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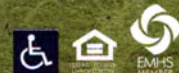
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Princeton Review Ranks UMaine Among the Best

For the fifth consecutive year the Princeton Review lists UMaine as one of the nation's best choices for undergraduate education. Their book, *The Best 368 Colleges*, ranks colleges based on a variety of criteria, including the opinions of each school's students.

Only about 15 percent of the country's four-year colleges are chosen for the book.

"This ranking affirms our place as a quality institution in a national context," says UMaine president, Robert Kennedy. "It also shows that UMaine's students feel good about their undergraduate experience and that they are willing to tell others that their university provides both quality and value. I can't imagine a better recommendation than one coming from our students."

An average of 325 students per institution respond to the Princeton Review's questionnaire.

"In our opinion, each school in this book is first-rate academically," says Robert Franek, the author at the Princeton Review. "But their campus cultures and offerings differ greatly. Instead of ranking schools academically one to 368, we tally ranking lists in 62 categories based on what students at the schools report . . . We also compile rating scores in eight categories based on institutional data we collect. We believe applicants need to know far more than an academic ranking to identify which college may be best for them."

New Turf Enhances UMaine Athletic Fields

The generosity of a Class of 1964 alumni couple has come full circle. Ten years ago Phillip and Susan Keene Morse, along with the late Harold Alfond, made the naming gift for the Harold Alfond Stadium and Morse Field. Last year, when Black Bear football coach, Jack Cosgrove '78, '84G, told them the AstroTurf had deteriorated and a new, state-of-the-art surface would help recruit top quality players and prevent injuries, the Morses once again jumped at the chance to help out.

Now with their \$1 million pledge, Morse Field has a brand new FieldTurf surface, specifically designed for sports like football—and all members of the football team are loving it.

"This turf is beautiful. It's a big upgrade," senior right guard Chris Arnao told the *Bangor Daily News*.

And Cosgrove called it a "godsend" which has given a big boost to the program.

"We're blessed to have it. We're very grateful to Phil Morse and all the people who made it happen."

The Morses' gift also provided the momentum for UMaine to replace the Mahaney Diamond baseball turf with a similar surface, and to construct a new synthetic field hockey surface adjacent to the softball field.



Football coach Jack Cosgrove '78, '84G on his new Morse Field turf.

Donald P. Corbett Remembered with Portrait

Fifteen years after the Donald P. Corbett Business Building opened, a portrait of the successful poultry farmer, who graduated in 1934, has been installed so students finally can put a face with his name.

The portrait, which hangs in the dean's office suite, was presented recently to the university by Ann Corbett Lucas '61, the oldest daughter of Donald Corbett who died in 1988 after nearly 45 years in the poultry business. It had been on display in the American Poultry Historical Society's Hall of Fame in Beltsville, Maryland, which recognized



Ann Corbett Lucas '61 with her father's portrait in the Donald P. Corbett Business Building.

Don Corbett in 1980 for his outstanding achievements in the poultry industry. In 1995, when portraits of honorees were replaced with plaques, the picture was given to Francelia Dean Corbett, Don's wife, who in 1991 made

the \$1 million naming gift for the building to honor her late husband. A 1934 UMaine graduate, Francelia died in 2007.

"The painting belongs in the building that was named for my father," said Ann, who lives in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, with her husband, Robert, also a 1961 UMaine graduate.

Education Pioneer Receives 2008 Alumni Career Award

Dorothea "Dot" Butler Marsden '50, a distinguished educator who helped develop new methods for assessing children's skills and development, is the recipient of the 2008 Alumni Career Award. The award was presented at the annual awards breakfast on June 1 by the University of Maine Alumni Association. It recognizes a UMaine graduate whose life's work is marked by outstanding achievement and dedication.

Marsden started her long career as a kindergarten and elementary school teacher. After receiving her M.Ed. from Tufts, she began working with children at the Tufts Eliot-Pearson Children's School. She later became the school's director. As a teacher and an administrator she earned a reputation for efficiency, vi-



Alumni association president, Todd Saucier '93, '97G (left), and board chair, John Rohman '68, present Dorothea Butler Marsden '50 with the 2008 Alumni Career Award.

sion, and compassion.

After 15 years, she left Tufts to start a home-visiting program that addressed early intervention for high-risk toddlers and infants. That program became a model for the nation and was the first program of

its type to be funded by Head Start. Marsden later became a consultant to the national Head Start program.

She applied her knowledge and experience to developing assessment tools that have changed the way we measure children's skills, development, and achievement. And she has trained

teachers, administrators, and parents to use these tools (and to translate results into useful information) in all 50 states. As a result, the lives of countless children and families have been improved.

Junior James Daniels and Kurtis Petersons '05 take first in Business Plan Competition at USM

Student and Alumnus Collaborate on Innovation for Golfers

Neither UMaine junior James Daniels nor Kurtis Petersons, a 2005 UMaine graduate, is a golfer, but that didn't hinder collaborative development on a prize-winning reality-based golf program.

That innovative program, mCaddie, earned them a \$10,000 cash prize and a \$15,000 consulting services package in the annual statewide Business Plan Competition held by the Center for Entrepreneurship at the University of Southern Maine (USM). The award will now allow them to move to the next level of development, a national launch of a limited version of the program.

mCaddie allows golfers to track and replicate an actual game with a simultaneous virtual one that generates statistics. In addition, mCaddie offers an



online social clubhouse and allows players to see which of their friends are playing golf at a given time and how they are doing.

The system begins on the green with a cell phone with GPS function. Players save their tee-off location

with a waypoint. As the game progresses, mCaddie logs strokes and ball travel distances. The game is saved to the mCaddie web site, where it can be reviewed and

analyzed, or viewed by other players.

"It's a caddie with tie-ins to golf courses," Daniels says. "We already have a number of golf courses that are quite eager to sign on." Petersons came up with the idea for mCaddie and Daniels provided the technical expertise. Since January, the two have been refining mCaddie with help from UMaine's Foster Student Innovation Center and the Maine Center for Enterprise Development in Portland.

Daniels and Petersons are the second business plan team from UMaine in three years to win first place in the USM competition. In 2006, economics major William Sulinski and alumnus Matthew Rodrigue '04 took first for Heat-Safe 1000, a wireless device that lets heating oil companies know when customers' oil tanks get low.

Renaissance Man

The University of Maine's new VP for development, Eric Rolfson

When you first meet Eric Rolfson, you wouldn't be the least bit surprised that he is UMaine's new vice president for development. Personable, articulate, and well-dressed, he has all the characteristics we might associate with that position. But while fundraising is his career, Rolfson is also something of a Renaissance man, with interests, talents, and experiences that are surprisingly broad and varied.

For one, Rolfson is an accomplished multi-instrumentalist and singer who is part of a touring band known as Old Grey Goose International. The group's repertoire encompasses old-time dance tunes, traditional folk pieces, and regional multicultural dance music. On their international trips, Old Grey Goose combines performances with cultural exchange and teaching, mostly in developing and former Soviet countries. Most recently, they toured Israel.

Rolfson also owns a 125-acre farm in Albion, where he, his wife, Becky, and their two sons oversee a maple syrup operation. But he says his real passion on the farm is maintaining the trails he opens for hikers and cross-country skiers.

Rolfson's love affair with Maine began when he entered Colby in 1969, after a childhood split between living in Washington, D.C., and France. (His father was well-known newsman, John Rolfson, who served as ABC's chief White House correspondent and later as bureau chief in Paris.)

His love of the state is what fuels much of Rolfson's commitment to raising support for UMaine.

"What I love most about the university is seeing the tremendously positive impact it has on the state of Maine," he says. "There's a very close link with the future of this institution and the future of the state."

A more personal commitment to the university comes from the fact that he is the proud father of a UMaine sophomore engineering student (above photo).

Rolfson takes over right at the midpoint of the university's \$150 million comprehensive campaign. He says the campaign will go a long way toward allowing UMaine to fulfill its vision and its mission—in particular by raising scholarship support to keep the university accessible to all qualified Maine students.

Before entering fundraising, Rolfson was a cofounder and president of a Boston-based information technology company. He also worked for many years as both a high school and college teacher. Prior to coming to UMaine he was director of development at Colby and later vice president for development at Thomas College.



Eric Rolfson with son John, a UMaine sophomore who is an EMT with the university ambulance corps and the campus fire department.

\$1.6 Million Grant for Climate Change Research

The William M. Keck Foundation will provide a \$1.6 million grant to fund continued groundbreaking scientific research in the University of Maine's Climate Change Institute. The funds will support a project which will revolutionize climate science. That project will build on UMaine's ongoing research aimed at developing a global array of ice cores for use in studying historical climate change, in better understanding the Earth's environment, and in creating sound hypotheses related to the planet's climate future. Professor Paul Mayewski, the director of the institute, is the project leader.

The W.M. Keck Foundation was established in 1954 by the late W.M. Keck, founder of Superior Oil Company. The foundation's grantmaking is focused primarily on pioneering efforts in medicine, science, and engineering.

Trustees Try to Hold the Line on Tuition

Hoping to keep tuition increases to a minimum, the University of Maine System (UMS) Board of Trustees have asked for a four and one-half percent increase in state appropriations over the next two-year budget cycle. If that funding comes through, the trustees believe they can keep any tuition increases to under six percent.

"We all recognize the importance of holding the line on tuition," Chancellor Richard Pattenau explained. "We are determined to do whatever we can to keep higher education accessible and affordable for students and their families."

Last year UMS needed to raise tuition a dramatic ten percent. It also put in place a \$19.1 million plan for reducing costs.

The system's current appropriation represents 36 percent of the unrestricted operating budget. (Information courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.)

Rethinking Disability

Ph.D. student Julie-Ann Scott '04G studies physically disabled professionals who are thriving in high-level careers.

Julie-Ann Scott knows about the high rate of unemployment among those with physical disabilities. She's familiar with workplace policies and medical terminology that focus on what physically disabled bodies can't do.

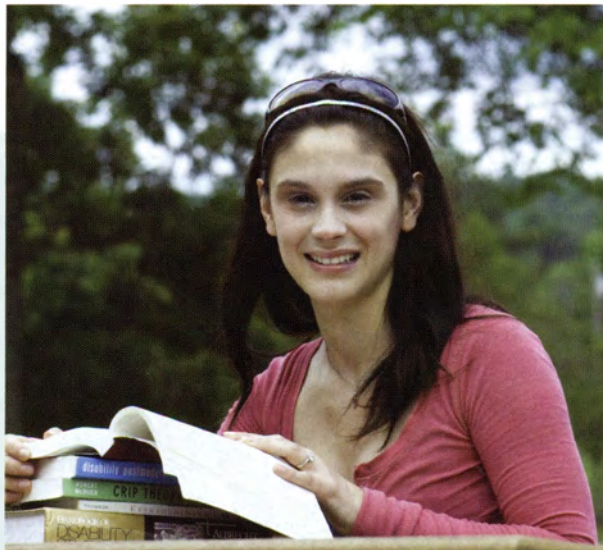
Julie-Ann would rather focus on what they can do.

As part of her doctoral research in communication at the University of Maine, Julie-Ann interviewed 26 physically disabled professionals who are not just surviving but thriving in high-level careers—from doctors of philosophy to doctors of medicine. It's her hope that the results of her dissertation will be used to shape educational and workplace policy.

"From an educational perspective, that means helping people understand disability not as a deficit, but as one more aspect of diversity, about what it means to be human," says Julie-Ann, who recently received an award for the top poster at the Society for Disability Studies annual conference in New York City. "That's not how we look at race or gender—if we were to look at that as something wrong with you, something you have to overcome, that would be weird."

Her research uses a technique called performance of identity analysis, which involves face-to-face conversations. This works from the premise that a story both shapes and is shaped by the teller and the listener.

"Julie-Ann is very interested in the ways in which we tell our stories," says Scott's adviser Kristin Langellier, a pro-



fessor of communication who specializes in performance study. "Telling that story, we're in a sense also producing the possibilities of who we are... It adds to the work in disability studies because it opens up the possibility that things aren't already determined."

Julie-Ann's own physical disability, spastic cerebral palsy, gave her an unanticipated advantage in her research. Before she met her subjects, many would ask if she was disabled. According to Julie-Ann, in those cases, that common ground and the instant rapport it afforded allowed her to do her research more effectively.

"I think I'm still working through what that means, but it is interesting. It was important enough that people asked," Julie-Ann says. "In qualitative research people are always interested in who you are and why you're interested in them."

Through her childhood in Acton, Maine, and most recently as a master's student at UMaine, she endured a series of successful but painful operations. Today, people who don't know her often think she might've sprained her ankle.

"When we see people we form impressions about their experiences, often before we have ever even spoken to them," Julie-Ann says. "Because physically disabled bodies stand out in the crowd they catch our attention and we often form our own conclusions without ever actually hearing their story. I've heard stories around campus that I have only a short time to live or was in a car accident, neither of which is true. It is so important to take the time to

ask and listen to people's stories rather than making assumptions..."

In addition to publishing her work in academic journals, Julie-Ann is known as a leader at UMaine. She has served as the Graduate Center coordinator; the president, vice president, and grants officer of Graduate Student Government; and a Chase Distinguished Research Assistant. Her work

with students and administrators has given her a better understanding of the way a university is run and the way decisions are made.

"When I write my dissertation, my conclusion will be taken out of the theoretical and translated into language that educators and human resources managers could incorporate into disability guidelines," Julie-Ann says.

The majority of the people she interviewed explained how they navigate a world that is not designed for people who move like they do. As a result, they had developed valuable communication and problem-solving skills.

They were able to do this, in part, because of the support networks they established and the adaptive technologies they incorporated into their lives. Those with progressive conditions were constantly thinking ahead, planning for a time when they may not be able to walk or get to work on their own.

Julie-Ann says everyone should plan for physical limitations—even those who don't currently have a disability.

"Disability as an idea that some people are and some people aren't is a weird way of thinking," Julie-Ann explains. "For all of us, our abilities are changing all through our lives. Disability is something that really does apply to everyone. Your body is always changing, and disability is part of those changes. If you live long enough, you'll become disabled. It's inevitable." *-By Kristen Andresen '97*



Welcome Class of 2012!

“Maine Hello” provided a cheerful and well-organized start for a record number of first-year UMaine students who are looking forward to campus life and are optimistic about the future.

A record 2,173 first-year students arrived on campus on August 29, greeted and assisted by hundreds of volunteers from the University of Maine community. As part of the “Maine Hello” program, new students and their families simply drove up to residence halls and relaxed as the students’ belongings were brought to their rooms by volunteers.

“It sends a good signal about the university and the community and what UMaine is about,” said university president, Robert Kennedy, who spent part of the day meeting and helping move in new students.

UMaine graphic designer Mike Mardosa ’73 has worked for years as a “Maine Hello” volunteer. This year, with his daughter arriving on campus as a Class of 2012 member, he was on the other side of things—and as a parent he came away from the day mighty impressed.

“The efficiency, organization, and friendliness were pretty amazing,” Mardosa said. “Everything

was unloaded and in my daughter’s room in no time. Everyone was cheerful, there was music playing, it was all very festive—very neat.”

Mardosa’s praise for “Maine Hello”

day was echoed by scores of other parents.

“Maine Hello” was just the beginning of a full weekend of activities for the new students. Among the highlights were a convocation talk by Class of 1966 UMaine alumnus Arthur Serota, dinner on the mall, and a university traditions ceremony that included the new class being officially adopted by UMaine’s Class of 1952.

Members of the new class were excited, if a bit nervous about their big transition to college life. An informal survey of about 40 Class of 2012 members at the Memorial Union on their second day on campus indicated that most were looking forward to being on their own, meeting new friends, and taking part in campus life. As for why they chose UMaine, about half indicated that cost was a big factor in their decision, but location, quality of life,



Photo at top of page: First-year students form a “12” at Alfond Stadium. Left: UMaine volunteers help new students move into campus housing.

and academic programs were also high on the list.

And not surprisingly for a generation raised on high technology, almost all noted that their favorite way of communicating with friends was with Facebook or text messaging.

And what are today's college freshmen most concerned about? Well, like the general public, the economy is very high on their list of worries, with global warming and energy independence a somewhat distant second. A strong majority believes that the most influential event for their generation was 9/11. The Iraq War and the current economic/energy crisis also earned votes.

But even in the face of some major global challenges, most, but certainly not all, of the new students we surveyed expressed optimism about the future—especially their own personal future.

Many hesitated, however, when asked if their generation will be better off than their parents' generation. "I wouldn't say better as much as different," was a common response.

And most new students seem to be energized by the upcoming national election. An overwhelming majority we talked with indicated that they are "very" or "somewhat" interested in the presidential race and that they will be registering to vote in the November election.

One Class of 2012 member, Ben Goodman, was so energized by the candidacy of Barack Obama that he worked his way to becoming a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Denver. At 18, Goodman was the youngest delegate from the state of Maine.

A native of Kennebunk, Goodman served as Maine high school coordinator for Students for Barack Obama.

"Obama has energized and engaged young people and has given us an opportunity to play an active role in his campaign," Goodman said.

Overall, the Class of 2012 represents a 34 percent increase in students from out-of-state, with 77 percent still being from Maine.



Ben Goodman from Kennebunk was the youngest member of the Maine delegation at the Democratic National Convention and has his own political blog. Like many of his 2012 classmates, he's been energized by this year's election.

The record number of new students boosted the university's overall enrollment to more than 12,000—the largest in its history (about two percent higher than last year).

Overall, the economy and a substantial

tuition increase don't seem to have affected enrollment figures.

"I think it says that UMaine is a very good value," Kennedy noted.

One thing that the economy seems to be doing is making on-campus living a more attractive option. Currently, there are students on a waiting list for campus housing. It's a trend that is being experienced by universities and colleges throughout the country.

"Families are considering the cost of commuting and the price of utilities and oil living off campus and deciding that dorms are a better value," Kennedy said.

Once again the first-year UMaine students will be clustered together in dormitories at one end of campus under the First Year Residence Program, which is centered around providing a sense of community as well as support services.

UMaine dean of students, Robert Dana '80, said that the program was a major success last year, as measured by a 99 percent occupancy rate through both semesters. He noted that under the program, more students take advantage of important support services such as tutoring and counseling.



A sampling of opinions of new students indicated that most are concerned about the economy but are hopeful about the upcoming election and optimistic about their future.

On the Brink

UMaine Climate Change Institute director, Paul Mayewski, talks about our current scientific understanding of climate change and what we need to do to avoid the most dramatic scenarios for the planet.

By Margaret Nagle '96G



Denali National Park—one of the Climate Change Institute's four primary study areas.
Photo by Ron Lisnet '83

PAUL MAYEWSKI first set foot on the driest continent on Earth four decades ago. At that time, the world considered Antarctica and other remote polar regions as unchanging, frozen expanses that lured adventurers like him to explore the unknown. Since then, so much has changed.

Today, we know the polar and high-elevation landscapes as bellwethers for greenhouse gas warming. Even in Antarctica, which has not experienced the dramatic melting recently seen in the Arctic and Greenland, the effects of climate change are evident on the continent's outer edges.

"In a matter of decades in some parts of Antarctica, we'll probably see changes thought in the past as taking hundreds of thousands of years," says Mayewski, who this spring returned from that continent, where he led the final leg of an 8,000-kilometer, six-season International Trans Antarctic Scientific Expedition (ITASE).

Since that first trip to Antarctica as a student researcher helping reconstruct the history of the ice sheet, Mayewski has led nearly 50 expeditions to such remote regions as the Arctic, Tibet, the Himalayas, Greenland, and Tierra del Fuego. As a scientist, he has pioneered the use of ice core records to reconstruct past atmospheric conditions, document changes in atmospheric chemistry produced naturally and by humans, and correlate associations between climate change and civilization disruptions worldwide.

It's the current implications of human-induced climate change, particularly in the last 20 years, that have internationally renowned researchers like Mayewski stepping up research and speaking out.

"Since the 1980s, the warming rate has been large enough to push us to the possibility of abrupt climate change," says Mayewski, who directs the University of Maine Climate Change Institute, a multidisciplinary research unit focused on understanding past climate and how to use a variety of research tools, like ice cores, to predict change. Primary study areas for Institute researchers are Antarctica; Tibet and the Himalayas; New Zealand and North and South America; Greenland and the Arctic.

"Until now, climate change occurred by natural processes. Today, we're overpowering the greenhouse gas system at a rate 100 times faster than nature. With stresses—from sulfate aerosols in the atmosphere to freshwater injection into the oceans from melting sea ice—the climate system can't be expected to respond in a smooth way."

For Mayewski, who has made 100 first descents in Antarctica and traversed more of the ice sheet than anyone else in the world, this crossroads for the planet is

epitomized by his years exploring the bottom of the Earth.

"There you can experience the way nature has been for millions of years," he says. "In Antarctica, you can see for such long distances that you can see the curvature of the Earth. It's so quiet, the only sound is your own heartbeat. And you breathe more deeply because the air is so clean.

"That reoccurring experience is a constant reminder of what we've traded for our current existence. I enjoy our current existence as much as anyone, but I believe there's a better combination of the natural system and our involvement in it."

Before leaving this summer to join a research expedition in Greenland, Mayewski sat down with *UMaine Today* magazine to talk about climate change and his optimism for the future.

What is Climate Change?

Climate change is natural, constant, and has happened for as long as the Earth has been around. A better term for what's happening now might be human controls on climate change or perhaps destabilization of climate beyond natural levels. The question is how much of the climate change we're introducing. Humans can't do anything about the natural part. It's the hu-



Paul Mayewski holds an ice core, a key tool in understanding past climate changes.

Frozen Time Capsules

Ice cores retrieved from Greenland and other polar regions are like buried meteorological stations, revealing evidence of such climate controls as temperature, precipitation, atmospheric and ocean circulation, sea ice extent, biological productivity, and volcanic activity as far back as 100,000 years.

Cores also provide records of atmospheric chemistry, including the source regions and their emission histories. Upward of 50 chemicals can be measured in a small sample taken from an ice core, including carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, methane, humanly engineered chemicals, bomb radionuclides, sulfuric acid, nitric acid, copper, lead, and mercury.

At the University of Maine Climate Change Institute, ice cores are one of the many tools researchers use to add to our understanding of climate. UMaine scientists have retrieved ice cores from every continent and every major mountain range.

man-induced change that is gradually going to eat away at the way we live, both physically through sea level rise, through storms, through warming, but also through increased incidence of disease in warmer and wetter areas.

What are the biggest myths about climate change?

One of the biggest is that one person can't make a difference. The climate system is very big and it can toss us around, but we each have the capability of impacting it.

Another misconception is that everything that's happening eventually will be taken care of by the Earth's system. It will, a few hundred to thousands of years from now, and by then, if we continue the way we are, we probably will have mutated into something different in order to survive. People also think that the current climate change is just part of a natural cycle. But this change is not natural and our impact on it is very, very great.

What does current science tell us about climate change?

It's absolutely undeniable that humans have had a very dramatic impact on both physical and chemical climate throughout the world. There's evidence of warming in the Arctic. Almost all of the mountain glaciers around the world are melting back, and even in Antarctica, there's dramatic melting around the edges. In addition, we're seeing very big changes in the atmosphere with increasing greenhouse gases—the cause of much of the recent warming—and increasing levels of toxic metals and acid rain. A lot of these toxic metals and chemicals in the atmosphere have very detrimental impacts on human and ecosystem health.

Climate Change 21



A two-day conference on climate change featuring an interactive public forum and environmental festival will be held at the University of Maine, October 23-24.

Climate Change 21: Choices for the 21st Century, organized by UMaine's Climate Change Institute, will be highlighted

by panel discussions led by world-class scientists talking about their research related to climate change.

As part of the conference, UMaine researchers will release a report prepared at the request of Governor John Baldacci '86 predicting future climate in Maine and the region.

Among other conference activities planned: an environmental festival, featuring organizations and businesses specializing in green products and technologies; a student poster contest and exhibition; and debut of a musical composition and sculpture related to climate change, created by UMaine artists.

"We hope that as many people as possible will come to hear about the scientific basis for the understanding of climate change," says Climate Change Institute director, Paul Mayewski. "There is a great deal to know about climate and what is expected for the future.

"We want people to leave CC21 not just believing that what is presented makes sense, but also knowing what is potentially in store and, most important, understanding what the opportunities are for the future," Mayewski says.

How do we know which climate changes are natural and which ones are human-induced?

To make that determination, you need records that are long enough to help you understand how the natural system operates. Records for the northern hemisphere demonstrate that temperatures for the last couple of decades are warmer than for the last thousand years at least, but there have also been times between the 1940s and the 1970s when the climate was cooler. However, the farther you go back in time, the more it's clear that what's happening today with greenhouse gases and changes in other chemistries in the atmosphere

haven't happened at any other time in the past few thousand years. That's how you understand that we're impacting climate.

From looking at the past, what have we learned about the predictability of the climate system?

We have learned that there is a lot of predictability in the climate system. If it were left alone to take its natural course for the next few hundred or thousand years, there would be a lot of predictability. On the other hand, while looking for predictability, we discovered something that we never imagined—abrupt climate change events with massive reorganizations in the ocean atmosphere system. Those abrupt climate change events involved a convergence of factors, with some small trigger actually pushing to make them happen. That's why I am so concerned about where we are right now. We're pushing ourselves way out of the natural system and we're pushing so fast that even the predictions for where we're going—the reality—could be very different, to the point at which we could

have significant cooling in some parts of the world that we would have never, certainly today or in the last hundred years, expected. So, we've learned a lot. We've learned that the climate system is far more dynamic than we ever thought it was, that the natural—I emphasize natural—climate system is more predictable than we thought it was, and that it can also be changed by very small things.

Is it too late to make changes that will have an effect?

We can't assume that we're too late. If we do, it's nothing but gloom and doom ahead. However, the longer we wait, the

more likely there will be more serious consequences. We have already begun to alter the natural climate system quite dramatically. We need to begin to respond quickly. There is giant momentum in the climate system. Even if we were to shut off all the greenhouse gas emissions from humans right now, it would take decades to centuries, if not longer, to recover from global warming.

What can we do to begin to address climate change?

How much warming we have will be determined by how much higher we let greenhouse gases go. We have to think about how we can reduce the emissions of toxic chemicals. Some of it is from factories; some of it is simply the way we live, using fertilizers to excess, using chemicals for cleaning. In addition, state and federal governments need to develop policies to legislate reductions and set benchmarks

for greenhouse gases and toxic metals, acid rain, organic acids, and humanly engineered chemicals. There also need to be incentives for individuals to become more energy self-sufficient. In the longer term, reductions of greenhouse gases will require a very big change in the way we live. We tend to think of change as being uncomfortable, but this is really going to be a change for the better—a better economy, a healthier life, and a more predictable climate future.

How do you respond to climate change skeptics?

The first thing I say to them is, "thank you," because they forced the science to be better than it would have been had they not been naysayers. The second thing I say to them is, "Now you need to get out of the way," because they're no longer talking about the science; they're simply talking about things that serve as blockades.

In some cases, these are the same naysayers who tried to convince people that acid rain didn't occur, and that tobacco was not a problem. At some stage, if you're going to be critical, you've got to come up with a solution and the solution can no longer be that it's not a problem.

How do you predict the world will look in half a century?

I'm an optimist. It will still be warming and climate will still be unstable because of what we've done, but I see no reason why we won't be living primarily on renewable energy. I think we'll be a lot smarter about recycling. I think we will be healthier. I think we will be able to travel as well as we can now or more easily, but I think we will become more self-subsistent.

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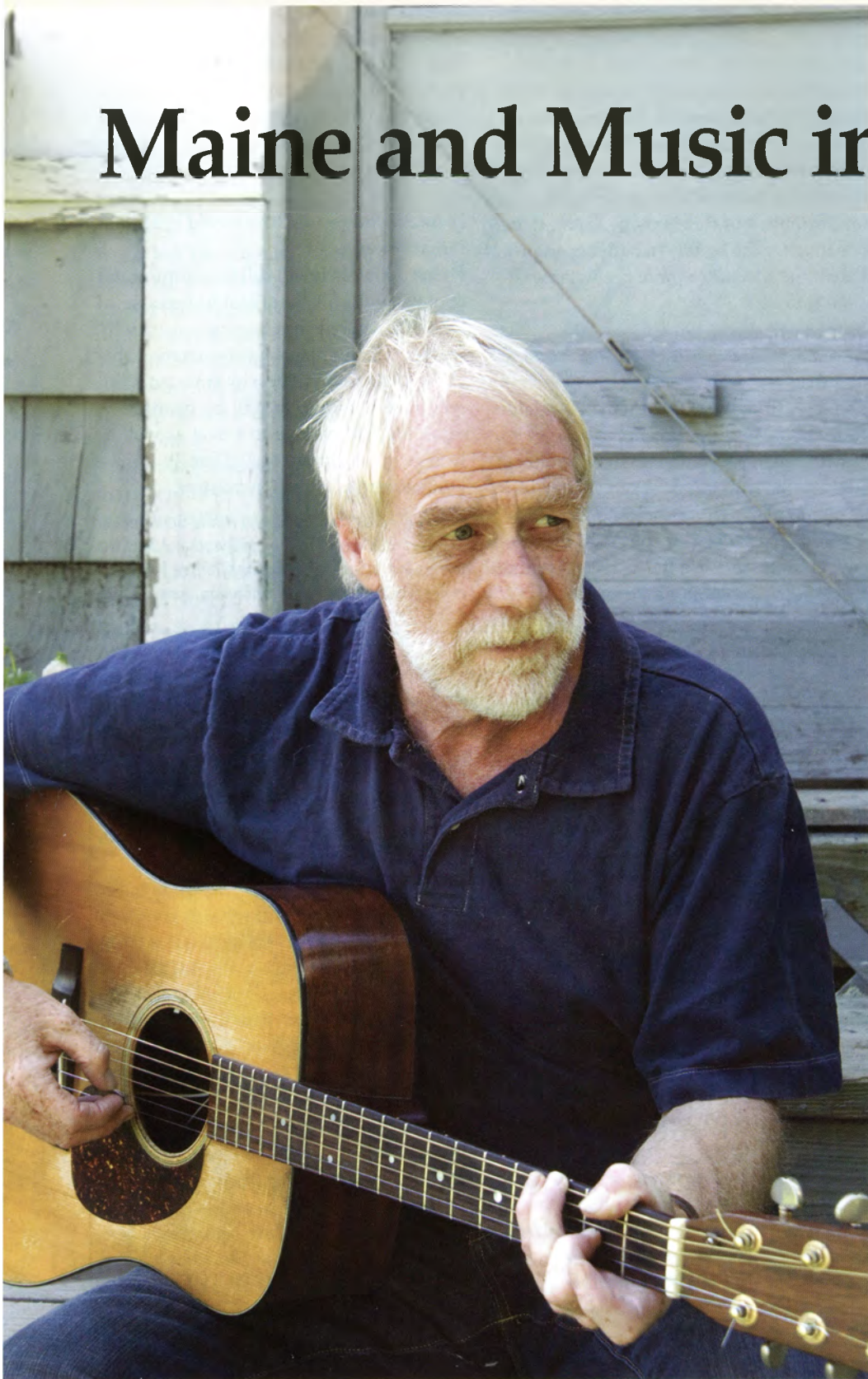
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Maine and Music in his Soul



David Mallett '73 has Maine roots that go back more than 200 years. His own musical legacy in the state can be traced to childhood performances in the early 1960s. And through the years of both paying dues and achieving success, his sense of place, his appreciation of his heritage, and his love of music has only grown stronger.

By Shelagh Gordon Talbot

Photos by Michael Mardosa '73

This is an edited version of an article that first appeared in *Up North, The Moosehead Magazine*.

Listening to David Mallett's voice and compositions is like curling up in your favorite chair in front of an open fire, feeling cozy, feeling content. His music is like that—it surrounds you with the warmth of beautiful melody supplemented with lyrics that bring soul-deep contentment. As you listen, it feels as if David is an old friend, comfortable and easy to be with. And yet his path to becoming a very successful recording artist and performer was not as easy as his musical persona suggests. He's paid his dues.

David grew up in an old farmhouse in Sebec, Maine. His family traces ancestry back for at least 200 years in that beautiful area of the central Maine Highlands. Being grounded in the present while aware of strong roots from the past has strongly framed David's work. He was one of five boys, Aubrey, Duane, Karl, Neil, and David, being the youngest. Music, laughter, and activity were always encouraged by their parents, Aubrey and Pauline.

"Eventually there were three of us and we sat around the house in Sebec and just played," David said. "Neil, my brother, our friend Tommy Lyford, and me."

Tommy had actually brought the first guitar into the Mallett household and it was a big hit. Not long after that first guitar encounter, Neil and David had to have their own.

It wasn't much later on when Neil and 11-year-old David, who had been practicing assiduously, decided to become a duo—the Mallett Brothers. They played at the local grange halls and county fairs and appeared on a Bangor television show called "Spotlight on Youth." "It was pretty exciting for us, being just young kids," David recalled.

One of the biggest thrills of David's early musical life took place September 13, 1963, when he was just 12. Country music legend and native Mainer, Hal Lone Pine (Harold J. Breau) had featured the Mallett boys as regulars on his television show that year, and when Hal and his band were

asked to open for Johnny Cash at the Bangor Auditorium, the boys were included. In addition to Johnny, June Carter was there, George Jones, and Yodeling Slim Clark, amongst others. The Malletts were beside themselves with excitement when the famous "Man in Black" finally arrived at the stage door.

"Isn't that cool!" David exclaimed, grinning. "Johnny actually asked me to hold his guitar while he went off to the bathroom or something. Neil and I sang a couple of songs and then we got to watch him do his show from backstage. That was amazing!"

The Mallett Brothers went on to have their own TV show in Bangor as well.

"It was a little variety show on Channel 7," David recalled. The boys did that for a couple of years, becoming local stars in

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their own right. But after high school, Neil decided to pursue a different career path. David went off to UMaine as a theater major, although music was on his mind. After graduation he decided he wanted to continue his direction as a professional musician. "It was the only obvious thing I could do," he said. "I really felt like I had no choice."

During his first few years at the university he didn't do much performing. By his junior year, however, David had a regular solo gig at Sugarloaf resort. On campus, he remembers some wonderful evenings performing at the Ram's Horn and sitting around on the mall with other musicians performing anti-war songs during

UMaine's 1970, post Kent State, moratorium.

David began writing his own songs when he started his solo career after college. "By that time, Neil was married and had a family," he recalled. "I kind of cut out on the bar, club, you know, vagabond route there for a few years during the '70s. I would pile into town, and I would play in a bar or club for three or four nights. I'd sleep in my truck, or on somebody's sofa, wash up in the bathroom at the gig, eat whatever they fed me after I was done, that kind of thing."

David did this for five or six years, essentially living out of his truck and traveling throughout Maine, especially the coast, and parts of New Hampshire—paying dues big time. Then he met Noel Paul Stookey. The two became friends and Stookey invited David to his home in Blue Hill, Maine. Paul had a recording studio there and suggested David set down some tracks. Eventually, David made his first two albums at Blue Hill.

Once the album was released, in 1978, David began having a regular following. He was finally on his way. One album led to another.

It was about that time that "The Garden Song," from David's first album, became a hit. Pete Seeger, world famous folk singer, had recorded it as well. Its easy lyrics and memorable melody celebrate the humble act of planting a garden and the song has been recorded by many artists, in many different languages. *Sing Out*, the well-known folk magazine, listed "The Garden Song" as one of the 50 most popular songs ever. Arlo Guthrie still performs it on a regular basis as did John Denver.

"John used the song as part of his show for the last 15 years he was out touring," David said. "He never failed to mention me as writer. It was really nice of him."

David's fifth album was produced in Nashville. "That was pretty exciting at the time," he chuckled at the memory. "We knew a guy who owned a hotel so we had a free hotel suite and all that, and we had a

fancy rental car . . . And the studio where we recorded was where people like John Prine, Nanci Griffith, and even Johnny Cash came to hang out. It was very cool."

David made the decision to move his base of operation along with his wife and kids to the Nashville area where he had a publisher. He recorded four albums, did live shows, made many television appearances, and wrote songs for other musicians, one of the most recent being Alison Krauss.

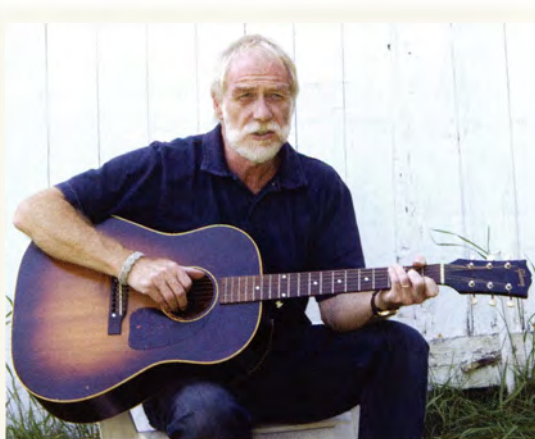
"It's different when you actually live there though," David commented. "The place loses its gloss—it's sorta like a factory. You know, kinda like moving to Detroit 'cause you like cars. It's all mechanized and everyone's into music . . ." he paused. "Then, after about eight years, I decided I wanted to move my family back to Maine. My kids were growing up fast and they were going to be in high school . . ." he paused again, thoughtfully. "Being from Maine, with Maine roots . . . I did not want to raise my children all the way up in the South . . . 'cause it's such a different culture."

So, the Mallett family packed up again and moved back to the farmhouse in Sebec. David went back to Nashville a few times, but with the advent of sophisticated computer recording, he was able to make fine recordings "in my own environment."

And it certainly hasn't been any detriment to his career. His 2003 album, *Artist in Me*, was voted Album of the Year by FOLKWAX, an online site for blues, folk, and roots music. They also voted David 2003 Artist of the Year.

In the millennium edition of the *Bangor Daily News*, David was cited along with Marshall Dodge, Andrew Wyeth, E.B. White, Stephen King '70, Edna St. Vincent Millay, and others, as one of the most memorable Mainers of the twentieth century.

Although David is modest about his accomplishments, he is very enthusiastic about his most recent endeavor, *The Fable True*, a tribute to one of America's most



Homecoming Concert

David Mallett '73 will return to his alma mater for a special Homecoming concert on Saturday, October 25 at 7 p.m. at Hauck Auditorium. Performing prior to David will be UMaine alumnus Derek Aramburu '88. For ticket information call 1-800-MCA-TIXX.

beloved writers, Henry David Thoreau, who, as David puts it, "was one of Maine's most famous vacationers."

The idea for this album germinated when an environmental group, Maine Woods Forever, contacted David and asked if he would like to read some passages from Thoreau's book, *The Maine Woods*, and compose and perform instrumental music for a documentary film they were planning. The project did not come to fruition, but David decided the words, and the music he wrote to accompany them, could stand on their own as an album. He began researching Thoreau's book, selecting and marking various passages he felt would work. As it happens, Thoreau has always been David's personal hero.

