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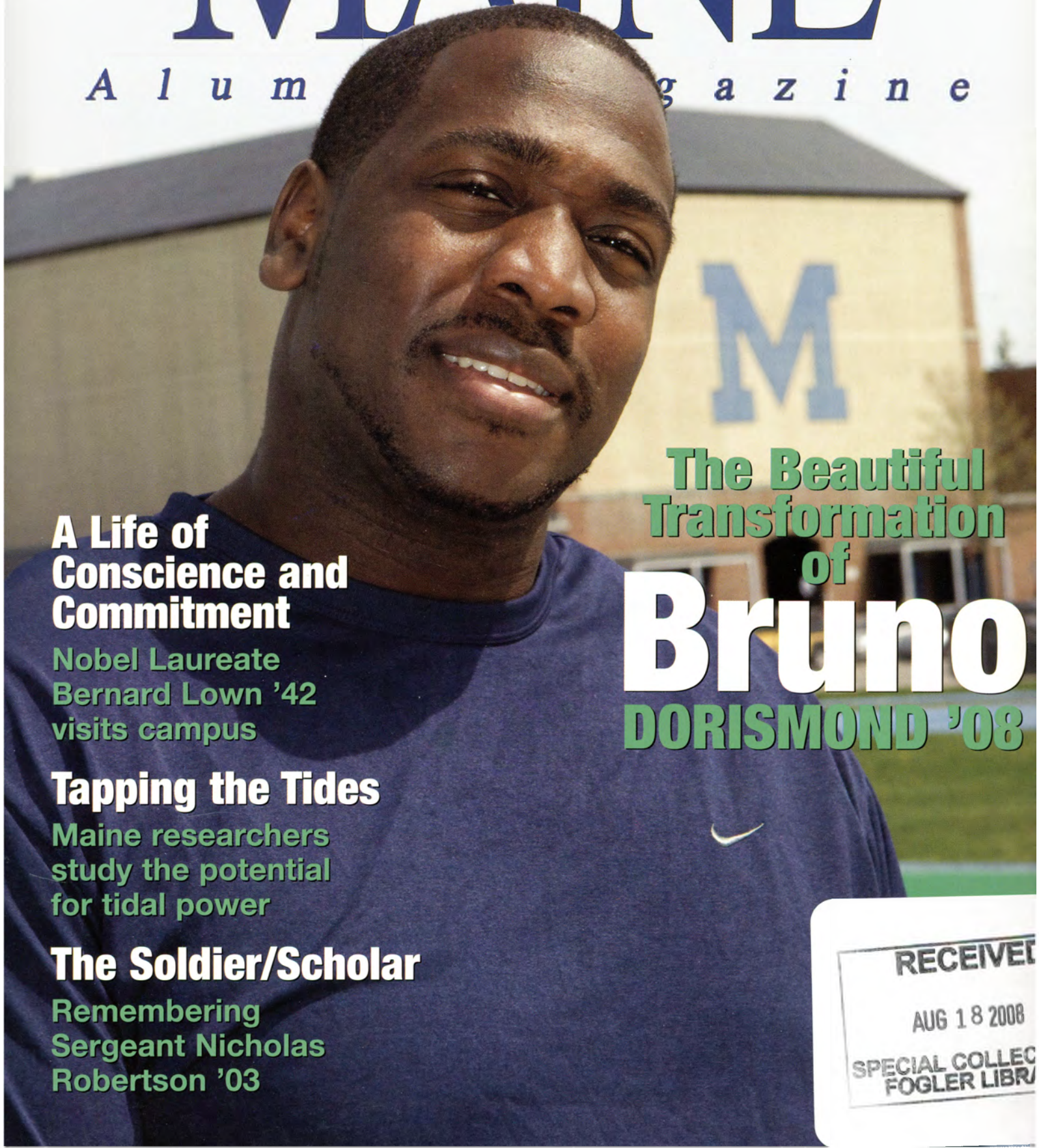
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— Laurie Liscomb '61



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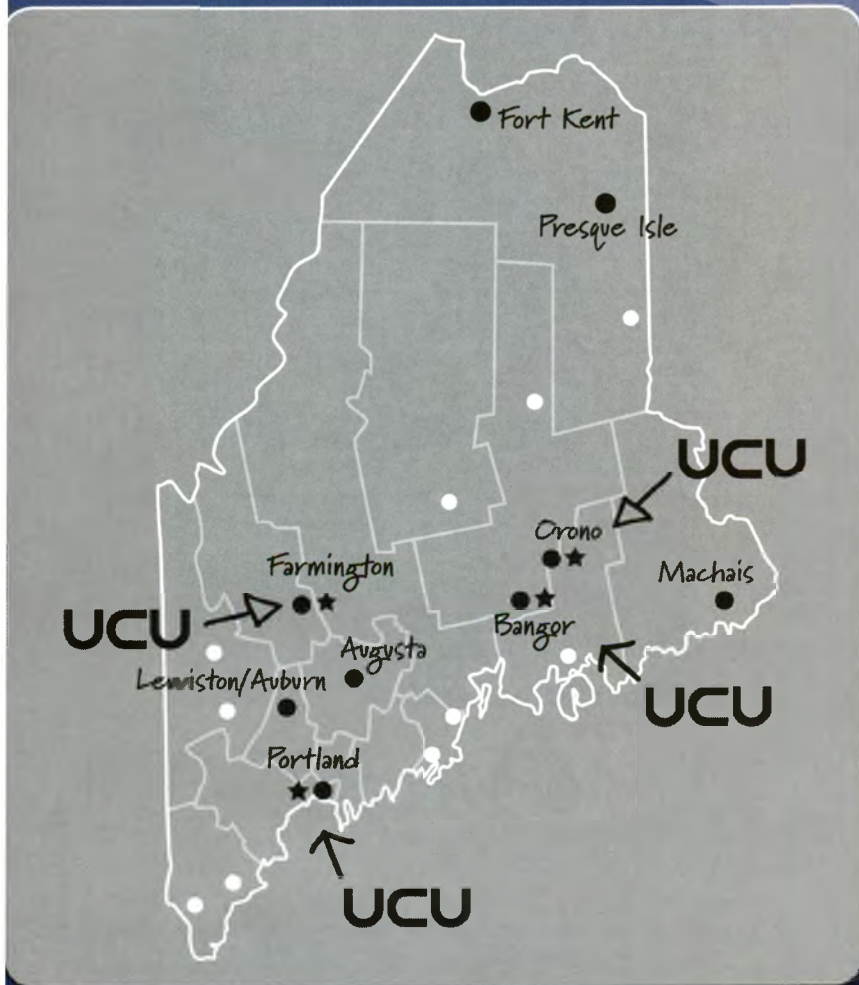
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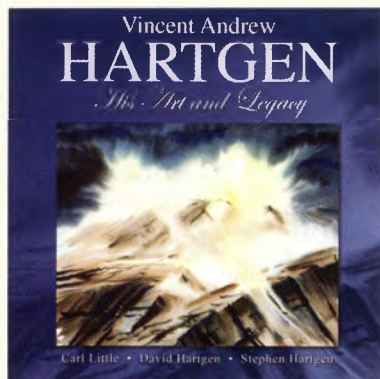
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Vincent Hartgen's Life and Art Remembered

VINCENT HARTGEN, UMaine's much-loved art teacher and the founder of the university's art department and art museum, is the subject of a new biography and art monograph.

Vincent Andrew Hartgen: His Art and Legacy, by Maine arts essayist Carl Little and the artist's two sons, David and Stephen Hartgen, is the first book-length treatment of Hartgen. It contains some 50 color plates of the artist's watercolors of Maine's seascapes and landscapes.

The book also contains Little's extended essay on Hartgen's importance as a Maine painter, his legacy as the builder of UMaine's impressive art collections, and his renown as a dynamic teacher who introduced thousands of University of Maine students to the world of fine art. The primary editor was Stephen Hartgen, a retired newspaper publisher. David Hartgen contributed the inventory of works and an essay on his father's styles.

Vincent Andrew Hartgen: His Art and Legacy is available at bookstores around the state of Maine or may be ordered directly from Wildflower Lane Publishing, 1681 Wildflower Lane, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301. You can also order by calling (208) 733-5790 or by email at Stephen_Hartgen@hotmail.com. The price is \$55 plus shipping and handling.

UMaine's Greeks Getting Greener

This past April, the UMaine Panhellenic Council passed a resolution that encourages all the university's sororities to adopt more environmentally friendly practices in their day-to-day lives as well as in their chapter rooms. The resolution was proposed by members of the Delta Zeta sorority.

"This is something that's really important to us," says Delta Zeta's chapter president, Ashley Hoskins. "One person can make a difference, but if every one of the 300 sorority women on campus starts to pitch in, we can make a significant difference."

Hoskins noted that her sorority is helping other chapters get started by giving them canvas shopping bags and compact florescent light bulbs.

The resolution states that all sororities and Panhellenic-sponsored programs will make an effort to be "green" through chapter recycling plans, community service activities, and initiatives to raise environmental awareness on campus.

Delta Zeta chapter treasurer, Stephanie Palmer, adds that going "green" will also save sororities money. "This resolution encourages us to think about the choices we're making. We also know that reducing, reusing, and recycling more means we're going to find ways to spend our money more efficiently."



Stephanie Palmer and Ashley Hoskins.

Chemical Engineering Students Take First Place

A small hydrogen-fueled vehicle built by a team of UMaine chemical engineering students took top honors at the northeast regional Chem-E-Car competition, held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

With the first-place win on March 25, the second in three years by a UMaine team, the shoebox-size car earned a slot in the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) national Chem-E-Car championships that will take place in Philadelphia in November.

The goal of the Chem-E-Car challenge is to create some form of chemical reaction that will power a student-built car as it carries a designated amount of water over a specified distance. The car that stops

closest to the finish line wins, which means the students must carefully calculate the chemical reactions to create controlled and reproducible results.

"At a time when the United States is focused on looking for alternative fuels," notes the AIChE, "the Chem-E-Car competition is an important venue for college students to learn about chemical reactions that can move vehicles."

The University of Maine hydrogen fuel cell power source and iodine chemical-clock stopping mechanism demonstrated the increased level of sophistication of the Chem-E-Car competition since it began in 1999. At that time, many cars were powered simply by a jet of liquid squirted rearward.

International Students Take Top Academic Honors

For the first time ever the top two graduates in a University of Maine class are international students. Marianne Schneider of Jena, Germany, is the Class of 2008 valedictorian and Anh Do of Hanoi, Vietnam, is class salutatorian.

Schneider completed double degrees in international affairs and economics, and two minors in French and Canadian Studies.

And she did all that in three and a half years with a 4.0 grade point average. She spent this past spring semester as an intern with the German Embassy in Washington, D.C., working in the economic affairs department.

Schneider was accepted to and received scholarships to all three universities to which she applied, but in the end



Top 2008 scholars (left to right) Anh Do and Marianne Schneider. (William Drake photo.)

she said Maine just felt like the right place for her.

"UMaine has the resources of a research university, but it feels like a small liberal arts college."

In September, Schneider will begin a master's degree program at Maastricht University in the Netherlands. Ultimately she plans to pursue a Ph.D. and work on

global economic issues.

In addition to being salutatorian, Anh Do was also the Outstanding Graduating Student in the College of Business, Public Policy, and Health.

She applied to UMaine based on what she learned about the university on the Internet. "It just made me think it was a nice place," she said.

By her junior year, Do was pursuing a double concentration in accounting and finance. She's particularly interested in investment and capital markets. She did two internships back home in Hanoi working with an auditing firm and a commercial bank.

"My country is developing and there are a lot of opportunities," Do says. "In a few years, I want to go back and work in the investment finance industry."

Inventor Doug Hall '81 Urges Graduates to Create a Better World

Master inventor Doug Hall '81 doesn't believe that his generation will ever be ranked among the greatest. And in his brief, humorous, and lively commencement address on May 10, he urged the 1,860 members of the Class of 2008 to lead a revolution against conformity. "In particular, a revolution against the thinking of me and my fellow Baby Boomers," he said.

It's not that boomers have done bad things, Hall said. "It's just that, in my opinion, we've become distracted—from turning the hopes of youth, our dreams for a better world, into reality as we've come face-to-face with the real world."

As examples, he cited the widening gap between rich and poor and a health care industry that has focused on Botox, Viagra, and gastric bypass surgery rather than broader public health issues.

He urged the graduates to consider a



Doug Hall '81 addresses UMaine graduates.

new Declaration of Independence that would take a stand against conformity.

Hall worked as a highly successful inventor for Procter & Gamble following his own graduation from UMaine. He went on to start his own company, Eureka! Ranch, which coached businesses like Disney and AT&T in fostering new product ideas and

finding creative pathways for growth. He has also remained close to his alma mater, where he has been a driving force behind the innovation engineering curriculum and the Foster Student Innovation Center.

Hall also received one of the two honorary degrees presented at the ceremonies. Class of 1975 alumna Celeste Roberge, a University of Florida faculty member who maintains a summer art studio in Maine, was the other honoree.

Approximately 11,000 family members and friends attended the split, morning and afternoon ceremonies inside the Alford Arena.

UMaine president, Robert Kennedy presided and alumni association chair John Rohman '68 welcomed the new graduates to the 95,000 strong alumni body.

A \$30 million grant will fund a cutting-edge biorefinery in Old Town.

Biofuel That Makes Environmental and Economic Sense

There's been some controversy lately about the real benefits of growing corn for ethanol production. It's been blamed for contributing to rising food prices and even food shortages. And, because of the amount of fossil fuel required to grow and convert the corn, many wonder if it will actually lead to reductions in global warming emissions or the price we pay at the pump.

What if, rather than using valuable and energy-intensive agricultural products, we could produce ethanol from forest byproducts as an actual part of the pulp manufacturing process? Trees, after all, are made of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen—just like corn and oil.

This was the challenge taken on by researchers in the department of chemical and biological engineering several years ago. In 2003 Professor Adriaan Van Heiningen developed a concept called Integrated Forest Product Refinery. The process involves the extraction of what is known as hemicellulose from the wood while preserving the fibers needed for pulp production. The hemicellulose can then be turned into sugars for fermentation to ethanol.

Because the process would be part of the pulp-making operation, the ethanol production would be more cost-effective and use far less fossil fuel than corn ethanol.

Once it was known how to make ethanol from wood, the next challenge was to be able to do it efficiently enough for commercial production. Toward that end the university received a \$6.9 million grant from the National Science Foundation, and began working in collaboration with Red Shield Environmental's Old Town plant. In late 2007, Red Shield modified its pulping operations to incorporate UMaine's pre-extraction technology, while researchers at



Chemical and biological engineering chair, Hemant Pendse, at Red Shield's Old Town plant.

the university successfully converted real wood extract into ethanol without any difficulty.

And this past April the partnership of UMaine, Red Shield, and American Process Incorporated received a \$30 million Department of Energy grant to build a pilot plant for ethanol production along with market pulp. According to University of Maine president, Robert Kennedy, it represents the largest grant ever for UMaine research and development and one of the largest ever in the state of Maine.

"This is tremendously exciting news, which demonstrates the quality and relevance of UMaine research," Kennedy said. "The development of new, renewable energy sources is critical to our future, and this grant demonstrates the great potential for creating fuel from forest bioproducts ... we are on the leading edge of this research—in fact, I believe that we are on the

cutting edge."

Kennedy praised the creativity of UMaine researchers, and gave special recognition to Professor Hemant Pendse, chair of chemical and biological engineering at the university, for leading the entire effort.

"This is the biorefinery that we have been talking about for the past four years," Pendse said. "Maine is in the lead."

He added that UMaine researchers had been preparing for this moment—taking the technology out of the research lab and applying it to a commercial operation.

Construction of the pilot plant will begin in 2009 and is expected to be operating by 2011. In addition to the goals of producing more environmentally friendly fuel and contributing to America becoming more energy independent, the operation is expected to give a needed boost to Maine's forest products industry.

Distinguished Maine Professors are Honored

TWO HIGHLY RESPECTED University of Maine professors, John Vetelino and Janice Kristo, were presented with the 2008 Distinguished Maine Professor Award (DMP) at the honors convocation on May 9. The award is given every year by the alumni association in recognition of outstanding teaching, research, and public service. It comes with a \$4,200 prize, a distinctive blazer, and a pewter medallion, all generously funded by the Class of 1942.

Vetelino, who has been with the College of Engineering for 39 years, is known for motivating his students to reach beyond the acceptable level of achievement.

He is an internationally recognized authority in the field of solid-state sensors, who just recently developed a sensor that can help detect deadly E. coli. He is a founding member of the Laboratory



2008 Distinguished Maine Professors Janice Kristo and John Vetelino.

for Surface Science and Technology and is well known for his interdisciplinary efforts with other researchers. All together he has brought in more than \$25 million in grants and helped develop four small businesses related to UMaine research.

And through his NSF-funded GK-12 Sensors! program UMaine graduate students help teach middle and high school students.

Janice Kristo has taught in the College of Education and Human Development for 34 years, where her courses are routinely rated among the university's best. Her approach to teaching is to be a catalyst—to launch her students into new ways of thinking about teaching kids to read.

Kristo is a renowned authority in the field of children's literature and her published works have impacted literacy education throughout America as well as internationally.

Her public service record is also exemplary. She gives generously of her time to her college, the university, and the greater community. Most significantly perhaps, she is well known for the assistance she gives to Maine teachers in helping assess their students' needs.

Kristo has been recognized by the New England Reading Association and in 2006 she was nominated for the Faculty of the Year Award by the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

UMaine on iTunes

Last January, the University of Maine became one of 37 colleges and universities nationwide to become what Apple describes as "a campus that never sleeps."

UMaine now is on iTunes U, a free, web-based content distribution system hosted by Apple that enables colleges and universities to make audio and video material from lectures, interviews, books, and other sources more available with the ease of the iTunes Store.

Students and other users can download the free content to their Mac or PC, transfer the information to their iPod or other MP3 player, and listen to or view university-related information anywhere and at any time. For UMaine, the initial content will include *UMaine Today* magazine features and institutional videos.

iTunes U will also allow the university to reach a larger audience via Apple's popular iTunes interface.



Phi Kappa Sigma Lease Signing

Shawn Harris '91, '03G signs a new lease agreement with UMaine on behalf of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. Looking on is Phi Kappa Sigma member Nathan McLaughlin '98 (left) and dean of students Robert Dana '80. The lease signing represents a lot of hard work by fraternity members and the commitment the university is making to Greek organizations on campus.

UMaine students devote spring break to assessing water problems.

Helping in Honduras

During last year's Alternative Spring Break, University of Maine civil engineering majors Heather Martin and Lee Rand joined a group of other UMaine students visiting a small, poor community in Honduras as part of a Spanish language service-learning break.



UMaine Engineers Without Borders members, front: Mike Parker and Jean MacRae (faculty advisor). Back (left to right): Kelly McGuirl, Lee Rand, and Liz Zelnick.

While some in the group led by Spanish professor Kathleen March worked with orphans, handed out toothbrushes and toothpaste in schools, and volunteered in nursing homes and health clinics, the engineering students looked at water and sanitation problems in the tiny village of Dulce Vivir, part of the community of Dulce Nombre in western Honduras.

"Seeing how most people lived—the water they drank, the food they got, even the houses they lived in was a shock," Rand said. "They had a massive disease problem stemming from insufficient outhouses."

When they returned to campus, Martin and Rand helped establish a UMaine chapter of Engineers Without Borders (UM-EWB) and embarked on a three-year project to see how UMaine students could help with water

and sanitation improvements in Dulce Nombre.

This spring, March led her fifth visit to the area, this time with 13 students. They included four members of UM-EWB—Mike Parker, Brandon Newman, Elizabeth Zelnick, and Kelly McGuirl.

Engineers Without Borders offers an opportunity for a transformative experience "where students and the rest of us get to see what is really going on in the world," says Jean MacRae, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering and UM-EWB advisor.

For this past spring's trip, UM-EWB collaborated with the university's Central American Service Association (CASA). Under March's leadership, CASA has participated in service projects in the community since 2004, which included supporting the construction and development of a library and a healthcare clinic.

In addition to the efforts of the engineering students this spring, nursing students offered medical expertise and the Spanish language students provided the communication bridge between their peers and the local community.

The Benefits of Vitamin D

Healthy levels of vitamin D provide significant protection against several cancers. That's the finding of University of Maine researchers who did a literature survey of vitamin D studies conducted in the past 37 years.

"These studies find that the higher the UV exposure, dietary intake, and serum level of 25(OH) D, the lower the incidence and mortality from cancers of the breast, colon, lung, pancreas, and prostate, as well as melanoma and Hodgkin's lymphoma," write researchers Betty Ingraham, Beth Bragdon, and Anja Nohe in the journal *Current Medical Research and Opinion*.

Vitamin D obtained from diet, supplements, and sunlight is essential in cell growth and function.

Nearly all studies indicate that most people do not get a sufficient amount of vitamin D. The clinical research community is now revising upwards the recommendations for vitamin D from sunlight, diet, and supplements. Most researchers in the field now believe that intakes of 1,000 to 4,000 IU per day would promote optimum wellness.

Junior Earns Prestigious Truman Scholarship

A University of Maine junior from Hampden is one of just 65 college students in the country to be named a 2008 Truman Scholar. Erin McKenzie, an accounting major who served for 10 years in the Air Force before enrolling at UMaine, is an aspiring attorney who plans to practice family law. She is the second UMaine Truman Scholar, following 1998 awardee Scott Labby. Nearly 600 top students applied for the scholarships.

The Harry Truman Scholarship Foundation looks for juniors with "exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in ... public service." The foundation provides financial support for graduate work or other pursuits.

Community Support for Student-Grown Produce

This past spring the University of Maine's Black Bear Food Guild had 35 membership shares for sale. All the shares were soon sold and others, who had hoped to be part of the community-supported agriculture project, had to be turned away.

From June to October, the guild supplies subscribers with fresh, organically grown produce ranging from salad greens to winter squash. At the height of the growing season and harvest, nearly 700 pounds of produce a week are available from the two-acre plot at UMaine's Rogers Farm. It can mean long days of



Hayley Williams at Rogers Farm.

hard work for the UMaine students who are involved, but they know their efforts are much appreciated by members.

Hayley Williams '09, the student manager of the guild last summer, noted that the interaction with members built pride

in the group.

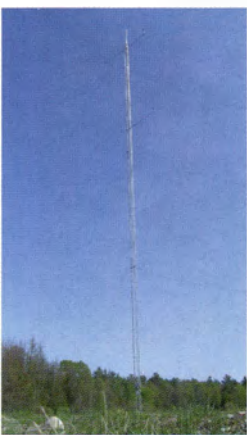
"We learned that they didn't just want fresh vegetables, but a program reflecting local values and interconnectedness," she said. She added that while the experience was a bit "overwhelming," it was also "life-changing."

The guild, an initiative of UMaine's sustainable agriculture program (one of the first in the country) was developed in 1994 by students who were looking for more hands-on experience.

"I learned perseverance and teamwork," said Elonnai Hickok '10, who helped run the guild with Williams and Britta Jinson '10 last year. "And I gained a greater understanding and respect for the whole process of farming." She added that she thinks sustainable farming "brings people together," and is healthier for the consumer and the environment.

This summer's guild is being conducted by University of Maine students Stephanie Sosinski, David Merrill, and David LaMarche.

UMaine Helping Businesses, Towns, Institutions Assess Wind Potential



The University of Maine and a state energy efficiency program have acquired two anemometers, devices used to measure wind speed and determine whether an area is a good location for a wind turbine.

The Maine Public Utilities Commission's Efficiency Maine Program and UMaine are accepting applications from schools, towns, businesses, and nonprofits that want to borrow the anemometers to assess potential for small-scale wind projects designed to generate up to 500 kilowatts of electricity.

The program was created to aid in the development of small, community-scale wind projects. Residential applicants are not eligible.

"Wind generators are a big investment and we've received requests from citizens about how to get more wind data," said Public Utilities commissioner Sharon Reishus. "We know that Maine has tremendous wind resources—the most in New England—that have not yet been captured."

The anemometers were bought with a \$50,000 grant from the Department of Energy.

UMaine engineering students set up one of the anemometers in a field on campus for demonstration purposes. It is a slim metal tower that stands 98.4 feet high and measures wind speed and direction.

When an anemometer is loaned out, engineering students will collect the data and write reports to provide clients with information regarding the availability of wind at the site. That information will also be made public at the Efficiency Maine web site.

The anemometer remains at a site for up to 12 months. Landowners are responsible for the equipment while it is at their site.

The university will conduct preliminary assessments of applicants using available wind resource data from the area to determine which applicants' sites are suitable to move on in the application process.

Applicants must show they have the means and intention to establish a working wind turbine at the location if the anemometer shows sufficient wind capacity.

For more information visit www.efficiencymaine.com.

(Story by Anne Ravana, courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.)

The Beautiful Transformation of

Bruno Dorismond '08

Misunderstood and misdiagnosed in high school, he overcame learning problems and very long odds to truly earn his University of Maine degree.

By Jenn Menendez



In their one-room apartment in the projects of East Orange, New Jersey, Mary Milord promised her boy a better life. His own bedroom in their next home, an American education, a life better than hers.

Her mind was heavy with memories of her youth in Haiti, her early exit from high school. She ached from the long hours she worked. Cut to December 2007.

Bruno Dorismond strides down the concrete sidewalk at the University of Maine in Orono, his weight landing squarely on patches of ice and slush, the tall pines and brick buildings of campus rise up around him.

He is a bear of a man in stature, a 283-pound defensive lineman, but with soft brown eyes and a smile that comes easy. He is on his way to class; he has no notebook, not even a pen.

Years ago Dorismond was diagnosed as an auditory learner—a breakthrough that followed a string of dead ends in the classroom for a young man who nearly did not play college football because his transcripts were so bad.

In high school, he struggled to complete a written sentence and retained very little from even small passages in a textbook. But through hard work and the aid of tutors, Dorismond raised his grades enough that Coach Jack Cosgrove offered him a scholarship to play football at Maine—a life-changing deal that came with a few caveats.

Special tutoring sessions on campus would start at 6:30 a.m. each day.

The regimented life he would witness of teammates would pale in comparison to what he would have to do to stay afloat academically to remain eligible as an NCAA athlete.

Over the next four and a half years, as he leveled tackles on the football field, a transformation took place in the classroom.



On December 19, 2007, Dorismond took his last final exam, a test for a sociology course that completed his major in child development and family relations.

When his grades were finalized, Dorismond became a college graduate. The son of a Haitian immigrant who had so many reasons to give up, never did.

"It's kind of like that wilted flower that comes to life," said Cosgrove. "When he was a firstyear I didn't think he'd survive. He was just so shy. Eyes on the ground. He'd say 'hi' if you said 'hi.' Now he grabs me in the hallway, asks if I have a minute to talk. It's so different for Bruno. It's such a sense of accomplishment for us."

EARLY SIGNS OF TROUBLE

Bruno Dorismond was born in 1985 in New Jersey, and lived there until age three with his mother and father.

His father eventually left, probably for the best his son believes today. Mary Milord and her son moved to Brooklyn, New York, for a time to be near relatives.

When he was six or seven, Bruno and his mom moved to New Canaan, Connecticut, an affluent town in one of the

country's richest counties.

Milord landed a job as a housekeeper. It came with a room at her employer's home for Bruno and her to live in.

Young Bruno spoke mostly Haitian Creole.

Early on, said Milord, teachers struggled to understand her son. He was diagnosed with attention deficit disorder and put on Ritalin.

By middle school he was speaking English, but his reading and writing ability were troublingly behind the norm of kids his age.

He hated taking the medication and stopped.

"One of his teacher said not every kid go to college," said Milord, in her thick Caribbean accent. "I keep telling him that's one thing you have to work harder to prove people wrong. I find another job to get tutor for him. Even though I had to work 16 hours a day, seven days a week."

He was painfully shy and quiet as a mouse. He was one of few minority students in his town.

Enter sports.

It was the one area that seemed to come naturally to Bruno.

He wrestled—eventually becoming a state champion—swam, played basketball, baseball ... and then found football in high school.

He progressed on the field, but his work in the classroom remained troublesome.

Because he was a likable kid and expectations were low, said his high school coach Lou Marinelli, he seemed to keep slipping through.

Because he was so quiet, some teachers and guidance counselors thought he might be mentally disabled, Marinelli said.

"He came out for freshman football, was a bigger kid, a little awkward because he hadn't grown into his body yet. But you could see he had some ability. And he would do anything you said."

Through the years Bruno and Marinelli developed a father-and-son-like bond.

Marinelli recalls Bruno not showing for an early-morning summer practice one August. Marinelli wasn't happy.

Opposite page photo: The football team's defensive assistant, Jermaine Walker '06, (right) congratulates Bruno Dorismond the day before graduation. (Photo by William Drake.)

He confronted Bruno, who said he missed practice because his mother was at work and he didn't have a ride.

"I said Bruno, you live a mile away, why don't you get on your bike and come on up," said Marinelli. "I was really kind of testing him. From that point he was always on his bike. It was just a little thing, but a sign."

ROLLING THE DICE

At the end of his junior year, still struggling in school, but now filled into his body, Dorismond drew interest from a few college football teams.

Among them, was a faraway place in Orono, Maine.

Former defensive coordinator Rich Nagy, now at Murray State, knew Marinelli and trusted his judgment of talent.

He went down to visit with Dorismond to see if Maine could use him. He liked what he saw on the field, but cringed at how Dorismond performed in the classroom.

Nagy brokered a deal: If Dorismond could right his grades at a year of prep school, Maine would find a spot for him.

"To be honest I didn't think he'd be able to get himself eligible," said Nagy.

A well-to-do parent had offered to pay the young man's way at prep school.

But when Cosgrove joined Nagy at the bargaining table to finalize the arrangement, things took a turn. Cosgrove heard the plan his coach and high school principal had in place to help Dorismond work to get his grades up. There would be tutors, mentors, long hours of studying. Something told him the kid was worth the risk. Cosgrove offered a scholarship on the spot, as long as Dorismond completed the requirements.

"It threw me when Jack made that statement," said Nagy. "Then we had to follow through. To his credit and the school's credit, there was no easy way for him. He had to do a lot of work with tutors, mentors. He got it done."

Looking back, Cosgrove remembers

feeling like a gambler.

"You've gotta roll the dice sometimes," said Cosgrove. "Stephen Cooper '03 (a Maine player now an NFL linebacker) didn't have the most glowing academic records either. We took a risk here. And there's no doubt it might not have worked out."

Milord was sold on the plan because of the education they promised her son would get at Maine.

She also liked the distance between Orono and New Canaan.

"I say I don't want school close to home," said Milord. "I know every second, stuff going bad he will just call me to come and

"Right now I don't have any penny in the bank. I tell everybody I'm a rich woman. For him to finish college and hope to go to graduate school, there's no words I could tell you to express this. It's the best present any mother could have."

take him. I don't drive more than two hours. He know no way I will go back and forth to Maine for him."

NO TURNING BACK

That summer Marinelli drove Dorismond north on I-95, sensing the fear in the young man's demeanor.

He was leaving the comfort of his mother and the town that so richly helped him along.

"His coach drove him up and dropped him off. He said, 'He's yours now,'" recalls Nagy. "I remember saying, 'Your coach drove you up here but I ain't driving you back. Your only choice is to make it.'"

In Orono there was no home cooking. No Haitian takeout, not even Jamaican food.

Dorismond tried to settle into the rigors of what lay before him.

Like all freshmen on the Maine football team, he was required to check in with the coaching staff before reporting to morning class.

But more was required of Dorismond. He had to arrive at 6:30 a.m. for an hour or two of studying before classes started.

After each class he had to meet with an academic tutor to go over what he learned. By 2 p.m. it was time to report for position team meetings. Practice started around 3, and was followed by a team meal and study hall.

Dorismond would not finish his day until 10 p.m., weary and homesick in those early years on campus.

Back home in Connecticut, a few of his friends were working day jobs. One answered phones at a cable company, another made \$35 a day as a busboy, a third drove a limo. Others, back in New Jersey and New York, were up to worse.

"It was frustrating," said Dorismond. "I was really killing myself. But I had no other choice. It was this or be like one of my friends."

As time passed, it became clear that if Dorismond spent his class scribbling down notes he would not retain a thing.

He was diagnosed as an auditory learner and began to receive help from an academic assistant who would take notes for him during lectures.

After each class he would bring the notes to Myer Taksel, the academic counselor provided to athletes.

The pair would meet in a small room between the football offices and the training room inside the field house to go over the notes, talk them out, relate subjects to things Dorismond would understand.

Of 480 student-athletes at Maine, Dorismond was the only one who had an entire shelf in Taksel's room to keep items the pair needed to study.

"He was a miserable writer, an average reader, and an exceptional talker," said Taksel.

"He compensates for his deficits in pretty incredible ways. The more you work with

him, the more you fall in love with the kid."

According to Taksel, Dorismond has the memory of an elephant and the skills of a salesman.

Taksel swears Dorismond would make a million dollars a year working in public relations for the right company.

Along the way, Dorismond grew close to many of his professors. None would give him an easy way out, but most worked to find ways to help lessons fit into the right learning style for him.

"All the problems I had have slowly gone away," said Dorismond. "I can read. I can write a decent paper. Math, thank God I don't have to do a lot of that."

Last spring, Dorismond earned a 3.92 grade-point average and made the dean's list.

A GEM OF A PERSON

In the fall of his senior football season he was voted as one of the team captains. The Black Bears went just 4-7 and the disappointment of the season hung heavy on Dorismond.

But his individual performance at defensive tackle helped anchor the team's defensive line. He made 37 tackles, 3 1/2 for losses. He recovered a pair of fumbles in a key 35-0 shutout over Rhode Island in November, and was a leader off the field.

Against Towson last season, Dorismond landed a sack so crushing on quarterback Sean Schaefer that it was briefly unclear when Schaefer would recover.

"This is a classic case of lifting up a rock or boulder and finding a gem of a person and football player," said Cosgrove. "He was a very productive player on the field. That's where it starts. Make no mistake about it. But he's a hard worker. He's responded in class. He listens. He takes advice."

After football season, Dorismond had just a few weeks left of class.

Back on that winter day as he bounded along the sidewalk, a girl in a wheelchair flagged him down some 200 feet away. She needed help negotiating the snowy ground, and Dorismond ran to assist her. He pushed her to the building's ramp, where she took

over.

Inside his sociology class of some 50 students, he squeezed his large frame into a chair with an attached desk.

He never took a single note, but retained the gist of his professor's message and spoke easily of the lesson afterward.

It was his final class.

"The only school willing to give me a chance was Maine after they saw my grades," said Dorismond.

His plan is to continue to work out and pursue a professional football career.

If that dream doesn't materialize, he has plans to go to graduate school to get a master's degree that will allow him to work with special-needs kids. He has a minor in sociology.

"Without this I'd probably be a bouncer or a security guard somewhere," said Dorismond. "Football opened the door for me. But after that you've got to work. Football doesn't do everything."

GRADUATION DAY

When the Class of 2008 marched through Alford Stadium on May 10, there was a 283-pound defensive lineman with soft brown eyes and an easy smile.

In the stands was a small contingent of supporters who believed in him—Martinelli and his wife, teammates, friends, and some of the university staff who watched him grow.

The miles traveled will not likely matter to Mary Milord, the proud woman, who a very long time ago promised her boy a better life.

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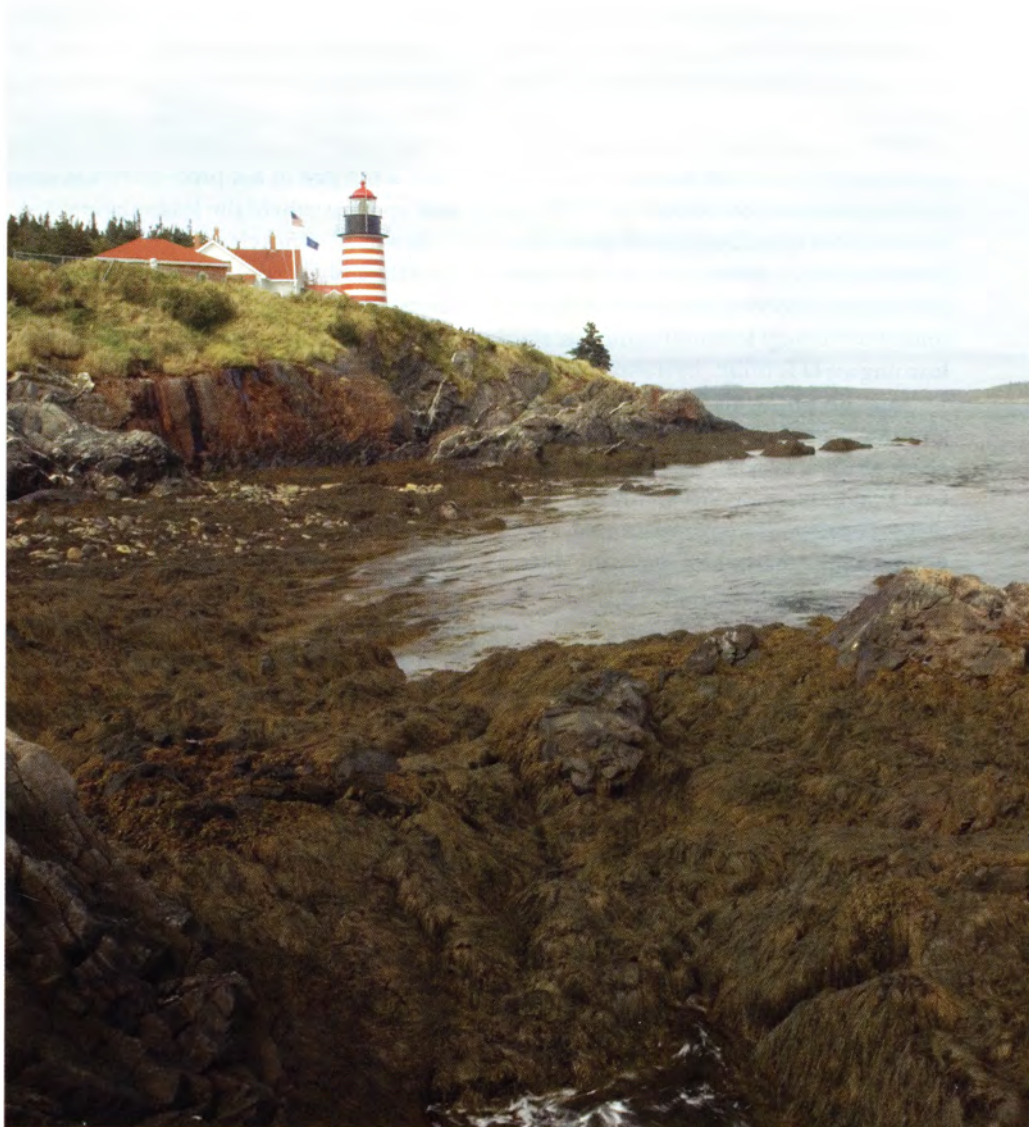
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Tapping The Tides

University of Maine researchers are studying the potential for turning Maine's tidal flows into electricity. With fossil fuel prices soaring and climate change on everyone's mind, their timing couldn't be better.



By Tom Weber '74

Photo of the West Quoddy Head Lighthouse by Michael Westhoff. Some of the most promising areas for tidal power are off the coast of Washington County.

