana, on June 16, 2007.

Ernest Carl Guerri, 71, of Melbourne, Florida, on September

18, 2007.

William Butler Libby, 71, of West Hartford, Connecticut, on November 9, 2007.

Leo John Morawski, 71, of Ft. Washington, Maryland, on September 30, 2007.

Doreen Hope Plavin, 71, of Sunrise, Florida, on January 14, 2007.

Robert Murray Young, Jr., 75, of Essex, Massachusetts, on November 8, 2007.

1959

Roland Edward Baillargeon, 77, of Scarborough, on September 22, 2007.

Barbara "Stans" Ann Stansbury Barnett, 70, of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, and Appleton, Wisconsin, on March 19, 2007.

William Joseph Hanlon, 77, of Augusta, on September 14, 2007.

Richard Spiro Paras, 70, of Biddeford, on November 12, 2007.

William Sidney Perham, Jr., 75, of Biddeford, on August 28, 2007.

Kathleen Viola Poland, 101, of Weld, on January 6, 2007.

Mary Ruth Tilton Rowe, 69, of Belgrade, on October 7, 2007.

Janet Lynne Collins Toothaker, 70, of Ellsworth, on November 18, 2007.

Mary Emma Wallace, 77, of Mattawamkeag, on August 18, 2007.

1960

Michael Francis Baumann, 77, of Melbourne, Florida, on July 11, 2007.

Richard Charles Benson, 74, of Bingham, on September 11, 2007.

David Earle Foster, 64, of Dixfield, on February 5, 2003.

Nancy Jean Baker Howard, 69, of Merrimack, New Hampshire, on October 19, 2007.

Mary Rush Vose, 89, of Falmouth, on October 30, 2007.

1961

James Leo Burke, 68, of Greensboro, Georgia, on June 17, 2007.

Lawrence King Hall, Jr., 74, of Lubec, on August 23, 2007.

Deane "Beetle" Ernest Jones, 69, of Mount Vernon, on September 3, 2007.

Wayne Clifford Merrill, 67, of Stetson, on September 13, 2007.

Gladys Hazel Bickford Moon, 68, of Freeport, on September 4, 2007.

Beverly Maude Paige, 67, of Skowhegan, on November 13, 2007.

Roger Lee Paquin, 72, of Kerrville, Texas, on September 5, 2007.

Josephine Louise Brown Ross, 94, of Falmouth, on August 28, 2007.

Gordon Thomas Valiton, 69, of Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, on August 29, 2007.

1962

Francis Curtiss Nicola, 70, of Indian Island, on November 15, 2007.

Gertrude Swift Osgood, 98, of Auburn, on August 19, 2007.

Henry Armand Sirois, 74, of East Boothbay, on October 8, 2007.

Keith Blaine Willard, 67, of Turner, on October 14, 2007.

1963

Raymond "Kimby" Everett Kimball, 75, from Hardwick, Vermont, on November 25, 2007.

Elizabeth Thomas Stegeman, 66, of New London, Pennsylvania, on August 21, 2007.

1964

Alvaro DeJusuz Diaz, 66, of Temple, Texas, on August 17, 2007.

Norman Charles Folsom, 64, from Waitsfield, Vermont, on November 29, 2007.

Hilton "Hill" Alfred Page, 71, of Arlington, Virginia, on August 16, 2007.

Narvie Louise Stevens, 72, of New Gloucester, on September 18, 2007.

Elaine Allen Stratton, 84, of Ellsworth, on August 11, 2007.

Dorothy Jeanette Tash Whitten, 93, of Lincoln, on October 20, 2007.

1965

Marguerite Buck Steeves

Fleming, 78, of Lincoln, on September 12, 2007.

Hugh Merritt Hamlin, 71, of Caribou, on November 23, 2007.

Edward DeWitt Leonard III, 65, of Bangor, on October 25, 2007.

Stephen Henry Lewis, 62, of Lewes, Delaware, on June 15, 2005.

Suzanne Washburn Burleigh Meyer, 66, of Fairfax, Virginia, on September 3, 2007.

1966

Roger Allen Knowlton, 63, of Poland, on August 20, 2007.

1967

Wilma Hatch Leighton, 85, of West Minot, on September 7, 2007.

Ralph Lester Nicholson, 65, of West Lafayette, Indiana, on October 10, 2007.

1968

Keith Anthony Kalman, 61, of Springvale, on September 21,

Edward "Ted" D. Leonard III, Class of 1965

Edward "Ted" Leonard died unexpectedly on October 25, 2007.

As a UMaine student, Ted was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and a history and government major. Following graduation he attended the University of Maine School of Law and eventually became a senior partner with Eaton Peabody. Marine history, sailing, and fly fishing were among his great passions.