"He was the first visionary, and maybe the greatest, that ever came to our state," he said. "Before I began this project, we'd known that it was the 150th anniversary of his trip to these parts, and I'd been wanting to do something as a tribute to the wild lands to the north . . . Thoreau . . . he'd already done it . . . all I had to do was add a little tune to it." David tried some of these cuts out on live audiences prior to recording the CD. The response was so great that

he ended up using the selections in the encore portion of his live show.

"I tell people, 'Hey, the only state Thoreau wrote about, besides Massachusetts, was Maine.' I am very proud of that fact," he continued. "It has also been a real growth project for me."

David was at the dedication ceremonies, on July 23, 2007, for the erection of a remarkable monument and canoe in downtown Greenville, Maine (created by sculptors, Jim Sardonis and Tim Shay), to commemorate the place where Henry David Thoreau stepped into a birch bark canoe and headed up Moosehead Lake. The monument not only honors Thoreau, but the Wabanaki tribes of the area.

"He was right here in our own backyard," said David. Thoreau even mentions a meeting with a hunter from Sebec on the stagecoach to Greenville.

"That could have been my great-great-grandfather, for all I know," David chuckled.

David's rich baritone speaking voice lends life and depth to Thoreau's essays. Thoreau, who spoke with awe of the moose and loon, was entranced with the wild lands that spread before him. "You could travel 200 miles north and find a wilderness as vast as anything you would encounter by going 1,000 miles westward," he once said.

David has taken Thoreau's timeless writings and given them a song-like quality with his thoughtful and spare musical accompaniment. "I didn't want to dishonor his words," he said. "So I kept the music light and simple, as it would have been in his time."

Chances are, Henry David would be very pleased with what David Mallett has done in *The Fable True*.

The CD features musicians Michael Burd and Susan Ramsey. Michael plays bass and guitar while Susan gives incomparable texture with her violin and viola.

The combination of instruments, the subtle simplicity of it all, gives *The Fable*

True a haunting richness that provides the listener with a feeling of being on the journey, traveling right along with Thoreau.

David does about 50 or 60 gigs a year, mostly on the East Coast and New England, but he also travels to perform solo on the West Coast and Canada. Every couple of years he travels to the north of England because he loves the area. He plays venues in and around Birmingham, Manchester, and York. "I go there as much as possible because I meet the coolest people," he said. "I have a lot of old friends I go back to see as well."

He also received some national attention recently when he was featured on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" on National Public Radio. It marked David's second appearance on the popular show.

And the Mallett children are carrying on the family musical tradition. Son Luke has two bands in the Portland area—one Ska and one Hip Hop.

Son Will, who recently graduated from Middlebury College in Vermont, also has two bands going. And Molly Mallett is at the University of Vermont in the theater department.

"All my kids are performers," David smiled. "My wife, Jayne, was a music major in college and is a fine singer and actress in her own right. We've both been very supportive of our children's performance leanings."

Chances are, the Mallett family will be making great music and entertaining appreciative audiences for many years to come—it's just in the blood. David plays all the time—there are guitars, mandolins, harmonicas, and a banjo or two all around the old farmhouse.

"I always have an instrument out if I can," David chuckled. "I find the older I get, I have more clarity in my thoughts when I have a guitar in my hands, even when I'm carrying on a conversation."

For information on this or any other of David Mallett's recordings, as well as a biography of the artist, plus upcoming performance dates, check out his web site at: davidmallett.com.



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South End Celebrity



Chef Rebecca Newell '99 draws on a family passion for cooking and her exposure to Southern cuisine in developing her own elegant approach to "preparing food that people really want to eat."

By Ami Albernaz
Photos by William Drake

NINE YEARS AGO, Rebecca Newell '99 would not have imagined she'd be the executive chef at one of Boston's most popular bistros. But since she left the University of Maine with a degree in English and an uncertain career path, life has served up some savory surprises.

"I wasn't that great of a cook growing up," the gregarious Rebecca confides over lunch at Francesca's, a no-frills café in Boston's hip South End, just across the street from her culinary home, The Beehive. When she enrolled at the New England Culinary Institute in 2000, she thought she'd use her training to write for a food magazine. Yet Rebecca quickly discovered a new ease in the kitchen, as a passion for food instilled by her mother and grandmother flowered into a keen sense of what works well on the fork. Time spent in South Carolina and Florida honed her distinctively elegant twist on comfort food, which she brought back with her to New England.

"There are a lot of things I picked up from working in the South," Rebecca says. "But I wouldn't be able to do what I do today without my mother's and grandmother's influence."

Rebecca's life in food began in Glens Falls, a small city in upstate New York. When she wasn't swimming (Rebecca took up synchronized swimming at age seven and later began swimming competitively), she was often with her mom in the kitchen. "My mother and her best friend, who I call 'Aunt Frannie,' would cook these elaborate meals and linger over them for hours," she says. Her parents, avid travelers, took Rebecca and her three brothers on sojourns to Quebec City, Paris, Italy, and Holland—experiences that Rebecca also credits with broadening her palate.

In high school, Rebecca worked at a

local Friendly's, where, she admits, her food prep skills impressed no one. When it was time for college, she decided to go where she could swim, first attending the Division III Nazareth College in Rochester. After an unhappy first year—"even though it wasn't far from home, I had a hard time adjusting," Rebecca says—she transferred to Adirondack Community College in Queensbury, New York. There, while earning the credits she would need to transfer to the Division I UMaine, Rebecca also took up racquetball, found a job at a local deli, and found her footing as a college student.

Rebecca entered UMaine in 1997 on a swimming scholarship. Though she was still unsure of a career path, her coach, Jeff Wren, now women's swimming coach at Husson College in Bangor, wonders if he saw foreshadowing of her future career.

"Most of the dining halls aren't open on the weekend, so when we would have swim meets, I would cook a big breakfast on the side of the pool," Wren recalls. "We had a really elaborate menu, and I vividly remember (Rebecca) saying her best memories were of those breakfasts. Maybe they inspired her a bit."

On the swim team, Wren adds, the girl known as "Becca" was a positive force.

"She lent some cheerfulness to every day," he says. "She was someone who contributed, not only in the water but through her support to others . . . When I think of Becca, the word that comes to mind is 'bubbly.'"

The word is indeed an apt descriptor. When I first met Rebecca last winter at a sustainable seafood cooking demonstration at the New England Aquarium, she was in full uniform, preparing an exquisite dish of striped bass and lentils before a crowd of well-heeled donors, and cracking



jokes every few sentences. The next time I saw her, at a Beehive function a few months later, she was making the rounds to patrons' tables, making sure everything in the dinner buffet had been up to snuff.

As we talk over lunch at Francesca's, Rebecca's cell phone rings every so often. She takes a call from Aunt Frannie, who has been watching "The View" and feels compelled to tell Rebecca she looks like an actress from the film *Mamma Mia!* ("I so do not!" she objects.) Another call is from one of her sous chefs, with whom she briefly talks inventory. "Have you ever had anyone who you just get along so well with?" she asks, upon hanging up. "We get along like peas and carrots."

Rebecca is naturally inquisitive, occasionally introducing information about herself with a question. "Have you ever been

to Charleston?" she asks, and when I say no, advises: "You really should go!" After leaving UMaine, Rebecca and a roommate moved to Charleston, South Carolina, where she found inspiration in colorful local dishes, like shrimp 'n grits. Rebecca would spend much of the next four years in Florida, doing her mandatory Culinary Institute internship in Florida and then working at Bistro 821 and Quail Creek Country Club, both in Naples, upon finishing.

Yet Florida was far from her family, so after two years, she returned North. Her resumé since has been impressive by any standard. She first trailed husband-and-wife team Kevin and Jill Crawley at the renowned Coriander Bistro in Sharon, Massachusetts, which specializes in modern French cooking with local, in-season in-

gredients. Rebecca then headed to Union Bar and Grille in Boston's South End, where she apprenticed with chef de cuisine Stephen Sherman. Union exposed her to a different style of cooking; its seafood-heavy menu is decidedly American, and includes dishes such as Gloucester haddock, Atlantic salmon, and Cape bluefish fillet. Sherman, who worked with Rebecca for a year and a half, says her enthusiasm and drive set her apart.

"She's very hardworking and very energetic; she really has a lot of passion for what she's doing and really throws herself into it," Sherman says.

Rebecca's dedication was rewarded through a promotion as chef at Aquitaine Bis, an upscale French restaurant in Boston's tony Chestnut Hill area. As Rebecca's reputation as a rising young star

was beginning to spread, The Beehive, a project of two well-known Boston restaurateurs, opened in May 2007. The Beehive, nestled next door to a popular South End theater and boasting a supper club ambience and free nightly jazz, was an instant hit, with lines out the door every night. Looking for someone to turn out food that lived up to the unique and comforting atmosphere (brick walls, draped stage, rotating avant-garde artwork) the owners asked Kevin Crawley to become a consulting chef, and he brought in Rebecca Newell.

As executive chef, Rebecca orchestrates behind the scenes, overseeing the flow of the kitchen and the consummation of a menu that is largely her own creation. The dishes, including pan-roasted cod with lobster broth and rice pilaf; double-bone pork chop with mustard jus and frites; and Guinness-battered fried oysters and Bass Ale aioli show the convergence of influences on her cooking. Items like gourmet,

overstuffed grilled cheese sandwiches are perhaps the epitome of dressed-up comfort food, while the poutines (fries with cheese and gravy) appetizer is a nod to her time in Quebec.

Make no mistake about it, though: Rebecca is still learning. The owners, she says, "have ideas all the time for things they'd like to try out. I've learned a ton about shawarma, for example, and some Persian cooking." She is often crafting specialty items for holidays—lamb and barley stew for St. Patrick's Day, chicken tamales for Cinco de Mayo. Though she loves being in the kitchen, she most likes the connections her food helps to forge with customers.

"The best part is meeting people and have them relate to food and to the things that happened with my mother and grandmother," she says. "A lot of the menu is built on what I grew up on."

Indeed, mingling staff and customers

and creating an ambience that fosters community and conversation are part of The Beehive's original concept.

"It's great to get people off the Internet and their phones and provide a relaxed environment where conversations can flourish," Beehive general manager Bertil Jean-Chronberg told the online magazine *Restaurant Confidential*.

As a "celebrity chef," Rebecca is sometimes asked to judge cooking competitions or to take part in charity events around town. Her favorite, she says, is the annual "Chefs in Shorts" event that benefits the Boston Food Bank.

"It just really shows food as nourishment, as something to be shared," she says. "To me, it's what cooking is all about."


The life of a busy chef could seemingly be all consuming, but Rebecca doesn't allow it to be. On her days off, she often heads to Cape Cod, or Lake George, New York, where she has a home. While in the city, she rarely goes out, though she likes to try new restaurants. "It doesn't have to be anything fancy," she says, which she's proven by her rave review of the fairly simple salad she's eaten for lunch.

Rebecca also has some substantial short-term plans. She and her fiancé, Steve, a chef at Flat Iron Tapas in the city's West End, are getting married next year. Rebecca had just been looking for dresses with her mother in upstate New York, and on the day I lunched with her—one of the hottest of the summer—Steve was painting the Brookline condo that the couple had just bought.

Rebecca's other major goal for 2009 is to run the Boston Marathon. She doesn't swim much these days, she says, though she's been running consistently, as she did while a student at UMaine.


When it comes to the long term, the 31-year-old isn't sure just yet. She thinks about opening a specialty shop, perhaps something with a "lower profile" than a restaurant.

"I think about different things," Rebecca says. But for now, she's just as happy to go with her good fortune.



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Alumni News and Events

Suzanne Hart '68 takes over as alumni association chair



The new chair of the board of directors of the UMaine Alumni Association (UMAA), Suzanne Hart '68, has deeply rooted ties to her alma mater. Both of her grandfathers, John W. Hart '13 and Harry E. Thompson '12, were graduates as were her

parents, Gerald and Marjorie Thompson Hart (both members of the Class of 1938). In addition, she has a sister, a brother-in-law, and a nephew with UMaine degrees.

Suzanne has also worked at the university since 1994—currently at the Center for Research and Evaluation in the college of education and human development. She received a master's degree in political science (also doctoral candidacy) in political science from the University of Michigan.

She joined the alumni association board in 1993, motivated partly by her parents' volunteer efforts for the university and also by her interest in the planning for a new alumni house.

A strong believer in a self-governing UMAA, Suzanne says she is honored to serve as chair and is looking forward to working with a "truly wonderful group of board members." But it promises to be a busy time—she sees the coming year as a critical one for the association.

"I'd like us to move toward more cooperation with other fundraising entities on campus, but also to have us strengthen our own association so that we can do even more to engage our alumni body and support the university," she said.

Extra yearbooks available

The alumni association has extra yearbooks available from the years 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996, and 1997. The cost is \$15 per book to cover postage and handling. Order by calling 1-800-934-2586 or 207-581-1217.

CALENDAR

Thursday, October 16, 2008

Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine dinner
Holiday Inn West in Portland, Maine

Saturday, October 18, 2008

Midcoast Maine Alumni Association harvest/barn dance
Home of Greg '68 & Joy Jewett Johnson '68—69 Shore Road, Harpswell, Maine

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Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter lunch and meeting at Granite Hill Estates—12:00 p.m.
Guest speaker will be Blake James, UMaine athletic director, and a UMaine coach.
Depending on which coach is available, they will share news and prospects about their sport.

Thursday, December 4, 2008

Portland Alumnae luncheon—12 p.m.
Eggspectation Restaurant, South Portland, Maine
Hostesses: Dolores Amergian Drivas '52 and Agnes Ann Walsh '41

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter lunch and meeting at Granite Hill Estates—11:30 a.m.
Guest speaker will be Elaine Clark, associate vice president for administration and finance
Short and long-range campus development plans will be discussed.

For more information on these and all alumni activities visit: mainealumni.org or call 207-581-ALUM.

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Bill Bodwell '50

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Alumni association seeks nominations for awards and board members

The University of Maine Alumni Association (UMAA) is now accepting nominations for membership to its board of directors. Nominees must be University of Maine alumni. Nominations can be sent to Diana Richardson, One Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04469 or email: diana.richardson@umit.maine.edu.

UMAA is also accepting nominations for the following alumni awards:

2009 Bernard Lown Humanitarian Award

2009 Fogler Legacy Award

For a family with at least three generations of graduates and a record of service to the university and profession or community.

2009 Class Correspondent Award

2009 Pine Tree Emblem Service Award

In recognition of outstanding service to the UMaine alumni body.

2009 Black Bear Awards

For outstanding service to the university.

2009 Block "M" Awards

For outstanding leadership in alumni activities, events, and programs.

2010 Alumni Career Award

2009 Spirit of Maine Achievement Award

To an alumna/alumnus who graduated in the past 15 years and has demonstrated an outstanding spirit of innovation and achievement.

The deadline for applications is November 30. Nomination forms are available on our web site: mainealumni.org/awards.htm.



New Jersey Alumni Spend a Day at Monmouth Park

Members of the New Jersey Alumni Chapter enjoyed their annual outing to Monmouth Park Racetrack on June 8. Left to right are: Carol Ruzbarsky Woodhull '70, Marilyn Harmon Saydah '52, '60G, Ernie Ridlon '61, Baron Hicken '63, and Margaret Wilde Giuliano '67.



Senior Alumni Present Scholarship Check at Reunion Luncheon

Outgoing president of Senior Alumni, Bill Currie '52, (left) presented a check for almost \$80,000 to Gianna Felix Marrs '88G of the University of Maine financial aid office and UMaine president Robert Kennedy. Every year the Senior Alumni award approximately 40 nontraditional student scholarships as well as a number of merit scholarships.

Classnotes



Senior Alumni

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Those of you that know me soon realize how proud I am to be a UMaine alumna. I loved my college years. I have always felt that I attended at the best time—World War II had ended and so many wonderful servicemen arrived to keep the campus social life buzzing—fraternity and sorority life was awesome, there were fabulous proms and dances, great sports events—life was really rosy!

My teaching career and raising a family plus being 70 miles from the campus resulted in my not getting to campus often. But, then came the 50th Reunion and I became involved in our 50th Reunion. Then I became active with the alumni association, Senior Alumni, and the University of Maine Foundation. My Maine pride had never dwindled, but now I had time!

What I'm leading up to is trying to bring you back to campus and sharing UMaine life. It does one's heart good to be in on the events available. The alumni association, enthusiastically led by Todd Saucier '93, '97G, opens the doors to campus activities and support.

The Senior Alumni have been responsible for raising money for scholarships. In recent years the annual amount has been about \$80,000. With the cost of education escalating, the help to students is so appreciated. This last year \$85,000 was raised. The scholarship committee selected 23 new Don Taverner '43 nontraditional recipients as well as renewed 21 others. Nontradi-

tional scholarships are given to students not entering college from high school due to various reasons. To apply, they must be 24 or older, taking a stated number of hours, have acceptable grades, and be highly recommended.

Those of us on the scholarship committee beam with pride at the spring reception, when the students come with their families. Several share their stories.

The Senior Alumni also financially honor Top Scholars, Distinguished Scholars, and Distinguished Scholars in Performing Arts.

This money for scholarships is derived from interest from the Senior Alumni endowment fund and the fund drives of the Senior Alumni classes.

It is our pride and joy to have this program. We encourage classes to contribute yearly through their individual class organizations. It really makes one proud to be an alum at UMaine.

Homecoming weekend in the fall and reunion weekend in the late spring are wonderful times to come back to the campus to renew friendships, see the phenomenal growth of the campus, share memories, and recapture that Maine spirit.

We have so many outstanding grads. Next issue I'll highlight some and share their accomplishments. I certainly would appreciate your dropping me a line so I can share your life.

A way to stay in touch is to support the alumni association with a lifetime membership!

1935

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Dear Classmates,
It is difficult to believe that we graduated over 73 years ago. Time is ticking and my unofficial mailing list shows 53 still-living members. It is time for fourth generation great-grandchildren, and we have heard that a few have arrived. **George Carlisle '86** (honorary degree) reports that he has three already. Now, if you other members would

send me a note telling me about yours (and any other news) we would have something to put in our next column of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*.

This is being written in June but will not reach your mailboxes until sometime in the fall. So, Happy Holidays.

1936

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I have just received from **Gerry Beverage** a very up-beat account of his recovery from a fall last October, which broke five ribs. While he was in a rehabilitation facility, he was given all food, drink, and medications through a tube inserted into his stomach. In March the doctor said he could go home. Gerry decided to have the tube removed so that he could once again eat and drink normally with his friends at Bartlett Woods in Rockland, Maine. He feels fine now, and he is looking forward to having his two children and their families on hand in August to celebrate his 94th birthday.

My brother, Rich, of the Class of 1938, also had a fall last October that broke his hip. He has just given up his walker for a cane.

I went out and bought a cane, which I use whenever I leave my apartment. I also got a booster shot for my previous anti-pneumonia injection, which my doctor says is very necessary for one who is a month away from 95 years of age.

One of my grandchildren finally worked out the best computer schedule for me to fly out to Denver to visit my only great-grandchild. At six months she is livelier than I was led to believe. The moment our eyes met, Electra gave me a broad grin and gurgled a few words in some foreign language. She spent the rest of our time together trying to rip off my glasses.

I have just gotten the word that a second great-grandchild is to be born in January somewhere along the western shore of Lake Tahoe in California.

1937

Audrey Bishop Thibodeau
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Thank you to **Ernie Dinsmore** "the old salt" for writing and sending some news. Ernie was looking forward to his 93rd birthday in early September. Several years ago, Ernie sold his summer place in Whiting, in Maine's Washington County. After two hurricanes damaged his Florida home, he sold it and moved into an assisted living facility in Vero Beach. Ernie doesn't drive a car anymore, but gets around on a scooter, since his spinal stenosis makes walking difficult. Ernie writes that he is in occasional contact with **Hope Wing Weston**. Last fall, Ernie's cousin **Henry True Lowell** passed away in Sun City, Arizona.

Lloyd Buckminster, who married **Irma Brown** and worked for American Optical Company in Southbridge, Massachusetts, retired to Florida more than 25 years ago. After Irma's death, he remained in Florida for a while, and then moved into a retirement complex in Hudson, Wisconsin. His daughter Susan and grandchildren live nearby. At 93, he enjoys good health, plays pool, and exercises twice a week.

1939

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Dear classmates one and all:

The membership folks at the alumni association are very anxious to sign up more lifetime members. With this in mind, I received the names of our classmates who have become our lifetime members. Rather than publicize all four, I have put their names in a hat and have drawn out two. Here they are!
Evangelina Anderson Jackson

and **Charles R. Huntoon**. Bravo to you two and to the other two members who also have followed suit! At our stage of life, doing this shows unfailing optimism, which is to be commended. For membership information, contact: shannoncoiley@umit.maine.edu or call 1-800-934-2586.

This column is being written on a scorching hot day, when thoughts of Maine are hard to come by. However, pictures of a February winter carnival, looking cold and beautiful, have given me the jolt that I needed. How fortunate we were as a class to have been able to enjoy that wonderful time along with all of the other golden days we experienced during our four years at school.

Please remember that I am as close as your email, telephone, or letter, and that I am waiting to hear from you.
All for now,
ELD

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Here at Granite Hill Estates in Augusta we have quite a few UMaine alumni but, unfortunately, no one from our class. It is great for us that the Kennebec Valley Alumni Association has all its monthly luncheon meetings here. We recently had our annual meeting at the Augusta Country Club and enjoyed having Dr. Kennedy as our speaker.

A couple of our classmates have saved me! **Polly Jellison Weatherbee** wrote that she had lunch with **Jim Fitzpatrick** and his wife recently. Jim met his wife, Connor, when he was a captain stationed in London. They will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary in October. Jim and Connor have four children and three grandchildren all living in New England. The Fitzpatricks lived in New Hampshire and were "snow birds" until last year. Now their home is in Sun City Center, Florida. Polly also wrote that she would be coming to Maine this summer to celebrate her



Great-Grandpa

Kenneth Ireland '36 enjoys time with his new great-granddaughter, **Electra**, in Denver back in April.

90th birthday as well as a family reunion in Stonington and Deer Isle. She plans to visit with **Alice Ann Donovan Poeppelmeier** on her way. Alice Ann has some health problems and now lives at 3 Huntington Common Drive, Room 119, Kennebunk, Maine 04043. I am sure she would enjoy hearing from you.

Bill Treat ('90 honorary degree) answered my plea with an email with news of Vivian and himself. Bill had just celebrated his 90th birthday at a party at the Somerset Club in Boston. His children, Dutch and Mary Esther, plus three grandchildren were among the many guests. Bill and Vivian hosted an alumni reunion recently in Naples with about 50 guests, and they visited Orono last year at the annual William S. Cohen lecture event. As I write this in June, the Treats are in New Hampshire after six months in Florida. Bill is working on his fourth book. They both live busy lives and enjoy their homes in Florida and New Hampshire.

Lifetime membership is a great option and our class has five lifetime members. Please join **Wally Beardsell**, **Mary Phelps Dyson**, **Cam Doak Hurford**, **Bill Treat**, and **Phil Wass** in supporting the alumni association by becoming a lifetime member.

I would be so happy to hear from any of you. We have another Reunion in two years—does it seem possible? Please email me or send me a note because I think we all enjoy hearing about our classmates.

Senior Alumni Luncheon
at Homecoming 2008
Friday, October 24

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A Maine Hello to all '41ers! The collage of pictures for Reunion 2008 was certainly attractive; there were pictures of a lobster, blueberries, a moose, lighthouse, and the rockbound coast of Maine—all reminiscent of Maine. Maybe even made you homesick if you're out of state?

On Father's Day our local paper, the *Portland Sunday Telegram*, had a feature article—interviews with prominent Mainers concerning advice they got from their dads. **Meredith Strang Burgess '78** said that her late father, **Walter Strang**, was her hero. She states he taught her everything about nature and wildlife; yet his greatest gift was an awareness of her own ability to succeed and always to be kind to your neighbor—"give a hand up and not a hand out." She has a ceramic plaque in her bathroom which says, "My Dad taught me how to soar." When she sees it every morning and every night, she thinks of him. As we remember in our college days, Walt was a wildlife conservation major, but later studied dentistry and opened an office in



The Senior Alumni's Taverner Scholarship review committee met recently in the Foster Boardroom in Alumni House. Sitting (left to right) are: **Jayne Hanson Bartley '49**, **Jerry Ellis '64**, **Dick Hale '44**, **Jean McIntire White '52**, **Shirley Hathaway Sibley '47**, **Mary-Jane Hoyt Pierce '46**, and **Ruth Fogler Goff '48**. Standing (left to right) are: **Bill Currie '52**, **Dick Sprague '50**, **Dana Devoe '56**, and **Hank Woodbrey '53**. Last year the committee awarded almost \$40,000 in scholarships to 38 deserving nontraditional students. Each applicant for a scholarship must submit a statement on program of study, life experiences, and financial need.



Class of 1943 Celebrates its 65th

In spite of the cool, rainy weather, there was a good turnout for the Class of 1943's 65th Reunion luncheon on May 31 at the Heritage House (formerly Sigma Chi). A good time was had by all.

Camden where he was very active in various civic groups.

Anna Verrill DeMunn wrote that she misses Maine and looks forward to her summer sojourn at South Harpswell. This year will be very special because Anna will be celebrating a new decade and expects all her family to join her for this event. Happy birthday and enjoy! Anna's winter address is: Mrs. Robert DeMunn, 10817 Roundelay Circle, Sun City, Arizona 85351 and in summer, Tide Mill Road, South Harpswell, Maine 04079.

In April the University of Maine School of Performing Arts presented a concert featuring the university's Symphonic Band and the South Portland High School Wind Ensemble at the Merrill Auditorium in Portland. The finale was a rousing rendition of the "Stein Song." There are plans for this to be a yearly event and feature a different musical group from the university. The Portland Alumnae of the University of Maine had as guest speaker Cindy Blodgett '98, outstanding women's basketball player in the late '90s, and now women's basketball coach.

It is with sadness that we learn of the death of **George Nystrom** '47G who became our class president for our 50th Reunion and served our class for 10 years. **Glenna Johnson Smith** sent me **Sally Culberson Nardone's** obituary. At the request of Sally's family, Glenna spoke about Sally at her funeral service because she was the only one present who knew Sally back when,

so she talked about our college days. Our condolences to the families and friends of both classmates! This spring **Gilda Nardone**, Sally's daughter, was nominated by Maine's congressman, Thomas Allen, for the 2008 Women in Business Champion for Maine and later she won the regional version of that award for New England. Gilda is the top executive and has worked for about 30 years for the Maine Centers for Women, Work, and Community. The WWC's direction has been to help women at the start-up phases of their businesses and help them study self-employment and small business development.

There are four classmates who have become lifetime members of the alumni association. Why not join **Will Alford**, **Franklin Dexter**, **Robert Larsson**, and **Paul Mosher** '62G in supporting the alumni association by becoming a lifetime member? For membership information contact the alumni office at 1-800-934-2586. Incidentally, this issue will be sent to every alumnus for whom the office has a current mailing address instead of just members. Here's hoping this effort might bring news from some class members whom we have not heard from. Your classmates are looking forward to your news!

Senior Alumni Luncheon
Homecoming 2008
Friday, October 24

1942

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Our class presented two Distinguished Maine Professor Awards at Reunion in June 2008. **Janice Kristo**, College of Education and Human Development, a renowned authority of children's literature and teacher for 34 years, has helped Maine teachers with their students' needs. **John Vetelino** has been with the College of Engineering for 39 years. He is an internationally recognized authority in many fields including solid state sensors, is a founding member of the Laboratory of Surface Science and Technology, and works with many interdisciplinary projects. Our class congratulates these dedicated faculty members.

Our class has lost a very dedicated supporter. **Paul Beegel** died March 21, 2008. Paul was always there at Wit's End summer reunions or on campus for activities. He always helped whenever we needed financial support. We shall miss his generosity and his dedication.

Florence Cousins Weeks, **Mike Roy**, and **Earl Hodgkins** were at Reunion and reported another wonderful weekend. A reminder to all class members—lifetime mem-

berships are available and to date we have several members. Consider your support of the alumni association by becoming a lifetime member.

The *Bangor Daily News* of April 14, 2008, had a wonderful article about **John Reed** ('60 honorary degree) with the title *A Model of Moderation*. John, you do us proud—not only representing Maine and the nation but our class and the University of Maine.

I am rather short of news this time. My husband, Sam, died May 7, 2008. Many of you know the changes in one's life rise quickly to the surface. Although Sam was not a Maine grad, he adopted our class and enjoyed last year's 65th Reunion so very much.

1943

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Well, here I am again! After 10 years of doing the class notes **Helena Jensen** decided that it was time for someone else to do them. **Preston Rand** suggested my name and **Valerie Mitchell**, who works in the alumni office, called asking me if I would take over the class notes again. I said I would until they could get someone else. I talked with **Helena** and she said she keeps busy. She belongs to a number of groups in the Portland area including the University of Maine Alumnae. She has worked with the Salvation Army camp and a fabric club sponsored by the Elks Club of Portland. Companies and shops from all over New England donate materials for sale. She said people come from all over to buy these materials. **Altrusa** is another group. They do a lot of charitable works.

There were 13 of us at our 65th Reunion. They were **John Chadwick**, **Mary Moynihan Fogler**, **Dorothy Moran Hall**, **Mary Hempstead Hemman**, **Richard Martinez** and his wife **Marie**, **Gladys Clark McLeary**, **Preston Rand** and **Deborah Drinkwater Rand** '44, **Clifford** and **Charlotte Gifford Sinnett**, **Helen Mullen Varnum**, **Clifford West, Jr.**, **Jeanne Patten Whitten** '64G, and yours truly. On Friday we had lunch with the Senior Alumni at the newly renovated Wells Conference Center. On Saturday we had our own class get-together at

the Heritage House (the Sigma Chi House). Cliff and Charlotte arrived with the rain. We all had a very good lunch. There was a short business meeting at which time the class officers were reelected.

The officers are: president/secretary, Preston B. Rand; vice president, Jeanne Patten Whitten; executive committee, **Gordon I. Erikson** and **Edward H. Piper**. (I understand that Ed and **Helen Deering Piper** have moved to Damariscotta to be near their daughter.) Jeanne lives at the Maine Lodge at the Highlands in Topsham. Dottie Hall and I each received a prize for having the most great-grandchildren. We each have 11. Mary Hemman's grandson gave her the gift of the trip to the Reunion as a birthday present. Her family didn't want her to drive to Maine by herself. She had planned to come by bus. The limousine picked her up at her house, took her to the airport, picked her up at the airport on her return, and took her home. I met her in Bangor and she stayed with me. We had not seen each other for quite a while. We had a great time remembering old times. Saturday evening Mary and I went to the gala at Wells Conference Center. Sunday morning breakfast was for all alumni. That is the time awards were given out. No one from our group got any special awards.

At our Saturday luncheon we were given a list of those who have passed away between 2003 and 2008. There were 86 names on it. Since then I have heard of two others. Our deepest sympathies go to the families of **Richard "Dick" Pierce** who died on June 3, 2008, in Farmington, Maine. I didn't know that he was valedictorian of the Class of 1943 at the University of Maine. He was in the war and was captured by the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge and was a prisoner of war for eight months. He received many medals and awards. Also **Priscilla Hardy Bennett** died on June 6, 2008, in Hartford, Connecticut. Priscilla majored in music at Maine and then went on to get a master's degree in elementary education and taught for 25 years in the schools in New Britain, Connecticut.

News for the next column is due the middle of September. Please send information about you and your family.

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Four engineers from the Class of 1944 are also members of the Francis Crowe Society Hall of Fame. The most recent member, **Al Ehrenfried** (far right) was inducted by UMaine engineering dean, **Dana Humphrey** (far left), at the Class of '44 meeting on July 22. Receiving updated Crowe Society medallions at the meeting were **Al McNeilly** (second from right), **Russ Bodwell '47G** (center), and **Charles Stickney** (second from left).

1944

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Membership folks at the alumni association have asked that we mention lifetime membership as an option when renewing your membership this year. Our class lists 12 lifetime members as of now. A few more would be welcomed. If you would like further information, contact the alumni association at: shannon.coiley@umit.maine.edu or call 1-800-934-2586.

Our classmate, **Doris Kilburn Spach**, died peacefully at Wingate Haverhill in Haverhill, Massachusetts, on Sunday, May 11, 2008. Dody and her husband, Bill, who predeceased her, lived in Yarmouth, Maine, and enjoyed many happy summers together at Moosehead Lake. A great lover of books, Dody was a librarian in Oldwick, New Jersey; Topsfield, Massachusetts; and Yarmouth. Our condolences to her surviving son and daughters.

Rhoda Tolford Stone spent three weeks at Peaks Island, Maine, this summer. She was looking forward to her great-niece's wedding on July 12 at the Inn of Peaks. We look forward to seeing Rhoda each summer when she comes north from

Sarasota.

Joe and I see **Pete Farnum** here and there around Yarmouth. Last time, he and Edie had just returned from Naples, Florida, where they had spent a few weeks last spring house-sitting for a dear friend from Freeport.

In May, **Anita (H) and Charlie Stickney** had a super grand party by their pool at Cutter House in Yarmouth to celebrate their 60th anniversary. They invited many friends from the Portland area, as well as skiing buddies from a group they ski with each winter in the European Alps. There were UMaine classmates: **Al** and **Edie Anne Young Hutchinson '48**, **Pete Farnum** and **Edie**, and **Joe** and me. We also saw **Ralph Gould '45** from Auburn whom we had not connected with for years. A great party for a wonderful occasion!

Al McNeilly, our class agent, continues to give to the university. His mentoring and encouragement of the Class of 2010, now beginning their junior year, has inspired them to plan and to fund an important campus improvement, The Traditions Trail. Al's time and work with this class is suggesting to other alumni to adopt new classes as they come along and encourage them to give to the university in the tradition of the Class of '44.

Our class had its annual summer reunion in July at the Bear's Den in

Orono.

Keep those cards and letters coming!

1945

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"What is so rare as a day in June?" As this column is being written, the lilacs are blooming, perfuming the air and beautifying our landscape! They are ever so welcome!

One snowy day last winter I was delighted to receive a call from **Sally Lockett Taylor** who has lived most of her life since Orono days in Connecticut, where she and her husband raised and educated their son and two daughters. She did graduate work at the University of Indiana, and became a botany professor at Connecticut College. At Orono, she took part in the accelerated program, attending school year round and graduating in 1943! Unfortunately, her husband has passed away, but she continues to volunteer at the college's arboretum. (Sally, you are one in a million!) How about planning to come to our upcoming 65th Reunion. We'd love to see you!

A recent call from **Alice Maney McFarland's** daughter, **Martha McFarland Williams '70**, alerted me to a major omission on my part. Alice passed away in the spring of '07 after a lengthy illness. (It happened when I had hand surgery and I seem to have neglected mentioning it to you.)

Alice married while still a student, went back to complete her degree once the children were grown, and accepted a job at SMVTI. She became very well known in our field and taught nutrition.

I've met many a person who trained under Alice and they each recalled her great disposition. I will long remember Alice as coming to be my first assistant at Osteopathic Hospital of Maine (OHM) back in the 1960s and what a blessing she was! In fact I recommended her to take over my position when I left OHM in 1966. She was a lovely and good natural dietitian and a great mom as well. She's lovingly remembered. I'm so sorry for my oversight and delighted Martha brought it to my attention.

This is one of the most difficult parts of this position—to keep you abreast of our losses. This time I must also tell you of two other recent losses, **Bill Bunnell** in April, and **Julia “Pat” Holmes Maines**. Bill was living in Windham at the time.

Pat and John '40 had five children. When their eldest son, Steve '66, wanted a canoe, John brought a worn-out one from the barn and helped him take it apart. He guided him in building one for himself from the one they took apart, building the new one from the old frame as a pattern—what a proud young man he was of that! And when they wanted a tennis court John measured off an area across from the driveway, and Steve and John ordered the necessary components.

They used to take an annual canoe trip down the Aroostook River each summer! Imagine seven laughing yet serious canoers in that fast stream—and they cooked their own meals along the way.

I was visiting Pat one winter afternoon when daughter Linda Maines Rollins '69 announced as she came in from school, “We’re having a hay ride tomorrow and I want to make a pair of slacks to wear!”

Pat opened a closet door and pulled out a folded piece of warm wool fabric and passed it to Linda saying, “Go to it, honey!” And off she went to make these slacks in the next two and a half hours! I was amazed! The next time I talked to her I asked, “Did Linda get those slacks made for the hayride that time?” She said, “Oh, yes, but I did hem them for her as she ate her supper!” What a great family they were and will continue to be—they still get together each Thanksgiving! A happy and loving family!

Pat was such a happy next-door neighbor at Balentine Hall our freshman year! There were three of us on the east end of Balentine. I was in the center, Pat was on my left, and **Jo Clark Meloon** on the right. We all enjoyed one another and never lost touch in all those 63 years!

Jo Clark Meloon was the one I called as soon as I saw Pat’s obit—as they have always been very close and we had a nice chat. However, Jo had a mini stroke last December. She’s recuperated well, but still has an issue with an ankle. Her daughter and granddaughter are a blessing to her! She and I are both looking forward to 2010—our 65th Reunion!

Recently I looked up classmate

Lincoln Fish and he brought me up to date on his life. He taught math at the University of Southern Maine for many years. Linc said he built a summer home for his family Down East where he came from, and they all spend the summers there. He and his family still live in town.

What a surprise I’ve had to find two classmates from our freshman year here! We seem to pop up like dandelions! Richard Innes '44 showed outstanding slides in our library of constant upgrading of the Appalachian Trail up to Mt. Katahdin where they also built a new bunkhouse. Dick and his wife did a great deal of mountain climbing as a family and have such wonderful memories. He offered slide shows of many trips they took together.

Willard Moulton '48, '50G moved here a few months after I did. Willard lived in Sebago Lake Village, that is actually a part of Standish, and I lived at the totally opposite end of Sebago on the Bridgton line!

It’s always a great feeling to bring our classmates together and I had that opportunity several months ago. One day in April as I was sitting outside waiting to be picked up by **John Wilbur** and Sue Ashton York-Wilbur '56, Willard came by and sat down to chat. Soon John and Sue arrived and John and Willard had not seen one another for many years. I reintroduced them and they were delighted to find one another again, and filled with “remember whens.”

Finally John said, “Willard, we’re on our way to Falmouth to meet **Barkley** and Libby Tufts Goodrich '49 and Bev Knudson (**Jack’s** widow) for lunch together at The Galley. How about joining us?” Willard said, “I think I’d really like that.” So off we went—and we had so much fun reconnecting and remembering so many things we had enjoyed over 60 years ago. Those years simply peeled off rapidly and we were all kids again! The conversation did not lag! After, we drove over to Barkley and Lib’s home and we all enjoyed a wonderful afternoon together—what a delightful way to start our summer!