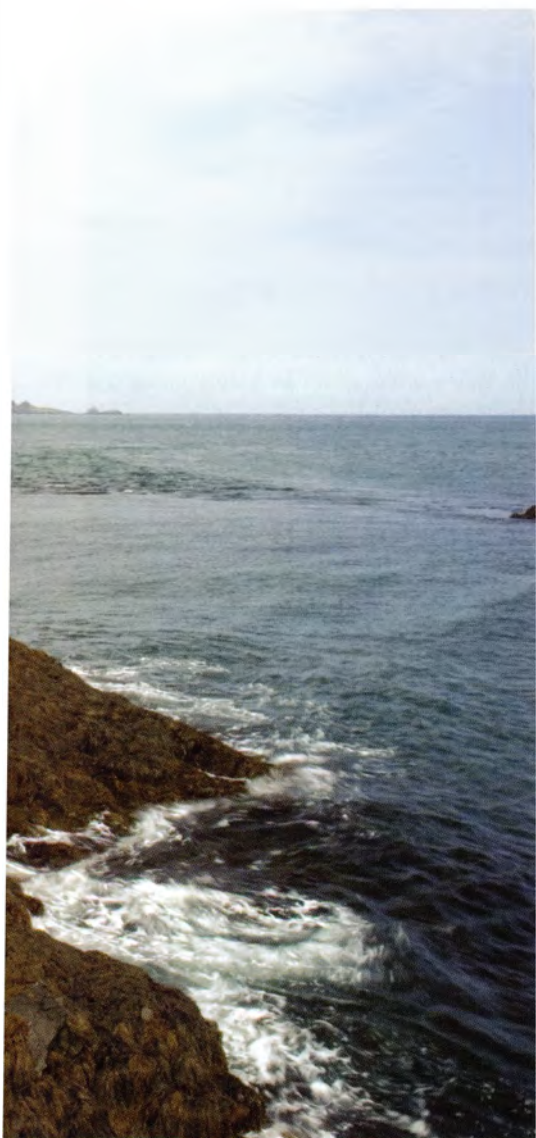
THE TIMELESS TUG of the moon on the sea has long been a source of personal and professional fascination for Huijie Xue.

The University of Maine oceanographer grew up in Zhejiang Province, a coastal region of China that is home to that country's largest tidal range. The extraordinary surging tides of the Qiantang River, comparable in magnitude to those of the Amazon, every year draw thousands of people to witness this magnificent natural spectacle.

"I've always been very interested in tidal power. It is what got me started as an

oceanographer," says Xue, who is now leading a group of UMaine researchers who are eager to explore the many facets of tidal power generation. Their hope is to make UMaine a leading source of public information about the nascent technology and its role in the larger energy picture for the state and the nation.

"The University of Maine is uniquely positioned to approach this kind of work," says Michael "Mick" Peterson, Libra Foundation Professor of Engineering and a member of the campus initiative. "We've got all the pieces right here. I don't think



Maine to California are scrambling to refine new, greener technologies that could turn the tides into sources of clean, renewable, predictable, and relatively low-cost energy.

Last year, a study by the California-based Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) of several potential tidal plant sites in North America determined that some of the most promising are off the coast of Washington County in Maine, specifically Cobscook Bay and the Western Passage of Passamaquoddy Bay, an inlet of the Bay of Fundy.

According to study project leader Roger Bedard, Maine's "world-class tidal resource," with its enormous range of 9 feet to 30 feet, is capable of producing electricity at a cost of 4.2 cents to 6.5 cents per kilowatt hour.

The report sparked a torrent of interest in the region among would-be tidal power developers, including the Passamaquoddy tribe, an engineer from Trescott, Maine, and Florida-based Ocean Renewable Power Company (ORPC), which began testing its one-third scale prototype turbine in December in the powerful tidal flows of the Western Passage near Eastport.

ORPC received a \$300,000 development award from the Maine Technology Institute to engineer its \$1 million turbine module prototype, which the company thinks can generate as much as 25 kilowatts of power in a 6-knot current.

Although one of the proposed projects involves the use of a tidal dam or barrage, reminiscent of FDR's abandoned Depression-era project, the others are banking on a newer technology known as tidal in-stream energy conversion. A relative newcomer to the renewable energy field, it uses submerged turbines with blades turned by

the currents in much the same way that wind moves turbines on land. Unlike wind or solar power, however, tidal power is entirely predictable; the position of the sun and the moon tells you just how much energy will be available, and when.

Yet because the technology is still in its infancy, similar to where wind power was two decades ago, tidal power poses many economic and environmental questions that scientists and regulators will have to answer before commercial projects can be successfully added to the renewable energy mix.

For instance, what turbine designs and materials are best suited to withstand the

force of Maine's ocean tides? How will they be anchored to a seafloor whose composition can vary greatly from site to site? While one turbine submerged in a channel might not have a significant effect on the tidal flow and the local marine life it supports, what about an array of 200 or more that might be needed to generate enough power to make a commercial project economically viable?

Because much of the newest turbine technology is proprietary, gathering critical data to help

educate the public about the devices and their possible effects on the marine ecosystem is a challenge that UMaine researchers hope to undertake in conjunction with Maine Maritime Academy in Castine.

MMA was recently issued a three-year preliminary permit by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to pursue its plans to establish a Tidal Energy Device Evaluation Center and to set up associated educational and research opportunities for students and faculty. The center would allow scientists to study what effects the turbines might have on the animal and plant life in the Bagaduce River in Castine, and

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Their timing could not be better.

People have long dreamed of the energy-generating potential of tides. In the 1930s, President Franklin Roosevelt backed an ambitious scheme to build a series of tidal power dams between Maine and Canada, but the project was eventually scuttled by a skeptical Congress.

But now, with concerns about record-high energy costs, our nation's dependence on imported oil, and the dire implications of global climate change, developers from

perhaps apply that knowledge to other marine waterways where tidal energy projects are proposed.

"People are rushing to build right now without having the basic science," says Jarlath McEntee, the center's interim director. "With its focus on marine engineering and marine science, and its business school, MMA can bring certain skill sets to the table. But the research and development efforts are more appropriate for the University of Maine."

At UMaine, Huijie Xue began using sophisticated 3D computer models to examine the circulation characteristics of Cobscook Bay. Her goal was to determine how waste from aquaculture operations and oil from a tanker spill might be dispersed.

When EPRI was doing its survey of potential commercial tidal power sites in Maine, Xue and her student, Danya Xu, provided maps outlining the areas of highest density where turbines would be able

to extract the most energy. Xue also is running longer-term computations for New Brunswick, Canada, energy officials to show how density distribution in the Quoddy region changes over time and how often it peaks.

"All of this is important to industry so they can set the system operation schedule for optimal power generation," Xue says.

EPRI estimates that about 15 percent of the tide's energy can be safely extracted

UMaine students address a critical component of tidal technology.

A Turbine Propeller to Withstand the Storms of Fundy

Since last fall, Jacob Folz and five other mechanical engineering students have been working on the design, construction, and testing of a tidal turbine propeller, a critical component of renewable energy technology that many people believe could one day help reduce our crippling dependence on imported oil.

Folz, a fifth-year senior from West Paris, Maine, and a starting guard and tackle for the UMaine football team the past two seasons, happens to be one of those believers.

With completion of the senior capstone project and graduation last semester, Folz is preparing to move to Texas, where he'll begin his new job as a field engineer with a company that makes high-temperature sensors for ... oil drilling operations.

"Oh, yeah, I certainly can see the irony in that," Folz says with a grin after a long afternoon of tidal turbine engineering work in Crosby Laboratory.

Having read about harmful greenhouse gases and the various renewable energy sources that could help curb them one day, Folz is practical enough to realize that a transition to cleaner power will be a long and challenging process.

"There is no one silver bullet," he says. "Wind power is fine, but it clutters up the skyline. The efficiency of solar panels is low. So there has to be a combination of lots of small things, and it will be a long time before we can rely on them enough to significantly reduce our dependence on oil."

A 2006 energy study that determined Maine to be a "world-class tidal resource" has generated excitement among would-be developers and hopeful state energy officials eager to explore its

potential. Yet the technology necessary to harness the power of the tides is still in its infancy, which adds significance to the tidal turbine research of the UMaine engineering students.

Scott Lessard and Russell Dunn made up the turbine construction team, while the testing and application of the device fell to Folz, Eric Martin, Richard Peale, and Patrick Bates. The turbine propeller was tested in the university's tow tank using a dynamometer to measure drag force. Folz wrote the data acquisition system that will take raw voltage data and convert it into force, or rpms, to determine how much power can be extracted from a given flow of water.

Building a device durable enough to withstand the storms of the Fundy region and the debris that might be sluicing through its tidal currents is an important element of the students' work.

The project required them also to consider several factors that are not directly related to the mechanics of designing the components themselves. There are critical environmental issues, such as the turbine blades' possible effect on marine life, and questions about whether the device would

interfere with shipping lanes or commercial fishing and recreational boats.

"One of the main obstacles is that there's so little data available," says Folz, who has also studied internal combustion engines and thermodynamics while at UMaine. "The power is in the water, we know that. The problem is how do we harness it without harming the ecosystem or the fishing industry. A lot of questions remain."



Three generations of UMO Alumni



Doug & Joyce Morton moved from Connecticut to Dirigo Pines last summer, but they were no strangers to the area, nor are their children or their grandchildren. There are now three generations of Mortons who have attended or are currently attending the University of Maine and even a high schooler considering it too.

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without disrupting the current flow and, as a result, the marine life in it. But a real-world tidal power operation, perhaps with rows of submerged turbines turning in a channel, could complicate the picture in ways that science has yet to understand.

"We should investigate whether slowing the current in the Western Passage, for example, would change flows in other passages in the Quoddy region," Xue says.

And that's where Kiran Bhaganagar comes in. An assistant professor of mechanical engineering, she is one of only 20 or so people in the world skilled in a computer modeling technique called direct numerical simulation (DNS). Using a geometrical mesh, with some 10 million grid points, DNS allows her to simulate flow around physical structures. In her lab, a supercomputer running nonstop for two or three days can determine the velocity of fluid motions, despite severe turbulence, from which power is extracted.

Turbines can then be introduced into the equation to determine how they alter

the character of the current.

"We got interested in this because no one had looked before at how flow is affected around a turbine," Bhaganagar says. "In reality, there is much large-scale mixing and activity going on. This is very critical for fish, so we're looking at what would be an optimal turbine system."

She believes that coupling her data with Xue's ocean circulation model would create an extraordinarily valuable resource for the development and teaching of tidal energy.

"Everyone here at the university now wants to look at the same problem from all different angles," she says. "We're trying an extensive collaboration. Science to technology may take two to three years of vigorous work, but then we'd have the software that companies could use. This could bring new industry and jobs to Maine."

In Mick Peterson's lab, mechanical engineering graduate student Ronnie Oliver '06, who is being advised by UMaine me-

chanical engineer Michael Boyle and Rich Kimball of MMA, is working on a computer model of a propeller design that can be adapted for use as a tidal turbine. Undergraduate students used the model to build a turbine and test its power-generating potential in a 120-foot tow tank.

Meanwhile, at the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center, Robert Lindyberg '97G, '00 Ph.D., the assistant director for boatbuilding and composites, is working with his industry partners to identify tidal generation systems with the potential to use composite materials in their designs.

"When you consider global warming and the finite supply of oil, renewables will dominate the energy discussion in the years to come," Peterson says. "It's important now for the University of Maine and Maine Maritime Academy to contribute to and benefit from this new direction."

(Story courtesy of UMaine Today magazine.)

A Life of Conscience and Commitment

World-renowned cardiologist and Nobel Peace laureate Bernard Lown '42 returns to his campus and challenges students to speak out for peace and justice.

Seventy years ago, Bernard Lown '42 arrived on the University of Maine campus to begin his college career. His family had immigrated to Auburn, Maine, from Lithuania, and the 17-year-old UMaine freshman still spoke very limited English. One administrator told him that if he tried hard he could be a "C" student.

It soon became evident, however, that Lown was a student with significantly greater potential. He became part of the university's honors program—reading the "Great Books" and conducting experiments in the fledgling new science of genetics.

He would go on to become a pioneering, world-renowned cardiologist, a professor at Harvard Medical School, a Nobel Peace laureate, and arguably, the most significant graduate in the history of the University of Maine.

"The honors program made me revel in the world of ideas," Lown recalled. "My years at the university were decisively formative ones and provided me with good preparation for medical school."

In March, Lown, still inquisitive and energetic at 87, was invited back to the UMaine campus to share the story of his inspiring life as well as his views on the critical issues facing our global society.

Lown had returned to his alma mater a number of times over the years—to receive



By Jim Frick

Photo by Michael Mardosa '73

an honorary degree, the Alumni Career Award, a Stillwater Society Award, and the first Bernard Lown '42 Alumni Humanitarian Award—established by the alumni association in his honor.

But this visit was significantly different because it afforded him an opportunity to directly engage, challenge, and hopefully inspire current UMaine students.

During his two-day stay, Lown enjoyed breakfast with students at the Honors College and participated in a number of panel discussions on topics ranging from medical ethics to world peace. On March 26, at the featured event of his visit, he received an extended standing ovation for his TIAA-CREFDistinguished Honors Graduate Lecture.

"The response to Dr. Lown's visit and lecture was very, very positive from both students and faculty," noted Honors College dean, Charlie Slavin. "He's not afraid to challenge people directly about the need to get involved—about not standing on the sidelines."

Lown's challenge to "get involved" carries weight because for his entire life he has courageously confronted injustice, inhumanity, and complacency. He talked about many of his experiences in his UMaine lecture.

One of the first incidents that awakened Lown's social consciousness came at medical school at Johns Hopkins University. Until he arrived in Baltimore, the 22-year-old had never seen a black person. Baltimore had a significant black population, but the school was largely segregated and there were no black doctors on the Johns Hopkins faculty or at its hospital.

And when he was assigned to work at the hospital's blood bank, he found that even the blood was segregated.

"There was always a shortage of 'white' blood and a surplus of 'colored' blood," he remembered. "I thought this was crazy so I relabeled some of the 'colored' blood with a 'W' and suddenly we had plenty of 'white' blood."

The word eventually got out about what Lown was doing and he was quickly, but not quietly, expelled from the medical

school. His fellow students protested the dismissal and eventually the White House got involved, pressuring Johns Hopkins to have Lown reinstated.

"But, sadly, the segregation of blood remained until the 1950s," Lown said.

The incident taught him that "change requires solidarity."

As he moved on to his career as a physician, Lown would fight more battles against what he once termed "intractable, conventional thinking."

In the 1950s, one conventional thought prevalent in medicine was that there was no answer to sudden coronary death. There was little support for research on the syndrome, despite the fact that it was a leading killer.

Now, when someone tells Bernard Lown that there is no answer to a problem, it only inspires him to go ahead and solve it.

Lown knew from previous studies that sudden coronary death was caused by heart rhythm disorders. At the time, the use of electric shock on the heart of a still-living patient was considered an extremely radical procedure. But Lown challenged the conventional thinking and successfully developed and pioneered the use of a defibrillator for restoring a deranged heart rhythm to normal.

Later, Lown and his colleagues introduced the use of lidocaine to protect heart attack victims from fatal cardiac electrical failure. Together, the use of defibrillation and lidocaine became standard medical practice and have saved an inestimable number of lives throughout the world.

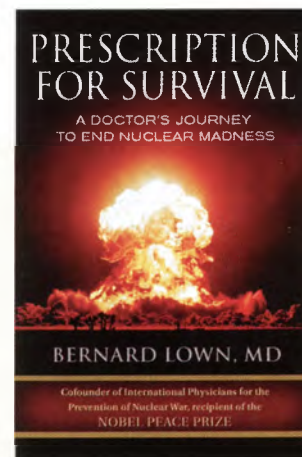
It was also in the early 1960s, that Lown began to be concerned about the escalating arms race and the threat of nuclear war.

"I realized then that sudden nuclear death was the greatest threat there is to humanity," he said.

He got a group of like-minded doctors together (the group later formed into the Physicians for Social Responsibility) and raised the question of how they could help reverse the course of the nuclear arms race.

"We decided to shock the public into awareness of what could happen," he said.

The group began to do research and



Battling the Disease of Militarism

Bernard Lown '42 starts his just published memoir, *Prescription for Survival: A Doctor's Journey to End Nuclear Madness*, with this lament: "How close we came to extinction, and it is forgotten now." What he is referring to was the tension existing in 1984 when relations between the Soviet Union and the United States were at a historic low. As the *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* told its readers: "The Doomsday clock was now at three minutes to midnight."

It was concern about the irrational build-up of nuclear weapons and the potential for confrontation that led Lown and his good friend, Soviet cardiologist Eugene Chazov, to begin International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. In this book he tells the engaging and important story of how the two physicians built an international movement of more than 150,000; how they travelled to meet international leaders; how they held symposiums with U.S. and Soviet military brass; and how they appeared on specially produced television shows that aired in both the U.S. and the USSR. Despite heavy criticism from elements of the U.S. media and the government, IPPNW had a major impact and in 1985, Lown and Chazov were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

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calculated what would happen if there was a nuclear attack on the city of Boston. The grave results (one million dead and a million fatally injured) were published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in 1963.

"It created headlines all over the world," Lown noted. "People stopped building bomb shelters. Even the military turned to us as the experts on what would happen from a nuclear attack."

Later, Lown met and became close friends with Soviet physician Eugene Chazov. Together they formed the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. With more than 150,000 members around the world, IPPNW had a profound impact, and in 1985, Lown and Chazov were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for the work of the organization they cofounded.

Lown stressed to his UMaine audience not to be afraid to speak out when they see something wrong. He lamented our modern trend to ignore history. And he documented and criticized the continued transfer of wealth from the poorest nations to the richest nations, with its deadly consequences of poverty, sickness, instability, and violence.

"There can be no healthy United States in a sick world. There can be no affluent United States in a world filled with poverty. There can be no secure United States in a world torn by war," he said. "And there will not be a livable world unless we make a more just world."

Lown ended his talk with an optimistic note, telling his audience that as people become informed on what is happening and join together, they can create change. And he expressed faith that today's young people will rise to the challenge.

But it all starts with caring.

"Without caring there is no hope," he stressed.

Caring and the will to act are what lead to a fulfilled life. And that life, though not easy to achieve, is "what really matters."

By that standard, it would be hard to find anyone who has lived a more fulfilled life than Dr. Bernard Lown.

Classnotes



University of Maine cadets in 1899

Plus Weddings, Obituaries, and Alumni Events

Alumni News and Events



Mark Letendre '78 and Dorain Foster '68H

Alumni and Friends Turn out for Spring Swing Events!

This year's Spring Swing events in Arizona and Florida were very well attended by alumni and friends of UMaine. Among those at the Scottsdale, Arizona, alumni gathering (hosted by Michael and Stephanie Barry Brown '65) were Mark Letendre '78 and Dorain Foster (photo). Mark is director of umpire medical services for Major League Baseball. In that role he also works hard to educate athletes about the dangers of spit tobacco. Mark lives in Scottsdale with his wife, Judy, and their two children. Dorain, who works for the UMaine development office, attended the event with her husband Bion '68, '70G, a former alumni association chair. The Fosters recently gave a \$1.5 million gift to the University of Maine. Lots more 2008 Spring Swing photos can be found throughout the classnotes section.

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This photo of University of Maine ROTC cadets in 1899 was donated by Constance Marr Freeman, a niece of Alson E. Boynton, Class of 1899 (front row, far left), who graduated with a degree in civil engineering. The other cadets in the photo were not identified.

Military instruction was required under the Morrill Act, which established the University of Maine as well as other land-grant universities around the country.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

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Senior Alumni Scholarships Awarded

The annual Senior Alumni scholarship reception was held on Sunday, April 13 with over 75 people attending. Among the guests was Olive Rowell Taverner '43, '61G, widow of Don Taverner '43, for whom the Senior Alumni's nontraditional student scholarships are named. Senior Alumni president, Bill Currie '52, welcomed the attendees and introduced the guest speaker, Susan J. Hunter, associate provost for undergraduate education. Also speaking at the event was nontraditional student Dianne Herring, who stressed how important her scholarship was in pursuing her degree in early childhood education.

This year Senior Alumni gave \$39,500 in nontraditional scholarships. In addition, it gave nearly \$33,000 in Top Scholar and

Distinguished Scholar awards, for a total of almost \$80,000 in scholarships.

Photo, front row (left to right): UMAA president Todd Saucier '93, '97G, Susan Priest, Olive Taverner, Dianne Herring, and Jacqueline Marshall. Back row (left to right): Susan Hunter, Senior Alumni president Bill Currie '52, Gianna Felix Marrs '88G from the financial aid office, Valeryia Fiodarava, Kyle Ravana, Sarah Skoniecki, Kathleen O'Connell, Karla DeMaris, Judy Smith, Shoshanna Muyderman, Rahzell Sutton, Troy Turner, Lisa Aubert, and Rachel Binder-Hathaway.

Classnotes



Senior Alumni

Annual Homecoming Luncheon October 24

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A happy spring to you all. As I write for the deadline of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*, I look at snow banks and drifts higher than I! I had three feet of snow shoveled off my roof, and that was the second shoveling this year!

Senior Alums have been in the news frequently—some news sad and some exciting. Both kinds of news focus on UMaine degrees and experiences. It is so nice to read of grads' outstanding successes and pride in their UMaine degrees.

Doug Kneeland '53 of Lincoln was a nationally recognized journalist having started with the *Bangor Daily News* and on to being a *New York Times* correspondent and later editor of the *Chicago Tribune*. He was inducted into the Maine Press Association Hall of Fame. Events that he covered in his career were Watergate, riots after Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination, Vietnam protests, Charles Manson's trial, and the Kent State killings. His extraordinary abilities were recognized by all who worked with him.

In 1989, Doug experienced his first major medical crisis. Surviving surgery, he decided to return to Lincoln and enjoy local and UMaine affiliations. He taught some journalism classes at UMaine, received an honorary doctorate in 2006, became active with the UMaine Alumni

Association, and wrote for the *Lincoln News*. He also was an ardent cheerleader for Lincoln sports and UMaine teams. Sadly, Doug passed away in December.

In the winter issue of *Live Y'er*, **Ruth Fogler Goff '48** was highlighted on the cover for her exercise regimen at the Bangor Y. Joining the group at 71 years, she has been involved with an exercise program of strength and deep-water workouts. Even a broken leg last year and the surgery to correct it didn't deter her for long, as she was back to the Y in three months. Although exercising wasn't in her plans years earlier, her daughter's coaxing and Ruth's willingness to try have led to a healthier and happier octogenarian. Way to go, Ruth!

News from the alumni office included a letter written to **Basil Staples '35**, a resident of Rochester, New York, from **Arlan Meader '38**. Arlan, now 92, is writing his autobiography, which will be titled *Happy Birthday 92 Times*. Despite having little sight due to macular degeneration, his ability to use email and other computer functions has kept him going. In his book, he makes reference to his great years at UMaine. I'm sure he'd love to hear from anyone who remembers him. His address is: 2055 South Floral Avenue, Lot 308, Bartow, Florida 33830.

It is sad to report the death of

another journalist who, too, was a great credit to his profession. **Bryce Lambert '48** came from Houlton. Although never married, he considered every scholar his son.

His career took him from an M.A. at Wesleyan to teaching in Lincoln, Maine, to Deerfield Academy, where he taught for 38 years. There he was faculty advisor for an award-winning newspaper. He studied at the U of Minnesota as a Wall Street Journal Fellow, and in summer taught at Blair Academy in New Jersey. He is survived by three siblings but was predeceased by seven brothers and two sisters.

I remember him well at UMaine, so active in many noteworthy organizations.

Another clipping I received came from Marilyn and Percy Rogers of Solon, Maine, relating news about **Clarence Nottage '30**, who was honored on his 100th birthday with a party at the Solon Masonic Lodge. He was also honored for being a Mason for 75 years. Clarence had a prestigious career with the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey as a mapmaker.

It was sad to read of **Charlotte Harris's** death in December '07. On graduating from Ellsworth High School, she entered the Army Nurse Corps. Then she came to UMaine in 1947-1948 and studied nursing. She served as infirmary nurse at Hebron Academy for 28 years. Charlotte

retired to volunteer with the Senior Companion Program in Ellsworth and to spend time at her Branch Lake camp, playing golf, fishing, and playing bridge. She also became an accomplished watercolor artist.

And so I close another column. I love hearing from you and about you. So do keep in touch. Remember your parents brought you up willing to share!

Until next time—

1935

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Dear Classmates,

I have received word from the office of Student Financial Aid that our Class of 1935 **Warren Flagg** Scholarship Fund provided \$2,512 in scholarship assistance this year. The money went to Shannon Alexa, a sophomore majoring in biological sciences. We can be very proud that our past contributions are helping needy students to obtain an education at our great University of Maine.

A letter received from a fraternity brother, Arland Meade '38 brought back pleasant memories of my Orono adventure. While Arland was not a '35er, I was able to answer his questions about my brother who was also in the Class of 1938 along with Arland. The personal information that Arland provided appears in the Senior Alumni column of *MAINE Alumni Magazine*.

A real nice handmade Christmas card was received from **Bobbi Lewis Kimball**. She designs cards for her friends and recently won a contest. She lives in St. Petersburg.

1936

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I became a great-grandfather for the first time in October 2007. Electra Hartt Kentnor was born in Denver to



1939 correspondent Edna Louise "Squeeze" Harrison Dempsey identified this photo of '39ers playing cards in their University of Maine dorms. Left to right are: Barbara Corbett Barker, Betty Homans Hancock, Eunice Gale Colomy, and Lucille Fogg Baldwin.

my grandson Charles M. Kentnor and his wife, Hope. Electra was the name of Hope's favorite aunt, and the new Electra also has red hair.

Please send news for the Class of '36 column.

1937

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We received mail from two classmates this time around. **Ernest** "The Old Salt" **Dinsmore** sent a Christmas card with his news. Dinny lost his Florida home to a hurricane several years ago. He got a new one, but sold it after a few years. He now resides in an assisted living home in Vero Beach, Florida. Dinny has a spinal condition which hinders his walking. He uses a walker indoors, and gets around on a scooter outside.

Mabelle Ashworth Smith also wrote a note. To celebrate her 90th birthday, she took her three sons from Colorado, Minnesota, and Maine to Bermuda for a week. They stayed in a bed and breakfast in the middle of the island, and enjoyed walking almost everywhere. Mabelle enjoyed seeing the colorful houses with white roofs, and the abundant flowers. Mabelle lives in a condo in Scarborough.

1939

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A very welcome email from **Edward "Ted" Ladd** brought lots of news. After 58 years of a very happy marriage, he lost his wife, Peggy Hauck Ladd '40. Then after two years, at age 82, and with the approval of his three daughters, he married a lovely widow whom he had met on Kiawah Island, South Carolina. For the last seven years,



Former University of Maine president H. Edwin "Ed" Young '40, '42G with his grandson Will and his new dog, Minnie. Ed says he feels very fortunate to be living in his own home with his daughter and her family. He visited UMaine this past summer.

they have lived seven months on Kiawah and five months in Rockland, Maine. Traveling in Asia and Europe, playing golf, and taking many pictures of flying birds have given them a well-rounded and exciting life. Both in good health and spirits, they look forward to more time together. Thanks so much for sharing with us, Ted. It was such a treat to hear from you. Let us keep in touch from now on.

I was so happy to receive a Christmas card from **Virginia "Gin" Maguire Drew**. Now well settled in Hartford, Connecticut, she keeps busy with bridge and other activities, with a pool nearby beckoning her from time to time. Her daughter Deb and niece Susan are close by, making it a perfect location for her at this point in time. It is only natural that she misses **Dana '52G** very, very much, but keeps busy and optimistic on a daily basis.

A lovely card enclosing a long letter as well as a long note came from **Charlotte King Pierce** describing receiving some gifts after contacting the UMaine Foundation. Evidently there are still 75 surviving classmates. Good to know that!

She remembered **Allen Goud**, who used to dance with Mavis Creamer '41—and how her path crossed with his over the years. Going down memory lane, she thought again of fourth floor Balentine where we lived in quite

close proximity for quite a long time. Charlotte is working on difficult crossword puzzles, playing along with the contestants on "Jeopardy!", and watching the nightly news on TV. She also mentioned in passing that oral comprehensives are no longer mandatory for obtaining one's degree. (She loved them.) A bad fall injured her left hand, causing her to wonder if her fingerprints would change as a result of her injury. She commented that receiving a letter is comparable to an oasis in a desert. How true at this stage of life—for all of us.

Pappy Bradford and Willie were seen not too long ago at a function to unveil a map of Bangor open spaces drawn to benefit the Bangor Land Trust. Happy to know that you are out and about, Pappy. Do send us news!

Let us be optimistic about hearing from classmates this year. We appear to have a good start.

ELD

Save the Date!
The Senior Alumni Luncheon—Friday, October 24 at Homecoming 2008.

1940

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Greetings, classmates, and happy spring! **Ed Young** sent a newsy note last winter, which I quote: "It is time to remind you again of my existence and my good wishes for you. Invalids can keep very busy with trips to the doctor and to the drug store. My right hand does not work very well since my last stroke. It takes me a lot longer to do just about anything. I cannot write or sign a check, which has saved me a lot of money."

"My favorite pastimes are reading the *New York Times* every day and *The Economist* every week, as well as normal correspondence and bills. My daughter Barbara handles most of my bills and business problems. I have a nurse who comes every weekday to help me get organized and drive me to appointments. Being handicapped gives me a good excuse for not wearing a necktie. An open shirt collar is a sort of badge of freedom."

"In midsummer I went to Maine for a few days and stayed in my cabin. It looks pretty good. Sixty years ago, my father-in-law helped me cut the logs and build a cabin. It needed a new roof this year. The rock fireplace that I built is standing straight and firm. Our water supply comes from a spring on the land that I own about a mile from the cabin. It is on a hill so we have plenty of pressure and plenty of water. The cabin overlooks the Piscataquis River, which flows into the Penobscot River. The fishing is very good in both rivers and my son-in-law loves to go there and catch bass."

"While in Maine, I visited the University of Maine. It is thriving, as is the University of Wisconsin. I feel so fortunate to have been associated with such two impressive universities."

"Instead of visiting my children very often, I urge them to come here and visit. Dorothy, who has no family responsibilities and lives in Texas, comes more frequently. John

and Jill live in Boston and I often see them on my way to Maine. Nathan lives in a suburb of Washington, D.C. There is a nonstop flight to Washington from Madison, so it is easier to visit him.

"I celebrated my 90th birthday with a party at one of the local golf clubs. Nearly 40 people came to wish me a happy birthday. I am very fortunate to be able to live in my own home with my daughter, son-in-law, and grandson."

I, **Alice Ann Donovan Poeppelmeier**, have moved to new quarters at Huntington Common. Please note my change of address at the top of the column. Have a good spring and summer!

1941

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A Maine Hello to all '41ers! Here's to a happy, healthy 2008! We began this winter with plenty of snow and cold temperatures, but of course, we were well initiated to that during our four years in Orono. While reminiscing, you remember our freshman year most of the fellows with their green beanies were housed in Oak and Hannibal Hamlin halls whereas the girls with their green berets were living in Maples or North Hall. The latter was a cooperative dormitory so there were usually three or four home economics majors supervising our chores. **Alice Smith** has sent a picture of us freshmen standing in front of North Hall that year (1937-38). (I hope I have made the correct identifications and I have used maiden names.) North Hall is still standing next to Sigma Nu fraternity and until 2002 it was the Crossland Alumni House. (Now we have as home the impressive Buchanan Alumni House at the entrance to campus.) North Hall is the Franco-American Center; Maples is home to the department of philosophy; Hannibal Hamlin houses the intensive English Institute and the University of Maine Herbarium; and Oak Hall is still a residence hall, remodeled into single suites.

The first weekend in January the University of Maine hockey team played R.P.I. on Sunday at the Cumberland County Civic Center. Our team won, which prompted me to think they ought to play here in Portland because they had lost to Northeastern Friday in Orono; that



Bill '40, ('90 honorary degree) (far right) and **Vivian Treat '40H** (second from right) hosted an alumni gathering in Naples, Florida, on March 9. With the Treats are University of Maine Foundation president, **Amos Orcutt '64**, and his wife, **Lola '64H**.

game was televised so we had a weekend of UMaine sports events as there was a girls' basketball game on TV on Saturday. The games in Portland are usually sell-outs so one sees many alums. I was with the Carter family; **Joyce Ramsay Carter** and John '42, their daughter Jane Carter Weir '70 and her husband, Bob '68, and John Parsons Carter '64 of Wellesley, Massachusetts. The Weirs have just moved to their new home in West Bath, Maine, from North Carolina. Between the Ramsay and Carter families there are quite a few Maine alumni. Joyce had a Christmas note from **Mary Boone Smith** with some good news. **Lib Peaslee Cain** and **Ruth Reed Cowin** visited with Mary in Presque Isle this summer. Mary has a time-share in April at Longboat Key, Florida, where she and members of her family gather.

Priscilla Hayes Norton has attended the Portland Alumnae meetings this year; she is a past president of this group. At the December meeting the Class of 1941 tied with the Classes of 1952 and 1956 for the attendance banner; we each had three members present; Joyce Carter, Priscilla, and me. Please note **Charles** and J. Alice **Smith's** change of address: 9 Alumni Drive, Apartment 201P, Orono, ME 04473. This address is in the Dirigo Pines complex, which often advertises in the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. Instead of family gift giving, the Smiths all contribute

to the Maine Seacoast Mission Christmas Program which reaches out to nearly 4,000 people on the islands of Maine. They collected almost \$1,500 worth of requested items this year and their daughter Louise and husband made the delivery to the mission in early December. What a great family project for a most worthwhile cause! This was to have been **Alma's** column but she stated she had no news and then her computer was having problems. Now you '41ers can remedy the first problem—Please send news!

1942

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The recipients of the Class of 1942 Distinguished Student Awards for the 2007-2008 academic year are: **Kassie Leveque**, a junior majoring in communication sciences and disorders from Presque Isle, Maine; **Jared Grant**, a junior majoring in history from Winslow, Maine; and **Whitney Kargas**, a junior majoring in sociology from Buckfield, Maine. Our scholarship assistance has provided funds for many students over the years and it is our commit-

ment to continue support.

A newspaper article titled "Lewiston, Auburn Consider Step to Honor Nobel Winner" was forwarded to me from the alumni office. A retired Auburn teacher, **Al Harvie**, had heard **Dr. Bernard Lown** ('82 honorary degree) speak at a Bates College commencement some years ago and was so impressed that he did lots of research and decided that one of the many bridges should be renamed for Dr. Lown. In March, Governor **Baldacci '86** signed a bill naming the **Bernard Lown Peace Bridge**.

I had a note from **Martha Belknap Reed** just before Christmas. Martha still considers herself Class of '42 although she graduated from Simmons in 1943. She married the late **Howard Reed** and they returned to Damariscotta. Thanks for the lovely letter, Martha.

Our local newspaper, *American Journal*, had a lengthy and excellent article about classmate **Paul Phelan '59G**. He shared his wartime memories with students at our junior high school and made a big impression on the students. Paul is also a musician and has shared his talents really all over the world especially during World War II. He has written 800 songs and published a humorous dictionary called *Bill and Monica* in 2002. Paul taught in a variety of Maine schools. Paul now lives here in Westbrook and our paths cross quite often and we always end up with University of Maine news.

By the way, another wonderful book especially for you women is *More than Petticoats: Remarkable Maine Women* by **Kate Kennedy** and published by **Globe Pequot Press**. It contains wonderful stories about 13 Maine women born before 1900, their lives and accomplishments, and their place in Maine history.

1943

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The Class of 1943 has been on the move as evidenced by **Laurie Parker** and **Olive Rowell Taverner**. Laurie now resides on top of the Continental Divide! A short walk down the mountain brings him to his daughter's home. Closer to home, **Olive Rowell Taverner** has moved over to Granite Hill Estates.

Most of **Virginia "Ginny"**

Conant Miner's life has been spent in and around Bangor. Ginny majored in romance languages at the University of Maine and she applied her discipline by teaching for the first two years following graduation. One year was spent in Searsport followed by a year at Erskine Academy. Then Ginny said, "Teaching is not what I wanted to do." With this in mind, Virginia entered the business world and began a long career in the business office and training department of AT & T. For a while work alternated between Waterville and Bangor, then in 1994 she became supervisor in the Bangor office. Ten years later she retired after 38 years of service with "Ma Bell."

While working for AT & T, Ginny became very active in the Telephone Pioneers organization both in Maine and also in New England. Telephone Pioneers involves providing funding for facilities for handicapped children in community parks and for Special Olympics. Telephone Pioneers also award scholarships. After retirement she was dedicated to work with the Eastern Star. For many years she shared this interest with her husband and his involvement with the Masonic order throughout Maine. Virginia continues to be active in the Altrusa Club of Bangor.

Dana Dingley is one of a few members of the Class of 1943 whose picture is not included with the class in the 1943 *Prism*. Dana was a member of the Class of 1943 for two years and was a member of the ROTC. He left the university in 1942 to serve his country in the United States Air Corps. He flew the B-17 and B-24 bombers in combat in the Pacific and was stationed in Australia at General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters. He must have been a good pilot because he flew dignitaries around who came to meet with General MacArthur. Orders to return to America came two years later and then Captain Dingley returned to continue his education with help from the GI Bill. Dana enrolled at Cornell University to pursue a major in veterinary service and from which college he graduated in 1949.

Following matriculation at Cornell, Dana worked for Dr. Coombs in Skowhegan for a short time and then established his own veterinary practice in Wilton. After a year he moved to Farmington, which became the permanent home for his practice. Farmington had always been his home. It was a general practice, which included care of both



Class of '41 member Alice Smith sent in this photo of freshman women in front of North Hall in 1937. Front row, left to right (all maiden names, and Class of '41 unless otherwise indicated): Kay Boyle, Phyllis Meserve, Glenna Johnson, Mary Ellen Buck '40, Edith McIntire, and Elizabeth Rowe. Second row: Mary Wright '38, Martha Hutchins, Christine Tufts, Jean Boyle, June Bridges, and Ruth Linnell. Third row: Marjorie Tompson '38, Miriam Brown, Donna Comeau, Ernestine Carver, Sara Culberson, J. Alice Smith, and Beatrice Gleason. Fourth row: Virginia Hill, Priscilla Hayes, Leona Perry, Edith Thomas '38, Alma Hansen, and Agnes Ann Walsh.

large and small animals. Dana loved his profession and was happy when he could return an ailing animal to health.

Painting in an oil medium has been a longtime hobby of his. Dana was first aware of a talent for art in the medium of oil painting as a grammar school kid, where he was guided and encouraged by his school art teacher. He never took art lessons but continued his love of this hobby until recently. Friends were eager to collect his artwork and he, himself, has a treasured collection.

When asked what fond recollection he had from his University of Maine years, Dr. Dingley readily replied, "Football! I loved it, played in high school and again at Orono."

Horticulture was **John Chadwick's** declared major which makes good sense since the family operated a floral business in Houlton which John's father established in

1908. John was "called up" for service in 1943 at which time Dean Arthur Deering told him, "Your diploma will be waiting for you when you return." John proceeded to Notre Dame University for midshipman training and was commissioned. He began service in the Atlantic Ocean with the objective of snaring German submarines—unsuccessfully. He then crossed over to the Pacific Theater. John noted that in 1945, "I was in Boston the day World War II was declared over—on my way to Houlton on leave." The leave was short-lived, as he was assigned to Air/Sea Reserve Service in Bermuda. While there he met (not rescued) the girl whom he married there.

Five years later he was called back for active duty in the Korean War, sent to Cuba to supervise basic training to those who were to determine the seaworthiness of "moth balled" ships for active duty

following a detailed inspection process.