Ted was also very involved in community service on the state and local level. He served on numerous boards, including the University of Maine Museum of Art. He and his wife, Sandra Blake Leonard '65, were instrumental in making the UMaine museum in Bangor a reality. For all their work for the arts, he and Sandra received the 2002 Vincent A. Hartgen Award.



2007.

Donald Allen Vachon, 71, of Hampden and Brewer, on October 29, 2007.

Lee Henry Wyman, 74, of Caribou, on July 17, 2007.

1969

Alan Newmark Glazier, 58, of Bangor, on May 27, 2007.

James Sidney Howe, 61, of Hanover, New Hampshire, on October 13, 2007.

Alfred Joseph Loewe, 60, of Livermore, on August 8, 2007.

1970

Barbara Madelyn Currier Alward, 86, of Cape Elizabeth, on October 17, 2007.

Geraldine Lincoln Creamer, 80, from Waldoboro, on December 4, 2007.

1971

Clarence Edward Merryfield, 89, of Waterville, on September 24, 2007.

Robert Paul Tremblay, 75, of Dexter, on November 6, 2007.

1972

John William McEwen, 57, from Auburn, on December 6, 2007.

1973

Richard Samuel Greene III, 61, of Knoxville, Tennessee, on June 29, 2007.

Paul Lester Wedge, 59, of Houston, Texas, on July 26, 2007.

1974

James Merrill Kimball, 58, of Orrington, on November 30, 2007.

Janice Grant Kwiatkowski, 62, from Glenburn, on December 13, 2007.

Darrell Clinton Lehto, 57, of Millinocket and South Thomaston, on September 26, 2007.

1976

Christopher Mark Harris, 58, of Waterville, on November 7, 2007.

David Scott Trank, 53, of North Muskegon, Michigan, on August 24, 2007.

1977

Walter "Reddy" Herbert Foster III, 62, of Jaffrey, New Hampshire, on October 23, 2007.

Norman "Bim" Ouellette, 51, of Fort Kent, on November 11, 2007.

1978

Brent A. Leavitt, 55, of Shapleigh, on August 7, 2007.

John William Pariza, 58, of Seabrook, New Hampshire, on March 27, 2007.

1979

Sylvia Viles Lund, 75, of Augusta, on September 18, 2007.

1981

Lee Kent Foster, 46, of Portland, on February 8, 2005.

1982

Kevin Joseph Ryan, 47, of Scarborough, on September 12, 2007.

1987

Robert Arnold Pfister, 42, of Orange County, California, on September 25, 2007.

1989

Elizabeth Brewer Byrum, 58, of Bangor, on June 23, 2006.

1992

Eric Charles York, 37, of Grand Canyon, Arizona, on November 2, 2007.

1996

Linda Louise McRea, 57, of Bangor, on September 26, 2007.

Josephine A. Yeatts Merrill, 61, of Moline, Illinois, on September 14, 2007.

1997

Michelle Ann MacLeod Mills, 38, of Bar Harbor, on September 12, 2007.

1998

Cherie Porter Landry, 32, of California, Maryland, on November 23, 2007.

2001

Emma Louvinia Gray, 53, of Blue Hill, on October 2, 2007.

Julie Janée Jacobson, 31, of Waterville, on September 17, 2007.

2003

Tracy Jean Cummings Small, 41, of Clinton, on October 11, 2007.

Harold Alfond's Legacy Will Live On

The generosity of the legendary, recently deceased philanthropist brought UMaine athletics to a whole new level.

You only have to drive in to the north entrance of campus to be immediately aware of philanthropist Harold Alfond's impact on the University of Maine athletic program.

As you make the turn you see the expansive Alfond Sports Arena. Today, it's the home of a Black Bear hockey team with a rich tradition and two national championships. It's easy to forget that back in 1976 there was no UMaine hockey—primarily because there was simply no place to play.

In stepped Harold Alfond. His \$400,000 gift made the dream of a state-of-the-art indoor ice rink a reality. Years later, when the need for more seating and a new home for UMaine basketball arose, he came through with another major contribution to expand and renovate the arena.

Drive a bit farther on to campus and you come to the Harold Alfond Stadium. The new stadium, made possible by a gift from Alfond as well as Phillip '64 and Susan Keene Morse '64, gave a tremendous boost to both Black Bear football and the field hockey team in the late 1990s.

And just past the stadium is the Mahaney Clubhouse, named for Alfond's fellow UMaine athletic benefactor Larry Mahaney '51, '55G. Harold was a major contributor to the clubhouse. Long before that, his support of Black Bear baseball helped catapult the team to national prominence in the 1970s and '80s.