On a whim, I placed a call to a former classmate I hadn’t even spoken with for nearly five years and what a joy it was to hear her voice. **Pat Dewever Flagg** still lives in Connecticut. They left Bangor in the 1960s and moved to New Haven, Connecticut. Pat and her husband bought a local newspaper, and she and her daughter are still keeping it going! Forty-plus years! That’s quite

an endeavor for you, Pat. In the meantime she has lost both her husband and son but she and her daughter continue to publish every week. Pat, you really should consider returning for our 65th Reunion in June in Orono! Everyone will be delighted to see you!

Last week Joanne Bodwell Ferreira '73 stopped by the gardens where my daughter Cindy works in Bridgton and they made arrangements for **Barb Higgins Bodwell** and me to have a day together. I think Barb and I have managed to get together at some time every year since our graduation! Joanne lives in Bridgton and my daughter works there. Truly a charming small town—with skiing all winter and wonderful lakeside cottages in summer.

Oh, yes, how did I get a name like “Charlie?” By chance, actually, during freshman year in 1941—when we came back to Balentine for lunch. The All Maine Woman assigned to our table for eight was Jo Blake '42! Every noon as she introduced us, she did fine with **Connie Carter**, **Gerry Keenan**, Pat Holmes, Jo Clark, **Becky Bowden** '64G, Pat Dewever, and **Barbara Maynard**.

But when she came to me her mind went blank! And I would sheepishly say, “Carolyn Chaplin.” To me it was an ordinary name but to Jo B it was forgettable until about the fourth day and she suddenly pointed her finger at me saying, “from now on you’re Charlie Chaplin!”

And it has stuck now for 67 years! And I’m delighted with it, as I’d never had a nickname before! Even Pearl Greene (professor of home economics) and Prexy Hauck called me Charlie (with a chuckle!).

I’ve loved that name and no one forgets it anymore! My grandfather John Milton Chaplin was born in England, came over to the U.S. as a young man, and always insisted, “Charlie Chaplin and I are cousins.” Grandpa was also very short (5’5”) and had a funny walk. I’m delighted to finally have a name no one will ever forget!

I hope you had a great summer and do call or write to me any news you have about you and your family, as well as friends you saw through the summer.

Have a happy fall, wherever you are!

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1946

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Happy fall, Class of '46! Please let us know what’s happening so we can have a newsy column for the next issue. You must have done something interesting this past summer that you could tell us about! Looking forward to hearing from you.

1947

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I haven’t received any news from classmates, so we don’t have a column for this issue. Please send a note or pick up the phone and call so we can include information about your doings—travels, grandchildren, a new address, or anything else. This column is about you—so you need to share your news. We want to hear from you! Enjoy the fall!

1948

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A big Maine Hello to all of our classmates. We have just returned from our 60th Reunion and are once again filled with the spirit of Maine—the college of our hearts, always. The weatherman was uncooperative, but we managed to slosh around and had a good time seeing each other and getting reacquainted. Twenty-four persons made the trek, and some brought their spouses along. **Alice Fonseca Haines** brought her granddaughter, Amanda, Class of 2004. Those of us who attended our 55th Reunion

were happy to see Amanda again, as she had been the student assigned, at that time, to keep us happy and guide us in the proper direction. We were pleased to learn that she would be getting married in July and would continue to live and work in Maine.

We were saddened to learn that we have lost 68 members of our class since our last Reunion in 2003. Of course, this is normal progression for our age group, but it does make our hearts a little heavy.

We had our luncheon at the Sigma Chi (now Heritage) House, which was a great location and also attractive. Door prizes were awarded to **Lancy Carter Bradshaw** for having the oldest grandchild, **Ed Hall** for having the most great-grandchildren, and to **Conrad Beaulieu** for having the most unusual occupation. We collected notes from many of the attendees and we will save them for future columns.

It was determined at the meeting that **Ruth Fogler Goff** will continue as class agent. Ruth is back in Bangor after a brief move to Eddington. She says it is like coming home, as she had lived in Bangor for many years. Lancy Carter Christie Bradshaw, our cocorrespondent, informed us that the town of Pittsfield changed the number of her house. It is now 202 Birchwood Terrace. **Barbara Sullivan Knowlton**, cocorrespondent, is still at 16 Lloyd Road in Waterville. We were presented with a Class of 1948



Getting together in the Allain Library of the Buchanan Alumni House during Reunion 2008 are 1948 classmates (left to right): **Lancy Carter Bradshaw** (standing), **Aletha Meade Blackmore**, **Barbara Sullivan Knowlton**, and **Millie Morris Stengel**.

financial report, and we are solvent. Our scholarship fund is being handled by the UMaine Foundation and the income is used to provide scholarship assistance to academically meritorious students. First preference shall be given to descendants of the Class of '48. Selection is made by the office of student aid, and the money is administered by this office. We strongly urge you to send donations for these scholar-

ships, when, and whatever you are able. Also the alumni association reminds us that a lifetime membership is a great option, and our class has only seven lifetime members. Please join **Lois "Toni" Doescher Atkins** and **Harvey Lacombe, Jr.** '54G in supporting the alumni association by becoming a lifetime member. Just contact the alumni association at: shannon.coiley@umit.maine.edu or

call 1-800-934-2586 for more information.

We are happy to announce that **Charles E. Bradford** and his wife, **Marilyn Capen Bradford**, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at their home in Bel Air, Maryland. Congratulations—how lucky you are. They have two children and five grandchildren.

We also received news that **Bruce Kinney** '52G of Rockland, Maine, has been awarded the most prestigious AARP Andrus Award for Community Service. This recognition is given annually to one recipient in each state. It is for volunteers who have contributed their time and efforts "to enhance the lives of members and their families and address community concerns in Maine." Bruce says, "I was happy to receive this award. With volunteering you can put as much time and effort into it as you want, and the personal benefits are great. I know the work that I do helps older Mainers have a better life." Congratulations, Bruce, from all of your classmates and fellow volunteers.

That's it for now, but be sure to catch our column in the next issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* to get the news from several of our peers. Hope the summer was good to you, and keep well.

Don't miss the Senior Alumni Luncheon—Friday, October 24. Call 207-581-ALUM for details.



The Class of 1948 celebrated its 60th Reunion on May 31 at the Heritage House (formerly Sigma Chi).

1949

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I'm sorry to report that **Rosemarie "Jinx" Gagnon Hallsey** is unable to do our column. She did a great job after **Dorothy Averill Hawkes** died, and I thank her for her work. However, we're now without a secretary. I would so like someone to volunteer. It'll be until our Reunion next spring before we have an election of officers.

Did you hear me say "Reunion?" Ah, yes, can you believe we youthful, agile, enthusiastic souls will celebrate our 60th in 2009! As your class prexy, I am working with the alumni office to start planning. Your class officers—v.p. **Lexy Carter**, treasurer **Evy Ellsworth Dearborn** '86G, class agent **Arnie Davis**, plus **Fred Knight**, **Thelma Crossland Robie**, **Bruce Folsom**, and **Vance Dearborn** '69G met in July at the Buchanan Alumni House to start the ball rolling. If you have any suggestions on how to make this a memorable occasion, please contact me. We'll need lots of help so don't be shy!

I went to some events for this year's Reunion. How proud we are of Arnie Davis, who received a Block "M" Award. Arnie has been outstanding in so many ways—as an undergraduate, he was a member of the Pale Blue Key Club, Phi Eta Kappa, Maine Christian Association, Aggie Club, a letter winner in three sports, and a Senior Skull.

An aggie major, Arnie had a great career in his field. He was Maine's Outstanding Farmer, and the one to introduce baked stuffed potatoes at Alford with some of the profits going to athletics.

His allegiance to Maine is evidenced by his holding season tickets to UMaine football, women's and men's basketball, hockey, and baseball. Traveling from Washburn has never kept him from attending games or passing out his infamous "my card." Arnie and his wife, Joyce, a nurse, have three children, all UMaine grads.

Continuing contact with the alumni association can be even better with a lifetime membership in the alumni association. At this point we only have 20 who have joined this elite group who wholeheartedly support our college. Thelma



Honoring A Black Bear Superfan

Alumni association chair, John Rohman '68 (left), presents a Block "M" Award to Arnie Davis '49. Accepting the award along with Arnie is his wife, Joyce. Arnie has been a loyal, lifelong UMaine sports fan and holds season tickets for Black Bear football, baseball, hockey, and men's and women's basketball. He attends games regularly, which may not sound extraordinary until you consider this: it's a three-hour trip, one way, from his home in Washburn.

Arnie is also a loyal and active '49 class member. He has served as class president and is currently the class agent. And attending the university is a tradition in the Davis family—all three of Arnie's children are UMaine graduates.

Crossland Robie and I belong and hope you'll join us.

For the last few years **Marian Stanley Burns** has graciously invited '49ers to enjoy a special pre-season overnight at her B and B, Mira Monte, in Bar Harbor. Since I couldn't attend, I asked Thelma to report.

She wrote, "What a lovely time we had at Mira Monte in May. Marian Stanley Burns was our gracious hostess as in recent years. This was in conjunction with the Maine Innkeepers Hospitality for Habitat for Humanity program.

"The weather was great, the fellowship very nice, the inn and garden beautiful. The food, as usual, was outstanding! Those breakfasts are always a major treat for everyone.

"In addition to Marian, those attending were Evelyn Dearborn, **Mary Wiswell Libby**, Vance Dearborn, Fred Robie '53, **Barbara**

Thompson York, and Thelma Crossland Robie. Thanks, Marian!"

Later this summer I will be joining Mary Hastings Dumas '51 and Bruce Folsom, **John and Jane Hastings Folsom**, **Jean Cunningham Jackson**, and maybe others at Bruce's camp on Mousam Lake. Hopefully, I'll get some news of our class.

I part with these words—plan ahead for our Reunion, write me your news, become a lifetime member of the alumni association, and if you see Arnie, say "Congratulations!"

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1950

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Am sure that when you read this column, the trees will be sporting their brilliant fall foliage, while luscious apples, pears, and pumpkins will be available for your pleasure in farmers' markets. Nonetheless, I have just returned from Reunion 2008 in Orono and am still basking in the afterglow of a truly superb weekend. Though there were raindrops here and there, our spirits were high and the sun "shone" upon us all! We were delighted to note that there were many classmates sporting their handsome lifetime membership pins—complete with a golden "M"—and want to take a quick moment to urge you to support the association by becoming a lifetime member. Actually, our class boasts 38 such members including **Maggie Mollison McIntosh** '52G, **Dorothy Lord Hopkins**, **Henry and Marjorie Higbee Saunders** (H), **Dick and Flo Maddocks Fairfield**, and **Doug and Joyce Wilson Morton**; we all urge you to join them in this great option for membership by contacting the alumni office via: shannon.coiley@umit.maine.edu or calling 1-800-934-2586.

Many of our numbers stayed at The University Inn on College Avenue—a great spot overlooking the smooth flowing Stillwater River; we all reminisced a bit at the location—for in "our day" the property housed The Elms, a cooperative dorm for women students. Remember? The class assembled Saturday morning for a very moving memorial service at Buchanan Alumni House honoring 29 members of our class who have died since June of 2007; of that number, 27 were veterans of World War II. The service, conducted by **Alton "Hoppy" Hopkins**, was made even more meaningful because of the presence of a Color Guard of the Marine Corps Training Center stationed in Topsham, and the splendid speech presented by Major Brian D. Wirtz, officer in charge of the center. He thanked the veterans of the Greatest Generation whose bravery and patriotism so positively impacted this new generation of proud volunteer members of the military who have answered the call to

service. He noted that active members of the military as well as current veterans of this conflict are well trained in the many new and innovative strategies including problem-solving techniques, diplomacy, tactical patience, and interactive methods, to name just a few. We stood in awe of the excellence and patriotism we experienced—

Immediately following the service, Dick Fairfield and **George Gray** announced the names of the recipients of the Greatest Generation Award for 2008. **Baxter C. Walker** of Hancock was a heroic medic with the 10th Mountain Division stationed in Italy during World War II. Baxter's expertise as a skier facilitated missions both in the Battle of Mount Belvedere and the Battle of the Po Valley; the goal of that battle was to bring Yugoslavian leader Marshall Tito out of the northern Italian Alps—and that mission was accomplished!

Raymond C. Humes of Catonsville, Maryland, was a crewmember of a B-24 aircraft flying missions over Germany, Hungary, and the Balkans. His plane was shot down in a bombing raid over Yugoslavia and he was a prisoner of war for over 13 months.

It was our privilege to present the award to Baxter during the program conducted in the Treat Room of the Buchanan Alumni House, and to meet his proud family who was present to share in the joy of the day. It was not possible for Ray to be with us because of physical problems, and thus his award was sent to Catonsville with our love and very best wishes. We all gathered in the '50 lounge for a champagne toast at the conclusion of the program—and to "salute" all of our honored classmates whose names are on the Greatest Generation plaque on the second floor of the alumni house. We will be making the next Greatest Generation Award(s) next June at Reunion 2009, recognizing the valor and bravery of classmates during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Classmates may request an application for consideration from the award's cochairman Dick Fairfield, 36 Walnut Street, Barrington, Rhode Island 02806. If you have any questions, please contact Dick at (401) 248-1065 or dickf36@juno.com.

Brother **Bill Bodwell** and wife, Jan Marston Bodwell '55, were able to come for the services from Brunswick as well as **Dick Marston** (who is Jan's brother), Sharon and **George Gonyar**, **Floyd** and Dor-



The Greatest Generation

Baxter C. Walker '50 accepted the Greatest Generation Award at Reunion 2008 on May 31. The award recognizes the valor and bravery of Class of 1950 members who served in World War II, Korea, or Vietnam.

Baxter was a medic with the 10th Mountain Division in Italy during World War II. He was involved in both the Battle of Mount Belvedere and the Battle of Po Valley, a battle which allowed Yugoslavian leader Marshall Tito to move out of the Italian Alps.

Also receiving a Greatest Generation Award was Raymond Humes '50. Ray was a crew member of a B-24 that was shot down over Yugoslavia during World War II. He was captured and held as a prisoner of war for 13 months.

The award presentations followed a class memorial service honoring the 27 veterans who died this past year. The service was conducted by Al "Hoppy" Hopkins and featured the Topsham Marine Color Guard.

othy **Smith**, **Caroline Strong**, and **Harold** '54G and **Priscilla Roberts Chapman** '73G. It was a moving set of ceremonies and how pleased and proud we were of the excellence that surrounded us all! Although it was raining outside, the sun "shone" upon us all in the Treat Room; Maggie noted to us that the furnishings in the room were donated by the family of our own **Jim McBrady**.

We are also happy to let you know that three of our classmates were honored at the alumni awards brunch on Sunday morning at the newly refurbished Wells Conference Center. **Dottie Butler Marsden** received the 2008 Alumni Career Award in recognition of her outstanding achievements in and dedication to the field of early childhood

education. The award is the most prestigious honor given by the university to a graduate—and we fairly burst our buttons in pride that our Dottie was so honored! Though husband, **Irv** '56G, couldn't be in Maine because of illness, there were many family members in attendance—and we were delighted for all! Dick and Flo Maddocks Fairfield were awarded one of the four Block "M" Awards in recognition of their outstanding leadership and participation in local alumni events, class activities, and programs sponsored by the UMAA. Dick and Flo have worked mighty hard for us through the years and we congratulate this "dynamic duo"—our wonderful classmates! And then we saw that **Len Minsky** has been elected to a

second three-year term on the alumni association board. The Class of '50 continues to excel!

The summer meeting of the class was held on Thursday, the 7th of August at the Cumberland Club in Portland. We conducted the business of the class—and made preliminary plans for Reunion 2010—which will be our 60th! Can you believe that? We considered possible class gifts and the logistics of a class trip down Memory Lane—observing and remembering the university and environs as it was—and as it now is. If you have any thoughts along this line, please be in touch at the above address with your suggestions. We shall keep you informed!

The family of **Mary Whitcomb Stover** had an 80th birthday party for her on the 26th of April at her home at 4840 Lemon Bay Drive, South Venice, Florida 34293. Am sure it was a gala party—with many reminiscences of her wonderful life with husband, **Putt** '51. And oh, I shall always remember our undergraduate days when she and Putt drove around the campus in his Model T Ford convertible, waving to one and all with great joy! I was fortunate enough to ride in the rumble seat on several occasions. Fantastic—those good ole days!

Please write of your comings and goings. Would love to hear from you! My love, Ruthie

1951

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In June **Bryce** and Joan **Bayer** and I attended a dinner meeting of the reactivated Merrymeeting Bay U of M Alumni at the Kennebec Tavern in Bath. The name has now been changed from Merrymeeting to Midcoast Maine Alumni Association to better reflect the area from Yarmouth to Damariscotta. A large crowd gathered to welcome President and Mrs. Kennedy and hear an update on the recent accomplishments and plans for the future at Orono. I hope to see more members of the Class of '51 at Midcoast Maine Alumni Association events.

Bryce was a senior research associate at Eastman Kodak before retiring. He and Joan live in

Brunswick.

Twenty-nine members of our class are lifetime members of the University of Maine Alumni Association. Please consider joining **Woody Beach, Clair Shirley**, and me in supporting the alumni association by becoming a lifetime member. It helps the university, and it's one less thing we have to remember to do each year.

As I write, 23 folks have signed up for the lobster picnic, and more reservations are expected. News of that event will appear in the next column. If you were unable to attend, write or email your personal news. Your classmates would like to hear from you.

1952

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As I start putting this report together, spring is in full swing and we are certainly ready for it! **Al** and I just returned from an Elderhostel (cycling), and a trip with 50 others from Charleston to Baltimore on the Inland Waterway, plus two days with our former AFS student (30 years ago) and family in Silver Spring, so we got a taste of spring two weeks early!

A recent email from our class president, **Bill Currie**, told of his attendance at the University of Maine Alumni Association's Reunion where he completed a two-year term as president of the Senior Alumni. Bill had previously been secretary, second vice president, and first vice president. He will continue to serve on the finance and scholarship committees. He has also been informed that he will be the 2008 chapter honoree of the Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine. Nice going, Bill. We are fortunate to have a class member fulfilling these duties and you certainly deserve the honor.

We attended the "kickoff" dinner for the Midcoast Maine Alumni group, which has recently been "Re-constituted, Re-energized, and Revitalized." Eighty alums and guests gathered for dinner and festivities in Bath. President and Mrs. Kennedy joined us and the president gave a very upbeat talk of what is happening on the campus. If you are inter-



Class of 1950 members Richard and Flora Maddocks Fairfield received a Block "M" Award at Reunion 2008 for their outstanding service to their class and UMaine alumni activities. Among their many contributions, both have served as officers in their local alumni chapter as well as on their class's executive committee.

ested in an update you can visit the web site: universityadvocacy.org/umaine or call (207) 581-3571. In April I had a call from **Paul Judkins** who responded to my earlier request in this column for an address. Paul and Cynthia are in Florida during the winter months and return to the Farmington area in the spring. They are planning to renew an old acquaintance with **Frank Kace** and his wife this summer.

John LaFlamme had a big 80th birthday bash put on by his kids (Michele, Peter, and Anne). It was held on Saturday, March 8th, at the Litchfield Restaurant in Wells, which about 75 or so attended. The next day, Sunday, March 9th, a brunch was held at Allison's Restaurant in Kennebunkport with about 45 in attendance. **Bill and Harriet Johnson Currie** were invited to attend both, along with **Jack Merry** from Hellertown, Pennsylvania.

Laurence Park was recently named the Maine Outstanding Tree Farmer for 2008 as well as the Aroostook County honor. He estimates he has planted around 27,000 trees on his 320-acre farm. A Maine Tree Farm Field Day was held during the summer for the public to tour. His 100-acre woodlot is managed for multiple use including snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, hiking, and woodlot tours for schools and others.

Perry Hunter was mentioned as a participant at an event in Deer Isle called "Men who Cook," which benefits the Seamark Workshop Scholarship Fund. Perry won second prize for his loaf of bread which, according to an unnamed source, took 18 hours. At the end of the evening an uneaten loaf of Perry's bread was auctioned off for an additional \$20! This function was reported in the *Ellsworth American*.

The Class of '52 has 33 lifetime members. Please join **Bill and Harriet Johnson Currie, Fran Smart Trefts, Bill and Dorrie Mayne Lindquist**, and others in supporting the alumni association by

becoming members. (You may contact the alumni office by logging on to: mainealumni.org and clicking on membership or calling 1-800-934-2586.)

1953

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"Life is but a dream." No, it's not! Who said that? I remember. It's a children's song, "Row, row, row your boat." But life is also "Reality" with a capital "R." It hits home every time you check your bank account, your mail, your gas gauge, your oil gauge, your mirror—and the list goes on.

So here I write. It's summer, just beautiful (even when it rains). But I'd rather be out on the ocean, with my face to the wind and the sun. (I'll even settle for a canoe and calm waters.) You should have seen me last weekend at the family camp in Casco, Maine. It was morning and I was standing up in my son-in-law's boat, pj's and all, steering, going full speed ahead up the middle of the lake (90 hp motor). Nobody around.

I wasn't reckless, really. I could see all around and had plenty of spot-ers. I've never done that before and I would never do this alone. My grandchildren looked at me in amazement as we were shouting to those left on the shore.

Enough. Here's the latest '53 news. (Remember this is June and you're reading this in the fall.)

Our 55th Reunion was truly a wonderful mini-vacation: Two nights at the Bar Harbor Inn and two nights at UMaine. Who could ask for more? I relished every minute of it (except for a money crisis). Nothing shy about me, as I stood in line in Bar Harbor for the trolley ride and lobster roll after, and yelled out if anyone would lend me some money. Thanks, classmates.

I know there were 23 of us voting on money matters Saturday and others who couldn't make it to Orono after their stay in Bar Harbor. And then you count spouses, etc. So here are the ones who went (to Bar Harbor, or Orono, or both): **Helen Strong Hamilton** (and her sister, Caroline Strong '50); **Woody '54G** and **Jean Grindle Carville '54**, **Hank and Dawn Miller Woodbrey**, **Bob '62G** and Annunziata "Nancy" Hunter, Claude and **Ann Twombly Bonang**, **Beverly Finney Aker**, **Shirley Stillings Keene**, **Ruth Mitchell Hartley**, **Doris Ramsay Smith**, **Carol Prentiss Mower**, **Ted and Marietta Tocci**, **Ray Robbins**, **Peggy Given White**, **Edd Johnston** and **Jean Boddy-Johnston '88G**, **Ron Bishop**, **Duncan '60G** and **Gerry Judkins Cameron '57**, **Dave and Marcia Beppler**; **Dave and Dee Field**, **Bob and Pat McTaggart**, **Isabelle Stearns Foss**, **Edith Snow Cole**, **Jean Dolloff Kreizinger**, **Tom Laskey**, **Fred and Thelma Crossland Robie '49**, **Al Smith**, **Roman "Whitey" and Phyllis White**, **Bill Donnell**, **Jane Mitchell Waltz**, and myself. If I left anyone out, or put anyone in that wasn't there, please forgive me.

The Bar Harbor Inn was fabulous—Wednesday night we met in the inn's lobby and decided to eat at the nearby Rinehart Wonder View Restaurant, the former Mary Roberts Rinehart estate, overlooking the bay and islands. It was relaxing—had a great time. Thursday night we joined the Class of '58 (thanks for having us) at Bar Harbor Lobster Bakes in Halls Cove, three miles from downtown Bar Harbor. The lobsters were steamed in a large cylindrical pot and the corn was dipped in a tall container of melted butter. Had never seen it done that

way before. (My mouth is watering as I write.)

The Thursday morning two and a half-hour trolley ride to the top of Cadillac Mountain and around the island was delightful, because our driver, Santo Petruzzello, made it so. He was funny, he was great, and you could hear his every word. He even rated the three restroom facilities we were stopping at and said we had 15 minutes at each scenic place. If we were late by one minute, we'd have to sing; by five, we'd have to dance; by 10 we'd have to sing and dance; and 15? We'd be left behind. (Or something like that.) He couldn't recommend places to eat, but he told us places where he and his wife ate, and one of those, with him in line, was the Lobster Claw by the waterfront. Informal to say the least, with hardly a place to sit, but that lobster roll couldn't have been better.

Back in Orono there was a campus tour and Dining with Distinction. On Saturday morning, we went to the Carville's home in Orono, and it was Breakfast, Jean Carville, with a capital "B." (Jean insisted it wasn't.) She and Woody, in spite of the rain, treated us to a filled dining room buffet at their spacious home with its flowers, gardens, groomed lawns, and winding porches and decks. Food and drink just kept appearing. But best of all was the rhubarb, cooked and sweetened just right. May I have some more, please?

Incidentally, Woody Carville has a change in his email address: jcarville@verizon.net.

Helen was helpful and emailed me some of the following information regarding Saturday's luncheon.

President Robert Kennedy and his wife, Dr. Mary E. Rumpho-Kennedy, were made honorary members of our class, the Class of 1953. Welcome! We're honored and it's wonderful you're part of our history.

At the business meeting, the following officers were elected for the next five years: Helen Strong Hamilton, president; Linwood L. Carville, vice president; Isabelle Stearns Foss, secretary; **Nancy Schott Plaisted**, class correspondent; and Carol Prentiss Mower, treasurer. On the executive committee: **Fred Hutchinson '58G**, **Frank Pickering**, Doris Ramsay Smith, Peggy Given White, Edd Johnston, Al Smith, **George Weatherbee**, **Trudy Harriman Metzger**, Dawn Miller Woodbrey and Hank Woodbrey. Tom Laskey is class agent. As Helen wrote: "We invite



Honoring UMaine's President and First Lady

Robert Kennedy and Mary Rumpho-Kennedy were made honorary members of the Class of 1953 during the class's Reunion luncheon on May 31 in the Bear's Den. Class president, Helen Strong Hamilton (left), made the presentation.

any classmate who would like to join the committee to please let Helen know at:
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At Saturday's Reunion luncheon the Class of 1953 made a gift of \$1,000 to jump-start the Class of 2008 toward their initial effort at

fund-raising for their efforts to endow the upkeep of the Wingate Bell now newly located on the lawn of Buchanan House. Libby Tyler, president of the Class of '08, spoke at the Reunion luncheon to thank the Class of 1953 for the gift and presented the class with a beautifully framed photo of the bell. The photograph has been given to the Buchanan House manager for proper placement in the building.

Many thanks to Emily Cain '02, coordinator of advancement of the Honors College at Colvin Hall, and state representative, who spoke at the luncheon on the expansion of the Honors College and about renovations to the building. The Class of 1953 gave a gift of \$100,000 to the Honors program at the 50th Reunion.

Danny Williams '91, '94G, planned giving officer of the University of Maine Foundation, made a return guest appearance at the luncheon with his inimitable skill in storytelling, in Maine dialect, on the toils of "Hubert." He also had a couple of humorous spoonerisms—"Rinderella" and "The Pee Little Thrigs." Thanks, Danny, for making us smile, and thanks, Emily, for being so patient.

This year's recipient of the 1953 scholarship fund is Matthew Penny, a senior journalism major from Orono (\$2,862 award).

The Sapphire Celebration on Saturday night with the alumni



Thomas Laskey '53 was presented with a Black Bear Award at Reunion 2008 on June 1. Tom has served as '53 class agent since 1998. An Old Town native, he also established a scholarship for Penobscot County students attending the University of Maine.

Reunion reception held previous, with its wall-to-wall hors d'oeuvres and music of Jim Frick, in the newly renovated Wells Conference Center, was something! What a transformation of Wells Commons! And the entertainment! Little did I know, and most everyone else, what the entertainment would be. Even when the first waiter, French, who sang so beautifully, walked by our table, and I asked how old and how long he'd been working at the university, he said he was 39 and had been a waiter for the past nine months, I believed him. How gullible can one be? As it was, The Three Waiters, John T., Kyle, and Adam, who bantered singing, were straight from a group of many professional theatrical "waiters" in New York. (More than 70 performers work for The Three Waiters worldwide.) And they, with their affected French, German, and Italian accents, live right here in the states.

Sunday's all alumni Reunion buffet breakfast and awards ceremony also took place at the conference center. With a number of new large screens placed strategically around the room so all could see, it was a wonderful improvement. And classmate Tom Laskey, we're proud of you for receiving the 2008 Black Bear Award "For devotion and loyalty to the highest traditions of the University of Maine." Congratulations!

It was a great Reunion! I plan to be around for our 60th. Hope you can be there, too.

I was just talking to Nancy and Bob Hunter and they mentioned a Tauck Tour they're taking in September for three weeks, going by way of South Dakota, Phoenix, etc. Bob, an engineer, wants to see Hoover Dam (completed in 1936) and mentioned its chief engineer, a UMaine grad by the name of Frank Crowe. I had my grandsons look up Crowe, a 1905 civil engineering grad, born in 1882 in Tremontville, Quebec, who died February 26, 1946. So, Crowe was 54 at the dam's completion and died at 64, 10 years later. They also hope to see Bette Midler while in Vegas. Nancy also mentioned that our classmate Ray Robbins sent her some mussels from West Tremont, after Nancy saw Duncan Cameron's wife, Gerry, making a design out of them at dinner Thursday night in Bar Harbor. Nancy works at the Portland Head Light gift shop. I can see the wheels turning.

Carlton Lowery wrote from his home in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, saying he was sorry that he and his

wife, Loretta, couldn't make it up to Maine for Reunion. He did send photos of the both of them and their beautiful flower gardens. However, they do plan to go to their cottage at Grand Lake, in Orient, Maine, for the month of August. He said he didn't think there would be many at Reunion who would know him, unless there was someone from Phi Gamma Delta from 1949-1955. But I remember you. So I called and we chatted for quite a while. Originally from Monticello, Maine (in Aroostook County, some 120 miles north of Bangor and about 45 miles south of Presque Isle), Carlton was an agricultural economics major. He said he went to Higgins Classical Institute (no longer there) in Charles-town, Maine.

Carlton was an instructor in the Army Air Defense for 23 years and retired in 1975 as a lieutenant colonel. He got his teacher's certificate in the Huntsville, Alabama, school system and taught mainly the sciences. He started in middle school and ended up at the high school. He said Huntsville also has a technical school and that it's his "pep thing." In December 1994, after teaching 17 1/2 years, he retired. They sold their home in Huntsville, bought a lot, drew up plans, and he got himself a contractor's license. Building began in November 1995, right after Hurricane Opal, and was completed the following July.

Carlton said he's turned his lawnmower in to Caring and Sharing, a charitable organization, the third lawnmower he's turned over. He's also turned in "weed eaters and edgers, and the shrub and hedge trimmers," he said. "I turn in about two or three a year and claim the deduction."

He said I wrote about him in '93 or '94, and mentioned that he sent a photo of them and their dog, Maggie, sitting on a rock at their East Grand Lake cottage. I said, "Oh, yes, I remember the dog." He laughed at my remembering the dog, not them. Now they have "Zipper" who's 10. I must have asked if they were flying to Maine. "No," he said, "Zipper is the reason we're driving." "He's the driver?" I asked. "He's trained, but not to that point," said Carlton. And he talked of how much Zipper cost: cataracts in both eyes, treatment at Auburn (Alabama) University Small Animal Hospital, cancer on his leg \$1,200. "He's a 'gold' dog," Carlton said. "He cost us about \$5,000 in the last three years. That's about two cruises," he said. "Hey, Zipper, we



Carlton Lowery '53 enjoys a day at the Santa Rosa Golf and Beach Club with his wife, Loretta. Carlton, a native of Monticello, Maine, retired from the Army in 1975 as a lieutenant colonel and then worked as a science teacher. He and Loretta reside in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida.

could be on a cruise!"

Carlton talked of his daughter, Carla, in Washington state, and his son, Brian, who is six feet four inches tall and has a set of twins. "I insist I stand on a rock or something else when we stand together." And he mentioned the late Tim McManus '54, a fraternity brother of his. As to golf? "It's getting there," he said. "I do well to arrive there." With a 26 handicap, Carlton said once you pass 75, "really the ladies tee, you can move up to the 'red' tee. We don't call it that; we call it the 'forward' tee." We laughed. Carlton's a joy to talk to, a friendly Mainer.

Classmate **Bob Rich** wrote from Tuckahoe Creek Farm in Manakin-Sabot, Virginia: "Thanks for the notice of '53's 55th Reunion at the end of this month. Sorry I can't make it, although I do come to Maine from Virginia at least four times a year as I am on the board of trustees of Hebron Academy. I was there May 1-4 and will be again June 5-8 so another trip between these two would be difficult. Nonetheless, hope the returnees have good weather and a good time." Thanks, Bob (and Dorothy).

Have you ever thought of becoming a lifetime member of the alumni association? It's a great option and our class has 29 lifetime members. Please give it some thought and join

Fred Hutchinson, Ron Bishop, **Charles Foote**, Frank Pickering, and Helen Strong Hamilton, among other class members, in supporting the alumni association by becoming a lifetime member. For membership information, you can contact the alumni office at: shannon.coiley@umit.maine.edu or call 1-800-934-2586.

Classmate Bill Donnell was profiled in the *Ellsworth American* on January 24, 2008. It seems "Sergeant Bill," in the 23rd Regiment of the 2nd Infantry Division during the Korean War, was the right one for the Army's rifle division and a special mortar company after World War II. A Bath native, Bill was drafted in 1952 while at UMaine and made a platoon sergeant "not having had any military experience." The article said he served at Outpost Harry, "a hilltop located in what many call the 'iron triangle' in Korea." It said Bill created a way to reach the North Koreans behind their line. He just put more gunpowder in the mortar, against the advice of others. It worked, and went "another 300 to 400 yards beyond its previous reach."

In another instance, Donnell was told to blow up the old line, when they had to move the line back a mile after the truce in 1953. Captain Dunham asked Bill "if he'd had any experience handling dynamite." He hadn't, but this was not a deterrent. "If I wasn't doing anything and it was a new adventure, I was game," he said. Describing his war experience, "I wouldn't sell it for a million dollars, but I wouldn't pay a nickel to do it again." And "Sergeant Bill," the owner of Donnell's Clapboard Mill in Sedgwick, which produces radially sawn clapboards, "recently competed in the 2007 Masters Track and Field Championship at the University of Maine in the hammer throw," a sport he has been participating in for over 50 years. Keep it up, Bill.

Art Gouin '62G of Norway, Maine, a Phi Mu Delta man, and owner of a clothing store in town, L. F. Pike and Son, has kept me up to date with his life, a life spent mostly in the town where he was born. However, Art was in the Navy for three years before he arrived on the

UMaine campus and later worked for UMaine's Extension Service for 12 years. He's been a teacher, a principal, with "four major careers, two or three minor," as our Memory Book tells us.

Well, I was out to the family camp in Casco a few weeks ago, and Art offered to show me the hills of Norway in Oxford County and the surrounding towns. He named so many hills/mountains, I really only remember one, Streaked Mountain, with its rocky face and multiple towers. It was somewhat overcast, but still the views were beautiful. Later, we had dinner at Michael's in Norway, with its buffet, and best of all, the delicious tiny fried shrimp, just the way I like them. Thanks, Art.

And now sad news. We've lost more classmates: **Dexter Stowell**, of Bethel, in January; **Hank Berry**, of Cape Elizabeth, March 30; and **Bob Churchill**, of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, and The Villages, Florida, on May 4. I know there are others, but these are the ones I have news clippings of.

Dexter, a Phi Mu Delta fraternity man and a business administration major from Bryant Pond, "always active in the (Bethel) community," is described in the *Portland Press Herald* as a "tall, thoughtful, kind man with a dry sense of humor. He enjoyed golf, reading, listening to his extensive jazz collection, cross-country skiing, playing the piano, and working in his garden. A New Englander to the core, he was a Red Sox, Celtics, and Patriots fan."

Hank, a musician and district attorney, in an April *Portland Press Herald* article, was "known as a man of integrity, passion, and good humor. He brought out the best in hard-working people trying to improve their lives, and supported people down on their luck. A private man, he did things his way for his own reasons, standing on principle regardless of popularity, prestige, or power. He had a quick wit and loved puns and lawyer jokes."

Bob, in the May 8, 2008, edition of the *Portland Press Herald*, was noted as a six-foot four-inch, "varsity center and captain of the basketball team. Until a few years ago he led the record for rebounding and for shooting at the University of Maine. Those who knew him well would attest to the fact Bob possessed a sly sense of humor and loved to pull practical jokes on everyone. His sense of humor followed him (to) the end of his journey, which made his passing easier on those who loved him."

And at **Doug Kneeland's** "gathering to remember" in June (Doug died in December), in Lincoln, Maine, where he was born, some 120 people listened as relatives and UMaine's Jim Frick, Kristen Andresen Lainsbury '97, and Kathy Olmstead; Gene Roberts of the *New York Times*; and Jim Squires of the *Chicago Tribune* gave tribute to Doug. Jim Frick (vibraphone) and John Cooper (keyboard) played Duke Ellington's "In a Sentimental Mood." And on the inside of the "Celebration" pamphlet were these words of Doug's (1995):

"A Passing Thought
There is a moment
caught in roses,
between the fragrance
and the falling,
when a petal clings
by memory's thread,
reluctant in its passage.
Like me."

On this note, I shall end. I wish you all the best. Do think of what you want to accomplish and what you can give to one another.

1954

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As we begin our current writings we need to refer back to the column that was published in the winter issue of 2008. We hope that you all found the great picture of the Sigma Chi reunion held at **John** and Nancy Cameron **DeWilde's** '55 summer home in Union, Maine. The picture got published a couple of pages after the page containing our '54 column.

Unfortunately, just as our last column was going to print, we received news, all within about a month's time, of the deaths of three classmates. Normally we do not mention these specifically as they are published in the last pages of the *Alumni Magazine* on a timely basis. However, due to the uniqueness of these individuals we must make special note of their passing.

First, the sudden passing of

Edward "Tim" McManus wintering in Arizona was a sad surprise. Tim, as a true leader, had served as class president and headed our 45th and 50th class Reunions, the 50th having been one of the most successful in UMaine history. After a successful career in the paper industry and his work with the reunion committees, he and Barbara had established The Edward "Tim" McManus and Barbara A. Fitzgerald McManus Scholarship Fund, supporting College of Education students and giving preference to students who agree to pursue employment as teachers in the state of Maine. Special recognition of Tim and Barbara's contribution was highlighted in a UMaine Foundation display on the inside cover of the winter issue. Our condolences are sent to Barbara and their family.

Secondly, **Martha Jean Wyman Weatherbee**, known as "**Marty**," passed at the end of March after some period of declining health. She and **Bob** had made a belated trip to Arizona this winter but had to return due to Marty's health. She was serving as our current Class of '54 vice president and is already being missed. Marty and Bob enjoyed life to the fullest and were active on Deer Isle where, among other things, Marty was the founder and "Queen Mum" of the Deer Isle Red Hat Society known as the "Red Lobster Ladies." Again, we are sending our condolences to Bob and the family.