Again John returned home to take over the floral business, but it had been sold. He looked for a job and found it in the entomology division of the forestry department in Augusta where his boss was his former University of Maine advisor, Dean Albert Nutting '27, '87 Ph.D. His first challenge was Dutch elm disease, which was fast spreading throughout the state. The disease was identified by the yellow colored leaves instead of green leaves. Trees were then ordered to be cut down, burned, or buried. His second challenge was the gypsy moth infestation, which had affected a number of York County towns, and spread all the way to Old Town. Egg masses could be found on trees, rocks, and in the woods. Chadwick was responsible for surveying rural towns, recommending that tree wardens be appointed per town. Tree wardens were to survey all trees in the town and to work with the state in carrying out the shade tree planting program, which recommended what species of tree to plant. John Chadwick retired from this position in 1981. He continued to be active in his Naval Reserve Unit so that he was fully retired from the military after 30 years of service. He worked through the chairs in his church and was active in the University of Maine Alumni group. John served for 17 years on the Augusta School Board and for 10 years served on the Salvation Army Advisory Board along with "**Bucket**" **Taverner**. In his spare time, he enjoys woodworking—building clocks. Dare one to say he has time on his hands!

1944

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I will start this column by quoting Dr. Stuart Marrs, chair of the music division in the Class of '44 Hall: "Building on the resounding success of last spring's tour with the UMaine Symphonic Band and UMaine Jazz Ensemble we decided it was time to make a big, formal, artistic, musical splash in the cultural and educational waters of Southern Maine. To that end, we booked Portland's Merrill Auditorium for a concert on Thursday evening, April 10, 2008.

We also reserved a room at the Merrill for a reception following the concert."

The Class of '44 was honored with the President Abram W. Harris Award at the University of Maine Foundation's annual meeting and luncheon on October 3, 2007. The Class of '44 was nominated by Willie and Pappy Bradford '39 of Bangor. Willie Bradford in her letter said, "From their 50th Reunion gift of one million plus, to naming the School of Performing Arts building, to renewing the tradition of the Bear's Den, the Class of '44 has been there to help. They were students during World War II and believe me, it was no house party, but whatever inoculated them with 'class spirit' would be a welcome addition today!" Attending the meeting and luncheon from our class were **Al McNeilly**, **Russ Bodwell** '47G, **Earland Sleight** '48G, **Dick Hale**, and **Pat Cummings** '89, (H). McNeilly, also a Harris Award recipient, spoke following the presentation and quoted the "Stein Song," "to the Gods, to the fates, to the rulers of men and their destinies" to explain the circumstances of World War II and military service.

Earland Sleight has established a scholarship in the University of Maine Foundation for the theater program in the name of his grandson who recently graduated from the program. Russ and Barbara Higgins Bodwell '45 provided a partial match for the fund.

Muriel Graham (H), widow of **Larry Graham**, was presented with honorary membership in the Class of '44 this past August in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

Joe Colcord, professor emeritus of civil engineering at the University of Washington in Seattle, passed away on October 21, 2007. Joe's obituary in the *Seattle Times* relates his World War II experiences in the European Theater during the Battle of the Bulge for which he received a Purple Heart as well as both Bronze and Silver stars for gallantry in action. Joe received his B.S. in civil engineering from UMaine after the war and went on to receive an M.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of Minnesota. His wife, Hazel Calvert '48, and daughter, Kathy, survive him. Our condolences are extended to his family.

Earlier this summer Al Ehrenfried had received an email from Joe Colcord: "It is rare that I have a real interaction with UMaine students, however the 20th annual ASCE National Concrete Canoe Competi-



Enjoying the alumni reception in St. Petersburg, Florida, are **Lois Doescher Atkins** '48 and her husband, **Marvin Atkins**. The event was hosted by **Paul** '59 and **Nan Earley Desmond** '55.

tion was held in Seattle this June and the UMaine Civil Engineering Canoe students who had won their regional competition were on campus." He included a photo of, "some of the student participants and one old CE grad from the Class of '44."

At Christmastime this year, **Joe** and I received Christmas cards from classmates **Rhoda Tolford Stone**, **Mary Billings Orsenigo**, **Midi Wooster Roberts**, and **Al McNeilly**. All were appreciated, as were your notes.

On a Sunday in January we picked up **Charlie** and **Anita Stickney** (H) and went off to the Civic Center in Portland to watch the Black Bear Hockey team play RPI. It was a great game with lots of noise and cheering as Maine won handily, 4 to 2. **Don Bail** was the only other classmate we caught a glimpse of. There may have been others.

1945

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A bright snow-white morning this is. For the past month we have awakened to snow more times than not! Now the cities are bewildered of where to dispose of all the snow they've removed. Not an easy task,

especially since they are no longer allowed to empty it into the ocean.

Christmas mail was generous with notes from many of you. I really enjoy your Christmas letters. They keep us up to date on your friends and activities—especially good from those too far to attend our Reunion.

Gratefully, our 1945ers are loyal to our class and I'm happy I can pass on their messages. Presently our children have become the active generation and it's most unusual to now be on the receiving end! No more great dinners to prepare and many of the

grandies prefer a check to a wrapped gift! And I do understand this—who wants to receive a pair of silver candlesticks when you desperately need bath towels! I was happy to oblige on this one and any others who had a need!

I went to a U of Maine ladies alumnae Christmas luncheon in early December. A good turnout of 30-plus were there. But only one other '45er, **Barbara Akeley Seaman**. She's a very faithful alumna. She lives at Piper Shores in Scarborough right on the ocean. A lovely place with many alumni in the area. There are others but Barbara is the only '45er! I did see two others from 1943—familiar faces are like finding a pearl in an oyster—they outshine everyone else (to us!).

A cute card announced **Bob** and **Marge Chase's** move to Dirigo Pines and they are blissfully happy there! And Bob is all that much closer to the Penobscot Valley Country Club to be ready to meet his golf partners soon after they call.

Connie Carter Lamprell spent the holidays at her daughter Kathie's in New Hampshire. They had a gala holiday with both of their daughters coming home. Kristin came up on the train from Boston and Kathie drove herself up (with her family) and their dad's family joined them. After all the openings and their usual turkey dinner topped off with Connie's Christmas plum pudding they settled in the living room for their Christmas musical—Steve on his gentle guitar and Kristin with her

flute! They sang Christmas carols until twilight!

Ada Minott Haggett and husband had their big holiday gathering when their two eldest grandsons flew in from Colorado and their uncle as well from Okinawa (he retired from the Marines but works for them now). Ada says she hasn't done that much cooking in years—but was delighted to have the opportunity! Ada and four males—what appetites they had! She reports, "we are well for our age." They try to take good care of themselves. Ada was always the life of the party at our Estabrooke dining table! And she's still a jolly gal!

A call from **GINNY CLAY Doescher** was great to receive. With **Fred** gone now their son Brian lives nearby her apartment in Houlton and takes very good care of her, calling and visiting regularly. I met him and found him to be a very fine young man with two daughters who are presently students in Orono! I believe Ginny said they have received money from the Joseph A. and Mary Donovan Scholarship and are most grateful for it. Ginny was going down to Bangor with Brian where one of her daughters was picking her up to come down to the Portland area to spend the holidays with her two daughters, Nancy and Debbie Doescher Dubois '84, and their families.

Just before Christmas I had calls from both **John Wilbur** and **Pete Calott**—they were planning a weekend to get together in January or February to go to some basketball games. They do this most every year. Pete flies in from Minneapolis and John picks him up and away they go to Orono! Faithful alums, that's for certain!

A call from President **Jim Donovan** brought news that his family was all there! And they celebrated just the same as Peggy always did. There's a major void in their family—but they're carrying on their traditions just as she always did. He said there is more running in and out and doors slamming quietly. He said, "I love it!" And I know just what he means! He plans to go to one of the games John and Pete are going to over at UNH. He had several stories to share about their Christmas. The one that touched me the most though involved one son who has three adopted sons. (My! But his wife is constantly outnumbered!) But that's not the story. He said they are being brought up with the same traditions and values his parents had as well as the ones he

and Peggy passed on. These three boys had saved up their money and made a contribution to the established scholarship that Jim, his brothers, and sister had established some time ago in memory of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Donovan. (He was a well-loved doctor for many years in Houlton.) Jim said, "I'm so proud of them!" And well he should be!

I told him I'd had a call from Ginny and it reminded him of both his high school and college days. He said he and Fred had always been seated next to one another at both high school and college!

And that's how Connie Carter Lamprell and I became so well acquainted—Connie Carter and Carolyn Chaplin. Little did we know then it would bring about such a lifetime friendship! We both feel very fortunate and we do stay in touch at least once a week.

Barkley and Libby Tufts **Goodrich** '49 called just before the holidays to check on my new address. They were looking forward to spending their Christmas day at daughter Martha's and family in Auburn and I believe daughter Susan and family were joining them. That should have been a wonderful day.

We had some very inspirational news from the Waterville newspaper. A classmate, **Bob Martin**, and his wife, Dorothy, love greenhouses and have flower gardens as well.

He has just developed a double gladiola and named it for his wife! It is being sold through a supplier of seeds and bulbs, Cates Family Glads. It's double all the way up the stem. It must be gorgeous! I plan to send for the two starter corms, as they are a delightful August flower right up until frost. Congratulations, Bob! We're very proud of you! They have a garden and sell their flowers by the stem, only \$.50 each! (Put the price up, Bob—they're worth far more.)

May your coming spring bring lilacs and daffodils and long, sunny days.

1946

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Springtime in Maine after such a



Rosemarie Gagnon Hallsey '49 (center) enjoys the Senior Alumni luncheon at Buchanan Alumni House in October with alumni association staff members Valerie Mitchell (left) and Rebecca Brunton (right).

snowy winter is a welcome change! Remember springtime on campus? Please write and tell us what's happening in your life. We want to hear from you!

1947

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If anyone plans to attend Reunion weekend on campus, let me know. It's always a good time with fun festivities and the chance to connect with old friends from Orono. Anyone who graduated 50 years ago or more is welcome to attend.

And please send in some news—we want to hear from you!

1948

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Hi '48ers and all interested parties. The University of Maine alumni office sent just one clipping for this column but it was a good one. The

Norway (Maine) *Advertiser Democrat* newspaper did a biographical article on our classmate, **Joanne "Josie" Libby Hays-Glover** and it was such an uplifting read. Space limitations prohibit reprinting it so just the headline will give you an idea of the inspirational tone of the piece. It's good advice for all—Josie says, "Stay positive, keep busy!" She has certainly done that throughout her life. An example tells that she not only belongs to several active groups and swims twice a week, she also works as the box office manager at Deertrees Theater. Right on, Josie!

Our kitchen cabinet has met twice since our last column. Both gatherings were at Hattie's Chowder House in Hallowell and most enjoyable. We welcome all connections to our alma mater and have recently had guests from the Class of '49 join us. Eugenia "Genie" Melzar Shepard '49 and Kay Kennedy Nickless '49 both shared memories of university days with us. Genie and her husband have recently settled down on dry land in Boothbay Harbor. They lived a sailing life after retirement until recently but are now enjoying the good life in a lovely homestead by the ocean instead of on it.

Our luncheon conversations at the so-called kitchen cabinet gatherings are certainly varied. They run the gamut of good books recently read to amusing anecdotes of coed days. Some recently recounted memories included collecting rainwater on fire escapes for shampoo water, stashing cigarette ashes in Arid jars, out-of-staters' journeys to college, shaving cream in whoopie pies, and bus rides from Orono to

Bangor. Two more relative connections of students at the Orono campus were discovered. **Pauline Parent Jenness** '54G has a grand niece, Caitlan Parent, following in her footsteps and **EdieAnne Young Hutchinson** has a grandson, Loren Joyce, following in hers. Both are sophomores.

Sadly, we must report the loss of classmate **Bryce Lambert**. Bryce was present at our 50th Reunion and it was such a pleasure to talk with this widely traveled gentleman. Many of us remember his contributions to *The Maine Campus* newspaper. We are also deeply saddened to learn of the passing of **Miriam Hepburn Mosley**. Miriam was a retired teacher-principal and extremely active in bridge, bowling, and other pursuits. She joined us for some of our luncheons and Howard '49 wrote that she always looked forward to being with the '48 women. She'll be missed. Our sympathies to Howard and her family. We have also lost a dear friend in Jane Longfellow Cullen '47. Jane attended nearly all of our '48 gatherings and cohosted a luncheon with her close friend and neighbor, **Barbara Sullivan Knowlton** at Barb's home in the summer of 2005. Our heartfelt sympathy to husband, Bill '44, and her family. Peg Googins Dowe '47, widow of classmate **Paul Dowe**, was another friend who joined our luncheon group many times. The years of our graduation become very blended when you become Senior Alumni. Our '47 and '49 friends were and are as dear as our own '48ers. Do let us hear from you with your news. If you do get in touch, we'll tell you when the wild women cabinet will meet and you can join us. I'm still hoping to hear from someone who wants to brag about a new wrinkle cure or an effective easy exercise plan. Stay well, stay positive, stay busy.

1949

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Happy spring, Class of '49!

Last fall I went to Orono to see the football game between Massachusetts and Maine. I arrived early at the Buchanan Alumni House, where I saw the sophomore greet-

ers. **Vance and Evelyn Ellsworth Dearborn** turned up in the afternoon.

In October I attended a Senior Alumni luncheon. Speakers before lunch were Bill Currie '52, president of Senior Alumni; Todd Saucier '93, '97G, president of the UMaine Alumni Association; and Dr. Bob Dana '80, dean of students. After lunch, Peggy Crawford '83, director of student financial aid; Gail C. Alexander '09, Taverner nontraditional student; and Sarah J. McPartland-Good, planned giving officer with the UMaine Foundation, spoke to those in attendance. After a rendition of the "Stein Song," the meeting was adjourned.

Please send in any news to me or to the alumni association for future columns. We'd like to hear from you!

1950

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Our entire family made its annual trek to Ludlow, Vermont, over the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend—for a wonderful three days of skiing, snow-shoeing, walking, talking, puzzle playing, eating, and just thoroughly enjoying being together. There is no TV at the chalet, which is great—though this year it was a bit of a cliffhanger inasmuch as we had our collective fingers and toes crossed that the Patriots would make it to the Super Bowl. We were so hoping that they would win the whole enchilada, but alas, not this year.

Irv and Dottie Butler Marsden had a superb summer with two memorable trips from their new home in Florida. In July they took two grandsons on an Elderhostel dinosaur hunt in Utah and were able to observe and study ancient dinosaur tracks that were discovered in Utah, and later on visited Zion and Bryce Canyon national parks. The four of them had a marvelous week together. They no sooner got unpacked than they headed for Peaks Island in Portland Harbor for a vacation to savor at a summer home right on the beach and close to friends and relatives. I know Dottie and Irv will be on campus for Re-



Henry Saunders '50 and Judy Collier at the Sarasota alumni gathering on March 8. Henry attended the event with his wife, Marge, an honorary Class of '50 member. They have a home in Osprey, Florida. Judy formerly worked at the UMaine development office. Prior to that she was an important part of the fundraising efforts for Buchanan Alumni House.

union in June—and we look forward to catching up on details of the tour in Utah! **Trapper (Earle) and Polly Curtis Clifford** are still in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where many people who came to the city after having left New Orleans to escape the wrath of Hurricane Katrina have decided to stay. Polly said that the proliferation of new homes, housing

developments, schools, and shopping centers has made their heads swim! Polly still gets out to play golf with friends—and Trapper stays busy as well. You must get up to Maine for Reunion—and try out that beautiful golf course in Orono with lush greens! It would be great to see you both! Had a nice note from **Eva Burgess Newell** from her home in Melbourne, Florida. She and Hank do get to Maine every summer for family gatherings and relaxation, plus swimming and hiking at their cottage on Lake St. George near Liberty. Eva and Hank are both well and send their best regards to all. I also heard from **Bob and Ginny Kennedy Nickless** who are so pleased to be "back

home" in Waterville. Their youngest daughter was married in the late fall, much to the delight of one and all. Bill '49 and **Polly Clement Barron** wrote that though their skiing days are virtually over, the family happily goes to their condo at the Von Trapps in Stowe, Vermont, for a fun time with friends and family. Their three dogs must have a ball in the

snow as well!

Meantime, we are looking forward to Reunion weekend in Orono, at the end of May. It is at that time that we will present the next Greatest Generation Awards at our beautiful 1950 Flag Plaza, located just as one enters the campus. **Hoppy** and other members of the committee will conduct a moving memorial service as well, honoring classmates who have died since last June of 2007. We shall also make plans for our annual summer meeting at the Cumberland Club in Portland come the 7th of August at 10 a.m. If you are able to join us for either or both dates, please give me a call at the above number and I shall get further info to you.

Allison and Shirley Catheron of Franklin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the 3rd of August. Their son Kevin was a surprise guest at a gala party given in their honor in Franklin; after the joy-filled festivities, he whisked the happy couple back to Milan, New Hampshire, to revisit the town of their marriage. We wish them 50 more wonderful years!

Neil L. Dow is the second of three generations of Dows to practice law in Norway. He recently celebrated his 80th birthday—and reminisced about his life and the fact that he has spent a lifetime contributing to the community in many roles, from assistant state district attorney and municipal judge to community supporter as a member of the Masons, Kiwanis, and The Melting Pot (will fill you in on The Melting Pot as you read on). Though he was born in Lisbon Falls, his family soon moved to Norway and became well entrenched in the life of this fine community. He attended a one-room schoolhouse at the head of Main Street and then was off to Rowe School (wonder if that school was named for a descendent of the late **Guy Rowe**—also a classmate who hailed from Norway) and Norway High School. Neil noted that though he was "just" an average student, he played intramural sports and thoroughly enjoyed history. Before high school graduation, and before the end of WWII, he decided to enlist in the Navy and was assigned to duty aboard a destroyer escort vessel within the Pacific Theater of operations. He said that his duties were quite routine, but he remembers well a wild 16 hours aboard the ship as it was ordered to ride out a horrific hurricane in '45. And ride they did! After his discharge from the Navy, he was able



The Class of 1950 Reunion planning group met at the Samoset Resort on November 7 in preparation for their 60th Reunion in 2010. Front row (left to right): Bill Bodwell and Maggie Mollison McIntosh '52G. Back row: Janet Marston Bodwell '55, alumni association staff member Chris Corro, Flo Maddocks Fairfield, Al Hopkins, Dick Fairfield, Ruth Holland Walsh, and Dot Lord Hopkins.

to receive his diploma from high school and then enrolled at the University of Maine in 1946. He entered Boston University Law School shortly after his graduation with our class and graduated from law school in two years, immediately entering the family law practice in Norway—and working in offices directly above Damon's Barber Shop on Main Street. The firm eventually was housed at their office in the Tower House and Neil was very involved in trial work and then eventually delved into the intricacies of real estate law. Neil and his cohorts meet every morning at 7 a.m. at the Lake Store with a group known as The Melting Pot. He adds that anyone can join and all are welcome to drop in any time. "We'll just add another chair and welcome you." Y'all come!

Was interested to read that our classmate and retired minister **John Hoskin** of Gorham provided DNA that was to assist in the identification of his brother, pilot 2nd Lieutenant Harold Hoskins, who was killed when his plane crashed during a test flight in Alaska some 63 years ago; the bomber went down in the Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve at the end of 1943 with only one survivor. Evidently that one crewmember made it back to the base months later, after wandering in the wilderness and living off of food stores from trappers' cabins. Eventually, he led searchers back to the crash site; they were not able to recover the body of Harold and concluded that he must have parachuted from the plane.

Years later, and after several artifacts were uncovered at the crash site, military investigators returned to the site and recovered bone fragments that matched those of John's brother. Oh, the miracles provided by medical science. Harold, who had dreams of becoming a doctor, was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in September—and he is finally at rest and at peace.

Was interested to read that **Donn Fendler**, the boy who was "Lost on a Mountain in Maine," has turned 81-years young. He was at a book signing in the Bangor area this fall—during the time each year he spends talking to school classes—his way of giving back to the state that rallied to support his family and help look for him during those nine days back in 1939 when he was lost on Mount Katahdin. Fascinating that with his Boy Scout training and a lot of faith, Donn was able to wander

out of the woods near Patten. He has never made a penny on the book that he coauthored, though Maine teachers have kept it in print using the "adventure" in their reading classes. Last year, Donn flew over the area where he was lost, accompanied by conservation commissioner Patrick McGowan, who had a video camera with him. Both were delighted that a 10-minute video was made from the footage that Mr. McGowan shot—and it was shown just prior to the book signing! Look for Donn next summer around Bangor and environs.

Please drop me a line—for the column can only be as long as the news that I have to impart! May I leave you with a wonderful Celtic blessing that I just came across:

May there always be work for your hands to do,

May your purse always hold a coin or two,

May the sun always shine on your windowpane,

May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.

May the hand of a friend always be near you.

May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.



Class of 1950 member Louise Litchfield McIntire attended the Boca Raton/Delray Beach alumni event on March 11 with her husband, Justin '48. The luncheon was hosted by Leith '59 and Donna Wadleigh.

1951

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Mary Jordan Edwards writes that her roommate for two years, **Virginia "Ginny" Towne Roberts**, died on October 26, 2007, after a

long illness. Although Ginny had to leave Orono in her junior year to attend to family needs, she and Mary maintained their friendship over the years, especially since Mary's retirement to Maine. Ginny had four children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandson. When she spoke of not accomplishing much in her life, Mary reminded her that her children were all paying taxes and weren't in jail. Then they laughed because one of her sons, a county sheriff, is in jail every day. Ginny's quiet ways are remembered warmly by her classmates.

Mary, who lives in Cumberland, Maine, also writes that her son Charlie '79 has come back to Maine and lives near her. Her daughters are still west of the Mississippi. Last summer she visited Disneyworld with her Denver granddaughters, and then traveled to Charleston and on to the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Skyline Drive. Mary enjoys photography and plans trips in 2008 to Ottawa in tulip season and Gettysburg and the Amish country in planting season.

Plans are underway for a Class of '51 lobster picnic to be held at the Harpswell cottage of Forrest and **Frances Pratt Caswell** on August 6, 2008.

All classmates are welcome. For more information contact your class correspondent or **Elwood "Woody" Beach** at: elwoodmbeach@yahoo.com.

1952

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Our spring newsletter! I'm sure I am not alone in finding that the weeks "whoosh" by! It seems it was only recently that we attended the president's luncheon on Homecoming weekend. We joined Linwood '54 and **Mary Jean McIntire White** on the patio at the home of the president's family for our noon repast. It was a perfect fall day and we were delighted to have an opportunity to take a tour of the new recreation and exercise facility. We were very impressed!

Joe Kirk called recently—mainly to alert me to **Gordon Falt's** death, which was reported in the winter *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. Gordon



Former alumni association chair Bion Foster '68, '70G (left) with Gilbert LeClair '52 at the Tucson alumni luncheon held at the Mountain Oyster Club on February 29. Gil is retired and lives in Green Valley, Arizona. The Tucson event was hosted by Bob '68 and Cynthia Gray Cobb '69.

was retired and still lived in Day's Ferry (outside Bath). Gordon had been active on the board of the Maine State Museum among other activities. Joe, his wife, children, and grandchildren celebrated Joe and Narda's 50th wedding anniversary at the Mt. Washington House recently and had a wonderful time. Joe said it was certainly great getting all the family together!

We had a call from **Ray Lamoreau** in December. He and Jo were planning their annual trip south for several months. They started a little late this year due to Jo's recovery from a broken hip. Ray sounded in good spirits and is looking forward to a canal trip from Paris to the Normandy Beaches next summer with some classmates.

We talked to **Perry Hunter** just before Christmas. He was leaving for the West Coast the next day with a friend, visiting relatives in California. He planned to go West again early in '08 and visit his sister, Lois Hunter Philipp '53, in the Seattle area. Lois attended the university but transferred to do her nurse's training elsewhere. We got a chance to meet Lois and her husband, Lou, when some of the '52ers were in Victoria last October.

Tom Harmon and his wife celebrated their 50th anniversary last June, renewing their vows in Bedford, New Hampshire. A reception hosted by their four children was held at the Manchester Country Club. Their son Peter '86 and daughter Suzanne Harmon-Withee '89 also are University of Maine alums. Tom retired as the USDA supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration.

The Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanians recently honored **Harold Sherman** for 50 years of membership. Harold set up his veterinary practice in Dover-Foxcroft in 1957. The club supports the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute in Boston and the **Hap Gerrish** Pediatric Trauma Registry—another class member. The registry was named for the late Harold "Hap" Gerrish because of his 25 years of advocacy for injured children.

The *Ellsworth American* had a great article last fall about **Harland Dunham's** service to the country as a member of the 5th Armored Division's 34th Tank Battalion in August 1944. After getting his degree from the university he went on to a career in teaching, managing to get his master's degree during his career, and retiring in 1991. Anyone wishing a copy of that article can



Jeanette Bishop Fox '54, '79G and Dave Fox '52 at their home in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Jeanette is wearing an apron given to her during a visit by University of Maine Foundation president Amos Orcutt '64 and his wife, Lola '64H.

contact me and I will be happy to forward the article to you. It is a very fine article. Harold now lives in Ellsworth with Helen, his bride of 58 years.

Dottie McCann and her sister recently moved to The Atrium retirement facility in Portland. Dottie seemed in her usual good spirits when talking to **Bill Currie** recently.

A group of your classmates is planning a trip on the Seine by barge from Paris to Normandy and a visit to the World War II beaches. More on this later. Bill Currie is leading this group as he has in the recent past.

Please do keep me informed of who is doing what, moving to a new location, etc. Any news is welcome!

1953

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As a CBS newscaster said on Channel 6 today (February 7): "Do you know where your shovel is?" Make that with an "s." I have three stand-

ing right outside my door. You see, it's been snowing a bit lately—just look at my plowing bill—with more snow forecast for the weekend. However, I love Maine. I've even gone tobogganing, if you want to call it that, on a child's plastic sled. It was b-u-m-p-y and I wouldn't have dared if my niece, a doctor, hadn't been steering in the back. But it'll be warm when you read this, so sit back, relax, and enjoy.

As usual, I've heard from a few classmates, I've called others, and since I'm on the Reunion committee, I see a number of fellow classmates from time to time at meetings. I'm not sure when you'll be reading this, but it could be just before or just after our 55th at the end of May. I hope many of you make it to Bar Harbor May 28 and 29 and Orono May 30, 31, and June 1. It ought to be great fun. Let's get together and talk about our wonderful days at Maine. See you there.

Since I've been on the phone, calling classmates about our 55th, it's also been great to write about them. I'm playing phone tag with some, not getting people at home, leaving voice mails, getting wrong numbers, or "please call later, he's out." But I'm persistent, to some degree. So here they are.

Daniel R. Bennett, a forestry major, originally of Wilson Mills, Maine, now lives in Berlin, New Hampshire. He met his wife, Jean, a Boston Wilfred Academy grad, in Rangeley and they've been married 49 years. They're the parents of two sons, Terry and Scott, and grandparents of two. Terry, product manager for Autodesk, and his wife, Diane, live in Hopkinton, New Hampshire, and have a daughter, Katelyn (16) and a son, Tyler (12). Scott lives in eastern Massachusetts, and is manager/director of the dining service at Stonehill College.

After spending a couple of years in the Army, Dan went to UMaine, and from there worked for the former Brown Company out of Berlin—logging jobs, harvesting timber, woodlands. He retired six or seven years ago. "It's been a good retirement. We get around as well as we want to and we do what we

like." When I called he said he was, "taking a little break, hanging out," and had his eyes closed. Actually, he said he's busy all the time, "I do everything. Time goes by quite quickly." And his wife, Jean, is "a wonderful cook." As to Reunion: "Haven't made any decision." Thanks, Dan, and hope to see you both in May.

Al Bernstein of Bangor was next on my list, and here's what was on his voice mail: "Al speaking. What can I do to make your day the very best? Your message at the tone is all I request." Not great when salesmen call, Al said, when he called later. This retail salesman of 40 years, with a great voice belying his 80 years, went to UMaine his freshman and sophomore years and then to BU where he got a degree in public relations. Then came law school at BU and somewhere in there he was in the Army Signal Corps for three years and went over to Germany. He's now writing a textbook titled *Rel-Psych: A Psychology of Religion* which should be published before the end of the year. He writes until the wee hours (he's been writing 50 years) and "loves it." Oh, yes, he raised three "Dads," as he puts it, three sons, in Bangor, Utah, and Washington, D.C. "They're watching over me." And he has three grandchildren, one of whom is on the basketball team at Bangor High.

Francis Boyle's his name, originally from Bangor, now of Lower Providence Township, Pennsylvania (but the mail goes to Norristown, Pennsylvania). He's lived there for 39 years with his wife, Natalie, also from Bangor. Francis is a Delta Tau man who majored in electrical engineering (and was one of the ones I played phone tag with). Finally I got him as he came in from repairing the garage door opener. Francis, father of four and grandfather of three, served in the Army anti-aircraft during the Korean War in the mid-'50s, never leaving the states, with the rank of first lieutenant. For 33 years, he worked for Remington Rand Univac (which later became Unisys). Now retired, he plays golf, with soccer and baseball on his and his grandchildren's agenda. Thanks, Francis. Wish you and Natalie would come to Reunion.

Richard N. Brown, of Mesa, Arizona, a soils and fertilizer man—an agronomy major, wasn't a "joiner." So, no fraternity, no sports. I said, "That's terrible," and he said, "No, that's wonderful." He's also never been to reunions. "I don't

travel," came the reply, but he does get back to Fort Kent every two or three years to "visit the folks," two brothers, one older and one younger. Richard, who lived in cabins off campus, is originally from Plaisted, Maine (I should live there). I didn't even know where it was until he said between Fort Kent and Eagle Lake with only a P.O. address and some two-dozen people. Must have more by now, I thought (in case Richard was telling me about the 1950s). So I called Information, and asked for a store, filling station, town hall, anything, but there's nothing listed, unless I gave her a name, the operator said. She did give me a restaurant in Eagle Lake called "Kathy's," so when a woman answered there, sure enough, only about 30 people live in Plaisted, at the head of the lake, some 10 minutes away. Some day I'll have to go there and have lunch at Kathy's.

Richard, who "loves" Arizona and plays golf, served in the Army. After the service, he became a chemical engineer and went to some nine different states, mostly Midwestern—Ohio, Indiana, Texas, Montana, etc. helping form other companies for other people. He said he retired at 65, 12 years ago. I mentioned he had some kind of an accent and he said his father was Irish and his mother French and, "You speak your mother's language." He and his wife, Gwen, a Michigan high grad whom he met on one of his travels, have two children, Heidi and Kurt, in San Francisco. (Heidi has three children, Andy, Sara, and Sam.) Thanks, Richard, for the update.

Here's another Brown (seven Browns in our class), **Robert L. Brown**, of Zephyrhills, Florida, originally from Brooks, Maine. Bob, another agronomy major, agricultural engineering, who also worked in the Midwest, was waiting to move to a new address when I called, to an assisted living facility: Thornton Hall, 56 Dorideau Drive, Brunswick, Maine 04011. (Hope you had a wonderful 80th on February 23.) Bob, who moved to Florida last November, lived in Kennebunkport for many years, and also with his daughter in Kennebunk. But first he served in the Air Force as a camera technician and aerial photographer from 1946-1949. Then came work in the Midwest and back home to Maine where he was staff engineer for J. M. Huber Corporation in Portland, also town engineer for the town of Wells, code enforcement officer in Kennebunkport, and some-



Class of '53 correspondent Nancy Schott Plaisted sent in this photo of a UMaine German class field trip to Bar Harbor sometime in the early 1950s. Left to right are: Professor Kenneth Miles, Nancy Schott Plaisted '53, Diane Draper Weidemeyer '53, unidentified student (in back), Irene Morin Brochu '52, and Ruth Mitchell Hartley '53.

where in there he worked for Fox Lumber, and on his own. (He retired in 1995.) "I was always busy," he said, "and I'm lucky, with children." He has three daughters. Linda Brown, married to Joel Nevers, lives in Kennebunk and they are both social workers. Melanie Groneng and her husband, Nils, live in Brunswick and have two children, Kaia and Christopher. Nils is an engineer for Washburn Dougherty, a shipyard in West Boothbay. And Beth Darling lives in Amherst, New Hampshire, with four children, Caleb, Sam, Isabella, and Ezra, whom she home-schools.

Bob, who has brothers and sisters in Maine, said he's never been to a Reunion, but maybe moving to Brunswick might get him to one, just maybe. (By the way, he's an Alpha Gamma Rho man who likes beaches and reading.)

Duncan Cameron, of Thornhill, Ontario, Canada, is planning to come to our 55th. Good! I called this wildlife conservation major and Lambda Chi brother, but only spoke briefly with him. As to retirement, "I am and I'm not retired," he said. You see, he still does consulting work. (He's also recovering from surgery last summer.) See you in Bar Harbor, Dr. Cameron.

I also talked very briefly with **James Wilson** of La Plata, Maryland. Originally of Belfast, James

was a chemical engineering major and an SAE fraternity man. He said he spent more time studying than playing football, and when I asked him about his connection with the Apollo Space Flight (1969), he said perhaps some other time. He played it down—so long ago, he said. But he did want Reunion information sent to him, so I did that. It'd be great if you'd come, James (or is it Jim?).

As all of you know, it's sad to write about classmates who've died. It's only in the past few years that even I have begun to think about the rest of my life. I don't want it to ever end. But end it will.

You must have seen the article about **Doug Kneeland** in the last magazine. I didn't really know Doug in college. It was only at reunions that I came to know of him. He was such a quiet person, with that almost shy smile of his, not knowing what he was really thinking. He seemed to absorb people, in that laid-back, knowledgeable way of his. Why can't we all be like that? I guess it's because we're individuals, that's why, and because Barbara, his wife, knew Doug as himself, she's the one best to tell of him. So I called.

"He had a wonderful sense of humor, a quick wit, a keen mind—a wonderful mind," Barbara said. "He loved to question everything. I learned so much from him, it was a

wonderful learning experience for me." Barbara said being married to Doug for 10 and a half years "went too quickly. I'm in awe of this quiet man, a little smile—a nice warm smile. He loves people," she said. (She used the present tense.) "He doesn't volunteer a lot of information, but if he's asked, he will." She told of doing the *New York Times* Sunday crossword puzzle together. "Between us we do very well," she said. "We'd use erasable pens and a lot of research books." She said she knew the "little tricky things, he knew the smart stuff."

Barbara, who lived and grew up in Lincoln as Doug did, said they had always lived near a university town. She spoke of "roughing it" at the summer camp on the Little Narrows. "I enjoyed it with him, it's been fun," Barbara said. "I love to swim, I swim for fun, it's so refreshing and the kids love it."

"Doug said, 'I never once felt that I didn't want to go to work.' He enjoyed his career," Barbara said. "He also had wonderful stories and he was so glad being back—coming back to Maine, involved with the university and classmates—being part of things," she said. "He came back to his roots, got involved with his classmates. He enjoyed the friendships, the events, the gatherings, and he loved the games. He'll be missed," she said. "It was a wonderful closing to his life."

Doug, we won't forget you.

Dorothy Leonard Richardson, of Otter Creek, Maine, is another one of our classmates who will be missed. The January 29, 2008, edition of the *Bangor Daily News* told of her death on January 25, after "decades of struggling with Alzheimer's disease." I also knew of Dorothy, but not really Dorothy, the person. She was someone you noticed around campus, a popular classmate, a Tri Delta sorority member, and a Sophomore Eagle. I decided to call **Paul**, her husband and our classmate, in Otter Creek. He talked of Dorothy and told of her illness and how he would feed her each day at Birch Bay Village in Halls Cove, some nine miles away, where she spent her final years. I didn't take down many notes, as a classmate gave me Dorothy's obituary notice. But Paul did talk of how Dorothy was the school librarian in Northeast Harbor and how she helped establish the Mount Desert Island Regional High School Library. An English major who graduated from Bangor High in 1949, Dorothy "continued to challenge herself

academically," as the obituary read. It stated that, "She was very proud of achieving her master's degree in library science. Being a school librarian brought her great joy, as it combined her love of books with being surrounded by young people."

Dorothy was an "active person who enjoyed tennis, gardening, and horses," the article said, and was active in numerous local clubs and organizations. "Golf was a passion and she was the recipient of many awards and trophies." It also said she was a "lover of music" and played in the bell choir at Union Congregational Church. She was the mother of three, two girls and a boy: Paula Richardson Gannon and husband, John, of Somesville; Gail Richardson Gee and husband, Steven, also of Somesville; and Peter Leonard Richardson and wife, Peggy (Miller), of Bar Harbor. Also, seven grandchildren.

As the obituary noted: "In celebration of her life, her family proudly continues to be her voice against Alzheimer's disease."

Paul said their son, Peter, is now carrying on the family business, Crobb Box Company, which Paul's father started and which was Paul's life also. The company makes wooden boxes, "big enough to take a cab chassis," Paul said. The boxes are knocked down and trucked for Ford. I think perhaps Paul, also an English major, might make it to Reunion—he lives five miles from Bar Harbor. We hope you come.

Our condolences go out to the families of Doug and Dorothy.

Clayton Blood of Searsport, Maine, originally from Pembroke, Maine, broke his right leg November 2, with a contusion of his left hand October 27. "You don't think about it until looking at four walls," he said. When I called at 3:30 one afternoon, he was going to walk over on the causeway to Sears Island. Watch out, Clayton, things come in threes. The cause of his accidents? Ice and stairs. With an agricultural education under his belt, Clayton spent 34 years in education in the state, and the last 14 in the Department of Education. "I headed up the program for adults to come back to school, high school," he said. "I personally signed 23,600 diplomas all over the state. It was very rewarding, very satisfying." And then he retired in 1990. He said he probably wouldn't be going to Reunion, but you never know. He's never been to one, but there's always the first time. "I've just resisted," he



Class of 1953 classmates together with Ginny Norton Beach '52 (far right) at Estabrooke Hall. First row (left to right): Kathy Mitchell Mendelsohn and Joan Russell Mogilevsky. Back row (left to right): Dee Draper Weidemeyer, Peggy Given White, Jean Dolloff Kreizinger, Maxine Dresser Thurston, Dot Ramsay Smith, and Ginny.

said. He's been involved with the baseball program, Friends of Maine Baseball, and was president of the group for a couple of years and on the executive committee for 10. He's also been to all of the UMaine baseball games and most of the hockey home games at Orono. That's what we want to see!

Clayton has been married to his Unity High School classmate, Barbara, for 55 years. Congratulations! And Barbara has taught adults how to read in the Searsport area, where they've lived some 40 years. They're parents of three, all teachers: Clayton Jr., an English teacher at Brewer High; Jennifer, a middle school teacher at St. George; and Babette, a subprimary teacher in Jefferson. And each of their children are parents of two. Clayton likes to garden, fish, and hunt. Sounds good. Thanks, Clayton.

Charles "Bubba" Barrett of Shalimar, Florida, now retired, will most likely be out of the country at Reunion time, in Hawaii/Japan, he said. Originally from Bedford, Massachusetts, a Lambda Chi man who majored in government, he worked with IBM, Selectric typewriter for 32 years. He also mentioned teaching at the University of Florida. If we don't see you both, have fun abroad, you parents of four and grandparents of five.

I asked this native by the name of **Tony Bartley**, "What's good about Greenville, Maine?" "Everything," came the reply. (His real name is Woodruffe Lambert, (W.L.), but his folks nicknamed him Tony, so Tony it is.) And you know what he did for 52 years? He had his own business, W.L. Bartley, a fuel oil distributor for

Mobil Oil. "Sold gas, fuel, diesel, propane, everything," he said. "In 1956, oil was five cents a gallon and kerosene was seven cents a gallon." You guessed his major, didn't you? Business administration. He's also a TKE man who still lives in "the last outpost," as he calls Greenville, a town of 1,700 people, and he still plows snow. Well, there's plenty of that up there, I'm sure. And you can bet there'll be more. When I called, he said snow was still about two and a half feet "on the level" with 10 to 15-foot banks. And here are a few reasons why he likes it up north: the nature; the largest lake, Moosehead (he has a camp there); and the largest mountain, Katahdin.

"Snowmobiling is big," he said, and the local industry is about 50/50 tourist and woods. "A lot of people are building second homes," he added, and he talked of Plum Creek and said, "Most of the local folk are pleased, so many acres to conservation."

