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— Beatrice K. Reynolds '59

Beatrice K. Reynolds Ph.D. graduated in 1959 with a B.A. degree in theatre from UMaine. She received her Master of Arts degree in speech from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, in 1962, and her Doctorate of Philosophy degree in speech from The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania in 1968. She taught speech at Stearns High School, Millinocket, Maine; University of Connecticut Hartford Branch, Hartford; Pennsylvania State University, as a graduate assistant while working on her Ph.D.; Rider College, Lawrenceville, N.J.; Brooklyn College, Brooklyn N.Y.; University of Houston-Victoria, Texas and in the UM System at Augusta, Portland, and Gorham.



I established my scholarship, the Dr. Beatrice K. Reynolds Scholarship, in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. I will continue to make contributions to it, even after I die, for I have named the University of Maine Foundation and my scholarship fund the beneficiaries of my retirement accounts and bank accounts. And that is another benefit: my soul will live on in that scholarship long after I have left my earthy life. And that makes me feel great.

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This bulletin published for Class of 1959 alums and friends.

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Letter from Chairman Desmond says it all

Three cheers for everyone who took part in our 50th Reunion!



Dear Members of the Class of 1959:

As chairman of your 50th Class Reunion, I want to express a sincere thanks to all the attendees of the Bar Harbor and Orono campus events, and every class member who has donated to our Class Gift fund so far.

I also want to thank those who were unable to attend, but stayed in touch through their letters, phone calls and e-mails, and wished us luck. Several classmates who live hundreds of miles away from Maine told us they were disappointed about their inability to be with us due to the state of the economy.

The "Golden Reunion" was a smashing success with excellent attendance and interesting programs. And, of course, wonderful camaraderie. It was our "last hurrah" as far as formal class reunions go. We have now "graduated" to Senior Alumni status.

A great deal of credit for our success is owed to our support group in the Alumni Office: Val Mitchell, Chris Corro, Rebecca Brunton, Lisa Doucette, Ashley Senecal, and Jim Frick. Each did yeoman work on our behalf.

Last but far from least, I want to say thanks to every member of your 50th Reunion Committee. The members operated as a tight team even though operating independently from a great distance most of the time - frequently from Maine to Florida! The use of Internet technology - our website postings on the Class Page at www.mainealumni.org and email memos - was immensely helpful, and so were the ads in the *Maine Alumni Magazine*.

With much appreciation and well-wishes to all,

F. Paul Desmond, Chairman
50th Reunion Committee
Class of 1959

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THE 50TH REUNION AND AN UPDATE ON OUR CLASS GIFT DONATION.

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50th Reunion Committee, Class of 1959

(l to r) Bob Munson, Will Farnham, Nonni Hilchey Daly, Chairman Paul Desmond, Dick Collins, Nancy Roberts Munson, Torrey Sylvester, Evie Stevens Smith '87G, and Lee Gagnon. Not pictured: Don Cookson, Joe Cuccaro and Pete Hannah.

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 **Your Class Gift committee**  members (Dick Collins, Torrey Sylvester, Will Farnham) say that several classmates plan to pledge contributions that are spread over the next five years. The economic downturn is one reason. The desire to give back to the University with a larger donation amount is another.

 **Thank you to those who have made donations so far. And to all classmates who intend to donate in the days ahead.**

 **Special Thanks to classmate Fr. Hal Wheeler** for organizing our Service of Remembrance celebrating the lives of our classmates who have gone to their eternal rest, and for delivering a wonderful *Reflections* message.

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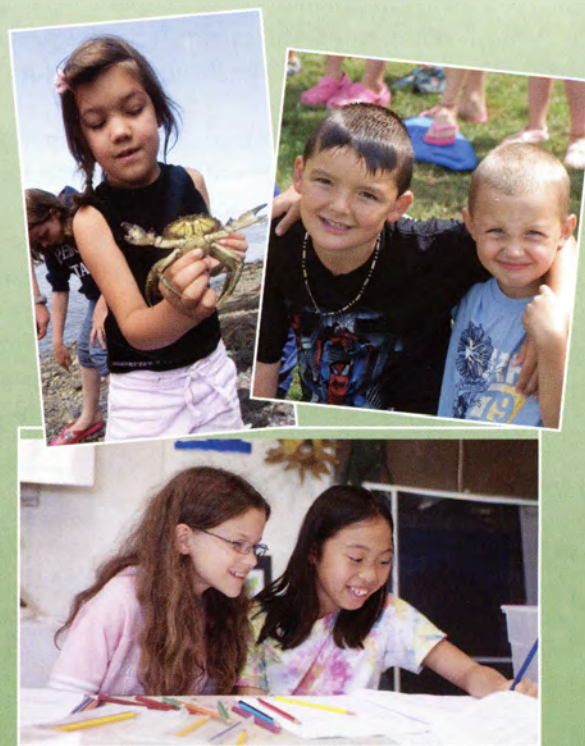


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Growing Up Green to Go Blue!

Through 4-H, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension teaches Maine youth about sustainability to ensure a bright future for the state, the planet — and the next generation of UMaine alumni.



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Innovative Opportunity for Recent UMaine Grads

Discounted graduate tuition in business offered for qualified UMaine grads.

The Maine Business School has announced a pilot scholarship opportunity for all alumni who graduated after May 2006 and meet admission standards.

Under the plan, devised by John Mahon, dean of UMaine's College of Business, Public Policy, and Health, those students would receive scholarships amounting to a 25 percent discount in a master of business administration or a master's in accounting.

This novel concept is designed to help a limited number of students during difficult economic times or possibly postpone entry into a tight job market.

To be eligible, MBA/MSA students must enroll full time and commit to 10 hours a week of service to the business school or in community outreach.

"We are interested in trying to offer UMaine graduates a way to continue their education at reduced cost," Mahon says. "It's good for students, it's good for the university, it's good for the state."

Because of the weak economy and rising unemployment, many college students nationwide are postponing plans to enter the job market. Some are opting to pursue advanced degrees instead. Others, who have found jobs since graduating in 2006 or later, may be among the first to be laid off as companies trim personnel.

The Maine Business School can comfortably absorb a reasonable influx of new students who might otherwise not apply to graduate school at this time, according to Mahon. Currently, the school has about 70 graduate students.

For additional information contact the graduate office at 207-581-1995.



UMaine's Newest Alumni!

The University of Maine awarded 1,871 degrees to members of the Class of 2009 on May 9 during ceremonies at the Alford Arena. Some 12,000 friends, family, and UMaine community members attended.

Karen Gordon Mills, head of the U.S. Small Business Administration and a resident of Brunswick, Maine, delivered the commencement address and told the new graduates to reach for their dreams and not let the current economic environ-

ment dictate their future. Retired U.S. Navy Admiral Gregory Johnson '68 and Passamaquoddy elder David Francis received honorary degrees.

Adrienne Sturgeon, an elementary education major from Bangor, was class valedictorian and Alexandra Albert, a biochemistry and biology major from Eagle Lake, was salutatorian.

Alumni association board chair, Suzanne Hart '68, welcomed the graduates to the 95,000-strong alumni body.

Maine Technology Institute chooses four UMaine projects

University Gets \$6.8 Million for Research and Development

The Maine Technology Institute (MTI) has selected four University of Maine projects to receive a total of \$6.8 million from the Maine Technology Asset Fund (MTAF). That fund, administered by MTI, was established when the Maine Legislature and voters approved a \$50 million research and development bond in 2007. Research institutions are required to use the money for capital and related expenditures supporting research, development, and commercialization projects that will lead to significant economic benefits for Maine.

In addition to direct funding for the four projects, UMaine is a partner in seven other projects awarded more than \$9 million in MTAF funding.

Governor John Baldacci '86 announced a total of 16 awards. MTI funded 14 projects last year, with six of the 2008 awards going directly to UMaine projects. UMaine's two-year total of 10 awards is the largest number to any Maine research institution.

Judge Franklin Van Antwerpen

Honoring an Outstanding Career

The University of Maine Alumni Association bestowed its most prestigious award, the Alumni Career Award, on U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals Justice Franklin Van Antwerpen '64 during the annual alumni awards banquet at Reunion 2009 in May.

Although he excelled as an engineering physics major at UMaine, after graduation Van Antwerpen took a much different path than expected, enrolling at Temple University Law School. It proved to be a wise decision. Van Antwerpen went on to a long and distinguished career as both a lawyer and judge, culminating in his current service as a justice of the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Ap-



Alumni association chair, Suzanne Hart '68, presents the Alumni Career Award to Franklin Van Antwerpen.

peals—the second highest court in the nation, one step below the Supreme Court.

As a District Court judge, Van Antwerpen presided over the highly publicized *U.S. vs. Scarfo* case, in which 17 members of the Philadelphia mob were tried and convicted. The logistics of accom-

modating the large number of defendants and their lawyers, the anonymous jurors who were sequestered for four months, and the more than 80 federal marshals were staggering. His skillful and courageous handling of the trial earned him the respect of his peers and the public.

In thanking the alumni association for the honor, Van Antwerpen stressed the value of his UMaine experience in both his professional and personal life. In particular, he often cites the late Professor Clarence

Bennett as one of his major role models.

He thinks so highly of his alma mater that he encouraged his son, Franklin, to attend. He did, graduating in 1998.

Van Antwerpen said he still finds his work highly rewarding, although he now takes a reduced load of cases.

UMaine Playing a Key Role in Colony Collapse Disorder Research

Researchers at the University of Maine are playing an important role in the study of colony collapse disorder. In recent years, that disorder has been devastating bee colonies around the world.

No one is sure exactly what is causing the colony collapses—seemingly healthy hives appear to die overnight. In the U.S. alone, the disorder has wiped out a third of all commercial hives.

Maine is one of seven states participating in a U.S. Department of Agriculture study of the problem. Researchers in all the states will be starting bee colonies and looking at rates of collapse as well as the effects of pesticides, weather, and other environmental factors on the bee populations.

One of the people very involved in the research is UMaine professor of insect ecology, Frank Drummond. He emphasizes the fact that healthy bee colonies are



University of Maine professor Frank Drummond (left) checks a beehive in Stockton Springs with researcher Jennifer Lund.

vital to all agriculture, including Maine's wild blueberry crop.

"Most of what we eat from the grocery store has been pollinated by bees," he ex-

plained. "It's clearly two-thirds of all the crops we eat."

Information and photo courtesy of the Bangor Daily News.

"Eight percent of the country's deep-water offshore resources are off the Maine coast."

-Habib Dagher



Seeking Support for an Offshore Energy Plan

U Maine professor Habib Dagher, director of the university's Advanced Engineered Wood Composite Center (AEWCC) joined Maine's congressional delegation in Washington in early June for a meeting with Secretary of Energy Steven Chu. The purpose of the meeting was to make a case for \$20 million in federal economic stimulus funds to design and test floating offshore wind platforms which would support offshore wind turbines. The AEWCC would play a key role in such a plan.

"There still remains a lot of research and development to be accomplished in order to bring about deep-water offshore wind power," Senator Susan Collins said in an interview following the meeting. "The University of Maine is uniquely positioned to accomplish that work."

Dagher told Chu that eight percent of the nation's deep-water offshore wind resources are off the coast of Maine.

"That's a big deal," Dagher said. "The other thing is, 89 percent of Maine's offshore resource is in deep water. We have the deepest water closest to the shore in Maine than any other state on the East Coast, which means we can start doing the testing and development of these turbines in state waters."

Information courtesy of the Bangor Daily News.

New Role for the Old UMaine Farm Store

YOU might remember it for its great ice cream. But now the old UMaine Farm Store has a new role—it's a thrift shop and food pantry open to both the UMaine community and the general public.

The university unveiled the store, called the Black Bear Exchange, on Maine Day in April. It may be the first of its kind on a university campus.

"This is important because it's a very tangible display of doing for others," said Robert Dana '80, vice president for student affairs and dean of students.

"It helps our students understand that by virtue of being here we're privileged but all around us are people who need help."

The thrift store idea came from UMaine's Employees Advisory Council. Its operation is a collaboration among the council, the Bodwell Center for Service



Student volunteers help spruce up the Black Bear Exchange grounds on Maine Day.

and Volunteerism, and the School of Social Work.

Food items at the exchange are free. Clothing is through an exchange, so no money changes hands.

For more about the exchange you can email michelle.martin@umit.maine.edu or call the Bodwell Center at 581-3091.

UMaine Student Wins Prestigious Songwriting Prize



Daniel Flannery, a student in the University of Maine's intermedia master of fine arts program, was the winner of a grand prize in the children's music category of the prestigious John Lennon Songwriting Competition.

Daniel is a New Jersey native who came to Maine to start a career in children's music with his brother Michael. Their song, "One Wasn't Enough," was one of two grand prize winners for children's music in the Lennon competition. Entries were judged on originality, melody, composition, and lyrics by a distinguished panel including music legends Al Jarreau,

Bob Weir, Robin Gibb, and Lamont Dozier.

The CD on which "One Wasn't Enough" is featured is still a work in progress, and the brothers are just getting started as a touring act.

Daniel's studies have influenced the Flannery Brothers website and his experience at UMaine has also led him to a more interactive approach to music.

"What's more important is what's about to happen," he says. "Soon four- to six-year-olds will be able to upload their songs to the Flannery Brothers website, and we will put music to their lyrics and melodies. In this way, our audience will also be our best collaborators." You can visit the Flannerys' website at www.flannerybrothers.com.

2009 Distinguished Maine Professor, James Acheson

Applying Research to Public Service

This year's Distinguished Maine Professor (DMP), James Acheson, is a gifted and enthusiastic teacher in the departments of anthropology and marine sciences, much appreciated and respected by his students. They also appreciate his belief in using undergraduates in his research work. But there is something else that makes Acheson's 41-year career at UMaine stand out—his application of theory to real-world situations and his commitment to relating his research to public service, with direct applications to Maine's lobster, fishing, and forestry industries.

The DMP is just the latest in a long list of honors that Acheson has received. In 2004 he was presented with the Solon T. Kimball Award in Public and Applied Anthropology and in 2005 he earned a UMaine Presidential Research and Creative Achievement Award. In addition, the 121st Maine Legislature delivered an *Official Expression of Recognition* for his policy research within the lobster and fisheries industry.

Professor Acheson was presented with the Distinguished Maine Professor Award during the honors convocation in May. He was also recognized at the alumni association's awards breakfast during Reunion 2009.

The DMP is presented every year by the UMaine Alumni Association. It recognizes outstanding achievement in the university's three-part mission of teaching, research, and public service. Accompanying the award is a \$4,200 prize, a blazer, and a pewter medallion, all generously funded by the Class of 1942.



2009 Distinguished Maine Professor, James Acheson, leads the procession at UMaine graduation ceremonies in May.

Task Force Calls for Coordination and Integration Among Campuses

The special task force charged by University of Maine System (UMS) chancellor, Richard Pattenau, to explore options for the system's structure and governance posted its draft report on June 23.

In the draft, the task force emphasizes the need for UMS to develop and institute a "public agenda" which would help Maine "transform itself economically and demographically in the future." The report goes on to say that UMS must establish "measurable benchmarks of performance and the buy-in of key constituencies in the state" in order to successfully accomplish that goal.

The recommendations also call for UMS to "act as a union (of universities) and not as a confederation." The task force stressed the need to improve coordination of distance-education opportu-



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nities, easier credit transfers, and more program integration among UMS and the Community College System.

In addition, the draft report recommends that System-wide services be restructured to implement new opportunities for economies of scale and to ensure greater accountability through performance measures. And it also calls for using state funds and tuition revenue more strategically, tying some portion of those allocations to each campus based on access,

quality, and research and development goals.

"It looks like we are getting what we were looking for—hard hitting and candid ideas on how to make a good university system better during a very challenging time in our history," Pattenau said of the draft report.

The chancellor will now await two other reports, one from his own ad hoc committee on administrative, student, and financial services and a similar committee report on academic programs and services. Over the summer he and his staff will begin melding the three reports. In the fall a synthesis draft will be released for public comment.

If you would like to read the full task force report go to: www.maine.edu/UMSTaskForceDraftReport.

Foundation for Success

The University of Maine Foundation has come a long way since its initial \$1,000 gift in 1934. In June, the Foundation celebrated its 75th anniversary by honoring some highly successful alumni who were given opportunities to achieve through scholarships.

For Lawrence Bender '79, the renowned Hollywood producer of mega hits such as *Good Will Hunting*, *Pulp Fiction*, *Anna and the King*, and the *Kill Bill* movies, there might not have been a college education without the aid of scholarships. With that University of Maine degree, Bender has achieved success beyond his wildest dreams.

"I'm grateful, because I couldn't have afforded it without help," Bender says. "UMaine gave me the extraordinary opportunity to get a diverse education. I was an engineering major, but I also got into dance and performance at the university. Both things help me now. I have one foot in art and one foot in business."

Bender, whose films have received 21 Academy Award nominations, was one of five outstanding alumni recognized at a grand 75th anniversary celebration for the University of Maine Foundation (UMF) on June 9. The other honorees were: Karen Weston Baldacci '83, '01G, Joline Dudley Godfrey '72 (who was unable to attend for health reasons), Edward Keefe '86, and

Patrice Krant '78. All were selected for their career achievements as well as their contributions to society. All the honorees were aided in their university educations by scholarships. And none had been previously honored by the university, the Foundation, or the alumni association.

Foundation board chair, Darryl Brown '66, '68G, served as master of ceremonies for the event. Former UMF board chair Robert Daigle '71 chaired the selection committee and introduced the honorees.

Matching Gifts

During its 75th anniversary celebration, Foundation board chair, Darryl Brown announced a matching gift program to encourage new scholarship endowments. The minimum for a named scholarship endowment is \$20,000. The Foundation will match a gift of \$15,000 with \$5,000 for new scholarships to support deserving UMaine students. The offer will end December 31, 2009.

Providing scholarships is a major part of what the independent University of Maine Foundation is all about. From its original first gift of \$1,000 from the Class of 1909, UMF has grown significantly and steadily through economic ups and downs. It now manages well over \$100 million.

Since 1990, the Foundation has undergone particularly dramatic change and growth. In those 19 years it has provided more than \$70 million in support to UMaine. And while part of UMF funds support university teaching and research, close to two-thirds of those funds have gone to student scholarships.

That scholarship money has helped thousands, providing opportunities that wouldn't have been possible without a UMaine education.

"I never would have made it through without scholarships," Ed Keefe, chief financial officer for M/C Venture Partners in Boston, told the more than 250 people gathered for the UMF celebration.

Keefe, a UMaine business graduate who has earned two master's degrees,



William Drake photo

"We searched for alumni, one from each of the University of Maine's degree-granting colleges, who have served their community and their profession at the highest level . . ."

-Amos Orcutt '64, Foundation president and CEO

echoed another common theme among the alumni honorees.

"It was my education at the university that allowed me to get where I am today," he said. "It never would have been possible without the University of Maine."

Maine's first lady, Karen Baldacci, who has degrees in food science and education, talked of UMaine's importance to her life as an educator and as the wife of the governor.

"The university was instrumental in what I do and who I have become," she said. "It gave me the opportunity to make a difference."

Patrice Krant, currently the director for global procurement at Coca-Cola, also talked about how much she benefited from receiving scholarships in her student days

at the university.

"Because of that, I want to establish a small scholarship specifically for students to be able to take an international trip during their time at UMaine," she said. "It's so important in today's world to be exposed to other countries and cultures."

Krant, who has an MBA from Georgia State University, should know. In her demanding job she travels all over the world. She also makes good use of the skills she developed as a UMaine journalism major.

"People often ask how a journalism degree relates to a business career," Krant said. "Well, I can tell you that being able to write well—to find the 'lead' in a 15-page white paper is really helpful. I use my journalism training every day."

Krant also emphasized the friendships

Above photo: Foundation president, Amos Orcutt (center) with alumni honorees (left to right): Patrice Krant, Karen Weston Baldacci, Lawrence Bender, and Ed Keefe. Not in the photo is honoree Joline Dudley Godfrey who was unable to attend for health reasons.

and sense of community she developed as a UMaine student.

"It's heartwarming every time I come back to campus," she said. "The closest friends I have today are people I met here."

In addition to their career achievements, all of the honorees are people who give back to their communities.

Lawrence Bender, for example, is dedicated to many social, political, and environmental causes. He credits a visit with Bill and Hillary Clinton at Camp David with part of his inspiration to get involved.

A Message From Foundation Honoree Joline Dudley Godfrey '72

I'm not one of those people who can say I had a vision as a young person and my college helped me realize it. Rather, in looking back, I can see how much of who I am was influenced by my experiences here. It's only in looking back that I recognize the extent to which the course of my journey was launched here. Three memories illustrate the nature of the gifts I took from the university.

The first is the feeling of strength I carry inside myself—a side effect. I think of enduring the fierce winds that pushed us across campus in the coldest days of January and February. An eight o'clock class on a dark, icy morning tested character. Did I want to leave my warm dorm room to hike over to Boardman? No, I did not! . . . But the mantra instilled in me

"Mrs. Clinton, especially, influenced me," he told the Foundation gathering. "Her strong desire to make a difference. It was something I aspired to."