Finally, for the sad news, we received word that **Cornelius "Neil" Murphy** (G) had passed. Neil was a core member of the Webster, New York, alumni chapter and a former vice president of Kodak. He and his surviving wife, **Valerie Bickterman Murphy**, were at Orono for the 2007 Reunion. Neil and Val's three sons are all UMaine graduates. These deaths bring to 53 since our 50th.

On a lighter note, we've heard from **Mary MacKinnon Nelson** through the modern medium of television. Some of you may know that Mary's son, Lee, is a news anchor on WCSHTV-6 in Portland. A recent news feature on the federal conversion to total digital broadcasting next winter took TV viewers into Mac's home showing her current TV on rabbit ears that will require the installation of a converter box to continue receiving "the signal"! Hope she has her \$40 coupon available.

We heard from **Jerry Hallee** that he, his son Phil, and two grandsons

had attended two Red Sox (losing) games with the Tampa Bay Rays in Florida. In spite of the losses, big crowds of loyal Sox fans cheered them on. While in Florida, Jerry's plans to meet up with **Ed Hansen** fell through. Ed lives in Orlando. In May, Jerry and Paulie flew to Arkansas for the college graduation of their granddaughter. While there they experienced a tornado alert (fun for New Englanders) and had to remain in their hotel for the evening. The twister did touch down within five miles of them!

As we close this short column we plead for your "news" that can be shared with classmates. Do remember that as you read this issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* that the planning committee is preparing for our 55th class Reunion that will be held May 29, 30, and 31 of 2009 at Orono! Reading this newly revised magazine with its color pictures of fellow alums should encourage you to share your upcoming plans with us all.

As an extension of the thoughts in the above and your continued interest and support for all that UMaine has done for your career, we'd love to encourage you to extend your support through a lifetime membership in the University of Maine Alumni Association. This can be done so easily right now by emailing: shannon.coiley@umit.maine.edu or by calling 1-800-934-2586. Join the fellowship of 29 of your classmates and their spouses who are currently life members!

1955

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I was so pleased to receive a letter from **Karlene Graham Mahaney** '68G. She and Keith '57, '68G spent February and March in Palm Beach, Florida. They were delighted to have missed much of the snow and cold weather but also missed seeing their grandchildren. They enjoyed the sunshine, golf, and seeing many old friends, especially Bob '54 and Barbara Buck Grover '54 in Clearwater, Florida, and Paul and Virginia Lepley in Pompano, Florida. Paul was head of the physical education department at the university

in the late '60s. Karlene and Keith attended the Maine baseball team's game when they played Notre Dame, and they attended the University of Maine alumni gathering in Delray Beach hosted by Donna and Leith Wadleigh '59. They spent the summer at their camp on Moosehead Lake. Thanks, Karlene, for your news. Do keep me informed of any further news.

I bet you all did not realize that we have 27 class members who have become lifetime members of the alumni association. **Paul** and I made this commitment a few months ago along with class members **Mary Atkinson Johnson**, **Abbott Mosher**, **Erlon Varney**, and others. We find this choice to be an excellent way to support the alumni association, and it is nice to know that we don't have to try and re-member at the end of the year whether we have paid our alumni dues for that year. Think about it and contact the alumni office if you want more information (1-800-934-2586).

Also, have you noticed or heard about InCircle? This is very interesting and I suggest that you log on to: mainealumni.com and click on InCircle. I was delighted to see that **Betsy Parker Enstrom**, who lives in Rochester, New York, was signed on. You'll also find **John White**, **Everett Harriman** '56G, **Don McAllister**, and **Dick Eustis**, who have done so as well. Let's go, '55ers, check it out today.

Guess That's all, folks!

1956

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As I write this shortened version of our class notes we are just heading into the summer tourist season. Please let me know about your special summer activities and the trips you have taken. I expect to hear from **Ed Plissey** '58G—he and Marilyn Bonney Plissey '59 are currently traveling, as is **Dana Devoe**. They were unable to attend our class officers meeting June 4. **Art and Marilyn Page "Fritzie" Thompson** also sent their regrets and a big Maine Hello. June is just such a busy month. We met at the home of **Betsey Harvey Ruff**. Betsy had programs from the musical *Wicked* and the Moulin Rouge in

Paris. She and Julianne (her older daughter) spent nine days in London and Paris, returning May 18th. They had a wonderful time, with jam-packed days, but they saw almost all the sights. Her comment was, "It seemed expensive but it's once in a lifetime!" She and partner, Edward, will go to the Adirondacks for the summer shortly after June 19th, returning in September.

Our thanks to all the University of Maine folks who attended our meeting. Alumni association president Todd Saucier '93, '97G brought us up to date on university happenings. A big topic of conversation was our class scholarship fund, which is designated to go to descendants of the Class of 1956 until the year 2031. After 2031 its use was not stipulated. Your officers voted to add to the scholarship description "thereafter (the scholarship shall go) to non-traditional students."

It is important that you remind your descendants (children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren) attending UMaine to apply for the Class of '56 Scholarship and to indicate their relationship to the class. Only those who apply are considered.

Class president, **Bill Johnson** will write a letter to our classmates just to keep in touch, telling them what we did with our class pledge of \$150,000 and seeking their suggestions for activities to celebrate our 55th Reunion in 2011. Bill received a very nice letter from Lindsey Wyman of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, thanking the Class of '56 for her scholarship. She just completed her second year at Maine seeking a degree in psychology. She is a member of the Pep Band and the Concert Band. (Yea, music.) The students do appreciate our help.

As I write this in June, **Dick and Betty Brockway Nevers** are looking forward to being in Maine for the summer. Then it's back to sunny Florida with many of our other classmates. **Joan Fuller Russell** hasn't done any major traveling, but she and husband, Gardiner Hall '57, keep active on the local golf course. Joan and **Carolyn Bull Dahlgren** will cohost the Portland alumnae meeting held at my home the first Thursday of August. I hope we have a big Class of '56 contingent there. Last summer **Joanne Owen Bingham** did a program about the quilts she has made over the years. **Jane Wiseman Johnson** '61G was the only other class officer not in attendance. She sent her greetings

and hopes to see you all at our 55th Reunion in 2011.

Carolyn showed us her lifetime member pin she received when she joined 43 others of the Class of '56 who have decided becoming a lifetime member was a good financial option and another way of supporting the alumni association. (Yes, there is a pro-rating of the cost for us senior alums.)

Susan Ashton York-Wilbur writes that her winter love is still alpine skiing. She managed 19 trips to Mt. Abram in Locke Mills. A few times **Frances "Chummy" Hansen Hamilton** skied with her. Her older son, Jay, lives in Portland and is an instructor at Mt. Abram, so they travel together, which is a double plus. Otherwise she does some volunteer work and belongs to a women's financial group. All three activities provide her with new learning experiences. They have no big events planned for the summer, but will spend some time at the camp she shares with her sisters on Little Pennessewassee in Norway (Maine, that is).

This past March signaled another trip south for **Jerry Pangakis** and gave him the chance to check in on his mother who lives alone on the west coast of Florida. They were prepared to look into local support systems for her as she advances in years. They discovered that "older" does not mean "decrepit." Between walking Jerry into the ground on a trip to Tarpon Springs and walking his (younger!) wife into submission on local shopping trips, she proved that she was just fine. She drives herself around the local area and managed to cook them a few meals, even though she had warned that, "I don't cook, anymore!" Jerry and his wife, Martha, both stay active with their church benevolent associations and he continues on the board of a fraternal order that sponsors senior housing in their area. A 43-unit addition to the original 20-year-old building is being completed with occupancy by this fall. They are both involved with Hartford Hospital's prostate cancer support group steering committee and take great pleasure in assisting others who are newly diagnosed, to find comfort and support as they deal with this all-too-common disease. "Watching the grandchildren grow up so fast is both frightening and exciting! Life is good and we are trying to enjoy each day while our health allows us to! Best to you all!" We all seem to become philosophical in our senior years.

Email has become my favored means of contact but some of you have changed your email address and forgotten to tell me. I have a list of 24 addresses that are no longer correct. Please, if you didn't receive a solicitation for news back in May, send me your email address. Changed or new, I really do want that address and your classmates want to know what you have been doing. (Snail mail still works, too.) InCircle at: mainealumni.com is another way for us all to stay in contact. Maybe I'll see you there. Now I have to go mow the lawn—the old farmer in me likes the riding tractor—and then get ready to go to Belfast tomorrow for our third grandson, Russ's, high school graduation. Write, call, email, and tell me what's up. A good picture would be nice, too. Faith

1957

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I can't think of another '57er who had as wide recognition throughout the entire student body at the university between 1954 to 1960 as the late **Thurlow "Coop" Cooper** did. He was a big man on campus in all senses of the word—a class act. He played double end in football and was drafted to represent Maine in the Blue-Gray game in '56 and went on to be the first Maine player to be drafted into the NFL, choosing to complete his final year at Orono before going. He was the leading rebounder in basketball, easily rising from the floor to reach the ball. In the spring he kept active with track and set a standing high-jump record that stood for 20 years. He seemed to move around campus from class to training to competition to socializing in the center of a veritable phalanx of buddies, many of whom had remained constant for the last 56 years. To be going up the stairs in East Annex when that group was coming down, Coop was on the inside, **Kosty** was defending the immediate access, and **Jiggs** swung wide, effectively blocking close approach by any "sweet young thing" at every landing. The friends in the fore and the rear were constant, but nameless to me. "Hi, Thurlow" would receive a glance

and possibly that big grin, or a nod. There was no chance for a girl to "throw herself at his feet!" After the close of his pro-football career he became a successful sales representative and enjoyed golf and skiing, encouraging his children in these pursuits.

At the end of last winter's clockwork twice-a-week snows, 20 women gathered at The Muddy Rudder in Yarmouth for a leisurely luncheon with bright forsythia decorative accents and equally bright faces. Ginny Freeman '58 was blooming after a long winter of commuting daily to Scarborough from Kennebunk, and Midge Grispi '60, '71G was glad to have made it down from Rockland for a visit.

Janie Barker and her friend "B" had gotten off Mount Desert Island and were on a shopping trip to Portland for yet more specifics for the house. Jean Partridge Mason '56 was back from her Florida months, coming with **Lois Whitcomb** who had returned from Paris with more pictures of her granddaughter and plans for more visits. She reported that **Dottie Richards Marshall** expected to travel with Scott's sister to visit family this spring. **Carole Thomas Fryover** '71G said that Ken '60 is still enjoying teaching while she thrives on being in the Gorham Community Concert group. **Caren Frazier Skolfield** and **Janet Malcolm Buck** came, repeating Bob's '48 summation of "this endless winter," for their first one spent completely in Maine. With her feet dressed for the rain, **Dru Nesbit Pedro** was trying to hurry the gardening season along. **Ann Dingwell Knowles** was having a cooking spell at home before returning to the Sunday River house and weekend family gatherings. **Claudie Halle Higgins** was looking forward to the next long planned "Red Eddie's" trip to Europe with Gil '56 and **Connie Doe Leslie** and **Bud and Janet Higgins Nolan**. (Connie has reported that it was a great one, floating down the blue Danube with lots of old friends and ending up in Prague.) Marilyn Graffam Clark '58 was surprised to find a queue at her doctor's in Portland and was expecting to receive her new hip sometime this summer. Alice Osier DePatsy '58 came after visiting family in the Portland area, and more recently reported watching her granddaughter graduating at the top of her class at UNE on June 7. Perhaps next will be a trip to Hartford where she is to intern. **Margaretmary**

McCann '66G seems to be thriving at The Atrium and reported that **Judy Smith Davis** could now be referred to as "Miss Saigon," having recently returned from a three-day trip there, compliments of her husband's continuing work involvement. Apparently the old city suffered no damage to the antique buildings and it was a fascinating experience. **Sandy Daley Denman '58** came with news of the Midcoast Medical Center Auxiliary that seems to have something going on most of the time and the reactivation of the Midcoast Maine Alumni Association (that had an enthusiastic group of 80 of all ages meeting the Monday after Reunion in Bath). Also attending with her latest pictures of the newest grandchild was **Pat Wade Fraker**, looking forward to spring and gardening. From the hills of southwestern Maine came "the girls glad to greet us," **Marilyn Pennell Johnson** and **Mary Lou Hughes Richardson**, chauffeured by "Little Bill" '55 and accompanied by Carl. Mary Lou's grandson Jared has been in Iraq with the Navy and he requested "something to do." That gave his grandmother a chance to utilize her considerable abilities. She spoke to the Cumberland County Retired Teachers' reading group, and mentioned it at Curves in North Windham, and the boxes of books, puzzles, and games started coming in. Her American Legion cousin posted a sign there and located mail expense assistance after the first small box had been posted, to be greeted as if Christmas had arrived in that big secured barracks building. The *Westbrook American* came to get Mary Lou's story, putting her picture on the front page, and she pointed out that it had been very easy to do because everyone wanted to support "the boys over there" and this project gave them a way to do so. Finally Jared said they had no more room in their library corner and they gave material to other groups. He came home to get married, and Mary Lou and Carl "left home" with the family, traveling to Virginia Beach to take part in the festive occasion. A career Navy man, he returns there in late fall.

Retiring as longtime executive director of the Kennebec Valley Community Action Plan is **Raymond F. Richard**. He has grown it from one employee to 250 that provide assistance with family planning, home ownership, repair services, transportation, and a teen center, while seeing Waterville descend from a thriving center to an



Enjoying a nice March day in Florida are **Karlene Graham Mahaney '55 '68G, '71G (left), Keith Mahaney '57, '68G, '71G, and Barbara Buck Grover '54. Taking the photo was Barbara's husband, Bob Grover '54.**

economically depressed area. In the future, poverty will have to be allowed to transcend politics so that partnerships can be built between need and existing organizations and businesses.

Early this year **Richard Gay '65G** spoke to the Casco Bay Navy League in Bath. He attended the University of Maryland graduate school and Laval University in Quebec City and speaks a number of European and Asian languages. He was a NASA operations officer and a CIA overseas operative. He has taught at Husson College, Maine Maritime Academy, and College of the Atlantic since returning to Maine. Founder of the International Appalachian Trail **Richard Anderson** presented a program on the history and development of the trail and stories of some who have through-hiked the 1,900 miles. He spoke to the Stanton Bird Club in Lewiston. Visit the website at: www.internationalat.org for more information and a photo gallery of sites along the trail.

Criminon of Maine, set up by Robert and Pat Wade Fraker soon after they retired to Maine, is part of an international non-profit organization that provides life skills correspondence courses that help prisoners rejoin society as

responsible citizens. There are about 250 inmates now involved in the Maine program. Pat is hoping others might be interested in becoming involved. Volunteers are needed to serve as instructors, to help with administrative tasks, and to help with fund raising. To learn more please contact Pat at (207) 633-0321 or visit Criminon's website: www.criminalrehabilitation.org. Hope a good group had great weather for the Jiggs 25th Golf Tournament! We managed to plan to have all three kids gathered here on that day for the first time in several years to mark our 50th a bit late. **Bruce and Barbara Coy Thaxter** were honored at an anniversary party in Townsend to celebrate their 50th anniversary by their five children and accompanying families and friends.

You're receiving this issue, if you haven't regularly been doing so, compliments of the alumni association. The hope is that you will take the plunge and become lifetime members of the alumni association. It is a great deal financially for our age group, and an excellent investment in positive thinking in reference to our lifespan, that helps support the university. It will keep you informed, albeit a bit after the fact, about your classmates and of the cutting-edge activities going on in Orono. Our class seems to have 47 lifetime members and five spouses who were members of different classes at Orono.

1958

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WOW! Just returned from the University of Maine and our 50th Reunion! Need I say that a good time was had by all. While Leo and I did not make the Bar Harbor trip, those that did said it was great—sunshine and blue skies, good food, and good friends, and great views from Rick

'56 and **Maryann Holt Starbird's** home. The golden reception at the President's House and the golden banquet were well done. One very surprised member of the class was **Bob McKown** when he received the Golden "M" Award. This award is given to the member of the class who his classmates feel has done the most for the class. Bob, who has been our class agent for forever, thank goodness, has put a lot of time and effort into fund raising, etc. On Saturday, a memorial service was held at the Newman Center chapel in honor of the 298 classmates who have died over the past 50 years. **Doris White Smith** played the organ and the readers were **Sandra Daley Denman, Jane Quimby Biscoe, Frank Keenan, Rae Clark-McGrath '70G, Wayne H. Ross '76G, Cynthia Rockwell Wright, Louis Cook, Constance Brow Day, Richard Barter, William B. Blodgett '68G, Lois Danzig McKown, Norman W. Buzzell, Roberta Wyer Morrill, Alan F. Merritt, and Robert F. McKown.**

Marcella "Mickey" Mitchell Shibles gave an excellent speech that reflected on our lives and times—she may not be a minister, as she told us, but you could have fooled me. The class luncheon was held in Wells Conference Center (newly renovated) followed by the business meeting. A goal had been set by the reunion committee to raise \$250,000 for the university. As of May 23rd, we had \$222,943.77 in hand and the committee felt that we had a good chance of reaching our goal by the end of June when this year's fund raising ended. These monies will be split with 40 percent going to the Class of 1958 Scholarship Fund, 40 percent to the alumni house endowment, and 20 percent to the Honors College at Colvin Hall.

Other business conducted was the election of officers for the next five years. **Herbert Cohen** agreed to be president, vice president is Cyn Rockwell Wright, secretary, Jane Quimby Biscoe; treasurer is Connie Brow Day; class correspondent is yours truly, and Bob McKown will continue as our class agent. Members of the executive committee will remain the same.

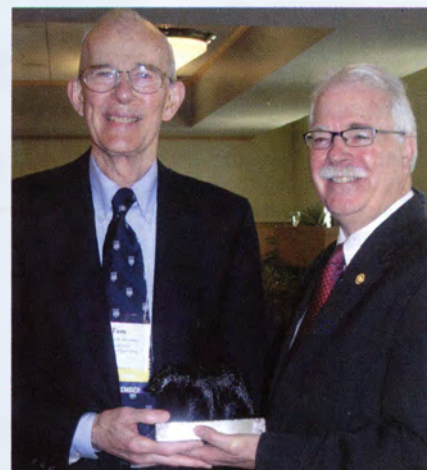
Saturday night there was a general alumni reception at which president Todd Saucier '93, '97G of the alumni association made the following announcements. The Attendance Cup (largest number of classmates attending the Reunion) the Century Cup (for the class with the highest percentage registered

Class of 1958 Celebrates 50th Reunion in Style

The weather on campus was a bit chilly and damp, but inside everything was cheerful and warm as the Class of 1958 celebrated its 50th Reunion May 30-June 1. Highlights of the weekend included the class dinner on Friday night, the class luncheon on Saturday, dinner/performance with The Three Waiters on Saturday evening, and the awards breakfast on Sunday. Best of all, of course, was reuniting with old UMaine classmates, friends, and acquaintances.



Robert McKown accepted the Block "M" Award with his wife, Lois Danzig McKown '58. Bob also received the Golden "M" Award for his outstanding class leadership.



Alumni association chair, John Rohman '68 (right), presented Thomas Hosmer with a Black Bear Award for his generosity and support to his alma mater.



Cynthia Rockwell Wright presented UMaine president Robert Kennedy with a gift given to all '58 class members—a bottle opener that plays the "Stein Song."



Getting together before the Friday night class dinner are (left to right): Martha Mansfield Noddin, Beverly Gould Covey, and Nancy Schmidt Toomey.



Nancy Richards Grant (left) and husband, Charles Grant, visit with classmate Marcella "Mickie" Mitchell Shibles.



Enjoying the reception on May 30 are (left to right): Ginny Freeman, Connie Brow Day, Charlotte Riedell Shane, and John Shane.

for the Reunion) and the Memorial Fund Bowl (goes to the class with largest percentage of participation in their class gift) all were awarded to the Class of 1958! The class was also second in the amount of monies raised over the past five years, raising an "impressive" \$1,992,508. A large group of us then went down to Pat's for pizza! Did we ever eat and talk while partaking of liquid refreshments to help keep our throats from getting dry. Sunday morning was the awards banquet where again members of the Class of '58 received awards. **Thomas Hosmer** received the Black Bear Award for all his work with the students in mechanical engineering and his endowment of the Hosmer Design Engineering Center in Crosby Hall. Bob McKown received the Block "M" Award for his work with and for the university.

Many kudos go to reunion chair Cynthia Rockwell Wright who led the reunion committee (never mind that pearl handled revolver, General!) and did an excellent job. Also thanks to the members of the committee who spent many hours putting together the Memory Book, the trip to Bar Harbor, the memorial service, and all the little details that made this Reunion one to remember. Named by Governor Baldacci '86 as an active retired superior court justice was **Donald H. Marden** of Oakland. Don stepped down after serving on the bench for the past 13 years to spend time with his family, do some hunting, and continue working with the Maine Military Historical Society, which he has served as president. Don says the active retired status just means that he will still be around to "haunt everybody to make sure that this state gets a new courthouse" as he feels that the courts have diminishing resources and are "trying to do more with less." He named several cases that were highlights in his career including the trial of John Dilley of Pittston on double murder charges and the battle between Bath Iron Works and Lloyd's of London over worker's compensation. When we received our name-tags for Reunion, many of our class had an additional strip on our tag that read "UMAA Lifetime Member." This is an easy way to help your alumni association by changing your membership category from annual to lifetime. To find out more please contact:

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Longtime UMaine mechanical engineering professor Donald Grant '56, '63G was presented with a Black Bear Award at Reunion 2008 for his outstanding commitment and service to his alma mater. Don, who received the Distinguished Maine Professor Award in 1989, taught for more than 50 years before retiring in 2007.

for a marvelous weekend and mark your daily planners for five years down the road in 2013 and our 55th Reunion.

1959

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Hello all '59ers! By the time you read this our 50th Reunion, May 29, 30, and 31, will be only about eight months away! We have already reached our goal of Charter 50 "intend to attend classmates." Hope you're one of them and if not, do plan now to attend!

In June, **Bob** and I attended a reunion committee meeting and great plans are underway. To give you a preview—there will be an optional two-day pre-reunion trip to Bar Harbor, and then we will all gather on campus for our class lunch and meeting, gala banquet, senior alum lunch, a dining with distinction event on Saturday, and many more activities. You won't want to miss it! In addition we will try to raise \$1 million for our class gift to go to four A's—arts, academics, athletics, alumni. Note that there is a \$500,000 matching gift available. Wouldn't it be great to set a record of giving!

I have received two wonderful reminiscences of life in the South Apartments from classmates **Earl**

Ramsdell and **Paul Putnam**. Both relate experiences of returning to school after serving in the military, living experiences in South Apartments such as having oil and coal stoves, doing their own painting, keeping "home brew" under the stairs, and other adventures. Earl has returned to a home in Standish after retiring as chief engineer for Scott Paper Company in Arizona. Paul also studied engineering and worked in related jobs but eventually obtained a degree in English. Both are looking forward to attending our 50th Reunion.

Other news comes from **Anne Betts Thompson** who was remarried in 2006. She and Don spend summers in his house in Merrimack, New Hampshire, and winters in her condo in Arlington, Virginia. Classmates **Jackie Gallop**, **Jeanne Bassett Prewitt**, and **Walt and Sally Burlock** attended their wedding. Jackie has recently moved to The Villages, Florida, after spending 25 years in Tallahassee.

Pat Day Gedney-Natale writes that she moved to Lititz, Pennsylvania, several years ago to be nearer to family. She volunteers at the library and is teaching English to a Chinese woman. She enjoys using her skills as a former speech therapist in this way. Pat would love to hear from classmates at: pattyann@dejazzd.com.

Virginia and **Richard Salisbury**



Making Plans for their 50th

Members of the Class of 1959 reunion planning committee got together in Waterville on June 16 in preparation for the class's golden anniversary celebration next June. Left to right are: Bob Munson, Will Farnham, Nonni Hilchey Daly, Paul Desmond, Dick Collins, Nancy Roberts Munson, Torrey Sylvester, Evie Stevens Smith '87G, and Lee Gagnon.

celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November with over 100 family and friends at the Lucerne Overlook.

The alumni association would like to remind everyone of the benefits of becoming a lifetime member. You can also join InCircle to keep up with the news. Info on both can be found on: mainealumni.com.

One last item re Reunion—if you have any old memorabilia—photos, freshman beanie, jackets, old newspapers, etc., please plan to bring them to help decorate our class lounge in alumni house. Better yet, let me or anyone on the reunion committee know what you have and we will make arrangements to obtain the items.

Also—don't forget to check out our class pages on the web site for more plans and news. See you in May '09!

1960

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Hello, Class of 1960! It is June and by the time you receive what I have written, fall will be here and the reunion class officers and committee will have met at **Connie Atherton Martin's** home on beautiful Higgins Beach. Our Reunion will take place in Orono on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday early in June 2010. Because nobody sends me news or mailings it has been difficult reporting to you. It is my understanding that the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* usually goes to dues-paying members only, but the fall issue is going to every alumnus that the alumni association has an address to send to. This is just absolutely wonderful and therefore in this column I am going to write news of those who will be planning our 50th in hopes the news will reach many classmates!

For those who were not at our 45th Reunion, your copresidents are **Sandra Page** and **Steve Howe**. Sandie lives in Brattleboro, Vermont, (spage929@yahoo.com) and has a vacation house in Poland, Maine. She is very modest about all the wonderful things she does for other people. Sandie is one of the volunteer queens of our class, and is arranging for Steve, myself, and her



Honored for Service

Nancy Morse Dysart '60 was the recipient of the Pine Tree Emblem Service Award at Reunion 2008 on June 1. The award was presented by alumni association chair, John Rohman '68, in recognition of Nancy's service and leadership to UMaine and its alumni body. She worked in alumni activities at the alumni association for more than 20 years, skillfully organizing events, developing programs, and inspiring and mentoring students and young staff members. Although she left the university in 1997, she has continued her commitment to her alma mater as a member of the alumni publications and the student travel awards committees, as an advisor to All Maine Women, and as a member of the Class of 1960 reunion planning committee.

to meet at Connie's. We will set up a teleconference with **Bill Munsey**, **Gail Mallet Rae**, and hopefully **Bob Keane** '78G. **Bob Sterritt** will join us from Colorado Springs. Connie is our class secretary and Bob our vice president. Bill Munsey is treasurer but the position of class agent is vacant. **Eliot Rich** and **Ace Conro** '63G, where are you? Call the alumni office and volunteer, as you would be wonderful at that!

Yours truly and **Nancy Morse Dysart** are the reunion committee. Nancy just received the 2008 Pine Tree Emblem Service Award for her continued service to the alumni association and her endless fundraising for Children's Miracle Network in Bangor. She is an absolutely tireless worker. Me, I teach American and Maine history at Greely High School in Cumberland, among other things. It is pretty

obvious that I am class correspondent, but I feel more like a cheerleader trying to get noise from all of you.

The cochairs of raising money for our class gift are Steve Howe and Bob Sterritt. Our executive committee is a mélange of **Joyce Boardman Nohmer**, Gail Mallet Rae, Robert Keane, Connie Atherton Martin, and yours truly. Please rest assured that we will work to assure that our 50th is absolutely out of this world.

Now for some snippets of these classmates. Connie has sold her florist business but loves being at the beach and is still arranging flowers. Her four children bring her great joy and are very high achievers. Sandie Page is taking a trip to Iceland. Gail Mallet Rae is retired from Dunloggin, her bed and breakfast, but helps taking people who

come and go from foreign parts to Lee Academy. She is just back from a trip to Vinalhaven Island, and another to New York City, where she spent a week with her son, who is a computer security analyst for NBC-CBS, based in San Diego. He graduated from Orono in 1998.

Bob Sterritt writes he has "nothing worth reporting." Two years ago the Sterritts bought a condo in Tucson, Arizona. They are spending more and more time there on Laughing Coyote Way. His daughter Susan has a condo nearby in Mesa. Bob plays a lot of golf and volunteered as a walking scorer at the U.S. Senior Open at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, where his primary residence is. I plan to keep an eye out and see him taking notes—on television. He is in touch with other Phi Kaps. Hey guys, where are you?

Don Mooers is an ever-faithful classmate who was so generous in making photo albums for us from the 25th. As a result of his generosity, I have continued to add to it, and will bring my collection to the 50th. His grandson Colin Ryder just graduated from Cape Elizabeth High near the top and will be at UMaine in the fall. Don and wife, Ann, are also proud of daughter, Tory, who is an anchor here in Portland. They were looking forward to being at their lake house in Naples, Maine, during the summer.

Donna Fritz Brunstad is helping to form a new UMaine alumni group called the University of Maine Alumni of the Low Country. This area represents the coastal communities from Brunswick, Georgia; to Charleston, South Carolina. Donna and Bill live in Hilton Head. The first major event is planned there in October and will be a lobster Maine-ia. Larry Schiner '61, '62G and his wife, Barbara, are assisting Donna in this event.

Two local Bangor companies that have developed on similar technology are battling over who has the right to make air source heat pumps. It is a James Bond kind of trade secrets case! The trial is set for January 2009, and count on classmate **Don Lewis** to maintain, and win this case. More later.

Steve Howe, our copresident, is still working and running the family lumber yard in North Brookfield, Massachusetts. Steve and wife, Priscilla, are enjoying two very special grandchildren, a brother and sister adopted from Russia by his son and wife. This is just another in the wonderful stories I get when I

probe into your lives. By the way, last year Steve was named by the Massachusetts Lumber Association as the Man of the Year in Massachusetts lumber. Paul Bunyan, move over!

Joyce Boardman Nohmer could not be reached. She is also part of our committee. Ace Conro is very busy as a substitute teacher, and works the big college track meets as a nationally certified coach. **Kay Sawyer Hannah** exhibited her artwork at the Pemaquid Gallery this past summer. **Diane Wiseman Linscott** was in Castine singing her wonderful brand of jazz. **Joe Dion** has vanished, and classmates are asking where he landed after he left Vermont.

Lastly, you can now have a lifetime membership at the alumni association. Lifetime memberships are endowed, with earnings and support for scholarships, academic travel awards, reunions, alumni awards, and other things. Lifetime membership is a great option and several of our classmates are already supporting the association as lifetime members. See the back cover of your recent alumni magazine or call 1-800-934-2586.

Classmates, that is all for now. As I write this in June, I'm looking forward to a two-week program on American history through biography in July at Bowdoin College. Next year will be my 22nd year at Greely High School and I am moving to a spanking new wing. All the best and a big Maine Hello to all of you—and yes—send news.

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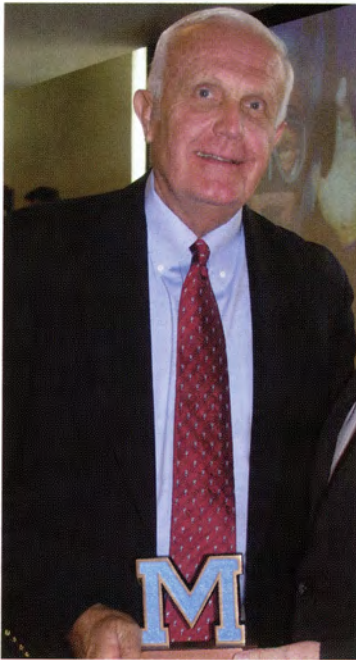
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So glad to report that I heard from many classmates via email so let's get to their news. **Jo Ann Fournier Rosenthal** retired in 2005 from 30 years in New Hampshire real estate. She still has a broker's license and takes referrals. She and her husband, Burt, summer at York Beach and winter at The Villages in Florida where they travel everywhere in electric golf carts. She's wild about all the opportunities available at the complex. **Harvey Donald** got into RVing about 10 years ago and has been everywhere—from Alaska to Mexico. He was emailing from

Minneapolis, working his way back to Maine. Harvey's wife, Jackie, succumbed to cancer in 2003. He now travels with Ethel, his second wife.

Bill Crawshaw retired twice, once as head of reference in the library in Glens Falls, New York, and secondly from the library in Saratoga Springs. He and wife, Helen, own a "gentleman's farm" of 60 acres outside of Saratoga Springs. The land is farmed by hired help while Bill and Helen run Book In Hand, a second-hand book business. They heat their home with wood and solar energy. **Carol Mount Dodge** retired from Gooch Thermal Systems where she had both engineering and financial responsibilities. In earlier years, Carol taught high school math. Now that she has free time, Carol is planning a vacation to Nova Scotia.

Rick Brennan and wife, Helen



Larry Schiner '61, '62G received a Block "M" Award at Reunion 2008 on June 1 in recognition of his leadership in alumni programs. As an undergraduate, Larry was a star athlete who years later was inducted into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame. For many years Larry was an active leader in the New Jersey Alumni Chapter and is currently attempting to start an alumni chapter for South Carolina, where he now lives. He served for many years as his class's vice president and two years ago became the Class of '61 president.

Martin Brennan '59, settled in Chester, Virginia, after 24 years in the Army. Before finally retiring, Rick worked as a computer consultant and still does some part-time work with the defense industry. Rick is active in the Knights of Columbus where he has served as council grand knight during the past year. This summer the Brennans are going to Russia and the Ukraine.

Malcolm Hamilton began his fourth year as president of the Harvard University Retirees Association. He is also the association's webmaster for the 1,100-member organization. **Ernie Ridlon** and wife, Connie, enjoyed a two-week cruise around the Hawaiian islands this spring as well as their annual trip to Kennebunkport for Ernie's high school reunion in June.

My February retirement from Westat, a social research company, fell through when I was asked to stay on "just a bit longer." My new project is the National Children's Study where major hospitals and universities will study children from pre-birth to age 21. The study is being fielded in 105 areas of the United States. Look at the study's website and I think you will find it fascinating. But no, I'm not staying for the next 22 years. Hopefully, I'll retire this fall.

I saw in the news clippings that **Wes Hurst**, who built the Aquaboggan water park in Saco in 1978, is hopeful that his family will be able to take over managing the amusement. The present owners have decided not to continue its operation and may sell the acreage for development. Wes lives in Old Orchard but drives over to the park each day to continue the negotiations to save the attraction. Also from the news I see that **Edwin Rogers** and his wife, Rae, of Ellsworth, celebrated their 50th anniversary. Edwin is retired from a long career in merchandizing.

And finally I want to mention that 13 of our classmates have made the decision to support the alumni association by becoming lifetime members. Such membership is a wonderful way to support the university that gave us all so much—not only our futures but more importantly our friendships. Please consider becoming a lifetime member.

**Express your
Black Bear pride!
Join your UMaine
Alumni Association today.**

1962

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Hello, everyone. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer, and will send along news about your vacation travels for our next column.

This past February, **Pat Smith Ranzoni '76G** and fellow poet, Sherri Mitchell, were featured on WERU's Writers Forum. The women presented their most recent work, followed by a discussion of women and the writing profession. Those of you familiar with Pat's beautiful poetry will appreciate the title of that program, "A Love Song to Maine." Our classmate's work is well known throughout the state of Maine and beyond. In 2002, Pat became the first poet from the northern reach of the Appalachian region invited to present at the Women of Appalachia Conference in Zanesville, Ohio. Also in February, **Anne Walker Holt** traveled to Thailand with a group from the Asheville Symphony Guild. One of Anne's volunteer activities in Asheville is organizing fundraising trips for the symphony. This time she led 27 people as they toured the areas around Bangkok and Chiang Mai.

Alice McKiel Hyerstay writes that she and husband, Dale, recently joined friends on their 42-foot trawler to travel on the intra-coastal waterway from Solomons Island, Maryland, to Savannah, Georgia. They docked each night and spent extra time in several towns as they made their way through Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Alice said, "We loved the seclusion and the scenery, with dolphins swimming alongside the boat, big birds including egrets and pelicans flying around looking for their next meal, and deer crossing from shore to shore." News from the other coast: **Jayne Fitz Wilcox** tells me she will not be coming to Maine this summer, but is expecting several relatives to visit her in Alaska. She hopes to show them some good salmon fishing. A 65-pound king was caught near her home this spring.

There is very good news from **Norm Farrar**. Two and a half-years after four feet of water from Katrina destroyed his home, Norm is finally out of his FEMA trailer. He rebuilt his home, now raised 10 feet from the previous elevation, to hopefully

keep him high and dry during any future storms. I know we are all happy for Norm and wish him well.

The university has asked me to remind all of you that if you have not yet joined InCircle, you should give it a try. Just go to: mainealumni.com and click on the InCircle icon. It is another way to stay connected to classmates. Also, I am happy to announce that our class has over a dozen lifetime alumni members. This is a wonderful way to support the alumni association. For information, contact the alumni office at: shannon.coiley@umit.maine.edu.

Until next time—keep in touch and stay safe.

1963

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We are just back from Reunion 2008 in Orono—where were you, John, Bunny, Ed, Joni, Jim, Nancy, Clay, Sue, and the rest of you? We had a grand time (except for the Saturday weather) with our friends, including **Les Smith, Susan Young Webber '72G, Bruce Wentworth, Ann Griffiths Anderson, Norma Towne Clayton, and Roderic McClure.** Perry Clough and **Ron Brown** came to Reunion, as did **Marcia Roak Fitzgerald, Elaine Farashian, and Nancy Starrett Watson.** Also enjoying the chance to reconnect with classmates were **Chubb Michaud '64G, Kay King, Irv Hodgkin, Gail Hoxie Brown, Dana Dolloff, and Pat Small Flaherty.** **Irv Marsters '71G, Earle Hannigan, Bob Miller, and Jim Goff** came from nearby. Others, including **Carol Milliken Glenn, Mae Smith Gee, Linda Ellis Bennett, Terry Woodworth, and Lois Murdock Libby** traveled quite a distance to reach Orono. All these classmates, as well as **Marilyn Russell Howerton, Baron Hicken, Rachael Boucher Smalley, Ginna Barnes Grogean, Caroline Fox Martin, and spouses or friends** made for a festive gathering.

You all saw the schedule of events that were planned and they all went very well. So I won't go over them all, but I will tell you that we hope this wonderful weekend will make you plan to be at our 50th in five years! It will be even better with you there.

A Toast to the Class of '63

The Class of 1963 celebrated its 45th Reunion with a weekend (May 30-June 1) packed with activities, events, and rekindled friendships. On Saturday, the class took a bus trip to Bucksport for lunch and a look at the new Penobscot Narrows Bridge—an impressive sight even though over-cast skies prevented much of a view from the observation tower. Later Saturday, class members gathered in the newly renovated Lord Hall to toast the dedication of the Class of '63 faculty lounge. Saturday night many classmates attended the dinner/performance at Wells Conference Center.

Top Correspondent: Barbara Fowles Allen (photo at right) was presented with the Hilda A. Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award at the Sunday awards banquet.



Toasting the new Class of '63 Lord Hall faculty lounge.



Leadership Exchange: Outgoing class president, Irv Marsters '71G, talks with incoming president, Jim Goff (right).