Tony, who served in the Army as a training officer for the infantry, met his wife, a Husson grad from Bangor, by the name of Rowena "Pinky" Trenholm, at the university. He took a life-saving class at the Bangor YMCA, and Pinky ("we go by nicknames up here") was in the class, "a nice person." **Fred Hutchinson** was best man at their wedding, and Tony was Fred's best man. Has Tony changed? "Six foot and baldheaded," he said. Has he gained any weight? "Sure have, a little over 200 pounds now." (You're a riot, Tony.) He and Pinky are the parents of four.

Brant Frost's phone line in Macon, Georgia, was busy for a

long time, but I'm not one to give up easily. Finally I got Brant on the line, a Sigma Chi man and a cheerleader, and we had a nice talk, but you know what? I hardly took any notes and the notes I did rambled into one another. Sorry about that, Brant, but I don't want to be wrong about things and perhaps some you didn't want published. I did write down that you and Janet have four sons and 11 grandchildren, and hope to make it to our 55th.

Beverly Finney Aker of Lexington, Massachusetts, with a summer place in Sebago, went to Orono for two years and majored in chemistry. Then she went to work. She might come to Saturday's Reunion lunch in Orono. Let's hope so. She came to our 45th.

I called **Charles Adams** in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada (three hours behind us), and got him. Hurrah! A Vinalhaven Island High grad, Charles went to UMaine freshman year ('49-'50), staying at North Dorms. Then it was the Air Force and off to Korea and college in Ohio. Born in Belfast, he said he played high school baseball against classmate **Frank Pickering** from Deer Isle. "I struck out Frank four times in one game," he said proudly. Remember that, Frank? He also mentioned classmate **Ed Crozier**. Let's hope Charles and Gerry, who have three children and nine grandchildren, will make it to Reunion.

Faith Taylor Diehl of Annapolis, Maryland, who works as a librarian 20 hours a week, will be off with both her daughters to Giverny, France, May 8-14 to see Claude Monet's garden. ("Very famous water lily," Faith said.) One daughter is a passionate gardener in Maryland and the other lives in California. What a wonderful trip to be taking. (She also spoke of a December library bus trip to New York). That's it for trips this year, so she won't be coming to Reunion.

Life goes on for **Don LaRochelle** of Wells, Maine. What is he doing? "Not a darn thing. Nothing has changed," he said. "I still go to work every other day." (He's clerk of the works at Exeter High in Exeter, New Hampshire.) I just can't get him and Anne to this year's Reunion.

Ever-faithful **Zeke Mavodones**, of Poughkeepsie, New York, keeps the email going. Here's what he sent December 31: "Happy New Year. Wishing you lots of good health, fewer houseguests, little snow to shovel, and an early spring. Here is some of my news. My four kids planned a 50th wedding anniversary

for us six months in advance and in great secrecy. They sprang it on our special date September 29th. There was sunshine, a huge Culinary Institute cake, over 50 guests, several tents, music—saxophone and keyboard by my son-in-law and nephew/son (he grew up with us from age three)—we danced, told how I met Maria (will tell you another time ... it's funny), the parish priest was there and even gave us all a nice prayer. All of my three daughters, four grandkids, and three sons-in-law were there as well. Still have two small balloons up on a side light fixture.

"This summer we went to Higgins Beach, weather was fine but the house we rented was really lacking in many items, but we will pick a better one next year. I am still president of county-region continuing education association plus directing our small continuing education program in the district. We are writing the 80-year history of our church community in words and pictures. Doing some updating of ye olde house ... refrigerator, floor linoleum, microwave, repair porch, etc.

"In the Masonic fraternity I was invited to become a KYCH (Knight York Cross of Honor) as a result of being the presiding officer of all four main Masonic bodies ... there are only four of us in a county membership of 2,000 that have that honor—it's like being president of four main college alumni and university groups.

"I did call Doug Kneeland's wife when I learned about his passing. Although I was not close to him since college time I still felt a silent internal sad sigh. I did meet him at one reunion before his hair became very white.

"Call the people you know and give the ones nearby an unabashed hug ... and do as they do in Europe and the Mediterranean and give your friends a kiss on the cheek as well ... and you can shake their hands as well. Well you asked for some news and here is it. As always, Zeke."

In January, he wrote and said, "Woody called me and I said I would come to Reunion. I am not sure about Bar Harbor but I know Orono is O.K."

Remember the big fires in California last October? I thought of two of our classmates who live out that way, **Barbara Girard Dorman** in Irvine and **Lois Welton Byrne** in San Diego. So I called both. Luckily for Barbara the fires were "probably 10 to 12 miles away," she said. As for Lois, she and Jack had to evacu-



Enjoying the alumni luncheon in Sarasota on March 8 are (left to right): Paul Nadeau '55, Susan Nadeau, and Richard Newdick '53.

ate one night. "The fire was within three miles of us, but the winds favored us," she said. They had the car all packed, but when I called they still hadn't unpacked. They were cleaning up ash. "The price we pay for Paradise," she said. "Will see if our favorite restaurant is open—we'll go to lunch." (Lois said her daughter was in the path of the fire, evacuated, and came over to their house first. And here they were evacuating themselves!)

Received the following email from Barbara October 28:

"How very thoughtful of you to call me! I was so surprised and delighted! It is always nice to know that people care. Today is the first day that I feel almost normal (whatever that is) after our 14 hours of air flight and 10 time zones. Have not watched an entire TV show or read any of my unread books since we returned. Jet-lagging to the nth degree.

"Even though we are trying to reach normalcy, I am happy that we went. Being in the Ukraine (Odessa and Yalta), Sochi (Russia—site of the 2014 Olympics), Athens, Santorini, Constanza (Romania—home of one of our neighbors), Alexandria, and Istanbul presented us with many memorable events. Our neighbors next door are from the Ukraine so I enjoyed their modern cities. In Romania I visited the site of Trajan's monument and museum and a monastery way out in the countryside. Even had a picnic in the meadow with the local Romanian women.

"Sailing up the Bosphorus one evening during dinner we viewed Istanbul all lit up for Ramadan. When we finally were there, we

toured the Popaki museum where we lost one lady who finally was discovered after we left the museum. Fortunately she was put in a cab and returned to the ship. The second day there Dwight and I took a ship shuttle to the customs.

"Next October we are scheduled for Tahiti if all goes well. We would like to manage 100 cruises. So far we have finished 97. Can you believe that a girl from Maine could do all of this traveling. What a wonderful opportunity we have had. I am grateful for every minute and experience. Love, Barbara

"PS Keep in touch!"

I'll try, and thanks for the Christmas card. Hey, if you can do ships, why not hop a plane and come to Maine!

A Christmas card arrived in my mailbox from **Carroll** and **Jodie Akeley**, of Conway, South Carolina, with the following note: "We noted in your last column that you couldn't reach Carroll in S.C. You were right—we spend the summers in Maine. From mid-May to mid-October we're at Lake Cobbosseecontee, outside Augusta, 66 Hammond's Grove, Manchester, Maine 04351 Hope to see you at the 55th."

Mary Skelton Ames, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, is another classmate who keeps in touch by email. Here's her latest, in part: "The biggest project that I'm involved in right now is baking cookies and sending them to soldiers in Iraq. I buy the ingredients, bake the cookies, pack and mail them, and then my church reimburses me for my expenses. I've been doing this since September '05, and have sent well over 200 boxes. I stopped counting at 200. Tomorrow I've invited two

young lady-soldiers to come over and we're going to make cookies to fill up nine boxes—valentines, for nine different soldiers. And a good part of this project, which is dear to my heart, is that when I move to Arizona, there's another Army post there, and I probably will be able to find an organization that will help me to continue this project." That's the spirit, Mary! She also sent along a very interesting piece about guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

I must close for another four months. Hate to, now that I've gotten going, but I have some baby-sitting to do. Time does march on. And from the mouth of babes (my seven-year-old grandson) on the subject of honeymoons: "Share the moment. Don't go to the city. And if you don't agree where you want to go, go separate ways. Do something fun that you'll never ever do again."

On that note, I'll say goodbye.

There will be a memorial service for Doug Kneeland '53 on June 21 at 2 p.m. at the Clay Funeral Home in downtown Lincoln.

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As we are sitting here starting this column in January, we are enjoying the most intense snowstorm of the winter and it has been some Maine winter so far! We had just gotten off the telephone with **Ed Coffin** of Augusta who was sitting in Florida enjoying the wonders of nature and getting some computer work done. Ed has been "retired" for some time but is still very active in many community activities. His career as a civil engineer resulted in building the Coffin Engineering Company with offices in Augusta and Camden, Maine. Those of you who attended our 50th Reunion may remember our memorable cocktail party at Point Lookout, the MBNA executive

lodge in Lincolnville. Ed and his firm had done all the site development for that project as well as for many other MBNA projects. Incidentally, **Al Bancroft's** construction firm had done much of the actual construction there also. In 1999 Ed sold his firm to his sons, Jim '88 and Kane '78, who are both UMaine grads.

After a long marriage, Ed lost his wife, Lolly, and three years ago married May Ross who was retired from a long career as the Secretary of the Maine State Senate. She was just elected to a position on the Augusta City Charter Commission. Ed was elected to the Augusta City Council two years ago and he serves with a son-in-law of May. All of this political involvement recently prompted a recent letter to the editor of the local daily, taking issue with the "dynasty" which, as you can imagine, really "upset" Ed.

Ed continues to live, breathe, and sleep basketball! By good fortune, May is also a fan so they travel statewide to watch games. Ed does some coaching and attends all the state tournament games here in Augusta and has been a particularly strong Valley High School, Class D team supporter.

A recent mailing to the alumni office brings us up to date with a couple of '54 classmates, **John and Hazel Brown Standeven**. They are still enjoying Oregon, which they say is a lot like Maine but milder and higher. John is in his 55th year of Boy Scout programs, although his knees are slowing him down on hikes. His gardens are full of lots of greens, etc. and he always plants extra rows for the soup kitchen.

Hazel is in her 41st year of Boy Scout programs. She is an avid genealogist and has continued taking Ph.D. classes in geology in Oregon. She was flattered to find that she was the first woman to graduate from UMaine with a geology degree! Another coup for the Class of '54!

A good newsletter we just received from the university notified us that Nicholas Achorn, a senior from Bangor majoring in psychology, has been awarded the Class of '54 Scholarship for 2007-2008. This year the fund provided \$1,588 in assistance. Please remember how important this assistance is to students in today's economy.

We talked with **Jean Wyman Weatherbee**, with **Bob** in the background, in January. They had to delay their trip to Arizona but planned to leave shortly for a two-month stay. They planned to visit

Betsy Pullen Leitch '55 Recognized by City of Newton for Pond Restoration

Betsy Pullen Leitch was honored by the City of Newton, Massachusetts, for her work in restoring Bulloughs Pond—a project that began in the 1980s, when Betsy helped form the Bulloughs Pond Association. At the time, the pond was in eutrophication, emitting noxious odors in the summer and failing to freeze in the winter.

Betsy and her husband, Bill, worked hard to revive and enhance the pond's natural splendor as well as the beauty of the surrounding neighborhood. Eventually Betsy's efforts led to the return of birds, waterfowl, and human visitors. The pond has even become the subject of a literary work by Diana Muir.

In recognition of her work, the city installed a stone marker at the bench on the pond dam reading "Betsy's Bench."



with other '54ers who gravitate to that area to catch some rays.

Jean told us that she had recently talked with **Bud '59G and Val Kewley Weiland** who now live on a lake in Ellsworth. She reported that they had been to Washington over Christmas to visit a son (an attorney) and his family. An investigation of our archives reveals that Bud and Val, aside from their busy professional lives, bought a Hampden farm in 1977, added Romney sheep in 1991, a shingle mill in 1995, and soon after, a carding mill, resulting in their spread's name of Woodstock Farm.

For all of their efforts in these activities they were awarded the Penobscot County Soil and Water District's 1997 Conservation Farm Award. Do you suppose they remember those active years?

As column submittal time closes in, we are anxious to include as much news of classmates as possible. This can only be done with your help! Please drop any of us above some news of interest to classmates. Email is so easy! Make it a special treat to remember those wonderful college friendships and share the continued stories of your lives with those special people.

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By the time you receive this copy of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*, the weather will be warm and sunny (I hope) and the lawn will be green once again. However, today is the perfect day to sit down and write my column, as it is snowing *again* here in Maine. I must admit that it is beautiful to see the snow falling on the trees, and I am certain that you skiers would be overjoyed with all of this snow.

Any news coming from the alumni office is *nil—nothing—nada—rien*, and they have suggested that I include any information received in Christmas cards to fill our column. And so this is mainly what is going to happen in my article this time.

Each year, I always look forward to **Ted and Ruth Dow Durst's** Christmas letter. In addition to their huge family and all of their goings

on, Ted and Ruth enjoy activities at the Walnut Creek, California, senior center, where as Ruth writes, "... where else can you see movies for fifty cents including fresh popcorn?" They belong to two book clubs and don't travel far from home, as neither of them enjoys driving on the freeways. **Paul** and I have never driven on the California freeways but have heard many horrible stories. However, we will get our first attempt at driving in California when we go to the Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles in June.

Congratulations to **Westy** and **Sylvia Farris Keene** on the addition of twin great-grandsons to their family. What a wonderful blessing that is for your family.

Dottie St. Onge Alford was married and is happy to be back in the State of Maine. They are living in Island Falls, Maine. If any '55ers are in that area, I am sure that Dottie would love to hear from you.

What a wonderful trip **Liz Pierce Cross** had with her family. They all planned to meet in Sorrento, Italy, for a week in May and stay in a villa there. In addition to visiting her boys this past year, Liz had a wonderful four days in New York City with her 18-year-old granddaughter. She continues to spend four months in Maine and eight months in Florida pursuing her favorite pastimes—tennis and bridge.

Joe Benedetto does his traveling on foot. He runs. He finished the 2007 26.2-mile New York City Marathon in five hours and 31.55 minutes. Joe now lives in Virginia Beach, but grew up in Brooklyn. According to the *Virginia Beach Beacon* article he sent, Joe was one of the official 39,000 athletes who ran the course. His son, Michael, has previously competed but ran unofficially this year. Joe, who operates Tidewater Fibre Corporation, a recycling facility he founded, started running just 10 years ago. He doesn't consider age a drawback, "I feel so young when I finish. I swear I'm in better shape now than when I was in high school."

We had a wonderful luncheon at the home of **John** and Ann Dingwell **Knowles '57** when **Bill Calkin** visited Maine in October. Also welcoming Bill to Maine were Al '54 and Jody Owen Bingham '56, Lorraine and **Bill Tiedemann**, Babbs and **Charlie Hussey**, and **Bill** and Marilyn Pennell **Johnson '57**. We had not seen Bill Calkin since our 50th Reunion. He was planning a two to three-month visit to Mexico during the winter of 2008. Planning

to attend but unable to do so were **Bill '56 and Mary Atkinson Johnson**. Bill was scheduled for surgery the morning of the luncheon but after arriving at the hospital it was decided that the surgery should be postponed to a date in November. Mary said that he is progressing well. We wish him a quick recovery.

Carol and **Bill Butler**, who had been visiting us for a week, also left the same day to go back to Virginia and were disappointed that they could not stay to see everyone. Charlie Hussey has moved from Chicago to Kittery, Maine. Welcome back to Maine, Charlie and Babbs.

Not to be outdone by Bill Johnson, **Muriel Verrill Gade** had hip replacement surgery in November which went well. After recuperating at an extended care facility for a couple of weeks, she returned to her home and was hoping to be able to do some holiday baking.

I hear, through the grapevine, that **Betsy Pullen Leitch** was honored for her work in restoring Bulloughs Pond in Newton, Massachusetts, a project which dates from the late 1980s. Betsy received a certificate, and a reception was held at city hall in Newton, but even more important, a stone was installed at the bench on the pond dam which reads "Betsy's Bench" in recognition of her efforts on behalf of the pond restoration. Congratulations, Betsy. You are certainly involved in so many philanthropic projects for which you should be congratulated.

On a sad note, **Harrison Sylvester** passed away on January 15, 2008. Harry was a very supportive member of our class and attended many of our reunions. In one of my previous articles, I reported how Harry devoted his last 25 years to learning disabilities after being diagnosed with dyslexia in his early 50s. He was president of Learning Disabilities of Maine, and the first person with learning disabilities to serve as president at the national level. He wrote a book, *The Legacy of the Blue Heron*, which was about his journey with dyslexia. Harry lectured nationally and had a special interest in working with disadvantaged youth. He spent five years working with adult and adolescent substance abuse programs in Waterville. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Janet, and their family.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to receive a Christmas card from YOU next year, so that I could put your news in our column!



Lynda Martin Rohman '81 (far right) of the Lynda Martin Rohman development office and University of Maine Foundation president Amos Orcutt '64 (second from right) visit with Ron Coffin '56 and his wife, Sheila Nunes, at their home in Tierra Verde, Florida, in early March. Ron is president of First Allied Corporation in Portland, where he also has a residence.

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Greetings, '56ers. Is it spring yet? I continue to be amazed by all the activities reported to me by our classmates. **Judy Barker Carducci** spent three months abroad last summer and fall, painting and teaching—13 days in China followed by a month in the village of her late husband's family in the Abruzzo region, then nine days in Rome, five days in Perugia, a week in Tuscany near Siena, nearly a week in Florence, followed by visits to Istanbul and Ephesus in Turkey, a cruise of the Greek islands (Mykanos, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, Santorini) and a tour of mainland Greece (where she fulfilled a lifelong wish to see the Lion Gate at Mycenae). The paintings she brought home are being framed in anticipation of a show. Some paintings stayed with

the family in Italy and some were sold before the end of the trip. Judy reports it is good to be back home, picking up the threads and having some time off before starting the next round of teaching and traveling. With the weak dollar, it is iffy whether she'll be teaching abroad in '08, so her sponsor is looking at New England and Puerto Rico (where it's our dollar!). Watch her web site: www.judithcarducci.com and maybe some of us will be able to go and paint with her.

Another second career artist is **Alta Kilton McDonald**. After she fully retired from almost 50 years of social work, she started doing bead design as a hobby. She now has a business, Alta Rocks, and had her first show on Thursday, December 6. It was quite a thrill as she always had a hidden artistic desire which she never had time to develop. Alta took a vacation with friends on the Baja Peninsula; a pilgrimage to Italy with an Episcopal Church group; a trip to British Columbia where she trekked across the summit of Mount Whistler; family vacations with daughter Laurie McDonald '81 and family in Bellevue, Washington; and at Bog Lake in Northfield, Maine. She sees classmate **Gerry Wright** frequently in Jamaica Plain and enjoys her access to the Boston cultural scene.

Don and Jan Lord Mott celebrated 50 years married on June 29, 2007. A family dinner and party made it a happy occasion for all. They celebrated again with a delayed trip to Cancun in February and will travel with dear friends celebrating their 50th with a trip to France in September. Their oldest of six grandchildren is a college senior this year. They have had fun keeping in touch with old college friends this year and wish "Hi to all!"

Henry "Hank" and Ian Brodersen took a three-week trip to Africa last summer. They spent time at five different safari camps in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana, and South Africa. The game and bird

viewing was spectacular. "We rode around in open Land Rovers, and one day we found ourselves in the middle of a herd of nine white rhinos. Another day, we had an adult male lion walk past our vehicle so close we could have touched him if we had wanted (which we didn't want to do. If you do that you suddenly become fast food!). We saw huge herds of hippos, wildebeests, giraffes, elephants, etc. as well as numerous warthogs, zebras, cheetahs, leopards, baboons, monkeys, and about 135 species of birds. We even saw a six-foot python on a path we were walking on near Victoria Falls. The elephant ride was really a hoot. We rode for about an hour, and believe me, the 72-year-old body was never designed to ride on an elephant that long. But it sure was fun, and all in all, it was a fantastic experience." (But they didn't send me a picture of Hank on an elephant!). They have been to Arizona to visit their son and his family. Their grandson out there is two years old, and was born May 29, 2005, which was Hank's 70th birthday! Hank has discovered the fun of Tuba Christmas. (I started participating in 2002 and even managed to play on the Tuba Christmas float in Freeport's Sparkle Parade this year.)

I wonder if any other classmates are still involved in a musical ensemble. Hank is playing in the Southern Maryland Concert Band. They presented their season-ending formal concert, including the *1812 Overture*, in December. Don Mott is managing and singing with The Master's Men, an a cappella religious chorus that sings twice a month in North Carolina and Virginia, and Jan Lord Mott is directing a choir of 25-30 residents at a retirement community. The average age of the group is 85 and collectively they have over 1,400 years of singing experience.

In September **Dick and Dena Jewett Ackerman** drove west, stopping at the Black Hills, Yellowstone, the north rim of the Grand Canyon, and Carlsbad Caverns. Now they are back home in Vermont, keeping busy with genealogy research, house and yard projects, volunteering, exercising at the local pool, and trying to keep track of the athletic and musical activities of the grandchildren.

All this traveling might be the reason **Pat Nelson Madach** is still on the job. Since she works 99 percent via mail, telephone, and email, she bought a home at the



Former Falmouth town council chairman, Richard Olson, presents a print of the Town Landing Market to Faith Wixson Varney '56, '65G after she was named the town's 2007 Citizen of the Year.

Falmouth Citizen of the Year

Since Faith Wixson Varney '56 retired in 2001, after 34 years of teaching music in the Falmouth, Maine, school system, she has become something of a super volunteer in her community. All of her many efforts were recognized when she was selected as Falmouth's 2007 Citizen of the Year.

Since the fall of 2001, Faith has served as president of the Friends of Falmouth Memorial Library. For her work with the library she received the Russell Award for community service in 2006. She has served on the Falmouth Community Advisory Committee since 2002, the last four years as chair and also on the Open Space Plan Committee.

And Faith has kept her musical interests going strong, as well. She is "first horn" and treasurer for the Westbrook City Band and "second horn" and assistant director of the Italian Heritage Center Concert Band. In addition, she founded and performs in the Quintessence Brass Quintet, and also plays in the Commandery Brass Quintet and the Centennial Band.

That seems like a pretty exhausting schedule—but there's more. Faith also has continued to coach numerous brass ensembles at the middle and high schools. And when the state jazz festival came to Falmouth, she of course volunteered to help "in the office."

Oh yes, she also serves on the Falmouth voter registration appeals board and volunteers to check voters on election day.

Somehow Faith also finds the time to do an outstanding job with the Class of '56 column!

Despite such an impressive volunteer record, Faith says she doesn't really know why she was chosen to be Citizen of the Year.

"I'm just doing all the things that I enjoy doing and now have the time to do," she says.

beach in August and is now living there pretty much full time. It is five miles from the ocean as the crow flies. Her back view is part of a golf course with lots of beautiful trees between the properties. The only down side is the occasional golf ball that hits the house! Her new address is: 21 Drawbridge Road, Ocean Pines, Maryland 21811, phone: 443-729-0844.

Speaking of not really retiring, **Ron Beinema** and his wife, Janice, have returned to Falmouth Congregational Church. He has just finished his fourth interim pastorate since retiring. And the recently deceased **Samuel George Bovill** retired from Williston-West Congregational Church but went on to serve several interim pastorates and then became minister of visitation for First Parish Congregational Church of Saco.

Then there is **Gilles E. Auger** who is now on 100 percent permanent vacation. He prefers permanent vacation over the word re-TIRED. Either way, he has decided it was time to smell the roses and let the younger generation master the new centralized voter registration. He had been working part-time for the town of Sanford on the board of voter registration since 1963 and became the registrar of voters when that title was created by the state of Maine. He had started to see a third generation of voters. Claire and he have forgone Florida and spend a lot of time with the grandchildren.

Retired Bangor city engineer and amateur historian, **John Frawley**, has been involved in a joint University of Maine-Bangor High School project to map the site of Bangor's historic and largely forgotten Irish cemetery located between Buck and Lincoln streets at West Broadway. According to an article in the November 26, 2007, issue of the *Bangor Daily News* these first-generation Irish fled Canada in 1832 when cholera broke out in the Saint John, New Brunswick, area. They traveled on foot to Bangor on what is now Route 9. As a child, John remembers when the city extended West Broadway and the workers told him about the old cemetery.

Stu Haskell and **Dana Devoe** are members of the Penobscot Valley Country Club and part of the same foursome in the Eastern Maine Senior Golf Association. They enjoy many rounds of golf each summer.

Foster and **Mickie Mitchell Shibles** '58 celebrated their 50th wedding twice. Once with friends on

December 29, 2006, and once with family on July 7, 2007. The boys and their spouses, grandkids, and great-grandkids treated them to a traditional lobster bake! Such fun and many memories. They attended their foreign exchange "daughter's" wedding in Chile. Alehandra was with them in 1989-99. She is a young lady now and is the CEO of the family business Agrícola in Quillota, Chile. They feel very much a part of her family and she with theirs.

Chuck and **Jane Wiseman Johnson** spend the winter in Arizona but return to Maine for the holidays. Chuck and Jane got together with Bob and **Nancy Sinclair Wilson** a couple of times last spring. Once was for the alumni get-together in Scottsdale, Arizona, where they had a Downeast clambake.

The Class of '56 gave \$3,585 in scholarships this year. Anthony Pirruccello, a junior majoring in construction management technology, and Jonathan Pirruccello, a junior majoring in biological sciences, are from Turner, Maine, and are the grandsons of **Patricia Fortier Doten**. Lindsey Wyman, a sophomore majoring in psychology, is from Hopkinton, Massachusetts, and is the granddaughter of **Arthur and Marilyn "Fritzie" Page Thompson**.

You may have heard that class president **Bill Johnson** was out of circulation for a while. He was hit with a bacterial infection in June, which caused him to lose his left hip. After hospitalization and several surgeries, he returned home in late November and is learning to walk again with a total hip replacement. He thanks class members for their cards, phone calls, and visits which cheered him immensely.

Carolyn Bull Dahlgren dropped off a copy of the December 5, 2007, issue of the *Bangor Daily News* which featured an article about Stuart Haskell's new 750-page almanac about University of Maine sports history, *The Maine Book, University of Maine Athletics 1881-2007*. In this book, Stu, a former athletic director, had the assistance of Debbie Ramp, Valerie Mitchell, and the folks at the UMaine Alumni Association as he included all sports, men's and women's, from archery to wrestling and even included the date of death for former athletes and coaches. Anyone who earned a Maine "M" is in the book.

Since retiring in 2001 I've coached several brass groups in the middle and high schools, chaired the

community advisory committee, and been active with the Friends of the Falmouth Library. Last year I added co-directing the OLLI Chorus, one of the courses at the Senior College held at University of Southern Maine, Portland, to my many musical activities.

Please contact me with news for the next issue of class notes. If you change mail or email address, please let me know. Put UM '56 in the subject line. Faith

1957

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During the very busy period between Christmas and the New Year, the women did not gather for a holiday luncheon. The weather reinforced that decision by continuing to show the various types of precipitation it could provide at temperatures hovering around 32 degrees, and then reinforcing it with the quick hard freezes that result in "boiler-plate" ice firmly attached to the wearing surface.

Our actual anniversary was celebrated with a dinner of scallops and champagne at the bottom of the glassy driveway. Perhaps sometime all three children will appear at the same time. **Judy Carroll Stockbridge** and Joe '55 had been traveling most of the summer celebrating their anniversary year. **Kenton** and Carole **Nadeau** of Caribou were honored on their 50th at a surprise luncheon at the Sea Dog Restaurant in Bangor in October, hosted by their children with more than 30 family members in attendance.

In the vanguard once again, **Margaretmary McCann** and her sister Dottie '52 made the move in the fall from Applegate in Falmouth to The Atrium, an independent living facility. They are at: 640 Ocean Avenue, Apartment 213, Portland 04103. Both they and the relatives visiting them will save gasoline as there is no need to go out for swimming or other activities. They have a full laundry and a complete kitchen in their unit, and the ability to have their main meal in a dining room between five and seven daily. There are always plenty of friends to visit with. Their new phone number is



'56ers Get Into the Spring Swing of Things in Florida

Among the attendees at the Fort Pierce/Vero Beach alumni gathering on March 12 were several members of the Class of 1956. At left are Dick and Betty Brockway Nevers (modeling their new UMaine Foundation aprons). In the right photo are Robert and Geraldine Wallace Williams.

207-828-3781.

Jiggs Cecchini has found a great new way to give—he goes in every month or so to have platelets removed from his blood to benefit cancer patients. Anyone who receives them certainly could develop a smile like his!

The **Emerys** have moved again, back to the Deep Creek area of Maryland. You can reach them at: P.O. Box 474, 327 Heron Cove West, Oakland, Maryland 21550; (301) 387-5491. **Phil** is glad to be

out of town again and is happily looking forward to tending his new lawn. He has built shelving all over and justified a second garage for his cobalt boat. **Sylvia MacKenzie Emery** got her somewhat smaller house located in an area removed from the main lake and buffered from the noise. They enjoy their activities there—friends, church, and Phil's band. Sylvia managed to get both knees successfully replaced last year in two different hospitals. Having the entire family, now at 20,

all together has been solved by renting a nearby house for the July 2008 occasion of their 50th anniversary.

Joe Yovino's wife, Betty, wrote from Tucson, "On December 18, Joe passed away after a two-week stay in the hospital. He decided to go to sleep after we learned that he would need 24/7 care and not at home. I am thankful to God that we had 48 wonderful years together. I will remain in Tucson with visits to Maine to visit the kids." Joe, and others, live on in our memories.

A January email from **Jane Barker**, who has a steep driveway on Mt. Desert, sounds interesting. "The builders have moved their wood inside leaving the plow man free to clear the upper 20 square feet of driveway we have been shoveling! Hurrah! Of course, then it melted and now it's raining so we are into mud season. The sum total of folk stuck on our driveway thus far includes the fellow who purportedly plows us out (twice!), his buddy who came to pull him out once and swung across the drive (at the bottom where it is flat), the Ellsworth Builders Supply truck, and two of our three carpenters. The driveway will have to be replaced in the spring after construction (which is coming along nicely) is finished. Of course, we picked out some tiles for the new entry two years ago and there are not enough left at the tile store in Portland to finish the whole large room."

A monograph, *Labor Day 2007*:



Class of 1957 members, left to right: Phil Coffin, John Watson, Bob Dragoon, and Earle Fletcher at the Bangor Municipal Golf Course during Reunion 2007. They want to remind classmates about the upcoming 25th Jiggs (as in Cecchini) Open coming up in July.

Pausing to Reflect on Images of Maine Labor One Hundred Years Ago, authored by **Charles Scontras** ('65G, '68 Ph.D.) was released by the UMaine Bureau of Labor Education in August. Many of the issues and problems of the past still exist today. Areas covered are unionization and safety issues, Lobster Fishermans International Protective Association, and the Industrial Workers of the World strike at Marston Woolen Mills in Skowhegan.

Phil Dugas ran for the Gorham town council in October. Phil has served the town for several terms.

In his '07 bio-environmental engineering international annual newsletter, **E. Paul Taiganides** announced: "Happiness is ... finally losing 20 pounds at 73 years of age. After 4.6 decades (marriage bliss span) of double-digit growth per decade, I decided that eating to surfeit is an addiction. Having decided thus, I reduced food and alcohol intake.

"Dreams are made of ... being featured on a National Public Radio broadcast on 'All Things Considered,' interviewed by NPR reporter Joe Shapiro who visited Avdou in June to verify the benefits of traditional siestas and Cretan diet on life longevity."

Paul is venturing into the field of biogas—see: www.biogasfarms.com.

1958

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Hope that 2008 has been treating you well so far and that you and yours are all signed up for our 50th Reunion. Doesn't seem possible that it is 50 years since we left the hallowed halls of Maine. I can remember thinking that 50 years was far, far away and somehow I did not see myself as being around for the celebration. Well, here we are 50 years later, still going strong, and looking forward to the Reunion and another 50 years. I am sure that you have all signed up for the events and that your bio sheet was turned in for the memory book. Believe me, there's some very interesting info on those sheets.

Congratulations are due to **Charles** and **Beverly Knowlen** for



UMaine Foundation president, Amos Orcutt '64 (left), visits with John '57, '63G and Charlene Bridge at their winter home in The Villages, Florida. For much of the year the Bridges live in Augusta where John serves as president of BridgeCorp.

completing 50 years of married life in 2007. May they enjoy many more years!

Barbara Hasey Andrews says that while their 50th wedding anniversary was the big event of the year, they took a trip to Budapest, Hungary, for the baptism of their grandson Markus (he has dual citizenship) and they spent a week in Ireland where Tom looked for the church in which his great-grandparents were married in 1841. They visited the Ring of Kerry, kissed the Blarney Stone, and raised a glass at the Guinness Brewery in Dublin.

After completing 45 years of teaching, **Edward Buckley** is ready for the challenges that he will face as the interim superintendent of S.A.D. 45. Ed, who earned his master of arts in teaching from Colby College in Waterville and a certificate of advanced study in educational administration from UMaine (Orono), taught at Presque Isle High School for 33 years. He spent four years as principal of the Central Aroostook Junior/Senior High School in Mars Hill, and for the last two years has been working with the Maine Alternative Regional Certification program for uncertified teachers. Ed says his "life was getting a little boring, but I think I've solved that."

Larry and **Helen Thurrell** took a three-week tour of China this past

year visiting Beijing, Shanghai, Wuhan, Suzhou, Xi'an, and Guilin. They saw the Temple of Heaven, the Summer Palace, the Ming Tombs, and Tiananmen Square. Larry says there is extensive construction going on for the 2008 Olympics this August and they seem to be sparing no expense to make this the best yet. But the biggest thrill of the year was a visit to Fenway Park in September to see the Red Sox play Tampa Bay—a win in the bottom of the ninth really topped their day.

I received notification from the university that the Class of 1958 scholarship was awarded to Eric Whitman, a senior in mechanical engineering; and Kurt Krohne, a junior majoring in theatre.

Art Mayo has been appointed as chair of the committee to oversee the plans for the development of the Brunswick Naval Air Station acreage when the U.S. Navy leaves the area in

2011. He says that his work with the committee is becoming a full time "volunteer" position.

Hope to see you all on May 28th thru June 1st to celebrate those 50 years. Also remember to pay your alumni dues and make a donation to the university—make sure you indicate that it is for the Class of '58 reunion fund. See you there!

1959

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Hello to all '59ers!

I am saying to ALL because from now until our 50th Reunion in 2009 every one of our 718 currently listed class members will be receiving the alumni magazine. This is so we can keep you posted on all the Reunion plans. Reunion dates are May 29, 30, and 31, 2009. It will be here before you know it. If you haven't already done so please send your current email address to the university as well so we can further communicate. The reunion committee welcomes any ideas you might have

for a pre-Reunion get-together—i.e. Bar Harbor trip, golf tournament, other locations, etc. Please do let us know so we can plan something that everyone is interested in. You can email me or any of the other members of the reunion committee who are listed on our class page on the alumni association web site.

Now for some news—**Torrey Sylvester** writes that he and wife, Jennifer, completed a fabulous three-week trip to the Yukon and Northwest Canadian Territories. They visited Great Slave Lake, MacKenzie River, Yellowknife, capital of Northwest; and Whitehorse, capital of the Yukon. From there they went through British Columbia to Alberta and Saskatoon. This trip completes their pilgrimage to all 10 provinces and two territories of Canada which started in 1963 when they got married! Amazing!

Don Cookson and wife, Susan, live in Plymouth, Massachusetts. They have an out-of-home business started in 1980, Mullaney Cookson Marketing. They specialize in marketing communications and program projects. You can check their web site at: www.mcmmarketing.com. Susan runs a small horse farm, Silver Swan Farm, and they currently have six horses and five llamas. Don says he has become an expert on mucking.

Joe and Pat Stiles Cuccaro are happily enjoying their home in the Ocean View Retirement Community in Falmouth. Pat is very into gardening and Joe plays golf and fishes when the opportunities arise. They spend summers at their cottage on a lake.

Merrill Warren Clukey writes that she took an amazing trip to Alaska, cruising and land, especially enjoying Denali National Park and Mr. McKinley. She is still working several days a week during tax season, just can't seem to give it up.

Bob and I took a river cruise on the Danube last fall. We visited Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Salzburg, and spent three days in Prague. We found it very interesting to see the eastern European countries, how they have been rebuilt and are improving their economies.

Joyce Crockett Ashmanskas writes from Beaverton, Oregon, that she would like to be in touch with all Chi Omegas and All Maine Women from the Class of '59. You can email her at: joyceashmanskas@verizon.net. She and her sister took a trip back east in the fall and enjoyed getting together with classmates, **Tom** and

Sara Boyd Sawyer, and Enid Marshall Thoms. Joyce's husband, Don, retired as a federal magistrate judge in February and they are looking forward to the future. Son Brooks has been appearing in "The Ritz" at the Roundabout Theatre on Broadway. There is talk of a Tony nomination (he was nominated last year). He is taking time off to write a second musical with a director friend. In May, look for him in Boston as he's appearing in "She Loves Me" at the Huntington Theatre.

Bruce Probert and family have donated 175 acres of land off Route 1 in Searsport for preservation by the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine Land Trust. He and his late wife, Joan Guse Probert '62, had been buying property since the 1960s and wanted to ensure that their acreage would not be sold for development. The gift will provide access to the property near the town center and will be open to the public for outdoor recreational activities. The land will also continue to be managed as a working forest. Congratulations to Bruce for this excellent gift to help preserve the environment.

That seems to be it for now. Start planning to attend Reunion in 2009!

1960

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Greetings, classmates, and happy spring. This year our scholarship fund provided \$1,388 in scholarship assistance to two granddaughters of **William Stiles**. Shannon Scott is a senior majoring in nursing at the University of Maine. She won a gold medal Scholar Athlete Award and is co-captain of the swimming and diving team. Allison Scott is a first-year student also majoring in nursing. She participates in basketball and volleyball. Both girls are very grateful for the assistance and sent thank-you notes for the generosity of the scholarship awards.

Get ready for communication from our class president, **Sandie Page**. About a year from now plans will be made for events of our 50th Reunion. Sandie writes one and all to be on the lookout for a letter with suggestions and comments and



Four Class of 1960 members held a mini class reunion at the summer home of Sandie Page on Marshall Pond in Hebron, Maine. Left to right are: Nancy Morse Dysart, Joanne Keith Sullivan, Connie Atherton Martin, and Sandie.

wants input either on the Class of 1960 alumni web site www.mainealumni.org or by mail.

Nancy Morse Dysart will be putting a note together to poll classmates on the preferred time and place to meet in 2010, and there will be a committee meeting next summer, perhaps at Sandie's summer place, "The Aerie," located on Marshall Pond in Hebron, Maine.

In November a mini reunion was held there, with Nancy, Sandie, **Joanne Keith Sullivan**, and **Connie Atherton Martin**. **Gail Mallett Rae** was going to join them but she got tied up at Lee Academy. Joanne had a nice visit in early fall with **Martha Zoidis Delano** and Sandie visited with **Nancy Small Moran** while visiting Higgins Beach in Scarborough last summer. Nancy has a cottage not far from Connie's home. This is all the news from the "ladies of the lake."

In November, the *Bangor Daily News* reported that the children of **Elmer "Herky" Wilcox** and his wife, Jean, celebrated their parents' 50 years of marriage. Herky and Jean spend summers on Beals Island and winters in Davenport, Florida.

We have more news of **Charles Colwell** and Bishop **S. Clifton Ives**. Charlie returned to his ancestral home of Hancock to speak to the Hancock Historical Society in August. Charlie is the longtime rector of St. Barnabas, an Episcopal Church in Irvington-on-Hudson, New York.

He has occupied many church leadership roles in the Diocese of

New York and has published several articles and videos, including one on a spiritual response to 9/11. This fall his new book, *Collision of Worlds: A Priest's Life*, was published.