Bender sits on the board of trustees of the Israel Policy Forum and is a member of the Pacific Council. He's also on the advisory board to the dean of Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government and serves on the board of the Creative Coalition.

Bender also feels passionate about the environment. In 2003, he cofounded The Detroit Project, targeting the gas-guzzling SUVs. And Bender's participation with Al Gore on the making of the Academy Award-winning documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*, has done more than just about anything to raise awareness of the dangers of climate change.

"I saw Al Gore's slide show on climate change and while I was watching it, I had this idea of making it into a film," he recalled. "People thought I was completely



then was not insignificant: "After this," I would say to myself, "I can handle anything." And that has proven to be true . . . I am clear that some of the inner strength I carry with me comes from mastering, with a sense of humor and even pleasure, the physical challenge of living through the seasons here . . . Years later, climbing peaks in Yosemite, muscles screaming, I thought, "Oh shut up, Joline, this is nothing compared to getting across campus in January!"

The second gift I took from here is the

crazy, making a slide show into a film." After an Oscar and tens of thousands of climate change converts, no one thinks he's crazy anymore.

As Maine's first lady, Karen Weston Baldacci focuses her attention on a wide range of issues, including education, literacy, wellness and nutrition, the arts, and local agriculture and gardening.

"Being the wife of the governor gives me a wonderful opportunity to define my own role," she said.

Baldacci is currently spearheading an \$11 million project to build New England's first Educare Center in Waterville. The center will focus on early care and education. She established the Maine Youth Excellence in Art Program, which recognizes talented young Maine artists by displaying their work throughout the state capitol complex. She also developed the Maine Community Literacy Project, which provides grants to local libraries to increase literacy rates.

intellectual curiosity inspired by a Bible literature class. The professor metaphorically threw open giant windows of possibility and revelation as we explored the history of the Bible, unfettered by ideology . . . It was that class that helped a young woman, not yet worldly, open to the possibilities of intellectual pursuit—the joys of exploring the unknown.

And finally, there is the journey of my career. I was not, as I said, driven by a specific vision; the only thing I was clear about was that I wanted to change the world. I didn't understand then that the knowledge and skills I got at UMO would provide the foundation I would need for the full course of my journey.

Joline Dudley Godfrey is an innovator in finance education for kids and the CEO of Independent Means. She is the author of many books including: The DollarDiva's Guide to Life, Twenty Secrets to Money and Independence, and Raising Financially Fit Kids.

In addition, Baldacci has anchored two cable television programs for Time Warner. One of those programs, *Focus on the Farm*, tells the stories of Maine's agriculture and promotes the importance of buying locally grown farm products.

Despite his demanding schedule as a business leader, Ed Keefe also finds time to serve his community in a number of ways. He's a member of the Boston Chamber of Commerce and on the board of directors of the Bostonian Society, Rebuilding Together Boston, and the Emerson Umbrella Center for the Arts. In addition, he helps his alma mater as a member of the dean's advisory board at the University of Maine Business School.

The Foundation's five honorees reflect the quality and lasting value of a University of Maine education. They also remind us of the importance of an independent Foundation, providing opportunities to future generations of UMaine students who will go on to make a difference.

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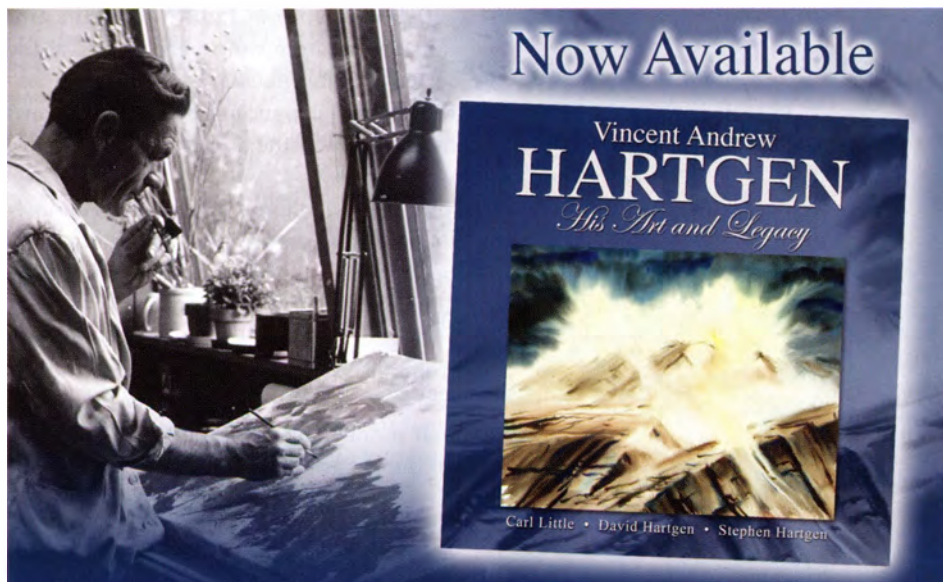
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Cost-Cutting Casualties

Budget considerations drive a University of Maine Athletic Department decision to eliminate its women's volleyball and men's soccer programs.

University of Maine athletic director, Blake James, knew all too well how past across-the-board cuts were slowly bleeding his Black Bear teams into an unhealthy condition. Facing an even more substantial \$253,000 budget cut this year, plus the loss of another \$618,000 from declines in endowment income, annual gifts, ticket sales, and merchandise revenue, James decided that spreading cuts across programs was no longer an option—it was clear that difficult and dra-

matic decisions needed to be made.

In mid-April, the most dramatic of those decisions was announced—the university would be suspending women's volleyball and men's soccer.

"If we had taken this budget cut, which amounted to about 10 percent, and spread it across the board, it would have greatly diluted our overall athletic experience," James said. "It wouldn't have allowed us to pursue our goal of athletic excellence."

James emphasized that this wasn't a

decision he ever wanted to make.

"We looked at every option, every possible alternative," he said. "There was really no good solution—this was the best solution under difficult circumstances."

The elimination of women's volleyball and men's soccer is expected to save about \$600,000 in the first year and, eventually, save some \$900,000 annually.

The program cuts reduce the number of Division I sports at the university to 17. James emphasized that no other program reductions are currently being considered.

Although no one knows about the timing of an economic recovery, as well as the future of state allocations, James feels confident that suspending the two programs has positioned the university to move forward.

"As the economy improves, as endowments and annual giving eventually come back, and as our teams have success, these actions will allow us to grow and become stronger," he said. "Cutting this \$1 million from the budget will allow us to move forward. And when circumstances improve, that money can be spread back out over all the programs."

As would be expected, the surprise announcement was a gut-wrenching blow to the two teams and their coaches.

"It hits home pretty hard," noted soccer coach Pat Laughlin '92 in April. "I'm not only the coach, I'm a UMaine alum."

One of Laughlin's most immediate concerns was for his players. While the university pledged to honor its scholarship commitments to current volleyball and soccer players, most of these young athletes expressed a desire to continue com-



peting in their sports at the college level.

After a great deal of hard work, Laughlin and his assistant were able to find spots at other schools for all the players who wanted to continue their careers as student-athletes. One soccer player decided to stay and graduate from UMaine.

"There was so much emotion attached to trying this," Laughlin said in a *Bangor Daily News* interview. "But we made it an immediate priority to find these guys opportunities. It was our responsibility. The players wanted to be here, but since they didn't have that option, we wanted to find them a viable alternative."

On the volleyball side, five of the seven members of the team have decided to stay and finish their education at UMaine. Two will be transferring to other schools.

While the university never wants to lose good students, the transferring of soccer and volleyball players stands to help the UMaine athletics budget through savings in scholarships.

The Black Bear soccer team has not had a great deal of success in recent years. Last season the team did show some signs of improvement, posting a 5-10-2 record.

Soccer also had one of the smaller budgets—\$145,580 for operating costs and \$175,000 for scholarships (7.5 scholarships). A full athletic scholarship is about \$18,000 for instate students and about \$31,000 for out-of-state students.

The volleyball program, coached by Lynn Atherley, has had some success since it was reinstated in 1999. Last year the team was 14-13 and reached the conference semifinal. In 2004 the team made it all the way to the America East final game.

Volleyball also had a significantly larger budget—\$232,564 in operating costs and \$343,238 in scholarships (12 scholarships).

While coaches and players were obviously disappointed with the athletic department's decision, a number of sup-

porters and former players also expressed their dismay at the university's action.

"I've received quite a few calls, especially regarding soccer," said alumni association president, Todd Saucier '93, '97G. "It's tough for folks who feel passionate about those sports."



"We looked at every option, every possible alternative. There was really no good solution—this was the best solution under difficult circumstances."

Saucier says that alumni often ask why all UMaine sports don't share equally in the pain.

"It's a very understandable question," he notes. "But as bad as I feel for the players, coaches, and alumni supporters, I really applaud Blake James for a bold decision. You just can't keep making horizontal, across-the-board cuts and slowly weaken the overall athletic program. If we are going to have Division I athletics at the University of Maine, then we need to give teams the support they need to succeed."

Of course, UMaine is far from being alone in eliminating athletic teams. UMass

recently did away with skiing, and Quinnipiac has suspended men's track. In the America East Conference, the University of Vermont decided to eliminate its softball and baseball programs. That makes it the third America East school (Boston University and the University of New Hampshire being the others) to cut baseball.

All of this raises some concern about the strength of some of the nonrevenue sports, like baseball, in the America East Conference.

"From a conference standpoint, you do worry about staying strong," James says. "Several baseball programs in America East have been cut. So we're talking to other schools in the region. Obviously, UMaine has a great tradition in baseball which we want to maintain. We'll do everything we can to help baseball prosper in this region."

While the athletic department strives to stay competitive with less, James believes the bigger issue involves containing the escalating costs of college sports—not just in America East, but in every conference.

"Athletic directors everywhere, especially in Division I, are worried about escalating costs," James explains. "It's something that is getting dis-

cussed on a daily basis. In fact it took up the majority of time at our recent America East annual meeting. Economic realities push everyone to evaluate our current business model and the decisions we make."

James stresses the importance for collective action by conferences, so no school's program will be put at a disadvantage. He also believes that action will be taken on a national level.

"Yes, it's being discussed a great deal on a national level," he says. "I really think we'll see some legislation on cost containment soon."

Good Influences

A University of Maine teacher asked his students to describe the important influencers in their lives. Their responses deeply moved him, leading him to conclude that we'll be in good hands with these future leaders, grounded in solid values.

By Scott Anchors

Photo By Michael Mardosa '73

It's not uncommon to hear comments about today's youth being self-absorbed and affected by negative influences such as too much TV and computers, drugs, too little responsibility, not enough physical activity, poor role models, too many material things—I could go on and on.

Well, I have a much different and more encouraging perspective for you. UMaine is graduating future leaders who have lives grounded in influences that are solid, value driven, everlasting, and decades old.

I recently discovered this in a course I teach offered by The Maine Business School titled Leadership for Tomorrow. We cover everything from leadership theory, to case studies, to skills and competencies sessions. Students are challenged to assess what they need to develop to be effective leaders. Leadership is a personal topic and so is the course.

On a snowy winter day, my 28 students had dutifully completed their assignment on leadership and, as I started to look the papers over, I quickly became moved by

their words—with the honesty and clarity with which they had responded. Emotions flowed from me, as my students clarified an important question that shapes all leaders: who are the influencers in your life? It's common knowledge that role models are an essential factor in what leaders value and how they behave. This assignment encouraged my students to reflect on who had influenced them and consequently how they might influence others.

The question for this assignment came from leadership guru Ken Blanchard and was simply: who are the influencers in your life? Now this isn't an easy task. While I think about these kinds of questions all the time, writing them down seems pretty ominous to me—but it seemed like a fair and important requirement of the students in this particular class. Here are some representative responses:

"My grandfather taught me that a leader is ultimately responsible for the outcome of the effort, and must bear the responsibility for the burden of failure as well as the fruits of success." *Daniel Day '09*

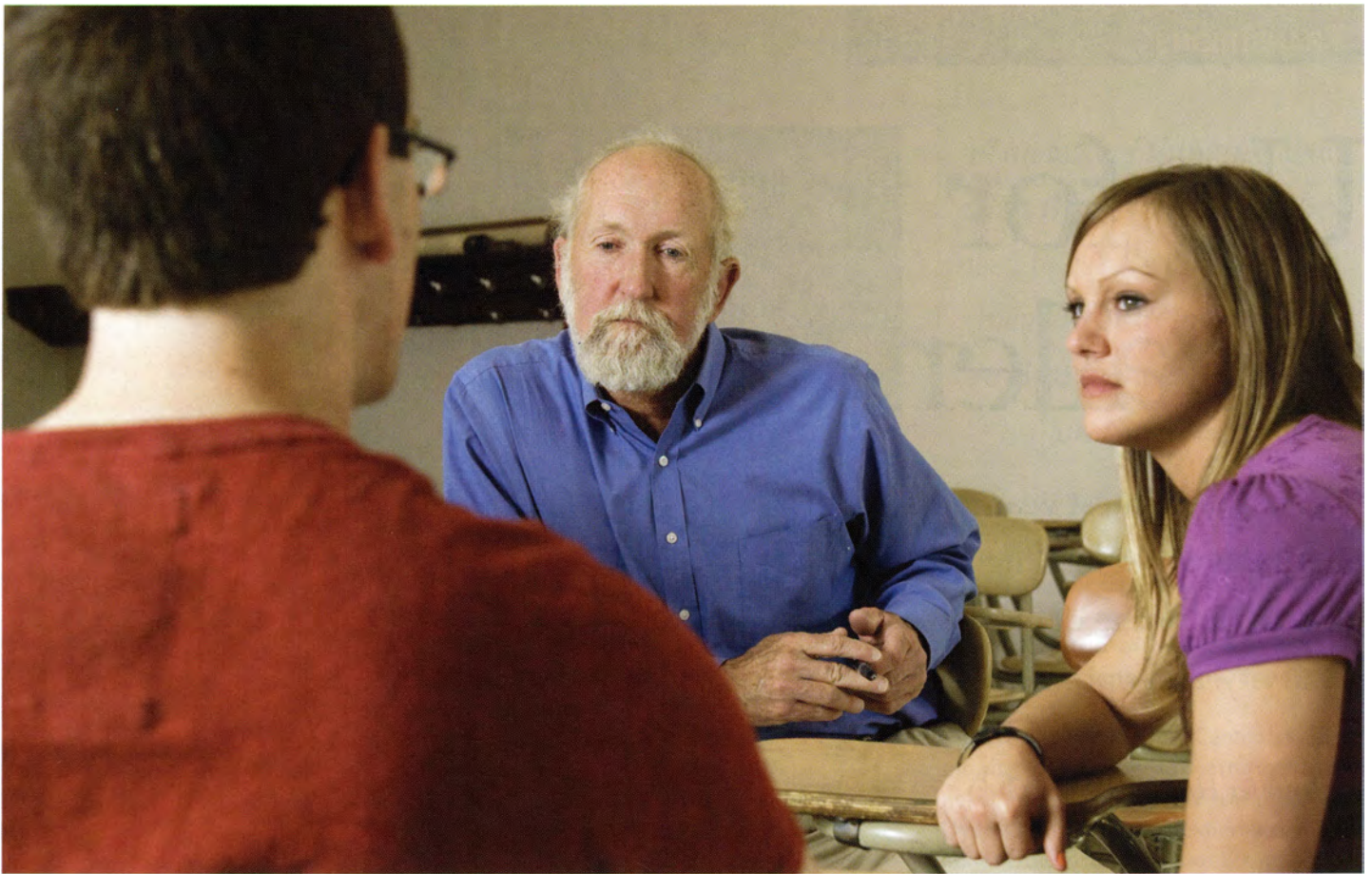
"Each member of my family helped to shape my leadership point of view. My father taught me that life is all about the choices that I make, and I will not always make the right decision but I should always learn from the choices I make. My mother was soft spoken and gentle and she taught me how to use words to lead those around me. My brother taught me self-motivation."

Matt Currier '10

"My dad taught me to work honestly and justly, and not take anything for granted. He taught me to be independent and to be myself. My mother is an angel sent to everyone who comes in contact with her. She provided me with a model of a person who is sensitive, caring, compassionate, kind, and good natured."

Jasie Costigan '09

"The first and most influential leader in my life was my Uncle Rob. The most important characteristic I learned from him involves the ability to look towards the future and make plans accordingly. He helped me, a farm boy from the sticks, to



understand and accept differences in people."

Zach Frechette '09

"My mother taught me sacrifice and determination; everything she did in life was for the greater good of us and never for herself."

Eric Bell '09

"My aunt taught and showed me that when things are tough or someone is not acting as you would like them to, you need to look at things from their perspective and not jump to conclusions."

Ashleigh Briggs '09

"Growing up, my most memorable influence was my mother. I viewed her as a hero, and she taught me how to be caring, loving, to get along with others, and more importantly how to be strong. She showed me how to know right from wrong—all important things for leaders to know."

Melissa Albert '09

"Primary influencers in my leadership point of view were Mom and Dad. Mom demonstrated a consistently positive attitude towards life's challenges ('there is

always a silver lining') and showed me the value of lifelong learning (at 62 she completed high school). Dad taught me to be a steward of the land and the need to take care of all the other things on this planet."

Lancy Wheaton '09

"My parents have always been selfless, hardworking people, and have helped me despite limited means. They taught me if I am in the position to help others, I will take the opportunity to make a positive impact on them."

Richard Cannon '10

As I finished my reading I was energized by the potential of these future leaders. And I'm reminded of the influences in my own life. Almost all of these students cited family members as a source of influence in developing their leadership. My own thoughts go to my parents who led a very modest but important life which shaped my life as a leader. Passionate vegetable gardeners in a small town in the mountains of North Georgia, they overplanted their crops each year. Their abundance was placed anonymously in

Above photo: Students discuss the influences on their lives with Scott Anchors.

brown grocery bags in the cars of people who needed a little help. My mother often quoted to her children the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." She would remind me, "They would do the same for you." My wife and I are also passionate gardeners—following in parental and family footsteps like the students in my class. I'm thankful for the life and leadership skills my parents modeled for me, as these students are thankful for the significant leadership roles their family members modeled.

All of this is a reminder of the serious responsibility of being a teacher. I only hope this class provides nourishment for these students as future leaders—as those vegetables that my parents shared nourished the lives of their fellow villagers.

The future is in good hands with these University of Maine students. Their leadership has been shaped by good words, solid advice, significant role models, and important people.

Up for the Challenge

It's not the greatest year to be a recent college grad and out in the world looking to start a career. But UMaine's newest alums are demonstrating flexibility, realism, creativity, and optimism in their job pursuits.

By Jennifer Huerth '01, '03G

Photo by William Drake

The University of Maine's Class of 2009 hits the "real" world this summer, hoping to start their careers amidst the toughest recession in recent history. There are fewer jobs and more competitors for them. Still, most of these new college grads remain optimistic and ready to face whatever challenges await them.

Patty Counihan, director of the University of Maine Career Center, saw a significant drop in employer activity this past year. She said, "There were fewer recruiting visits and the number of businesses represented at our last career fair was down by 20 percent." She added, "But people are still hiring—in construction, civil engineering, insurance, human services, and healthcare industries to name a few."

But for many new UMaine graduates, these openings fall outside of the major areas of study they have immersed themselves in for the past four years or more.

"In these times, the key to finding a job is widening the net," remarked Counihan. "Instead of thinking about what they *want* to do, they need to ask themselves what

they are *able* to do. Their first job won't be their forever career."

For Ashley Senecal, a new media major, that means broadening her scope and applying for jobs she normally wouldn't, in order to get by until a position in her field opens up. "I have a job at the alumni association until July 1st," she said, "but then I need to move on. Since there are very few jobs available in web development and design, I'm planning to look for anything I know I can do, like being an administrative assistant or working in retail." She laughed and added, "I will take whatever I can get, just so I can start repaying my loans on time!"