Class of '63 members gathering in Lord Hall. Left to right are: Marilyn Russell Howerton, Lois Murdock Libby, Carol Milliken Glenn, Larry Libby '62, and Sue Young Webber '72G. Sue was a professor of nutrition and food management at UMaine and started the graduate program in that field.

Now to the money-raising results of our class. Todd Saucier '93, '97G announced totals for three classes as follows:

The Class of 1938, with a whopping \$1,628,420!

The Class of 1958, celebrating their 50th Golden Reunion, raised an impressive \$1,992,508!

And finally, the Class of 1963 had an *amazing* five-year total of support for UMaine, coming in at \$2,572,305!

The total amount raised is very impressive, but we are only at 55 percent with our class gift of supporting the Wyeth Center for Studio Art in Lord Hall. We need to make future contributions designated to the '63 class gift fund until we reach our commitment. Since there's no other immediate reason for us to fund raise, getting this squared away should be a priority for us to work on over the next year.

We certainly have some very generous classmates who helped us attain such lofty results. Thank you for whatever your part is in this gift to the university.

We are trying to encourage lifetime membership in the alumni association—it is a flat rate, though there is a reduced rate for alumni "of an advanced age." One can sign up to be a member (lifetime or regular/annual) either online at: mainealumni.org and then clicking on membership, or by calling 1-800-934-2586.

Membership supports a variety of alumni/university-related things: academic scholarships, reunion and Homecoming, alumni events such as gatherings at or outside of Orono, and the magazine (only members and donors currently receive it). Think about the options and become a member of a really good organization.

From **Jane Parmalee Harnes** comes a letter of her March travels. "I returned last Saturday from a one-month vacation, scheduled to be out of state during the juniper dust season—my allergy makes my eyes suffer. Now I am home and the juniper is still here so I will go to Denver to see my kids and grandkids for a few days next week. My trip east was great—got to see many dear friends and experienced the beginning of spring—spent two or three days each with a series of good buddies. Enjoyed Baltimore (including feasting on crabs), Washington D.C., and northern Virginia, including a visit to Monticello. All of this from March 1-13th. Then I flew to Fort Lauderdale on March 13th,

met my New Mexico friend, and we went for a two-week Caribbean cruise on the *Seven Seas Navigator*, a beautiful Regent ship that holds only 485 guests and about 300 staff and crew—very classy! The ports we went to were Bonaire, Curacao, Grenada, Barbados, St. Lucia, Antigua, St. Barth's, San Juan, and Grand Turk. The trip was fantastic! Back home now—still taking it easy in my sixth month of retirement."

I want to thank Irv Marsters for a wonderful evening he provided our class and their guests at the Oriental Jade Restaurant in Bangor. Also, the students of UMaine who provided their invented dessert that won national honors—Yo Bon blueberry bites.

In closing, I must say thanks to all of you who nominated me to receive the 2008 Hilda A. Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award—it was a memorable day for me. So many of you came up to me and said how much you appreciated my efforts in reporting on the class members. Please help me continue to do this job by sending me your news. There are a lot of you out there who are invisible—everyone asks me, "Have you ever heard from so and so?" Classmates want to hear about other classmates!

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May I quote a letter I received, which I think voices what we all feel: "It must be some other **Robert Chadwick** who left Orono in 1964 with most of his life still ahead of him. The only perspective I had on 44 years was retrospective based on what I had learned in history classes—the Great Depression, World War II, the New Deal, Korea. I couldn't begin to project 44 years into the future. The year 1965 seemed a long time off. However, it seems not to have taken all that long to make the four and a half-decade journey. And, I don't think I feel a bit different than I did then—the blessings of a gentle memory." Rob goes on to confess he is one of those who has "found such satisfaction in our doings that we still are." He is with a Missouri-based developer of software used by insurance

carriers to operate their businesses. He and wife, Laura Lee Kehl Chadwick '67, became snowbirds in '07 with a new home in Melbourne Beach, Florida, where they stay when not at their home of 30 years in Bath, Maine. The beach life enables them to take daily sunrise walks of four miles, kayak, and swim. Both sons and two grandchildren welcome them back to Bath each year. I loved hearing that most of his previous business career was in real estate, a choice I find endlessly challenging and unique, but serendipitously he moved into strategic planning and coaching for organizations and fell into the insurance software and tech lines. Personally, reading his letter I think he missed his calling as a writer!

Ronald Cole reports from the mid-Atlantic region that he has spent 37 years doing historical research and writing for the Department of Defense, but he and wife, Kathleen, managed three children, seven grandchildren, trips to Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Hawaii. Immediately after retiring this year, they are celebrating with a trip to Ireland. He looks forward too to teaching history part-time at local colleges, and having more time for swimming, hiking, boating, and biking. Another realtor, **Linda Beam Clapp**, writes from Newfields, New Hampshire, that she works for a small boutique company, Tate and Foss (certainly sounds classy!), having lived in the Seacoast New Hampshire, area with husband, David, for 42 years now. Their three daughters are all married and have created four grandchildren. Linda and David enjoy quasi-retirement in Boothbay Harbor, where they keep a sailboat and summer cottage. It is very interesting that Linda's letter made me notice the change in tone from letters of five years ago or so, which were still reflecting the stress and pressure of many of us in 80-hour weeks and work strain. Her letter and Ron's and Rob's and all those I receive these days exude smiles and happiness.

William A. Brewer wrote that he and wife, Sandy, have kept up Maine connections over the years. Rochester, New York, he reports has a very active University of Maine alumni group that raised funds to endow the high bay lab in the Advanced Manufacturing Center in 2005. Daughter Laurie is at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum in Providence, waiting for her Dutch husband to receive his permanent resident paperwork to

join her. Retiring from Rochester Gas and Electric after 30 years, William still fires his Civil War rifles with the North-South Skirmish Association regiment he joined in 1958. He and his wife participate in a lot of church and community activities, and are enjoying tracing their family trees.

Richard Burns '66G took early retirement from the paper industry and has been on the board of directors of the Vasculitis Foundation in Kansas City since being diagnosed before his retirement. He and wife, Barbara, enjoy their winter place in Zephyrhills, Florida, playing shuffleboard and swimming, and, when at home in Searsport, he works a 100-acre woodlot.

Dianna Yalouris Christakos '82G spent her pre-retirement in 30 years of teaching, and is another Florida (St. Augustine) snowbird. Her husband, Brigadier General George Christakos, died in July 2007, and she enjoys her new-built home on the water in Perry, Maine, her two children Peter and Dmitra, and two grandbabies. **Becky Dow Burnham** and husband, John '57, also commute Maine to Florida. Grandparents since last summer, and both being retired librarians, they volunteer at libraries, a medical clinic, and a theater. Good health keeps them swimming, biking, and keeping up with yard work, or does that activity keep them in good health! They are also pursuing the genealogy trail—wonder if librarians have an easier time of it.

John Abbott has spent his years since graduation in education. He taught and coached at a private school in Philadelphia, then worked in graduate teacher training programs at William and Mary and Penn State after earning his own graduate degree, became the director of special education and instructional services in Philadelphia, and finally worked as director of pupil services in Stamford, Connecticut. He and wife, Susanne, originally retired to Maine to a home they restored on the Carrabassett River, but in 2005 moved to Florida full time, although they maintain a camp in the central Maine woods. Golfing and travel are his other (than Susanne!) passions. They eagerly invite their Maine friends to get in touch and escape the winters in Florida. A wonderful email came from fellow Eagle **Linda**, but it had no contact information and my reply bounced. She lives in Boothbay and enjoys sailing, and I wish I could tell you more! **Art Ellison**, graduate of

the school of forestry, took the time to send a lengthy email, a great part of which was his confession that he almost shredded my letter because of all the realtor solicitations people receive. Humorously, he continues to report that when he moved to western Washington state he became a computer consultant. Something discordant there for a school of forestry grad in the great northwest, but I guess the magnetism of the industry up there was too irresistible. Having also had a computer store for a while, he appreciates his federal employee pension and the freedom it generates, so that he can consult when interested and convenient!

Patricia McDonough Butler enclosed a photo of herself at Peterson Quarry (west of Albuquerque, New Mexico, from where she now hails) with a dinosaur bone she helped jacket for its trip to the Museum of Natural History. Pam moved to Cambodia, married, had two daughters, and didn't complete her graduation requirements until '69, but really belongs to us. She and the girls moved to Florida (I am starting to understand why the voting is such a mess down there, it is a state full of those people who think "Down East" is a northerly direction!) where she married Lyn Butler. The Butlers moved to Albuquerque via Colorado, but are seriously vested in the Land of Enchantment and she leads archaeological trips in New Mexico and surrounding areas. Pam asked and many others probably wonder too, how do you find out about alumni events in your area?

I am sure that contacting the alumni association would give you lots of information. Reading all your letters about Florida, I would assume I am the only person in California, but we have a pretty big alum group here in San Diego. Once the alumni association gets your name, you will be advised, trust me. I am so grateful to you who have written.

A court post has been nominated to one of our classmates by Governor John Baldacci '86. **Roland A. Cole**, of Wells, was reappointed after serving 21 years. And while I am talking honors and admiration, two of our classmates have donated \$1,000,000 through the Boston Red Sox Foundation to jump-start the resurfacing of UMaine sports playing fields with appropriate modern turf products. **Phillip H. Morse**, an owner and vice chairman of the BoSox, and wife, **Susan Keene Morse**, have previously donated

\$2.15 million for lights, scoreboard, and surface at the football stadium. Their daughter Katherine is a 1994 Maine grad. And finally, **Reinhard Zollitsch** (G), who was my German instructor for two years and married Nancy Miles Zollitsch '65 after she taught him how to make snow angels, is a paddler on marathon solo canoe trips in New England and the Maritimes. Since retiring from teaching he carefully plans his trips in his high-tech Kevlar canoe, and has circumnavigated Prince Edward Island and made 13 years of long-distance solo canoe trips. Having spent his first years in a bunker and surviving cancer, being close to nature and extending his skills and organizational and survival techniques, Reinhard finds perhaps a celebration of his own survival. Sehr gut! You all make life sound so good, and I am sure that it has been amplified by much of our shared Maine experience, like the ice-busting Maine Hello we were taught our first day of orientation. Keep smiling and keep writing!

1965

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Some of you may be wondering why you are receiving this magazine. Every so often, the alumni association makes an attempt to send an issue to every alumnus for whom they have a current mailing address. They want to encourage new memberships, especially lifetime members. Right now, our class has 14 lifetime members. Perhaps you would like to join this group, which includes **Douglas Monteith** '67G, **Sandra Willis Severance**, and **Rodney Durgin**.

Roger Moody was in the news again, running for Knox County commissioner. I have not heard if he was elected. Roger's public service career spans 28 years, which included city manager of Ellsworth and town manager of Camden. He and Audrey still live in Camden and their son Nathan lives in California.

UMaine Augusta said, "thank you" in a tribute in February paid to departing president, **Richard Randall** '67G. During his 40-year career at UMA, Richard taught sociology and served as a dean, associate provost, director of student affairs, and president. When

I previously reported on Richard's pending retirement, I think I forgot to mention that his wife, **Mary Elizabeth Dudley Randall**, is a classmate too. She served as UMA's registrar and a vice president before her retirement. Sadly, Richard passed away last spring. We offer sincere condolences to Mary Elizabeth and their family.

On September 23, 2007, Tonia Pecci and Sterling Blake of San Francisco and Boothbay Harbor announced the birth of Sawyer MacLeod Blake. His paternal grandparents are **Sandra Blake Leonard** of Bangor and the late **Ted Leonard**.

The University of Maine Museum of Art announced in December a donation from Machias Savings Bank that will make museum admission free to the public through the end of 2008. This donation was given in memory of Ted Leonard.

During 2007-2008, the *Bangor Daily News* featured a six-part series on the work of immigrant laborers in Bangor around the turn of the 20th century. The second part on December 3 looked at some of the Italian families whose descendants still live in Bangor. Among them was **Diane Cuozzo Shibles**, whose grandfather George worked to bring the railroad to northern Maine.

I had a surprise visit while at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital from classmate **Roberta Roak-Foltz** and her older sister, Marcia Roak Fitzgerald '63, who were Chi O sorority sisters. We had such fun reminiscing about our UMO years. Ro and husband, Art, are keeping their large mobile home in Florida until gas prices go down (or stabilize?) and then they will head back to Oregon.

Studies show that the classnotes section of an alumni magazine is the most popular read. Remember, you need to join the alumni association in order to continue receiving the magazine with our classnotes, in addition to many well written features, interesting ads, and the usual discounts on trips abroad, cultural and sports events.

Hopefully by the time of the next issue, I will be in my new home in Ellsworth on the lot next door to where I grew up. In the meantime, I temporarily have no email and only a hospital phone, so please contact me at my Blue Hill post office box or through the alumni association.

GO BLUE!

1966

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Do you realize that when you read this, we'll be halfway to our 45th Reunion? Just a thought!

Charles "Charlie" Newell writes that in September 2007, he was in the inaugural group inducted into the Gould Academy Athletic Hall of Fame. Not only for his ability on the baseball diamond, but for coaching baseball and soccer for 30 years. The honor of working with high school athletes has been a defining period in his life. He and wife, Cathy Scott-Craig Newell '68, live on North Pond in Locke Mills, Maine. Son Alec followed in dad's footsteps and is a teacher, coach, and dean of athletics at Gould Academy. Alec is married with two daughters, and daughter Martha and her husband live in Pittsburgh where she is a chef.

From **Gary Roderick** '67G: "I am happy to report the birth of my first granddaughter, Abigail, to our daughter Kristine and her husband in May '07. Gary is semi-retired, but works as a substitute teacher at South Windsor, Connecticut, high school about 100 days a year. They take summers off to visit his cottage at Cross Lake, north of Caribou, a few times in July and August.

You may have heard that **Carl "Stump" Merrill** '76G, still with the New York Yankees organization, took a baseball to the upper lip during spring training as he was collecting balls behind second base during batting practice. After a CT scan, he was released from the hospital and fully recovered.

Charles "Skip" Thayer has enjoyed one of the most unusual careers I have read about. Skip was hired by the Chicago Black Hawks (National Hockey League) as their trainer in 1969, Tony Esposito's first year as well, and they became close friends. When Esposito went to the Pittsburgh Penguins as GM in 1988, Skip followed and was with the team when they won two Stanley Cups. (And yes, his name is on the cup—and yes again, he has two Stanley Cup rings.) Those two years were the highlights of his career until he was inducted into the NHL Trainers Hall of Fame in 2001. Other honors

included being the first NHL trainer with a college degree, and serving as trainer on many NHL All Star games, for Team USA, and the World Cup. Two of his sons followed him into athletic training. Greg was with Skip in Pittsburgh and later with the Anaheim Ducks for five years. Sadly, Greg succumbed to cancer in 2007. While Greg was alive, he set up his brother, Matthew, with the New York Mets where he is working in their minor league affiliate in Savannah, Georgia. He has another son who is an executive with Walgreen's Drug company, and his oldest son runs his own business, but is an excellent carpenter and a gourmet cook as well. He was sous chef at Lawry's Prime Rib in Chicago many years ago. Presently, Skip does volunteer work at the local YMCA.

The alumni office sends out notices on a regular schedule and I hope you'll take a few moments to read them. Of note, we encourage each of you to become lifetime members of our association. Here are a few classmates who invite you to join them: **Neil K. Ashton, Paula Noyes Singer, Vite R. Vitale, and Janet R. Rogers '71G.**

Jim White '75G and Ency Whitehill '92G continue to enjoy their second year of retirement. They wrote, "We spent two weeks in Florida, one week in Texas, two weeks in Arizona, and one week in Arkansas this past winter. During the travels we continued to add to our rock and mineral collection with beautiful rainbow petrified wood from Arizona, clear quartz crystals from Arkansas, and yellow calcite crystals from Florida." Ency and Jim make beautiful jewelry from the colorful minerals, selling the jewelry at craft shows, such as University of Maine Homecoming, the American Folk Festival in Bangor, Machias Blueberry Festival, and Winter Harbor Lobster Festival among others.

Paula Singer has assured me that she has no intentions of retiring or even slowing down. She remains very active as a tax lawyer and chair of Windstar Technologies, the tax and immigration software company she cofounded with her husband, Gary Singer, in 1994. She spends much of her time writing and giving seminars around the country. Her writings are so technical and her work quite challenging—I encourage you to go to her website: <http://www.windstar.com>.

Keep the emails and letters coming as I find them interesting



Phi Gamma Delta brothers Tom Savage '66 (left) and John Rohman '68 (right) congratulate Arthur Serota '66 after he received the Bernard Lown Alumni Humanitarian Award at Reunion 2008 on June 1. Art, an animal science major, has devoted much of the past 27 years of his life to community and peace building in Africa. Art currently is director of the United Movement to End Child Soldiering in Northern Uganda.

and informative. Our class has some truly gifted and blessed lives that I'd like to share with you.

Mark your calendar NOW! June 2011.

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From InCircle, we learn that **Wayne Hanson** of Springfield, Virginia, leads a busy life enjoying his grandchildren, researching family history, canoeing, and camping since retiring from the federal government in 2002. He is very active in the Maine State Society, a volunteer-based organization in the D.C. area founded in 1984 to foster and promote interest in Maine. Wayne has been president and is currently the society's historian and coordinator for the Arlington Wreath Project. Wayne invites all alums living in the D.C. area to attend the society's events.

An email from **Bob Poulsen**, Poway, California, remembers all the fun and renewing acquaintances

last year at our 40th Reunion. In June Bob was a volunteer at the U.S. Open Golf Championships in San Diego. Did you see him on T.V. selling one of their 600,000 items of clothing?

Brenda Erickson is enjoying retirement by delving into her interest in art. Vincent Hartgen's influence lives on. Besides collecting art books for the Fogler Library, she recently took a textile tour to Peru. Sponsored by the Andean Textile Association, the group studied the rejuvenation of weaving and knitting communities whose traditions go back thousands of years, saw a number of Incan archeological sites, and learned that alpaca wool is used for weaving fine fabrics, ropes, and potato sacks.

In June, wrestling coach **Jerry Perkins** of Orrington was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. During his long career at Rumford and Mountain Valley High, his teams won five state championships, thirteen regional titles, had nine state runner-up finishes, and three times finished fourth in the New England championships.

Life-long Augusta resident **Stanley Koski** is staying active in city government following his six-year term on the city council. Stan has been active in community service for over 30 years and says that

this involvement is his hobby.

Edie McVay King was a terrific volunteer during the June Reunion weekend.

The membership folks at the alumni association would like to remind you about lifetime membership. Currently our class has several lifetime members: besides Edie, they include **Fred Woods, Margaret Wilde Jiuliano, Patty McKay Kelly, Ben Haskell, and John Huard**. It would be great if more of you would join them in supporting the alumni association by becoming a lifetime member!

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. And of course please keep sending in your news items.

1968

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Our 40th Reunion was clearly an event never to be forgotten. Driving up to Snow Ridge Farm only to see a life-size collegiate blue "M" adorning **Greg and Joy Jewett Johnson's** enormous barn was just the beginning of a remarkable night. **Dick Sawyer** sent some photos that capture the spirit of the evening and a good time was had by all. Imagine walking into this barn, rafters covered with greenery and white lights, blue and white checked tablecloths decorated with Maine M's and baskets of pinecones, blue and white globes hanging from 25-foot ceilings, songs from the '60s, and then running into people you have not seen in 40 years. Thanks to **Peter Cole**, life-size mug book photos were prominently arranged as people tried to figure out who was who. Yes, some people changed, others looked the same. Talk about people who have not changed a bit—to name a few, **Eddie MacKinnon, Roz Gay, and Jane Huard Richards** never looked better. Sure, some folks had whiter hair, some had lost their hair, and some of us don't have a clue what color our hair is. Nothing seemed to matter but catching up, laughing, crying, dancing, and holding on to our memories of college life.

Danny Auclair came from as far away as California. Peter Cole and his wife came from Texas. **Bill Horner** made his fifth Reunion, driving up from New York City. **Steve Rideout** came with his life-size black bear. Seeing Danny, **Bill Beaulier**, **Ron Cullenberg**, and **Pete Norris** together brought back the days of walking into the Den and looking to the right to check out the Phi Eta table. Seeing **Becky Joncas Bourque** and **Donna Porter Erikson** '71G dancing their hearts out to "Louie Louie" reminded me of the dynamic duo they were as college roommates. Locals from the Orono/Bangor area included **Dave Fenderson** and **Mike McInnis**. **Sue Adamski Samoriski**, **Heidi Dearnley Jackson**, and **Marge Frost Hunter** reunited after all these years. **Fred Quivey** and **Jane Walker Woodruff** were from the midcoast area, joined by their respective mates, **Beth Hobbs Quivey** '69 and **Rick Woodruff** '67. Others joining in the party were **Tommy Meiser**, **Reed Thompson** and his wife, **Karen McMillan**, **Carol Utterback Guerrin** and **Carol Clarke Hughes** '74G, and their husbands, **Gary Adams**, **Bob Hickman**, **Robert Weir**, **Dave Auclair**, **Elsie Stetson Whidden**, **Una Inman Cheney**, **John Lacadie** '70G, **Dick** and **Sally Bolduc Boardman**, and many more.

Saturday we spent at school.



1968 classmates (left to right): **Pete Norris**, **Larry Richards**, and **Sumner "Dutch" Wright** enjoying Reunion 2008.

Following our class lunch we had the privilege of hearing Dr. Paul A. Mayewski speak about global climate change. Clearly the university has tapped incredible educational resources and Dr. Mayewski is world renowned for his work. If you have not been back to the University of Maine recently, you need to go back. The school has never looked better. The new Student Recreation and Fitness Center is beyond belief with exercise rooms, squash courts, indoor tracks, you name it. At times I had to have a sanity check to remember that I was at Maine. Saturday evening was filled with accolades to our class for our donation

to the **Carli Burke Memorial Scholarship Fund** at the all alumni reception and dinner. Thanks to all of you who made contributions to the 1968 class gift. The night ended with a few beers and pizza at Pat's for old time's sake. Trust me, one thing that has not changed in the slightest is Pat's—other

than the addition of a flat screen TV, it is like stepping back into the '60s. Many of us remember the Steam Plant parking lot for different reasons. **Jim Roy** recalls that he ran autocrosses as a cofounder of the U of Maine Sports Car Club in 1966.

Sunday **Bion** '70G and **Dorain Foster** (H) hosted a lovely brunch in their beautiful home in Hampden. It was hard to say goodbye but the good news is that the Johnsons have gladly offered to host our 45th Reunion in five years. So start planning now as you have another chance to experience a piece of nostalgia that will bring you back to Maine again.

OK—other news:

Dr. Robert Lackey was presented with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's highest award as a senior fisheries biologist at EPA's research lab in Corvallis, Oregon. The EPA Gold Medal was presented to Dr. Lackey at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., where he was cited for his scientific contribution in organizing the Salmon 2100 Project. Dr. Lackey was a 1999-2000 Fulbright Scholar at the University of Northern British Columbia when the project was conceived and planned. He is a courtesy professor of fisheries science and an adjunct professor of political science at Oregon State University.

John Rohman was elected to the board of Yarmouth-based GrowSmart Maine. He was also featured in the February issue of *Down East* magazine in an article entitled Betting on Bangor.

Larry and **Jane Huard Richards** write that Jane started playing tennis at age 45 and is now playing in three different USTA 3.5 level groups. Larry is vice chancellor at Indiana University East. They recently became grandparents.

Keith Weatherbie is retiring as athletic administrator at Cape Elizabeth where he has seen 85 state championship teams.

Ted Ames '71G is involved with many Gulf of Maine fisheries and often speaks on the history of



There was a good turnout of Class of '68 members for the 40th Reunion luncheon on May 31 at the new student fitness center. The luncheon was followed by a presentation from UMaine's Climate Change Institute director, Paul Mayewski.

groundfishing and how it applies to modern day fisheries. Recently he spoke at the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory.

Finally, our class has over 10 lifetime members. Join Bion Foster, **Tom Savage**, and others in supporting the alumni association by becoming a lifetime member.

Keep in touch.

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Have you joined InCircle, the online alumni program? Go to: mainealumni.com and click on InCircle. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our 40th Reunion for May 29, 30, and 31, 2009. See you there!

Governor John Baldacci '86 nominated Judge **Rae Ann French** of Augusta for active retired status to the Maine District Court. This new status would allow Rae Ann, who has been a district court judge since 1991, to continue to serve as a judge when needed. In March, Senator **Olympia Snowe** viewed the world's largest snowwoman in Bethel. The 122-foot tall structure was called Olympia Snow after Senator Snowe. **Dick Gleason** '70G, president of Gleason Media Services, has been named the 2008 Citizen of the Year by the Auburn Business Association. Dick currently owns five radio stations within 40 miles of Lewiston-Auburn and has volunteered for numerous organizations. **Val Perkins** '82G has retired as principal of the Lamoine Consolidated School. **Bob Dexter** has retired after working 30-plus years in the sales department of Morong Falmouth. Simply Divine Brownies has moved to a new location in Brunswick and has expanded to Freeport. **Trina Hayward Beaulier** of Mount Vernon is the founder and CEO of this company, which finished second in a national online business contest sponsored by *Forbes* magazine. She was featured on the cover of last fall's alumni magazine.

Our class has 11 lifetime members, so join these classmates in their support of the alumni association by becoming a lifetime member.

Go Blue!



Among the Class of 1968 members attending the awards breakfast at Reunion 2008 on June 1 were (left to right): Peter Cole, Suzanne Hart, and Charlie Nichols. Suzanne has served for many years on the alumni association board of directors and is taking over as chair this year.

1970

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Greetings to all members of the Class of 1970! Are you aware that you can become lifetime members of the alumni association? Our class only has nine members! That just boggles my mind! So if you would like to join the select nine, contact the alumni association today!

Karen Ann Marks Lemke '72G is an associate professor of education at St. Joseph's College in Standish, Maine. She is married to William Lemke '69 who is also a professor at St. Joseph's College. Earlier this year, she was the featured speaker at the Lisbon (Maine) Historical Society and she related her research and interview with a survivor of the *Titanic*. **Waldron Tom Sawyer** remains active in state of Maine politics and ran unsuccessfully for the state senate.

Patrick Chasse '74G has been landscape curator at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston since 2005. He was awarded the New England Wild Flower Society's first-ever landscape design award. Patrick also runs his private practice out of Boston and Northeast Harbor (Maine). He has also written for such publications as *Horticulture Magazine*, *Down East*, *The Journal of the New England History Society*, *The Journal of the Maine Olmsted*

Alliance for Parks and Landscapes, and *The Oxford Companion to Gardens*.

Carol Conners May was re-elected to the Old Town, Maine, city council. **George Smith** of Mount Vernon, Maine, is executive director of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine and he was elected to the board of directors of Yarmouth, Maine-based GrowSmart Maine.

1971

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Hello to all of my favorite classmates (the ones who read this column).

We seem to have plenty of news this time around. You may remember **Mark Leslie** of our class who was a journalism graduate and was managing editor of the *Maine Campus*. He went on to serve as city editor of the *Lewiston Sun* from 1976 through 1986, and as a roving editor for the *Portland Press Herald* and *Maine Sunday Telegram* from 1986 through 1988, when he became the founding editor of *Golf Course News*, a national trade publication, in 1989.

In 2000, he formed The Leslies, Media Consultants, a public-relations firm in Monmouth that handles clients across the country. Mark has won three national writing awards, and has now published his first

novel, *Midnight Rider for the Morningstar*, which is a historical novel, weaving the story of Francis Asbury, a preacher in the late 1700s and early 1800s who became more recognized at the time than George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, or any other contemporary. Asbury rode 5,000 to 6,000 miles a year from Maine to Georgia and 60 times across the Allegheny Mountains. It is a thrilling story of a man who was hunted by Indians, highwaymen, and Revolutionary War soldiers, stalked by wolves, and had a body racked with pleurisy, rheumatism, and other illnesses that kept him from standing or kneeling to pray. As Mark puts it, "In Asbury's case, truth is far greater—more dynamic, more exciting than fiction, and just as dangerous." Asbury came close to death by both a bullet and arrow grazing his head, yet he went on.

Asbury's memory is enshrined by statues in Washington, D.C., which I will find this summer at Drew University, and at Asbury College in Kentucky. His name is memorialized by Asbury College, Asbury Theological seminaries in Orlando, Florida; and at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana; and even the town of Asbury Park, New Jersey; as well as numerous Asbury Methodist churches in the United States.

Mark and his wife, Loy Brackett Leslie '69, have two sons and three granddaughters. Please feel free to read the first chapter of the novel online and order a copy, online at: www.francisasburysociety.com/midnightrider.htm. I found it on Amazon, where I got my copy, and I'm sending it to Mark to be signed! It's fantastic reading, and it's by one of our own classmates. Read that first chapter and please feel free to order a copy. Or contact Mark by email at: gripfast@adelphi.net.

Lots of other good news, as well—**Richard Littlefield** is now senior vice president and southern Maine commercial regional manager of Camden National Bank. He has been with the bank since 1995 and became a senior vice president in 2004. **Ray Davis, Jr.** (G) is retiring after 30 years in the health care industry and 23 years as chief executive officer of Calais Regional Hospital. He has told his staff that he planned to dedicate more time to hunting, fishing, and family. I am absolutely certain that he meant that in reverse order. Ray oversaw the construction of a \$22.9 million hospital that opened last year. The new hospital is a 60,000 square-foot building with 30 percent more pa-

tient parking, and separate waiting areas for emergency rooms, maternity, and hospital patients.

Representative **David**

Richardson ('90G) of Carmel is seeking re-election to his District 23 seat that represents Carmel, Etna, Hermon, and Stetson.

Former Portland mayor, **George Campbell** ('79G), has been nominated to become transportation commissioner in New Hampshire. George now lives in Portsmouth and once held the same post in Maine. He was also Maine's economic development director in 1979 and was transportation commissioner from 1980-1984, Portland city councilor in the 1990s, and served as mayor in 1997-1998.

Bar Harbor Bank and Trust recently hired **Ron Hamilton** as financial consultant. Ron has served as financial advisor to many individuals in the greater Ellsworth area, and had a 25-year career with Prudential, working with both insurance and investment products and services. He will continue to work closely with his clients, providing them with the appropriate information to make important financial decisions. Best wishes to all of you who continue to find new positions. I am all about retiring and moving back to Maine and playing full-time, but those of you who want to work—whatever floats your boat!

I don't know how many of you realize that you have a wonderful opportunity to become lifetime members of the University of Maine Alumni Association. We have quite a few members from our class, and we would like you to join us in supporting the alumni association by becoming a lifetime member. You can call the UMaine Alumni Association at 1-800-934-2586 or email: shannon.coiley@umit.maine.edu. Break out that credit card and give the alumni association a call. It will mean that you will continue to get all of this magnificent news for the rest of your life. Very cool concept, I think.

Here's to a beautiful autumn season for all of you. Please continue to let me know what is going on in your lives. I love hearing from you.

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Hello, fellow classmates! I understand this publication will have a wider distribution than usual, so I'd like to welcome those of you receiving it for the first time. This column is one way to find out what some of your old friends are up to. Another way to connect with classmates is to join InCircle. Just go to: mainealumni.com and click on InCircle. I've heard from a couple of people that way, and it's easy to sign up.

Which reminds me, I want to say a special hello to "Happily Anonymous," who sent me a card with a Boston postmark. (You have me puzzled! If you don't fess up, I'll have to send the envelope to the lab for DNA testing.)

We're probably all in the same boat on this, but after we first graduated, I looked forward to reading the wedding page in the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. Now, with some anticipatory dread, I turn to the death announcements. When I received the summer 2008 issue, I was especially saddened to see the names of two classmates, both whom I remember as beautiful, vibrant women—**Dee Martindale** and **Debbie Gruber Ayer**. Their deaths haunt me and remind me yet again how precious life is, how quickly time passes, and how important it is to stay in touch with people who contributed to my life in some way, however seemingly small.

Last April, I was fortunate to get together with three old friends—**Cheryl Lavway Herland**, **Jan Lilley Additon**, and **Linda Stafford Wainright**—at Linda's in Old Lyme, Connecticut. We try to get together

every year or so and we just pick up wherever we left off the time before. We typically overindulge in food and drink, and belly laugh until tears roll down our cheeks. The April weekend was no exception.

I've been asked by the membership folks at the alumni association to put in a plug for lifetime membership. Our class currently has eight lifetime members. Please consider joining them in supporting the alumni association by becoming a lifetime member.

If you want to see one of my esoteric pastimes, go to: <http://cinema.acs.its.nyu.edu/~bary/ale2008video/> and click the third choice on the right, Staten Island Ferry Terminal: Still River Sword. See if you can find me! (I'm the one in the black pants...) Write to me and let me know what YOU have been up to!

1973

*35th Reunion at
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As our 35th Reunion is right around the corner, take a minute and drop a line to let us know what you have been up to lately. Check out InCircle at: mainealumni.com to connect with some of the other old hippies.

Steve Sawyer is now the vice president of transportation services of Sebago Technics in Westbrook. **Carl Parker**, citing the long commute, left his position of head basketball coach at Lee Academy. **Morrill Worcester** of Harrington was in the running for a national award for his commitment to honor-

ing fallen veterans. For 16 years, his company, Worcester Wreath Company, has brought thousands of Christmas wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery to decorate the graves. Over the past two years the company expanded its mission through a program called Wreaths Across America, which sent 10,000 wreaths to burial sites for veterans across the country.

The Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association presented the MIAAA/Maine Hall of Fame award to **Brian Hatch** of Morse High School, Bath. **Pike Bartlett**, owner and founder of the Friendship Trap Company, which makes wire lobster traps and other products, has passed the reins of that company on and has invented a channel bench for greenhouses—a hobby turned business.

You might want to consider marking our Reunion celebration by becoming a lifetime member of the alumni association. Join our copresidents, **Allen** and **Patty Meyer Morrell** and former board members **Trish Riley** '78G and **Barry Hobbins** in making that commitment. Contact the alumni office at: shannon.coiley@umit.maine.edu.

1974

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We spent almost three glorious weeks in Maine this summer. The wonders and beauty of the state of Maine never cease to amaze us. On a personal note, my oldest stepson, Lieutenant Colonel David P. Grant, received his first command at Camp Lejeune. I'm sure he's destined to be a general. My other stepson, Michael '96, continues to remodel his very old house in New Gloucester from the ground up. We are very proud of both of them.

Here's the news—**Robert Baldacci** '75G has formed a new real estate development, investing, and consulting company in Portland. The Baldacci Group has experience in residential, commercial, and timeshare resorts locally, nationally, and in Ireland. He's almost as busy as his brother and governor, John '86!

Brenda Harvey has an impor-

David Mallett '73 in Concert with Derek Aramburu '88

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tant position as commissioner of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. She's gained a lot of respect for her knowledge and accessibility in extremely tough budget times. But her "grace under pressure" has still demanded unpopular budget and program cuts that affect thousands of Mainers with disabilities. Keep up the good work, Brenda.

Congratulations to **Jeff Ingalls** on his girls' soccer coaching position at Hampden Academy. With an impressive 30-year career in teaching and coaching, he will be a great asset to an already established team that reached the Class A semifinals last year. While at Bangor High School, his team compiled a 141-38-11 record. Best wishes to Jeff in his new adventure.

A general note to members of the Class of 1974—we have a number of lifetime members of the alumni association, including **Maura Hayes Emerson '78G**, **Cynthia Houston Hamilton '81G** (both from my hometown of Brewer), and **Mark Lothian** to name a few. Please consider a lifetime membership this year to support the alumni association—it would make a great Christmas gift! For information contact: shannon.coiley@umit.maine.edu.

And finally, Paul Tinkham '78 and I are putting together an alumni event for the Maine versus Florida State football game in the fall of '09. If you live in Florida or Georgia and would like to join the fun, please send me an email.

1975

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The Class of '75 is looking for a correspondent to write the class column for *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. If you like to write, can meet an occasional deadline, and want to know what's happening with your classmates before everyone else does, this job may be for you!

Please contact the alumni association at the above address. It's not a tough job—some people have been writing their class columns for several decades!

Go Blue!



Fourth Generation UMaine Grad

When Sam Carbonetti (center) received his diploma at the commencement ceremony last May, he became the fourth generation from his family to earn a UMaine degree. To Sam's left are his parents, Emily Stebbins Carbonetti '76 and Richard "Carbo" Carbonetti '77. To Sam's right are his aunt, Martha Stebbins Burnham '70, and grandmother, Betty Perkins Stebbins '46. Betty's father graduated in 1921.

1976

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Hello '76ers!

Have you joined InCircle yet? It's a great place to connect with our classmates. Go to: mainealumni.com and click on the InCircle link. You can also send me any items for our Class of '76 column using InCircle or by dropping me an email.

Congratulations to **Lois Kilby-Chesley** for being nominated for Maine's 2009 Teacher of the Year Award. Lois teaches at the Mast Landing School in Freeport.

Robert Welch has been named chairman of the board of directors of Bangor Federal Credit Union. Bob recently retired from the Bangor Police Department after serving 25 years with the department. **Ford Reiche** has been named the Maine Small Business Person of the Year

for 2008 by the U.S. Small Business Administration. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has announced the selection of **George "Witt" Anderson** as programs director for its northwestern division in Portland, Oregon. With this appointment, Witt becomes a member of the federal government's Senior Executive Service cadre. Kudos to **David Gordon**, president of Katahdin Cedar Log Homes in Oakfield, for the feature article in the *Bangor Daily News* on how his company is taking steps to reduce any negative impact on the environment.

I received an email from **Emily Stebbins Carbonetti** who was pleased to announce that her son, Sam, graduated from UMaine last May. He is a fourth generation graduate from UMaine earning his degree in political science. Emily and her husband, Richard "Carbo" Carbonetti '77, live in Vermont where Emily is an elementary school teacher, and Carbo is vice president of the timberlands division of Landvest, which also has offices in Georgia, Pennsylvania, Maine, New York, and New Hampshire.

James Finkle dropped me a

note on UMaine's InCircle saying that in 2005 he retired from the Air Force Reserve after 37 years of service. He was stationed at Andrews Air Force Base, where he met the First Lady, the secretary of state, the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, and the chief of staff of the Air Force during his last week of duty. Currently he is employed as a consultant in the intelligence community with Booz Allen Hamilton.

Do you realize that our class has 13 lifetime members of the alumni association? It's a great way to express your loyalty to and support for our alma mater.

You can find out more about becoming a lifetime member by contacting: shannon.coiley@umit.maine.edu or by calling 1-800-934-2586. You may even want to contact some of these Class of '76 lifetime members: **Judy Call McCollum**, **Mark Turski '87G**, **Jeff Raynes**, **Jean Lucille Horgan Higgins**, or **Tom Estes**. I'll list more next time.

Please remember to send me a note for our column. Enjoy the fall weather.