Clifton, a Farmington native and retired bishop of the United Methodist Church, is serving as interim minister of the United Methodist Church of Belfast. He retired three years ago, and was previously headquartered in Charlestown, West Virginia, and has also done interim work in Brunswick, Augusta, and South Portland.

In closing, a Christmas message from **Diane Wiseman Linscott** related she was working on yet another CD to be released April 3, 2008, and she will be doing a concert at the Glenridge Performing Arts Center in Sarasota with her quartet and tenor guest Harry Allen. Also, Diane has been doing gigs at Ooh La La Bistro in Holmes, Florida. You can reach her at Djazzl@aol.com for particulars. Diane, we will look forward to your music at Reunion.

That's all for this column. Having tried to reach several of you for more news and not catching up, I really depend on you to send me news. All the best to all of you. Please send news.

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1961

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Our class should be exceedingly proud of **Anne Adams Collins** and husband, Dick, for a double donation to our beloved university. Dick '59, you will recall, was an outstanding basketball player and because of his fond memories of the Memorial Gym, Anne and Dick have donated one million dollars to jumpstart fund raising for gym renovations. Additionally, Anne and Dick have given five-million-dollars to renovate the Maine Center for the Arts. The center will be renamed the Richard B. and Anne A. Collins Center for the Arts.

We all might not be able to make such substantial donations to our university but don't lose sight of the fact that our class scholarship fund is still active and continues to assist needy students. This year's scholarships were awarded to Eric Payne of Scarborough and Sara Breau of Clinton. Both Eric's and Sara's grandfathers were in our class. Eric's granddad was Fred Payne '57, '61G, who was a biologist in Atlantic Canada prior to his death.

Nice to hear from some of you at Christmas time. **Nancy Woods Rearick** wrote that she visited with **Beverly Brooks Bryant**, **Sandra Sprague Beveridge**, and **Ann Whitney Pilgrim** at Kittery's Traip Academy's 50th reunion. During the past year Nancy and Dan '58 have been skiing with **Lee** and **Pat Collins Akerley** '66; in the summer celebrated group birthdays with **Harold Hatch** and wife Andrea, Dick and Joanne Keith Sullivan '60, and Danny's; and ended the summer with a visit from **Will Spencer** at the Rearick's Champion Camp in Harrison.

Heard from **Henry "Shep" Shephard** that he's spending some time in Kennebunkport while still living in Massachusetts. His kids and grands are in Delaware and California so visits are not often enough for Shep. **Etta Libby Davenport** had a busy year. She and her friend Mike skied Deer Valley and Park City, Utah, and then toured through Montana and Wyoming. But her big trip this year was to Russia, which started in St. Petersburg and ended with a river cruise to Moscow. **Jeanine Gagnon Stewart** wrote

that she and husband, Stan, spent part of December in Florida looking at retirement properties. Seems the big house and cold Bangor winters have taken their toll. Jeanine also told me that **Regina Murphy Ruhlin** added another granddaughter to her clan in November.

Gingee Buckley Franco and husband, Vince '62, proudly announced the graduation of their daughter Elizabeth from Tufts University Dental School. Elizabeth is now in practice in southern Maine and living in Portland.

Connie and **Ernie Ridlon** escaped the cold of New Jersey and took an eight-day cruise around the Hawaiian Islands in January.

Heard from favorite art professor Harry Greaver and wife Hanne that they continue to run the Greaver Gallery in Cannon Beach, Oregon. This fall they had a hurricane go through and leave them with five days of no electricity but Professor Greaver reminded me that they were "Maine tough" so they sat by the fire and took it.

I attended my Butler High School (New Jersey) reunion in the fall and was glad to see Maine classmates **Andy McGarry, Paul Daly, and Jack Myles**. Andy lives in Florida, Paul is retired in Delaware, and Jack splits his time between Massachusetts and his vacation cabin on a Maine island. Tough duty.

I retired in February after 17 years as a field director for a large social research company in Rockville, Maryland. It's nice to have free time but I also miss the excitement of problem solving and seeing data collection results. I plan to spend time in Houston with one daughter and North Carolina with the other UNTIL each puts me on a plane back home to Maryland, of course.

1962

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Happy spring to all of you! I am writing this column while watching a Nor'easter leave the woods around our home looking like a fairyland. However, by the time you all get to read this, I know that you will be enjoying the first days of gardening.

News from the holidays: **Alice**



John Powell '62 (second from right) enjoys lunch at the Sarasota alumni gathering on March 8 with **Michelle Breyton** (far right), **Barbara Hasey Andrews '58** (far left), and **Ellen Hay Bell '56**.

McKiel Hyerstay and husband, Dale, send a great newsletter each year. As avid sailors, they write that this is the third year racing on Lake Champlain in their 33-foot sailboat, the *Tumbleweed*. One trip last summer was a 76-mile overnighter, mostly under spinnaker with up to 30-knot winds. The letter also included a picture of the Hyerstays' hard-working 1940 Farmall tractor participating in its seventh annual Charlotte, Vermont, tractor parade. Alice tells me that they heat their Vermont home mostly with firewood hauled out of their own land by the same tractor. Besides time spent on the water and in the woods, Dale

and Alice did a great deal of traveling in '07. They visited friends and family in North Carolina, New York, Virginia, Colorado, Massachusetts, and Maine. One friend Alice got to spend time with was classmate **Anne Walker Holt**. Anne also sent me a wonderfully written Christmas letter. She mentioned how terrific it was to get together with Alice and Dale. Anne is living in Asheville, North Carolina, and actively volunteers as a fundraiser for the Asheville Symphony Guild. One project she especially enjoys is organizing trips for the symphony's supporters. Anne visited Mexico last February and Costa Rica in June

with the group. She also did quite a bit of traveling on her own, spending time in Florida, Arizona, and Maine with friends and family.

An exhibition of the weavings and collages of **June Webster Rose** was featured by the First Bank in Boothbay Harbor last August and September. Most of the pieces that June creates are conceptual, folk artwork. She excels in colorful, hand-woven yarn pieces, some with a sparkle.

One unusual example was the collage of a woman's face designed mostly using mica found in the old mica mine in Edgecomb. In an interview with the *Boothbay Register*, June said, "I'm always aiming to make a statement with an emphatic design for wearable art, or a framed piece that says.....Let the art touch you." June and husband, artist Bob Rose, live in Edgecomb. June is gallery manager of the Boothbay Region Art Foundation. Examples of her art may be found at the website: boothbayartists.org.

Norman Perrin has retired after a distinguished career in teaching, but like so many classmates, he manages to stay very active. Norm is a member of The Silver Tones, a well-known folk band in the Lewiston area. The group, established in 1998, also does popular music, country western, and Irish and French songs. Norm plays the bass guitar, banjo, and harmonica.

That's the news for now. Enjoy the spring weather and keep in touch. If you are headed to Mount Desert Island this summer, please look us up. Our summer address is: 96 East Ridge Road, Southwest Harbor.



Three Campus newspaper alums met for lunch in northern Virginia this spring. Left to right are: Mary Irving Fantucchio '61, Judy Ohr '61, and Phyllis Warren-Briggs '60. Mary and Phyllis are enjoying volunteering in their retirement years—Mary at a TV station and Phyllis at the Newseum and Smithsonian. Judy's retirement has been put on hold until the fall.

1963

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This is my last chance to remind classmates of the pictures I have asked to be brought to our Reunion. I have not heard from anyone on whether they have any pictures they are willing to share! It is our hope to have them displayed around our gathering room. Please check out those old photos and let me know if we can expect some from you!

From **Bruce Wentworth** I received this news, "I have just learned that our classmate **Bernd Heinrich** has been elected to the American Ultrarunning Association's Hall of Fame. He is only the second male (three females) to be so selected and it is based on his achievements when he (and we, of course) was in his 40s and early 50s. During that period, he set a number of national and world records in the 50-mile, 100-kilometer, 100-mile and 24-hour runs. Some of his records were in the Masters (over 40) category and others were absolute (any age). His time of 12 hours, 27 minutes, one second, in a track 100-mile event set a new U.S. absolute record by almost one-half hour and still stands today, 23 years later. Subsequently, at age 61, Bernd set a new U.S. Masters 60-64 age group record for 50 miles. Anyone who has run a marathon knows how painful 26 miles can be and to even think about running double or almost quadruple that distance is mind-boggling!

"Bernd recently retired as a professor of zoology from the University of Vermont. He holds a Ph.D. in zoology and has been both a Guggenheim Fellow and a Harvard Fellow. He has authored 15 books on various aspects of the natural world (they are great reading!) and copies of them are on a bookshelf in his honor at the Buchanan Alumni House.

Congratulations, Bernd!"

Bob Miller retired from his practice of law and as Old Town city attorney. He is going to spend more time with family and with his outdoor interests of hunting and fishing.

Ann Griffiths Bearce and Erik Anderson were married in Casco, Maine, in September. Both have been retired for several years and

will enjoy their outdoor activities together. They live in Berlin, New Hampshire. Ann's daughter was married last summer, and her son began a new engineering job in Virginia this past winter.

I hope to see many of you at our 45th Reunion in May/June.

Regarding the Reunion, class president **Irv Marsters** writes:

"Classmates of '63 and their significant others will be my guests for dinner on Friday evening at Bangor's Oriental Jade Restaurant, which features the region's largest award-winning Chinese/American buffet.

"Our local Reunion committee is planning on boarding a Cyr tour bus Saturday morning for a trip to Bucksport where we'll stop to visit the newly constructed Penobscot Narrows Bridge. The new bridge, which opened to the public in December 2006 (only the second of its kind in the U.S.), is a shining example of what new designs and technologies have to offer. University of Maine researchers have been instrumental in making the bridge something more than just a new way to get from Prospect to Verona Island. They've given it a voice!

"We'll take an elevator to the bridge observation tower, then hop on over to McLeod's Restaurant for lunch and the class meeting. We'll elect officers, perhaps auction off a Vince Hartgen original print made possible by his family, etc., and then return to Orono for a quick tour of the campus.

"There will be an alumni recognition reception at Wells Conference Center on Saturday evening to acknowledge our class gift. Then on Sunday morning we'll celebrate alumni awards, including our own 1963 class correspondent, **Barbara Fowles Allen**."

Baron Hicken, vice president and class agent, reports, "We've surpassed 60 percent of our \$45,000 goal and we need everyone's help to get us over the top. Our secondary goal is to get as many classmates participating in the gift to UMaine regardless of their gift amount. We're looking to set a new standard for classmate participation as well as reach the financial goal. If



UMaine Foundation president, Amos Orcutt '64 (right) gets together with classmate John Abbott '64 at the Tampa alumni luncheon held at the Wine Cellar Restaurant in North Redington Beach, Florida, on March 6.

you're willing to help us, email me at: bbhicken@aol.com or by mail at: Class of '63 Reunion Fund, UMaine Alumni Association, P.O. Box 550, Orono, Maine 04473-0550 and I'll see that you get the appropriate information. UMaine has made a difference in our lives. It's time for us to 'pony up' and help make a difference at UMaine. I look forward to hearing from you."

1964

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Dear Classmates,

I have been trying to make time to write, email, and call any/all of you I can each month to get news. This is a short column, but you can fix that. Just tell me what you are doing. We all want to know. This is such an interesting time in our lives when we get out of the squirrel cage and into our personal priorities. Where have you been, and what have you been doing, and did you get caught? What is still on your Bucket List?

Word is that our classmate **Ward Graffam**, who has been serving as chair of the Maine Maritime Academy board of trustees, has had to step down because of a financial merger, which put him in a conflict of interest position. Ward was immediately succeeded by Victoria Larson, but with a great deal of appreciation

and regret by the board at losing him.

The alumni association recently published a list of its lifetime members. A number of our classmates were in this recognized group including: Dr. **John C. Abbott**, **Jacqueline Towle Anderson**, **Robert I. Anderson**, **Pauline Turcotte Applin**, **Philip H. Brown II**, Dr. **Gregory A. Campbell**, **Philip B. Campbell**, **L. Dewey Chase**, **Molly Fay Forbush**, **Elizabeth Kazalski Hehn**, **Anne Clemons Jones**, **Clement E. McGillicuddy**, **Sharon Taylor Murphy**, **Virginia Bellinger Ollis**, **Tonda L. Olson**, **Amos E. Orcutt**, **Arden Mace Pendleton**, **Martha Milliken Round**, Hon. **Franklin S. Van Antwerpen**, and **Louise Dirksen Watts (G)**. Most of us remember a very special time in our lives at Orono, days when we went through orientation as innocents, shared the Cuban crisis and assassination of a president, and left the campus into a world of enormous watershed change. It has been a fascinating time to be living, and just to make one last nag, we would love a window into your world!

A big Maine Hello to you all!

1965

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I still reside in Connecticut but I spent the winter and spring in Blue Hill. Because of that, I have a mailing address of: P.O. Box 1522, Blue Hill, Maine 04614-1522. I cannot receive emails until I relocate again, so I hope you will write to me.

I was surprised to learn of the very sudden death of **Ted Leonard**. There was a more complete write-up in the obituary section of the winter issue. We send our condolences to his widow, **Sandra Blake Leonard**, also a classmate.

When you think about Moosehead furniture, you think about quality, durability, and reputation that cannot bend, according to Maine governor, John Baldacci '86. A family-owned furniture making business, it had been entrenched in the fabric of the Monson region for 60 years and it had provided well-paying jobs. In February 2007,

Moosehead Furniture was closing, partially because of the difficulty in competing with foreign imports. Thanks to a partnership unveiled during a news conference in September at the headquarters of the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce, the Moosehead Furniture label lives again. Tardy-Connors LLC has geared up to restart the Moosehead Manufacturing company plant in Monson. The partnership is comprised of our classmate **Dana Connors**, who is Maine State Chamber of Commerce president, and Newport attorney Joshua Tardy '90. Dana spends a lot of time promoting Maine and speaking about its positive characteristics as head of the state chamber.

In the fall, **Ann Brown Lowrey** drove through lots of beautiful mountains to the quaint little town of Jonesborough, Tennessee, to visit her sister-in-law Joyce Ann. She is glad that her sister Hope and husband recently moved to Charlottesville, Virginia, a lot closer to her in Germantown, Maryland. Ann keeps busy babysitting for her grandchildren Megan and Jake, who now live in the same town; and volunteering.

Larry Varisco, who worked as the town manager for 17-plus years in Holden, retired in September. He said he will miss the camaraderie with his coworkers but really wants time with his grandkids.

John Frary, a native of Farmington, was a history and political science professor at Middlesex Community College in Edison, New Jersey, until May 2004. His academic specialty is Byzantine history. Since his retirement to Maine he has launched a new career as a political commentator, chairman of the Franklin County Republican Committee, and a Farmington selectman. His weekly column was picked up by the *Downeast Coastal Press*, and he presented a lecture and question and answer session last September at UMaine Machias titled "The Contradictions of Diversitarianism."

Peter Johnson spent 30 years with the U.S. Army and 10 years in private industry. He is active in his community, serving as chairman of School Union 60, is vice president of the Maine Small Schools Coalition, and is a volunteer with Eastern Agency on Aging. As a Republican, he entered the November 6 election to fill a State House of Representatives seat left vacant by a death. Peter represents Greenville and serves on the labor committee.

A holiday letter from Art and



Nancy Scamman Huber '66 visits with UMaine Alumni Association president Todd Saucier '93, '97G at the Tucson alumni luncheon on February 29. The event was held at the Mountain Oyster Club and was hosted by Bob '68 and Cynthia Gray Cobb '69.

Roberta Roak-Foltz brought news that they have been living in their Oregon home for over two years. It is just across the road from the beautiful Rogue River, which flows from Crater Lake (the deepest lake in the U.S.) to the Pacific Ocean. They've joined some local groups—from a rock-collecting club to a shooting range to the local Friday night country dance. Ro is the luminary chair for her Relay for Life team, which is now doing year-round fundraising for the American Cancer Society. She belongs to a knitting group, working for the Caps for Kids program and making chemo caps for women who are undergoing radiation.

Ro ("called 'Bertie' 'round these parts") canned four dozen pints of stewed tomatoes and 55 jars of wild blackberry jam from the plants grown along the creek shore. Way to go, nutrition major! Roberta wrote that they would love to have more East Coast visitors experience what attracted them to the area—mountains, rivers, creeks, a downtown with lots of antique and specialty shops, many artists, great restaurants, several little theatres, and some neat local wineries. They have space for three RVs and hook-ups on their Savage Creek property. Art and Ro left in early January for their Venice, Florida, residence, stopping to visit in Southern California, Quartzsite and Yuma, Arizona, and Arlington, Texas.

More Christmas photos and letters brought the following news. **Sally Day Brown** and her husband,

Roger, "believe that the senior years are not to be wasted!" Sally works part-time in the office of the Flagg United Church of Christ Congregational in West Hartford, Connecticut; occasionally substitutes Sundays in area churches; drives seniors to various appointments; serves on the League of Women Voters immigration group; belongs to the Mountain Valley Club; and dines with the Birthday Group. With Roger, they attend meetings of the Sierra Club and serve on the Earth Ministries Committee at church. In spite of some challenges, they feel blessed to be back in Connecticut near their two sons and families.

Bruce '66 and Caroline Fuller Hutchinson continue to travel between their two homes in Winslow and Cold Stream Pond. While Caroline still works two days a week in adoption services, Bruce manages his apartment rentals. A highlight in late fall for Caroline, her sisters Cindy Fuller Libby '67, '96G and Nancy, was a fun-filled trip to New York City entertained by their brother David and his partner, both aspiring Broadway actors.

A highlight of my hospitalization in October was a visit from Caroline, **Marney McLean Pineda** (who spent two years at UMaine), and Holly Brown Shea, a UMaine Gorham graduate. We did well playing "Phase 10," a rummy game, so it is possible to have some fun in a hospital!

In October, the Maine Ski Hall of Fame recognized nine amazing skiers and visionaries who made

Maine "the way skiing should be." One of the 2007 inductees was Win Robins '32, '33G (civil engineering) who passed away in 1993. I was sent a copy of the acceptance speech given by Win's son, **Win Robins**, our classmate. Win worked for over 30 years building a foundation for the Maine skiing industry, first in erecting ski lifts, then insuring their safe maintenance.

The class notes section is now at the back of the alumni magazine, and is in color. Note: if you send digital photos, they will now need to be only high-resolution images, saved at 400m or more.

Best wishes for a healthy, happy, spring and summer.

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When you read this, winter in New England will have come and gone, but as I write, the ground is covered with a new blanket of fresh powder, our guest rooms are full of skiing friends, and we feel like our house is a bed and breakfast. We love it. Right after Christmas, garden seed catalogs start showing up in the mail which is a sure sign we'll see bare ground in three or four months.

Since our last issue, I've received many emails with interesting updates. Here are a few.

If you recall, I did a write-up recently about the two guys named **Jim Jenkins** and the mix-up on grades their freshman year. This time, "The Other Jim Jenkins," formerly of Fort Fairfield, Maine, responds; after graduation, he went to work for Sanders Associates in Nashua, New Hampshire, which eventually was bought up by Lockheed-Martin. He retired in 2003 as vice president/general manager and continues to consult for the new parent company. He and his wife, Wanda, whom he married during his junior year, live in Bedford, New Hampshire, where she is the town clerk. When I received his email, the New Hampshire presidential primary was just over. They have three children, Christopher '90, a UMaine grad, is a patent agent and is at-

tending law school. Corinna has a Ph.D. and is a professor at UNH, and Daniel, an entomologist, works for Monsanto in St. Louis.

Sarge Means and wife, Steph, live in The Villages in central Florida. Just before New Year's he went over to Estero to watch the Black Bears hockey team split a pair. He and **Bob Kittredge** connected at the games, and Bob spent a couple of days with Sarge checking out the sights. Get this! Sarge is one of three guys taking tap dance lessons with 50 women! Some things never change. Other than that, he plays softball, golfs, goes bike riding, swims, takes ballroom dancing, and plays "pickleball."

Got a note from **Martha Reed Dodge** who's trying to contact **Sue McLeer**. Anyone having Sue's contact information should notify the alumni office.

Bob and Gloria Sherburne Woodbury live in Bonita Springs, Florida, and invite anyone passing through to drop by. They spend their leisure time riding their '98 Goldwing Trike and spend summers on Cape Cod enjoying their three children and five grandchildren. Last summer they spent 17 days touring Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.

Just before New Year's, I received an email from "Aloha **Joe Murray**" encouraging me to look for him at the Sugar Bowl on TV. On January 14th he wrote, "We took advantage of a great season (12-0) on the part of our local football team, University of Hawaii, and went to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans. The game results weren't as we had hoped for, but what an experience. No small part of it was New Year's Eve on Bourbon Street. A good time was had by us and 15,000 of our closest friends wearing Hawaii green."

Bob Kittredge noted that while seeing Sarge at the hockey games in Estero, he spent some time with Fred '67 and Jane Barnes Jagels '69. He says they look great! Also pointed out that he was Fred's best man, and Fred was his best man at their respective weddings! FYI, Bob lives in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

Michael and Pat Rodgers **Skaling** '67 moved from Tennessee to Utah. Their new address is: 1462 Tuscan Oak Way, Sandy, Utah 84092. They are hoping to spend summers in Maine and winters in Utah enjoying their grandchildren and skiing the wonderful powder at Alta and Snowbird.

Neal Hallee retired from the university after 35 years on the



Among the attendees at the Arizona alumni gathering on February 28 were (left to right): Mary Erikson, Larry Merrill '67, '76G, Prudence Meader, and Byron Meader '50, '52G. The event was graciously hosted by Michael and Stephanie Barry Brown '65 at their home in Scottsdale.

faculty. He and his wife, Peggy, live on Cathance Lake in Cooper, Maine, in the summer and in Topsham, near their grandchildren, in the winter.

A fantastic article was printed last fall in one of the local Maine newspapers regarding the lives of **Gary Morse** and his wife, Becky. They grew up across the street from each other in Hull's Cove on Frenchman Bay. "We began dating when we were five and used to kiss out behind the hen house." After graduation from Maine with a degree in forestry they moved to Greenville when he was stationed with the Maine Forest Service. The article chronicles their lives as parents of a special-needs son and the challenges faced, but more importantly how Becky grew as a person to become an accomplished photographer.

Congratulations to Dr. **Richard Begin** (G) and wife, Patricia, for celebrating 50 years of marriage back in July '07. Truly a wonderful commitment and a blessed life.

Last fall, I surprised **Emil Swift** when I stopped by his lovely country home a few miles north of Stowe, Vermont. It is so peaceful and tranquil that I now know why he looks so youthful and energetic. We had a nice short visit!

Clare Fifield Grindal checked in. She taught high school English for 35 years, retiring in 2001. Then for four years she was executive director of the Down East Lobstermen's Association. After that, she decided to relax on an island off Stonington for the rest of her life. "Sarge and Steph live right down the road from us in the summer. He and my husband have been friends for a

lot longer than we've all known him. Of course, when they get together, all the old stories fly. Sarge may never forgive me for not going to our 40th Reunion. Says he'll kidnap and drag me to the next one."

Clare spends her time serving on boards and committees so spends a lot of time traveling to Orono and Augusta. Her first grandchild was born a year ago, and he lives nearby.

As I close this issue, feel free to send me notes we can share with the rest of the class. I am always impressed by how you have contributed so much to humanity. You are a blessing!

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1967

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As I write this, there are beautiful snowflakes falling over southern York County. Maine is back to having a real snowy winter! I hope many of you who do not live here will visit to take advantage of the many skiing, snowshoeing, and sledding opportunities this winter weather brings. We who live here are certainly enjoying it.

Last fall **Sue Chadbourne** had a wonderful visit with two classmates in Hudson, New York: her senior-year roommate currently from Pennsylvania, **Mary Glaser McSurdy**

who is retired from telecommunication sales at Siemens Medical, and **Mary Petteruti-Schultz** who has retired from teaching. They "spent a number of hours catching up." Hope to see these two ladies at our 45th!

We were all relieved to hear that **Bob Poulsen** in Poway, California, did not have to evacuate his home during the Witch Creek Fire, the largest of the October 2007 wildfires and almost four years to the day after the Cedar Creek Fire of 2003. Strong Santa Ana wind gusts of over 100 miles-per-hour were reported and major highways were closed. Bob wrote, "The worst winds went north of us into the LA/Malibu area. It did get a bit dicey . . . when we noticed smoke northeast of us but it was quickly gone." Glad all is well, Bob.

At a December dinner and ceremony, the Eastern Maine Board of Basketball Officials honored **Dave Ames**, a Camden native, as one of four recipients of the Jim DiFrederico Award. Dave has served as a high school and college basketball official for 40 years, officiating in more than 2,000 games including many regional and state championship games. In 1988 he officiated at both the boys' A and B state championship games. "This means a lot. This is the highest honor that Maine basketball gives," Dave said. Dave still works about 50-60 games per year, often working at two-referee games as opposed to three and is in top physical condition as a result. He and Adel Zucchi Ames '80, '89G are enjoying their lovely new ocean-side home in Northport. Kudos, Dave!

James Herlan (G) writes, "After teaching at UM for 32 years, I retired in 1997 and moved to Canandaigua, New York. Worked as a part-time journalist until 2005, when I moved to Rochester and finally retired from all outside work."

On January 6th, many fans including yours truly, **Edie McVay King**, and many other alumnae were thrilled to watch the UMaine Black Bear hockey team beat Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 4-2! It was a great game! Hope to see more of you there next year!

Remember, if you haven't signed up for InCircle, it's an easy way to connect online with classmates. Visit mainealumni.com, click on the InCircle icon, and meet up with classmates!

Wishing all classmates a healthy and prosperous 2008.

Go Blue!

1968

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Well, Happy 40th Reunion, Class of 1968. By the time you read this column the action-packed Reunion will either be just about to happen or have happened. I am writing this column in January so all I can say is we have planned this Reunion with many activities and I am sure it will be a wonderful time for all. If you can/could not make it, we are sorry you missed it. For those who could make it, hope you enjoyed it. Special thanks to **Greg and Joy Jewett Johnson, Steve Rideout, and Bion and Dorain Foster** (H) for orchestrating such a wonderful weekend for us all.

It was wonderful sailing the coast of Maine all last summer, then our grandson Harrison Payne Blaisdell was born on Halloween 2007, and now here I am back working on marketing and public relations projects. I guess I just wasn't ready to totally retire just yet.

Tony Filauo writes that in 2003 he ended a 28-year career in forest management with Great Northern Paper Company in Millinocket. He is currently doing part-time work for Gerald Pelletier, a logging contractor, and doing volunteer work with professional, civic, and church organizations. He is semi-retired and enjoying his additional free time.

Peggy Basso Hoffman writes: "I have been working at the Kennesaw State University Foundation for 10 years. It is a state university here in our town with an enrollment of over 20,000 students. My husband of 37 years, Jeff, has retired from state government in Indiana and also the Army, and I am currently working for Northrop Grumman. He operates out of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and commutes to Georgia frequently. Since he travels a lot, we have met in airports all over the world. We have three children: Eric is married to Maria and they have two children. Eric is in the Navy and is stationed aboard an aircraft carrier in Bremerton, Washington. They lived in Japan for over 10 years and we loved visiting them. Heather, our favorite daughter, is a school teacher for the U.S. Department of Defense in Okinawa, Japan. We



Among the nearly 50 attendees at the Naples alumni luncheon at The Club Pelican Bay on March 9 were (left to right): **Dorain Foster '68H** (UMaine development office), **Ray O'Keefe '69**, **Janet Beaulieu Barter '69**, **Bion Foster '68**, '70G, and **Don Barter '68**.

went to Korea in December '07 for her wedding to Sungsu Park. Alex, our youngest, is a recent graduate of Georgia Tech and is presently an aerospace engineer for the U.S. Navy in Patauxent River, Maryland. Anyone traveling through Atlanta is welcome to stop and visit us."

Tom Atwell is a columnist for *Life and Leisure* and writes a weekly column on gardening. He has worked at the *Portland Press Herald/Sunday Telegram* since 1974.

He was born in Skowhegan, grew up in Farmington, and graduated with a degree in journalism.

Marc Michaud, a Class of 1968 grad student, retired from his position of director of the division of public information and education in October 2007. The *Kennebec Journal* commended his many accomplishments since taking the position in 2003. Previously, he had been teaching for 35 years, served on the Fort Kent town council for 15 years,



Jimmy Packard '71 (right) visits with **Michael Brown** at the Scottsdale, Arizona, alumni gathering on February 28. Michael and his wife, **Stephanie Barry Brown '65**, hosted the event at their home.

and was a representative to the 120th Maine Legislature. He is a Master Guide and a longtime angler, hunter, and trapper.

Bion Foster writes: "Dorain and I decided to continue our appreciation to UMaine with our recent naming gift on January 10, 2008, of the Student Innovation Center, which will hereafter be known as the Bion and Dorain Foster Student Innovation Center. Details of this gift are available at: <http://www2.umaine.edu/innovation>.

"We provided this gift in honor of our four daughters and their families, in order to provide financial support to the Foster Student Innovation Center. As an additional gift, we named the multipurpose room at the new Student Recreation Center, and are providing a bequest for support for the UMaine Alumni Association and the Senior Skulls. We are humbled by the exposure that this has received, but our objective is to provide teamwork for students with entrepreneurial talent for growth of ideas for products and services, and to help launch these ideas into the marketplace. Dorain and I want to be very involved in assisting students, and providing management and business guidance and consulting to these students. Our goal is to keep students here in Maine by 'fostering' entrepreneurial opportunities while on campus. Last year, we named the board room at Buchanan Alumni House, now known as the Foster Boardroom. We feel that the combination of our gifts to Buchanan Alumni House, the Student Innovation Center, the Student Recreation Center, the UMaine Alumni Association, and the Senior Skulls will have a lasting impact on our students for generations to come, and hopefully inspire others to think, plan, and act accordingly.

"On January 15, 2008, I received the Pro Bono Award from the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce, 'awarded to an individual who has been particularly generous, over an extended period of time, in donating his or her professional expertise to the chamber and the community at large.' Again, a very humbling event and evening. Dorain and I love assisting others in any way we can, and look forward to spending even more time with our talented youth in future years. Dorain is special projects coordinator for the University of Maine's Development Office, so works very closely with the many generous UMaine alumni and friends who

make such a difference at UMaine. We love UMaine and working with the incredible talent that exists on our campus! Dorain and I have four daughters between us, three of whom are married, and six grandchildren." Bion, we congratulate and thank you and Dorain for all you have done for the University of Maine. Bravo!

More news to follow in my next column with a Class of 1968 40th Reunion update.

1969

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Hello, classmates of 1969! It was a snowy winter here in Maine, but somehow no winters seem quite as snowy as they did when we lived on campus. We are hoping most of you are considering returning to our beautiful campus for our class Reunion in 2009.

George "Toogie" McKay coached football for 22 years at Mount Desert Island High School before he retired in 2002. During this past year he has been a study-hall monitor and football coach at Old Town. **Burleigh Loveitt** of Gorham is a veterinarian, and founder of Edgewood Animal Hospital. He has served his community in many ways such as being on the town council, the Gorham planning board, the Gorham charter commission, board of directors of Eco-Maine, served as representative to the Greater Portland Council of Governments, and president of Maine Veterinary Medical Association.

The board of directors of Southeastern Regional Education Service Center honored **Antonio Paradis** by dedicating the newly expanded Professional Development Center in his honor. Antonio served as executive director of SERESC for 17 years and directed several major initiatives which impacted New Hampshire school districts. **Deborah Painter Berry** is an English teacher at Hampden Academy and is secretary of Brewer's zoning board of appeals. **James West** of Standish has been elected president of the New England Water Works Association, the region's largest and oldest not-for-profit organization of water works professions. Jim is the executive

Eugene Benner '70 Receives Honors



Eugene Benner, president and treasurer of Bessey Motor Sales in South Paris, Maine, was recently nominated for the 2008 TIME Magazine Dealer of the Year Award. He was one of a select group of dealers from across the country honored at this year's National Dealers convention.

The TIME award is the automobile industry's most prestigious recognition for car dealers. In addition to being among the

nation's most successful auto dealers, nominees must also demonstrate a long-standing commitment to community service.

Gene, a Maine native, was an All New England wide receiver for the University of Maine football team and a draft pick of the Cleveland Browns. He spent 13 years as a teacher and coach before entering the auto business. In 1994, Gene and his wife, Ellen Minster Benner '72, purchased the Bessey Motors dealership. Since then, the dealership has won numerous industry awards, including the Five-Star Award of Excellence every year under his leadership.

Gene's community service is equally impressive. He was a 2002 Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow, the top honor given to a non-Rotarian for community service. He also serves as chairman of the board of the Norway Savings Bank. In addition, he and his dealership have given service and contributions to Habitat for Humanity, the Kiwanis Club, Stephens Memorial Hospital, and the University of Maine Foundation.

director of operations for the Portland Water District where he has been employed for over 30 years.

Mark Woodward has been executive editor of the *Bangor Daily News* since 1997.

It is always good to receive news from the alumni office, but it is also delightful to receive the news directly from you. Holiday cards brought updates from classmates. Jim and **Ginny Farwell Weaver** became grandparents after Thanksgiving and are enjoying their new roles. **Sue Emmons** of Saco wrote that **Betsy Hactor Valentine** has also returned to Maine and she lives a couple miles from Sue. Both of them had previously worked in Connecticut. **Mike** and **Lynn Umphrey** now have 13 grandchildren. **Phyllis Deringis** still enjoys her work at the Maine Principals' Association. From Wisconsin, **Peggy Alden Stout** wrote that she and Marty are spending a year as nomads. They usually leave Searsport at the end of the summer but stayed until early January and enjoyed the snow. They retired to their home in Maryland for a few days and were off to Florida, Nevada, and then back home. In Octo-

ber of 2007 they traveled the Lewis and Clark Trail from Kentucky to Oregon and back.

Classmates, where have you been, and what are you doing?

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David Cook's book, *Above the Gravel Bar: The Native Canoe Routes of Maine*, has recently come out in paperback. The book retraces the routes American Indians used for travel and trade. David has had a long-time interest in canoeing Maine rivers. After two years, **Paul Bird** is no longer the town manager of Monmouth, Maine.

Alas, my sources have failed me and I have no more news to pass on to you, faithful reader. Perhaps next time I will have more news to share with you. Something must be happening to someone, somewhere!

1971

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Hey, it's springtime again. Where's your news? What are you doing and where are you going? Do any of you get together with other classmates on a regular basis? I'd love to see you when we at last reach the time for "Barbara's Move to Maine, 2011." We're already scrapping here about how much time we will spend up there. Kerry, my husband, says we won't be able to take the weather in November, and I am determined to stay until after Christmas. Any thoughts you'd like to share? If so, could you please take my side and email me and tell him how much we'll love Christmas in Maine? I swear I'm going to hug a birch tree and refuse to let go. I've waited a long time to get back, and I'm not leaving without a fight.

And speaking of going back to Maine, on my last house-hunting trip, I met Senator Olympia Snowe '69 on the plane from Washington, D.C., to Portland. We had a nice chat. I told her how sorry I felt for her that she had been re-elected for another six years, because she can't move back to Maine yet, and I can! She still looks as wonderful as ever, and she's as friendly and sweet as she was in college. We are fortunate that we have her to represent us. And did I mention that I threw myself into the path of Senator John McCain after a football game at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis? After he finished his conversation with Roger Staubach, to whom I had no advice to give, I cornered Senator McCain and gave him several pieces of down-to-earth advice, which, I am pleased to say, he took. I was so excited that my friends said I made a total fool of myself, which I'm sure I did, but I had his undivided attention for several minutes, possibly while he was wondering where his Secret Service agents had gone.

I have news about two attorneys from the Class of 1971, **Ron Lebel** of Auburn, and **N. Laurence Willey** of Bangor. Ron has been recognized by the Best Attorneys Network as one of the best family law attorneys in the country, and he is one of only four recognized in Maine. He has been recognized for his work in family law by the national Best

Lawyers and Best of the U.S. organizations, recognizing some of the most distinguished attorneys, based on peer survey results and client input. Less than five percent of attorneys are given that distinction. After graduating with us, he went on to Boston College Law School.

Trial attorney Larry Willey has been awarded board recertification in civil trial advocacy. He is one of nine attorneys in Maine to have obtained board certification by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He has been practicing law in Bangor for 31 years. He was mayor of Bangor for two terms, and resides in Bangor with his family.

Happy spring! Be in touch! Stay healthy! Let me know about Christmas in Maine, and keep all responses positive, please. Our little secret!

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Sharon Goguen of Belfast, Maine, and director of special services for SAD 56 in Augusta, was honored with an Expression of Legislative Sentiment for her recognition as Maine's Special Education Administrator of the Year for 2007 by the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities. In addition to an impressive career in education, Sharon has implemented several other projects: the Kids on the Block puppet troupe, Project ABLE (an adventure-based program) for middle school students, and diversity training and multiple intelligence practices in the schools.

Last fall, **David Lakeman** and his wife, Lynn, of Holden, Maine, purchased Vaughn Thibodeau and Sons Contractors. Before coming to Thibodeau almost three years ago, David worked for H.E. Sargent Corporation for 33 years.

Last fall, **Linda Morse Cronkite** joined the faculty at MSAD 17 (Oxford Hills, Maine) as a special educator. She has 16 years of special education experience working with students in grades two through 12, and three years as director of special services in Fort Fairfield.

Quoting the *Lincoln News*: "More than 30 years after concluding a stellar playing career at the University of Maine, Medway native **Frank**

Mark Alan Leslie '71 Completes First Novel



Mark Alan Leslie

In his first published novel, Mark Alan Leslie '71 tells the story of Francis Asbury, a preacher in the late 1700s and early 1800s who became more recognized than George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. *Midnight Rider for the Morningstar* reveals that once Asbury came to Philadelphia from England in 1771, he began an amazing 5,000-mile annual circuit that took his Methodist message from Maine to Georgia, and deep into the American wilderness. Under his charismatic leadership, Methodism in the United States grew from 600 to well over 200,000 by the time of his death in 1816.

Mark was a journalism major at UMaine where he was also managing editor of the *Maine Campus*. He worked as an editor for the *Portland Press Herald* and *Maine Sunday Telegram* and also served as city editor for the *Lewiston Sun*. In 1989 he founded *Golf Course News* and 11 years later, formed The Leslies-Media Consultants. He and his wife, Loy Brackett Leslie '69, live in Monmouth, Maine.

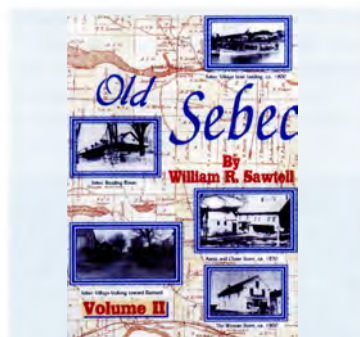
To read the first chapter online or to order the book, go to:
www.francisasburysociety.com/midnightrider.htm.

Davis took his place (last summer) among the best baseball players in the Pine Tree State when he was inducted in the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. . . . During his time at UMaine, Davis played every position

but catcher, and he earned the moniker 'Pigpen' from (coach Jack) Butterfield because his uniform was always dirty. . . . To be considered for inclusion in the hall, one must be a native Mainer who made outstanding achievements in or contributions to the game of baseball, or a non-native Mainer who made substantial contributions to the game in the state." Congratulations, Frank!

Catherine Palmer, former editor of the *Alumni Magazine*, has a new address in Saco, Maine, a new employer (Sweetser, where she is a grant writer), and three grandchildren in Portland, Maine.

Send me your news. Tell me what you've been up to, what you've been thinking about, what books you're reading—anything you'd like to share with our classmates!