"When you look at what the arena has meant to UMaine hockey and what the stadium has meant to football as well as other UMaine outdoor sports, it's really hard to measure the depth of Harold's contributions to the



Harold Alfond mimics his statue in front of UMaine's Harold Alfond Stadium.

university," notes UMaine's Walt Abbott '58, '65G, a former coach, athletic director, and currently a professor of physical education at UMaine. "Harold, along with his close friend Larry Mahaney, took UMaine athletics to a whole new level."

Abbott fondly remembers Alfond as a down-to-earth man of simple needs and tastes.

"When he came to visit me in the office, I would ask him what he would like. All he ever wanted was a glass of water," Abbott says.

Abbott also admired and appreciated Alfond's philosophy of giving.

"Once Harold made a gift, he didn't get in-

involved in how it was being spent, and he didn't expect any special treatment or influence," Abbott says.

But his hands-off approach didn't mean Alfond wasn't involved with UMaine sports. Quite the contrary. He attended games frequently and became close friends to a number of coaches, most notably former baseball coach John Winkin and the late Shawn Walsh.

Altogether Harold Alfond gave over \$8 million to the University of Maine—not all of it for sports facilities. He also gave generously to student scholarships at the institution.

And his generosity extended far beyond the UMaine campus. Colleges and other institutions throughout the state were greatly helped by his philanthropic spirit.

"Harold deserves to be remembered as one of the most important and influential Maine citizens of the past century," noted University of Maine president, Robert Kennedy. "As a business visionary, as a community leader, and as an incredibly generous philanthropist, he made an indelible

mark on his beloved state."

Alfond made his fortune as the founder and president of the hugely successful Dexter Shoe Company. And he believed that the qualities that made for success in business were applicable to sports—hard work, loyalty, teamwork, and determination to get better. He believed strongly that competing in sports could build the character and attitude needed for any pursuit in life.

Every Black Bear coach, player, and fan can be grateful to Harold Alfond for the opportunities for achievement he provided at the University of Maine.

Fill the Stein for '59!



This bulletin published for Class of 1959 alums and friends.

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Enjoy hearty MAINE HELLO at your 50th Reunion!

Mark May 29, 30 & 31, 2009 on your calendar

Renew friendships with classmates you haven't seen for years. Bring back memories of those freshman days of blue beanies and the Maine Hello. Attend interesting special events. Retrace your steps around one of the country's truly beautiful college campuses.

Become a CHARTER 50 Member. Send your "I intend-to-attend" to Class Secretary **Joyce Crockett Ashmanskas**, 7575 SW 140th Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97008-6161 (e-mail joyceashmanskas@verizon.net). All early birds who contact her by April 1 qualify for a special commemorative gift.

On the Road to Orono

Know any of these CHARTER 50 Members? Joyce Ashmanskas, Arthur Brownell, Dick Collins, Don Cookson, Edwin Covey, Col. Joe Cuccaro, Patricia Stiles Cuccaro, Nonni Hilchey Daly, Bob Davee, Paul Desmond, Carl Edler, Will Farnham, Carol Burry Gage, Lee Gagnon, Pete Hannah, Mary Weston Hartnett, Peter Minott, Nancy Roberts Munson, Bob Munson, Paul Putnam, Earl Ramsdell, Beatrice Reynolds, Evie Stevens Smith, Torrey Sylvester, and Dr. Tony Vazquez. All intend to attend.

Mixers planned. "Meet and greet" time to spend with old friends and acquaintances is critical to the success of your 50th. As Peter Minott wrote: "I'd better make this one. I don't think I will make the 100th!"

'59 BEAR FACTS: We have 718 mailable class members. 520 (72.4%) live in New England & New York. ME - 336 (46.8%); MA - 69 (9.6%); NY - 45 (6.3%); NH - 34 (4.7%); CT - 24 (3.3%); RI - 6 (.8%); VT - 6 (.8%)

For up-to-date news visit www.mainealumni.com/classpages/1959.htm.



Remember President Hauck?



We dedicated our 1959 PRISM to President Emeritus Arthur Andrew Hauck. For 23 years, he gave Maine inspired, vigorous leadership. Busy as he was, he always found time to mingle with the student body. Down-to-earth, competent and genial, he was the epitome of the MAINE HELLO.

Reunion Events Tip-Off

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

50TH REUNION COMMITTEE

Dick Collins, President; Will Farnham, Co-Vice President; Torrey Sylvester, Co-Vice President & Class Agent; Joyce Crockett Ashmanskas, Secretary; Paul Desmond, Treasurer and Reunion Chair; Nancy Roberts Munson, Class Correspondent; Don Cookson, Joe Cuccaro, Nonni Hilchey Daly, Lee Gagnor, Pete Hannah, and Evie Stevens Smith, Executive Committee.

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