1977

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Again greetings! By the time you read this, we should be enjoying the beautiful fall foliage. I hope you had a wonderful summer.

I received a lovely note from **Peter Priest** of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Sounds like he misses Maine at times, but really enjoys southern living when spring rolls in sometime around February. What a difference from Maine winters!

I also got an email from **Curt Carleen**. He is now sales manager for Allied Van Lines in Exeter, Rhode Island. He wants to "encourage everyone to get out and cheer on our new Black Bear club hockey team. Let's help bring them glory like their varsity counterparts!"

Butch Arthers '95G, principal at Belfast Area High School, has stepped down as the school's varsity football coach. In his 16 years as head coach he guided Belfast to three Class B state championships and six Eastern Maine titles, compiled a 111-58 record, and led the Lions to postseason play in each of the last 14 years.

Children's book author, **Lynn Plourde** '78G, has a new book out entitled *Margaret Chase Smith: A Woman for President*. She says the book was "a true labor of love and took forever to research." The book tells of key moments in the personal and political life of congresswoman Margaret Chase Smith, from her childhood in Skowhegan, incidentally Lynn's hometown as well, to her rise in political power and prestige during 32 years of service in Congress and life in Washington, D.C.

Finally, I'd like to put in a good word for membership in the alumni association. Is your membership up to date? Tired of receiving notices to join or renew your membership? Then please consider becoming a lifetime member. It's a great way to show your support for the alumni association and give back to UMaine. Several of your classmates have signed up already!

As always, I hope you'll keep in touch. Your classmates do want to hear from you. I know because they told me so! And a great way to stay connected is by joining InCircle.

*Pierce Atwood attorney
Judy Fletcher Woodbury '76*

Among the Country's Best

Judy Fletcher Woodbury '76 (history) was recently ranked among the top attorneys in the nation for 2008 by Chambers and Partners, an independent British legal research firm that publishes rankings of the leading global firms based on client interviews.

Judy is in charge of the Pierce Atwood real estate title section. In that position, she focuses on title work and the documentation of transactions in their Portland, Maine, office.



Just go to: mainealumni.com and click on InCircle. I hope you'll give it a try!

1978

*30th Reunion at
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Hello, everyone. Do you all have your countdown to Reunion calendars prominently displayed? As I write this, it is July 10th and there are three months left before the big event. I have commandeered the calendar that my children used this spring to cross off school days so they could tell me at any moment exactly how many days were left until summer break. It is also hot and steamy here in my kitchen, which makes me look forward to a cool October weekend in Orono.

As I write this, **Diana Rothstein** is asleep in my guest room, having recently arrived from her long trip from the Land Down Under. She comes every summer to visit her family and friends, and I look forward to her visit all year long. She sends her greetings to all her classmates and is sorry that she will not be able to join us at Reunion.

Stephen Richardson writes that

upon leaving UMaine he spent time working in the ski industry and a state-parks system before settling on a career at UPS. He has been there for 25 years and is currently an international account manager. Stephen and his wife, Lucille, who graduated from UMaine Fort Kent in 1977, live in Auburn, Massachusetts, and have three grown sons between the ages of 20 and 25. They enjoy following the Maine hockey team and vacationing at their camp on Eagle Lake. Their love of Maine has never abated, and they look forward to an early retirement and moving back in several years. Then they can attend all those hockey games in person!

Mary Rogers Libhart is married to **Peter Libhart** and the mother of Dana, a high school sophomore at Bangor High School. Mary and Peter celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last year with a trip back to Bermuda, the site of their honeymoon. Peter owns a company and contracts to wind power corporations; he is currently working on the project in Mars Hill. Mary is a part-time secretary at her church, which gives her the flexibility to attend all of Dana's sporting events and take care of their two golden retrievers.

Also heeding my pleas for news is **Diane Whitmore**, who is a foreign language teacher at Freeport High School. She would like to encourage any alumni who were members of the marching band to join the Alumni Marching Band at their annual performance, which will be held at the football game during Homecom-

ing weekend. Diane reports that last year there were six decades of marching band alums represented, from the Class of 1951 to the Class of 2007, which made the Alumni Band almost as large as the current band. There is an active InCircle group entitled "Marching Band alumni" for anyone who would like more information.

Becky Amsden is currently living in the Atlanta area and loving it. Both of her siblings are in that area which helped influence her decision to move south—well, that and a case of "snow fatigue." Sadly, Becky lost her remarkable mother, Marilyn Amsden, from complications due to Alzheimer's disease over Thanksgiving weekend. Her father continues to live in their family home in Brewer.

David and Victoria Kusch Erker are living in Orono in an old home that they have been renovating for 23 years. Several years ago they built a new garage with space for a business above. Thus was born Front Porch Books in June 2007, with 3,000 gently used books. Vicky is having a wonderful time talking books with her neighbors and tending to the gardens that surround the shop. In addition to helping Vicky hunt for books, Dave works as a software engineer for Boeing in their Bangor office. He also enjoys hiking, skiing, and pounding nails in his spare time. Dave and Vicky are the proud parents of one son, Ben, who is working on his master's degree in environmental engineering at the University of California/Davis. Ben plans to work on the drinking-water problems in third world countries. Dave and Vicky expect to be working in their bookstore during Reunion weekend, and welcome all of their classmates to stop by for a visit at 67 Pine Street.

In early April, I was invited to spend the weekend with **Kathy Bourgoi** and attend the 100th reunion of the Alpha Omicron Pi's chapter at UMaine. Kathy is a physician at Eastern Maine Medical Center and her husband, Dave Labrecque '79, works in the chemistry department at UMaine where he is in charge of all the instruments used in research. They have two daughters: Julianne will be a high school junior and Holly will be in the sixth grade in the fall. Tragically, Kathy lost her only sibling, her sister Patti Bourgoi of Gardiner, several days after our visit. Patti attended UMaine for several years and would have graduated in the Class of '79 had she not transferred.

Last month I had a wonderful time working on the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary's annual fashion show. This year's theme was Celebrating Life and all models were either cancer survivors or clinicians working in the cancer field. Of course, who was there modeling but **Meredith Strang Burgess**. That woman is everywhere! She looked tall, thin, and tanned. My new career since retiring is selling a line of women's clothing called The Carlisle Collection, and I supplied clothing to some of the models. For any of you stylish ladies who live in southern Maine, I would love to have you come take a peek at the clothes and accessories; my fall/holiday show will be in November.

I am trying to obtain little Maine-themed gifts for those of you who submit items to the next column. The expense has not yet been approved, but I encourage you to write to me NOW as you do not want to miss out on the potential for a gift that will make you the most sought-after of party guests. I'll just leave it at that.

Write soon, write often, write on behalf of your friends who won't. Just write.

See you in October!

1979

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Is there a prettier place than Maine in the autumn? Come back to campus if you have the chance, and see what's new (and what hasn't changed since "the good old days").

I've got a few notes on classmates; I hope you'll take a minute to bring me up-to-date on you and yours.

Hoorah for **Karen Heck** (G) who was inducted into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame for her activism and community involvement. Her activities have included the Maine Women's Lobby, the Maine Choice Coalition, Waterville Rotary, and the Maine Women's Fund, and she is a cofounder of Hardy Girls/Healthy Women—a nonprofit that champions healthy growth and development of girls beyond society's stereotypes.

Robert Wayboer is a senior manager in the information technology consulting division at Baker,

Another Tony Award for Don Holder '80

Ground-breaking lighting designer Don Holder '80 earned his second Tony Award this past spring for Best Lighting of a Musical for his work on the Broadway revival of *South Pacific*. He was also nominated for a Tony for Best Lighting Design of a Play for *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*.

Don was awarded his first Tony, as well as a Drama Desk Award, for his innovative lighting design of Disney's *The Lion King*.

Although Don graduated from UMaine with a forestry degree, he was very involved with campus theater productions as an undergraduate at the university. He cites legendary University of Maine theater professor Al Cyrus as being one of his earliest inspirations and influences.



Don Holder earned his first Tony Award in the '90s for his lighting design on the smash Broadway hit, *The Lion King*.

Newman, Noyes in Portland. **Jane Lincoln** is a top aide to Maine Governor Baldacci '86. **George Diplock, Jr.** is a vice president at Kennebec Savings Bank. George's involvement in community service includes Habitat for Humanity, the Augusta food bank, and Ducks Unlimited. **Susan A. Sparaco** is an assistant attorney general for the state of Maine.

Finally, a salute to the seven members of our class (and you know who you are) who are lifetime members of the University of Maine Alumni Association. It's a great way to support the organization that brings us news of, and organizes events for, all alums . . . including (dare I point it out) our 30th Reunion coming next year. Consider becoming a member.

1980

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Hello, classmates! I have heard from many of you via emails and

mail. All of your UMO friends love hearing from you, so keep in touch!

Rob Clark from Houston, Texas, recently wrote that he met up with Tom Sweetster '79, from Beaumont, Texas, in San Jose, California. The purpose of their trip to California was to run the Rock-N-Roll Half Marathon. Other news from the Clark family is that they headed to Las Vegas this past February to see the UMaine baseball team play at UNLV.

Rob works for Technip as the project director for several ExxonMobil U.S. refinery projects. Rob and wife, Kathy Evans Clark '81, have an eight-year-old son, Matthew. They have lived "in and out of Houston" since 1984, with stays in Lyon, France; Tokyo, and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; with shorter stays in Puerto Rico and Aruba. Rob notes, "We get back to Maine every summer to visit, enjoy the cool weather, and fish!" Nice hearing from you, Rob!

Recently winning a Tony Award is **Don Holder**, for his lighting design work on *South Pacific*. Don has received many awards in his field. His lighting design for the Broadway production of Disney's *The Lion King* won a Tony and a Drama Desk Award. Don also received Tony nominations for his

lighting work on *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Movin' Out*, and *Gem of the Ocean*, among others. I am in awe. Congratulations, Don!

Several class members have sons and daughters who are now University of Maine alums! **Lisa Berberian Lafond** writes that through the years, she and husband, James '79, have attended various UMaine events with friends **Bill** and **Linda Hanson** and Mike '79 and **Mary Sheehy Booth** '82G. This year, all three families had children graduate from UMaine—Jenny Booth '08, Craig Hanson '08, and Justin Lafond '08. Last year, Justin's brother, Matthew '07, graduated from UMaine. Congratulations to all!

Randolph Erb (G) has recently been named executive director of the Bangor Land Trust. Randolph moved back to Maine after serving as director of philanthropy for the West Virginia chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

Works by **Maureen Maloney**, entitled Maine Viewpoints, were recently on display at the Kennebunk Free Library. Maureen received her undergraduate degree in art at the University of Maine, then a master's degree in art and teaching at the Massachusetts College of Art in Boston. Most recently, Maureen received an MFA degree from the Vermont College of Fine Arts. Maureen has been teaching in the art department of York High School for the past 17 years.

Tim Ames, after earning a degree in civil engineering at UMaine, has been making news in the construction business. In the early 1990s, Tim and his wife, Nancy, merged construction and manufactured retail home sales into a successful business. Ames Home Center is located in Canaan, Maine.

The University of Maine Alumni Association offers a membership option entitled lifetime membership. Our class has 16 lifetime members. Please join **Scott Inglis**, **Brenda LaRoche Whitney**, **Bill Dalton**, **Cindy Van de Workeen Allen**, and others and become a lifetime member.

For more information, please contact the UMaine alumni office at: shannon.coiley@umit.maine.edu or call 1-800-934-2586. It's a wonderful way to give back to the school that gave us so much!

I would love to hear from you. Your news is big news! Email me today with what's going on with you!

1981

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As I write this column, I think back to Reunion weekend in June at UMaine. I always attend a few functions as a member of the alumni association's board. Each year, I request to attend the 50th Reunion banquet. It's always a fun time and I still feel young, as the members of that class are old enough to be our parents—at least for a couple more years! Like it or not, we're more than halfway to our 50th! Hope you don't wait 50 years to come back to campus, like a few of the gentlemen I spoke with this year. Why not plan on coming for Homecoming this fall? Get in touch with some of your old gang and plan a road trip! You know how fast these last 27 years whizzed by! If you wait any longer, we might not recognize you!

The clippings this time are few and seem to be mostly about educators. **Bill Nemer** stepped down from coaching two generations of Ashland athletes and heading six boys' and girls' sports. He continues to teach physical education for the Ashland Community School District.

Carl Lusby (G) retired this past June from his post as principal of the Bryant E. Moore School in Ellsworth. He ends a 37-year career in education. Another retirement to report is that of **Madeline Saucier Belanger** (G), who stepped down as assistant principal at Biddeford Primary School this past March.

Tori Porter Kornfield, teacher of English and public speaking at Bangor High School, got a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend the Academy Awards in February. Her brother works for a computer animation production company and invited her to attend with him. Would love to hear who she bumped into or saw through the crowd!

Val Haynes Morton was the speaker at the initiation ceremony for Sophomore Eagles this past spring at UMaine. As I previously reported, Val's daughter, Rebecca, served as president of the 2007-2008 Eagles. Val said she even found her T-shirt and uniform for the occasion, but they had shrunk terribly! Ditto with mine!

And finally, **Bob Michaud** dropped me an email to say that he



On June 13 UMaine sociology graduate Mark Gatti '81 celebrated his 25th year of selling hot dogs from his cart in Portland's Old Port. The anniversary party drew many of Mark's loyal customers and included a speech by Portland mayor, Ed Suslovic. (Photograph by Sandra Hrasdzira, courtesy of the Forecaster.)

was sorry he had missed our last reunion due to medical issues following a car accident and a cancer diagnosis. The good news is that he is doing well at present and would love to reconnect with old computer science buddies. He lives in Madbury, New Hampshire, and his email address is: handyru@comcast.net. He also encourages you to join the InCircle community and catch up with classmates online. More on that in the next paragraph! Bob has hopped around since graduation, from IBM in upstate New York, to a software consultant in Massachusetts, and then landed in New Hampshire. We wish Bob the best of health and hope he'll get a good response to his request!

A couple of sales pitches to end with this time! If you haven't checked out the UMaine Alumni Association's online community, InCircle, click on: www.mainealumni.com where you'll find the link. It's a great way to connect with old friends from our class and the surrounding classes.

And a note of thanks to the 11 classmates who are lifetime members of the alumni association. Many of you are annual members (which ensures that you receive this magazine regularly), but did you know you had the option of paying up for life? In this day and age of tight budgets, your membership dues are appreciated more than ever. They support numerous pro-

grams that the association sponsors throughout the year, including scholarships, advocacy efforts, reunions, Homecoming, alumni chapters and affinity groups, and the upkeep and operation of our beautiful Buchanan Alumni House. Log on to the website or contact the alumni association for more details—and show your Black Bear pride for a lifetime!

1982

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Hey '82—what's new? We're busy with jobs, families, and life—but our news is going unreported. Do you have a new scooter that gets phenomenal mileage? A dog that's a Frisbee addict? A son or daughter heading to Orono? Surely you can tell us about your summer vacation, what you're doing for work and fun, or when you last saw a UMaine '82 classmate.

We're also looking for someone to write the news—so contact the alumni association at the above address.

**Express your Black Bear pride.
Become a member today!**

1983

**25th Reunion at
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Twenty-five years! As I write this column and we prepare to return to Orono for our 25th Reunion, my wife, Lisa, and I are filled with mixed emotions—we're "empty nesters!" Our eldest daughter, Melissa, is a member of the Class of '09 at the University of Maine, and our "baby," Kelsey, is now a member of the '12 class at Boston University. Suffice it to say we won't be vacationing in Costa Rica anytime soon!

Excuse the sloppy segue, but a classmate who will be spending much of his time in Costa Rica, is **Peter Cianchette**, who was sworn in as U.S. ambassador to Costa Rica on May 8 of this year. Peter was Maine's national Republican committeeman and served as the Maine general chairman of the Bush-Cheney '04 campaign. In 2002, he was the Republican nominee for governor of Maine. Peter is president of The Cianchette Group, a public affairs management and business consulting firm. He is also a partner in the Portland-based private investment firm, CHK Capital Partners. Peter and his wife, Carolyn, have two children and prior to his appointment resided in South Portland. I am not sure if he will be attending Homecoming—however if I see someone with a great tan I may take a stab at calling out, "Hey, Peter!"

Someone who enjoys rejection as much as I do is **Diane Norton**. Diane and I share the same avocation, we sell, or in Diane's case sold, advertising! Diane now serves as group publisher for Courier Publications. Courier Publications include *The Courier-Gazette*, *The Camden Herald*, *The Bar Harbor Times*, *The Republican Journal*, *The Waldo Independent*, *Capital Weekly*, and the leading web news source MaineCoastNow.com. Diane resides in Camden, Maine, with her husband, Sandy Ellsworth. Any conversation with her at Homecoming should start with, "This is off the record!"

Classmate **Linda Eastman Robichaud** and her family spent an

April weekend in Yankee Stadium, and never saw a run scored. The Robichaud family was in New York to see someone other than Jeter or Ortiz, a real power hitter, Pope Benedict XVI. Linda described it as a "once-in-a-lifetime experience" and was more excited that her children David Henry (3), Hannah (7), and Frances (9) would be able to be a part of it. Linda and her husband, David, reside in Hermon, Maine.

A number of our classmates were moving up the corporate ladder earlier in the year. **John Dougherty** was promoted to corporate project manager of Oxford Networks in Lewiston, Maine. **Jeff Andrews** was promoted to senior vice president at T.Y. Lin International's Falmouth office. T.Y. Lin has established itself as an internationally recognized civil and structural engineering firm, with offices worldwide. **Joe Hackett** was recently hired as the vice president of business banking for Bar Harbor Financial Services. Joe has more than 15 years of experience as a branch manager and commercial lender and is working out of the Bar Harbor office. And staying in the banking and finance industry, **Kimberly Lowell Nason '85G** was named vice president and Camden market manager for Camden National Bank!

Finally, a few of our classmates have made a lifetime commitment to the University of Maine. **Thomas Burrall, Jeffrey L. Hanscom, Mary Place, and Scott A. Leach** have become lifetime members of the University of Maine Alumni Association. The alumni association relies on us for funding in order to keep all alumni connected to our alma mater. The UMAA also provides you with a variety of valuable benefits and your dues help supply important funds the association uses to continue its service to the University of Maine, its current students, and its graduates. One of the ways they keep us all connected is this very magazine, which many of you are reading for the first time in a long time. Find out how you can continue to receive it by visiting them on the web at: mainealumni.org. After all, you don't want to miss my next installment of classnotes!

I know you have interesting stories to tell, and since this issue is reaching all our classmates for the first time in many years, I encourage you to share your stories and experiences with me, and your classmates. I want to write about per-



Among those attending the UMaine College of Engineering reception in Portland last May were (left to right): Karl Hoose '85, '89G (president and founder of Applied Thermal Sciences), Al Bingham '54 (retired), and alumni association president, Todd Saucier '93, '97G.

sonal triumphs, interesting vacations, and hear about your families. Many of you may have a college graduate this year, or could also be sharing the empty nest experience that my wife and I are going through. As a friend in a similar position recently said to me, "It's a good thing we still like one another!"

I am interested in your lives since UMaine and look forward to sharing your stories with other members of our class. Happy Homecoming!

1984

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Hello, classmates! I hope you all had a fantastic summer. Only one more year until our 25th Reunion! Make plans now to come to UMaine and catch up with your college friends. In the meantime, you might be interested in joining InCircle where you can connect with other UMaine alumni online. Several of our classmates have already joined. Just go to: mainealumni.com and click on InCircle.

I received an email from **Patrick Dunn**. He has joined a start-up company called Orange Parachute as business continuity practice lead for North America. He is responsible for new business development as well as quality delivery of consultant

deliverables. He has moved his family to Flowery Branch, Georgia. He coached his daughter, Catalina's, softball team last spring. She is a budding actress and attended several acting camps this past summer.

As some of you may recall, **Paul Cook** has formed a partnership, Seminary Redevelopment, LLC, to redevelop the former Bangor Theological Seminary campus. The partnership purchased the 9.25-acre campus in August 2007. It looks like the property will be developed into a community service center with space for health care and social service providers, a housing complex for low-income seniors, a depository for final copies and special editions of books and periodicals, and a culinary arts and hospitality program.

Barry Dana, former Penobscot chief, brought knowledge of the state's first people to the Gilbert Elementary School in Augusta during Maine Native Peoples Week. Among other knowledge shared with the youngsters, Barry taught them to make a traditional survival shelter from saplings and boughs.

The UMaine Alumni Association wants me to remind you that lifetime membership is a great option. Please join the 11 members of our class who are lifetime members in supporting the alumni association.

This is all the news I have this time. I am sure many of you read the classnotes section of this magazine first. This column is dependent on you sending me your news. Take a moment now to drop me a line!

Happy Autumn!

1985

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Another school year has kicked off! Both of our children are in high school now—doesn't seem possible!

Congratulations to first-time publisher **Sandra Palmer Fish** of West Gardiner, Maine. Sandra's *Sisters Everywhere Wishing for Peace* is a children's book with gently rhyming text that tells the story of how simply peace can spread from one heart to another. The book begins: "Peace is here inside of me. It's there to share, for all to see. I will give some peace to you...Then there is peace enough for two." The number rhyme continues until it arrives at 10. Admirers of the sewing arts will enjoy the original, handcrafted fabric illustrations she created with 13 female collaborators—a modern-day quilting project. Proceeds from the book will be used to help feed and educate children. The first profits were earmarked for school supplies for Malawi children.

Laurie Osgood has been named president and CEO of UniTel, in Unity, Maine. Laurie is also vice president of business development at UniTel's parent corporation, UniTek. Laurie lives in Belfast, Maine, with her husband, Bruce, and their three daughters. She also volunteers with the Telephone Association of Maine and Good Will-Hinckley.

Deborah Dumoulin is the new diabetes nurse educator for Southern Maine Medical Center Visiting Nurses after a 20-year tenure at Maine Medical Center. Deb lives in Biddeford, and is an active hockey fan—her three children were on the Maine Class A championship team in 2007.

Have you considered lifetime membership to the UMaine Alumni Association? Please consider joining **Kimberly Bailey, John Coleman, Deidre O'Callaghan, Michael Pineau, Suzanna Sullivan Brown, Maria Fuentes, Kimberly McCourt Ford, and Barry Gates** in supporting the alumni association by becoming lifetime members. For more information call Shannon at the alumni office at 1-800-934-2586 or email: shannon.coiley@umit.maine.edu.

All for now. Hope to see you at Homecoming festivities—and as always, would love to hear from you and share your news with our classmates.

1986

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Hi, classmates! This column is going out to even more alumni than usual, so I'd like to take a sec and tell you about the advantages of belonging to the UMaine Alumni Association! You will get the very interesting classnotes and magazine three times a year, you can find and chat with new and old alumni friends on InCircle on the association's website, you get business and campus discounts, and more! It is a great, fun way to get and keep in touch! Also, the alumni association wants to remind you that lifetime memberships are available. That way you can save some money and not have to track renewing and as always, get the benefits above!

We are a bit light on news this time—please email or snail mail us with the latest!

William Lovejoy is serving on the Old Town city council.

Paul Conway is the interim federal coordinator for the Office of Gulf Coast Rebuilding.

Thomas Babineau has graduated from CBA's Graduate School of Retail Bank Management at the University of Virginia. Thomas has worked in banking for over 20 years and now oversees Northeast Bank's retail division with branches throughout Maine. After getting his B.S. in business at UMaine, he received his master's in business at Husson College, as well as receiving various banking and insurance licenses and certifications.

Maine Maritime Academy announced that its 2008 commencement speaker was the Honorable **John Baldacci**, governor of Maine. John received an honorary doctorate from the college in 1997. Maine Maritime Academy president, Leonard Tyler, notes that the college's honorary degree serves to recognize Baldacci's more than 25 years of service to the people of Maine. John was first elected to public office in 1978, earning a seat

Carol Haskell Wertz '86

Top Performer at Procter & Gamble

Carol Haskell Wertz '86 (merchandising), recently received the Procter & Gamble—Professional Care, Director of Sales of the Year Award as well as the company's Outstanding Leadership, Recognition Shares Award.

The awards cited Carol for being “a top performer among her peers” and for her “passion for leadership and winning.”

Carol is the daughter of Gloria Haskell and former UMaine athletic director Stuart Haskell '56. She now lives in Londonderry, New Hampshire, with her husband, Lloyd, and their two children, Hunter and Logan.



on the Bangor city council. He was first elected as governor of Maine in 2002 and is now serving his second term. He, wife Karen '83, '01G, and son, Jack, reside at the Blaine House in Augusta.

As I write this, **George** and I are looking forward to a family trip to North Carolina this weekend. Our nephew Ian graduates from high school, the fourth one to do so! Where does the time go? Will get a fun chance to visit with George's family including alums Walter '57, '71G and Judith Dale Macdougall '57, and Arthur '80 and Susan Norton Macdougall '81, as well as hosts Malcolm and Angela (though they are not lucky enough to have gone to UMaine, ha!).

Keep in touch!

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1987

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Hello, alumni. As I write this, the Boston Celtics won game six in Boston last night and green shirts are everywhere! Hopefully by the time you are reading this, the Red Sox will be World Series champs again. The “again” part never seems to get old! Anyway—**Mike Rutherford**, who coached baseball at

Portland High for 16 years, is now coaching baseball at Westbrook High. Mike stepped down from coaching about a year ago but found that he “missed the game big time.” Earlier this year Mike presented the Fitzpatrick Trophy to the top senior football player in the state of Maine. Twenty-five years ago Mike won the Fitzpatrick himself. **Lynn Hearty Coutts** is an assistant coach and pitching consultant for the Black Bears softball team. Lynn played at Maine and was named NCAA Northeast All-American in 1987, the first Maine player to earn that honor.

Cornelius Russell was elected president of the Maine Innkeepers Association last winter. **David Skinas** (G) was elected to the board of directors of The Intervale Center. David is an archeologist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Vermont, and has been with the NRCS since 1994. **Jay Muth** joined Camden National Bank as a vice president and commercial loan officer and will be based in Bangor. Jay has over 20 years in the banking industry and lives in Winterport with his family.

Lois Withey Hamel ('03 Ph.D.) sent me a note this spring. She has been a nurse for 20 years and a nurse practitioner for 10 years with certification in primary care, and earned a Ph.D. from Maine. Lois has received several awards for her teaching and leadership over the years. She lives in Auburn with her husband, Dennis, and their “menag-

erie of pets.” She hopes peers and faculty from the nursing program or from Aroostook Hall will not hesitate to write her at: DRHLCH@aol.com.

Please remember to go to: mainealumni.com and sign up for InCircle, so that you can keep in touch with alumni all year long. The alumni association would also like to encourage you to sign up as a lifetime member. So far, only eight of us have signed up and I'm one of them!

1988

20th Reunion at Homecoming
 October 24- 26, 2008

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Hello, Class of 1988! As this issue reaches more of you, I hope you enjoy the articles and the up-dates provided in the classnotes for not just our class but for the other classes in which you know someone. Welcome.

This time around, due to space constraints, I only have room to mention a few of our classmates, but please drop me a line and I'll try to include your information next time. First, it is time to congratulate **Thomas and Martha Bell Luttrell** on their purchase of the Owls Head General Store as announced in *The Courier Gazette*, Rockland, Maine. The store is located near the post office and the road that leads to the Owls Head Lighthouse. If you are in Owls Head, Maine, drop by and enjoy a cup of coffee or light meal.

It is also time to mention the American Folk Festival that occurs each August in the city of Bangor. The executive director, **Heather McCarthy**, mentioned in the February 2008 issue of *Down East* magazine, that there is a “new excitement about Bangor. The folk festival is evidence of the changes....” If you haven't visited Bangor in a while, maybe it is time to swing by next August to check out the fun.

Van L. Perry is a vice president and commercial loan officer at Mechanics Savings Bank in Auburn. Van has over 20 years in the banking industry and lives with his family in Readfield.

Birth announcements are always

great news. Jim and **Wendy Sheay Hutzelmann** welcomed their daughter, Sonya Nancy Hutzelmann, on May 8. Sonya joins her three-year-old brother, Nathan. The Hutzelmans live in Three Bridges, New Jersey.

Finally, if you are not a member of the alumni association, maybe it is time—20 years after our graduation—to consider joining. Or maybe for some it is time to become a lifetime member. If interested, more information can be found by calling 1-800-934-2586.

And as always, I'd love to hear from you.

1989

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Happy fall to all! Greetings during this season that always brings back fond memories of our days at Maine—football games, Homecoming, and the great fall foliage on campus. Hope you'll be inspired to write or email and let our classmates know what you're up to!

Michele Wehrwein Albion emailed me to let me know she's authored a book, *The Florida Life of Thomas Edison*, which will be released this fall by the University Press of Florida. The book documents the famous inventor's winters in Florida from 1885 to his death in 1931. Historic photographs and insightful sidebars accompany the text to provide a comprehensive and compelling narrative about Edison's leisure and work activities at his tropical retreat. Congratulations, Michele!

Rich Kimball '97G will continue doing radio commentary of Black Bear football games on the Clear Channel (no longer WZON). This will be his 10th season with broadcast partner Bob Lucy. Rich is a Brewer Middle School coordinator and Brewer High School drama club director.

Eric Weinrich is still playing hockey for the Portland Pirates in the AHL, but suffered a facial bone fracture last February, which sidelined him for an extended period.

Timothy Driscoll and Melissa Willigar were married on August 9,

Michael Martin '87 Recognized for Outstanding Work at Brewer Parks and Recreation

Michael Martin (business administration) of the Brewer Parks and Recreation Department received the William B. Haskell Professional of the Year Award last spring—the highest recognition given by the Maine Recreation and Parks Association.

Mike has worked for the Brewer Parks and Recreation Department for 19 years and was cited as being instrumental in the department's success and growth. He lives in Bradley with his wife, Angela, and their daughters, Rachael and Lauren.



2008. Tim is employed with Center Transport in Easton.

Timothy A. Pease has joined the law firm of Rudman and Winchell in Bangor.

Dean Smith '91G was treated to an extraordinary 40th birthday present last winter—tickets to Super Bowl XLII between the Pats and the New York Giants! Dean's wife, **Laurie Labbe Smith**, planned this surprise for over a year! Dean is a vice president at Orono Spectral Solutions, a research and development firm specializing in sensor/detection technology for environmental monitoring. Laurie is a registered nurse in Eastern Maine Medical Center's cardiac unit. The Smiths have been married 17 years and have two sons: Hunter and Hyatt. Makes turning 50 sound appealing!

Gail Martin Labonty of Scarborough was named manager of the Forest Avenue, Portland branch of the University Credit Union. She has more than seven years of experience in financial services, including six as vice president for Fraser Federal Credit Union.

The Class of '89 has six lifetime members. Please consider this simple way to support the alumni association!

I am planning to resign my position as class correspondent as I'm adopting a baby later in the year. Anyone interested in replacing me please email me or Abigail Zelz at the alumni association (abigail.zelz@umit.maine.edu).

Keep the news coming and have a happy and healthy fall!

1990

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Happy fall! We had a great summer. One of our best adventures was our camping trip in June. In July, the kids and I took a trip to Seattle to visit my twin sister and her family. Of course, we went to the beach, ate pizza at Old Orchard Beach, and did the usual summer things in Maine. This fall, Kayla entered first grade and Mikey entered his last year of preschool.

Thomas J. McKellop (G), an employment and career counselor associated with the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Auburn, New York, writes that he received his license in 2008 to practice as a licensed mental health counselor from the University of New York office of the professions. He also holds credentials as a national certified counselor and national certified career counselor. Thanks for writing!

New jobs! Attorney **Daniel J. Edwards** joined Bernstein Shur, one of northern New England's largest multi-service law firms. Their offices are located in Portland and Augusta,

Maine; and Manchester, New Hampshire. Daniel focuses on real estate litigation matters and lives in Yarmouth.

Judy Flint Gerish was appointed to the Maine Emergency Medical Services board of directors by Governor John Baldacci '86. She will serve a three-year term. Judy, a registered nurse, is the director of the Heartwise Cardiac Rehabilitation Program at the Mayo Regional Hospital. She also serves as the quality assurance quality improvement nurse for Mayo EMS ambulance.

Suzan Prendergast Bell is the new executive director of the Bangor Humane Society which serves more than 200 communities in five Maine counties. Suzan lives in the Bangor area with her husband and son.

Hiren J. Shah (G), P.E. has become a senior associate at the firm Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers located in New York City. He specializes in "the definition of subsurface conditions and soil and rock design properties and the design of shallow and deep foundations ... horizontal directional drilling, pipe-jacking, and micro-tunneling." Some of his significant projects include: the Harlem River Crossing in the Bronx, New York; the Atlantic Treatment Plant in Virginia Beach, Virginia; and the Conde Nast Tower at 4 Times Square in New York City.

Art Greenlaw (G) retired as head football coach at Mattanawcook Academy. In the three years he was coach he guided his team to three postseason appearances. He is still a part-time consultant in UMaine's Sports Done Right Initiative.

Andrew E. Silsby has been promoted to senior vice president and treasurer at Kennebec Savings Bank. He works in the bank's main office in Augusta. Andrew is also involved with the Kennebec Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Kennebec Valley. Andrew lives with his wife and three children in Augusta.

Christian Lalonde is having a screen play that he helped write and develop made into a horror-action movie. He is one of four producers. He will be involved in all aspects of the film. In addition, he directs the movements of hockey players that are implemented into 2K video hockey games.

Please consider lifetime membership in the alumni association. For membership information, please contact Shannon in the alumni office

at: shannon.coiley@umit.maine.edu or 1-800-934-2586. Several of your classmates are lifetime members.

Your classmates would love to hear what is happening in your life. Please send me by email anything that you would like included in the next column.

1991

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Greetings! It was great to hear from so many classmates recently. Can you believe that it was 17 years ago when we graduated from UMaine and went off to find our way in the world? What have you been doing since then? We'd all love to hear from you. Drop me a line and I'll share your stories. Here is what's new with some of our classmates.

Dawna Bickford has been appointed a school nurse by the Bucksport school board. Dawna previously worked at the Acadia Hospital in Bangor, primarily in providing both in-patient and out-patient services to children.

John Holden (G) of Auburn has joined the USDA Rural Development staff as an area specialist. He will serve Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, and Oxford counties. John's previous position was as director of business services at Eastern Maine Development Corporation in Bangor.

On November 23rd, **Jeff Holmes** and his wife, Melissa, welcomed Charlotte Katherine Holmes into the world. She weighed six pounds 15 ounces and was 20 inches long. The happy (but sleep-deprived) family lives in Wakefield, Massachusetts. Jeff works as a principal engineer at Genzyme Corporation where he is currently involved in the building of their new biotechnology facility in Beijing, China. Recently, he had the opportunity to travel to Beijing and Shanghai where he enjoyed the local cuisine and climbed the Great Wall.

I received an email from a new alumni association lifetime member **Martin Dittiger (G)**. Marty enrolled in the theatre arts graduate program at UMaine after retiring from the Navy. He currently lives in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he spends his time writing and volunteering for the



DANIEL EDWARDS '90 has joined the litigation practice group at Bernstein Shur, one of northern New England's largest law firms. He will focus his practice on a wide range of real estate litigation matters.

A Yarmouth native, Dan is a cum laude graduate of the University of Maine School of Law. He majored in English and was an honors student during his undergraduate years at UMaine.

city of Scottsdale. He also mentioned his love for sports and weather in the winter. Would that be the weather in Arizona or Maine, Marty?

There are a number of classmates who have joined the alumni association as lifetime members. I am one of them. With life being so busy, now I never have to worry about paying my dues each year. Think of it as a way to simplify your life. The benefits for members are continuous, and this is a great way to support the alumni association. If you'd like more information, contact the alumni office: shannon.coiley@umit.maine.edu or call 1-800-934-2586.

Stephanie Burchill Love is living in Anchorage, Alaska, with her husband, Scott, and was promoted to graphic designer/production coordinator at the Alaska USA Federal Credit Union. She and Scott escaped the cold of the great north by traveling to Palm Springs and Las Vegas in April. Stephanie's summer plans include going to Seattle to see the Red Sox play the Mariners.

Another classmate with summer travel plans is **Jennifer Crotty Davis**. She, her husband Stu, and eight family members were planning on taking a grand tour of Ireland at the end of August. **Terri Lambert** and her fiancé, Geoff Spitzer, took time off from a major house remodeling project to travel to London and Paris for a combined business trip and vacation in May.

Did anyone else take a vacation this summer? Do you have future plans for travel with friends, family, or loyal pets? Or did you stay home and chill out in the backyard? Let us know what you've been doing. More next time! Go BLUE!

1992

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Calling all '92 alums! Please send us any updates or news that you may have about your life, work, family, whatever! You are making my job too easy, as I have very little to write about this time around. Take a second and send a note to update your classmates on your life—there must be something going on! After all, we are celebrating our 20th high school reunions this year! (Hard to believe, isn't it?)

Johanna DeHoff opened a new business called Synergy Massage and Bodywork in downtown Rockland, Maine, this past spring. They specialize in massage therapy with an emphasis on health and wellness. Good luck, Johanna, with your new business!

Lastly, **Kathryn Hunt (G)** was hired by Starboard Leadership Consulting LLC to expand its services to the for-profit sector. She looks forward to using her strategic planning skills with private and public organizations statewide. She resides in Bangor with her family.

Please consider joining the alumni association as a lifetime member. Our class has eight lifetime members. Let's try to increase that number and support the alumni association!

To get every issue of MAINE become a member of your alumni association today!

1993

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Greetings, Class of '93. It's been 15 (wow!) years since graduation. Obviously, we're not still living in the dorms and living on macaroni and cheese (OK, maybe the last part hasn't changed), so you must have something to report. Where are you living, working, and what are you doing for fun? If you're looking for a new hobby or volunteer position, we have an opening—we need someone to write this column. It's a great way to connect with your classmates! Contact the alumni association at the above address to find out more.

1994

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Hello, classmates! We hope you had a great summer!

Michael Azevedo won the Telecommunicator of the Year award from the Maine chapter of the National Emergency Number Association. Michael is a dispatcher for the Penobscot Regional Communications Center and also serves as the fire chief in the town of Carmel.

Nancy Scovern has been named a designated certified insurance counselor by the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors. Nancy works in Rockland as a customer service representative for the Allen Agency, an insurance, employee benefits, and financial services company. **Joan Staffiere** was presented with the Outstanding Advocate for Arts Education Award by Governor John Baldacci '86. Joan is the principal of the Capri Street and State Street schools in Brewer.

Laurie Robinson Maker (G) is running for the Democratic nomination for Plymouth County Commis-

sioner in Massachusetts—the primary election is September 16, 2008. Laurie works at Massasoit College in Brockton, Massachusetts, as a public relations manager and also serves as the chairwoman of the Halifax School Committee.