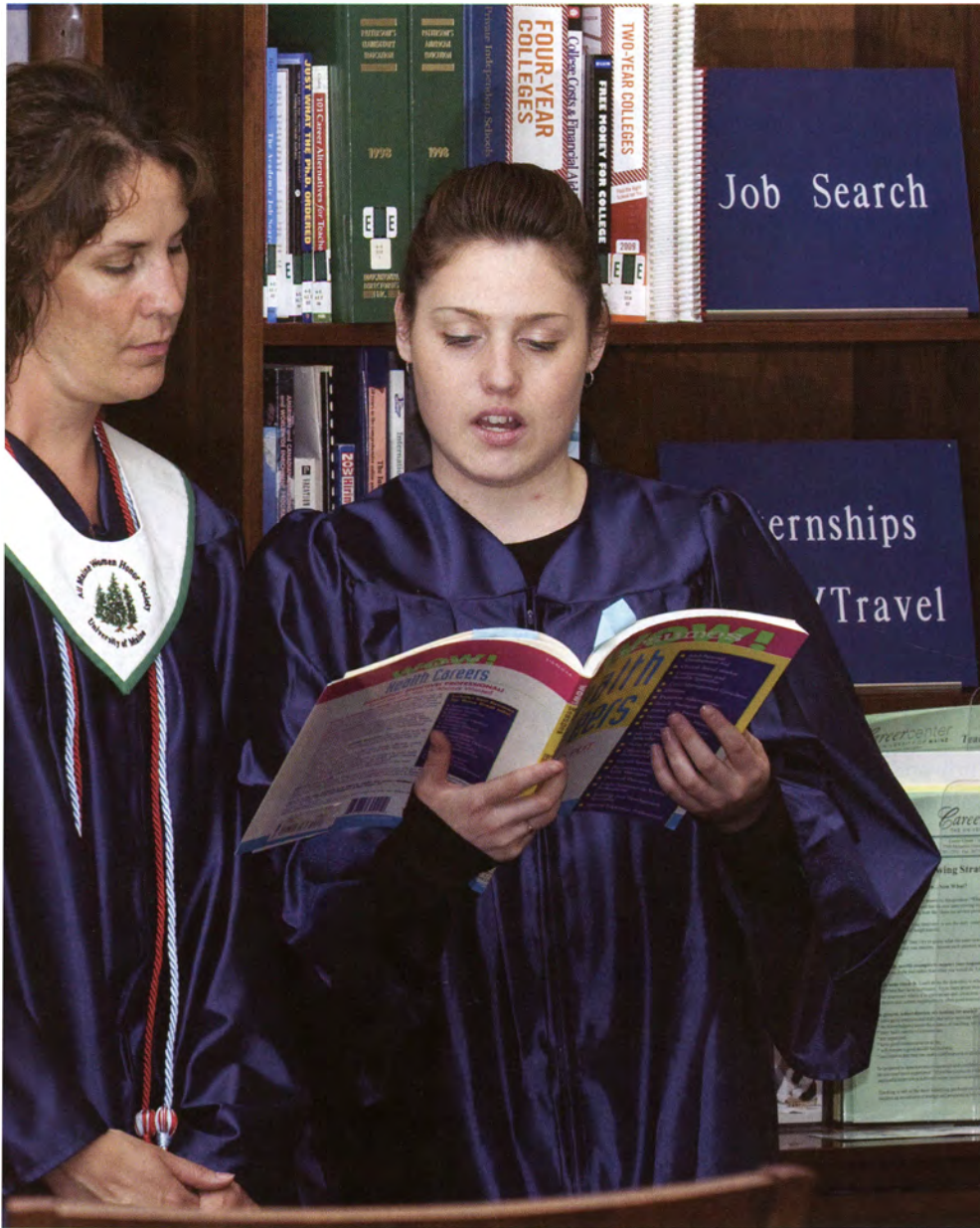
True to her word, Senecal recently accepted a job as a pharmacy technician at the Hannaford store in Old Town.

Ashleigh Briggs, a business administration and marketing major, was in a similar position until just recently. She had several interviews in Boston and even one as far away as California, but nothing felt quite right. Then she decided to apply for a short-term job at a local business that normally would have slid under her radar. A former



student ambassador for the Career Center, she received notice of the opening through the center's website, which lists the skills and qualifications of students who register with the center. When an employer lists a job opening, an online search is performed to find students whose education and experience are a good fit for the company's needs. But many are unaware of this service and miss out on available opportunities.

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science and kinesiology program and a personal trainer at the new Student Recreation Center, knows that he wants to stay within the field of health and wellness, preferably on the management and leadership end.

"Working at the Rec Center has given me the opportunity to learn about business, management, and training," said Dyer. "It's been a great experience—it has allowed me to really define my career path."

For the past two months, Dyer has been sending out applications across the country, hoping that someone will give him a chance to demonstrate his desire to learn and his willingness to work hard.

"I've applied for jobs in fitness, corporate wellness, physical education, wellness management—anything that is within my field," Dyer said. "I've sent more than 30 resumes out from here to California, and while I would like to stay in Maine, I'm realistic about the fact that I'll probably have to move." He's also aware that the competition is greater for jobs in larger markets like Boston, where he interviewed for a job recently.

"You are compared to a lot more people when you go to an interview in a place like Boston," he said. "I make sure to show up fully prepared and well dressed for every interview, no matter how small the job may seem. Every opportunity is a golden one—the best job I could ever have. It's my hope that interviewers will remember me for that."

Shara Marquis, a computer science major, also knows that finding a job may mean

plan ahead as much as they would like to," said Counihan, "the turnaround time between listing and hiring is much shorter than it has been in the past. But the only way to take advantage of these opportunities is to create a profile on our site."

It certainly paid off for Briggs. While her new employer has only guaranteed her a position for 18-24 months, she knows that it's a step in the right direction. "It's a job I didn't really see myself doing at first," she said, "but now I'm really excited about

it. It's a great opportunity with a well-respected company and there's always the possibility that it could turn into a permanent position down the road."

Widening the net may give some grads the resume boost they need, but for others, it's not a viable option. "If a student is unable to search for employment outside his or her area of interest," Counihan said, "we suggest broadening the search geographically as an alternative."

Stephen Dyer, a graduate of the exercise

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having to relocate.

"I have an internship for the summer," she said, "and I might be able to get a full-time job there. If not, I will have to expand my search area." But she remains confident because even though there has been a decrease in the number of computer software jobs available, it's a fact that people have become dependent on their computers. "I have defined my goal and would like to find something in web development applications. I'm a little nervous, but I also feel well prepared, so I know there's something out there for me."

For many grads, that "something" is to further their education. A recent survey of UMaine juniors and seniors revealed that 37 percent of students plan to attend graduate school immediately after graduation—an increase of 11 percent from the year previous. Much of that increase can be traced to current economic conditions. If it's going to be tougher to find that good job right now, why not get better prepared for when the market recovers?

Eric Robitaille, a graduate in resource and agricultural business management, sees continuing his education as the most viable option. "Now seems like the best time to go to grad school," he said, "especially considering the poor economy and the fact that Maine is really hurting for jobs in my field." He plans to earn a master's in business administration, to strengthen the skills he has gained from his undergraduate program.

Morgan Wren, double majoring in art education and studio art agrees. "If a good opportunity arises, I will definitely take it," she said, "but right now, I am going to focus on grad school."

Both Wren and Robitaille feel well prepared for jobs in their chosen fields, but they also know that sometimes you need more to compete in today's job market. "The art education program has more than prepared me for a career in my field," said Wren. "I have learned more in my four years at UMaine than I ever would have imagined. I just feel that a graduate degree will help expand my knowledge and skills and allow me to reach the goals I have set for my future."

Stephanie Sockbeson, who recently graduated with her master's in social work, is also looking forward to the future. "I graduated in May, am getting married in July, and will be moving to New Hampshire in August!" she said happily. "I feel that in this economy, social workers are going to be needed more than ever, so I am optimistic that I will find a job."

And optimism is key to being successful in today's limited market. "It's all about attitude," remarked Counihan, "and obtaining the right mindset. At the Career Center, we aim to help students in broadening their horizons and being flexible in their thinking. We want to help them achieve their goals and give them the tools they need to succeed."

Ashley Senecal maintains that while it may not happen immediately, she will definitely find the success she is striving for. "My years at UMaine more than prepared me for a job in my field. I have competitive skills, education, and experience. I am incredibly proud of what I have achieved already."



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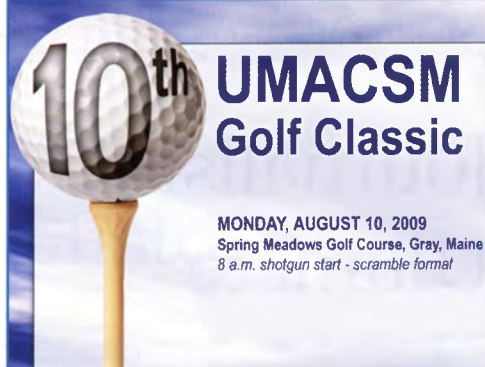
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Journalism's Ultimate Honor

Los Angeles Times staff writer Bettina Boxall '74 earns a Pulitzer Prize for explanatory reporting.

Every profession has its ultimate honor: the Oscar for actors, the MVP Award for athletes, the Nobel for scientists. In journalism, the top recognition for excellence is the Pulitzer Prize.

And this spring that ultimate journalism honor was bestowed upon a University of Maine graduate, Bettina Boxall '74, for explanatory reporting.

Her reaction was "stunned joy."

"I haven't spent my career pursuing a Pulitzer," she says. "But I have to say that winning one was a pure thrill."

Boxall and fellow *Los Angeles Times* reporter Julie Cart were awarded the honor for what the Pulitzer citation termed their "fresh and painstaking exploration into the cost and effectiveness of attempts to combat the growing menace of wildfires across the western United States."

Boxall says the concept for the wildfire series grew directly out of her beat, which is covering the natural resources and environmental issues in California and the West. She notes that right from the start she and her colleague had a sense they were doing something special.

"We started with an ambitious agenda for the series and had the enthusiastic support of editors, and the photo and graphics departments," she explains. "So yes, we did know we were trying for



something special. I think the work stands out because it was revelatory, defying conventional wisdom about a familiar subject, and telling readers surprising things."

Writing about natural resources is something Boxall enjoys and is well prepared for. Although she was a journalism major at UMaine, she belonged to the hiking club and took courses in ecology, geology, and botany.

"I've covered environmental issues off and on throughout my career," she says. "And reporting on western resources is a dream job for me."

Boxall joined the *Times* in 1987. Prior to that she worked at *The Record* in Hackensack, New Jersey, and *The*

Bennington Banner in Vermont. Her career began at a small daily paper in central Texas where she says, "I shot some of the worst high school football photographs ever taken."

Boxall lives in an old Los Angeles neighborhood. When not at work she says, "hiking, gardening, cooking, and good red wine all restore me."

As for winning the Pulitzer, she really doesn't see it changing her life.

"I've been a reporter for 31 years," she says, "so my life isn't really going to change at this point. But it was a wonderful affirmation to win for the kind of explanatory journalism that I am most drawn to and for writing about a topic that grew naturally out of my beat."

Navy LTJG Adam Jones '06: On the scene during the rescue of Captain Richard Phillips

A First-Hand Brush With History

When Adam Jones '06 finishes his career as a U.S. Navy officer, he'd like to teach history. When that happens, he might just call upon his own first-hand experience to help his students learn about the rise of piracy on the high seas in the early 21st century.

As a member of the crew of the USS *Bainbridge*, Jones took part in a dramatic standoff with pirates which ended in the rescue of Richard Phillips, captain of the cargo ship *Maersk Alabama*.

That ship was hijacked by a small band of Somali men in the Gulf of Aden on April 8. The pirates boarded the ship after firing shots. Crew members eventually managed to tackle and capture one of the pirates. The pirates then agreed to leave the ship if they were given a lifeboat (their skiff had overturned) and their comrade was released. Phillips surrendered himself to the pirates in order to ensure his crew's safety.

The *Maersk Alabama* crew released their prisoner, but the pirates refused to uphold their end of the deal and kept Phillips as a hostage.

The *Bainbridge* arrived on the scene the following day, and members of her crew provided the *Alabama* with armed protection to its original destination—Mombasa, Kenya.

Meanwhile, a four-day standoff ensued between the *Bainbridge* and the armed pirates, who were holding Captain Phillips.

Jones was serving as the surface warfare coordinator in the *Bainbridge's* combat information center.

"I was very engaged with the console, making sure that our camera was always pointed at the lifeboat, which was never more than a few hundred yards away, so we would have a good target if we needed to open fire," he explains.

Jones was on watch the night that Phillips attempted an escape.



LTJG Adam Jones served as the escort for *Maersk Alabama* captain, Richard Phillips, on the USS *Bainbridge* after Phillips' rescue from Somali pirates on April 12.

"It was about nine at night, and I was watching through the monitor," he remembers. "It was a tense situation, but there wasn't much we could do because it was dark and if we opened fire, there was a chance we would hit Captain Phillips."

The pirates opened fire on Phillips, forcing him to give up his escape attempt.

Over the next several days, tensions rose as more U.S. Naval support arrived (including a team of Navy SEALs) and several other pirate vessels were reported to be en route to help the Somali pirates.

Jones explains that everything came to a head on Easter Sunday, April 12. The lifeboat ran out of fuel and sea winds picked up, creating some anxiety and tension among the three remaining pirates. The *Bainbridge* offered to tow the lifeboat.

Finally it was determined that Phillips' life was in danger, and the Navy SEALs

opened fire and quickly took out the three pirates. Phillips evacuated the boat and boarded the *Bainbridge*.

As the Navy ship set off to return Phillips to Mombasa to be reunited with his crew, Jones was assigned to be Phillips' official escort.

"I spent three days with him on board the ship," Jones said. "We were both from New England (Phillips from Vermont, Jones from Bridgton, Maine), so we talked a lot about that. He told me that he was treated all right and that he knew he did the right thing."

Jones finished his tour with the *Bainbridge* soon after the incident, and has been in the U.S. training for a new assignment. He says the rescue of Captain Phillips already seems like a long time ago. "But no matter how much time passes, it's something I'll never forget," he adds.

Alumni News and Events



UMAA Tuition Raffle Winner

Alumni association president, Todd Saucier '93, '97G, congratulates Vanessa R. Tremblay, daughter of Tom and Sue Tremblay of St. Albans, Maine, on winning the 2009 association tuition raffle.

Vanessa is a junior psychology major with a minor in women's studies. By winning the raffle, she will have two tuition-free semesters at UMaine.

Publications Changes

Due to budgeting and reorganization, the alumni association will not be publishing a fall 2009 alumni magazine. However, UMAA members and donors can look forward to receiving a fall edition of the university's magazine, *UMaine Today*, with features on research/academic programs and alumni.

The alumni association staff and board of directors are currently discussing new and better ways to communicate with our alumni body. We remain committed to publishing regularly scheduled printed publications to our members and friends. Those publications will continue to contain classnotes, alumni events, alumni profiles, and UMaine news. We are also putting more resources into improving and expanding our web site, mainealumni.org. We thank you for your understanding and support.

CALENDAR

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Midcoast Maine Alumni Association

Hodgdon Boat Yard, East Boothbay, Maine
Guest speaker will be Habib Dagher

Thursday, August 6, 2009

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Saturday, September 26, 2009

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Dave Mallett '73 concert and bean supper

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2009 Fogler Legacy Award

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It all began when Henry Doten, a civil engineering major, and Cora Russell, who concentrated in history, graduated from the University of Maine back in 1923. That started a family tradition which has seen four generations of Dotens graduate from the university. In recognition of their long and distinguished ties to UMaine, the Doten family was presented with the Fogler Legacy Award at Reunion 2009.

Cora and Henry's children, Shirley and Herbert, earned their UMaine degrees in 1949 and 1954, respectively. Shirley went on to become an associate professor of child development at her alma mater. Her daughter, Sharon Oliver '77, is currently director of admissions at the university.

Herbert became a successful engineer



Herbert Doten '54, '66G and Shirley Doten Oliver '49, '53G accept the 2009 Fogler Legacy Award from alumni association chair, Suzanne Hart '68 (center) during the May 31 awards breakfast at Reunion 2009.

and a Distinguished Member of the Francis Crowe Society. He married Patricia Fortier '56 and three of their five children, Debora '79, Dorothy '82, and Kathleen '82, earned UMaine degrees.

The fourth generation of the Doten family includes Jonathan Pirruccello '09, a biology major who was a member of the Black Bear football team. His brother, Tony, is a current UMaine student.

Make Plans to Attend the 2009 UMAA Auction

Going once; going twice; going to the alumni association auction? The alumni association is sponsoring both an online and live auction to benefit alumni and support student programs. Find that perfect Maine item to give to your favorite Black Bear. Or maybe you would like a week's vacation in an Irish cottage or in Rockport, Maine. The online auction will be held from September 15 until October 14 and a live auction and dinner will be held in Buchanan Alumni House on October 16. Great items have already been donated but your support is still needed. Donations can be linked to your business web site. In addition, email notices will be sent to 19,000 alums promoting your product and demonstrating your generosity and your support of the alumni association. To donate, please call 800-934-2586 and beginning September 15 check www.mainealumni.org for a wicked good deal. Thanks for your support.



Portland Alumnae

Among the attendees at the April 2 Portland Alumnae gathering in Scarborough were, sitting (left to right): Marion Libby Broadus '42 and Carolyn "Charlie" Chaplin Grant '45. Standing are: Donna Grant Rauschke '59, Ruth Worcester Johnson '40, Carolyn Bull Dahlgren '56, Mary Kilgen Irace '77, and Joan Fuller Russell '56. Portland Alumnae was organized more than 83 years ago. They meet four times per year at various locations in the greater Portland area.

Alumni News and Events

Al Curran '71, Mike Trainor Recognized for Their Commitment to UMaine



Al Curran

Al Curran, CEO of the engineering and environmental service firm, Woodard and Curran, was presented with a Black Bear Award at Reunion 2009 for his outstanding service to his alma mater.

Al serves on both the College of Engineering advisory board and the UMaine Board of Visitors. He's also a past member of the College of Business, Public Policy, and Health advisory board.

In addition, Al's firm generously contributed the first of numerous endowed laboratories to the College of Engineering. Woodard and Curran has also been a major sponsor of the Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine's annual golf tournament.

Al and wife, Carol Fisher Curran '72, are contributors at the Stillwater Society level. A member of the Francis Crowe Society, he is also a past recipient of the Edward T. Bryand Engineering Award.

Also receiving a Black Bear Award was loyal UMaine supporter, Mike Trainor. As a past chair of the UMaine Board of Visitors, Mike, a graduate of the University of Maine School of Law, has been a trusted advisor on academic and fiscal matters, long-range planning, and a host of other university issues. In support of the university, he has donated countless hours of time advocating for UMaine in Augusta. He also flew to Washington, D.C., to meet with the Maine congressional delegation, advocating for federal research and development funds for the university.

Mike belongs to the advisory board of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and has generously contributed to academic programs and scholarship funds.



UMaine Symphonic Band Performs in Boston

The University of Maine Symphonic Band enjoyed a unique opportunity to play at Boston Symphony Hall in April as part of its annual spring tour.

"It was a wonderful experience," said Curvin Farnham, who conducts the classical ensemble composed of 67 students from first year to graduate level.

The goal was to "be a presence with alumni in the greater Boston area," said Farnham, noting that the appreciative 650-member audience included many UMaine graduates, as well as faculty and parents of students.

"There are nearly 3,000 alumni in eastern Massachusetts and we have been working for several years to engage them," said Todd Saucier '93, '97G, president and executive director of the UMaine Alumni Association, noting that the Black Bears of Boston alumni group held a reception at Boston Symphony Hall prior to the performance. "The students did a wonderful job representing UMaine," he said. "Their performance was superb."

Four WWII Veterans Honored

In an emotional ceremony on Saturday of Reunion 2009, the Class of 1950 honored four World War II veterans with its Greatest Generation Award. The award is presented to 1950 class members who served with valor and distinction in World War II, Korea, or Vietnam.

Harold Chapman ('54G), as a member of the 102nd Infantry Division (the Ozarks), led a squad in battle during the Rhineland Campaign and received a Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and two Purple Hearts.

William Drisko ('56G) also served in the 102nd Division, with a group known as Rogers Rangers. For his valor and heroism he was awarded a Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster.

John Bache-Wiig, Jr. served as a company scout in the 70th Infantry Division in the European Theater. He received a Bronze Star for rescuing five wounded men during battle.

Colby Walker ('59G) was a B-24 ball turret gunner with the 512th Bomb Squadron based in Italy. He was awarded a Purple Heart after suffering serious wounds when his plane received heavy flak and was forced to ditch in the Adriatic Sea.



Ruth Holland Walsh '50 presents a Greatest Generation Award to William Drisko.

UMaine Business School Visits Alumni in Japan

In May, professors Paul Myer and Richard Borgman of the UMaine Business School took 18 of their students on an educational journey to Japan. Also making the trip was Keiko Myer of UMaine purchasing.

A highlight of the visit was a dinner in Tokyo on May 18 with University of Maine alumni living and working in Japan. At the dinner, all of the alumni guests received gifts from various departments and colleges, as well as the alumni association.

The alumni shared their experiences about their days in Orono, and students talked about their experiences and impressions of Japan. Many of the alumni attending did not know each other, but the evening was such a success that there was a good deal of talk about another get-together in the future.

"The trip went very well," Professor Borgman wrote. "I think the students got real value and a great learning experience. And the highlight of the trip, to me, was our alumni dinner."



Toyota gave the business school a warm welcome.



Kaori Matsushita '04G (education) did her training at Fairmount School in Bangor.



Itsuki Hamamoto '99 earned a Ph.D. in 2006 and now works for the National Institute of Infectious Diseases in Tokyo.



Richard Borgman (right) visited Keiko Mizunuma Kodama '99 and her family.



Hiroshi Alley '85 (business), president of Japan and China Operations for Wipro Japan, talks to UMaine students in Tokyo. Hiroshi was just recently married (see Weddings, p. 57). His father was from Bar Harbor, and Hiroshi played football for MDI High School.