The Story of Sebec

Bill Sawtell '71 is well known for his books on local Maine history. His latest work is a chronicle of Sebec. The book includes numerous family histories of the town's first settlers. There are also stories about life in the town illustrated by many great vintage photos. To purchase a copy of *Old Sebec: Volume II* you can contact the author at: P.O. Box 272, Brownville, ME 04412-0272, or call 207-965-3971.

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Reunion at Homecoming
October 24- 26, 2008

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Slim pickings for the Class of '73. Sit down and drop us a line. I received news of **Alan Parks** and his new

position at UMaine as the director of the College Success Programs operating under the Division of Lifelong Learning. The program has five units: onward, project SAGE, transitions program, tutoring program, and disability support services.

Plans are underway for our 35th Reunion this coming fall during Homecoming. You will be contacted soon about what you can do for Maine.

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Well, winter has passed on and it's only a chilly memory for you willing to endure those lovely Maine winters. It seems like you were getting a foot of new snow every week there for a while. All I had to worry about was how long (hours) the "hard freeze" would be and not kill my grapefruit tree! I am pleased to report, it lives on!

There's not a whole lot of news. I've written several times about **Ginny Fall Howard** over the past few years. She spent 32 years in the banking industry and has finally retired as president of Skowhegan Savings Bank. Best wishes, Ginny!

I received a Christmas card from **Bonnie Wetherbee Byram** (nursing program) who was blessed with her first grandchild, Connor. He turned one in February.

Victor Bilodeau sent an email—he graduated with a B.S. in mechanical engineering, and his wife, **Janet Wood Bilodeau**, also graduated that year with a bachelor's degree in child development. They now live in Duncan, South Carolina, and have two children, one grandson, and another grandchild on the way! They both earned master's degrees since we left UMO. Jan earned hers at St. Rose University in Albany in special education. Vic got an MBA from Queens University in Charlotte. They will celebrate their 34th wedding anniversary this year.

Vic is also a member of the board of directors for the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation. Together with another 1974 BSME grad, **Bob Roy**, he established the **Mark D. Barrett** Scholarship. Mark was a great friend who

was also a member of our class in mechanical engineering.

Vic's big news is purchasing Align Corporation, a specialty consulting firm dealing in large industrial projects all over the world. The website is:

www.aligncorporation.com. The Bilodeaus are planning to relocate soon to southern New Hampshire to be closer to family. They would love to hear from old friends! Send them a note at: vic_bilodeau@yahoo.com.

Also received an email from another classmate. **Vera Orlovsky Herath** lives an elegant and challenging life overlooking Chesapeake Bay in Annapolis, Maryland. Since leaving Orono, she landed a series of great positions within the defense department in the Baltimore-Washington region. Retiring in 2002, she is using her experience and linguistic skills with a systems development consulting firm.

Vera is blessed with two successful daughters and four grandchildren, who are rolling balls of energy, hugs, and hope. All live close enough for great days together.

She and life partner, John, travel for thrill and fulfillment. They love New York City with its musicals, fine dining, exploring the Upper East Side, and even walking in the 5th Avenue Easter Parade—with colorful hats, of course!

They realized a travel goal in 2007 with their first Caribbean cruise to the rain forests of Dominica and the reefs of Bonaire. The ads are right—cruising is the way to go! Mexico in 2009 and Hawaii in 2010 are already reserved. They are touring the Maine coast (Blue Hill, Camden, and Bar Harbor) this summer.

Vera says, "We hope to see some Black Bears at a Broadway stage door to share show and travel stories, while waiting to meet and greet the stars."

To my many Phi Mu sisters, I've gotten involved with the Phi Mu alumnae chapter here in Jacksonville—even singing and playing in our washboard band (it's such a southern thing). We are scheduled to perform at the Phi Mu convention in Orlando in June. All of a sudden, I'm wearing lots of pink again.

Please write or email me and tell our classmates what you are up to. Have a great summer.

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Good to hear from **Michael Grondin**. He wrote, "I have about a year left with USDA-Rural Development before I can 'retire' (i.e., do something else) after nearly 35 years with the agency. I built a new home on Davis Pond in Eddington last year, hopefully my retirement home. I really enjoy being back on the lake, listening to the loons, fishing, kayaking, and canoeing. Right after UMaine graduation in 1975 I lived up in Lincoln on the Narrows for a couple years, and have been wanting to get back on the water since. All three of my children are/will be UMaine alumni: Matthew '01, Ruth Grondin Clark '03, and Seth will be graduating in May 2008. I enjoy going to various UMaine events, especially men's and women's basketball games, and I also support the Maine Center for the Arts. Reach me at: mikeondavispond@yahoo.com."

Ronald Renaud (G) was honored by Washington County Community College in November. The dining room in St. Croix Hall was named for him. Ron has been affiliated with the college as both a teacher and administrator for more than 30 years. Because Ron has been battling cancer, he was unable to attend the emotional event. Ron began as an instructor, later became department chair, academic dean, and in 1983 was named president of the college, a position he held for the next 12 years.

Governor John Baldacci '86 recently selected **Mabel Lenetive Desmond** (G) of Mapleton to serve on the state board of education.

Mark Plummer defeated Greg Karakashian last September to win the New England Senior Amateur Championship at the York Golf and Country Club. Mark, who frequently plays at the Augusta Country Club, became the first player to win both the New England Amateur and the New England Senior championships.

Curtis Lunt became the new town manager of Monmouth last fall. He previously served as the town manager of Lisbon for more than 15 years.

Jeffrey Hobbs oversees the

family funeral home business. His father operated Hobbs Funeral Home in South Portland, and Jeffrey joined the family business in the late 1970s. Hobbs Funeral Home recently purchased an old building with land in Scarborough and plans to open a business in that town.

Many thanks to **Nancy Pistaki Chard**, who wrote this column for many years. The Class of '75 needs a new correspondent to write the class column for the magazine. Being the class correspondent is a great way to stay in touch with classmates. If you are interested, please contact the alumni publications office at the above address.

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Hello '76ers! Hope you all survived the winter.

I received a nice note from **Debbie Walker** stating that she is in her 32nd year teaching. She is currently teaching kindergarten and her husband, David, is the superintendent of schools for the Old Town school department. Their son Andrew is a student at UMaine in elementary education and plans to follow in his parents' footsteps.

George "Witt" Anderson has been named programs director for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Northwestern Division, headquartered in Portland. With this appointment, Witt becomes a member of the federal government's senior executive service cadre. He previously served as chief of planning, environmental resources, and fish policy for Northwestern Division with a focus on regional salmon recovery programs. **Tony DiBiase**, who has coached high school basketball in Maine for over 30 years, has been hired as an assistant men's basketball coach at Saint Joseph's College in Standish. **Barbara Baker House** has been named program director of the Boothbay Memorial Library. She and her husband have three children ages 26, 24, and 18. **Susan Flaherty Walsh** is the new reading recovery specialist in Lubec. She lives in Columbia Falls with her husband. **David Gordon** was recognized by the Sportsman's Alliance of

Maine for his generous donation of building supplies to the organization's new conference center. David is president of Katahdin Cedar Log Homes in Oakfield.

Michael R. Cormier (G) wrote to say that he was selected as Maine's Superintendent of the Year for 2008 and represented the Maine Superintendents Association at the National Association of School Administrators conference in Tampa, Florida, in mid-February. Michael is the superintendent of MSAD 9 in west-central Maine (serving Farmington, Weld, Temple, Wilton, Chesterville, New Vineyard, Industry, New Sharon, and Vienna).

So how many '76ers are grandparents? How many of you have children who have attended UMaine? Anyone retired yet? Has anyone gone back to school?

Please take a moment to drop me a quick email to let your classmates know what you've been up to.

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Hello, classmates. Hope you survived the winter and are ready to enjoy spring. Remember springtime on campus with stereos blasting and everyone getting outside to soak up the sun? Yes, that definitely was a few years ago! Where does the time go?

There are a few items to report, all thanks to the good folks at the alumni office. **Paul O'Brien** and his wife, Susan Carpenter O'Brien '86G, spent three weeks last August exploring the cities and villages of China. Paul is a sixth grade teacher and assistant principal of Reeds Brook Middle School in Hampden. He is working on integrating his Chinese cultural experience into the classroom curriculum in an effort to enhance student learning.

Windham resident **Peter Anania** started his career in banking but always knew he wanted his own business and to work for himself, and he has seen his dream come true in recent years. He owns and operates Anania and Associates, an investment firm that is involved in several Maine-based manufacturing

ventures, and owns Maine Cedar Log Homes.

Last summer **Jim Tuttle**, an outstanding wrestler from Sanford in the '60s and '70s, was inducted into the Maine Wrestling Hall of Fame. After graduation Jim joined the Peace Corps in Niger, Africa, where he taught physical education and coached basketball in the school and community. After that he returned to Maine to work with Southeast Asian refugees in Portland and then spent the next 10 years working in refugee programs in Sudan, the Philippines, and Thailand. Jim now teaches in Saipan where he lives with his wife and daughter.

Lynn Randall recently retired as state law librarian in Augusta, a position she held since 1988. Over the years Lynn has served as president of the Maine Library Association and of the Law Librarians of New England.

And that's all for now, folks! I hope this finds you well and enjoying the longer and warmer days. Please be in touch—don't hesitate to let us know what you are up to.

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*Reunion at Homecoming
October 24- 26, 2008*

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I am told that it will actually be springtime when y'all read this. Frankly, it is hard to believe that it will ever be spring again, but once the 100 inches of snow in my yard melts, I suppose there is a chance.

Hey, you need to listen to this! I was on a conference call recently with several other classmates to discuss our 30th Reunion! Thirty years! What happened? I still think that I am about 32 years old, although some mornings I feel more like 82. Do you ever look in the mirror and find yourself surprised by the facially wrinkled person with shrinking lips, thinning gray hair, and enlarging pores looking back at you? Here's the scoop to date: the party will be held during Homecoming weekend, October 24-26, and despite my lobbying to hold it on Fiji, the university held strongly to their belief that it should be in Orono.



Enjoying the alumni luncheon at the home of Donna and Leith Wadleigh '59 in Delray Beach, Florida, on March 11 are (left to right): Jeff Locke '79, Liz Hitchcock Locke '77, and Bill Zoidis '54.

Been there, done that; guess I'll be there and do it again. You've probably received a "Save the Date" card, and our class web page will be updated with specifics as they become available. So start your diet, schedule your Botox treatment, and start memorizing all the words to the Maine "Stein Song." Oh, yes, and contact all classmates of whose whereabouts you are aware and

convince them to come.

Some people have finally taken pity on my pathetic whining for news items and sent me their information. To them, my undying gratitude.

Jane Thorvaldson kindly shared an article from the now-defunct *Casco Bay Weekly* newspaper. She is a writer and artist, former model, and public relations

consultant who was once billed as "New York's Nightlife Goddess." She started her career as a print and runway model, and then transitioned into a career in public relations and television. She worked as a co-host on a cable TV show called "Manhattan Lifestyles"—her job was to go to clubs or art galleries and extemporaneously engage patrons in conversation. Jane also writes a column called "Jane's Diary" for the New York magazine *Big City Style*. She also appeared in the Cars video, "Hello Again," which was directed by Andy Warhol. An Aroostook County girl by birth, she has moved all over the country and currently resides in Miami. She says that she lives like a cowgirl, staying on the road and seeing what different locations have to offer. She thinks it is healthier not to be stuck in one area for too long, especially the middle of the city, or you miss out on seeing other parts of the country, breathing decent air, and drinking decent water. The article quoted her as saying, "Everything in my life is out of the ordinary", and that certainly seems to be the case. Hopefully she will come to Reunion and fill us in on her latest adventures.

The Skowhegan Savings Bank board of directors has appointed **John D. Witherspoon** as the bank's new president and chief executive officer. John joined the bank in November, after having served as CEO of the Finance Authority of Maine and president and CEO of United Kingfield Bank. He is a graduate of the National School of Banking, a past president of the Maine Association of Community Banks, and a former director for the Maine Bankers Association; he currently resides in Kingfield with his wife, Cathy Atkins Witherspoon '80.

Susan K. Loomis (G) has been appointed chair of the department of arts and sciences at Maine Maritime Academy in Castine. Congratulations, Susan.

Civil War enthusiast **Dan Peters** recently headlined the Camden-Rockport Historical Society's annual meeting. Dan's presentation, "So Highly Favored: The 2nd Maine Battery in the Civil War," described the unit's recruitment and campaigns over the course of the Civil War. The 2nd Maine compiled "one of the finest battle records of the many valiant units in the hard-luck and determined Army of the Potomac," explained Dan. The unit fought at Gettysburg, the battles of Second Bull Run, and Fredricksburg; their actions at

Simple, Effective Ways to Lend a Helping Hand



Crisis strikes all of us at some time in our lives. We might think we're prepared to respond when people we care about need our help, but often we are paralyzed by the fear of saying or doing the wrong thing.

UMaine graduate Candice Ingalls Hinckley '77 and Kathleen Kahler have coauthored a book which lists 100 ideas to reach out and lend a helping hand to family members or friends in a crisis.

Call Me If You Need Anything: Easy Ways to Help in Hard Times is a valuable reference

book, written from the heart and by the voices of experience. Both Candice and Kathleen went through crises in their own lives and received very different responses from friends and acquaintances. This prompted them to interview others who had life-altering experiences. Candice, an Auburn native, wrote a newspaper column for several years and also did an article for *Coping* magazine. She currently lives in central Pennsylvania and works at Bucknell University.

Kathleen has written several articles for her local daily paper. She and her husband, Mark, are in the process of trading their "in-town" residence for a small plot of farmland, where she says they hope to raise "gardens, goats, and grandchildren."

Fredericksburg were recognized in historian Bruce Catton's war narrative, *Glory Road*. Dan is a lifelong Civil War enthusiast, and soon hopes to write the compiled history of the unit. In addition to a bachelor's degree from UMO, he has one from Maine Maritime Academy and a master's degree in history from American Military University; he also has served as a U.S. Army artillery officer.

For those of you residing in Maine, you most likely saw the details of **Jack Cosgrove's** contract extension, which was announced at the end of the 2007 football season. Jack has been UMaine's head football coach for 15 years, has twice been named Atlantic Ten Coach of the Year, and was named NCAA Division I-AA Coach of the Year in 2001 by *American Football Monthly*. University President Robert Kennedy characterized Jack by saying, "I believe in Jack's commitment to the program, his passion, how he serves as a role model and mentor. I appreciate his success in terms of wins and losses, but I would characterize his contributions more in terms of his commitment to developing the personal side of our student-athletes."

Ivan Fernandez (G), a professor at UMaine's Climate Change Institute, is part of the research team compiling a report for the governor on climate change, and its potential impact on problems, opportunities, and solutions that various scenarios could present.

Kristie Mapes Rutter writes that she, her husband, David, and their three children moved back to Maine in 2003, after having lived in Chicago since our graduation. As her family is in the Springvale area, she chose Wells as her new home. Her oldest child, Nate, is a junior at UMO and rooms with Dan Oakes, whose father, Jon, was a friend of Kristie's and graduated in 1977. Did you get all of that? Kristie has been a flight attendant with United Airlines for almost 30 years, and occasionally sees classmate **Robin Beebe** who is also a UAL flight attendant. Helping to transition the move to Maine is a group of Pi Phi sorority sisters who get together several times a year; they include fellow '78er **Anne Chaplin Gould**. Kristie is also in touch with **Mame McCallum Bowman** who lives in Tucson, Arizona, with her three children and spends her summers on Sebago Lake. Mame attends the annual UMaine alumni luncheon in Tucson, where she reports that she

is one of the "youngsters."

LTC (retired) **Richard Brewer** currently lives in Phenix City, Alabama, and works in Columbus, Georgia, teaching high school Army JROTC. He truly enjoys mentoring young people and is also active in many extracurricular school activities. He coaches Northside High School's varsity rifle team which has won the Georgia state rifle championship for the past two years. His team's accomplishments have earned him Coach of the Year awards at the county and state level. Rich and his wife, Kim, a native of Ohio who is also a teacher, return to Maine each July to enjoy an escape from the heat and humidity of the deep south and to reconnect with friends and family.

The following update is from **Donna Keirstead Thornton**: "Most people know I accepted a position at Rutgers University, New Jersey's state university, in 2006 as associate vice president for alumni relations, and in December 2007 was promoted to vice president for alumni relations. In February 2007 my daughter, Lindsay Thornton Geaghan '05, and son-in-law, Andy Geaghan '04, had a son, Isaac, making me, ahem . . . a grandmother! I enjoy living in New Jersey and have participated in the New Jersey chapter's activities since being here."

Emile Paradis also stepped up to the plate to answer my plea for news, and writes: "After retiring from the Marine Corps, then living in New Orleans for nine years, I moved to Atlanta as the managing area director for Business Network International. Two and a half-years ago, I left that to start a marketing company that provides training, coaching, and consulting to small businesses. It's really a lot of fun and not much different from the operational planning work I did in the Marine Corps. Don't ask me why, but I am also a *Coffee News* publisher."

"After the storms in the fall of 2005, some colleagues and I started a nonprofit, Fast Forward Restart, that works with small businesses in regions affected by disasters or other major economic impacts. I am the executive director and travel often to the Gulf Coast."

"I live in Marietta, Georgia, with the lovely and talented Debra. She's a North Dakota State University alum (booo!) but the sweetest person I've ever known. I am blessed."

Another honorable man who took the time to write was **Austin H.**



New Position

President Bush recently nominated Bill Brennan '77, '02 Ph.D., to the position of assistant secretary of commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere. Bill has been serving as deputy assistant secretary of commerce for international affairs and as acting director of the U.S. Climate Change Science Program. Before joining the federal government, he was a professor at Maine Maritime Academy and served as commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources.

Watts, P.E. He majored in engineering physics and lives with his wife, Helen, and two daughters in Bowdoin, Maine. Austin is director of North American Operations for Watts Engineering (also the janitor).

Fond memories of UMO: "The great snowball fight that went campus-wide (winter of '74-'75 or '75-'76?) and the Henry Hooper look-alike contests (ah, physics majors!). After I graduated I didn't want to go into work for government like many of my classmates. I ended up as a construction engineer on 'big time' projects, then as a design engineer. In 1996 I was laid off from Enterprise Engineering and hung out my own shingle. I met my wife (also an engineer) in the office while we were working for Cianbro. We both had a sink full of dirty dishes on that fateful Friday afternoon. Dinner together was the start of our 25 years together on March 19th."

Harry Hinrichsen, our faithful class treasurer, has sent some interesting information: "I got remarried on May 27 of 2006 here in

Barre, Vermont. The wedding was at St. Monica's Catholic Church in Barre, and the reception was at the local Knights of Columbus hall. Maine alumni and fellow DU fraternity brothers **Gil Jameson**, Jeff Swett '79, and **Dave Fuller** were able to make the trip over for the weekend. My bride is Linda Mercy of East Barre. A native of Richford, Vermont, Linda works in Montpelier for Denis, Ricker, and Brown Insurance Company.

"We live in East Barre with our one and a half-year-old golden retriever Beckett. I still work for the town of Barre as the town engineer, a job I have held for almost 15 years. I am active as the secretary/treasurer for the Vermont Municipal Highway Association. I just recently stepped down as the scoutmaster of Scout Troop 714 in Barre after seven years. I continue to serve as assistant scoutmaster. I just moved up to second vice president of the local Lions Club in Barre, and am always open for fellow Maine alums to come and visit for skiing or just a beer on the back deck."

News flash! The alumni office has agreed to offer prizes—yes, prizes—to get you to send in your news as part of our 30th Reunion festivities. Details to follow, but in the meantime, start your email to me so you won't lose out!

I look forward to seeing you all in October, and thank you again to all of you who took the time to write. The other 1,397 of you—you know who you are—your classmates want to know where you are and what you are doing.

Keep your fingers crossed for spring weather.

Linda

1979

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"Spring has sprung, the bird is on the wing . . ."

Jonathan M. Goss received a mastership award from the Academy of General Dentistry in June. To become a fellow of the AGD, Jonathan completed more than 1,100 hours of continuing education in 16 dental disciplines. He is one of only 2,200 dentists to receive the recognition since the AGD was founded in 1952. Goss lives in

Rockport with his wife, Lee, and their three daughters.

Dot Roberts Lamsom was recognized by Maine Audubon as Educator of the Year for a career in environmental education. Since 1982, Dot has worked for the Chewonki Foundation as educator, wilderness trip leader, and director of the foundation's Center for Environmental Education. She has also served with the Maine Environmental Education Association and the New England Environmental Education Alliance.

Sylvia Viles Lund withdrew from the Portland City Council race last year, due to lingering problems following hip surgery. Sylvia was a three-term at-large representative. Sadly, Sylvia died in September. **Cynthia "Cyndie" Greene Smart** was hired as the speech and language pathologist at Fayette Central School.

Tim O'Neil of South Portland was appointed to the Finance Authority of Maine. **Hank Dusenbery**, retired chief of police in Lincoln, has launched a career as a private investigator—saying he needed to stay busy and, "If I didn't, I'd probably stay home and drive my wife crazy." He served 25 years with the state police, and was in Lincoln for four years.

Enjoy your summer, and drop me a postcard!

1980

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Hello, classmates! Spring has arrived, and with it, warmer days that bring back memories of springtime at UMO. Some of you have emailed or sent updates of your lives. Thank you for keeping in touch!

Peter Bergh continues to live in New Castle, New Hampshire, with his wife, Janet Prince, and their 17-year-old daughter, Hadley. In addition to helping with their family-owned employee communications consulting firm, Peter works part-time as a guide for L. L. Bean and as a mountain classroom instructor for the Appalachian Mountain Club. He's also actively involved in the N.H. community, volunteering in land conservation and philanthropy areas. Nice to hear from you, Peter.



Navy Captain Bob McLaughlin '79, a native of Southwest Harbor, was featured in an article in the *Bangor Daily News* in January. Bob is governance and public works advisor for the embedded provincial reconstruction team in Fallujah, Iraq, where he is working with local officials to improve the quality of life for residents of that war-torn region.

Ted Reeves, a Delta Upsilon brother from 1980, is still recovering from the razing of the DU house. Ted writes, "Hard to imagine that such a fine structure of the DU house with such a fine legacy would get bulldozed." He added as a footnote, "choke, gasp, cough, wheeze!"

Ted has pursued a career as a civil and environmental engineer. After graduating from UMaine, Ted obtained a bachelor's degree from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, and a master's degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Ted had a career as a consulting engineer, and then went to the "private side," working for a national solid waste company called Casella Waste Systems. In 2005, Ted joined Okemo Mountain Resort in Vermont as the director of planning and real estate development. Recently, he was promoted to vice president of development and real estate. In his position, Ted is responsible for all of the planning, design, permitting, construction, budgeting, and financing of real estate sales at Okemo. He enjoys his work very much. Ted has been married almost 20 years to his wife, Wendy. They have four children. Ted, so nice hearing from you!

I have heard from fellow Knox Hall residents this winter, and invite other Knox Hallers to send in their updates. **Cindy Van de Workeen Allen** sent a fabulous holiday update this year. Cindy and her husband, Mark, live with their two sons in Red Bank, New Jersey. Cindy is

in her fifth year working from home for Sickles Market. She inputs vendor and product information, invoices, and does accounting work as well. In her free time, Cindy enjoys singing for the Shrewsbury Chorale and for St. James choir. Her son, Van, a high school senior, is presently looking at colleges. Sean is finishing up eighth grade at St. James, and is looking forward to high school. Cindy, thank you for your news, and keep in touch!

Pam "PJ" Abbott Holland writes that she has been living with her husband, Stephen, in the suburbs of Philadelphia for the past 17 years. They have a daughter, Isabella, who is 12. Pam's early years of her career were spent in the pharmaceutical industry, where she worked in sales and marketing. She is presently chief operating officer of Brody Professional Development, a business communications training and development company. Pam has had a book published, entitled *Help! Was That A Career Limiting Move?* currently in its second edition. In the community, Pam serves on the board of trustees for Abington Hospital, a local teaching hospital. Thanks so much, PJ. It was wonderful hearing from you!

As the days get longer, please take the time to send us your news. Plan to return home to the University of Maine for fall Homecoming if you can. Our college days have given us some wonderful memories. Renew your friendships today and let your classmates know how you are doing. Take care and keep in touch!

1981

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What a Maine winter we've had! As I write this column, it's the first of February and I'm already sick of the white stuff! Glad to be writing a spring column, but sad to report that the mailbag doesn't have much in it this time. You'd think with this new-fangled thing called "email" you could all fire me off an update? How 'bout it?!

Congratulations are in order to a couple of classmates. **Kevin Buckley** was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame this past October. Kevin holds UMaine's record for the highest batting average in NCAA tournament play (.526), was named the MVP of the NCAA Regional, and was named to the all-American team in 1981. He was drafted by the Texas Rangers and played in five major league baseball games in his professional career. The news clipping I received did not update us on his whereabouts or personal life. Perhaps with your help, we can fill in those blanks!

And our second "Atta boy" goes to **Michael Crowley**, who was recently appointed the new president of Healthcare Charities for Eastern Maine Healthcare System in Bangor. In the announcement of his promotion, Michael was described as, "passionate about everything he does, organized, and a man of vision." A native of Millinocket, Michael has held a number of leadership positions in the Bangor area over the years, including Bangor city council and mayor, executive director of the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce, and founding board member and past chair of the National and American Folk festivals. And many of us remember him from his days at the UMaine Alumni Association! Guess we broke him in well! We're proud of you, Michael!

Finally, thanks to **Rob and Val Haynes Morton** for once again sending me their Christmas letter—if only more of you would do that! Rob is a partner at Boisselle, Morton and Associates (accountants) in Hadley, Massachusetts. He serves as national vice president for the Institute of Management Accountants and

also chairs the board of directors of the Employers Association of the Northeast.

Val owns her own quilt shop, Quilts and Treasures, in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts. Designing quilts and promoting youth quilting are her passions. Their oldest daughter graduated from Kansas State in May, and their youngest daughter is a sophomore at UMaine! Following in her mother's footsteps, Rebecca is a Sophomore Eagle! And, following in this class notes editor's footsteps, she is president of the Eagles! Ah, those were the days, when we walked around campus once a week in those lovely two-tone blue dresses with stars on our foreheads! Silly as it may seem now, I made some wonderful friends through that organization, both in our class and through being a "Big Bird" to the Class of '82! Great segue to my next paragraph . . .

Haven't had a chance to write a column since Homecoming 2007, where I had the pleasure of crashing the Class of 1982's 25th Reunion! I spent the weekend with my "Baby Bird," Eleanor Gross Collinsworth (New York), Bonnie Hollingdale Beck (New Brunswick), Laurie Gordon Fogarty (Dexter), and Nancy Ross (Lewiston). We were all Hart Hall girls and had a ball reminiscing about the days on 3 South! Seems that more kids are opting to live off-campus these days, but I wouldn't trade those dorm days and dorm pals for anything!

All for now, folks! Remember my challenge in the last column—twenty-five bucks for 25 years! Our class fund could use a little boost to recover from our Reunion last year. And since another year has passed, you now need to send along 26 bucks! If everyone would do it, we'd have \$40,000 plus! A little donation can make a difference!

1982

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The Class of '82 needs a new correspondent to write the class news in the alumni magazine. Writing the column helps to keep your classmates connected to each other and

the university. This is not a demanding job—please contact the alumni association at the above address if you are interested. We don't want the Class of '82 to be left out!

1983

*Reunion at
Homecoming
October 24- 26*

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Well, fellow members of the Class of '83, it has been 25 years since a gray sky turned bright and we marched onto alumni field to "Pomp and Circumstance." George Mitchell spoke to us that day, can't remember anything prophetic, but I am sure he threw in something about avoiding steroids! In the fall at Homecoming we will have the opportunity to return to Orono and celebrate some of the good times all over again. One thing that has not changed—don't try and sneak someone underage and not your child into the tailgate area at the football games; a university police officer was all over me for such an infraction last fall. Seems I can never escape their wrath. Somebody else bring the booze, I know I won't have to show my ID!

I am hoping to hear from many of you so that the fall class notes section will be my biggest yet, but can't do it without your help. I am looking for stories of family, travel, business ventures, and naturally would love to have a memory from 1983. For instance remember how good the hockey team was our senior year? That's right—they won one game in the ECAC that year—ahh that brings back some "Al" fond memories.

Some classmates were busy this year. **James Violette** decided to put his four terms on the city council to the test, three of those terms as president, and run for mayor of Westbrook, Maine. James was against a Republican incumbent and when the final votes were tallied, lost a hard-fought battle, 53 percent to 47 percent. Violette is a financial planner who remains very active in



Donald Aldrich '80 visits with Stephanie Barry Brown '65 at the Arizona alumni "Lobsterfest" on February 28. The event was hosted by Stephanie and her husband, Michael, at their home in Scottsdale.

Westbrook where he and his wife, Diana, are raising two sons and a daughter.

A Democrat who did not face reelection was the first family of Maine, and **Karen Weston Baldacci**, wife of Governor John Baldacci '86, has stayed busy. Karen has made family literacy a primary focus. As Maine's first lady she travels to schools throughout the state reading to children and getting involved in library programs. Karen also leads a privately funded non-profit program called Maine Reads that works to improve literacy and reading skills throughout Maine. Karen and husband, John, reside in the Blaine House and are parents to 16 year-old Jack.

Excuse the segue, but from the Blaine House we go to **Blaine Boudreau**, who had a busy year in the banking industry. Blaine is the executive vice president of commercial lending and business development at Sanford Institution for Savings. Evidently graduating 25 years ago was not enough for Boudreau as he recently graduated again, this time from the Senior Leadership Institute. Like James Violette, Boudreau is an active member of the York County area where he is involved in the United Way and Tomorrow's Promise Children's Center. Blaine is also an alumnus of the Maine Senior Skull Society.

Finally, this morning an old classmate and fellow WMEB alum, **Ben Gross**, emailed a small group of friends to inform us of a passing. No it was not a classmate, but a TV

sitcom star Suzanne Pleshette from the "Bob Newhart Show." Ben is famous for reminding us of how old we are and is relied upon to keep us up-to-date with the pop culture icons of our generation. When Ben is not busy emailing us about the passing of a favorite star of yesteryear, typically with a witticism attached, he is serving as office manager for Workflow/One in Portland. Ben and his wife, Susan Beltramini Gross '84, are the proud parents of two daughters ages 18 and 13, and reside in Windham, Maine.

Homecoming is the weekend of October 25th and 26th. Prior to the football game there will be a tent in the tailgate area for our class, and we will also be invited to the President's House after the game. Additional events are being considered and are to be coordinated by the class officers and other members of our class. If you'd like to learn more, email me and I will put you in touch with people at the university or in our class.

As you reflect on the events that took place 25 years ago at our alma mater I am reminded once again that this column should not be written by one person, but should be a team effort! Help me to make the fall class notes the largest one in the magazine! After 25 years I know you have something to say and I look forward to sharing it with our classmates! I look forward to hearing from you and meeting many of you at Homecoming.

1984

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Greetings, classmates! I hope you all had a wonderful winter. My family and I were able to do lots of cold-weather activities, thanks to the plentiful snowfall we had. Here in not-very-snowy Southwest Harbor, we actually received a couple of feet of snow in December. The National Weather Service in oh-so-very-snowy Caribou reported that that city was on its way to a record snowfall for the season, which would break a record going back to the 1950s! As of mid-February, they had received 10 feet of snow!

By the time you read this column, the snow will be gone and we

will be experiencing warmer temperatures. I will be looking forward to summer. Do any of you have exciting plans for a summer trip? My family and I are planning a trip across America in a year or two. Have any of you done it? Do you have a fond memory to share, or some advice for me?

Your classmates would love to hear what is new with you. Please send me an email and I will get your news published in the next issue.

Paul Porada has been named a vice president at Woodard and Curran, an engineering consulting firm based in Portland, Maine. Paul has consulted on landfill expansion, ocean wastewater discharges, and performed hydraulic analysis for the company since 1988. He lives in Scarborough.

Barbara Brink Sweezy has joined TD Banknorth Wealth Management in Burlington, Massachusetts. As a retirement plan advisor, she assists clients throughout the region with their retirement plan needs and works with their employees to build a retirement portfolio. She has 23 years of experience in the retirement plan industry, including investment and financial planning for retirement. Barbara lives in Middleton.

Paul Cook and his business partner have purchased the Hammond/Union streets campus of Bangor Theological Seminary. The partnership, Seminary Redevelopment LLC, plans to continue to rent residential and commercial space on the campus and to renovate Maine Hall, the oldest building on the campus. The 9.25-acre property consists of three academic buildings and six residences, including the former home of Hannibal Hamlin, Abraham Lincoln's first vice president. The seminary moved to the campus of Husson College in September 2005. Paul also owns the Antiques Marketplace in downtown Bangor and is a partner in Bangor Property Development LLC, a firm that owns the Exchange Building and the Coe and Stetson blocks of buildings downtown.

I love sharing news of the Class of 1984. I look forward to hearing from many of you with your news! I hope you are all enjoying some lovely spring weather. I am eager to spend some time in my garden, digging in the dirt.

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1985

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Today is another stormy winter day—I wish it would snow in the mountains and not on our driveway!

Mark McCarthy is still in Baltimore with his wife, Erin, and three children. Mark recently left an 11-year job for a new position as managing director of leasing and marketing at Ariel Preferred, a developer and operator of outlet centers throughout the United States.

Lisa Gardner is the new communications manager for JMG (Jobs for Maine's Graduates), after spending 20 years as a reporter, producer, and anchor at WMTW, Channel 8 in Portland.

Harley Knowles has been hired as the vice president for institutional advancement at the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine. He will be responsible for communications, development, and alumni advancement in his new position. Prior to the University of New England, Harley worked at the College of William and Mary and Shenandoah University in Virginia.

Jeffrey Priest is employed as a music teacher for Old Town, Maine, schools and recently became engaged to Shianne Wheeler '96 who is also a music teacher in Old Town schools. Both Jeffrey and Shianne will complete their master's degrees in instrumental conducting from UMaine in May 2008.

Dennis Lisherness has been promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Air Force. Dennis is a commander assigned to the 608th Air Communications Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, Bossier City, Louisiana.

Dick Roderick (G) of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, has been named president of the real estate division of Dead River Company and remains senior vice president of the Dead River Corporation. Dick serves on many boards including Gorham Savings Bank, the S Corporation Association of America, and Piper Shores. He also serves on the advisory board of the University of Maine's business and engineering colleges.

Thanks for the updates this time. Let's keep our fingers crossed for a

great season for the Red Sox! If you can, drop me an email to share your news.

1986

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Hi, Class of '86! Happy spring. This winter had too much snow for me, but I think I was in the minority there!

The Maine Senate approved several dozen nominees put forth by classmate and Governor **John Baldacci** at a special confirmation session in September. Nominees that were cleared for the Finance Authority of Maine included **Susan Bouchard Snowden** of Scarborough, Maine.

Jeffrey Hecker (Ph.D.), chair of the UMaine psychology faculty, has been appointed interim dean of the college of liberal arts and sciences. He has been a UMaine professor since 1986. UMaine President Robert Kennedy said, "Jeff is a real leader in UMaine's academic community and he is a scholar of the first order."

James A. Sewall Company recently hired **Janine Murchison**, PE as project engineer to open the firm's new office in Caribou, Maine. With over 20 years experience in the field, Janine has designed, managed, and monitored construction on multiple projects, including roads, lighting, storm drainages, and water and sewer systems. During her time with several Maine engineering firms, she worked closely with communities on many projects, thereby gaining expertise in environmental audits, permitting, and infrastructure inventories.

In addition to her B.S. in civil engineering from UMaine and her master's in business from Husson College, Jan is a licensed professional engineer by the State of Maine. She is also a trustee of the Caribou Public Library and a former trustee of the Caribou Utilities District.

Teachers **Paul '77** and **Susan Carpenter O'Brien** (G) spent nearly three weeks this past summer traveling with fellow school teachers and translators through Chinese cities and villages. Susan is a fifth grade

teacher at the George B. Weatherbee School in Hampden, Maine. The journey was coordinated through Primary Source, a nonprofit organization that connects educators to cultures around the world in order to enhance student learning. Susan says, "It's all about becoming a lifelong learner."

Even with trips to Shanghai and Beijing, the O'Briens said the days spent in the rural village of Huangcun were the highlight of the trip. In the village, they threshed rice in the paddies and picked tea leaves, though they admitted being more in the way than assisting in the harvest. They enjoyed visiting classes and different schools. Dining and visiting with the villagers, students, and their families were some of the many exciting, unforgettable activities and they have already integrated their China experiences into the class curriculum.

While most of their trip was geared for professional development, the couple shared a special moment when they climbed Huangshan Mountain. Chinese newlyweds scale the peak to place padlocks on the mountain's safety chains. Honeymooners place the locks to "lock in" their commitment. Susan had a small suitcase padlock and after 27 years of marriage, the couple "locked" their marriage on the mountain too.

The Williams School in New London, Connecticut, welcomed several new members to its faculty and administration this past year. **Cathy Quine Carter** of Old Lyme, Connecticut, is their new assistant athletic director. Cathy received her B.A. in public management at UMaine and her master's in public administration from the University of New Haven, Connecticut.

Grape-eating birds are just another challenge for anyone who's determined to have a cold-climate winery. What **Elmer "Buddy" Savage** and his wife, Holly, see in their three and one-half acre vineyard and hand-crafted wines, augmented by a crop of wild blueberries, pigs, and Belted Galloway cows, is a way to continue working on the Union, Maine, farm that's belonged to family members since the 1790s.

The property was a former dairy farm, but its major source of income in recent years had been 15 acres of blueberries. Interested in the growth of agritourism and a value-added use for the berries, Buddy starting looking at small wineries, planning to make blueberry wine. After seeing that it is possible to grow wine

grapes in Maine, the Savages planted their first variety of "cold-hardy" grapes in 2002. It would actually be cheaper to buy grapes, says Buddy, but it is not what he wants. Buddy notes he'd "lose what I like, being involved from beginning to end" and that "we want to show what wines can be made from grapes we can grow here."

Researching, planting, pruning, mowing, harvesting, and producing the wine is all labor intensive, but Buddy says, "I love the work." Buddy and Holly visit wineries that specialize in cold-hardy grapes and attend seminars and trade shows. There are currently only two Maine wineries that have their own vineyards. Locals and tourists can visit the farm and the vineyard and taste the wines in the tasting room before taking some home. Smart shoppers also pick up the Savage family's variety boxes of meat including roasts, chops, sausages, and burger. Savage Oakes farm/vineyard lets the visitor experience a real Maine farm and winery.

Keep in touch! Please write us what you and classmates are up to! We want to add to the news we get from the newspaper clippings. Any news on births? New job? New house? Seen a classmate? Travels? Correct/add something to a past column? Weddings? Say "hi?"

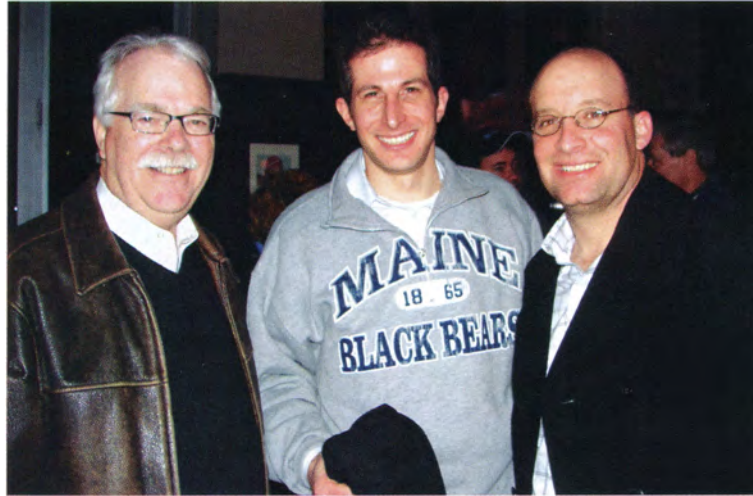
Only a few years 'til our 25th!
Take care, Donny

1987

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Happy spring, everyone. I am writing this article on Super Bowl Sunday and while we are all full of hope it certainly does not feel like spring today! Let's start with a wedding and an anniversary.