Glenn Aho (G) is the new city manager of Auburn. Glenn was previously the town manager of Lincoln. **Matt Watkins** has been hired as a vice president and business-banking officer at Bangor Savings Bank. Matt lives in Bangor with his wife and two children. **Craig Ladd** is engaged to Nicole Levine. They are planning a May 2009 wedding.

Also, on behalf of the alumni association, we'd like to encourage you to consider a lifetime membership. More information can be found on the UMaine Alumni Association website (www.mainealumni.org).

1995

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Fall has finally arrived, though as I write it's a pretty spring day where I am enjoying smelling the fresh lilacs. Our news is sparse this time around—I'd like to remind you to send in notes about what's going on so I have something to write about next time.

Almost a year ago, Governor Baldacci '86 and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection recognized our classmate, **Michael Sinclair**, for his efforts to help restore and protect Maine's waterways during activities commemorating the 35th anniversary of the federal Clean Water Act. Michael is a chemical engineer with Rumford Paper who has worked on reducing nutrient discharges in industrial wastewater.

Saint Michael's College of Colchester, Vermont, acknowledged **Lynne Nelson Manion** (G, '03 Ph.D.) as an Unsung Hero back in December. The liberal arts Catholic college solicited nominations from its students to recognize those teachers who inspired them to pursue higher education. Lynne is a teacher at John Bapst High School in Bangor.

Heidi Broad-Smith (G), an early childhood education instructor at Northern Maine Community College



Walter Herbert Foster IV '93 (left) and Katherine Foster Dall '66 are congratulated by alumni association president, Todd Saucier '93, '97G.

Foster Family Honored for UMaine Legacy

The Foster family, with four generations of University of Maine graduates spanning close to a century, was the recipient of this year's Fogler Legacy Award at Reunion 2008 on June 1. Accepting the award on behalf of the family were Katherine Foster Dall, Class of 1966 and Walter Foster, Class of 1993.

The first member of the Foster family to attend the university was Walter Herbert Foster, Sr., who graduated with a degree in animal science in 1905. He went on to earn a law degree at Harvard and to a distinguished career in the Boston area. The most recent family member to graduate is Katherine's daughter, Allison Dall Hall, Class of 1996.

(NMCC), helped form a partnership for a new education agreement with the University of Maine. Teachers that require the new education endorsement would have previously had to travel to Orono for the classes, but under the new agreement courses will be available at NMCC. Also, the agreement gives NMCC students a smooth transition from the early childhood education program into UMaine's baccalaureate programs.

The alumni association has asked that we pass along the idea of lifetime membership, which a few of our classmates have become. I'd also like to remind you of the InCircle section of the mainealumni.com website which gives you an opportunity to connect with your classmates.

I hope this finds you well!

1996

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Jennifer Cross Goode (G) has earned an accredited customer service representative designation as a personal lines account executive for the Allen Agency in Camden. Jennifer lives in Waldoboro with her eight-year-old son, Ian, and she enjoys playing the piano and singing.

John Cashwell (G), president of Seven Islands Land Company in Bangor, is a GOP candidate for the Maine House of Representatives District 17 seat covering part of

Bangor.

Glenn E. Giles (G) retired after 30 years as a music teacher in public schools in the Rutland, Vermont, area. He is now a professor of music and department chair at his undergraduate alma mater, Castleton State College in Castleton, Vermont. Congrats, Glenn!

Darci Yost Hamm is the senior vice president and senior retail banking officer at Norway Savings Bank. She has over 11 years of banking experience. She is a board member of Norway Downtown and offered her services as a board member of the Kennebec Girl Scout Council.

Fran Emmons lives in Beaver Cove with her husband, Ed, four cats, and a horse. She is a reporter with the *Moosehead Messenger* in Greenville. Fran is a former teacher of downhill skiing, a whitewater rafting guide, and a graduate of the Master Gardener program.

Remember our classmate **Tarren Bragdon**? He was the youngest person elected to the Maine House of Representatives back in 1996. Now Tarren is the new CEO of the Maine Heritage Policy Center in Portland. MHPC is a conservative think tank that advocates free market public policies in health care, education, and the economy. He is also collecting signatures to put a health care reform initiative on the 2009 ballot. This initiative would allow any insurance company licensed in New England to sell its plans in Maine.

Serena Morris (G) traveled to Costa Rica last October with 17 of her Hampden Academy biology students. The students wrote a blog about their experiences and shared it with parents, classmates, and friends back home.

Kristen Cote Cady, formerly marketing director at the *Sun Journal* and marketing manager at the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, has joined the Maine Development Foundation as program director for the Maine Downtown Center and REALIZE!Maine, the statewide initiative to connect people ages 20 to 40.

Paul Kariya completed his first year with the St. Louis Blues of the National Hockey League. The former Hobey Baker Award winner had previously played for Anaheim and Nashville. We wish him the best of luck in next year's NHL season!

Please let us know what you've been up to! We look forward to hearing from you!

1997

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Greetings, Class of '97,

Why is New Jersey always associated with the turnpike? In college, people always asked, "what exit?" when I told them I was from New Jersey, I lived nowhere near the New Jersey Turnpike. Now, the proper response is 16W since I'm now living in Rutherford. Just don't tell my neighbors that my favorite quarterback is not the one who plays a few miles away. I hope this finds you well! You can send news to me at yolanda_sly@hotmail.com.

Hampden resident Kyle Ross was the recipient of the Class of 1997's scholarship for 2007-2008. Kyle is currently studying biology and was involved in many high school activities. He closes his thank-you note with, "You have directed me down the right path for a great and successful life."

Nancy Dymond's family was featured in Gerald Talbot and H.H. Price's book, *Maine's Visible Black History*. The book discusses how many African Americans, including Nancy's family, immigrated from Canada and their role in Maine and the Bangor community. Nancy is a teacher in the Bangor School System, reports *The Bangor Daily News*.

Jeffrey Austin Cary and his wife, Aimee Turcotte Cary '00, of Danvers, Massachusetts, welcomed their first child, a son, Seamus Austin Cary, on June 26, 2007. He weighed eight pounds, five ounces, and was 20 1/4 inches long. Aimee is an account manager for a marketing firm in Gloucester, Massachusetts, and Jeff is a GIS analyst for an engineering firm in Peabody, Massachusetts.

Lori LaPointe is helping the Wiscasset community to enjoy the water. Lori is the aquatics director at the Wiscasset Community Center which offers a variety of swimming programs that cater to different ages, reports the *Coastal Journal*. Lori is also the head coach for the Wiscasset High School and Lincoln Academy's combined swim team.

David Hainer is the new varsity baseball coach at Mattanawcook Academy, reports the *Bangor Daily News*. David was a sophomore

second baseman when the Lynx won the 1991 championship. Previously, David was coaching at Lee Academy.

Alison McCrady (G) is the recycling coordinator at Ecomaine, the non-profit recycling and waste disposal organization, reports the *Journal Tribune Weekend*. Alison helps enroll communities in its new single-sort recycling program. She has her master's in public administration.

Heidi Aunins (G) has joined the staff of the counseling program at Mayo Regional Hospital, reports the *Eastern Gazette*. Heidi is a licensed clinical professional counselor who has worked as a mental health clinician in Maine since 1997. She holds a master's of counseling from UMaine.

First there was My Space, then Facebook, and now UMaine's very own InCircle can help you catch up with old classmates. Go to: mainealumni.com and click on InCircle to join.

Did you know you can obtain a lifetime membership in the alumni association? Our class has nine lifetime members. To find out more contact the alumni office at shannon.coiley@umit.maine.edu or call 1-800-934-2586.

1998

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Hearty Maine Hello from Kiev! I'm in Kiev, Ukraine, for a month in the spring studying Russian in an immersion program supplementing my intensive program back in Monterey. If all goes according to plans, I'll finish the program in July and move back to Germany in August.

Congratulations to our classmates on the following new positions: Merrill Bank on Main Street in Bangor promoted **Holly O'Halloran Vetelino** to the position of vice president of trust and investments. Holly began her career at Merrill in 1998 as an administrative assistant in the trust department and this is the latest in many promotions she has received at Merrill since then. She is the administrator for many account types, including individual, non-profits, and retirement plans. She currently resides in Veazie, and is active in the community with the

March of Dimes and the Pathfinders program.

Also, I received the following from fellow Beta, **Eric Simonds**: "I have accepted a position with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection as the staff development specialist with the Hazardous Material and Waste Remediation Division. My duties include maintaining health and safety standard compliance and certifications with individuals who monitor and remediate hazardous waste sites and spills."

In January, **Stephen Eldridge** (G) was selected as town manager of Lisbon out of 41 applicants. Most recently he was the Lewiston-Auburn joint services coordinator. He also previously worked as the town manager in Rumford, and carried many responsibilities in the towns of Green (2001-2005) and Etna (1999-2001). He is also married and has two children.

Track star of our era, **Dereck Treadwell**, continues to excel athletically. On September 30, 2007, he won the Amateur Duathlon National Championship Title, and finished third place over all at the Stars and Stripes Jersey Powerman Ohio. Dereck is currently in his third year as the Hartwick College cross-country coach. Previously he served as the sport's coach at Husson in 2003, and at Belchertown High (Massachusetts) during the 1999-2000 seasons. He has also competed professionally for the last six years with highlights of anchoring the 2005 U.S. champion indoor track distance medley and finishing 49th in the 2006 XTERRA World Championships as a tri-athlete. Congrats, Dereck!

Another of our star athletes, **Cindy Blodgett**, completed her first year as head coach of the UMaine women's basketball team. She took hold of the program, which was heading in a downward direction, and is now showing a reversal, thanks to her leadership and experience.

I was happy to hear from fellow Senior Skull **Greg Burns** via our InCircle class page! He sent the following update: "I'm currently living in Somerville, Massachusetts, and working at Children's Hospital in Boston. I'm also looking forward to my first climbing trip to Yosemite, which is in June."

Lastly, I would like to recommend to everyone to consider lifetime membership with the University of Maine Alumni Association. I can personally say, as a lifetime member, that it is an excellent decision to

make at this point in our lives to permanently solidify the bond with our alma mater. We look forward to you joining us in this unique connection. For membership information you can contact the alumni office at: shannon.coiley@umit.maine.edu or 1-800-934-2586.

I hope all is well with everyone, and have a great fall! I look forward to hearing more from you soon!

1999

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Hello, everyone! I have a significant amount of news to share this time around, so I'll cut straight to the chase!

Once again, it is the season of weddings! **Michael Zubik** is engaged to Molly Higgins. The couple met while working at Margarita's Restaurant in Orono. Michael is currently the manager of Sebago Brewing Company in South Portland. They are planning an autumn wedding. **Jaime Poland** is engaged to Patrick Underwood. She is an accountant. **Sarah Maciejewski** and Tim Brosnihan '07G are engaged to be married. Sarah is a student at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland in the marine biology technician program. **Ward R. Libby** is engaged to Billie Schaffer. He is a project manager with Eastern Research Group in Washington, D.C.

I received some news from one of my fellow All Maine Women, **Tara Eisner**. She is engaged to Doug Kennedy and planning a December wedding. Tara is the events coordinator for the MIT Loan Advancement Initiative in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Lindsay Lawrence emailed me this spring to share that she is engaged to Markus Videnieks and she was looking forward to a summer wedding. Lindsay attends Catholic University Law School in Washington, D.C., and works full time as a lobbyist. Congratulations to all of these couples and the other classmates who tied the knot recently!

Many of our classmates have made career changes and reached professional milestones since my

last column. **Rachelle Fisher Curran** joined Maine Audubon in Falmouth as an environmental educator. She lives in Portland and has a master's degree from Humboldt State University in California. At last report, **Jason Torrey** had joined the Metropolitan Police Department in Las Vegas. I hope that I don't run into him while he's on duty! Jason is a captain in the Air Force Reserve and earned his master's degree at UMass Lowell after leaving UMaine. **Aaron D. King** joined the social studies department at Xavier High School in Middletown, Connecticut. He is a Ph.D. candidate at UConn. **Jason C. Libby '01G** is the executive director of the Poland Spring Preservation Society and Park. He lives in Auburn with his wife and son. Last year, **Christopher Walker '07G** of Searsmont joined the staff of Coastal Kids Pediatrics in Belfast. He is a family nurse practitioner and has three children.

Michelle Santiago is an attorney with Hopkinson and Abbondanza of Bath. Michelle earned her law degree from the University of Maine School of Law in Portland. **Larry Leugers** has joined Rizzo Mattson Realtors in Augusta. Larry lives in Hallowell with his family. **Gary Oswald (G)** was recognized as the 2008 Principal of the Year for middle schools by the Maine Principals Association and was treated to a surprise celebration at Mt. Blue Middle School in Farmington. He has been with the school for 21 years.

I hope you will consider supporting the alumni association by becoming a lifetime member. My husband and I became members at the "decade" level several years ago and plan to become lifetime members in the near future. It is nice to not have to pay a yearly bill and there are some great benefits, including alumni First Class email service and member discounts. Visit the alumni association website for more details! Also, please take a minute to contact me with your latest news, and have a great fall.

2000

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As the weather cools and the leaves

Outstanding Rural Physician Assistant

Eliza Currie, Class of 2000, was recently named Outstanding Rural Physician Assistant of the Year by the DownEast Association of Physician Assistants. The award is presented annually to a Maine physician assistant in recognition of dedicated service to a rural community.

Eliza completed her master's degree in physician assistant studies at the University of New England and is now practicing at Katahdin Valley Health Center as a National Health Service Corps scholar.



change colors, another homecoming season rolls onto the UMaine campus, reminding us of all the fun memories and good times that we shared with classmates on campus. I hope this fall season finds you all well and that you all enjoyed a little summer time to relax and get caught up on things. Some of us will be on campus for the 2008 Homecoming and others will not be, but this is a great time to reconnect with past friends and classmates by sharing your news with all of them through your classnotes.

Several of our classmates have news to share—some have started new careers or have made career advancements in the last year. Camden National Corporation named classmate **Joshua Nash ('04G)** as assistant vice president in April. Joshua was honored in 2007 with Camden National's Commitment to Core Values Award. He is a resident of Hermon, Maine, but is based out of Camden National's location in Bangor. Classmate **Dena Winslow (Ph.D.)** was named in April as the new executive director of the Workforce Investment Act Program for Aroostook and Washington counties. She will be responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the WIA program in the two-county area. She resides in Presque Isle, Maine.

Two classmates have made career steps in the area of education. A total of 16 Maine teachers

met rigorous standards and received national board certification this year, one of them being classmate **Cynthia Dean G, '05G**. As part of the application process, teachers have to build a professional portfolio that includes student work, assignments, videotapes, and an analysis of their classroom teaching, plus they are assessed on their knowledge of the subjects they teach.

Classmate **Mike Scarpone** is the band director at Cony High School and he was featured in the local paper, *Capital Weekly*, last winter. The article covered all his efforts in the music department at Cony High School. Congratulations to these classmates—we wish them the best in their new endeavors.

Classmate **Luke Doucette ('02G)**, a senior research scientist with Orono Spectral Solutions, a bio-chemical agent detection company, will be moving into the beloved old Pizza Dome building. Yes, Pizza Dome, known during our time at UMaine for their pizzas and huge subs, is no longer in the location we remember. Things are changing around Orono, but it is only for the better. Orono Spectral Solutions began as a business idea of Dr. Carl Tripp's laboratory at the Laboratory for Surface Science Technology at the University of Maine.

William Post (G) accepted the position of town manager in his hometown of Waterboro where he

was born and raised.

Former Black Bear hockey player **Ben Guite** played a pivotal role in the Colorado Avalanche's quest for the Stanley Cup this year. Ben plays the center forward position on the fourth line for the team between Ian Laperriere and Cody McLeod and is an important player on the penalty kills.

Classmate **Aimee Turcotte Cary** and husband, Jeffrey Cary '97, of Danvers, Massachusetts, welcomed their first child, Seamus Austin Cary, on June 26th, 2007. He weighed eight pounds, five ounces, and was 20 inches long. We congratulate them as their family grows and starts a new chapter in their lives.

Hope the fall finds you enjoying the cool weather and enjoying life to the fullest. If you get a chance, drop me an email to share your personal news with your classmates.

2001

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Hello, UMaine grads! It's hard to believe, but another summer has passed, memories made, and it's time to start thinking about the weather changing, the holidays, and the events that have happened over the past few months.

On May 10, 2008, **Brian MacLeod**, an employee of Bank of America in Newark, New Jersey, was married. The wedding reception was held at the Samoset Resort in Rockland, Maine.

Wedding bells rang for **Angela Gosselin** on June 5, 2008, at Holy Family Church in Lewiston. Angela currently works as an occupational therapist.

Shannon Sheehy wed fiancé, Gregory Meadows, at the Poland Spring Resort on September 13, 2008. **Matthew Grondin** wed Krista Watson on August 30, 2008, at Moosehead Lake. Matthew currently works as a developer for WGBH television station in Boston. In May, **Chuck Ames** wed Deidre Charette. Both bride and groom work at TAMC. On September 20, 2008, **Patrick Haney** wed Brittan Taylor at a ceremony in Caswell Beach, North Carolina. Last, but not least, **Brad Rodrigue** wed Jessica Wentworth '02 on April 19. Congratulations to

all of the recent and future newly-weds!

Congratulations are in order for **Melinda Merrill-Maguire** who recently adopted her first child. Melinda and her partner, Charissa, are the first same-sex couple in Penobscot County to adopt a child. Best wishes and congratulations to the proud parents! We are all proud of you!

Christopher Bell has been announced as the newest member of Dr. Harvey's Houlton chiropractic practice. **Justin Barnes** has been named an account executive for Black Bear Sports Properties. Congrats to both of the new hires!

Remember, fellow alumni, keep your information coming our way!

2002

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The best part of working at the University of Maine is taking in the changing of the seasons. The changing of the leaves and the bustle of student activities are constant reminders that fall is in the air. During the year some of your classmates got to celebrate new promotions, marriage, and babies.

Here are just a few classmates who celebrated new career moves and promotions. **Brandon Portwine** is serving as the head coach for Stearns' baseball team. Brandon played UMaine baseball under the direction of Dr. John Winkin. He currently works at his family's business, Portwine of Maine, which specializes in producing cheese spreads, granola snacks, and nutrition bars in Millinocket. **Jonathan LaBonte** is serving as the executive director of the Androscoggin Land Trust. In addition, he plans to run as an independent for a seat on the three-member Androscoggin County Commission. He hopes to have more public announcements of meetings, more reports back to towns and city councils, and wants to try and get all meetings broadcast on local access TV.

Penny Ricker exhibited artwork at the Blue Hill Public Library last February. She has a degree in art education and works in watercolor, oil, acrylic, and egg tempera. **Mary Skiff Renault** has been named the new head preschool teacher in the



Kelli Moore Raineault '02 and Douglas Raineault, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, celebrated the first birthday of their son, Nathaniel, on February 19. The Raineaults currently live in Ithaca, New York, where Douglas is a Naval ROTC instructor at Cornell. Kelli is now a stay-at-home Mom after working for five years in public accounting firms.

Childcare Center at the Mount Desert Island YMCA. She entered the preschool program with several years of teaching experience in the elementary system and is a native of Mount Desert. **Julia Munsey** of Bangor joined the Oxford Networks as a marketing and public relations specialist. She is also a board member of the American Folk Festival and board chair of the Maine State YMCA Camp in Winthrop.

Nothing is more exciting than celebrating birthdays. **Kelli Moore Raineault**, business accounting major, and Douglas Raineault, graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 2003, celebrated the first birthday of their son, Nathaniel, on

February 19, 2008. Nathaniel was born in Virginia Beach, Virginia, which is where Kelli and Douglas lived for the past four years on military orders. They currently reside in Ithaca, New York, where Douglas is on "shore duty" as a Naval ROTC instructor at Cornell University. Kelli is now a stay-at-home mom after five years of work experience with the public accounting firms of Deloitte and Touche in Baltimore and D.C., and KPMG in Norfolk, Virginia.

In the summer, weddings are in the air. **Timothy J. Merritt** married Katherine A. Chandler in June 2008. Timothy currently is employed as a senior inventory manager at Circuit



Ron Lisnet '83 from UMaine's university relations took this photo after he ran into fellow Maine grads Peter Doucette '03 and Silas Rossi '04 on the glacier in Denali National Park in May. Both Peter and Silas work as guides for climbing trips.

City. **Edward Peters** with Aleksandra E. Ben planned a July 3, 2008, wedding. Edward is employed by Actuarial Consulting for Mercer Consulting in Boston.

The alumni association would like me to remind you that some of our classmates are lifetime members. Our class has five lifetime members. Please join Jonathon LaBonte and **Samantha Lott** in supporting the alumni association by becoming a lifetime member. For membership information, you may contact the alumni office at 1-800-934-2586, by visiting us on the web at: www.mainealumni.org, or by emailing: shannon.coiley@umit.maine.edu.

I would love to hear any news that you would like to share. Now that the class notes are in color, it would be great if you could include some pictures, too!

2003

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Happy fall, everyone! Summer went all too fast but there is lots of class news for everyone to catch up on! In fact, I wanted to remind everyone that the alumni association offers lifetime memberships. Right now our class only has one! I just wanted to let everyone know that a lifetime membership is an option, and a great way to support the alumni association. For more information, please contact: shannon.coiley@umit.maine.edu or call 1-800-934-2586. But, moving on—we have some new marriages to report!

Jennifer McLellan and **Steven Farrar** are recently married. Steve is currently working at Hannaford Brothers in Scarborough and Jen recently accepted a position at Maine Bank and Trust in Portland. **Sara Hibbard** and **Derrick Cote** were also married in May. Both are now working at Tyler Technologies in Falmouth. Finally, **Kim Michaud** was recently married. Kim graduated with degrees in business and nursing and is working at EMMC in Bangor as a registered nurse.

Amanda Walker is the new SMRRC project manager and state-wide ESAR-VHP coordinator at Maine Medical Center. This position will put Amanda in charge of the

development, implementation, and evaluation of Maine's Emergency System for the Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP). **Erin Welch** is the new physicians assistant at Village Pediatrics in East Waterboro. **Maria Libby (G)** is officially the new principal at Camden Rockport Middle School. **Tracy Guerrette** is the new sports information director and head women's basketball coach at the University of Maine at Presque Isle, and **Marc Dube** has accepted a position at Woodard and Curran as a civil engineer.

Unfortunately, I also have some sad news to report. **Nicholas Robertson** has passed away from injuries he received while serving in Afghanistan. Nick received a number of honors including an Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and a Purple Heart. All of our hearts and prayers go out to his friends and family.

2004

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Hearty Maine Hello! Now that classes are back in session, the campus finally feels vibrant again after a pretty quiet summer. I've gotten quite a number of responses from our classmates, so I'll get right to updating all of you on what they've been up to.

Katie Page recently had a great deal of success in her weightlifting efforts, and has been recognized on the national stage for her efforts. While pursuing her Ph.D. in materials science at the University of California at Santa Barbara, Kate has been very competitive in recent Olympic style weightlifting. As evidence of her hard work and dedication, Kate qualified for the U.S. Olympic trials that were held this past May.

Katie isn't the only one of us who's been doing some heavy lifting though. Quite a few members of the Class of 2004 have been finding success in their endeavors, although that shouldn't really surprise anyone. **Kristofor McAlpine** was recently promoted within his firm, Woodward and Curran Engineering. Kristofor is now an engineer 2, and he focuses on electrical and control

Fulfilling An Olympic Dream

Vika Rybalko '03 has always had big goals and dreams. A native of Ukraine, she wanted to come to the United States to get her college education. That was accomplished when she earned a degree in microbiology from UMaine at the age of 20 with a 3.65 GPA.

Next, Vika wanted to go on to graduate school with the goal of becoming a researcher. She recently earned her master's degree from the University of Rochester and is now pursuing her Ph.D.

Finally, she wanted to compete in the Olympic Games. That dream came true this summer when she represented her native Ukraine in the long jump competition at the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

At the University of Maine, Vika excelled in the classroom and the athletic field. She won a total of eight New England and 10 America East titles in track and field and along the way established 11 UMaine records. In 2003, she placed second in the NCAA Championships, earning All-American status. Vika also won numerous academic honors, including the America East Scholar-Athlete Award and UMaine's Dean Smith Award.



panel design. We've all experienced Maine winters, and some of us have had enough snow after four years to move on to warmer climates. **Sarah Porter** counts herself among those who migrated to warmer climates, and she recently graduated with a master's in speech pathology from Nova Southeastern University down in Florida.

Wedding bells have been ringing for many of our classmates, and the big day is right around the corner for a few others. PIKE alumnus **BJ Parkin** recently tied the knot with Sara Wilson in September. BJ currently is an engineer at SGC Engineering in Westbrook, and the couple plans to have their honeymoon in the Dominican Republic in January.

In case you missed the summer wedding circuit, you may not know that Christina Weston '05 and **Jeremy Caron** got hitched this past May. Christina is a development associate at St. Joseph Healthcare, and Jeremy is an engineer with James W. Sewall Company. In June, **Sebastien Leclerc** and **Arielle Narissi** got married. Arielle works at a veterinary hospital in Freeport, and Sebastien is the owner of Leclerc Enterprises in Freeport.

As for the wedding bells that are right around the corner, **Shawn Rossignol** is now engaged to Smith College graduate Michelle Rubino. Shawn is a manufacturing engineer for ZF Lemforder in North Carolina, where the couple currently resides. A December wedding is in the works for **Jason Paquette** and Jennifer Eadie. Jason is with Wright Express in South Portland, and Jennifer is currently in the nursing program at the University of Southern Maine.

Please don't forget to contact me with your stories of babies, weddings, and career updates. If you happen to be in the area, stop by the Buchanan Alumni House to visit your alma mater; the building is incredible!

2005

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Happy fall! Here in central Alaska,

the leaves are long changed and the days are becoming shorter and shorter. I hope those of you who have a chance to see the beautiful Maine fall (something everyone asks me about when they find out my home state) enjoy it thoroughly. I, for one, am very excited to have a bit of home come to me, and to welcome the UMaine men's hockey team to the University of Alaska-Fairbanks and the Brice Alaska Goal Rush in October! I plan to represent our alma mater in style, and will be dragging all of my friends from up here along with me.

Speaking of representing our alma mater, it is a great time to recognize those Class of 2005 graduates who are lifetime members of the alumni association. Our class only has a handful of those members, and I hope that number will grow. As someone who is a lifetime member, I particularly enjoy seeing both my husband's and my names on the plaque in the Buchanan Alumni House. It is an honor to be among so many other UMaine alumni who have contributed so much to both the university and to their communities.

A big congratulations goes out to our classmates who recently became engaged or married! **Lee Elwell** married Duncan Averill this past July, and **Christie Dube** and **William Reichl** tied the knot in May. **Nicole Higgins** married Victor Chan in August, and **Heather Wark** and Jared McLaughlin were also married in August. We also have two fall weddings to celebrate: **Amy Shields** to Steve Saucier in September, and **Brandon Fowle** to Alicia Jewell '06 in October. **Andrea Pinette** and **Andrew Mosley** announced their engagement in March, and are planning an August 2009 wedding.

Kudos to **Tim Gill** for his promotion to staff accountant! Another '05 graduate, **Adam Goode**, was featured in the *Bangor Daily News* for his intention to run for the House of Representatives for District 15. Best of luck to Adam! **Kristen Colby** was also featured in the *BDN* for her contribution to two studies on the creative economy. **Amanda Gerrish** was inducted into the Northern Penobscot Tech/Region III's Wall of Fame, an honor given to those former students who have made an impact in their career field.

Until we meet again—I look forward to hearing from you!

GO BLUE!

2006

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Hello again, Class of 2006! I hope you all had a great summer. Our class has several more engagements and weddings to announce! **Hilary Jo Gilgan** was married to Brandon Jacob Haney on June 7, 2008. Hilary is currently employed as a business manager at Full Circle Wellness Center. **Stephanie Beamish** is engaged to Gregory Pooler. A September 20, 2008, wedding is planned. Stephanie is employed as a dairy sales representative at Feed Commodities International. Sheridon Littlefield '07 and **William Gove** were married in Maine on August 8, 2008. **Caleb Winslow** and Lorien Clifford '08 are engaged and planning a September 2009 wedding. Caleb is employed as a software engineer by Penobscot Bay Media in Camden, Maine.

Misty Richardson married Ryan Files on August 23, 2008. Misty is currently pursuing her master's degree at the University of Maine. She is employed as a residential supervisor and PCP coordinator for adults with physical and developmental disabilities at Branches LLC in Bangor. Misty and Ryan have a five-year-old daughter, Auttum.

Kelley Pinkham and James Strout were married on June 14, 2008, in Bangor, Maine. Kelly is an RN case manager at Schaller Anderson Medical Administrators and is a full-time nurse practitioner student at the University of Maine. James is a full-time engineering student.

Emily Seigny (G) and Aaron Brasslett '00 were married August 9, 2008. Emily is employed as an assistant director in financial aid at the University of Maine, and is a captain in the Air National Guard.

In career news, **Rebecca Saucier** is now working for Wright-Pierce in Portland, Maine. She is a project engineer in the water practice group. **Jennifer Sirois** '07G has a new job teaching English at Monmouth Academy in Maine.

Sarah Bennis is keeping busy as the assistant softball coach at Merrimack College, a pitching instructor at Extra Innings in Salisbury, Massachusetts, and an elementary school teacher. Sarah was a pitcher while she attended the

University of Maine—she holds the school record for most career strikeouts and is tied for most wins in a season. **Maulian Dana** gives language presentations for the Penobscot Nation Cultural Department on Indian Island. She and her father, Barry Dana '84, visited Gilbert Elementary School in Augusta during Maine Native Peoples Week. The goal of their program was to teach elementary students about Maine tribal history.

Jeffrey Frank joined the Peace Corps after graduation. He is in Belize, where his assignment was to start a multilingual community-based radio station in order to help bring the Mayan villages of southern Belize together. He has been successful: in addition to building the radio station that is now broadcasting to 4,000 Mayan villages, he is also teaching computer science, chemistry, and economics at a local school. He plans to return to Maine when he leaves Belize. **Cooper Friend**, who played soccer at the University of Maine, is returning to soccer again as a player for the first-year Maine Sting. Cooper previously played for the Carolina Railhawks.

Jimmy Howard, previously a goalie on the hockey team at the University of Maine, is waiting for his chance to play full time in the National Hockey League. He is currently playing for the Grand Rapids Griffins, the Detroit Red Wings AHL affiliate. He is hoping to play for the Red Wings when his contract ends after this season. Jimmy was named the American Specialty/AHL Man of the Year representative from Grand Rapids, Michigan, for his outstanding contributions to the community and charitable organizations. During his college career, Jimmy set the school's career records for goals-against average, save percentage, and shutouts.

Joseph Shepard recently joined the United States Air Force. One of his reasons for joining was to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather, the late Lieutenant Colonel Bernard Deschanes '55 '62G. He left for basic military training on May 27, at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He will be working there in security forces after basic training. He plans to be back in Maine for a couple of weeks around mid-October, and then he will be assigned to a base. Before deciding to join the Air Force, Joseph was a sports writer for Current Publishing in Southern Maine covering the high school

beat.

Congratulations to **Nathan Stevens** (G)! He has been awarded a full International Postgraduate Research Scholarship at Edith Cowan University in Perth, Australia. He is pursuing his Ph.D. in fine art and philosophy of technology.

The Class of 2006 has only three alumni association lifetime members! Consider supporting the alumni association by becoming a lifetime member. Contact the alumni office for membership information.

Keep in touch, Class of '06! Please contact me if you have news to share; we'd love to hear from you!

2007

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Greetings, Class of 2007! I hope you're all enjoying the beautiful fall weather and all the fun activities this time of year brings. Can you believe it's been almost a year and a half since we graduated? This is our first entry of classnotes since our commencement and there is much good news to share!

In the world of professional sports our classmates are making quite a splash. **Mike Lundin** spent last winter playing hockey with the Tampa Bay Lightning and was chosen to play in the NHL's YoungStars game during All-Star weekend. We hope Mike has another great season this year. **Greg Creek** is currently playing Minor League baseball with the Mississippi Braves, the Atlanta Braves' Double-A affiliate. Former UMaine football standout **Matt King** signed a contract with the Hamilton Tiger Cats of the Canadian Football League. Good luck this season, Matt! Classmate **Craig Morency** was recently hired as a season ticket and premium seating account executive with the Kansas City Royals.

There are many other new jobs to report as well. **Alayna White** received a job with Axon marketing communications firm as a web developer. **Elizabeth Deprey** is a news reporter with the *St. John Valley Times* covering news and events in the greater Fort Kent and Van Buren, Maine, areas. Wright Pierce of Topsham hired **Steven L. Guerrette** as a project engineer in

their civil engineering group. Classmates **Katie Ames** and **Cassedy Groening** were both hired as history teachers at George Stevens Academy. **Jessica Muhlin**, who received her Ph.D. in 2007, is now an assistant professor of marine biology at Maine Maritime Academy. **Cari McDonald** recently assisted in founding Otolith Education in Bar Harbor. Demont and Associates of Portland, Maine, hired **Jenessa Knowlton** as their client services coordinator. **Naomi Risch** relocated to Vermont and is now a snow reporter for Sugarbush Resort. The Eastport Arts Center of Eastport, Maine, hired **Shelby Howe** as their new director. **Melissa Doody** joined CEMUSA Boston as an account executive in Brighton, Massachusetts. Magnusson Balfour Commercial and Business Brokers of Portland, Maine, hired **Emily Eplan**, who will focus on the sale of business and commercial real estate. Congratulations to all on their new jobs!

Congratulations are also in order to our classmates who have recently been engaged, married, or become parents! Newly engaged **Jessica Fenn** plans a January 2009 wedding with her fiancé, Joseph Allen. Jessica is currently employed at Freeport High School. **Miranda Stinson** will be married in July 2009 to Joseph Goodspeed. She is living in Connecticut and working as an account executive with Cumulus Broadcasting. Classmates **Lindsey Nicholson** and **Jason Jendrasko** of Boston, Massachusetts, were married this past summer in Hampden, Maine. Lindsey is currently attending New England School of Optometry and Jason is an assistant project manager with CDM Constructors of Chelmsford, Massachusetts. **Melissa Bubar Thibodeau** welcomed daughter Kendall May into the world last summer. She is currently studying nursing at the University of Southern Maine. I can't wait to hear about all the engagements, weddings, and babies in our class's future!

If you have any news you'd like to share in our next edition please let me know. Also, make sure to renew your alumni association membership. Lifetime membership is a great option and you'll never have to worry about renewing again. Our class currently has three lifetime members and we want that number to grow! Hope you all are doing well and I can't wait to share all your good news and happenings in future issues!

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THE DUMP MAN'S TREASURES

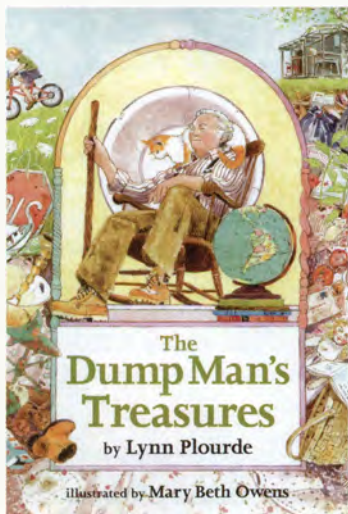
Lynn Plourde '77, '78G

Illustrated by
Mary Beth Owens

This is Lynn Plourde's latest offering in a prolific career of writing award-winning children's books.

In this inspiring tale, Mr. Pottle, who oversees the town dump, just cannot bear to see books thrown out and destroyed, so he rescues and recycles them for the community to enjoy. When he is injured one day and can't go to work, the community comes to his rescue. But when they deliver books to Mr. Pottle for him to enjoy during his recovery, they discover that he can't read. That's when a town full of young eager readers helps Mr. Pottle enjoy the treasures he has rescued.

The Dump Man's Treasures delivers a warm message about the importance of books, of reading together, and of friendship. Published by Down East, it can be purchased directly by visiting www.downeast.com or by calling 800-685-7962.



ONLY HUMAN: POEMS FROM THE ATLANTIC FLYWAY

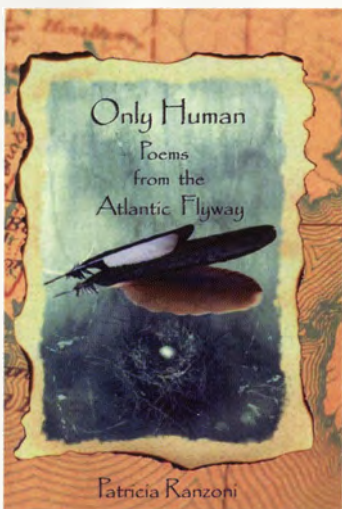
Patricia Smith Ranzoni '62, '76G

This is how Penobscot Nation author and teacher Sherri Mitchell describes Patricia Ranzoni's latest collection of poems:

"The pieces in this collection speak to us in familiar ways, stirring within us a deep sense of home. True Mainers will find themselves transported....And within the shelter of this magic we find...a woman who carries our home within her bones, the true essence of Maine."

The author's Maine roots go back to the early European settlers in what was then Indian territory. She was born in Lincoln, but has long lived on a subsistence farm in Bucksport.

Her poems have been published throughout the United States and around the world and she frequently gives readings at libraries, schools, and poetry gatherings. *Only Human* is published by Sheltering Pines Press and can be ordered by visiting their website, www.shelteringpinespress.com.



COLLISION OF WORLDS: A PRIEST'S LIFE

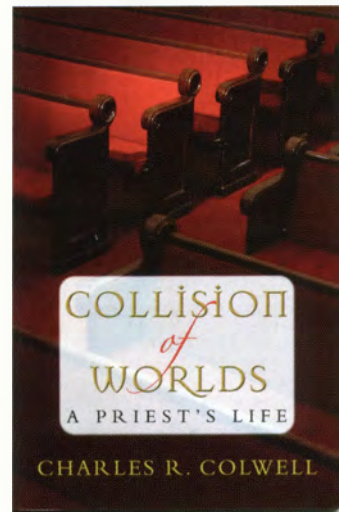
Charles R. Colwell '60

Charles Colwell is an Episcopal priest who serves as rector of the Church of St. Barnabas in Irvington-on-Hudson. He is also a founder of The Center for Jewish-Christian-Muslim Understanding.

In this very candid book, he draws on his 45 years of experience as a clergyman to describe his own personal trials and spiritual revelations. Written at a time of great ferment in the Episcopal Church, *Collision of Worlds* addresses the modern challenges that confront laity and the ordained alike.

The central thesis of the book is that there should be no separation or split between secular and religious, encouraging us to remove the wall that designates a church building as holy and a local bar as secular.

Collision of Worlds is published by iUniverse and is available at iUniverse.com and Barnes and Noble.