Tsutomu "Tom" Noguchi '93 with his nine-year-old daughter, Orono. Yes, she was named for our university's town!



Noriko Kojima Musumeci '98 (business) enjoys a playful moment with her son. Noriko is currently on maternity leave from her position at HSBC.

Classnotes



Senior Alumni

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Writing this on January 15 with the temps at minus 10, I am looking forward to the balmy days of June and the Reunion at UMaine. I hope you made plans to return to your alma mater, "the college of our hearts always."

Best wishes to **Viola Purinton Giffin '31**, who celebrated her 100th birthday in March. A photo of Viola and her family appeared in the winter issue of the alumni magazine. She lives in Orono.

Two alums have written and caught us up on their doings. **Carl Osgood '38** worked in Maine for several years and then returned to UMaine to teach and earn his M.S. in 1943.

World War II found Carl in a variety of positions—convoy maintenance at Charlestown Navy Yard, teaching at the University of Vermont, then at UPenn working in metallurgy. Entering the space age, Carl designed and built satellites and created the five radars for the moon lander in 1969. His contributions certainly contributed to Neil Armstrong's being the first man on the moon. He retired in 1984 after a demanding and fascinating career.

Carl and Frances Kelleher of Orono were married in 1944, and they had one daughter who in turn had three daughters who have given him three great-grandchildren. Carl is now widowed and living with daughter Jane Cain in Richmond, VA, and spending summers in Maine.

Still using his tremendous knowledge of engineering, he has published three technical books and three paperbacks of historical fiction about lumbering in Maine. As a hobby, he creates special wooden puzzles and assembly boards. What a great life!

A great phone call from Nancy Elliott Deputy brought news of her mother **Emily Thompson Elliott '33**. Emily was curious about her classmates. I gave her the alumni office number, and she was thrilled to learn of 24 living grads, some of whom she remembered.

Emily lived in NH and VA, raising three daughters with husband, Richard. They returned to their camp at Shin Pond near Patten or to Mere Point summers. Annually, they visited the UMaine campus to proudly show their family the area, the source of so many great memories.

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1936

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Happy summer, Class of '36. We haven't received any interesting news from any of you—in fact, there's been no news at all. Please take a moment to let your classmates know what is happening in your lives.

1937

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I'm sorry to report the death of **Thomas Evans** of Pompano Beach, FL, in December 2007. He had mailed me a note earlier that month. His wife of 73 years (and high school sweetheart) had died of Alzheimer's disease that summer and Tom had moved into a retire-

ment home that furnished breakfast and dinner. A loyal forestry major, he contributed generously to the University of Maine.

Tom was an active outdoorsman throughout his life, visiting family members across the United States, fishing, playing golf, and hunting deer with his son and grandson.

I'd like to hear from more of you—please call or send me a note.

1939

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Classmate **Harry Halliday** has kindly shared with me his monumental booklet titled *Prince Edward Island to Boston: Reflections on Four Generations of the Hallidays*. In the table of contents, part one is devoted to 28 pages concerning his parents and his childhood. Here he has pulled together many interesting pictures, some going back many years in time and all related in some way to his parents or himself. This in itself is a task done by few but appreciated by those who will come after him. The second section concerns his children's childhood. Here again, there are many anecdotes and also many pictures of family members in various poses and activities, which will be long remembered by his dear ones. All throughout this wonderful work, Harry shows a remarkable memory for humorous and otherwise important events, long gone by, but of great interest to special persons. The various poems placed at the end are themselves works of art that exhibit much family talent. The family trees for his maternal and paternal grandparents are placed at the very end of the book. Truly, Harry has put together a family work of art which will be treasured from now on by his loved ones. The entire production is beautifully done, showing the great love and pride that Harry has in his family. I wish that I could show you all what an outstanding production his book really is. Anyhow, it is a wonderful example of what can be

done in terms of a family autobiography and/or biography. Thank you so much, Harry, for sharing it with me, so that I can give our class a small taste of something very, very special.

The December 25 edition of the *Ellsworth American* carried an excellent article concerning our author **Miriam Colwell**. In the 2007 spring/summer *MAINE Alumni Magazine*, her life and times described her activities and accomplishments during her 90 years. The December article focused on her book *Young*. Originally published in 1955, it was republished in 2008. The story revolves around a young girl, Evelyn, suffering boredom until she finds herself, in the local tavern, where the story's main event takes place. Miriam is quoted as saying that, "the book seemed to write itself." The main character in *Young* is a mixture of several persons known by the author. With all of the action taking place in a 24-hour period, Evelyn is willing to push conventions' limits. Miriam has written four novels: *Contentment Cove*, *Young*, *Wind off the Water*, and *Day of the Trumpet*.

Growing up in Prospect Harbor sounds almost perfect when compared to life encountered today by our young people. Miriam writes clearly when comparing the natives to those who came from away. The area has not changed in many ways, what with an active church and a busy library staffed by volunteers. The population from out of state does appear to have grown over time.

I am saddened to have to report the passing of **Connie Philbrook Leger**, Class of '41. Connie was the cheery, enthusiastic sister of our own **Helen**, who also is no longer with us. Time passes, but it does give us the opportunity to remember these special people, and the joy they gave us in life.

**Make your plans now
to attend the Senior
Alumni luncheon at
Homecoming 2009.**

1940

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It's birthday party time for the Class of 1940! I'm writing about all of these 90th parties on a very snowy January day, and I will be joining the birthday group in March. I have already told you about **Bill Treat's** ('90 honorary degree) and **Polly Jellison Weatherbee's** parties, and now I have many others to add. **Betty Libbey Vernon** celebrated with three happy gatherings for her special day. Betty still lives at 50 Whitcomb Ave. in Hingham, MA.

Alice Ann Donovan Poppelmeier enjoyed her birthday party in Kennebunk late last fall. She had recently had a nostalgic trip to Houlton to visit with friends and family members. Sadly, Alice Ann died in March. She holds a special place in our hearts. We offer our sincere condolences to her family.

I had a phone visit with **Barbara Welch Wilson** '48G who lives in Waterville and learned about her 90th birthday celebration. **Peg Peaslee Danforth** had a party last summer in Manchester, NH, where she has lived for a long time.

I'm ending this column with a sad note. **Wayne F. Shipman** died in January. Wayne was a longtime resident of Wolfeboro, MA. He taught biology at Kingswood Regional High School and retired in 1979. He completed 39 years as a teacher. Wayne had many interests and hobbies, was an avid gardener, and built wooden boats and canoes.

Earle Bessey, a longtime resident of Waterville, died in November. Earle was a WW II veteran who, after the war, ran E.D. Bessey and Sons, a forest products company. He was an avid golfer who loved skiing and spending time in Arizona. Both of these men led very active and productive lives, and we are proud of them as our classmates. Our sympathy goes to their families.

1941

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A Maine Hello to all '41ers! These deadlines for the column roll around too soon, especially when news is not forthcoming. Something must be happening in your lives, so let's share it with your classmates.

Martha Hutchins Schelling has a new address: 513 Bentley Drive, Naples, FL 34110. Martha reports that she has only been on a Caribbean cruise lately. It's true that's not much of a trip when you've had two round-the-world cruises and many excursions to exotic places, which has been Martha's good fortune.

Joyce Ramsay Carter and John '42 entertained their family here at Piper Shores during the holidays. The sight to behold was Joyce being escorted by her grandson, Ian Carter-Condon, in the dress uniform of an Annapolis midshipman. (Ian, in his second year at the Naval Academy, is the older son of Nancy Carter '79.) Joyce was bursting with pride, and why not?

The home that Joyce's other daughter, Jane Carter Weir '70, and husband, Robert '68, had built in West Bath, ME, was featured in *Design New England* magazine (Jan-Feb 2009). The pictures with an informative write-up are most interesting; please observe that their two cats are included in the "photo shoot." (They have become indoor cats because of the wildlife here in Maine.) The Weirs call their home Cardinal in the Woods on account of its distinctive color and the state bird of North Carolina, their former home.

There was only one sports event in Portland last winter—a hockey game in January, yet there were several games on television in the southern Maine area—men's and women's basketball and men's ice hockey. Valentine's day weekend we hit the jackpot—two hockey games and a women's basketball contest. In March the University Singers and the UMaine Jazz Ensemble presented a concert in Merrill Auditorium, Portland; this was the second year that University of Maine musical organizations have performed

here.

It is with great sadness that I report that our class has lost our president, **Constance Philbrook Leger**. I didn't hear from Connie for the holidays so I phoned a few days after New Year's; she had just returned home from the hospital so we had a long chat. A week later, her daughter phoned the sad news. Connie was co-owner of Philbrook Farm Inn for many years and also taught at NH's Gorham High School. She was town clerk of Shelburne, NH, for 31 years and is survived by her daughter, C. Anne Leger '67, and her son, Lawrence P. Leger. Connie had established a scholarship in her father's name, Lawrence E. Philbrook '16, with the University of Maine Foundation and had requested that memorial contributions be made to it.

On January 3rd we also lost **Dora West Blake**. Peg taught kindergarten for many years in South Portland, ME. Peg and Cliff used to divide their time in retirement between Maine and Florida, but after his death in 1997 Peg located permanently in Sarasota, FL. She is survived by two daughters, Barbara Bernier '66, '67G and Deborah Cobb, five grandsons, and five great-grandchildren. In December **Elizabeth Grant Adams** passed away. Betty had lived in Westborough, MA, since 1969 where she taught and was involved in community groups. She and Charlie had four sons and two daughters with 20 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Our condolences to the families of these classmates!

1942

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Classmates—how about sharing your activities with the class! You all have some news, I am sure.

The month of May was busy for me. Grandson Aaron graduated from St. Joseph's College in North Windham and granddaughter

Hannah graduated from the University of New Hampshire.

I spent the weekend of May 14 in my hometown attending Milford Maine Days. The Dr. Lewis S. Libby School, named for my father, dedicated a lovely portrait of him donated by my family. I was asked to be the grand marshal of the Milford Days Parade. The two streets in town were lined with cheering families as the parade passed by—what a lovely weekend. It proved that "you can go home again."

Bette Barker Taverner's husband, Gil, died in April and his memorial service was held May 8 at the Chapel of the New England Deaconess Association in Concord, MA. Gil and Bette were always at our reunions. Bette went to Bangor for his committal service in May.

Nat Crowley '63G wrote, "Living off the fat of the land in excellent hands of my good (professional food service manager) wife Esther '43, enjoying life to the fullest—10 kids, 22 grandkids, 20 great-grandkids." Nat retired for the first time as dean of students at UM Fort Kent in 1975. He retired again in 1992 after working as a consultant and representing District 112 in Augusta, among other things.

Now living near the Washington Cathedral, **Margaret Goldie Phillips** loves to travel and took a river cruise to Paris and Nice in May. Margaret earned a doctorate in health education at Boston University by taking classes Saturdays and late afternoons, while working at Mass. General Hospital. She moved to D.C. in 1976 to take a position with the government in public health—maternal and child health programs and nutrition.

John Reed '60H reminisced, "During my senior year I had an opportunity to take a three-hour speech course from Professor Runyan. At the time I had no idea I would ever get into elective politics but knew the information would be useful. When I did enter the political arena, however, Professor Runyan's advice became invaluable.

"My only regret was that I didn't have time to take all of Professor Runyan's courses. He was indeed a master of his craft."

Martha Belknap Reed of Damariscotta sent in a lovely photo, showing four generations of her family. She has four children, 11

Go Blue!

grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Her daughter, Martha Reed Dodge '66, attended Orono and her nephew Daniel Belknap, who took the photo, is a professor of earth sciences on campus.

1943

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I hope everyone is enjoying summer. There was no news from classmates, so consequently there was nothing to report for this issue. Please write, email, or call so we can have material for this column.

1944

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Our class president, **Al Ehrenfried**, reminded all of us in his December class letter that our 65th Reunion would take place on the Orono campus May 29, 30, and 31, 2009.

We read in the *Portland Press Herald* that the University of Maine musicians were extending performance tours in 2009 to southern Maine and Boston. Writing this in January, we are anticipating the performances of the University Singers and the UMaine Jazz Ensemble at Merrill Auditorium in Portland in March. Their performance last year was wonderful and we will go again this year. Hope some classmates were able to go.

On a sad note, we learned that our classmate, **Waldo "Mac" Libbey**, passed away in early January. He had not been well for some time, but kept a positive attitude and a smile on his face to the very end. With determination, he recovered from surgery to celebrate the announcement of his endowed professorship at Homecoming among friends, classmates, former students, and colleagues. Our condolences to all of Mac's family and close friends.

We have not had much correspondence from classmates that we can share except for a few Christmas cards from **Rhoda Tolford**

Stone, Mary Billings Orsenigo, Al McNeilly, and the Stickneys. They all sounded healthy and happy. **Joe** and I joined **Charlie** and **Anita Stickney** (H) to enjoy a UMaine hockey game at the Portland Civic Center on January 2.

1945

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The warm weather is so lovely—as I write this, I am looking forward to seeing the lilacs bloom.

I've heard from several of you, which was a joy. This past weekend **Dottie Currier Dutton's** daughter, Nancy '77, called and invited me to join them for Radio Days, a concert of '40s music at Merrill Auditorium in Portland. The auditorium was packed and we all enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of great, toe-tapping music.

At Gorham House one afternoon a pianist performed in our Great Room and for his finale he played the "Stein Song." Several of us burst into smiles and mouthed the

words—every single one of them!

A week after the delivery of our winter *MAINE Alumni Magazine* I had two notes in the mail, a phone call, and a visitor. This last one knocked on my door and there was a tardy Santa Claus (I thought). However, the gentleman introduced himself as Arthur Richardson '40 and he said he had lived in my apartment (Apt. 318) here at the Gorham House a few years ago! What a delight to meet him and he was delighted to see his former home. He'd been alerted to our column . . . he's 90 years old and still drives and takes his travel trailer out each summer to visit places of interest. He drove himself to Alaska and back a couple of years ago!

Very few Christmas notes came this year. However, **Barkley** and **Libby Tufts Goodrich** '49 were delighted to add new twin grandies (a girl & a boy) to their great holiday gathering! It not only included their four children and all their families but also her late sister, **Virginia Tufts Chaplin**, and **Joe Chaplin's** families! What a magnificent gathering that must have been! I'd love to have been a little mouse in the corner. What fun they all have had together!

A note from **Pete** and **Joan Calatt** (remember Tsacalotos?)—one and the same! He changed his

name for business purposes. Pete wrote that he plans to visit **John Wilbur** in the spring and will try to come and visit me—I'd love to see them. And do hope they can make it!

I see Willard Moulton '48, '50G whenever we both go to the bridge group gathering on Saturday afternoons. When we do play together we usually win. He's a great bridge player. He has two sons who visit him on weekends quite frequently.

I also had a letter from **Phyllis Patten** ("Budgie" Patten's widow) in Damariscotta, with a message she had received from **Bob Martin** '48G of Belgrade. Bob had a small garden last summer and his usual huge planting of his gladioli, including the special ones he developed and named for his wife, Dorothy. Dorothy died last summer. I'm so sorry to hear of your very difficult time of it, Bob, and we send our most sincere caring sympathy. Bob is the father of Linda, and sons William and Russell Martin '72.

I have another sad piece of news regarding the wife of a classmate. **Steve MacPherson** of Naples, Florida, lost his wife, Shirley Cook McPherson. We send our condolences to him.

Recently I saw Priscilla Thomas Rines, Class of '49 and the wife of our classmate, **Bernard Rines**. She

Class of 1944 Celebrates its 65th Reunion

A good number of Class of 1944 members returned to campus in late May to celebrate their 65th Reunion.

Highlighting the weekend was a class lunch at the Bear's Den on Friday, a reception at the Bear's Den on Saturday morning, the Senior Alumni luncheon, and a special Saturday afternoon get-together at the Bear's Den. That event featured a talk by UMaine's renowned climate scientist, **Paul Mayewski**. Memory books were distributed to everyone in attendance.

Many class members went on to attend the Saturday evening dinner and the Sunday morning awards banquet.



Director of the UMaine Climate Change Institute, **Paul Mayewski** (second from left), is greeted by Class of '44 members: **Al McNeilly**, **Al Ehrenfried**, **Don Bail**, and **Midi Wooster Roberts** at the class meeting in the Bear's Den.

is the sister of the late Harry Thomas '44, the great trumpet player in the Maine Bears Band when we were there. It's encounters like these that make writing our column a pleasure! I hear from several people I would never hear from without this job. I enjoy passing on the news, as hopefully it's passed on to others as well.

A call shortly after Christmas from **Gerry Keenan Oaks** brought me up to date on her and **Roger**. They're in a retirement home in Presque Isle and seem fairly content there. They see many friends and relatives frequently. Their nephew Frank is superintendent of schools in the area. He had a great scholastic career in The County from basketball coach to teacher to principal and superintendent.

1946

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Greetings, Class of '46. Surely you have plans for a get-together with classmates, friends, or family this summer. Someone from the great Class of '46 must be visiting with or talking to one of you. We look forward to hearing some news!

1947

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Happy summer, everyone! We have no news to report this time around, but hopefully, you'll send me something to write about for the next issue. Please—we want to hear from you! No news is not good news.

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alumni news. Visit
mainealumni.org.**



Ed Frederick of the North American Gladiolus Council presents that group's 2008 achievement award to Robert Martin '45 (left).

Master Gardener Robert Martin '45

When it comes to gardening, and more specifically growing gladioli, there aren't many folks who know more than Bob Martin '45, '48G. Bob was recently presented with the North American Gladiolus Council (NAGC) Achievement Award for 2008. It's just the latest of many honors, including the NAGC's Gold Medal of the Year in 2000 and honorary lifetime membership to the Maine Federation of Garden Clubs.

Bob, who earned his degree in civil engineering, is a certified Master Gardener. He teaches adult education classes and often accepts speaking engagements at garden clubs.

He has introduced several gladioli, including Lady Jester in 1965, one of the few exotics on the market.

Bob has donated 1,000 gladiolus corms for each of the past three years to the local public television fundraising auction.

1948

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Hi there, '48ers! Once again there is a dearth of correspondence from our class. I wish that it were not so, but apparently you all have too many other things to do. We have gotten a notice from the alumni office to limit our column to 680

words in length. We wish.

We did get a card from **Virginia Noel Wight**, who started in our class but took a year off, so she graduated in '49. She considers herself a '48er and that's just fine with us. Ginny and her husband, **Thomas** '54G, are both retired and live in Groveland, MA. Ginny writes that the recipient of the memorial scholarship in their son, Stephen's, name is now a freshman at Orono. How nice! Good to hear from you, keep in touch, and come back to Orono, Tom and Ginny.

The group of '48ers who get together for lunches at least three or four times during the year had a gathering at Hattie's Chowder House in Hallowell on January 13th.

A beautiful day but COLD.

Al '44 and **EdithAnne Young Hutchinson** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last summer with an outdoor party at the home of their daughter Rebecca Hutchinson Joyce '80. There were 75 friends and family members in attendance. They were entertained by the Bellamy Jazz Band and "Hutch" got to sit in with the band on his sax for a few numbers. Way to go, Hutch!

The Hutchinsons have had three children graduate from our university: Suzanne Hutchinson Hoyt '72, Thomas '74, and Rebecca, and they now have two grandchildren attending classes. Molly Hoyt is studying international studies and Loren Joyce is studying engineering. EdieAnne also wrote that 15 members of their family attended Homecoming in October. Hutch was honored with a sideline pass so he could watch the game up close and personal. Plenty of action on and off the field for the Hutchinson family.

Marguerite Sullivan Powers wrote that her son James '81 was going to take his daughter Eliza to the inauguration and to the Southern Inaugural Ball when Barack Obama took office in January. Another bit of news: son Robert, who teaches at the American School of Kuwait, recently played saxophone at the Sheraton Kuwait Hotel at a dinner honoring President William Clinton who was attending an economic summit there. Bob wanted to offer his sax to Bill, but perhaps was too shy to follow through.

Marguerite also read letters from the recipients of the Class of 1948 scholarship money. They are: Kyle Knowlton '09, mechanical engineering; Joel Dooling '10, kinesiology and phys ed; Lindsey Wyman '10, psychology; Tyler Marcette '10, civil engineering; Briana Bennett '12, biochemistry; and Whitney Knowlton '11, marine biology and business. Good going, young people.

The Class of 1948 wishes to extend their condolences to the family of **Malcolm Colby** who had been a colonel in the USAF and a retired pilot and was living in Florida.

That is all the news for this column. Do wish you would take time to send a message to Lancy or Barbara at our addresses or to the alumni office.

Please keep well.

**Don't Forget to Renew
Your UMAA Membership!**

1949

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Dear '49ers,

Well, the cold, snowy winter has come and gone, and you are enjoying warm, sunny days. Hopefully, you were able to return to campus for our 60th Reunion on May 29, 30, and 31st.

I've had notes or calls from several classmates since I agreed to do the column until Reunion.