Mitchell Christian McCarthy (G) married Sarah Spangler Pfeiffer on October 7 on Damariscotta Lake. Mitch has been teaching English at John Bapst Memorial High School in Bangor for the past 18 years. **Inez Toothaker** and her husband, Reginald, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 1, 2007, with a family dinner at the Lucerne Inn in Dedham. Inez was employed at Bangor Theological Seminary and John Bapst Memorial High School and taught English at



Alumni Association board member Brooke Wagner '88 (right) recently met with UMAA board chair John Rohman '68 (left) and Paul Tomassini '91 about plans to organize a Boston area affinity group.

Husson College. She now owns Country Cottage Antiques in Newburgh, which celebrated its 10th anniversary this year. Our congratulations to both couples.

Patrick Kelly was inducted into the Maine Amateur Wrestling Alliance Hall of Fame on August 18th. At Maine, Kelly had a 116-20 record, won a New England title in 1986, and was a three-time All-Academic honoree. As a coach at Camden-Rockport High he coached the team to a 117-5 record over four years and captured three Class B State Championships, four Eastern Maine titles, and four Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference crowns. **Jaimey Caron** ran for Portland school committee this past fall. Jaimey has been involved in the community for a number of years serving on the Portland planning board 1995-2004 and several other boards and associations. He is employed at Neill and Gunter of Scarborough as a projects manager. **David Gonyar** is the general manager for Gold's Gym on Odlin Road in Bangor. David was a longtime teacher and coach at Bucksport High School. From there he went to Wight's Sporting Goods in Bangor, where he was responsible for acquiring corporate accounts; and recently he was the athletic director at Old Town High School. **"Ted" Twombly** joined Mortgage Network. Previously Ted was with RISO in Danvers, Massachusetts, where he was a district sales manager and corporate sales/customer service representative.

Danny Edwards was awarded Eastern Maine Medical Center's 2007 Nursing Excellence Award. Danny has been with the hospital

almost 20 years, spending 18 years in the intensive care unit (ICU) and then moving to medical imaging two years ago. Danny also spent four years in the U.S. Navy's hospital corps working three years in the ICU of a military hospital.

1988

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Hello, Class of 1988. Can you believe that 20 years ago this May we sat on the field in Alford Stadium, eagerly waiting to turn our tassel? Where have those 20 years gone? For those of you who may not have heard, the stadium in which we sat on that sunny May day was named after philanthropist, Harold Alford. Mr. Alford passed away on November 16, 2007, at the age of 93. The Class of 1988 would like to extend its condolences to the Alford family. The world was made a better place due to Mr. Alford.

It's time to move to other news and report that recently **Rich Goodenough** contacted me. He and his wife, Kim, reside in Eliot, Maine, with their two boys.

Rich wrote, "This past summer, Bruce Silva '90 hosted a party on the Merrimack River, attended by Sheri Hogan Butler '89, Jason Low '92, and **Jim Beaulier**. Bruce has an awesome house on the water and an amazing wakeboard boat that

proved to be a sore event for most of the first-timers. Jim hosts the annual pilgrimage to Loudon, New Hampshire, for the NASCAR event." Rich also attended a UMaine hockey game in Orono last November, and ran into Professor Bob Lehnhard (former RD at Penobscot Hall) and also sat in the same section as Sheri Hogan Butler! He said it was great to be back on campus, if only for a short time. Rich also ran into **Mark Patschke**, who is a manager at The Links at Outlook Golf Club in South Berwick, Maine.

Rich has worked in banking since graduation and now works for York County Federal Credit Union as an assistant vice president and branch manager. In December of 2007, Rich earned his merchant marine captain's license that allows him to operate vessels up to 100 GT, 100 miles from shore. Way to go, Rich!

This time around the Class of 1988 has been making the papers for its contributions in the field of education. **Leigh Guildford** joined the school committee for the city of Ellsworth in November. In an interview with the *Ellsworth American* Leigh reported that he has always "wanted to be on the school committee." As the state grapples with school consolidation, the Class of 1988 wishes you fortitude and wisdom with your new position.

At George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill, Maine, **Dan Kane** assumed the position of varsity boys' soccer coach in the fall of 2007. As a former coach of the team who took a seven-year hiatus to spend more time with his family, as was reported in the *Bangor Daily News*, Dan is also the long-time coach for the boys' baseball team. Will he be back next season as the soccer coach? We will have to see.

In southern Maine, **Douglas Parker** was named area assistant principal for the Standish schools, part of MSAD #6, where he has been employed since 1989. Good luck, Douglas, in your new position.

Another in a new position is **James Ashe** (G). James was the superintendent of schools in Brunswick, leaving that position on October 1, 2007. On November 1, 2007, he assumed a new position as town manager in Topsham, as was reported in the *Portland Press Herald*. From school politics to town politics, James is a brave man.

Moving north, we find literacy specialist and special education expert **Sue Williams Haynes** (G)

publishing a book that, "reflects on what she has learned from the unique individuals she has taught" (*Mount Desert Islander*). The book, *Creative Mavericks: Beacons of Authentic Learning*, shares Sue's insights into the struggles many students experience in school and on the creative intelligence they also possess.

Moving away from education, we find that **Alicia Anstead** (G) once again made the news by winning the Maryann Hartman Award in October of 2007. As reported in the *Bangor Daily News*, three Maine women are honored each year in recognition of their achievements in the arts, politics, business, education, health care, and community service areas as people who provide inspiration for women. Alicia is a writer for the *Bangor Daily News*.

Timothy Verreault also made news as he joined the Portland-based Evergreen Credit Union as senior vice president, retail banking. Congratulations, Tim.

As you can tell, the Class of 1988 has been busy. Please keep those notes coming. And can you believe it's been 20 years? I can't.

1989

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Hello, classmates!

Hope this spring finds you all well and beginning to think about our 20th Reunion which will be just one year from now—hard to believe!

News is sadly very sparse this edition, so I'm hoping that the jazzy new format of the magazine will energize some of you to write or email with your news. The class notes section is now in color, which looks great!

Even though you are reading this in the spring, I am writing this column in the midst of Black Bear hockey season, so it is fitting that our two clips have to do with . . . you guessed it, hockey!

Eric Weinrich is living in Yarmouth, Maine, with his wife, Tracy, son, Ben, and daughter, Emmy. He had retired after a 1,157-game National Hockey League career and was assistant coach with the American Hockey League's Portland Pirates, but due to injuries

Cheryl Allen Bentley '92 asks alumni to donate blood

Turning a Tragic Loss into Something Positive

It was a parent's worst nightmare—the loss of a young child from a terrible disease. But now Cheryl Allen Bentley '92 and her husband, John, would like to turn their tragic loss into something positive.

Last September, the Bentleys' four-year-old daughter Katie came down with a fever. After about 12 hours she also began having trouble breathing. John took her to the Concord (New Hampshire) Hospital emergency room. From there she was flown by helicopter to Children's Hospital in Boston, where she was diagnosed with methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, or MRSA, which had manifested itself into pneumonia. The infection was rapidly destroying all of Katie's vital organs. She was on life-support for three weeks, but eventually it became clear that there was no prospect for recovery.

Sadly, once it was known that Katie died of MRSA, the Bentleys were overwhelmed with media attention. Eventually even New Hampshire's governor got involved to help protect the family. Cheryl and John also had to face a daunting \$900,000 medical bill.

One issue that arose during little Katie's struggle was the availability of blood. With the hope that other families will not have to face this situation, the Bentleys are asking UMaine alumni to give blood in Katie's memory. They would especially appreciate it if alumni in the Boston area gave blood directly to Children's Hospital.

There is some happy news for the Bentleys. Cheryl is pregnant, with a due-date in the fall.



Cheryl and Katie Bentley

and call-ups a year ago, the Pirates were short on defense so Weinrich got back on the ice for 36 games, notching two goals and 12 assists. This year he is happy to have returned as a player again. In addition to playing he continues to work with the young defensemen and help them develop.

Bob Corkum's son, Kelen, takes after Dad (former Black Bear standout winger) and plays hockey, most recently for the U.S. National Team Development Program's Under-18 squad. Kelen had the chance to play against this year's Black Bear team last fall. Kelen was quoted in the *Bangor Daily News* as having said, "My dad told me how great it was to play up here. He told me how nuts the fans are and how great the community is. I'm psyched to play here." When I received this news clip, Kelen Corkum had verbally committed to Maine.

Please help me out and add

some news to this column so we don't win the "Shortest Class Notes Award!"

1990

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Happy Spring!

Recently, I reconnected with a UMaine friend. **Peter Chase** (G) and his wife, Jenny, are working at The Pennington School in New Jersey. Peter teaches German and economics. They have a two-year-old son. In 2008-2009 Peter is taking a sabbatical with his family and will be going to Austria. He will be the resident director and a teacher for

the New England Universities in Salzburg.

Michelle Mathieu Fortin and her family spent some time in Europe last summer. Michelle's husband traveled to Munich, Germany, for his job and Michelle and their two daughters accompanied him. In addition to Munich they were able to see Salzburg, Austria; Verona, Italy; and Venice, Italy.

Steven Fitzpatrick is a commercial sales producer for the F.A. Peabody Company. He works in the Houlton office. In his job he concentrates on transportation, farming, and construction insurance. He has earned his Master Certificate for Department of Transportation Compliance from the Transportation Safety Institute. He lives in Houlton with his wife, Jana, and their two sons.

In September, Tardy-Connors, LLC bought the Moosehead Manufacturing Company plant which had previously closed. This high-quality furniture plant is located in Monson. **Joshua Tardy** is a partner in this company, which produces Maine-made furniture. In addition, Joshua is a Newport attorney and is the Republican leader of the Maine House of Representatives.

While serving as deputy director of the Joint Personnel Recovery Center, Strategic Operations, Multi-National Force-Iraq in Baghdad, Iraq, Navy Lieutenant Commander **Joseph P. Leporati** was awarded the Bronze Star medal. Joseph was responsible for drafting the first Memorandum of Understanding to formalize future relationships between agencies, such as the FBI, CIA, NSA, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of State, special operations forces, and other agencies. This memorandum specified, defined, and clarified roles and responsibilities regarding hostage-taking situations. In addition, Joseph led his joint team in more than 17 kidnapping crises.

Matthew Weaver was promoted to assistant investment officer at First Advisors, the investment management division of The First, N.A. which is headquartered in Damariscotta. In his new position Matthew assists in formulating investment strategies and will manage a portfolio of clients in the company's mutual fund program. He lives in Nobleboro with his wife, Sara, and daughter.

The Maine Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance awards and recognition ceremony was held in November at

the Samoset in Rockport, Maine.

Carolyn Gross received the Worthy of Praise Honor Award. Carolyn is a K-5 physical education specialist at the Jewett, Hanson, Jack Memorial, and Libby schools in S.A.D. 6.

1991

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Welcome spring! After a long winter, the warmth of spring is refreshing. Are you making plans for the summer? Renting a cabin in the woods, taking the family to Fenway, backpacking in Europe, sitting in the backyard with your feet in the kiddie pool? Let us know how you've been spending your time.

Former University of Maine basketball player and associate head coach **Kathy Karlsson** has joined the coaching staff at Bentley College in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Fawn Dunphy of Cape Elizabeth has joined True North, Maine's Center for Functional Medicine and Healing Arts. Fawn earned her doctor of chiropractic degree from Logan College of Chiropractic in Missouri. She specializes in the connection between back pain and job performance, and limitations due to repetitive strain.

Julie Chandler has accepted a position as a guidance counselor in Cape Elizabeth Middle School. Previously, Julie was a guidance counselor for two years at Auburn Middle School and for four years at MSAD 51.

Last fall, **Carl Gartley** began his new position as principal of two schools in China, Maine. He will be the first principal to be in charge of the middle school and primary school, and Carl is ready for the challenge. He and his wife, **Amy Feyler Gartley**, and their children, Alyssa (13) and Jared (11), have lived in China for the past 13 years while Carl was an assistant principal at Mt. View High School, and for two years in Camden.

Judy Pratt Morrison is tapping into the resources of the University of Maine. Coordinating with Myer Taksel, an academic counselor for student-athletes, and Professor Sandy Caron, Judy's adopted son, Joey, is spending time being



Steve Henry (right) takes a break with his friend Dave Gillespie (second from left) during their winter climb up Mount Katahdin. Other climbers from a different party are not identified.

Climbing Katahdin in Winter with a Purpose

Steve Henry '95 chose a challenging way to raise money for the Beth C. Wright Cancer Center on behalf of his mother-in-law, who has colon cancer. In mid-February, he and a small group of friends climbed to the summit of Mount Katahdin. In doing so, they endured 70-mile per hour winds and temperatures of 30 below zero.

"A lot of people think you're crazy for doing it," Steve told the *Ellsworth American*. "It's a challenge. When you're exposed like that, you begin to realize how fragile life is."

Steve exceeded his original goal of raising \$1,000 for the center. "It absolutely made the trip worthwhile," he said.

mentored by two UMaine football players. Jovan Belcher and Jhamal Fluellen, both child development/family relations majors, have been meeting with three-year-old Joey, teaching him to hike a football and taking him to the Memorial Union for ice cream. Within a few weeks, Judy was already seeing positive changes in Joey's behavior.

Add this to your To Do list: send an email to me with your latest news for the alumni column. We'd love to hear from you!

1992

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Hello, everyone! I hope you all

survived the snowier-than-usual winter this year. We can now look forward to warmer and longer days. Let's get going with the news!

Deborah Felder (G) was recently hired as the new communications coordinator for the Maine Center for Economic Policy.

The Aroostook County district attorney's office welcomed a Houlton native to its ranks last year with the addition of **Patrick Gordon** as assistant district attorney for the Houlton area. Patrick is looking forward to working in his hometown and being part of the community.

Sandford "Sandy" Blitz (G) of Hudson has been appointed by President Bush to head the U.S. Small Business Administration in New England. Blitz owns and manages Emesbee Associates, a consulting firm that assists public and private institutions to receive government grants and loans. Congratulations, Sandy!

Jon Goodness was honored last

fall for completing 20 years of service with UPS. He lives in Carmel with his wife, Linda.

This past fall at the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony, **Garth Snow** was honored as an inductee. Garth played on Maine's 1993 NCAA title team and also played on the U.S. team in the 1994 Olympics. He played in 368 NHL games and is currently the general manager of the New York Islanders. Congratulations, Garth!

David and **Rachel Bonenfant Zehner** welcomed a new baby boy, Zachary, on December 10. They reside in Australia with their daughter, Annabelle.

Lastly, want to take a trip down Memory Lane? For only the cost of postage, you can acquire a 1992 UMaine yearbook. The alumni association has a bunch of extras and will mail one to you—just contact bettyjo.watt@umit.maine.edu.

Please keep the news coming and let your classmates know what you've been doing. We all would love to hear about your new job, baby, house, or whatever!

1993

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Hello, everyone! It has been a pleasure writing this column for the past two years, but alas, life is getting busy! My oldest is entering kindergarten this fall (yikes), and with running my own business from home, along with managing a busy household of boys, I will be stepping down from my post as class correspondent. If you are interested in becoming our new class correspondent, please contact Abby Zelz at: abigail.zelz@umit.maine.edu.

Jeffrey Park has joined the Westboro, Massachusetts, office of O'Reilly, Talbot, and Okun—which is an environmental engineering firm. He has 10 years of experience conducting ecological impact assessments and environmental permitting at the local, state, and federal levels.

Dawn Hunter Rioux is now teaching kindergarten in the Cape Elizabeth school system. Previously she was a kindergarten teacher in Gray, Maine. Also in the educational realm, **Julie McAloon Hackett** is

now the new assistant superintendent of schools in Taunton, Massachusetts. Her career spans 15 years, and includes being a high school English teacher, dean of students, and middle school principal in the Brewer, Maine, area. Congrats, Julie!

Victoria Eleftheriou, who resides in Mount Vernon, Maine, is seeking legal status as parent for her and her partner, Carla Hopkins', two-year-old son, Eli. A decision in the Maine Supreme Judicial Court on August 30, 2007, allowed a Portland lesbian couple to jointly adopt their foster children, and this decision is paving the way for Victoria and Carla to follow suit to ensure a secure future for Eli, with two legal parents. We'll send good thoughts your way, Victoria!

According to the *Boothbay Register* of October 4, 2007, "Boothbay Harbor resident and Army Reserve Captain **Meritt L. Phillips-Munro** has been mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"Phillips-Munro, 37, is a public affairs officer assigned to U.S. Pacific Command at Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii. She deployed to Camp Smith in late May. Next month (November '07), Munro will be forward deployed in support of the Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines (JSOTF-P).

"Meritt and her husband, Fred, have also owned Blue Moon Café in Boothbay Harbor since 2005. She is also a pharmaceutical sales representative with Millennium Pharmaceuticals which manufactures Velcade, used for treatment of patients with multiple myeloma, a cancer of the bone marrow." Thanks, Meritt, for your support and dedication to our country!

John Holyoke, a sportswriter for the *Bangor Daily News*, won a first-place award for a daily story about the Paul Bunyan Marathon. Congrats, John!

Ralph Hosford was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant for the Maine Warden Service. He is assigned to Greenville. The future of Maine's fish and wildlife resources is in good hands!

Classmates, are you feeling nostalgic? Guess what—the alumni association has copies of the 1992/93 and 1993/94 yearbooks to give away! If you'd like one, you only need to pay for postage so they can mail one to you. Contact: bettyjo.watt@umit.maine.edu to request a yearbook.

Have a wonderful summer and fall season!

1994

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Hello, Classmates! We hope you're all thawed out after a long winter.

Between 1,000 and 1,200 people turned out to welcome 2008 at Bangor's Downtown Countdown New Year's Eve Celebration—complete with ball drop. The event was started four years ago by **Stephen C. Smith**. Stephen is a Bangor attorney and captain in the Maine Army National Guard. In addition to practicing law, he and his wife, Milva, recently opened Giacomo's Groceria in Bangor. The store is named for their youngest son; the couple has two other sons, Alessandro, 5, and Hugo, 4.

Don Erb (G) was named the National Soccer Coaches Association of America North Region Assistant Coach of the Year. Don is the assistant boys' soccer coach at Bangor High School where he also teaches math. Prior to coaching in Bangor, Don coached boys' soccer and girls' basketball at Hermon High School.

Jennifer Elizabeth Nichols is engaged to Bracy Brent O'Neil Hood. Jennifer is employed as a neuroscience senior territory business manager for Bristol Myers Squibb. Jennifer and Bracy reside in Bangor and are planning a summer 2008 wedding on the coast of Maine.

Do you know where your yearbook is? Did it vanish sometime in the last 14 years? If you'd like to acquire a copy of the 1993-1994 yearbook, just contact the alumni association (bettyjo.watt@umit.maine.edu) and they will send you one for the cost of postage. They have cases of old 1990s yearbooks in storage and would like to send them to interested alumni.

That's it for our news. Please keep us in the loop on your big happenings!

Stay in touch with UMaine friends and classmates with InCircle at:
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1995

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Welcome to spring! As I write, we have finished yet another snowstorm—this winter has been a doozy! At least it looks like winter, though, and maybe that will produce a wonderful spring.

Not much to report this time around so I am hoping some of you will drop me a note when you get a chance so I can beef up this column next time. Just think, if you enjoy reading about your classmates here, they will like reading about you!

Our classmate, **Mark Hatch**, who is the Messalonskee Middle School principal, was acknowledged for his work by the Maine Association of School Libraries as Administrator of the Year. A \$500 donation was made in his honor to the library media program at the school to recognize his work in advocating for an increase in the book and audiovisual budget at the school. The work was done to provide materials that will further encourage reading, use of the center, and to integrate library skills into the classroom. Mark also encouraged the library media specialist to become a leader in the school community. Congratulations, Mark!

As I said, not much to report this time, so I'd love to have more for next time. Send me an email or a note and let me know what you're up to. And have a nice spring!

1996

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Greetings, '96ers! I apologize that we have no news this time around. Unfortunately the clippings about our classmates were lost in the mail between Maine and Montana. I'm hoping that this lack of news may motivate some of you to let us know what you've been up to lately. Let's fill this column with lots of info for the next issue.

Meanwhile, it occurs to me that I haven't told you what I've been up to and let's face it; I have some space

to fill here! I live in Missoula, Montana, and I work at Boyle, Deveny, and Meyer, a public accounting firm. As I type this, tax season is upon us and our firm is buzzing with activity. As spring and summer arrive, I'll put away my snowboard and I'll be playing lots of ultimate Frisbee and soccer, perfecting my white-water kayak roll, hiking, camping, backpacking, and exploring western Montana. I'll also be playing my trumpet in the Missoula Community Concert Band and with the Missoula Community Theater orchestra. Summers in Montana are pretty special and I'm looking forward to many trips down the rivers via kayak, raft, canoe, or inner tube (my favorite, of course).

If any of you Black Bear alums are passing through Montana on I-90, let me know. I'll gladly meet you for a beer at my favorite local brewery. Who knows; maybe we'll even see a grizzly or two while you're here.

If you're like me and living far from Orono, perhaps you'd like a tangible memory of Orono. Well, the alumni association has many spare copies of the 1996 *Prism*, UMaine's yearbook, free for the taking! Actually, you need to pay postage, but that's a pretty good deal. Just email: bettyjo.watt@umit.maine.edu to inquire about getting a copy.

1997

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When I think of the people who most impacted my UMaine experience, former *Maine Campus* advisor Douglas Kneeland '53 is at the top of the list. I was sad to learn that he passed away this past December. I wasn't as good at keeping in touch as I should've been, but I always enjoyed catching up with Christmas cards. I'll never forget our first meeting. The stereotypical Jersey girl that I was at the time, I was in awe after finding out his very distinguished career included a stop at *The New York Times*. Doug, in his kind and humble way, quickly instilled that it wasn't the size of the paper or the size of the story that mattered—it was a journalist's job to work hard to get the story and to get

it right by reporting all sides. I hope I applied those lessons while working at *The Maine Campus* and during my off-the-beaten path career writing for association publications in Washington, D.C., before turning to marketing and book writing. Regardless of where I end up, I know Doug's lessons will always stay with me, especially while reading my local paper.

There's going to be a UMaine wedding! **Andrea Poole Cole** and Ben Hauck '98 are getting married on July 26, 2008, in the Littlefield Ornamental Gardens at the university. They have opted to celebrate their wedding in the place where it all began. Ben and Andrea met as undergraduates while serving on the Greek governing boards. They reconnected in 2006 at a retirement party for the Sigma Chi and Chi Omega cook, Woody. They are looking forward to having many UMaine alumni home to celebrate the July festivities with them, including nine members of the wedding party. Ben is the great-grandson of UMaine's beloved eighth president, Arthur Hauck, and the family is looking forward to coming back to campus. Our congratulations go out to Ben and Andrea!

Congratulations to former Maine Black Bear offensive lineman **Michael Flynn** for his recent induction into the UMaine Hall of Fame. He was captain of UMaine's football team in 1996. The Black Bears finished the season with a 7-4 record—the first winning record since 1992. Michael signed with the Baltimore Ravens where he has started for the last seven seasons, including when the team won the 2000 Super Bowl, reports the *Bangor Daily News*.

Congratulations to newlyweds **Sara Anne Stairs** and Paul Charles Burgos. Sara is an eighth-grade reading teacher at Saco Middle School and will be earning a master's degree in literacy education from the University of Southern Maine this spring. Paul is a clinical consultant at Unum. The *Bangor Daily News* reports that the couple had a 2007 fall wedding.

Eric Meyer (G) was awarded the Portland Pipeline Corporation Scholarship from the University of Southern Maine for the 2007-2008 academic school year, reports *The Times Record*. He is currently working toward a master's in business administration and holds a master's in social work from UMaine. Eric and his family live in Freeport.

Deacon **Nathan March** of

Cumberland was recently ordained by Bishop Richard Malone at the Basilica of St. Peter and Paul in Lewiston, reports the *Forecaster*. Nathan worked as an engineer for 10 years before entering the priesthood.

If you've lost track of your old UMaine yearbook, you can replace it! The alumni association has a supply of 1997 *Prisms* and is hoping to find good homes for them. No adoption papers necessary—for simply the cost of mailing, they will send one to you. Contact: bettyjo.watt@umit.maine.edu if you are interested in receiving a copy.

1998

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Hearty Maine Hello! I hope you are thawing out wherever you are this spring. Lottie and I are continuing our Russian studies here in Monterey and in January I completed the U.S. Army Foreign Area Officer Course.

The Class of 1998 is impacting our alma mater's athletic department. In addition to **Cindy Blodgett's** recent selection as head coach of the women's basketball team, **Laura Reed** contacted me with the following: "In October, I was named assistant athletic director for public relations here at UMaine. I head up all media relations for Maine's 19 varsity sports and am working primarily with men's ice hockey this winter." Congratulations, Laura!

Several of our classmates have changed roles in the field of education. In September, **Marilyn Temple Tardy** was selected for a position on the Maine State Board of Education. Also in September, **Jason Tarr** (G) was hired as the principal of Southside School, for 4th through 6th grades, in Houlton. He arrived from serving as the principal of the Palermo Consolidated School in western Waldo County. He previously has served as principal and other administrative positions at other schools in Aroostook County as well as around the state.

In late August, **Elaine B. Miller** (G) announced her resignation as superintendent of School Union 52 in Winslow, effective in December, due to school reorganizations. She

has served as Union 52's top administrator since July 2001. During her tenure as superintendent, she developed many programs and projects to include a \$9 million renovation of Winslow High School. Previously, she was S.A.D. 47's assistant superintendent for four years, and has also served as a building principal for several schools in central Maine in her 26 years of public education.

Congratulations to **Paul Withee** (G) and his Foxcroft Academy football team for winning the Eastern Maine Class C title in November. As head coach of the team this 11-game season, they scored a total of 371 points (33.7 per game), and only allowed 68 points (6.2 per game). Paul has headed the team for 18 years.

Sandi Carver was featured in a *Bangor Daily News* article in October after the Maine Supreme Judicial Court ruled that it found nothing in Maine law that prevents same-sex couples in Maine from petitioning a probate court to adopt children in their care. Sandi lives with her partner, Suzanne, in Hampden. They have a three-year-old daughter and Sandi was expecting a baby in the fall. Sandi is a registered nurse at Eastern Maine Medical Center, and she and Suzanne are both licensed massage therapists operating Energetic Awakenings in Hampden.

Congratulations to **Jonathan Becker** for his promotion to assistant branch manager in the Maine branch of Acadia Insurance Company in September. Jon joined Acadia in 2006 as director of underwriting in their Vermont office. Previously, he worked in the insurance industry with Federal Insurance Company and Travelers Insurance Company.

There are also several engagement announcements. **John P. Logan** (G) announced his engagement to Crystal Woehrl. John teaches English at Mt. Blue High School and Crystal is employed at Rangeley Lake Resort. They live in Farmington. They planned an October 6, 2007, wedding in Wells.

Candace Megan Conley is employed at The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor. In February she married Timothy Bunker, a lobster fisherman, in Grand Cayman.

Keith Jason Croteau is engaged to Megan Emily Woodcock. Keith is employed by Interstate Brands Corporation in Portland and Megan works in the Maine Center for Disease Control. A May 2008 wedding is planned at Sunday River

in Bethel. Congratulations, everyone!

And as always, it is great hearing from everyone! Please continue to send messages on what you are doing so it can be shared with all our classmates!

1999

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Happy spring, everyone! I hope you have plans for summer fun. I've been busy, and I have a new address, listed above. Please write to me with your news so we can have a good column in the fall magazine. Send a postcard from your summer vacation spot!

2000

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I hope 2008 is off to a great start for you and your families. My husband, Brandon, and I, **Heidi Dombrock Weaver**, are proud to announce the birth of Addison Michele Weaver on April 8. She weighed nine pounds and one ounce and was 21.5 inches long.

Besides the news I had to share, several other classmates have some newsworthy stories, like **Raquel Heath Tibbetts** of Carmel, Maine, who is the assistant vice president of business banking for KeyBank in Bangor, Maine, and has been honored for her work with the bank's Key4Women program by being named the Key4Women RM Worth Watching for the third quarter of 2007. The Key4Women program provides women-owned businesses with a dedicated relationship manager, networking, and educational opportunities.

Two classmates, **Andrew Bedard** and **Vanessa Ray-McGowan**, were inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame on October 14th, 2007, during Homecoming celebrations on campus. Andrew and Vanessa were honored at halftime of the football

game between Maine and William and Mary on October 13th and then at a banquet on October 14th held at the Black Bear Inn. Andy, a former men's basketball player, led the Black Bears to a school-record 24 wins in the 1999-00 season and he holds the Maine record for career and single-season assists. He served as an assistant coach for two years and was elected to the New England Hall of Fame in 2006. Vanessa, a former cross-country and track runner, holds three individual and two relay track records as a middle distance specialist. She won the 800-meter conference title in both the indoor (1998) and outdoor seasons (2001).

In the realm of sports, another classmate is achieving high honors. University of Maine softball coach **Stacey Sullivan** was presented with the Easton Victory Club Award by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) in Las Vegas, Nevada. Stacey has a career coaching record of 112-100 and is being honored for reaching the 100-victory milestone last March while coaching the Black Bears to victory.

Wedding bells are ringing for a few of our classmates this summer. **Julie Ann Harris** is to marry Dr. Patrick Zana Desgranges on June 29, 2008, in Bar Harbor. Julie completed her master's degree in education in 2003 from Tufts University and is now employed as an elementary teacher for the Bellevue School District in Bellevue, Washington. **Melissa Beth Arsenault** will be marrying Robert Morowski on June 14, 2008, at the First Parish Congregational Church in Scarborough, Maine. Melissa is a kindergarten teacher at Saccarappa School in the Westbrook School Department.

We wish all these classmates good luck and congratulations on the honors and achievements they have gained in their lives since leaving UMaine. If you have news to share with your classmates, please contact me. Enjoy your summer!

Jonathan LaBonte '02 Heads Land Trust

Jonathan LaBonte '02 (chemical engineering) began his new position as executive director of the Androscoggin Land Trust this past April. In that position he will engage with people and communities interested in setting priorities ranging from farmland conservation in rural areas to trail development in developed areas. Jonathan says he will be meeting with businesses, residents, civic groups, and "anyone else who wants to learn about how we can link conservation and the growth of our region."

Jonathan is also running as an Independent for a seat on the three-member Androscoggin County Commission. And he retains ties with UMaine as a member of the alumni association board.



important that we take time to reflect back on our accomplishments and look forward to where we are going in life. Here is what just a few of our fellow graduates are doing in their lives. Remember, write to us and let us know what life changes you have made!

Teresa Kane (G), a 20-year veteran teacher, has been diagnosed with and is currently fighting lung cancer. Although she is undergoing experimental treatment, she is hopeful and surrounded by her friends and family. We wish her luck and happiness through this difficult journey in her life.

Benjamin Meiklejohn is running for one of two seats on the Portland school committee. Benjamin has been on the school committee since 2001. He said he wants to preserve educational quality while maintaining educational excellence for the students of Portland. We wish Benjamin luck in his endeavor.

A teacher at the Stillwater Montessori School, **Joanne DeFilipp Alex (G)** recently received the Golden Apple Award for her use of the *Bangor Daily News* Newspapers in Education program. Joanne loves sharing her ideas and learning with students and adults. She also enjoys the outdoors and reading. Thank you for being an excellent educator, Joanne!

2002

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Winter is finally over and we can get out and enjoy the warmer weather and the mud. It's time to celebrate our classmates' accomplishments.

In October 2007, **Lise Pelletier (G)** was named director of the Acadian Archives at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. She got her master's in French in 2002 and is currently working on her doctorate. Friar **Rex Anthony Norris** gave his solemn profession of vows on August 11, 2007, at the Church of St. John the Baptist in Winslow. As a solitary of St. Francis of Assisi, Norris will make vows of Evangelical poverty, chastity, and obedience. He was chaplain for the Old Town and Orono police and fire departments. As a professional counselor, Norris works two days a week with inmates at a correctional facility in Augusta. He is also a spiritual director, retreat leader, and campus minister at Colby College and Thomas College.

Representative **Bob Duschesne** was one of four state leaders who were recognized by Maine Audubon on October 13, 2007. He is a member of the Legislature's natural resources committee, and a long-time board member of his local

Audubon chapter. Bob was honored with the Distinguished Contribution Award for his leadership in passing legislation that will protect vulnerable wildlife habitats while addressing the needs of landowners.

In August 2007, 2nd Lieutenant **Mark B. Rioux** completed the Advanced Naval Flight Officer Program with Training Squadron 86 in Pensacola, Florida. He received extensive instruction on the functions, capabilities, and operation of all systems aboard a jet aircraft. He also studied navigation, meteorology, electronics, and flight operations and procedures.

With springtime come wedding bells and other joys. **Cheryl Smyczek** and Toby Osborne are planning an April wedding at Sandals Resort in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Cheryl is employed at Eastern Maine Healthcare as a software support specialist. The couple resides in Bangor. **Tama F. Catell** and Andrew J. Fitzpatrick exchanged wedding vows last summer. Tama is employed as a clinical dietician at St. Joseph Hospital in Bangor. The couple lives in Bangor. **Heather J. Lessard** and Michael Hice were married on November 10, 2007. She graduated with a degree in psychology. Heather is employed by Misys Healthcare as a regional account manager in Richmond, Virginia. **Adam S. Violette** and Tammy L. Trader are planning a wedding for June 2008. Adam has a degree in bio-resource engineering. He is employed as an assistant superintendent for the Cianbro Corporation. The couple resides in Bangor.

As always, I would love to hear your news. Please feel free to send me your info at: braggins@umit.maine.edu.

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Happy spring, Class of 2003.

Reporter **Eric Russell** won the Bob Drake Young Writer's Award for his work at the *Bangor Daily News*. His beat includes Ellsworth and surrounding towns.

Lisa Liberator sent a nice email with her update. She has opened a tea company, Baxter Tea

Go Blue!

Go Blue

2001

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As time ticks away and we all grow older and make life changes, it's

Company, online. Originally from Bangor, Lisa lives near Augusta and sells hot and iced teas from around the country and abroad as well as Maine-made tea mugs and other accessories. An important part of her mission is to give 10 percent of the profits to Baxter State Park. Visit Lisa's website at: www.baxtertea.com.

All right, everyone—it's your turn. Please write and tell us what you're doing and where you're living. And don't forget to go on InCircle and connect with your friends from Orono. (Log on to: <https://incircle.mainealumni.com>.)

2004

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Well this year certainly seems to be flying by! Summer is here and it's time for beaches and barbecues. I've received pretty light info from the Class of '04 these past few months, so keep sending those updates!

Some of our fellow classmates have recently been moving on to new careers in areas of Maine. **Jennifer Carter** recently moved from a position teaching Latin at Hampden Academy to a new assignment teaching Latin at Oxford Hills High School. While attending UMaine, Jennifer majored in Latin with a concentration in classical studies. We also had a wedding this past December when **Leah Tondreau** got hitched with Ryan Welch. Leah is currently a first grade teacher at the McGraw School in Hampden.

While some of our classmates have recently gotten hitched, I have quite a few more updates on couples that will be tying the knot in the very near future. **Darcy Cote** and Robert Hancock recently announced that they would be getting married this upcoming September. Darcy currently works as a registered nurse at Eastern Maine Medical Center. **Loren Bowley** is now engaged to Robert Dow '03, and the couple has a July wedding in the works. Loren is employed at Traip Academy in Kittery.

We also have a pair of August weddings on the horizon. **Kara**

Sylvester (G) and Ravindra Kaikini are planning to wed in Boothbay in late August. Kara and her soon-to-be husband are living in San Francisco, and she works as a prenatal educator. Alpha Omicron Pi alumna **Alyson Bennett** and John Smist have announced their intention to wed in early August. If you think that John's name sounds familiar, it's probably because he's a sports anchor for WLBZ2 in Bangor. Aly is currently a manager with G.M. Pollack and Son's Jewelers.

Finally, Pi Beta Phi alumna **June Usher** and her fiancé, Daniel Boothby, Jr., have announced their intention to tie the knot this summer in Kennebunkport. June is currently an assistant branch manager for Bangor Savings Bank in Portland. If you ever got to know June it was always apparent that she was not only gifted but very highly motivated. It should come as no surprise that after graduating magna cum laude from UMaine, June is working towards a master's in communication from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. June's fiancé, Daniel, is a graduate of Central Connecticut State University, and is currently the director of player development for Northeastern University's hockey team.

Please get a hold of me if you would like anything included in the next column, and enjoy the weather. Go Blue!

2005

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Spring greetings, Class of 2005! Although I sit here in Alaska in negative temperatures (I've yet to experience the minus 60, but minus 40 was definitely chilly) I eagerly await this publication as it brings warmth and sunlight. My husband, Nick, and I traveled to Maine for the Christmas holidays and when we walked outside the doors at Logan Airport it was 80 degrees warmer than when we left Fairbanks. No joke. So not only did seeing our family warm our hearts, but the rest of us defrosted as well!

Speaking of love and family, there are congratulations to get to! In the world of weddings and engagements,

Rachel Butler married her college sweetheart, Ryan Dean '06, on October 6, 2007. Rachel is employed by the Foundation for Blood Research. **Kara Geaghan** and **Jonathan Jones** are engaged and planning a September 2008 wedding. Kara will graduate this year from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences with a doctorate of pharmacy and Jonathan is employed as a client solutions representative for Insight.

Erin McCormick, who has been working as the director of academic support at George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill, was also hired to teach freshman English this academic year. The Greenville School also hired an '05 grad to teach middle and high school science. **Isaac Crabtree** also completed his master's in education at UMaine in 2006. **Aaron Izaryk**, a standout during his days as a UMaine baseball player, is now giving back to the team as the pitching coach. Great accomplishments, all!

We also have two '05 graduate students to recognize for their hard work. **Michael Quinlan (G)** has been named branch manager at the Presque Isle North Street branch of KeyBank. **Kimberly Butler (G)** was also recognized in a November 2007 article in the *Bangor Daily News* for her contributions to a Bangor cemetery project. The project uses ground-penetrating radar to map the often forgotten Irish burial ground located at the corner of Buck Street and West Broadway. Kim, who works as a history teacher at Bangor High School, was photographed carrying equipment for the collaboration.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you!

2006

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Welcome to my very first column about the fabulous Class of 2006! I have a lot of news to share, as we've already been out of school for two years (time flies)! I would love to hear from all of you—so please send your updates.

After graduation I moved to Baltimore, Maryland, and started working as a kindergarten teacher in Baltimore City. I married **Jeffrey Philip Mason** on August 11. The

wedding took place in Middletown, Connecticut. Classmates **Meagan Connolly** and **Ryan Parsons** were in the wedding party, along with Harold James Mason '05 and David Allen Ross '08. We went to Kona, Hawaii, for our honeymoon, where we were able to tour the whole island by helicopter! My husband currently works as an electrical engineer at RMF Engineering in Baltimore City.

The Class of 2006 has many other engagements and weddings to announce! **Amber Purty** was recently engaged to Evan Stinson. Amber is employed as a manager at Abercrombie and Fitch in Bangor. A fall 2008 wedding is planned. Also congratulations to **Christopher Joseph Shinay** and Shavonne Ryan Brosnan '05 on their engagement. Christopher recently graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and is currently a police officer for the Portland Police Department. Shavonne is employed at CAP Quality Care as a substance abuse counselor while pursuing her RN. An August 2009 wedding is planned.