MARKETING METAPHORIA

Gerald Zaltman
and Lindsay Zaltman '95

Every day consumers are bargained by images, words, and sounds intended to persuade them to purchase, join, or embrace a candidate or idea. But often the results are not what the marketer desired.

The problem, say marketing experts Jerry and UMaine graduate Lindsay Zaltman in their new book, *Marketing Metaphoria*, is a significant depth deficit—that is a lack of deep thinking in current marketing and business practices. The authors reveal the powerful unconscious viewing lenses—called “deep metaphors” that shape what people think, hear, say, and do. And they explore how to encourage the skill of “deep thinking” among managers.

Lindsay Zaltman is managing director at Olson Zaltman Associates. Gerald Zaltman is a professor emeritus at Harvard Business School. Their book is published by Harvard Business Press.



Weddings

1997

John Eric Nicholson to Aimee Nicole Hall on May 30, 2008, in Denver, Colorado. They traveled to Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, and live in Highlands Ranch, Colorado.

Andrea Poole Cole to **Benjamin Abbott Hauck '98** on July 26, 2008, in Orono, Maine. They honeymooned in New Brunswick, Canada, and reside in Bangor.

1998

Candace Megan Conley to Timothy Gerard Bunker on February 19, 2008, in Grand Cayman. They reside in Surry, Maine.

1999

Lisa Black to **Benjamin Priest '02** on July 22, 2007, in Orland, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, and reside in Buffalo, New York.

Robert Matthew Johnson to Jennifer Marie Terrano on April 26, 2008, in Falmouth, Maine. After a honeymoon in Boston they live in Portland.

2001

Christi Dawn Jacques to Kurt Dietrich Hissong on May 7, 2007, in Napa, California. They honeymooned in Napa Valley and live in Kennebunk, Maine.

2002

Cheryl Smyczek to Toby Osborne



Jennifer Crittenden '03 was married to **Nate Shea '03** on May 17 in Hinckley, Maine. Among the many UMaine folks in attendance were **Christine Crittenden '11** (maid of honor), **Desiree Fernald '05** (bridesmaid), **Keith Montoya '08** (best man), and **Nicholas Cloutier '04** (groomsman). Jennifer is a research associate at UMaine's Center on Aging and Nate is a behavioral health professional at KidsPeace.

on April 18, 2008, in Ochos Rios, Jamaica. They honeymooned in Jamaica and reside in Levant, Maine.

Erin B. Paine to **Brian C. Demshar** on December 29, 2007, in Farmington, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, and reside in Farmington.

Scott M. Bourgoïn to **Dawn M. Madore '03** on July 11, 2008, in Waterville, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Scotland and live in Saco, Maine.

2003

Brynn Lary to **Alan Moulton '04** on September 8, 2008, in Dedham, Maine.

Bert Brewer to **Nicole Sulinski** on May 19, 2007, in Old Town, Maine.

Matthew Madore to **Vanessa Grover** on July 14, 2007, in Hampden, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Prince Edward Island and live in Hampden.

Jennifer Crittenden to **Nate M. Shea** on May 17, 2008, in Hinckley, Maine. They honeymooned in Costa Rica and reside in Bangor.

Heather Lee Scott to **Dwayne Gilbert Grass** on July 7, 2007, in Vanceboro, Maine. They reside in Bangor.

2004

Angela S. Lander to **Jarrod C. Bishop '06** on June 7, 2008, in Bangor, Maine. They live in Bangor.

Kendra Jeanne Glueck to **Gary Scott Abramson** on June 9, 2007, in Peabody, Massachusetts. They took a Caribbean cruise and reside in Peabody.



Gloria Woodman '07 was featured in a *Bangor Daily News* story in June when her engagement ring slipped into a storm drain while she was walking in Orono. Firefighters and Orono Public Works personnel arrived on the scene and searched the drain for the ring. We're happy to report their search was successful and **Gloria** and fiancé **Keir Peterson '08** were thrilled and appreciative. They were married just a few days later. (Photo courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.)

Lindsay Ann Fournier to **Kevin Wayne Butler** on September 22, 2007, in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. They took a trip to Italy and reside in South Portland, Maine.

Nicholas Albert to **Ashley Ava Linscott** on May 17, 2008, in Virginia Beach. They vacationed in Virginia and live in Greenbush, Maine.

2005

Lisa Marie Hawthorne to **Aneal Singh Virick** on January 22, 2008, in Aruba. They enjoyed a Caribbean cruise and reside in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Jenny McGraw to **Kasey Dyer** on May 24, 2008, in Hinckley, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Bermuda and live in Waterville.

2006

Peter McGovern to **Kate Keezer** on February 9, 2008, in Bangor, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in North Conway, New Hampshire, and reside in Bangor.

2007

Danielle C. Hotham to **Justin F. Miliano '08** on May 9, 2008, on Cadillac Mountain, Mount Desert Island, Maine. They live in Round Rock, Texas, and are planning a honeymoon.

2008

Danielle Hilchey to **John Andrade** on November 23, 2007, in St. George, Maine. They took a honeymoon trip to Vermont and live in South Portland.

Just Married?

Share your happy news with UMaine classmates and friends.

Send information (and photos!) to
abigail.zelz@umit.maine.edu



Chi Omega sorority sisters sang to the groom during the reception for Ben and Andrea Hauck. Left to right are: Emily Cain '02, Jayne Henneberry Dyer '75, Yolanda Sly '97, Molly Putnam Liddell '97, '00G, Ben and Andrea, Joan Malcolm '07, Courtney Collins Fein '98, Abbie Smith '10, Nycole Chasse Nadeau '97, and Liza Knipe '00.

A Wedding with a UMaine Flair

There was plenty of UMaine spirit at the marriage of Ben Hauck '98 to Andrea Poole Cole '97, '04G on Saturday, July 26.

For starters, some 40 university alumni were in attendance at the wedding ceremony at the Lyle E. Littlefield Ornamental Gardens on campus and the reception held at the Penobscot Valley Country Club.

The evening prior to the wedding, a rehearsal dinner was held at the Buchanan Alumni House. And the bridesmaids spent the days leading up to the wedding living at the Chi Omega House. Andrea has been a longtime advisor to the chapter.

Ben and Andrea dated during their senior year at Maine, but parted ways following graduation. They reconnected at a Greek event in 2006.

Ben is the great-grandson of legendary UMaine president, Arthur Hauck. He is currently regional sales manager for Dale Carnegie of Maine. An Iraq War veteran, he is also working on his



Ben and Andrea Hauck are introduced at their wedding reception at the Penobscot Valley Country Club.

master's degree in homeland security through the American Military University.

Andrea works as the coordinator of academic advising and

student services in the college of education and human development and is starting a doctoral program in higher education.

Investing in the Future

"My research at Reedy Glacier, Antarctica, is providing valuable insights into the stability of the West Antarctic Ice Sheet. Since 2004, I have been privileged to present our findings at three national conferences. I am extremely grateful to the UMaine Alumni Association for the travel grant that made my participation possible."

Gordon Bromley '05G,
Ph.D.'09

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Deaths

All towns listed are in Maine unless otherwise indicated. We include all deaths that are brought to our attention—some may be from previous years.

1925

Nan Louise Mahoney Bradford, 97, of St. Louis, Missouri, on May 2, 2000.

1930

Harry John Bell, 92, of Bella Vista, Florida, on February 11, 2001.

1931

Maynard Preble Blaisdell, 98, of Quaker Hill, Connecticut, on June 28, 2008.

Donald Bishop Henderson, 97, of Windsor, Connecticut, on July 14, 2008.

Sophia Estelle Marks Wolfe, 97, of Yonkers, New York, on January 6, 2006.

1932

William Grinnell MacLaughlin, 98, of Lee, on April 30, 2008.

Hildreth "Dutchie" Matheson

Palmer, 98, of Glenside, Pennsylvania, on April 20, 2008.

1933

Margaret Helen Ladd Eckman, 97, of Augusta, on April 13, 2008.

Howard Childs Holman, 90, of Wayne, on September 24, 2002.

Ludger Antile Lucas, 96, of Bedford, Massachusetts, on May 28, 2008.

Emily Chadbourne Rackliffe

Warner, 97, of Cincinnati, Ohio, on January 6, 2008.

1934

Mardelle Eugene Griffin, 88, of Zephyrhills, Florida, on February 25, 2001.

Orissa "Ris" Erma Frost Kingsburg, 91, of Winter Park, Florida, on April 19, 2004.

1935

Silas Loring Bates, 95, of Haverton, Pennsylvania, on December 1, 2007.

Adney Hamilton Boothby, 94, of Cushing, on June 29, 2008.

Theodore Jesse Crabtree, 89, of North Hollywood, California, on January 10, 2003.

1936

Paul Coolidge Brown, 92, of South Paris, on April 4, 2007.

Lucien Keene Green, Jr., 92, of Rockland, on November 7, 2005.

Edward "Grappler" Coe Hanson, 93, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, on June 30, 2008.

1937

Allan Edgerly Horne, 93, of Milo, on

May 2, 2008.

Anna Ruth Currie MacCallum, 92, of Seminole, Florida, on January 29, 2007.

Avis Bowker Lovejoy Stanford, 91, of Wayne, on May 30, 2008.

1938

Richard Bither, 88, of Palmetto, Florida, on November 4, 2002.

Ruth Mae Thurston Grindle, 92, of Southwest Harbor, on May 16, 2008.

Frances Elizabeth Higgins

Raskop, 87, of San Francisco, California, on April 1, 2004.

Florence Mildred Phillips Scoville, 90, of Orangeburg, South Carolina, on March 23, 2002.

James Howard Siegel, D.M.D., 91, of Bangor and Virginia, on June 15, 2008.

Frances Charlotte Wolverton

Constantine Stearns, 89, of Brewer, on April 14, 2008.

1939

Bernard L. Berzon, 76, of Israel, on May 11, 1989.

Gwendolyn Marie Baker Libby, 88, of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, on June 9, 2007.

Granville "Mac" Butman

MacMillan, 90, of Old Town, on June 26, 2008.

Elwood "Eddie" Dimock Millett, 90, of Brewer, on April 24, 2008.

Eleanor Frances Currie Parsons, 92, of Rockport, Massachusetts, on May 28, 2008.

Lois Priscilla Leavitt Pelletier, 89, of Morrisville, Vermont, on May 2, 2008.

Doris "Molly" Madeline Currier

Soucica, 94, of Caribou, on April 17, 2008.

1940

Henry Raymond Bond, 91, of Stuart, Florida, on March 17, 2008.

William King Brooks, 86, of Indialantic, Florida, on February 10, 2005.

Frederick Lincoln Carlson, 57, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, on June 28, 1975.

Thomas Gray Fielder, 88, of Randolph, on July 3, 2008.

Joseph Brian Kelley, 92, of Green Manor, Connecticut, on October 14, 2006.

Mary "Malee" Anna Madigan

Putnam, 89, of Houlton, on June 10, 2008.

1941

Fred Crowell Hanson, 89, of Brewer, on June 28, 2008.

George Leonard Nystrom, 89, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, on

April 8, 2008.

1942

John Warren Foster, 87, of Old Town, on November 16, 2006.

James Warren Ingalls, Jr., 87, of Rosendale, New York, on November 17, 2006.

Doris Edna Karst, 101, of Bar Harbor, on July 15, 2008.

Paul Allen Knaut, Jr., 91, of Dover-Foxcroft, on August 14, 2008.

Heywood Brown Macomber, Jr., 88, of Needham, Massachusetts, on April 9, 2008.

Ian Duncan Malcolm, 84, of Bristol, Rhode Island, on May 1, 2004.

1943

Lois Hardy Priscilla Bennett, 87, of Farmington, Connecticut, on June 6, 2008.

Mary Alice Lovely Caccamise, 86, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, on April 17, 2008.

Dean Wendell Ebbett, 82, of Pine Mountain, Georgia, on February 13, 2005.

Kingsley Walter Hawthorne, 85, of Houston, Texas, on August 15, 2002.

David Hale Knowlton, 86, of Rockport, Massachusetts, on January 6, 2008.

George Edward Maxim, 85, of Silver Spring, Maryland, on May 1, 2007.

Charlotte "Peircie" Sara Peirce, 86, of Newport, Rhode Island, on April 10, 2008.

Richard MacMillan Pierce, 88, of Dixfield, on June 3, 2008.

Betty Lorraine Knight Webber, 84, of Pittsfield, on November 18, 2005.

1944

Charlotte Theresa Willett

Grochmal, 85, of Waynesboro, Virginia, on May 16, 2008.

Robert Marsh Hoover, 88, of Houston, Texas, on July 13, 2008.

Ida May Waterman Hunt, 84, of Rotterdam, New York, on July 25, 2008.

Kenneth Clark Jordan, 86, of Waltham, on May 15, 2008.

Frank "Mac" John Macri, died in 1999.

Jean Olive Simpson Shannon, 79, of Temple Hill, Maryland, on January 23, 2003.

Doris "Dody" Kilburn Spach, 85, of Haverhill, Massachusetts, on May 11, 2008.

Joseph Stickney Sutton, 86, of Owls Head, on July 20, 2008.

1945

Julia "Pat" Gilpatrick Holmes

Maines, 84, of Holden, on May 14,

2008.

Sanford "Sandy" Melvin

Weinberger, 79, of Pennsylvania, on October 24, 2004.

1946

William James Bradley, Jr., 77, of Sun City Center, Florida, on April 18, 2002.

Roderick Joseph Cyr, 81, of Kansas City, Missouri, on May 22, 2005.

Charles Francis Guild, Jr., 85, of Brewer, on May 22, 2008.

Frances Ella Johnson Guild, 84, of Brewer, on May 30, 2008.

Cleveland Albee Page, 83, of Nobleboro, on April 24, 2008.

1947

Mabel Evelyn Wilkinson Brown, 83, of San Marcos, Texas, on April 16, 2008.

Marie Cecelia Plummer Foss, 87, of Machias, on May 30, 2008.

Halbert "Hal" Seeley Stevens, 89, of Sidney, on August 5, 2008.

Phyllis Maxwell Tinney, 79, of Sarasota, Florida, on February 15, 2005.

Burton L. Wilner, 86, of Palm Beach, Florida, on May 5, 2008.

1948

Malcolm Wilford Coulter, 88, of Eddington, on August 2, 2008.

Willard Rawson Cowen, 78, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 27, 2002.

Pauline E. Quint Arbo Foster, 80, of Patten, on May 17, 2008.

George Edward O'Donnell, 81, of Denver, Colorado, on May 21, 2003.

1949

James Frederick Aikins, 79, of Camp Hill, Alabama, on April 22, 2003.

Alec Alenskis, 86, of Sun City, Arizona, on May 25, 2008.

Frederick Mann Boutilier, 88, of Hodgdon, on April 30, 2008.

Neal Edward Brennan, 81, of Charlotte, North Carolina, on January 4, 2005.

Clayton Eugene Briggs, 81, of Petersburg, Pennsylvania, on June 16, 2007.

Thomas "Red" Green Burdin, Jr., 84, of Pinellas Park, Florida, on July 22, 2008.

Joseph "Gerry" Napoleon Gerard Dechene, 86, of Laurel, Delaware, on April 4, 2008.

William Nelson Skidds, 87, of New York, on March 5, 2003.

Robert Thayer Thomas, 80, of Scarborough, on June 13, 2008.

Lester Frank Whitney, 80, of

Amherst, Massachusetts, on July 31, 2008.

1950

Arthur Wellington Anderson, 83, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, on December 5, 2007.

George William Barnes, 80, of Harpswell, on April 25, 2008.

Frank Homer Bennet, 80, of Ocala, Florida, on September 30, 2007.

Louis Oliver Bernard, 79, of New Port Richey, Florida, on October 14, 2004.

Roland "Bout" Wallace Boutin, 82, of Portland, on May 1, 2008.

Henry Edgar Butters II, 84, of Wildersville, Tennessee, on July 15, 2008.

Allison Graham Catheron II, 84, of Franklin, on June 15, 2008.

Charles "Cookie" Theophilus Cook, 82, of Bradenton, Florida, on January 4, 2005.

Eben Grass Currie, 58, of Houlton, on December 20, 1985.

Arnold George Golding, 77, of Rutland, Vermont, on January 1, 2001.

Herman "Bud" Edward Kendall, 86, of Moscow, Idaho, on July 25, 2006.

Leo Lawrence Koran, 60, of San Diego, California, on September 24, 1984.

Robert John Leiper, 83, of Attleboro, Massachusetts, on June 24, 2008.

Reginald George Lord, 82, of Anchorage, Alaska, on July 7, 2008.

Francis Edward Pickett, 80, of Westbrook, on July 11, 2008.

Edwin Frank Poynter, Jr., 85, of Alton Bay, New Hampshire, on September 27, 2007.

Elbert Marshall Prince, 87, of Portland, on June 7, 2008.

Robert Rufus Rendall, 79, of Rockport, Massachusetts, on July 20, 2008.

Furber "Bob" Stimpson Roberts, 87, of Volcan, Chiriqui, Panama, on April 3, 2008.

Carleton Roy Storer, 83, of Scarborough, on June 26, 2008.

Samuel Horace Timberlake, 89, of South Paris, on April 21, 2008.

Marjorie Alice Stromberg Walsh, 81, of West Gardiner, on June 11, 2008.

Scott Minot Webster, 85, of Redding, California, on May 25, 2008.

1951

Lyndon Norman Conary, 58, of Rockport, on March 18, 1986.

George L. Nystrom Class of 1941

Loyal Class of 1941 member George Leonard Nystrom died on April 8, 2008, at the Carolina Village Medical Center in North Carolina. He was 89.

At UMaine, George was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and participated in cross-country, wrestling, and basketball. Following graduation, he was commissioned as a U.S. Navy ensign and served during the entirety of World War II, leaving active duty in 1945 with the rank of lieutenant commander. He was involved in four major invasions, including Normandy and Okinawa. Following the war, he remained in the Naval Reserve and was called to active duty again in 1950.

George earned an M.S. in engineering from UMaine in 1947 and spent most of his engineering career with Great Northern Paper in Millinocket and later in Stamford, Connecticut.

In 1997, he received the Block "M" Award from the alumni association for his outstanding service to the Class of 1941.



Earl Robert Estes, 78, of Corinth, on May 15, 2008.

Margaret Ruth Hobbs Gordon, 78, of Houlton, on April 14, 2008.

Kenneth Johnson, 85, of Largo, Florida, on April 12, 2008.

Gloria Helen Taylor Latno, 78, of Waterville, on May 30, 2008.

Maurice "Caruso" Laurent Lavoie, 79, of Lewiston, on July 26, 2007.

Richard Mearit Spearin, 78, of Readfield, on April 21, 2008.

Clayton Stubbs, 82, of Peoria, Arizona, on July 30, 2008.

Leroy Alden Witham, 82, of Biddeford, on June 15, 2008.

1952

Bertram Wallace Berube, 76, of Sarasota, Florida, on April 25, 2008.

William Timken Bird, 79, of Winchester, Massachusetts, on April 29, 2008.

Albert Beverly Haines, 79, of Columbia, Maryland, on April 9, 2008.

Peter Robert Mount, 70, of Camp, Arizona, on September 2, 2000.

Dorothy Mae Curtis Vose, 78, of

Southwest Harbor, on May 16, 2008.

1953

Richard Chapman Allen, 76, of De Moines, Washington, on March 22, 2008.

David Bisset Brezger, 64, of Belleville, Illinois, on January 2, 1993.

Herbert "Red" Warren Brown, 85, of Key Largo, Florida, on April 21, 2007.

Robert Winston Churchill, 77, of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, on May 4, 2008.

Patricia Elaine Whalen Cole, 68, of Bangor, on May 28, 1989.

Richard Earl Cutting, 74, of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada, on May 22, 2005.

Philip Gotlib, 78, of Delray Beach, Florida, on June 20, 2008.

Darrell "Bud" Densmore Hilliker, 83, of Corinna, on July 20, 2008.

Paul Warren Legge, 96, of Christiansburg, Virginia, on July 7, 2008.

Hilda Lesch, 77, of Hawthorne, New Jersey, on May 29, 2006.

Robert Colbath Page, 77, of Davis,

California, on June 17, 2008.

William Allen Small, of Smithfield, Rhode Island, on April 21, 2008.

1954

Bruce "Bert" Irving Bertelsen, 81, of Burlington, Vermont, on May 25, 2008.

Kenneth Maynard Blaisdell, 74, of Groton, Connecticut, on December 12, 2003.

Randall Chase Cole, 74, of Malabar, Florida, on October 5, 2007.

Charles David Hoyt, 74, of Concord, New Hampshire, on August 31, 2006.

Jane Metcalf Keirstead, 76, of Farmington, on June 17, 2008.

Charlotte "Charley" Alva Moreshead Libby, 76, of Portland, on June 22, 2008.

Thaddee "Ted" Fernand Moreau, 76, of Auburn, on June 15, 2008.

Richard Taylor Thaxter, 79, of Millinocket, on July 26, 2008.

1955

Frank A. Carbonneau, 83, of Brockton, Massachusetts, on April 6, 2008.

1956

Lester Champion Gellar, 70, of Chelsea, Massachusetts, on August 22, 2004.

Evelyn Marie Barnes Hedges, 73, of Portland, on June 3, 2008.

Ruth Elaine Bowles Jacobsen, 73, of Carthage, New York, on August 16, 2007.

Kenton Charles Kubisek, 71, of Danbury, Connecticut, on September 19, 2005.

1957

Henrietta MacDonald Andren, 92, of Yarmouth, on June 2, 2008.

Alexander Richard DiMatteo, 73, of Fayetteville, New York, on May 29, 2008.

James Darrell Toner, 57, of Hodgdon, on March 19, 1995.

1958

John Randall Brown, 68, of Manahawkin, New Jersey, on July 29, 2004.

John "Doug" Douglas Brownrigg, 71, of Lewiston, on July 10, 2008.

Ralph Daniel Gallagher, 72, of Fort Fairfield, on June 9, 2008.

Arthur Willis Rudolph, 74, of Ridgewood, New York, on September 14, 2007.

Sally Anne Hancock Sadler, 70, of Chula Vista, California, on June 25, 2006.

1959

Timothy Joseph Lane, 72, of Vinalhaven, on June 12, 2008.

Deaths

Harry Neil Packard, 75, of Millinocket, on July 14, 2008.

1960

Charles "Ned" Edward Allen, 64, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on May 27, 1996.

Franklin Paul Beach, 70, of Lakeland, Florida, on December 3, 2001.

Bernard Belleau, 66, of Lewiston, on June 5, 2004.

Roger Calvin Ellis, 70, of Brewer, on May 14, 2008.

William "Bucky" Orman Malone, 75, of Portland, on April 21, 2008.

Faye Frances Hunt Prentiss, 72, of Harpswell, on June 28, 2008.

Jo-Ann Bagley Truslow, 69, of Beverly, Massachusetts, on March 26, 2008.

1961

Palmerino "Paul" John Amato, 73, of Bangor, on July 26, 2007.

Ernest "Brad" Chester Bradbury, 69, of Poland, on April 12, 2003.

Robert "Buffalo" Matti Suomi, 72, of Waterford, Connecticut, on June 8, 2008.

1962

Howard L. Cushman, 77, of Saco, on July 24, 2008.

Mary Elizabeth York, 95, of Farmington, on April 15, 2008.

1963

Mary Froberg Coombs, 86, of Hampden, on March 10, 2003.

Marilyn Louise Littlefield, 74, of Brewer, on July 8, 2008.

Errol "Snipie" Robert Snipe, 67, of Bath, on June 8, 2008.

Susan Earle Litz Sulzer, 65, of Union, on October 26, 2005.

1964

David Wesley Brown, 65, of Bar Harbor, on April 25, 2008.

John "Jack" Nelson Cutcliffe, 74, of Melbourne, Florida, on June 20, 2008.

Nancy Jane Russell Hollis, 65, of New Harbor, on June 2, 2008.

Pauline Walls Segee, 84, of Biddeford, on June 25, 2008.

1965

Richard James Bennett, 66, of Norway, on June 10, 2008.

Julia Love Browne, 64, of Vassalboro, on July 22, 2008.

John Ashley Gray, 60, of Kennebunk, on July 14, 2008.

Orrison Taylor Moody II, 83, of Corinna, on January 21, 2008.

Roger Allen Pike, 64, of Buxton, on April 22, 2008.

Richard John Randall, 65, of Winthrop, on May 31, 2008.



Paul Allen Knaut, Jr., Class of 1942

Well-known Maine photographer Paul Knaut '42 died on August 14, 2008, at his home in Dover-Foxcroft. His UMaine studies were interrupted by a call to serve his country in World War II. Following the war he settled in Dover-Foxcroft where he became a pioneer in scenic photography. He received national recognition for his postcards and calendar photos of Maine's coast and wilderness areas.

1966

Frank Ora Brown, Jr., 64, of Greenland, New Hampshire, on April 1, 2008.

Kenneth Richard Butler, 61, of Appleton, on June 20, 2008.

Elizabeth Ann Hawkins Copeland, 64, of St. Paul, Minnesota, on June 3, 2008.

Carlene Jane Powers Harmon, 64, of Bangor, on July 17, 2008.

Walter Francis Hirst, 64, of Old Orchard Beach, on April 15, 2008.

Mary Briggs Lyon, 95, of Trenton, Florida, on March 18, 2008.

1967

Garry "Bealie" Alan Beale, 60, of Saratoga Springs, New York, on November 17, 2007.

John Morris Hutchins, 65, of Orland, on June 6, 2008.

Doris Ware McAllister, of Augusta, on April 25, 2008.

James William Murray, 70, of San Diego, California, on June 22, 2008.

Lawson James Richards, 61, of Fairfield, on June 6, 2008.

1968

Elizabeth Akers Beals, 90, of Gold Hill, Oregon, on May 18, 2003.

Lawrence Allan Coffin, 60, of Rockland, on July 18, 2008.

Paul Merrill Cutts, 62, of Windham, on May 23, 2008.

Harry Garland True, 80, of Fryeburg, on May 15, 2008.

Laurie Robeson Wright, of Asheville, North Carolina, on January 25, 2006.

1969

Donald Clark Hichens, 61, of Belvedere, California, on March 25, 2008.

Danny Pierre McDougald, 58, of Turner, on June 29, 2008.

1970

Eva Louise Chickering, 81, of Bristol, on August 25, 2006.

William George Holden, 60, of Owls Head, on July 22, 2008.

1971

John Miller Bulger, 81, of Wimauma, Florida, on June 28, 2008.

John Francis Coyne, 61, of Scarborough, on April 12, 2008.

1972

Stephen August Martino, 58, of Stratham, New Hampshire, on July 19, 2008.

1973

Sally Church Crate, 75, of Waterville, on July 16, 2004.

David Roderick Forbes, 57, of Birmingham, Alabama, on March 1, 2007.

Gail Marlene Thompson Hulsey, 57, of Litchfield, on July 11, 2008.

Peter Wing Hurd, 56, of Dallas, Texas, on July 23, 2008.

Paul Theodore Jilek, 63, of Bangor, on May 22, 2008.

Robert Lionel Parenteau, 58, of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, on May 19, 2008.

1974

Kent Pettengill Saunders, 57, of Hallowell, on June 28, 2008.

1976

Richard Eugene Frost, 64, of Brewer, on June 4, 2008.

1977

Elizabeth Ardell Currie, 80, of Augusta, on June 15, 2004.

Mark Houghton Saxby, 54, of Buxton, on July 5, 2008.

Robert Scott Thurlow, 52, of Newbury, Massachusetts, on March 6, 2008.

1979

Paul Hamblin Magnusson, 54, of Gorham, on April 21, 2008.

1980

David Winslow Bachelder, 59, of Belfast, on June 25, 2008.

1982

Freda Ardell Basford Wright, 51, of Bangor, on April 14, 2008.

1984

Charles Nelson Brooks, Jr., 61, of Lewiston, on April 15, 2008.

1986

Diane Marie Quinlan, 44, of Wrentham, Massachusetts, on June 24, 2008.

1987

Louise Albert-Chowdry, 43, of Portland, on May 14, 2008.

1988

Judith A. Littlefield O'Leary, 69, of Swanzey, New Hampshire, on June 26, 2008.

1989

Kevin George Fuller, 41, of Englewood, Florida, on July 5, 2008.

1991

Travis L. Noble, 74, of Hudson, on April 25, 2008.

1995

Richard Coburn, 57, of Monson, on May 13, 2008.

Kevin Leo Kluzak, 35, of Norfolk, Virginia, on July 1, 2008.

1996

Nathan Webster Michaud, 36, of Bangor, on July 29, 2008.

1998

Douglas W. Mayhew, 34, of Corinna, on May 5, 2007.

2004

Blanka Teresa Flisiuk Peridot, 31, of New Orleans, Louisiana, on June 25, 2007.

2005

Nathan Mark Taylor, 25, of Auburn, on June 14, 2008.

Remembering an Inspirational Teacher

Ernest E. Hollis '59, '60, '61G pays tribute to University of Maine physics professor George Krueger.

It seemed like a straightforward and relatively easy task. We should have known better. The assignment was to derive a specified formula. True, we had not covered the exact subject and would have to start off with peripheral material we had covered which would be time consuming but doable. Our professor, Dr. George Krueger, encouraged us to get together with the other students in the class. His only requirement was that after discussing the problem as a group, each of us was to individually write it up for submission thoroughly explaining each step and why. The fact that the problem counted toward a substantial portion of our grade in the course should have alerted us that it was not as easy as it, at first glance, seemed.

As we initially thought, we fairly quickly arrived at the derivation, or rather we almost arrived at it. The difficulty was a pesky factor of one-half that appeared in the formula he had given us. For the next two or more hours, we collectively hypothesized, tried, discussed, and discarded many different ideas and approaches, trying to include that factor of one-half. We finally had to reluctantly give up. Each individual then figured out which of the several derivations made the most sense to that person and wrote it up. The next day in class, we learned that the one-half factor was deliberately put there by George to force us to collectively learn how to approach a problem from many different directions with concomitant greater understanding of both the problem and how to interact with a group, an important lesson by itself.

I would later use his technique of letting students wrestle with a problem so that they developed their own model and understanding of it. I did this in my 25 years as an adjunct professor at various universities in the U.S. and England.

George was my advisor for my senior project. He gave me a transistor worth \$68. Today 2 billion transistors cost \$10. My Dad and I built a working amplifier with it. Later I

would design, teach, invent, and write a book about microchips, but at that time neither of us initially knew how to proceed and in true scientific method started out with basic principles of physics.

George's left hand, wrist, and part of his forearm were missing. I never asked why. Yet there seemed to be nothing he could not do, whether it was flying a plane, hunting, or blow-

I didn't know it then, but it was the last time I would talk with him. I don't know how he felt after our conversation, but I felt a glow that comes from talking with an old friend.

ing glass, at which he was expert. He had an absolute zest for life which stimulated and emboldened the people around him to do more than they thought they could.

He was also a teacher who never let an opportunity to teach slip away as the following anecdote illustrates. I was in one of the graduate labs just chatting with some grad students during the Christmas break of my senior year. George came in and asked if anyone wanted to go flying. Before anyone else could answer, I said I did.

Parked right outside on the frozen Stillwater River was his plane, a single engine Aeronca Champion on skis with the pilot in front and the passenger in the rear. To start the engine, George first primed it and set the "deadman switch." Then he stood on one of the skis, flipped the propeller a few times to start it, and climbed into the cockpit. A modified leather archery wraparound on his left arm looped over the throttle.

We flew around for a little while. Then George put the plane into a fairly steep climb, turned around in the seat and said over all of the noise of the engine, wind, and vibration, "Now all of our kinetic energy is rapidly be-

coming potential energy." (Just before a plane stalls, the wings vibrate as an indicator.) The only thing I could think of is that there was just a quarter of an inch of plywood between me and 3,000 feet of nothing. Over the noise and vibration—(I think I was shaking the plane instead of vice-versa), I yelled back what has to have been the understatement of the century, "This is a very dynamic demonstration, Dr. Krueger; but it's perfectly all right with me if you want to put your hand back on the control stick."

Once in a while over the years I contacted George for one reason or another, sometimes just to say hello. In retrospect, I wish I had done so more often. On June 14, 2004, in what has to be a micro-micro (that's 10 to the minus 12 for you math majors) version of Mitch Albom's *Tuesdays With Morrie*, for some reason I felt the strong need to talk with him. The voice was warm and friendly as always but a little slow. After a short while, I sensed that he was getting tired; and we said goodbye. I didn't know it then, but it was the last time I would talk with him. I don't know how he felt after our conversation, but I felt a glow that comes from talking with an old friend. A few months later, I received a notice from the UMaine physics department saying he had died.

To say that he was a giant is too trite. He was brilliant, but I think he would prefer to be remembered as a down-in-the-trenches scientist who could make things work across different boundaries, and inspire others to do likewise as he did so often in so many unique ways.

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Fill the Stein for '59!



This bulletin published for Class of 1959 alums and friends.

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Renew old friendships at our 50th Reunion

As we go to press, 54 classmates have told us they intend to make tracks to Orono next May. Many indicate that their spouses intend to attend as well. This is welcome news! We'd like to hear from you. Drop your INTEND TO ATTEND note to Dr. Norinne Hilchey Daly, 19 Annbar Drive, Old Town, ME 04468-2150 or e-mail her at nonni28@roadrunner.com. Nonni is e-mail communications coordinator for your 50th Reunion committee.



On the Road to Orono

Welcome, new CHARTER 50 Members!

Ed Akucevich, Mary Ketchum County, Lee Fitzgerald, Jack French, Judy Adams Gardiner, Lois Brown Jordan, Gwen Hughey Kinney, Alan Lewis, Barrie Lovejoy, Joyce Coffin Palmer, Joan Currier Parker, Bob Pickett, Marilyn Bonney Plissey, Gary Priest, Donna Grant Rauschke, Anne Christiansen Sleeper, Dale Webb, Hal Wheeler, and Ann Procter Wing.

Renewing friendships, meeting spouses, and swapping "where have you been for the last 50 years" stories will highlight our get-together on campus next May.

Reunion Chairman Paul Desmond has rallied a stellar team to contact class members of various campus

organizations, fraternities, sororities, and sports teams. Volunteers include: Carol Burry Gage, Carole Abbott, Nancy Munson, Mary Ellen Bradford, Pat Cuccaro, Evie Smith, Joanie Banks, Will Farnham, Bob Munson, Don Cookson, Lee Gagnon, Pete Hannah, Blaine Moores, Bob Pickett, Pete Bastow, and Paul's grandson Jon Desmond (a junior at Orono).

Class Gift goal: \$500,000. We have received a most generous offer to match every dollar up to \$500,000. Our one million dollar gift would establish a 50th Class Reunion record.

Our attendance goal is 250 or more. This would also break the existing record for 50th reunions.

For up-to-date news about our 50th Reunion, visit www.mainealumni.com/classpages/1959.htm.



DOWN MAINE MEMORY LANE Go, Bananas!



Our beloved mascot takes time out to cavort on the gridiron with President Dr. Lloyd H. Elliott. We were Dr. Elliott's first graduating class.

BEAR TRACKS



You'll receive a 50th Reunion brochure mailing in the near future. It will include a schedule of all the special events, tours and celebrations.



Hal Wheeler will lead our 50th Class Memorial Service at the Newman Center, Saturday, May 30, 10 a.m.



Evie Smith needs volunteers to help her coordinate pre-reunion festivities in Bar Harbor. More info coming. eviesmith3@roadrunner.com.

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.

* We are deeply saddened to report Joyce's passing in August



It's great to be a Black Bear! I am so pleased to share with you some of the many wonderful highlights of the intercollegiate athletic program here at the University of Maine. Our student-athletes are challenged with the ambitious goal of achievement in competition, in the classroom and in the community and I am proud to report that our wonderful group of young men and women are a great source of pride for the entire university community.

From three Frozen Four appearances in the last five years to our many team and individual championships, our Black Bears have distinguished themselves in competition at an impressive level. Not only have they found success, but they have also displayed great sportsmanship and dignity in the process.

Our success in the classroom, particularly over the past two years, is unprecedented in our history. In 2006-07, the University of Maine posted a 3.12 cumulative GPA, which was the highest in the America East Conference. This past year, six of our teams posted the top GPA among conference institutions, and our men's hockey and football teams enjoyed their best-ever team GPAs.

The high energy our student-athletes demonstrate on the field is matched by their energy and initiative in the community. Countless hours are spent hosting clinics, reading to children, visiting hospitals and participating in community events. It is an effort that has a lasting impact on our local communities.

Significant growth has taken place in the department, most notably the addition of new FieldTurf surfaces on Morse Field and Mahaney Diamond (completed fall of 08), the addition of a dedicated, field hockey complex and the installation of a video scoreboard in Alfond Arena, which will enhance the atmosphere for our players and fans in what is already considered one of the top hockey venues in the country.

We continue to work toward a renovation of Memorial Gymnasium, which will provide a modernization of the entire building: a new, 3,100 -seat arena for our basketball and volleyball teams, new locker rooms and office space, and enhanced athletic training, strength and academic support areas.

This \$12.5 million project will have a tremendous impact on each and every Black Bear for years to come.

Great news surrounding Maine Athletics can be found on our website, www.goblackbears.com, and I encourage you to support our hard-working student-athletes in Orono or when we visit your area. All of our success is impossible without the loyal and generous assistance we receive from our alumni and friends and we are thankful for each and every instance of support. For more information on how you can positively impact the lives of our student-athletes call the Black Bear Club at (207) 581-1130.

Go Black Bears!

Director of Athletics

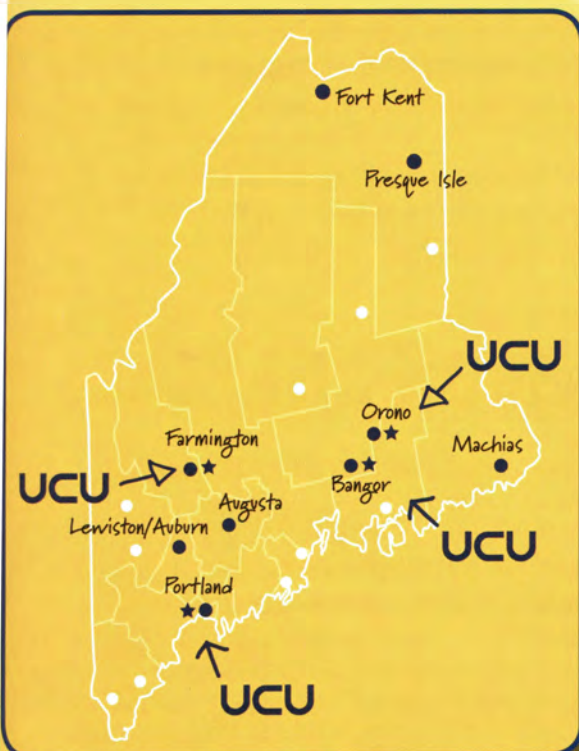




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