Thelma Crossland Robie wrote that she and Fred '53 had the pleasure of a skybox at a UMaine football game when suddenly someone said, "There is a '49er here." After introductions, they had a pleasant chat with classmate **Robert Haraden**. He lives in Bozeman, MT, and was here visiting relatives. They enjoyed the visit with Robert but, "No, the Maine team didn't win!"

Libby Tufts Goodrich and **Barkley '45** are thrilled to be grandparents of twins, Hugh and Katherine, born December 2, 2008, to Jonathan and Betsy Goodrich in Lowell, MA. This happy addition to the family makes nine grandchildren in all. Congratulations and enjoy those wee babes.

In May '08 **Polly Cheney Howard** resigned after 29 years of work on the finance committee of the town of Westborough, MA. It was a volunteer position, appointed by the town moderator, to review and make recommendations on the annual budget. In June she traveled to Dubuque, Iowa, to attend her granddaughter Caitlin's high school graduation. Caitlin is now attending Milwaukee School of Art and Design in Wisconsin.

In the fall, Polly, with her sister-in-law Madelene Howard Colter '53, daughter Holly, and son Mark, took a trip to northern Maine. They stopped at the Orono campus on the way back. Polly said she "couldn't believe the changes that have occurred in the last 10 years." They toured the whole campus, bought a map, and circled all the changes. A great day!

At the 87th annual meeting of the Maine Innkeepers Association, **Marian Stanley Burns**, of the Mira Monte Inn in Bar Harbor, received the Community Service Award. She has been the innkeeper and owner

of the inn for the past 28 years. The Maine Innkeepers Hospitality for Habitat program was Marian's idea originally. Now many Maine inns participate in this program, which has raised over \$30,000 for Habitat for Humanity to date. Congratulations on your award, Marian.

A letter from **Clyde S. Adams '57G**, of Tucson, AZ, tells us that a complimentary copy of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* prompted him to write. He was tentatively planning to attend our 60th Reunion. He has lived alone since June 2003, when his wife passed away. They had a wonderful time together and worked hard trying to empower the world we live in. They spent 20 years in the Middle East, East Africa, and Pakistan and still have friends there. He worked as an agriculturist for AID and she served as a teacher of E.S.L., a university librarian, and did volunteer work. He will continue his volunteer work for the Desert Legume Program (of which he is one of two 20-year veteran volunteers). He is also writing the story of his life. He has just about completed the first 25 years entitled "Growing Up in Maine." Good luck on your book and we thank you for responding to the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. We hope you made it back for your 60th class Reunion.



Celebrating Their 60th

Some 22 Class of 1949 members returned to campus to celebrate their 60th UMaine Reunion in late May. Getting together at the Buchanan Alumni House library are, sitting (left to right): Evie Ellsworth Dearborn '86G, Martha White, and Jayne Hanson Bartley. Standing, left to right are: Dick Meserve, George White, Tom Coughlin, and Vance Dearborn '69G.

We were saddened to learn of the death of two classmates last fall—**H. Douglas Collins, M.D.**, who earned much recognition in the medical field during his lifetime, and **Mary-Abbie "Babs" Pulsifer Kilgore**, who was a loyal alumna of all things "UMaine." She was an enthusiastic participant in the '49ers' spring and fall events.

The reunion committee reminds us of our goal of \$10,000 for the class gift. Also, the alumni association is encouraging us to become lifetime members. Prexy **Jayne Hanson Bartley** has moved to Orono. Her new address is: 9 Alumni Drive, Apt. 120 P, Orono, ME 04473, telephone (207)-866-4723.

1950

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Our winter was truly a "wicked winter" with plenteous amounts of snow, ice, wind, and bitterly cold temperatures. Our family made its

annual trek to Okemo, Vermont, for the MLK weekend! The skiers bundled themselves up and were off to the slopes, while the rest of us walked, read, ate, napped, played board games and puzzles, laughed, ate some more, and just thoroughly enjoyed!

By the time you read this, the snow will be long gone and Reunion 2009 will have taken place. We know that several of you were in Orono for our Class of 1950 activities as well as those of the Reunion classes and the Senior Alumni.

At Reunion, we presented the Greatest Generation Awards to four classmates on Saturday morning, the 30th of May at a ceremony that was held at the Flag Plaza. It was a time of joy as we honored our valiant classmates **John Bache-Wiig, Jr.** of Nogales, AZ; **Colby G. Walker** of Rochester, NH; **William H. Drisko** of Lincoln, ME; and **Harold L. Chapman** of Holden, ME. It was also a time of remembrance as we conducted our annual memorial service for classmates who had died since the previous June. For those of you with us in Orono, we had a superb time just being together while getting caught up on all of our comings and goings! The Bookstore has a great variety of quality items, and we have enjoyed being able to

Fill the Stein For '59!

A Grand 50th Reunion Celebration Remembered in Pictures

May 2009



Celebrating a successful 50th Reunion are some of the class leaders who helped make it all happen. Left to right are: Lee Gagnon, F. Paul Desmond, Don Cookson, Nancy Roberts Munson, Dick Collins, Will Farnham, and Torrey Sylvester. Two other '59ers who were instrumental in Reunion weekend were Evie Stevens Smith '87G and Nonni Hilchey Daly.



Gerry and Marie Kirwin visit with Jim and Mary "Ketch" Ketchum County during a reception at the President's House.



Nonni Hilchey Daly (right) organized a show by UMaine's Standardbred Drill Team at the Page Farm and Home Museum on Saturday.



David McCracken (second from left) and his wife, Betsy, visit with John '61G and Pauline Doherty Murray '61 at Friday night's class dinner.



Old friends Judy Adams Gardiner, Joellen Anderson, and Barbara Coleman Neiley reminiscing about their post-graduation cross-country trip in the summer of 1959.



Retired University of Houston professor Beatrice Kay Reynolds with classmate Cynthia Hussey Neenan.



Ken Perrone '60G and Will Farnham at the '59 class dinner.



Evelyn Stevens Smith '87G, Elaine Wentworth Haskell '61 (wife of '59er Phil), and Jackie Perry at the President's House.

The week kicked off with a fabulous pre-reunion trip to Bar Harbor, where in addition to the wonderful sights and fine dining, classmates had plenty of time to get reacquainted, as well as meet wives and husbands.

Then back on campus, the celebration began in earnest on Friday, May 29. Highlights of the weekend included a remembrance celebration headed by Nonni Hilchey Daly and Hal Wheeler, campus tours, and a Reunion banquet on Saturday where our class was recognized for returning the most classmates (89) and for our gifts to the university which topped \$6 million!

But best of all was getting reconnected with our alma mater and rekindling friendships with our classmates.



Reunion planning committee member Evie Stevens Smith '87G leads her fellow '59ers aboard the class bus in Bar Harbor.



Classmates gather for a reception at the President's House.



Class of '59ers join in a rousing rendition of the "Stein Song" at the Senior Alumni luncheon on Saturday.



Classmates Carol Stevenson Abbott, Mary Ketchum County, Mary Ellen Sanborn Bradford, Dorothy Foster O'Donoghue, and Chalmer Loud Lewis '60.



Getting together at the President's House are "Chris" Christiansen Sleeper, Gwen Hughey Kinney, and Donna Grant Rauschke.

"To the College of Hearts Always"

Thanks for the Memories!



Class of '59 president, Dick Collins, (center) led some of his classmates on a tour of the renovated arts center now named in honor of him and his wife, Anne Adams Collins '61 (third from right). In addition to his generous support to the university, Dick's classmates presented him with the Golden "M" Award for his hard work and leadership on behalf of the class.



Enjoying Friday's class dinner are: David Sleeper '58, Lois Ann Brown Jordan '65G, Ann Proctor Wing, Anne "Chris" Christiansen Sleeper, Donna Grant Rauschke, and Kenneth Rauschke '60.



Alumni association president, Todd Saucier '93, '97G, (far right) visits with (left to right), Don McLeod, Lynn Anderson McLeod, and Marie Hedstrom Garland.

select one item that can be discounted by the number of years we have been out of the university. This year meant a 59 percent discount on something. As **Dottie Lord Hopkins** advised me last year as I was looking at a soft blue fleece jacket, "You can't afford to pass up that purchase!" And I didn't!

Would like to mention to you once again that our executive board voted to support the Class of 2010's Traditions Trail—which will consist of a path from the Memorial Union to the Buchanan Alumni House. The trail, designed to accentuate the scenic and historic side of the campus, will be a visible link between the Memorial Union and the Alumni House—symbolic of the connection between the center of activity for the present students and that of the alums. In this manner we may visually preserve traditions, establish unity, and build a legacy at the university. We have voted to raise \$20,000 for the archway section of the trail, which will be only 55 feet from our Class of 1950 Flag Plaza that so magnificently welcomes visitors to campus. This wonderful gift to the university will recognize our class in such a meaningful and helpful way. Any monies raised in excess of the \$20,000 will be added to the Class of 1950 Scholarship Fund—which is specific to descendants of our class who are attending the Orono campus. Thank you in advance for your consideration of the archway project—as well as your financial support.

Another reminder is in regard to the Class of 1950 Scholarship. The guidelines provide for scholarships, based on financial need as well as academic merit, as determined by the office of financial assistance. It is the individual's responsibility to make his/her relationship to the Class of 1950 known to that office at the time of application.

We look forward to seeing you at the annual summer meeting at the Cumberland Club in Portland at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 6th. We will have a short meeting, share a delicious luncheon, and then have plenty of time to chat! Those who are interested will also have the opportunity to visit the Portland Museum of Art, just around the corner from the Cumberland Club. For more information, please write or call me.

Happy Summer!
Ruthie

Go Blue!

1951

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We are sorry to report the loss of our classmate Jim Elliott, who died on January 11, 2009, at Penobscot Bay Medical Center. **James E. Elliott** was a graduate of Westborough High School, attended St. Mark's School, and received a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Maine. He served in the Coast Guard in WWII. He married **Barbara Grover**, also one of our classmates. Following college he worked for Ingersoll-Rand, Hobbs Manufacturing, and Allen Agency Real Estate in Camden. For 17 years, he and Barbara owned and operated Mammoth Plaza Coin Laundry in Rockland. Wherever he lived, Jim was always active in the community, serving the Camden Rotary Club, YMCA, Tri State Board of Realtors, Owls Head Transportation Museum, Penobscot Marine Museum, and the Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse. He was noted for his woodworking skills and his love of the sea, especially exploring the harbors and islands of Penobscot Bay. Barbara Grover died in 1992. In 1997 he married Rita Crabtree Grinnell '49, with whom he enjoyed traveling in their motor home and cruising the coast. He is survived by his wife, Rita, and four children: Alan, Sandy Elliott Shute '82G, Peter, and Jeff. He is also survived by three step-children and 15 grandchildren. We send our condolences to his family.

We have received letters from three recipients of the Class of 1951 Scholarship. **Kristen Elliott** of Holliston, MA, granddaughter of Jim and Barbara Grover Elliott, is a junior who spent her fall semester at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. At Maine she is a member of the rugby team, the lacrosse team, and the Maine Outing Club. She is majoring in elementary education and minoring in art.

Prentiss Swett of Orrington is a grandson of the late **William Andrews Fogler** and a great-grandson of Raymond Fogler, for whom the library is named. He is a graduate of Brewer High School and is a freshman majoring in civil engineering.

George Bragdon III of Mada-

waska is the grandson of **Patricia Murphy Bragdon**. He is a sophomore majoring in kinesiology and physical education.

Hilda "Jinx" Livingston Miller and husband, Stan '49, of Tustin, CA, attended the bah mitzvah of a nephew in Bath last September and enjoyed a vacation in Kennebunk and Ogunquit.

Harvey Lord writes that he and his wife, Muriel Sturtevant, retired to Maine in 1993. After college Harvey worked as a troubleshooter for Wirthmore Feeds for seven years, and then studied for the ministry. He served churches in Maine, Connecticut, Michigan, and New Hampshire for 33 years. He and Muriel have seven children. They continue to be active in church work and are also active in the Constitution Party of Maine. They are avid bird watchers. Muriel can identify 28 birds by their songs.

Elwood "Woody" and Ginny Norton Beach '52 write that two of their grandsons, Scott and Nicholas, have returned safely from Iraq. Another grandson, Christopher, is attending Marine boot camp. In August, Woody and Ginny traveled to France with the Class of 1952 and celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on the banks of the Seine in Paris. They found the trip to the beaches of Normandy a sobering experience. Woody would like to remind classmates that plans are in the works for another Class of 1951 summer gathering on Wednesday, August 5, 2009. Previous attendees will be notified. If you have not been to one of our summer picnics but would like to attend, please call Woody at 919-847-8280 for more information. You can also call your class correspondent at 207-725-6084 or email fcaswell@gwi.net.

1952

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Welcome to summer!
I look forward to hearing from you in the near future. This column needs your input!

Here is my report on recent news items from class members. I have permission to quote from a recent letter I received from **Don Spear**: "We bought a place (in Freeman

Township) as a year-round vacation home in 1984 and decided to live here permanently when I retired in June of 1995. I stayed on as chairman of the board of trustees of the Bath Savings Institution until reaching the mandatory retirement age of 72 in 2002. Since that time my return trips to Bath have been minimal. It's a 100-mile, almost two-hour trip, one-way. I did collect and write a 360-page reunion booklet for the 60th reunion of my Class of 1947 from Morse High and that got me back several times. I did a similar project for the prep school I attended for one year after Morse, Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, NH, near Dartmouth, but that was only 275 pages.

"As for the Pondering Pundit bit, (Don appears as a stand-up comic) my activities for the past two years have been limited because of health problems. Before that onset, I was doing performances at various places around the state. I have been having a lot of fun doing routines that are 50 years old but unknown today. I gave a slide presentation for the Bath Historical Society reviewing a half-century of the practice of law in Bath (1930s to 1980). I peppered the presentation with anecdotes, mostly humorous. Fearing life, limb, and libel suits, I only talked about deceased lawyers. When I announced at the beginning of the program that I would be covering only lawyers who had died, the eight who were present (in the standing-room-only crowd) gave a sigh of relief and left!

"As for working this place, we have about 20 small flower gardens around the grounds, two large ones, and four large vegetable gardens; a few apple and pear trees; a rabbit, and four chickens. My wife refers to all my attempts at gardening as playing in the dirt. The soil up here is terrible: clay, rocks, and boulders. It takes forever to work up a decent garden bed. We call the smaller rocks (of which we have an abundance) Maine potatoes."

Some of you may remember that **Al Pease** and **Don Spear** both ran for campus mayor during our years at Orono. Both were unsuccessful and have been emailing back and forth about that campaign.

Late in 2008, classmate **John McBride** was in the state from his home in Montana to offer a Colt Walker 44-caliber pistol for auction. The gun, which had belonged to John's great-great-uncle, was purchased for \$800,000! Word has it that John waved his cowboy hat and

yelled "Yee-ha" when the bidding ended. I guess it was worth returning to Maine for a visit!

A party was held for **Marshall Burk** and his wife, Nona, in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary in November. The event was given by their children. John retired in 1991 as director of environmental health for the American Lung Association of Maine. The couple resides in Winthrop, Maine.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future. This column needs your input!

1953

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Let's have a great summer and enjoy the simple things in life—swimming/boating/camping—the economy will see to that. We've had some good times, haven't we? And we'll see one another for lunch Tuesday, August 11, at the Samoset in Rockland. Just write/call/email **Helen Strong Hamilton**, 5 Pond View Drive, Bow, NH 03304; (603-224-4893); helen.hamilton@comcast.net. New emails are: dawn@woodbrey.com and hank@woodbrey.com. Also, class columns are now 680 words max. Again the economy. I respect that.

For news clippings: The 10/16/08 *Ellsworth American* told of **William Fowler** (horticulture) of Bar Harbor, his WWII experiences as an Air Force bombardier, crash landing over Ireland, briefing Col. Jimmy Stewart, serving in Korea in '54, meeting his wife, Jean; state horticulturist. The 12/9/08 *Portland Press Herald* mentioned **Tom Walsh**, founder of Ocean Properties Ltd. of Portsmouth, NH, and his Special Service Award. Tom started "one of the largest hotel development companies in North America" in 1950. A September *Bangor Daily News* noted that Norma and **Al Bishop**, Hampden, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family at Cold Stream Pond (married 8/23/58 in Old Town). Happy Anniversary!

Isabelle Stearns Foss sent me a *Sun Journal* clipping of **Al Smith**, Farmington: "Always there for them: Retired MDOT engineer has found the fountain of youth in the time he

Hank Woodbrey '53 Honored for Service

Henry "Hank" Woodbrey was honored at Reunion 2009 for his long and outstanding service to the UMaine alumni body. In recognition of that service, Hank was presented with the prestigious Pine Tree Emblem Service Award.

Hank, who is retired from a long and successful career as a dentist, currently serves as president of Senior Alumni. He also serves on the executive committee of his class (he's also a past class agent), the alumni association board, and is a member of the "M" Club. In the past he has served on both the Athletic Advisory Committee and the Development Council.



spends volunteering." He "swims with special needs students. Another day, he reads to an elementary class and on yet another, he escorts patients around the new Medical Arts Building at Franklin Memorial Hospital." He spends "... eight Saturday mornings teaching youngsters to ski, just as he has for the past 40 years."

Thanks for emails: **Trudy Harriman Metzger**, Westport Island, ME, and Titusville, FL: "My life has not much new—cataract surgery ... to remind me that I'm not young anymore. I think I am until I see group pictures and some old lady is wearing my dress." From **Lloyd Oakes**, East Longmeadow, MA, "We became snowbirds in 2009—Jan.,

Feb., and March." **Ray Robbins** of Pittsford, NY, and West Tremont, ME, was going back to the island in June. **Ann Twombly Bonang** of Brunswick noted a "really special" family Thanksgiving; **Carlton Lowery** of Santa Rosa Beach, FL, hopes to go to September's UMaine/Florida State game, watches "Hogan's Heroes" at 5:00 with a beer; **Frank Pickering**, Danvers, MA, wrote that he was doing fine, working on income taxes. Sadly, Frank died in March. We send our heartfelt condolences to Clara and their family.

Our class awarded scholarships to two seniors from Old Town: Danielle Rossignol, majoring in accounting; and Joanne Lynch,

majoring in psychology and elementary education with a minor in women's studies. Also, the Class of 1953 has been invited by the alumni association to be mentors for the Class of 2013, which will begin in September 2009. We can learn from one another, can't we, though 60 years apart!

Can't reach **Lincoln and Elizabeth Melching Abbott** in Southport, Queensland, Australia. Got international operator (5 p.m. here, 9 a.m. next day there); three territories, Northern, Gold Coast, Hobart. No Abbotts. Must write. Called **Doris Ramsay Smith**, Scarborough. In late May she went to Annapolis for grandson Alex's graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy. Called **Joan Russell Mogilevsky** in Titusville, FL. (Husband, Michael, at UMaine two years, then U of Washington and taught at Cornell.) Joan majored in home ec, subbed, took care of their three kids, wove, spun, and quilted for 20 years. Both are at the gym three days a week.

Sharon Clark '55 attended UMaine with us, but received her degree later. She and husband, Glenn Gruber (her former student at College of New Jersey), are into furniture in their 1926 "old" Pasadena house's workshop. She holds pieces, he glues, very "nerve-racking." Sharon once lived at Watergate, and everyone wanted to "visit her, see the place." She also taught "whatever was needed" overseas with Caroline Strong '50, civilians with the military. "They liked to hire Maine teachers because we were so versatile." Sharon has worked on major environmental projects for Corps of Engineers. Glenn, a retired school teacher and administrator, is a world class master swimmer—going to Indianapolis in August, Canadian Nationals in May. He specializes in "winning."

To be continued ... Take care of yourselves. Nancy



Among the Black Bear fans attending the UMaine/Boston College hockey game in Boston in January were (left to right): Joanne Barberio Scarpato '58, Sal Scarpato '55, Pete Wilson '55, and Ron Sheay '55.

1954

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As we write this column it is the beginning of February and the depths of "a good Maine winter" with wildlife outside appreciating all of our well-stocked feeders. We have just received our winter 2009 issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* and have observed how our class column keeps moving closer to the front of the alumni news section as the years pass. This, of course, brings us to our 55th Reunion, held May 29-31. Since I am writing this in advance of the Reunion, I am hoping to see many of you there.

At this point it is obvious that our column is very short, surprisingly so for a Reunion year. However, we must hear from you if we are to share your news with fellow classmates. We did receive a newspaper clipping a short time ago from the daily *Kennebec Journal* announcing the re-election of **Ed Coffin** to the Augusta city council. This will be Ed's second term of service. He defeated a former councilor for the seat. After a lifelong career in the civil engineering field, Ed finds this to be an interesting way of applying his life experiences to community service.

Finally, whether you were able to join us at Reunion or not, please remember that your support of our class scholarship fund is most important. Your class gift to the reunion fund will help current and future students receive the awarding of a University of Maine degree as we did, and which has so positively affected our lives and careers. To emphasize this we just received notice from the office of student financial aid of the awarding of \$2,065 in assistance for 2009 from our Class of '54 Scholarship Fund. One recipient was Joanne Lynch, a senior from Old Town, who is majoring in psychology and secondary education with a minor in women's studies. The second recipient is David Slagger, a senior from Orono, who is earning a degree in university studies. Our congratulations to each.