Austin Harrell was recently engaged to Nikki Alexander. A September 2009 wedding is planned. Austin will finish his master's program in civil engineering at UMaine in the spring. **Justin David Alley** is engaged to Sarah Jane Warren '07. Justin is employed by Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor as a registered nurse, and Sarah is employed by P.A.T. Products. They are planning an August 15, 2008, wedding and reception in Independence Harbor, Assonet, Massachusetts. **Angela Christine Thompson** is engaged to Kevin Dennis Pillsbury. Angela and her fiancé are employed at UnumProvident in Portland, Maine.

Peter McGovern was married to Kate Keezer in February in Bangor. **Joshua Holman** married Kylee McAvoy on September 15, 2007, in Bangor.

Otis Clapp married Melanie Fike on June 15, 2007. Otis is employed by Deka Research Lab in Manchester, New Hampshire. **Ian Marquis** was recently married to Jennifer Cartwright. Congratulations to newlyweds **Elise Cote** and **Stephen LaPlante**, who were married on December 28, 2007. Elise is currently a graduate student at the University of New Hampshire in speech-language pathology. Stephen is employed at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as a

naval architect. **Lindsey Adams** and **Patrick Hopkins** were married in the fall of 2007. Lindsey is employed as a teacher at the Sylvan Learning Center. Patrick is working at Sargent Corporation as a junior foreman. Lindsey and Patrick met while working for the tutor program at UMaine.

James Dwyer and **Becky Fortier** '07 were married on July 14, 2007, in Ellsworth, Maine. They went to Anguilla for their honeymoon. The couple is currently living in Vail, Colorado. James works for Hyder Construction as a project engineer, and Becky is an assistant teacher at Eagle County Charter Academy. She plans to pursue her master's in school counseling this summer. High school sweethearts **Brandon Emerson** and **Anna Hammond** '07 were married on July 7, 2007. The ceremony took place at Community of Christ Church in Jonesport, Maine. The reception was held in Milbridge, Maine. **Meghahn Bergeron** was married to **Caleb Milliken** '05 on January 12, 2008. The ceremony and reception were held in Freeport, Maine. Meghahn and Caleb recently bought a house in North Yarmouth, Maine, where they are living. Meghahn is a nurse at Maine Medical Center and Caleb is a mechanical engineer at Titan Mechanical in Portland.

Some of our classmates have received honors and awards since graduation. Army National Guard Spc. **Richard Romanelli** was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for performing and accomplishing assigned duties in a commendable manner, and for demonstrating skill and initiative in devising and improving work methods and procedures. He is assigned to the 1st Battalion, 19th Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma. Air Force Airman **Jonathan M. Drew** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Nicklaus Laverty is one of 77 students nationwide to earn a graduate scholarship in the nationally competitive Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Program. He competed with 1,100 nominees to earn the scholarship! The scholarship covers tuition, room, board, fees, and books—up to \$50,000 annually—for up to six years. Laverty is now attending the University of Massachusetts in Amherst where he is pursuing his doctorate in comparative politics and international affairs. **Adam Jones** has received his commission as an ensign upon graduation from officer

candidate school at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida, on May 25. He is an officer under the surface warfare division. He was assigned to the USS *Bainbridge* (DDG 96) as the main propulsion officer in the engineering department.

Kristen VanDusen recently visited Japan as a participant in the Toyota International Teacher Program. She was one of 40 teachers to be selected from a pool of more than 500 applicants nationwide. Kristen is a high school teacher in Brewer, Maine, and her experience gave her a glimpse of a community-based teaching program. She hopes to translate and implement this model of teaching in the work-study program at Brewer High School that provides students with skills for finding and keeping a job and transitioning into life after school. **Allison Melton** recently competed in the Open Lumberjill Competition in Booneville, New York, where she placed in several events. She is a logging sports athlete in Timber Tina's Great Maine Lumberjack Show in Trenton, Maine. Allison also performs with a traveling exhibition featuring an all-female logging sports team.

There are many new jobs to announce! Congratulations to **Emily Mueller**, who has started her teaching career as a fourth grade teacher at Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School in Deer Isle, Maine. She received her master's degree in education from UMaine. **Christel Kendzia** has taken over the K-12 music program in the same school district. **Bethany Theberge** was hired as a special education teacher at Greene Central School in Greene, Maine, where she works with students in the third and fourth grades. She previously worked part-time for alternative services as a residential specialist at the Greene Group Home and had substituted at the Greene Central School. **Katie Flaherty** is now a graduate assistant for the University of Maine field hockey team. She was a three-time captain for the Black Bears and was named to the Division I All-Northeast Region second team in 2006.

Josh Ayers is working as an engineer at Woodard and Curran in Portland. **Jamie Garland** joined Wright-Pierce in Topsham, Maine, as a project engineer in the civil engineering practice. **Nicholas Porto** was hired as a tax specialist at Berry Dunn in Portland, Maine. He received his master's degree in accounting from the University of

Maine. **Tiffany Karnes** has become principal of Hebron Station School in Hebron, Maine, for grades K-6. She was previously an assistant principal of the Lisbon Community School for two years. She received her master's in education administration from the University of Maine. Tiffany is currently living in Lewiston.

Roderick McQuirter moved to Washington, D.C., after graduation and currently works for National Cooperative Bank. **Jessica LaPointe** has joined the team at the Tilton Insurance Agency of South China, Maine. She is working as a personal lines customer service representative. She previously worked in restaurant management.

Todd West (G) is now the principal of the Deer Isle-Stonington High School in Deer Isle, Maine. He was previously a social studies teacher and department head at Mount Desert Island High School. Todd plans to move to Deer Isle with his family. **Barbara Danis** (G) left her job as principal at Stockton Springs Elementary School. She hopes to focus on student literacy issues rather than school administration, and wants to live closer to her original home in southern Maine.

Christopher Ashcraft has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army after successfully completing the Army ROTC program. **Kaili Jordan** is the newest volleyball coach at Biddeford High School in Biddeford, Maine. She is also teaching English at the school. While at UMaine, Kaili was a two-time All America East First Team member and a captain her senior year. **Ryan Parsons** is working as an electrical engineer for TRC Engineering Services in Augusta, Maine. He lives in Farmington. **Jason Sanborn** was hired at Patco Construction in Sanford, Maine, as a residential project engineer. He is currently living in York. **Kristie Reese** is working as a reading support teacher in Maine. **Matthew Fortin** has started his teaching career as the fifth grade teacher at the Canal School in Westbrook, Maine. He is married to **Hali Sirois**.

Congratulations to **Cooper Friend**, who has started his professional career playing soccer with the Carolina Railhawks, an expansion team in the United Soccer Leagues' first division. Cooper previously played soccer at Ellsworth High School as well as during his college career. He is living in Raleigh, North Carolina.

If you attend University of Maine athletic events, you may have no-

ticed **Tanya Adorno**, who is the new coordinator of athletic events. She was previously a member of the women's soccer team. She also worked at Alford Arena and Latti Fitness Center while in college. Her responsibilities in her new job include: managing crowd control and parking, arranging locker rooms for opposing teams and officials, paperwork, and making sure there are timekeepers and announcers. She has 31 work-study students working for her.

Susan Luchini completed her 15-week student teaching internship in kindergarten in Trenton, Maine. She is now a certified teacher. **Jeremey Scott Gagne** is now working as an associate engineer for National Grid, an international energy delivery company based in Andover, Massachusetts. The valedictorian of the Class of '06, **Susan Nelligan**, has been accepted into the UMaine graduate program in counselor education. She eventually wants to earn a doctorate. While pursuing her master's, **Meagan Connolly** is working as the assistant field hockey coach at St. Lawrence University in New York. Meagan was previously a member of the UMaine field hockey team.

Shane Yardley is now the director of the new Boys Mentoring Program at the YMCA in Bangor, Maine. The program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Maine Mentoring Partnership. The program is starting with a focus on middle school-age boys and hopes to expand into other communities and age groups. The goals of the program include helping the boys build self-confidence, learn life skills, aid in decision-making, and gain confidence in problem solving. Shane is also the assistant director of the Y-Works before and after-school program.

Jesse Packard is running for selectman in Union, Maine. He volunteers at the Thompson Community Center and was previously a member of the Union Fire Department. He is employed at Hammond Tractor as a service/warranty writer.

Bryan Kaenrath ran for the opportunity to represent South Portland in the Maine House of Representatives—and won! Now 24 years old, he remains the youngest member of the state legislature.

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Weddings

1961

Michael Drummond Dolley to Martha-Ellen Page on October 6, 2007, in Brewer, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in the Venice, Florida, area and reside in Brewer.

1963

Ann Linda Griffiths Bearce to Erik Alden Anderson on September 30, 2007, in Casco, Maine. They live in Berlin, New Hampshire.

1990

Brendan David Maxcy to Thu Suong Nguyen on January 1, 2007, in Fulton, Missouri. They reside in Columbia, Missouri.

1993

Brian Raymond Leclerc to Donna Jean Carr on June 24, 2007, in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. They honeymooned in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, and reside in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

1994

Joanna Fichthorn to Lewis Coro Rosebush, Jr. on October 12, 2007, in Bangor, Maine.

1995

John R. Arathuzik to Gillian Grant on September 9, 2007, in Danvers, Massachusetts. They reside in Holliston, Massachusetts, following a honeymoon in the Bahamas.

Jonathan Harold Larrabee to Katherine Olson Rowan on October 20, 2007, in Longboat Key, Florida. They live in Carlisle, Massachusetts.

1996

Tracy London to Kenny Cushman on November 24, 2007, in Las Vegas, Nevada. They reside in St. Augustine, Florida.

Jennifer Lynn Phillips to Kevin Michael Conde on July 6, 2007, in Coventry, Rhode Island. They traveled to Hawaii and reside in Greenbrae, California.

Davin T. Boardman to Jocelyn A. Cyr on August 11, 2007, in York,



Gregory N. Boom '05 married **Michelle A. Fernald '07** on August 12, 2007, at the **Asticou Inn in Northeast Harbor, Maine.** They honeymooned in the **Mayan Riviera**, a trip that Michelle noted was cut short by **Hurricane Dean.** Michelle and Gregory live in **Biddeford.** She works as a science teacher at **York High School** and he is an assistant manager for **Wal-Mart in Oxford.**

Maine. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and lives in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Sara Anne Stairs to Paul Charles Burgos on October 20, 2007, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. They honeymooned in New Castle, New Hampshire, and reside in South Portland.

1997

Peter R. Adams to Susy Gullickson on August 7, 2007, in Hope, Alaska. They spent their honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, and live in Anchorage.

1998

Jonathan Gautier to Patricia Grzenda on June 23, 2007, in Boston. They took a wedding trip to the Turks and Caicos Islands, and reside in Burlington, Massachusetts.

Aaron G. Gilbert to Deana M. Kayser on November 18, 2007, in New Brunswick, New Jersey. They live in Raritan, New Jersey.

1999

Heather Ann Poulin to **Jamie Philip Cyr** on November 10, 2007, in Westbrook, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in New York City and live in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Jason Miles Kirk to Michelle Renay Wilson on November 19, 2007, in Kona, Hawaii. They honeymooned on Kauai, Hawaii, and reside in Missouri City, Texas.

Michele M. Harris to Scheyler J. Mills on October 6, 2007, in Orono. They honeymooned in France and Switzerland and reside in Westbrook.

Leslie Sherburne to Ryan Eldridge on September 8, 2007, in Ruidoso, New Mexico. They took a honeymoon trip to the Grand Canyon and live in Boise, Idaho.

Kristi Ann Spinney Miller and Jared Kenneth Todd in Warren, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Waterford and live in Rockport, Maine.



Ann Linda Griffiths Bearce '63 was married to **Erik Anderson** in a double-ring ceremony at **Casco Village Church in Casco, Maine,** on **September 30, 2007.** The **Andersons** currently reside in **Berlin, New Hampshire.**

2000

Daniel Patrick Cashman to **Karen June Sanborn '02** on August 4, 2007, in Hebron, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in San Francisco, California, and Hawaii. They reside in Brewer, Maine.

Nicholas Paul Ganacoplos to Sabrina Rezan Steel on August 11, 2007, in East Lyme, Connecticut. They live in South Park, Pennsylvania.

2001

Christopher G. McLaughlin to **Sarah Leighton '04G** on October 20, 2007, in Belfast, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Jamaica, and live in Saco, Maine.

Justin Perry Birt to Toni Mellissa Cantrell on October 20, 2007, in Falmouth, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in London and reside in Cumberland Center, Maine.

Nicholas Spurling to Lindsay Junkins on September 22, 2007, in Bar Harbor. They live in Rockville, Maryland.

2002

Angela Brunelle to Joseph C. Lee, Jr. on September 15, 2007, in Portland, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Los Cabos, Mexico, and live in Newtown, Pennsylvania.

Adam Boyington to Sarah Clay on June 23, 2007, in Lincoln, Maine. After a honeymoon to Las Vegas, they reside in Lincoln.

Allison Piper to **Michael Glessner '05G** on June 9, 2007, in Falmouth, Maine. They took a trip to Saint Lucia and reside in Portland, Maine.

Robert Smalley III to Heather Otis on July 21, 2007, in Montpelier, Vermont. They honeymooned on a cruise to Mexico, the Grand Cayman Islands, and Belize. They live in Hudson, New Hampshire.

2003

Erica Fitzpatrick to R. Barrett Peabody on August 11, 2007, in Houlton, Maine. Their wedding

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centered around a potato theme and was featured in the premier issue of *Real Maine Weddings* magazine. They spent their honeymoon at East Grand Lake and reside in Houlton, Maine.

Chris A. Thibodeau to Melissa A. Bubar '07 on July 21, 2007, in Levant, Maine. They live in Biddeford.

James Flagg to Sarah Longstaff '05 on September 1, 2007, in Auburn, Maine. They took a honeymoon trip to Jamaica and live in western Maine.

Heather Gray to John Tederous on July 28, 2007, in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. They took a trip to the Mayan Riviera in Mexico and live in Sanford, Maine.

Dan Bell to Emily Trimm on November 10, 2007, in Hallowell, Maine. They took a cruise to Jamaica, Grand Cayman, and Cozumel, and live in North Yarmouth, Maine.

Andrew Dumond to Kate Rioux on August 25, 2007, in Fort Kent, Maine. They reside in Limington, Maine.

Tabatha Lee Bolduc to Joshua Joseph Swierk '05 on June 16, 2007, in Valdez, Alaska. They live in Alaska.

2004

David Cox to Ashley Marie Palmer '05 on June 30, 2007, in Lincoln, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Antigua and reside in Greenbush, Maine.

Jody Lewia to Amos McCannell '05 on September 14, 2007, in Bangor, Maine. They spent their honeymoon on a cruise in the Caribbean, and reside in Glenburn.

Kelli Ann Olson (G) to Ryan Randy Knapp on June 23, 2007, in Rumford, Maine. They reside in St. Louis Park, Minnesota.

Melissa Dee Deletetsky to Marshall Douglas Dury on July 28, 2007, in Yarmouth, Maine. They



Chris Thibodeau '03 and Melissa Bubar '07 were married in Levant, Maine, on July 21, 2007. Melissa wrote that she and Chris didn't get to take a honeymoon for a good and joyful reason—they had a baby that June. The Thibodeaus live in Biddeford.

honeymooned in Aruba, and reside in Somerville, Mass.

2005

Emily Rae Fogg to Michael Scott Pinyard on September 15, 2007, in Raymond, Maine. They honeymooned in Vancouver and reside in Etna, Maine.

Gregory N. Boom to Michelle A. Fernald '07 on August 12, 2007, in Northeast Harbor, Maine. They honeymooned in the Mayan Riviera, Mexico, and live in Biddeford, Maine.

2006

Tricia Lynn Penley to Richard William Dunton on September 1, 2007, in Scarborough, Maine. They went on a honeymoon trip to Maui, Hawaii, and live in Livermore Falls, Maine.

Lindsey Adams to Patrick Hopkins on October 7, 2007,

aboard the Isles of Shoals steamship the *MV Thomas Loughton*. They honeymooned in Florida and reside in Hampden, Maine.

Kerry Lee McDormand to Todd Andrew Chasteen on September 29, 2007, in Lowell, Maine. Following a honeymoon in Florida, they reside in Bangor.

2007

Breanne Warren to Jay Pelletier on September 15, 2007, in Orrington, Maine. They reside in Orrington.

Brad Tuttle to Jenny Jones on July 21, 2007, in Orono. They cruised to Bermuda on their honeymoon.

Kelly Bridges to Jason Gardner on August 19, 2007, in Bangor. They honeymooned at Mohegan Sun, Connecticut; and Baltimore, and reside in Brewer, Maine.

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Deaths

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1930

Ermond "Deke" Frederick Lewis, 98, of Framingham, Massachusetts, on April 12, 2007.

Ross Paterson Spear, 98, of Dover, New Hampshire, on February 14, 2008.

1931

Myron "Tubby" Morton Hilton, 99, of Cumberland, on December 24, 2007.

1933

Alfred Rudolph Blouin, M.D., 89, of Gardner, Massachusetts, on July 8, 1999.

Roger Bates Lincoln, 96, of Houlton, on April 2, 2008.

1934

Kenneth Elliott Pullen, 95, of Milo, on March 25, 2008.

Evelyn "Evy" Edna Jalbert

Robinson, 97, of Worcester, Massachusetts, on March 28, 2008.

1935

Karl "Buck" Valentine Anderson, M.D., 92, of Avoca, New York, on July 10, 2006.

Ivan "Buster" Roy Booker, 97, of Holden, on February 3, 2008.

Arthur "Mose" Brooks Otis, M.D., 94, of Gainesville, Florida, on April 4, 2008.

Cedric Guy Porter, 94, of Newburyport, Massachusetts, on December 29, 2007.

1936

Frederick Martin Beal, 88, of Southwest Harbor, on May 19, 2003.

Malcolm "Mac" Louville Tilton, 94, of Jefferson, on January 9, 2008.

1937

Wendell Merton Bagley, 91, of Hudson, Florida, on June 15, 2007.

Jane Sullivan Beaumont, 89, of San Diego, California, on August 13, 2007.

Thomas Bramblett Evans, 94, of Pompano Beach, Florida, on December 25, 2007.

Arthur Linwood Thayer, Jr., 91, of Honolulu, Hawaii, on April 22, 2007.

1938

Helen Derry Abbott Blackmer, 89, of Rochester, New York, on May 28, 2004.

Betty Holmes Littlefield Hincks, 91, of Portland, on March 9, 2008.

Nancy Hennings Toms, 90, of Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia, Canada, on September 27, 2007.

1939

Bernard "Bud" Clarence Robbins, 90, of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on April 15, 2006.

1940

Clayton Wendell Howard, 89, of Damariscotta, on December 17, 2007.

Anthony Joseph Rogers, 92, of Bangor, on March 12, 2008.

1941

Albert Hayden Adams, 88, of Hartford, on November 30, 2007.

Leona Mary Perry Andrews, 88, of Durham, New Hampshire, on March 6, 2008.

Richard Raymond Chase, 85, of Savannah, Georgia, on October 23, 2004.

Mansfield "Jack" Gray London, 88, of Houlton, on February 9, 2008.

Sara "Sally" Louise Culberson Nardone, 88, of Presque Isle, on February 15, 2008.

1942

Paul Milton Beegel, M.D., 86, of Auburn, on March 21, 2008.

John Scates French, 87, of Rockledge, Florida, on February 8, 2008.

Russell David Jose, 87, of Wallingford, Connecticut, on February 3, 2008.

Frederick Arthur Mitchell, 88, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on February 4, 2008.

Aaron "Hack" Hacker Putnam, 87, of Houlton, on March 9, 2008.

1943

Otis Zalmon Bacon, 87, of Sidney, on February 5, 2008.



Edward T. McManus
Class of 1954

Edward "Tim" McManus, 76, died on March 4, 2008, in Tucson, Arizona.

After a stint in the Army, Tim began a long, successful career in the paper industry, retiring as senior vice president of Central National in 1992. He retired to Maine and served as chair of his 45th and 50th UMaine class reunion committees. He and his wife, Barbara, also established a scholarship fund with the University of Maine Foundation for college of education students.

Clarence Reginald Gilman, 86, of Asheville, North Carolina, on November 17, 2007.

Armand "Pete" Wilfred Jalbert, Jr., 87, of South Windsor, on March 31, 2008.

Eileen Butler Lind, 86, of Dover-Foxcroft, on April 2, 2008.

Francis Leonard Murphy, 86, of West Hartford, Connecticut, on February 23, 2008.

Louis Segal, 86, of Bangor, on March 19, 2008.

1944

Thomas Edward Gleason, 85, of Phoenix, Arizona, on November 30, 2007.

John "Fred" Frederick Kane, 85, of Tucson, Arizona, on January 14,

2008.

Earl Sherman Williamson, Jr., 83, of New City, New York on June 16, 2007.

1945

William Ray Bunnell, 86, of Windham, on April 4, 2008.

Donald Millett Howard, 85, of Augusta, on April 2, 2008.

Francis "Tubby" Eugene Howe, 87, of Ogunquit, on December 24, 2007.

Frank William Jewell, 85, of Hampden, on December 18, 2007.

Alton James Perry, 84, of Presque Isle, on March 12, 2008.

Russell Wayne Smith, 84, of Presque Isle, on February 16, 2008.

Jean Annette Morse Turner, 86, of Caribou, on January 16, 2008.

1946

Allan Stephen Chase, D.M.D., 83, of Norway, on December 25, 2007.

Robert Armstrong Perry, 83, of Falmouth, on March 28, 2008.

Donald Stuart White, 83, of Glastonbury, Connecticut, on April 2, 2008.

1947

John Field Gleason, 82, of Portland, on December 23, 2007.

Arthur Willard Hamlin, 79, of Camillus, New York, on February 18, 2006.

1948

Nicholas Peter Brontas, 84, of Bangor, on April 7, 2008.

Jean Shirley Webb Dowling, 81, of Augusta, on March 24, 2008.

Betty Marie Boterf Kahn, 77, of Pinetop, Arizona, on September 29, 2002.

Bryce Voter Lambert, 83, of Brunswick, on December 24, 2007.

1949

Parker Norman Blaney, 81, of Punta Gorda, Florida, on March 7, 2006.

Paul Vinton Dunn, 84, of Freeport, on March 19, 2008.

Harold Bert Goldberg, 80, of Framingham, Massachusetts, on May 25, 2007.

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Norman Alonzo Gray, 82, of Falmouth, on December 15, 2007.

William Everett Kane, 78, of Watervliet, New York, on November 21, 2003.

Kathryn Lounettie Bennett

Lawson, 81, of Waterbury, Connecticut, on March 3, 2008.

1950

Marvin Charles Adams, M.D., 79, of Cape Elizabeth, on January 4, 2008.

Lloyd Farwell Capen, 82, of Deer Isle, on March 23, 2008.

David Temple Clark, 85, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, on February 21, 2008.

Arnold Lee Corthell, 84, of Scarborough, on April 3, 2008.

Donald Austin Goddard, 83, of Falmouth, on January 11, 2008.

Howard "Sturg" Sturgis

Hodgdon, 82, of Hollis, on February 2, 2008.

Gilbert Stuart Jordan, Jr., 78, of Cape Elizabeth, on February 22, 2008.

Chester "Chet" Nehemiah

Kennedy, 79, of Brewster, Massachusetts, on March 14, 2008.

Robert Carleton Kilpatrick, 79, of Presque Isle, on January 1, 2008.

Franz Arlington Kneidl, 84, of Southington, Connecticut, on September 16, 2007.

Benjamin Wade Littlefield, 83, of Farmington, on January 7, 2008.

Joseph Magee Murray, Jr., 81, of San Jose, California, on January 6, 2008.

Freeman Almon Phillips, Jr., 80, of St. Petersburg, Florida, on June 5, 2007.

Martelle "Marty" Chase Quint, 83, of Pittsfield, on February 9, 2008.

Carl Richard Robbins, 84, of Washington, D.C., on February 28, 2008.

Howard Edwin Small, 82, of Lakeland, Florida, on December 1, 2003.

1951

Carleton Raymond Farnham, 76,

of Tamworth, New Hampshire, on December 16, 2007.

Harold Chester Harmon, 79, of Falmouth, on February 5, 2008.

Richard Paul Heffernan, 79, of Biddeford, on March 18, 2007.

Raymond Fernand Marcotte, 75, of Lewiston, on December 28, 2000.

William Linwood Scott, 79, of Auburn, on March 10, 2008.

Emmett Ray Stevens, 88, of Stillwater, on March 21, 2008.

Roger Francis Taylor, 89, of Orono, on March 5, 2008.

Albert Edward Weymouth, Jr., 82, of Bangor, on April 3, 2008.

1952

Wendell Ray Beaney, 81, of Medford, Oregon, on April 6, 2003.

Donald Kenneth Blanchard, 83, of Sun City, Florida, on February 2, 2008.

Charles Horace Boterf, Jr., 79, of Belgrade, on March 23, 2008.

Jesse Maxwell Millett, 78, of Vestal, New York, on September 7, 2007.

1953

Martha "Marty" Alice Benson, 75, of Orono, on January 30, 2008.

Henry Newhall Berry III, of Cape Elizabeth, on March 30, 2008.

Robert Lawrence Brown, 80, of Brunswick, on March 14, 2008.

Laurence Stanley Gallagher, Jr., 76, of Bradenton, Florida, on January 23, 2008.

Priscilla Gertrude Morse Harriman, 84, of Southport, on October 2, 2007.

Raymond Gerald Harvey, 77, of Dover-Foxcroft, on December 29, 2007.

John King Maguire, Jr., 76, of Portland, on January 17, 2008.

Fred Alvin Mathews, 77, of Gorham, on March 2, 2008.

Richard "Dick" Ray Pease, 76, of Hingham, Massachusetts, on February 10, 2008.

Dorothy Leonard Richardson, 76, of Otter Creek, on January 25, 2008.

Allan "Buzz" Sawyer, Jr., 84, of Inverness, Florida, on January 20, 2008.

Robert Wentworth Scamman, 86, of Scarborough, on March 2, 2008.

Dexter "Deck" Milton Stowell, 79, of Bethel, on January 14, 2008.

Norman Kenneth Varnum, 76, of Presque Isle, on March 16, 2008.

1954

George Raymond Benoit, 76, of Williston, Vermont, on January 8, 2008.

Richard Stuart Marr, 78, of Gorham, on March 9, 2008.

Rodney Frank McConkey, 75, of Westbrook, on March 10, 2008.

Edward Timothy McManus, 76, of Tucson, Arizona, on March 4, 2008.

Cornelius Joseph Murphy, 77, of Webster, New York, on March 11, 2008.

Doris Ann Toabe, 70, of Falmouth, Massachusetts, on February 14, 2003.

Martha "Marty" Jean Wyman Weatherbee, 75, of Deer Isle, on March 29, 2008.

1955

Albert Ross Ferrier, 78, of Blackstone, Massachusetts, on November 29, 2007.

William Denis Hackett, 79, of Southington, Connecticut, on March 9, 2008.

Donald James Hall, 68, of Starks, Florida, on May 3, 2002.

Harrison "Harry" Carl Sylvester, 75, of Winslow, on January 13, 2008.

1956

Carlyle "Sonny" Dayton

Benway, 79, of Standish, on January 13, 2008.

Samuel George Bovill, 86, of Scarborough, on December 29, 2007.

Floyd Philip Bushey, 78, of Madawaska, on January 28, 2008.

Eugene Karl Grassle, 78, of Springfield, Ohio, on June 17, 2007.

Sybil Bunker Gordon Linscott, 95, of Ellsworth, and Roanoke, Virginia, on January 26, 2008.

Frederick Angus Perkins, 80, of Redington Shores, Florida, on April 1, 2008.

Natalie Howard Potter, 89, of Houlton and Saco, on February 12, 2008.

1957

Robert Arthur Chick, 72, of Auburn, on January 12, 2008.

Sheldon "Coop" Thurlow Cooper, 74, of Falmouth, on February 14, 2008.

David Harold Marston, 72, of Waterford, on March 13, 2008.

Benjamin Lincoln Smith, Jr., 65, of St. Petersburg, Florida, on July 8, 2001.

Joseph Andrew Yovino, Jr., 72, of Tucson, Arizona, on December 18, 2007.

1958

James Oland Barton, Jr., 76, of Grand Island, Florida, on December 22, 2007.

Raymond "Pinky" Crowley, 76, of Yarmouth, on February 9, 2008.

George Henry Lyons, 75, of Zephyrhills, Florida, on September 15, 2006.

Jesse "Al" Allen Welch, 79, of Hancock, on January 26, 2008.

1959

Reginald John Cyr, 71, of Santa Barbara, California, on January 23, 2005.

Allan James Nadeau, 71, of Kennebunkport, on June 27, 2007.

Marguerite Rowe Rivers, 94, of Belfast, on March 16, 2008.

William Bruce Saunders, 58, of Thomaston, on June 6, 1994.

1960

Christine Larson Burr

Blanchard, 92, of Yarmouth, on March 14, 2008.

Barbara Anne Burns, 69, of Portland, on September 25, 2007.

Doris French Campbell, 96, of Bangor, on February 10, 2008.

Lucille Bernadette Plante

DeVane, 70, of Augusta, on February 27, 2008.

Virginia Josephine Gorman, 77, of Hopewell Junction, New York, on January 10, 2008.

Peggy Elizabeth Joyce Furrow McGraw, 69, of Lewiston, on January 25, 2008.

Malcolm Abbott Redmond, 75, of Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, on February 5, 2008.

1961

Edward Joseph Haggerty, Jr., 76, of Green Valley, Arizona, on February 3, 2008.

John Foxton Hayes, 73, of Cape Elizabeth, on February 19, 2008.

Anita Perkins Mortimer, 94, of Auburn, on February 8, 2008.

Ronald Joseph O'Donnell, 74, of Yuma, Arizona, on December 24, 2007.

1962

Robert Arlington Everett, 72, of Middlebury, Vermont, on February 4, 2008.

1963

Albert Joseph Duclos, 80, of Portland, on January 20, 2008.

Kenneth Donald Tardiff, 65, of Raleigh, North Carolina, on September 16, 2006.

1965

Huguette "Getty" Pauline Labbe Doherty, 65, of California, on March 17, 2007.

Charles Richard Monteith, Jr., 64, of Rockland, on January 14, 2008.

Michael Paul White, 66, of Castle Hill, on March 20, 2008.

1966

Dawn Erin Crocker Kaufman, 63, of Freeman, South Dakota, on September 9, 2007.

Ann Elizabeth Rathbun Phillips, 62, of Boston, Massachusetts, on February 14, 2008.

1967

George Steve Ange, 84, of Saco, on December 13, 2007.

1968

Mary Siteman Cruise, 89, of Portland, on January 30, 2008.

1969

James Harry Bell, Jr., 67, of South Paris, on January 6, 2008.

S. Thurlow Cooper Class of 1957

Thurlow "Coop" Cooper of Falmouth died peacefully on February 14, 2008.

Coop was a three-sport star for the University of Maine in football, basketball, and track. He was captain of the football team in 1956 and was the first UMaine player to be selected for the Blue-Gray game featuring the nation's best seniors. He became the first UMaine player to be selected in the NFL draft (Cleveland Browns). He played professional football until 1964 when he settled in Falmouth and began a successful career in sales.

He was inducted into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame in 1988.



Carl Vincent Kelly, 63, of Cary, North Carolina, on February 18, 2008.

1970

JoAnn Chase Gordon Easton, 76, of Bangor, on March 8, 2008.

Mary Lou Tozier Cough Waye, 72, of Orono, on March 22, 2008.

1971

Gisele Boucher, 82, of Waterville, on March 7, 2008.

Faith Austin Holland, 81, of Guilford, on January 30, 2008.

Joseph Stephen Valente, 56, of Gray, on February 13, 2008.

1972

Deborah Lea Gruber Ayer, 57, of York, on March 6, 2008.

Dana Faunce Danforth, 63, of Belfast, on December 21, 2007.

James Eric Love, Jr., 76, of Dover-Foxcroft, on April 6, 2008.

Diane Patricia Martindale, 51, of Kapa'a Kaua'i, Hawaii, on August 16, 2001.

Neil Theodore Ross, 60, of Kennebunkport, on January 28, 2008.

Francesca Josephine Ruggieri, 94, of Bangor, on February 6, 2008.

1973

Robert Michael Michaud, 60, of Winthrop, on February 18, 2008.

Rosalind Laserson Spear, 61, of Venice, Florida, on January 1, 2008.

1974

David Arthur Cousens, 62, of Rockland, on February 5, 2008.

Hugh Kane Theriault, 53, of Millinocket, on March 17, 2008.

1975

Richard A. DeCarteret, 58, of Beddington, on February 12, 2008.

1977

Charles W. Murray, 57, of Lynn, Massachusetts, on December 28, 2007.

1978

Jon Arthur Boulter, 51, of Levant, on January 24, 2008.

Brenda Burbank, 52, of Boynton Beach, Florida, on August 15, 2007.

1979

Elsie O'Dell Dinsmore, 80, of Eastport, on December 26, 2007.

1980

Kervin Ray Macomber, 54, of Tarpon Springs, Florida, on January 4, 2008.

Denise Marie Dutil Woods, 49, of Wells, on January 10, 2008.

1981

Ruth Nelle Bartlett, 48, of West Gardiner, on December 18, 2007.

1984

Laura Dorr Ramsay, 77, of Addison, on February 9, 2008.

1985

Frances Kathryn Leavitt Flanders, 44, of Manchester, on March 11, 2008.

Sylvester Pollet, 68, of Ellsworth, on December 20, 2007.

1987

Jean Marie LaCasce Pershken, 43, of Albion, on February 20, 2008.

1989

Natalie Kay Hinman, 38, of Watertown, New York, on September 30, 2003.

1990

Eben Beever, 41, of Groton, New Hampshire, on March 3, 2008.

Peter E. Roux, 39, of Mt.

Washington, New Hampshire, on January 18, 2008.

Arlene Helen Carhart Van

Deventer, 70, of Bristol, on February 6, 2008.

1991

Hasket Derby Hildreth, 48, of Falmouth, on February 27, 2008.

1992

Patricia Lynn Curtis Jordan, 60, of South Gardiner, on March 2, 2008.

1992

Hugh R. Goodfellow, 49, of Bath, on January 18, 2008.

1993

Sherrill B. Gardner, 53, of Ramstein, Germany, on March 13, 2004.

1999

Joseph Roger Corbin, 60, of Van Buren, on April 3, 2008.

Benjamin D. Perry, 32, of South Berwick, on January 12, 2008.

2000

Todd Aaron Mitchell, 34, of Eddington, on March 13, 2008.

2003

Nicholas A. Robertson, 27, of Brewer, on April 3, 2008.

2004

Marina Marie Ivankovic, 25, of Orono, on October 16, 2007.

Remembering U.S. Army Sergeant Nicholas A. Robertson '03

The Soldier/Scholar

The sad news reached the University of Maine campus on April 7. Sergeant Nicholas Robertson '03 had become the first UMaine alumnus to die as a result of combat in the ongoing war in Afghanistan.

Robertson was wounded on April 2 during a combat mission in the Zahn Khan District. The following day he died as a result of those wounds at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

He was an Airborne Ranger assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group and was serving his second tour in Afghanistan with Support Operations Alpha as a cryptologic linguist.

Robertson grew up in Holden and was a graduate of Brewer High School. He was 27.

The news of Robertson's death hit especially hard at UMaine's philosophy department, where he was remembered by faculty and staff members as an outstanding scholar.

"He was one of the best students to ever go through our department," said philosophy professor Michael Howard. "Whatever he took a serious interest in, he devoted himself to with great energy and skill. His work was serious and original and on a level of competence more characteristic of a graduate student than an undergraduate."

Robertson took several of Howard's classes and worked with the professor as a research assistant on the preparation of a book. He also served as a tutor in the department.

Howard said that in addition to being an excellent student, he remembers Robertson as having a good sense of humor and always being a pleasure to work with.

In 2003 Robertson was presented with the Virtue Award as the outstanding senior in philosophy.

At the university, Robertson minored in French and also studied Greek and German. He was a member of Phi Sigma Tau (the international honor society for philosophy), and the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

Robertson was an alumnus of the Honors



College, where Dean Charlie Slavin remembers him as a considerate person and a dedicated student.

"He always had a philosophy book in his hand," Slavin recalled.

Slavin also remembers Robertson winning the Rezendes Ethics Essay Competition as a sophomore.

"You can only win the competition once," Slavin said. "But Nick was eager to enter the competition every year. With his intellect and ability, I'm sure he could have won it again if it were allowed."

After completing his degree at UMaine, Robertson went on to graduate school at Northwestern University in Illinois. After two years of studies, he left school to join the Army in May of 2005.

As an Airborne Ranger, Robertson received a number of honors including: the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, and the Combat Action Badge.

A service for Sergeant Robertson was held at the Calvary Baptist Church in Brewer on April 11.

Top photo: An Army honor guard carries the ashes of Sergeant Nicholas A. Robertson from the Calvary Baptist Church in Brewer on Friday, April 11. (*Bangor Daily News* photo)

Bottom photo: Dennis Rezendes '57 (right) presents the Rezendes Ethics Essay Competition Award to Robertson. He won the competition when he was a sophomore.

Fill the Stein for '59!



This bulletin published for Class of 1959 alums and friends.

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Will we see you at our milestone 50th Reunion?

May 29, 30 & 31, 2009

Become a **CHARTER 50 Member**. We now have 39! Send your "I intend-to-attend" note to Class Secretary Joyce Crockett Ashmanskas, 7575 SW 140th Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97008-6161. Or send her an e-mail: joyceashmanskas@verizon.net. All early birds who contact her qualify for a special commemorative gift.



On the Road to Orono

Know any of these CHARTER 50 Members? Peter Bastow, Dale Bessey, Mary Ellen Sanborn Bradford, Don Coleman, Dean Mayhew, Blaine Moores, Paul Odegard, Joan Dow Scott, Murray Simon, Jean Cook Soule, Peggy Mahar Steck. All intend to attend.

"Meet and greet" time is a highlight of our reunion. Mixers will provide plenty of quality time for you to renew acquaintances and "catch-up."

Calling all 1959 All Maine Women, Senior Skulls! Will you be FILLING THE STEIN for '59??? Let our class secretary know (see Joyce's address in lead article of this bulletin).

Greek challenge. Reunion chair **Paul Desmond** is sponsoring the first ever Desmond Golden Stein Award for best fraternity and sorority attendance at our 50th. So far, Chi Omega, Kappa Sig, Phi Gam, Phi Kap, Phi Mu, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Tau Epsilon have accepted his challenge.

Google Fogler Library and find every page of our 1959 and 1960 PRISMs on the site. What a hoot!

Write, mail or call a friend. Let them know you'll be at the 50th. Ask them to attend. If you need address, e-mail or phone information, send the name(s) to **Val Mitchell** at UM Alumni Association, One Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04469-5792.

FILL THE STEIN Blog On Way Soon: An announcement about the new blog will be posted at the www.mainealumni.com/classpages/1959.htm site in June. In the meantime, visit the class page. Send us news about you and your family, stay up to date on the schedule of events for our 50th Reunion.



Remember Our Giant Pro?



Roger Ellis, '59, is congratulated by 1958 Black Bears captain, Niles Nelson '59, as he holds the 1958 Most Valuable Football Player trophy. Roger was the second University of Maine player to be drafted into the NFL (by NY Giants), and played several years in the pros with the NY Titans. The late Thurlow (Coop) Cooper '57 was the first Black Bear to make the pros.

BEAR TRACKS



Remember those MAINE Day morning work sessions — and the rush to Bar Harbor after?



Lincoln Colcord '05, who wrote the words to the "Stein Song", was a distant cousin of our classmate **Bea Reynolds**.



Dr. Lloyd Hartman Elliott became the ninth president of the UM in 1958. We were his first graduating class.

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 Gagnon, Pete Hannah, and Evie Stevens Smith, Executive Committee.

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