As we used to say, as children at summer camp, "please write" (or email). Thanks.

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Class of 1954 members enjoy the May 30 Senior Alumni luncheon as part of their 55th Reunion. Standing, left to right are: Jim Crump, Jim's wife, Janice; Jim Mininni, Sally Carroll Fernald '55, and her husband, Allen '02H. Sitting are: Nancy Karakas Reed '55 and husband, Hale Reed; Russ Lovaas, Russ's wife, Pat; Skip Hall, and Skip's wife, Rosemary Carlin Hall. All the men in the photo, except for Jim Crump, are ATO brothers.

1955

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I can't believe that in another year—June of 2010—we will be celebrating our 55th Reunion. Where have the last five years gone? I have not heard anything from our president, **Marion Bugbee Mannheim**, in regard to this upcoming event, but I am sure that she will be in touch with us all within the next few months. It is certainly something to think about and to look forward to.

Recently, I was cleaning out a desk and came upon **Paul's** and my copies of the *Prism*. Actually, there were two copies for each year, and I started looking through them, and many fond memories returned. The picture of "us girls" taken our freshman year on the steps of Carnegie Hall seemed like it was taken just yesterday, although in appearance, many of us have changed a great deal and others appear just the same as they did in 1951. Then came the thoughts of what had transpired our freshmen year—from making many new friends, joining the many activities that were offered, and the never-to-be-forgotten

"panty raid." Ah, nostalgia—what a wonderful thing to enjoy!

It was wonderful to talk with **Bill Calkin** '60G over the holidays. He is doing well and spent time in Mexico in the winter. Do keep in touch, Bill.

Ted and Ruth Dow Durst sent greetings in their Christmas letter. The Dursts reside in Walnut Creek, CA. Ruth said that it had not been since Thanksgiving Day 1974 that all four of their children had been together, and it was a surprise to them when all of their children arrived for Thanksgiving 2008. Thanks, so much, Ruth, for keeping in touch every year.

Just received a nice letter from **Ron Sheay** answering my call from the last alumni magazine for news. He said that a few Phi Eta Kappas attended the Boston College/UMaine hockey game in Chestnut Hill, MA, in January. Pat Cummings '89, '44H from the development office took a photo of Joanne Barberio Scarpato '58, **Sal Scarpato**, **Pete Wilson**, and **Ron Sheay**. **Dan Boone** and **Brad Barton** '56 were also at the game, but I guess they missed being in the picture. Although Maine lost, Ron said they had a good time chatting over dinner and getting caught up since they last met. I understand from Ron that **Paul Ferrigno** planned to attend but that Paul tore the tendons in both knees at the beginning of the year and was doing well in rehab after his operations. Ouch! We wish you a

speedy recovery, Paul.

From the alumni office via the *Jewish World* comes the news about **Stanley Falkow** ('79 honorary degree), a microbiologist who received the 2008 Lasker-Koshland Award for Special Achievement in Medical Science in NYC. "Dr. Falkow discovered the molecular nature of antibiotic resistance and made breakthroughs in understanding how bacteria survive and spread." After graduating from the University of Maine, Stanley attended Brown University where he received his master's and doctoral degrees in biology. He has received many awards and honors during his lifetime. He and his wife, Dr. Lucy Tompkins, live in Portola Valley, CA. Congratulations from your classmates on your distinguished career.

Paul and I did not know whether we would be going to Florida in March due to the economy plus the fact that a tree fell on our house and our first report was that we would have to replace the entire roof. After getting a second opinion, we found that we did not have to do this and that the cost would be much less than putting on an entire new roof. Hence, we bit the bullet and decided to go anyway.

Please take the time now to write, email, or call me, so that I might have more information to pass on in my next column. I would really love to hear from you.

1956

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Congratulations to **James Woodbrey**, who, according to the September 19, 2008, edition of the *Lakes Region Weekly*, has been awarded the Arizona Democrat of the Year. Jim, a Sebago Lake Village native, graduated from Standish High School, now known as Bonny Eagle High, and received his bachelor's degree from UM and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University. He and wife, **Connie Douglass Woodbrey**, live in Green Valley, AZ.

We heard from **Jan Lord Mott** about the death on March 9, 2009, of her husband, **Don**, from a rare, brain degenerative disease called Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease. Don spent the last weeks of his life in a skilled nursing facility where the staff took wonderful care of him. His family was always close, as was his beloved music.

I had a wonderful note from **Hank Brodersen**. Last July he drove to the Sawtooth Valley of Idaho for his annual week of volunteer work for the USFS. Their crew of ten former smokejumpers built a quarter mile of worm log fence and put in about 500 feet of barbed wire fence. They had fabulous scenery and weather. On the way home he stopped in Fort Collins, CO, and spent an evening with Elva Brackett Alden '57. She is working to properly dispose of deceased husband Howard Alden's '57, '58G papers, mementos, etc. Now home, Hank continues his tuba playing. Hank's new email is hankbjumper@verizon.net.

Although officially retired, **Dave Switzer** still teaches during the fall semesters at Plymouth State University. Last summer Plymouth offered a field school/practicum in nautical archaeology through the St. Augustine Lighthouse Museum. Dave was able to dive a couple of times in spite of some lung problems. East coast Florida waters have limited visibility and reliable afternoon thunderstorms that forced them to batten down the hatches and head back to St. Augustine! The wreck site they were investigating was a schooner that had been carrying a cargo of cement in wooden barrels some time during



Jane Ledyard Lazo sent this photo of her fellow 1958 class members who are also Morse High School graduates. It was taken at the 50th Reunion celebration on campus in May 2008. Left to right: Art Mayo, Sandy Daley Denman, Paul McCourt '62G, Doris White Smith, Jane, and Pat Callan.

the late 19th century.

Stu Haskell is still active with golf, landscaping the family ranch during the summer months, and serving on some UMaine committees. He sees **Dana Devoe** almost daily. Dana is still going strong with multiple community projects.

Annette Dodge Peabody travels along the coast of Maine, where she finds lots to see. She has been busy volunteering at the hospital and church and going to classes at the Y. (Exercise is good for the old bones.)

Betty Kononen Berry lives in the family home that her grandfather bought in 1917 in Rockport, ME. Last summer she hosted a reunion for 42 members of the Heistad side of the family.

Ann Keyo Lounsbury wrote, "We are really enjoying our move to Rangeley. A quiet life—no traffic lights, lots of snow, many snow machines (they outnumber the cars on weekends), and a great mountain for family to ski on. We do find time for volunteering, outdoor sports, and lots of friends who have retired here, too, for the best life ever."

All is well in Downeast Maine (Machiasport), reports **Cora Coggins Greer**. She and husband, Nick, continue to do a lot of kayaking in Maine and elsewhere. They left in January for their annual trip to Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles.

Dick and Dena Jewett Ackerman spent two weeks last July at a rental camp nearby on Lake St. Catherine with some of the kids and grandkids there intermittently. They also went to Ogunquit for an overnight in early November.

All the kids and grandkids were there for Thanksgiving and again in December for their annual cookie-baking/decorating fest.

"In these economic times" has hit the university and alumni association which cancelled their Spring Swing through Florida this year. **Richard "Doc" and Betty Brockway Nevers** missed hosting the annual picnic. The Neverses did not come north for the holiday this year, thus avoiding our December snowstorms.

Bill Johnson wondered if any '56ers had grandchildren graduating from UMaine in Orono in May at the morning graduation ceremony. He shakes hands with graduates as they receive their diplomas. He wrote, "I will be the trustee speaker. I make it a point to shake every graduate's hand. Some years it's been over 2,000 shakes."

More news next time. Please do keep me informed of your or other classmates' email address changes or any other news.

Happy summer!
Faith

1957

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While clearing out my email, I just realized that I had omitted the news that Dr. **Bob M. Smith** had sent in

the middle of '08. **Rich Alin** and his wife have been traveling quite a bit and recently returned from a tour that took them to Italy, Switzerland, and finally Lichtenstein where they were able to meet and have dinner with the nation's world class downhill skiers. **Low and Marge Livingston Janicola** have returned from a three-month extended vacation that included an adult ed class in hydrology, a longstanding hobby of Lew's. **Bob Margolin** and his wife went to Fairbanks, Alaska, to visit family. While there they went to a small community, north of Barrow, to study Inuit fishing rights." Bob Smith and his wife have immersed themselves in immigration problems in the Midwest and went on a trip to Flin Flon, Manitoba, to look at hiring practices at the Hudson Mine Corporation.

On the first really cold night of the fall we attended the Midcoast Alumni Barn Dance in Harpswell. The location was down a suitably winding road and there was plenty of parking. The barn had been sheathed inside. The outdoor "facility" had floral arrangements and scented candles providing light. For the number of people attending, I expected more heat to be generated inside and a barn dance had brought up thoughts of reels and squares with lively music. For some reason, the huge double high hay wagon door was kept wide open the first few hours, though a regular size door was available and the cold wind certainly blew through. Cyn Rockwell Wright '58 was busy selling Maine "Stein Song" bottle openers, while husband, Chuck, looked debonair in upturned topcoat collar and scarf with his wide smile in place. Sandy Daley Denman '58 was available to "spell" Cyn.

When it came time to eat we headed as far from that open door as possible, meeting up with Chalmer Loud Lewis '60, whom I had met at "girls' gatherings," and her husband, Alan '59, and Pete '59 and Kay Sawyer Hannah '60, and Todd Saucier '97G and wife, Danielle '96G, both '93. Chris Corro and UMaine Provost Sue Hunter also were at that table. We heard Sue's talk, but had become too chilled and fled to the car and heater, winding on down the road, home to the woodstove.

Just after the New Year the weather gods smiled and gave us a dry, cool night to join a group at DiMillo's and the Cumberland County Civic Center for the hockey game between the USA Olympic

Development Team and the Black Bears. It was nice to hear that Bill D. Johnson '56 and our junior resident, Mary Atkinson Johnson '55, had walked from the civic center to the restaurant and see them both looking great. Bill L. '55, '62 and **Marilyn Pennell Johnson** came from Hiram and Bill Tiedemann '55 and his wife, Lorraine, from Steep Falls. This group was gathered by John '55 and **Anne Dingwell Knowles**. I had not realized what an aerial game hockey was! Todd Saucier came by and explained that the development team was a young one, as the score mounted in Maine's favor.

Jiggs Cecchini '63G wrote regarding the annual Jiggs Open, "I told Coop that I would continue and he was pleased prior to his passing on. He and Dave Wiggin '64, '67G started that event with me. The 26th Jiggs Open will be on the usual third Tuesday in July at Natanis, as always—you are welcome to come visit and cheer. Because I've been appointed to the National Federation Basketball Rules Committee, I hope to visit all New England states and New York and New Jersey during tournament time in the next four years. I'm still having fun helping the young people. Guess I'll never tire of that."

Jo and Dan Dearborn '58 and Les '63 and **Liz Hibbard Smith** met for an enjoyable lunch in Yarmouth recently at . . . Pat's, of course.

1958

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I have just come in from shoveling out our cars for what feels like the 100th time and can only hope that by the time you read the column, the weather will be warm. You will find that this column is very sparse in the way of news of classmates—there were no clippings sent to me from the university, no one made the papers, and all your fingers were either frozen stiff from the cold and snow or still under water from all the flooding, etc. so no news from you. My friends, this is what this column will be like—

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if I don't receive any info. It's up to you!

A few notes from the back of the envelope. **Bob and Lois Danzig**



Class of '59 member David McCracken (second from left) came all the way from Napa Valley with his wife, Betsy, for his 50th Reunion. With the McCrackens are UMaine music professor Dennis Cox and alumni association board member Liz Downing '77, who works in the UMaine admissions office. See the center insert for lots more '59 photos.

McKown had an early 50th wedding celebration with a trip to Turks and Caicos with the entire McKown clan last February. **Larry Thurrell** writes that the fly-fishing is great on the Big Horn River in Montana. He and some of his family spent time there, catching trout (most of which they threw back). They also spent a day touring the site of Custer's Last Stand in Montana and seeing a rodeo in Cody, Wyoming. **Ann Dunne Snow** writes that all is well with the Snow clan after a rough winter (cancer scare for her daughter), which included Ann taking a tumble off a ladder and fracturing her left arm near her shoulder. She is slowly regaining full use of her arm and says they now have to buy a better ladder.

Dave '56 and **Nancy Wakely Schlieper** are busy as one-armed paperhangers with the Military Order of World Wars' Joshua Chamberlain Chapter presidency for Dave and the presidency of the Mid Coast Hospital Auxiliary for the past two years for Nancy. Nancy is also sitting on the board of the Red Cross and doing publicity for the Brunswick Red Cross chapter. Grandchildren and two dogs also help to keep them on their toes.

Doris White Smith writes that she is currently teaching piano to six of her seven grandchildren which keeps her out of trouble. **Barbara Hasey Andrews** says she is still busy volunteering and working with her church and charitable groups. They did not take their usual trip abroad this year, as there was a new grandson to occupy their time plus their trip to our 50th, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Again, it is up to you what you

want this column to be. I can only report on the material that I receive either as clippings from the university or cards and letters from you. Remember to pay your alumni dues, make a donation to our class fund or to UM, and make plans for our 55th—only four years away.

1959

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At our fabulous 50th Reunion, 104 classmates gathered in Orono to celebrate our time together at UMaine. How amazing to see classmates we hadn't seen in 50 years. Two days before, 36 of us met in Bar Harbor for a nice prelude to the events in Orono. Thanks to **Evie Stevens Smith** '87G for making the arrangements.

First stop in Orono was the beautiful Buchanan Alumni House. There were lots of oohs and aahs, hugs, and hearty handshakes as everyone greeted each other.

Class president, **Dick Collins**, presided at our class meeting. We elected new officers—**Evie Stevens Smith**, president; **Lee Gagnon**, vice president; **Peggy Mahar Steck**, treasurer; and **Nancy Roberts Munson**, secretary and class correspondent. Prizes were given in the following areas: most unique hobby—**Will Farnham** for collecting Moxie paraphernalia; visited most foreign countries—**Dick Collins**

(over 75); held the most elective public offices—**Rod McElroy** '62G; authored most published books—**John Lindsay** (5); longest married couple—**Paul and Nan Earley Desmond** '55 (54 years); traveled the farthest to Reunion—**Muffy Campbell Murphy** of Spokane, Washington; and **Dave McCracken** from Napa, California.

After lunch some of us toured the beautiful Collins Center for the Arts, made possible by a \$6 million donation from Dick and Ann Adams Collins '61. We also enjoyed a reception at the President's House.

At the Reunion banquet, we caught up with old friends and heard talks by UMaine president, Robert Kennedy, and alumni association president, Todd Saucier '93, '97G.

On Saturday morning many of us attended the Class of 1959 Remembrance Service. Led by **Hal Wheeler**, it was very moving as we all took part in reading the 365 names of deceased classmates. **Don Cookson** gave a special tribute to veterans of military service and **Nonni Hilchey Daly** read a beautiful poem.

I do not have enough space to detail all the news from classmates. You had to be there!

1960

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A hearty hello to the Class of 1960.

Ace Conro '63G had an exceptional time at Homecoming. He, with other athletes, was feted on the 50th anniversary of receiving varsity "M"s. He visited with **Cliff and Jane Petherbridge Ives** '61, and **Dick** '66G and **Barbie York Sturgeon**. As Ace officiates at meets in Massachusetts, the students and coach of the Maine track team presented him with a Maine track team jacket. While wearing the jacket proudly on campus, Ace got a lot of attention and questions about what it was like in the "good old days." He found campus lively and wrote about the changes on fraternity row.

Nancy Morse Dysart completed her 27th telethon for children's health care (18 for United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Maine and nine for the Children's Miracle Network of Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems) in June of 2008. On De-

ember 31, 2008, she officially retired as director of CMN.

Joe Dion retired for the fourth time in 2002. He sold his farm in Woodstock, Vermont, and ended up in the little town of Walpole, NH. Walpole's most noted citizen is historian and filmmaker Ken Burns. Joe's wife, Peggy, is president of the local historical society. Last November they "played tourist" in Gettysburg and Washington, DC. Joe is an active member of Freemasonry, and is also trustee of the town's public monies. In the partridge season you will find this registered Maine Guide hunting in four states. Joe enjoys collecting civil war material and displays a musket over his mantle that was carried by a Sgt. Bull from Lewiston, ME.

Gail Mallett Rae is working to help develop senior housing for the town of Lee. She and her college roommates get together each fall at **Sandi Page's** Maine home, "The Aerie," nestled high in the trees looking over Marshall Pond in Hebron. **Connie Atherton Martin** joined them, along with **Joanne Keith Sullivan** and Berta Wyer Morrill '58.

My freshman roommate on the third floor of East Chadbourne, **Kay Sawyer Hannah**, and her husband, Pete '59, enjoyed a return visit to Greece and the Greek islands this past summer. Kay has become a well-known artist in the Pemaquid area.

Speaking of artists, classmate **Forrest Meader** had paintings from his Roman series and his stonewall series shown in Waterville at Cacciatores Italian Steak House last winter.

Sarge and **Sally Wakefield** of Dunedin, FL, spent two weeks at Ocean Point, ME, last summer. Also, they enjoyed their timeshare in Orlando in April and October.

Don Moores is still helping the US Coast Guard with Homeland Security issues. He has traveled so much for them he now has a Coast Guard plane at his disposal.

Bob Sterritt, on the eve of his 69th birthday, shot his age at the Country Club of Colorado. Three weeks later he had a hole-in-one, with a four iron, at the Kissing Camels Golf Course in Colorado Springs, his sixth hole-in-one! The Sherritts also enjoy time in Tucson, Arizona.

Joyce Boardman Nohmer went to her son's in California to help out with her three grandchildren as her daughter-in-law was having knee surgery. What started out as a short

visit evolved this past winter into a six to eight-week stint chauffeuring the children to and from school. Son, Fred, known as "Rick," is moving to Panama City near the Florida Gulf. The family will follow dad to their new home when school is over.

Diane Faucher Roderick forwarded news of the Class of 1960 scholarship fund. Allison Scott, granddaughter of **William Stiles**, is a sophomore majoring in nursing. She plays volleyball and intramural soccer. Joshua Nickels of Gardiner is a first-year student majoring in computer engineering. He is the grandson of **Robert Jenkins**. Your gift to the class fund may be pledged over a five-year period.

Summarizing the bio information updates, **Art Rankin** cannot come, but his favorite career memories include being elected president of the Paper Industry Management Association. Your Reunion committee will be attending the 50th as well as **Jon Ord**, **Doris Tripp**, **Rick Lloyd**, and **Glen and Sherry Webster Walkup**. Rick is retired from the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and developed a plan to overhaul ships that was implemented at all eight naval shipyards. Glen Walkup is retired from General Electric, and he and Sherry have been very involved in chorus.

Please send your bio information and news now! All the best!

1961

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I received a long letter from **Ruth Bouchard Klein** telling me about her interest in the Franco-Americans who migrated to New England. Her interest turned into an adult education course on the history of the French-Canadians in the Brunswick area. Ruth says that her immersion in the subject gave her a new appreciation of all the sacrifices her ancestors endured so that she could have a better life.

Emails from classmates included the news that **Norma Currie Goel** retired from her position as administrator/social worker for a human service organization in Syracuse, New York. **Lois Hamilton Tourangeau** started a quilt guild in Merrimack, New Hampshire, a few

years ago, which has been very successful and held its first show in April. Lois's kids and grands are all in the Merrimack area. **Bette Bridges Madej** retired 10 years ago and spends half a year in Savannah, GA, and the other months at Lake George, NY. Bette is enjoying golf and her family.

Carol Pratt Jorgensen was a classmate through soph year, and graduated from Becker College before working for the US government in London, Hong Kong, and San Francisco. Once married, Carol and family also lived in Scotland and Denmark. She recently retired from US Airways and lives with her husband in Boothbay. **Fred Stubbett** emails that he is enjoying his challenging position on the Waterville city council. He also does a lot of volunteering at the Boys and Girls Clubs. Last summer he spearheaded the effort to build a ballpark for youth in Oakland with Cal Ripkin as a supporter.

Although retired from high school teaching, **June Toulouse Heintz** has kept busy as grandchildren-babysitter while her daughter-in-law works towards her degree in nursing. June is living in New Jersey, where there is an active alumni group. If you would like more information on the group, contact the UMAA or me.

Heard from **Gingee Buckley Franco** and husband, Vince '62, '70G, that they had a fun time in Los Angeles for Vince's training to work on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). NAEP tests public and private school children in their sophomore and senior years. It's also known as the Nation's Report Card. The Francos' daughter, Elizabeth, finished dental school at Tufts and now splits her practice time between Portland and Auburn. **Jeanine Gagnon Stewart** has been unsuccessful trying to convince husband, Stan, to retire but in anticipation of that time, the Stewarts have purchased a condo in Port Charlotte.

Heard from **Etta Libby Davenport** twice (!) since the last column. She mentioned that she has been working out at the new university fitness center where she sat in the spa and watched it snow outside. (Ah, visions of Aspen!) She encouraged local classmates to visit the center and become members. In her Christmas message, Etta told me about her July trip to Australia where she rode a camel, took a train ride through the rain forest, and visited the Aboriginal Cultural Center

among other adventures. During the spring and rest of the summer, Etta worked at the Libby camps.

Nancy Woods Rearick and husband, Danny '58, '61, attended his 50th Reunion last spring and ran into many classmates. She said it was fantastic and encouraged us to attend ours in a few years. Nancy also attended a Pi Phi reunion in Portland. **Ray Todd** and his son Tim '94 were inducted into the Northern Maine Construction Hall of Fame recently. Ray and Tim are the first father-son inductees.

And finally, recipients of our class scholarship this year are Sara Breau, granddaughter of **Bryan Buchanan**; Christina and Elizabeth Salamone, granddaughters of **Neal Doucette**; and Eric Payne. If you have grands attending or planning to attend UMaine, have them look into our class scholarship.

I retired in February and am bored to tears. (It may be the freezing temps too!) I hope to be called back part-time this spring. Send me news. Send me emails. Send me to Florida!

1962

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Happy summer to all of you. I hope that you have time to work in your gardens, golf, sail, or just soak up some well-earned sunshine.

On December 5th, the Bear's Den was the background for a very special event. **Tom and Linda Gillies Patrick** celebrated the 50th anniversary of their first date, surrounded by their children, grandchildren, and friends. Classmate **Sandy Fraser** '74 Ed.D. traveled from his home in Nova Scotia to toast the couple he had so successfully "fixed up" those many years ago. In recognition of the strong support the Patricks have always shown to UMaine, President Robert Kennedy and wife, Mary, along with Professor Habib Dagher and wife, Kim Volker Dagher '87G, and UMaine Foundation staffer Danny Williams '91, '94G and his wife, Emily Cain '02, were also there to celebrate. During Christmas week, Tom and Linda continued their celebration with a lovely cruise in the Caribbean.

Recently, I had a nice phone conversation with **Harold Halliday**.

After a 42-year career in teaching, Hal is now retired. He and wife, Sally Pope Halliday '65, live in Belfast. Last fall, Hal turned his energy and attention to politics. Harold ran as a Democratic candidate for the Maine State Legislature against the Republican incumbent. While this initial run did not prove successful, Hal indicated that it was a very rewarding experience.

Another noted retirement is that of Rev. **Walter Smith**. After more than five decades as a pastor, the last 11 at the First Congregational Church in Ogdensburg, New York, Walter retired in October. He received his divinity degree from the Bangor Theological Seminary before earning his bachelor of science in education from UMaine. His first preaching experience was at the Machias Community Church while he was still a student at Maine. Before going to New York, Walter was pastor of the Clifton Dale Congregational Church in Saugus, Massachusetts, for many years. Walter says that the most rewarding aspect of his calling has been the opportunity to share in the most important moments of his parishioners' lives. He and his wife, Betty, have been married for 47 years and are looking forward to traveling during this new phase of their lives.

I am going to end my column with a story about our class poet, **Pat Smith Ranzoni** '76G. Early last fall, Pat and Belfast designer and artist, Meredith Alex, collaborated in the making of "a poetic wedding gown" for the Fourth Annual Belfast Poetry Festival. Over the years, Pat has made wedding dresses for friends and relatives. She even embroidered and beaded wedding shawls for her Wabanaki friends, but never had a wedding gown of her own. When she and **Ed** '81G married in 1960, the couple was working their way through school and there was no money for a gown, or cloth to make one, so Pat borrowed a dress from a friend. This fall, however, her dream of having her own wedding gown came true. Working with a collection of natural materials, old lace, beads, and treasures like Pat's grandmother's crochet work, Ms. Alex fashioned a one-of-a-kind gown interpreting Pat's poetry and heritage. Fragments of Pat's poem "Pine Hen" were printed in a flowing stream down the veil. The process and collaboration were noted by Pat in a collection of new poems. In October, Pat read some of her poetry at the Belfast High Street Gallery while dressed in her beauti-



Class of 1964 Celebrates its 45th Reunion

Among the many events at Reunion 2009 was a Class of 1964 luncheon on Saturday, May 30. Those in attendance included, front row (left to right): Ken Beal, Fran Fowler Handy, Faith Vautour '04G, Jackie Towle Anderson, Deborah Burr Richardson, Norm Dodge, and George Pinkey. Back row, left to right are: Richard Kaplan, Don Quigley, Robert Anderson, Peter Bourque, Bill Brewer, Matt McNeary, and Amos Orcutt.

ful new wedding gown. *Down East* magazine did a story on the collaboration in January.

That's all for now. I hope to hear from many of you this summer as you travel and enjoy your families. Remember, we are in Southwest Harbor and would love to see any classmates traveling to Mount Desert Island. Let me know via email if you are going to be in the area so we might get together.

1963

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Here we go with just a few tidbits to include in this column. What are you all doing these days?

From **Steve Ashton**, I got this note, "Thank you for keeping me on the list. I was just a shadow in the Class of '63, but I hope to try to make it to the 50th Reunion. Being with little money, I stayed in the Cabins. I guess the Cabins are no longer there. (Down the road by the art dome.) Anyone have any info about the Cabins? If so, write Steve at 2dancers@wavecable.com.

Dana Dolloff '64G writes, "Sally and I just got back from a week sailing in

the Bahamas with friends from Kennebunkport. Then, a few days in Florida and back to Vermont for the rest of ski season."

Art Warren '71G retired in June and found out that the library in Gardiner Regional Middle School has been named after him. He has always been an avid reader and could be found sitting and reading in that library. He has been a good role model for his students.

Ann Griffiths Anderson writes, "This past summer Erik and I took a trip to the western part of this great country of ours and had a wonderful month of fun visiting national parks and friends and relatives. Now we are at home in Berlin, New Hampshire, grooming snowmobile trails and building ATV trails in the summertime and fall. We have installed a wood-fired furnace in our cellar and will be able to use it next winter after we replace our chimney and dig out the rest of the basement that has never been dug out in the 200+ years this house has been around. We have a good life together here and I hope we will be happy for another 25 years or so."

Michael Gentile, of the Preti Flaherty law firm, has been named as one of The Best Lawyers in America, 2009. Mike is in real estate law. After a difficult year health-wise, it's good to know he is back at work.

Jim Goff reports that our class officers have met and plan to send

out a class newsletter by the year's end.

You will soon be out in your gardens and planning your trips for the summer. Please send along your experiences and take some pictures of any classmates you look up along the way.

1964

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A big Maine hello and a big proud grin. A member of our playoff football team, the San Diego Chargers, way out here on the left coast, is a UMO grad—okay, not the Class of '64, but I am so excited. Stephen Cooper '03 is a defensive captain, only his second year as a Charger, and led the team in tackles several games and made some picks that changed several games! He was the Atlantic-10 Conference's Defensive Player of the Year.

But back to '64! **Amo Bishop Roden** writes that she remembers us double dating when she was seeing Roger Kass and I, Jon Stone. Wow, I'm happy not to even remember dating! Amo says she

served her time and conscience as a hippy in Boston, San Francisco, and Washington, DC, marching against the war and other causes. Don't you just love our era, and the people who chose to stand up and make their voices heard and cared enough to put personal considerations on hold? In 1980 she moved to Texas, joined the Branch Davidian Church, and was a witness to the shootout between George Roden and David Koresh during the Koresh hostile takeover. Her farm was less than a mile from the main FBI headquarters, and she has documented these events at her website: www.amoroden.com. We have lived in such amazing times and regardless of our positions, many of us have cared and been active in so many ways. Amo now lives in Holmes Beach, FL, if anyone is near there!

Cynthia Dearborn Yachanin, a senior vice president at Savings Bank of Maine, is retiring. She is also a vocalist with the Kennebec Performing Arts Company and serves as vice president. Incumbent Rep. **William Browne** kept his House District seat in the last election. College roommate, **Judy Joel Tardiff**, with whom I've been back in touch for a couple of years now, is resting from assisting her state of North Carolina go blue for the first time in 30 years which helped put Obama in the White House. She has taken up horseback riding. Imagine her 96 pounds bouncing on a 16-hand animal? Since I am some dozens of pounds larger, I can only chuckle at the UMaine days when we sewed a lot of outfits to match.

Don Gould '69G kindly wrote a long letter updating me. After UMO he moved to NYC and worked at the World's Fair, Bloomingdale's, then in upstate New York. In '67 he received his master's in library service and spent a decade or so at the Fogler Library, followed by time at the Bangor school department as director of instructional resources. He then headed out to USC for his Ph.D. in library and information management. He and then-new bride, Kathy, also a librarian, were hired by an Australian company to work in New Zealand and surroundings, finally returning stateside in 1988. California's pull was too strong, and they moved to Redondo Beach, CA, where they still live. There aren't many Black Bears in California, he said, but at the post office one day, wearing his Maine Hockey cap, someone called out "Go Black Bears!" and they had a



Michael and Stephanie Barry Brown '65 hosted an alumni gathering in Scottsdale, Arizona, in February for some 30 UMaine alumni and friends.

wonderful time chatting. Like many other letters I get, he mentioned that seeing a name in the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* prodded him to get in touch with someone, so you can't be "touched" also!

Some of our classmates have also become lifetime members of the University of Maine Alumni Association: **John C. Abbott, Jacqueline Towle Anderson, Robert I. Anderson, Pauline Turcotte Applin '68G, L. Dewey Chase, Molly Fay Forbush, and Elizabeth Kazalski Hehn.** Also **Clement E. McGillicuddy, Sharon Taylor Murphy, Virginia Bellinger Ollis, Tonda L. Olson, Amos E. Orcutt, Ardern Mace Pendleton, Deborah Burr Richardson, Martha Milliken Round, Franklin S. Van Antwerpen, and Louise Dirksen Watts (G).** You can be one too.

I hope you took your cameras and notepads to Reunion. Please send me lots of news from the events. And if you couldn't go, send me your stories anyway, so your friends can get the in-touch urge.

1965

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I received an email from **Allen Page**, who graduated with the Class

of 1966 but believes that classmates would look for info on him in our class. His only connection to '66 is that he flunked a required course—and had to take it again in the summer of 1965. Thus he got bumped into the next year and finished with his brother, Gerry Page '66, and ex-wife, the late Betty Hawkins '66. Allen originally transferred to the UMO School of Life Sciences, with an AA in dairy husbandry, from a California school. Allen was in the Navy Reserves with the Vietnam War pretty well underway. The Page Farm and Home Museum at UMO is named for his father, Henry Page.

Another email from **Kenneth Stratton '68G** of Winthrop indicated that he had recently given a generous donation to the elementary school he attended in Lamoine.

I recently spoke with **Pam Braley** in Orono. Her husband, Charles "Chick" O'Leary '61, '70G, has been recovering from a heart attack a few days before Christmas. Pam retired from her family therapy practice in Bangor. They keep busy with their two younger girls, Alicia and Meagan.

Pat Hayden Herrick wrote that she is fine and her children are well. She lives in the same house but her mailing address has changed to: P. O. Box 427, North Berwick, ME 03906.

After the UMA 2008 graduation ceremony, the university system trustees renamed the Student Technology Center the **Richard J. Randall** Student Center. This was a tribute to Richard '67G, who died May 31, 2008. He was a beloved family man and a dedicated employee for 40 years to the University of Maine at Augusta.

The *Portland Press Herald* profiled candidates for state, county, and local races prior to the November 4 election. State Rep. **Charles Harlow** running in House District 116 (Portland) was described as "the well-established incumbent under attack from a rival political novice." Charlie, a retired educator, is a former Portland mayor and city councilor who chairs Portland's legislative delegation in Augusta. In Maine's 2nd Congressional District race, **John Frary** lost to incumbent Michael Michaud, a former paper mill worker. John is a Farmington selectman, a conservative political columnist, and retired history professor.

Pete Johnson '72G, a Republican from Greenville, ran successfully for reelection to the House of Representatives. He had an out-

standing voting record in supporting legislation that would create jobs and improve the economy in Maine.

Bill Buckley '84G of Bangor is in the news again. As president of Coffee News USA, he bought the Manitoba-based parent company and its intellectual property rights. The *Coffee News* publication is distributed in restaurants in 32 countries around the world.

Do any of you remember classmate **Lauri Anderson**? He said he was a "stalker of college stacks and a college jock." Lauri sent me an interesting "abbreviated" (three pages) vita. A handwritten note at the top said, "Class of '65 UMaine was many lives ago." He has been a tenured professor and chair of humanities and English at Finlandia University in Hancock, MI, since 1976. His vita shows a very prolific career which includes "professional experiences, publications, critical examinations of my work, guest writer positions and book signings, universities where my works have been taught, selections for NEH seminars and institutes, university courses I have taught," and more.

For more info, email Lauri at lauri.anderson@finlandia.edu. Lauri was a Peace Corps volunteer during the Biafran War, dean of students in a mission school in Truk Lagoon, an English department chair in a women's college in Turkey, a deer poacher for food and profit in the Moosehead region of Maine, a logger, a surveyor's assistant on the US Geodetic Survey, a fly fisherman, a committed dad, a writer who has lived in Paris, and a foster dad for an abandoned child. Other data included: "birth year 1942; health: bad knees; marital status: off and on, confused; children: three, including daughters I am raising by myself."

I hope you made the brief telephone call in response to the postcards from Harris Company, which is updating the UMaine directory.

1966

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The alumni office has been cutting back on class communications. First of all our magazine now is printed

only three times a year, and our column length is being reduced. With these changes, I will increase my emails to those of you who wish to keep informed in a more timely fashion. If you are not currently on my email list and would enjoy more frequent class news, see my address above.

Brian Bicknell ran for the Maine House of Representatives in November.

Maj. Gen. **John "Bill" Libby '67G**, commander of the Maine National Guard, attended ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, laying a balsam wreath at the headstone of a Maine National Guard member who was killed in Iraq.

A. D. "Pete" Correll (G), former president and CEO of Georgia-Pacific Corporation, gave a talk on campus last fall as part of a lecture series created to provide a forum for highly accomplished individuals with ties to Maine to share their personal stories and perspectives on important societal issues. Pete believes that government regulations continue to restrict the growth of small companies.

Bill Reid served as campaign chairman for John Frary '65, who ran for Congress in November. Bill earned his master's and Ph.D. in philosophy at Syracuse University, and now lives in New Sharon. He served three years in the U.S. Army and has taught at Maine, Syracuse, and UMF.

Milton E. Smith has spent most of his life around chickens. He grew up on a farm in The County where they raised potatoes, grain, and 5,000 laying hens. Milton now owns the Presque Isle and Houlton Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants with his wife, Linda, and son, Derik. "I've been around chickens for a long time. I'd lots rather fry them than raise them." While in college, he formed a rock band called the Mainiex, playing guitar and singing. For their 25th wedding anniversary, his wife bought him flying lessons. He owns a 1956 Piper plane and loves the freedom that flying brings.

Barbara Bristol Paiton wrote, "My holidays were good in spite of the fact that I was without power, heat, and water for eight days following the ice storm just before Christmas. We came away with a new appreciation for our forefathers."

"Last October, I took a 15-day trip with a friend to Egypt. This was my first trip to a Middle Eastern country and it was fascinating to observe the cultural differences.



Robert '68 and Cynthia Gray Cobb '69 (couple at right) hosted an alumni reception in Tucson in February. The event was attended by nearly 30 UMaine alumni and friends. Next to the Cobbs are former alumni association chair Bion Foster '68, '70G and his wife, Dorain Foster '68H, from the UMaine Development office.

The tombs and artifacts of Egypt are truly something to behold. There appeared to be a great deal of poverty in Egypt and so many Egyptians seem to rely on the tourist trade to survive. More than a few times I remember feeling very uncomfortable seeing how hard the lives of many of these people are compared to how we live in this country. It's so easy to forget how fortunate we are.

"Special memories include a hot air balloon over the Nile, a sunrise breakfast on the shore of the Nile, and a fantastic three-day cruise down the Nile. The most surprising thing for me was how much I fell in love with camels. Camels were abundant where we were and we were able to take a camel ride through the desert. The camels we rode did not have stirrups, and it could be frightening to be seated on a camel when they lie down and get up. They have very long legs!"

Joe Lacasse just caught up with us after 40 years, referred by **Jim Jenkins**. Joe spent three years in the Navy, two Vietnam tours on board the USS *Iwo Jima*. In 1969, he joined Pfizer and after several moves ended up in Connecticut. He and his wife, Nancy Wyman Lacasse '67, live in Old Lyme, CT, where he is a volunteer fireman and part of a group that renders honors at veterans' burials.

The following classmates are lifetime members of the alumni association: **Thomas A. Colwell, Kathleen Ann Clair, Dr. George F.**

Holmes, and Christopher J. Hovey.

When you read this, there are only two more years until June 2011, our 45th class Reunion. Now get outside and mow your lawn!

1967

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Richard Flinchbaugh of Spruce Harbor, an engineer by training, has, in his retirement, a new business called Come Spring Folk Art. He designs, cuts, and sells beautiful wooden Christmas ornaments made by using a woodcutting process called scrolling. The process is extremely labor intensive as each ornament requires as many as 67 inside cuts and then includes sanding, oiling, stringing, and boxing. He uses red cedar, pine, sugar maple, white holly, and apple wood to make 40 different designs including lobsters (of course), moose, bears, and angels. Angels give him the most pleasure. While time consuming, Richard feels the work is very rewarding. He says, "I get a lot of pleasure from seeing the joy on the faces of people when they get their ornament." Richard's ornaments may be purchased at local craft fairs

in the mid coast region.

Bill '66 and Cindy Fuller Libby '96G have spent more time this past year visiting grandchildren and traveling to various places. However, it seems that no place is more special than Messalonskee Lake. In December they, along with family members and several thousand others, participated in laying wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery. If you are not familiar with this 17-year old tradition, check out this website to see a wonderful event that a Maine man, Morrill Worcester '73, established (www.wreaths-across-america.org). On a side note, as the truck passes down Route 1, many townspeople (including us) gather to wave and send support.

Are any of you looking for a really fun game for your grandchildren? Well, if so, buy The Original Ultimate Spinner Game, made by **Jim Robbins**. Jim, owner of Robbins Lumber, a fifth generation "green" certified lumber mill in Searsmont, decided to make an environmentally friendly toy for his grandchildren after the recent massive recall of Chinese toys. His toy is a collection of 12 games and activities in five spinner discs featuring educational, recreational, mental and physical challenges, and encouraging imagination. The games include: Do-A-Dance, Spin-Do, Goofy Dress-Up, Baseball Game, Spinner Speedway, and Wurd Game. Sounds like great fun!

Thought for the day: while the economic news is not good and will impact most of us one way or another, remember that nothing can diminish the long-lasting friendships we all made at the University of Maine. Staying in touch with special friends keeps us mindful of our many blessings.

Please send your news to me or the alumni office and have a good spring.

1968

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John M Rohman, principal and CEO of WBRC Architects Engineers of Bangor and Portland, Maine; and Sarasota, Florida, was recognized with a presidential citation at the 2008 American Society of Interior

Designers' New England gala for his leadership in growing the creative economy. **Susan Stinchfield** '77G of Southport has become Alpha Psi state president for the Maine State organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an honorary society for distinguished women educators. She has taught science in Belfast, Naples, Rockland, and Waldoboro. She is married to the Rev. Robert Plaisted '65, pastor of the Southport United Methodist Church, and has two adult sons.

Dennis Carey has held senior executive positions at GE, AT&T, Home Depot, and Motorola. He is now executive VP at Nortel, a global telecommunications firm in Toronto. He was recently in Orono as a keynote speaker for the third annual Maine State Collegiate Business Conference. Retired Adm. **Greg Johnson** spoke at the Camden Opera House last fall on 21st century security issues.

Greg Allard '67 writes a touching note about a former classmate, **Gil Dashner**: "I wanted to make you and your classmates aware of a memorial I've created (with a great deal of help from the good folks at the Virtual Wall) for my friend Gilford Dashner, who was one of the six men, former students and graduates of the UMaine campus, who were casualties in the war in Vietnam. Gil was a member of the Class of 1968, and a forestry major on the Orono campus for over two years. Here is a link to the page on the Virtual Wall: <http://www.virtualwall.org/dd/DashnerGF01a.htm>."

1969

*40th Reunion at
Homecoming
October 16-18, 2009*

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Our last two columns referred to our 40th Reunion with two different dates, but the date has now been set. Our Reunion will be held during Homecoming 2009, which is October 16-18. More news will be on the way, so make plans to join classmates and other alums who are returning to campus for Homecoming events.

Sonja Stevens Fongemie '87G earned a doctor of education degree

in organizational leadership from Argosy University in Sarasota, Florida. Sonja has been a member of the senior management team at Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle for the last 16 years and serves as the dean of continuing studies. **Doug Baston** of Alna is the founder of North Atlantic Energy Advisors which designs conservation and renewable energy programs for utilities and others. It also provides market research, analysis of regulatory issues, and other services. **Jan Woods Prior-Crofoot**, a travel consultant with 30 years in the travel business, lives in Blue Hill. Over the years, Jan has been a Peace Corps volunteer and a Fulbright Scholar. **Barbara McKenzie Brown**, a retired teacher from Newport, and her husband were named Hometown Heroes by UNICEL. The Browns volunteer numerous hours for many community charitable organizations. **Robert Dunphy** lives in Embden and is a code-enforcement officer and a plumbing inspector. **Doug Smith**, a retired attorney and retired judge, is a tree farmer in Dover-Foxcroft.

Don't forget to make plans to attend our 40th Reunion.

1970

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I'm happy to report that some of you are still making news! I had an email from **Julie Anson Schaefer**, founder of Lexmodus in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She reports that Lexmodus and Predictable Performance Systems have formed a strategic alliance to help HR professionals set employee performance expectations with validation and accountability in a series of meetings. As a coaching master's candidate, she was a featured speaker for the Minnesota Legal Administrators at the end of November '08.

Stephen King ('87 honorary degree) has branched out into acting! He was seen on ESPN in a promotional ad for "SportsCenter." In the ad he is a "ghost writer" and writes about his beloved Red Sox beating the Yankees! **Gerry Palmer** was selected to serve as chairman of the Bangor City Council, which also means that he is Bangor's

mayor! **Gerry** is the managing partner of Palmer, Lee, & Grace, an independent career counseling and outplacement business, and previously was executive director of Northeast CONTACT, a consumer advocacy agency.

George A. Hart (G, '73 Ph.D.) is chief technical officer of the Ocean Energy Institute. He has traveled an interesting path having previously worked in Washington, DC, at the Naval Research Laboratory and the Missile Defense Agency. He is well informed on energy-related issues and fits in well at the Ocean Energy Institute. The institute's focus is on wind energy generated from the winds that blow offshore over the Gulf of Maine. **Steve Juskewitch** ran unsuccessfully last fall for the Maine House of Representatives from House District 20 and **Rosemary J. Winslow** (G) ran unsuccessfully for mayor of Waterville, Maine.

1971

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Hello and Happy Summer to everyone. It's a very happy time when I unexpectedly get notes from two of our wonderful classmates, *out of the blue!*

Daniel B. Sullivan, who participated in Maine track as well as football and set the rushing record for one season in 1969 with Walt Abbott '58, '65G, writes that he is in Newburyport, Massachusetts, where he was inducted into Newburyport's High School Sports Wall of Fame several years ago. Daniel, who lost his wife to cancer in 2003, praises his two wonderful sons, Scott, an attorney in Massachusetts, and Sean, who is director of Game Day Operations for, Wow! the Boston Celtics! Not that I'm Boston sports crazed (still) but how great is that for a job? He sent me his address: 10 Harding Ave., Newburyport, MA 01950, if anyone would like to get in touch.

Jerry Ann Yoder, married to **Jim Good**, writes that they live in Yarmouth, their two children are grown and gone, and she is teaching English as a second language to elder refugees in Portland at Franklin Towers. That's a wonderful, rewarding line of work, Jerry, and

thanks so much for being in touch.

Our friend **Charles Stanhope** is zipping all over the world with his position with the Library of Congress. I love hearing from him, as his life is just full of wonderful stories of his family and his travels. This year he went across the Baltic, meeting with counterparts at the national libraries, museums, and philharmonic. The group started in Stockholm and then cruised to Tallinn, Estonia; St. Petersburg, Russia; Helsinki, Finland; Visby, Sweden; and Copenhagen, Denmark. Then on to Oslo, Norway; and a stop in London, which naturally, leads us all to a Chunnel trip to Paris! I must say that when he hangs around here in the Washington, DC, area, he and his colleagues do a marvelous job with the National Book Fair on the Mall.

Dennis Damon of Trenton got 63 percent of the vote in his race for the Senate District 28 seat. He has served as cochairman of the legislature's Marine Resources and Transportation Committee and on the Joint Select Committee on Future Maine Prosperity. For all of us who love Maine, Dennis, thank you.

Marilyn Zoidis '78G, currently the assistant director of the Kentucky Historical Society, was honored in December by the Maine State Society here in Washington, DC, with their annual Big "M" award. It rewards Mainers for their professional achievements and contributions. Marilyn was the senior curator of a project to restore the 30-foot by 34-foot Star Spangled Banner, the flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore and inspired Francis Scott Key to write the poem that became the lyrics of the national anthem. Her work at the Museum of American History in Washington is the centerpiece of the newly remodeled museum's displays. The museum has now reopened after a two-year renovation. You *must* see Marilyn's work, which was a seven-year plan, leading the restoration of the flag that made the Star-Spangled Banner an icon in American history.

Until next time, keep the emails and letters coming, please. It is always wonderful to hear from friends of old. We are a small part of the class that has obviously produced some true super-stars and super-parents, and I need to get the information in order to pass it along to everyone else. I love hearing from you, all of you!

Go Blue!

1972

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There is very little news to report this time, so I'll get right to it.

Terry Duffy is co-coach of the girls' basketball team and the junior varsity boys' team at Katahdin School in Sherman Station, ME. He has also coached the school's softball team since 1980.

William Folsom '97G serves as both principal and teacher at Maine's Rockwood Elementary School, where he began teaching in 1988. Unless the unorganized territory, on the western shore of Moosehead Lake in Somerset County, has an influx of school-age children, the school will be closing at the end of the academic year because of the steady decline in enrollment.

Eugene Conlogue '91G has a new three-year contract as town manager of Millinocket. Before coming to Millinocket, he was the town manager of Gouldsboro, Fort Fairfield, and Washburn.

After serving for over 30 years in municipal government, **Donald Gerrish** will retire from his position as town manager of Brunswick, a position he has held for over 19 years.

Sandra Wilbur Bauer teaches gifted and talented children in New Hampshire. Her father, Gerard Wilbur, was awarded the Silver Star last fall—18 years after his death and nearly 63 years after his discharge from the Army. The award was given in "recognition of his honorable service as a Prisoner of War during WWII and for his service in the Armed Forces of our country."

Valera Lowe Rohrer '74G of New Brighton, MN, wrote, "I am still working and laughing lots and wishing everyone a good new year. I have been very active in the Susan Komen three-day (60-mile) walk and happily suggest it as a great way to fund research. We get to Camden in the summer to enjoy our cottage and very much enjoy reading all the alumni news. Happy Days! Val"

Happy spring. Send me your news!



A group of Class of '72 members got together at DiMillo's in Portland last November (it's an annual event). Left to right are: Anne Dearstyne Ketchen, Cheryl Lavway Herland, Linda Stafford Wainright, Nancy Greenblat, and Jan Lilley Additon.

1973

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I hoped to hear from more of you following the celebration of our 35th Reunion. It is not too late to send me a note getting us up-to-date on your doings. I did hear from **Ed LaFreniere** who is in Connecticut with his wife, working hard as vice president of the editorial department of the Marlin Corporation, an international communications company, putting their son through the University of Michigan. We exchanged emails about "the old days" before Maine had a hockey team, Pat's 25-cent bottles, and our days at the *Maine Campus*.

Morrill Worcester donated and helped to place thousands of balsam wreaths on the graves of service men and women buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Morrill has generously done this since 1992.

Jack Cashman, commissioner at the Maine Public Utilities Commission, received the Dirigo Award for Business from the Finance Authority of Maine. **John O'Connell (G)** was named Lincoln County administrator. **Marilyn Smith Glavin** serves as pastor of the Second Congregational Church in Biddeford. **Tom Gallant's** work was exhibited at the Waldoboro Public Library as

part of the artist of the month program. Sadly, Tom died shortly after the exhibit, in late November.

Our two younger daughters, Claire and Susan, are spending at least a year traveling and working in New Zealand. After college graduation they headed to a country with a job surplus and cheap cars. They are hostelling and camping as they work their way around the island. I believe they are living the '60s dream.

1974

35th Reunion at Homecoming
October 16-18, 2009

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Happy Summer—hope the black flies have vanished! We actually had some Maine weather in February where the morning temperatures here were the same as in Maine—brrrr. In my house it got cold enough to be a two-dog night, but I'm not sure who was keeping who warm. Enough of the weather, now for the news.

We are keeping you apprised each issue on the business projects of **Robert Baldacci '75G**. Last issue, he and his business partners,

William Cohen and Michael Liberty of Maine Media Investments, were trying to purchase Blethen Maine Newspapers, which owns the *Portland Press Herald-Maine Sunday Telegram*, *The Kennebec Journal*, and the *Waterville Morning Sentinel*. A letter of agreement was finally signed in November and although they did not close prior to December 31st, we anticipate that the new ownership will occur by the time this issue of *MAINE Alumni Magazine* is published.

Since 2000, **Gloria Brown** has pursued her love of photography. She recently exhibited at the Thornton Oaks retirement community in Brunswick. She taught in Aroostook County for many years, but now resides in Durham.

Congratulations to **Alan Casavant**. He is serving his second term in the Legislature and is a member of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. After graduating from Biddeford High School, Casavant went on to earn his bachelor's degree at the University of Maine, where he majored in psychology. He returned to Biddeford High School shortly after to take a position as a teacher at his alma mater. Casavant has taught there for over 30 years, and teaches American studies, 20th century world history, and psychology. In 2004, he completed his master's degree in American and New England studies at the University of Southern Maine.

Alan served as a Biddeford city councilman from 1976 to 1992, and served four terms as council president. He coached ice hockey at Biddeford High School for eight years, is a member of the Friends of the University of New England, is a member of St. Jean de Baptiste de Bienfaisance, and coordinates a yearly student exchange with St. Georges, Quebec. He enjoys traveling, playing hockey, and reading. Rep. Casavant lives in Biddeford with his fiancée, Patti Jalbert.

Rev. **Linda Littlefield Grenfell** is the new pastor at St. John's United Methodist Church in Dedham, MA. After graduating with a degree in philosophy and religion, she attended the Boston University School of Theology. Since 1977, she has served in several churches in Maine and Massachusetts. She is the mother of five children and teaches at Rhode Island College. In her spare time she enjoys the company of her dog, Ky.

The new town manager of Oakland is **Peter Nielsen '01G**. His

previous posts were in Clinton, Wayne, and Wilton, ME. He is married and has two adult children. The town council was looking for an experienced town administrator with a good reputation. He was hired with unanimous approval and started work at the end of December. Best wishes from your classmates.

I received a Christmas card from Reggie '73, '76G and **Patsy Langlais Beaulieu**. Their daughter, Amy, was married last summer. I also heard from **Debbie Adams Sprague**. She and husband, Dave '76, are now residing in Hendersonville, NC. She is hoping to get back to her love of antiques and open a shop in that area.

Unfortunately, the Maine versus Florida State football game was cancelled. Can you imagine, FSU would rather play Miami and be on ESPN 2! And in place of that game, the Black Bears will be playing Syracuse. As one to never be deterred, we are moving forward with an Alumni Interest Group in the northeast Florida/South Georgia area. If you live in the area and have not heard from me, please send an email so that we can support our Black Bears!

Peace.

1975

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I sit down to write this without the last magazine having come out; therefore, I still have not heard from anyone. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends around. We were fortunate to have all three kids, my sister, an extra friend, and a total of five dogs. Here in Lansing, we had a winter full of cold and snow, with more snow falling as I sit by the window and write this. Happy summer, everyone!

Congratulations to **Paul LePage** (G) for his reelection as mayor of Waterville, ME. Paul had been mayor for the previous five years and was opposed in the election by Rosemary J. Winslow '70, who has been a governmental liaison for US Rep. Michael Michaud.

Mark Plummer won his second straight Maine Senior Amateur Championship trophy last September by shooting even par at Prouts

Neck Country Club. This win was Mark's third MSG championship for 2008. He was part of the winning club team and the two-man championship winning team.

At the end of this year's indoor track season, **Maynard Walton** (G) will retire after 50 years of coaching track and field at Bangor High School. This is a phenomenal career, which included a state championship during the 2006-07 season, plus nine state runner-up finishes. Maynard may continue to help the team on a volunteer basis in the future.

Please send me your news. I look forward to hearing from everyone.

1976

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Hello '76ers.

You all have been pretty quiet this past winter. Send me an update to include in the column.

I'm sure by now you have heard about our classmate **Bob Crowley**, a physics teacher at Gorham High School, who was the million-dollar winner of "Survivor" TV show last fall. Check out the winter edition of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* for a feature story. **Foner Curtis** '79G of Rockland played the role of Scrooge at the Umbrella Theatre in Rockland last Christmas. Attorney **Bruce Gerrity** of Manchester was selected by his peers to be included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2009*.

1977

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Hello again, everyone! You know the old saying, "No news is good news?" Well, when it comes to writing about our wonderful class and classmates, news would make this column a whole lot more interesting. Unfortunately, everyone must be hibernating for the winter because I've not heard a single word

from anyone. Perhaps summer will bring about renewed energy and a flurry of activities. I hope you'll drop me a line and let me know what you've been up to, or even just to say hi, and I'll share that in the next column.

1978

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Hello, everyone. I'm not sure exactly when you will be reading this, but as I write, it is frigid outside, Bernie Madoff is on his way to jail, and I am having fantasies of warm weather and flowers. I hope you are all well.

Congratulations to **Ivan Fernandez** (G), '82 Ph.D., a classmate and UMaine professor in soil science and forest resources, who was named the 2008 Maine Professor of the Year. The award, presented by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement and Support of Education, recognized Ivan's work on how the changing chemical and physical climate has affected forest ecosystems. He recently helped coordinate UMaine's conference, *Climate Change 21: Choices for the 21st Century*, and also helped to organize a Maine Climate Change Assessment for review by Governor Baldacci.

Congratulations are also in order to **Meredith Strang Burgess**, who won reelection to the Maine House of Representatives, representing District 108. Also, **Daniel Deveau**, town manager of Cyr Plantation where his family has lived since 1860, ran unsuccessfully for the Maine State Senate seat from District 35 in northern Aroostook County.

Stephen Doak has been appointed to the faculty of Central Maine Community College in the school of business administration and management. Steve also works as an engineer in energy management and conservation for Central Maine Power Company in Augusta.

Russell Quetti has been named to the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame. Russell, the Black Bears' starting shortstop from 1975-78, played in two NCAA regional tournaments and the 1976 College World Series. He is one of only five UMaine players to

earn a spot on the CWS all-tournament team.

Janet Selinske McIntosh '04G was named Brewer's Citizen of the Year for 2008 at the seventh annual Brewer Days in September. She is principal at both the Washington and Capri Street schools. Congratulations, Janet!

Ruth Ludwig Lind wrote to say that she has recently given up flying balloons and airships, turning instead to motorcycle riding to satisfy her sense of adventure. Next summer she will be participating in the Kyle Petty Charity Ride, a cross-country motorcycle trip that raises funds for the Victory Junction Gang Camp. She is a serious quilter and enjoys skiing in the winter, as well as trips to her vacation home in North Carolina for riding when our Maine roads are covered with snow and ice.

As always, I beg for information. Even if you think your life is mundane and of little interest, I guarantee that your classmates will be glad to hear about you. Please write!

1979

30th Reunion
October 16-18, 2009

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"Spring has sprung, the grass is ris'." I wonder where the birdie is," as my mother often quoted. Hope you survived the winter with relative ease.

As a reminder—our 30th class Reunion will be held this fall. Watch your mail for details or check out mainealumni.org/classpages as you make your travel plans.

Class news is sparse, but I do have greetings for the "three North Gannett Hall gang" from **Dave Verrill**. Specifically, he says, "I wanna go home to the armadillo . . . and please don't tip over your spittoons." Now there's an intriguing message.

Actually, Dave lives in Charlotte, NC, with his wife, Susie, and children Christopher (10), Katie (7), and Thomas (5). Susie is a realtor, and David is a clinical exercise physiologist in the Presbyterian Hospital pulmonary rehabilitation program. In his spare time (ha) he has published three chapters in three American

College of Sports Medicine textbooks, and serves as an adjunct professor and a researcher.

And **Laurie Littlefield '92G** is engaged to Jay Baas. Laurie is an educator in SAD 57 in Waterboro, while Jay is a UNH grad who works with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. They plan a fall wedding "at their home on the banks of the Suncook River in Chester, NH."

Wanted: Classmates to help with our 30th Reunion in October. I'm looking for anybody interested in assisting with planning the weekend's activities, as well as ideas for those activities. Please call (207) 827-4393 or email—the more, the merrier!

1980

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Hello, friends,

The years fly, but our love for UMaine and the friendships we made there will remain with us always! Time stands still for a moment when we hear from an old friend.

Steve Maroon writes that he is enjoying working as director of marketing for the Export-Import Bank in Washington, DC. Prior to this position, Steve served as director of marketing for the Peace Corps. Steve is involved in local politics, and enjoys playing hockey. His wife, Patty, owns a senior care business, providing support so elders may remain at home.

Cindy Van de Workeen Allen is enjoying life in Red Bank, NJ. She works from home for Sickles Market, and continues to enjoy singing for the Shrewsbury Chorale, St. James choir, and other groups. Son Van graduated from high school this past June, and son Sean just began high school this fall. Husband, Mark, works for Monmouth County and has a successful website business.

I am enjoying work as a family nurse practitioner and director of health services at a local college. My oldest, now in his junior year of high school, is looking at colleges. Our younger son is enjoying grade seven.

Send along your news. Your classmates want to hear from you!

Keep UMaine close in your heart as you consider your donations this year. All the best to all of you!

1981

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Springtime greetings from Maine! The first warm days of spring remind me of our years at UMaine, when we'd rush to the fenced-in area outside Hart Hall clad in our bathing suits and soak up the sun between classes. Baby oil was our lotion of choice and "SPF" was not in our vocabulary. For those lucky enough to live in dorms with rooftop patios, you had the advantage of being closer to the sun and farther from the water balloons launched by the boys from Oak and Hannibal! Those were the days! Now, as many of us either have passed our 50th birthdays or find them rapidly approaching, we look in the mirror and scold ourselves as we count the age spots and wrinkles. If only they'd had all those fake tanning products back then and not just good old QT that gave you that lovely orange glow and rubbed off on all your clothing! Happy 50th! Yeah, right!

I received an email from **Richard Shaw** (Ph.D.) noting his appointment as interim dean of the School of the Coast and Environment at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. He is also a professor in the school's oceanography and coastal sciences department. Prior to his dean's appointment, he was director of the Coastal Fisheries Institute, a research unit within the school, for 18 years. He lives in Baton Rouge with his wife, Carolyn Rubino, and son, Gregory.

Daniel Buck has the distinction of holding both a medical degree and a law degree! A 1986 graduate of the California College of Podiatric Medicine, he is certified in foot and ankle surgery. In 2003, he added a law degree from the University of Maine School of Law to his resume. This past year, he joined Linnell, Choate, & Webber, LLP of Auburn. He will concentrate his practice in health care law, family law, criminal defense, and workers' compensation.

Geno Murray has come a long way from his days at Greenville High



Longtime 1981 class correspondent Barb Brown Dalton serves on the alumni association board of directors and recently became chair of the UMAA communications committee.

Barb works in sales at WLBZ-TV in Bangor and lives in Veazie with her husband, Bill '80, of UMaine catering services.

School when he and his brother would drive the ambulance for his father's local ambulance service. He is now the chief executive officer for Charles A. Dean Memorial Hospital in Greenville. They are currently in Phase II of a capital campaign aimed at adding OR and ER capacity to the hospital. Geno and wife, Anne, have five children.

Still waiting for that influx of emails from all of you with your latest news! Please note my new email address above. Enjoy your summer and don't forget to stimulate our economy, if your situation permits! Let's hope for more prosperous days ahead as we start on our second 50 years!

1982

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Happy New Year, everybody! Allow me to introduce myself, your new class correspondent. Back in the day, I was **Ellen Randall**, a happy refugee from the suburbs of New

York City. At UMO, I lived my first two years in Androscoggin Hall (all-female at the time), then a semester in Hancock Hall before I went to England for the spring. I came back for my senior year, one of the first women to live in Hannibal Hamlin Hall when it went co-ed as the "Multicultural Center." I had no clue at the time, but that's where I met my future husband, Hank Dunn (Class of '86 and another story entirely!) before graduating with a B.A. in English and philosophy. From there I migrated to Portland, ME, to begin "Life After College."

A few years later, I set off for George Mason University in Fairfax, VA, earning my MFA in creative writing. The Washington, DC, area was fun, but Maine was calling, so I returned and I've lived in South Portland since Hank and I got married in 1995. Over the years, I've done some writing and editing both professionally and as a volunteer, but primarily I've been an at-home mom since our boys Isaac (11) and Nathan (9) were born.

I wonder how many of us stayed in the state of Maine or, after some time away, have returned? Two of our classmates that stayed have contributed to their communities by working to preserve and enhance the natural resources that Maine is so famous for. **Gary Fish** was honored this fall by being awarded the 2008 Friend of Casco Bay Award by the Friends of Casco Bay, an organization committed to protecting the environmental health of the bay. Anyone who lives in or visits the Portland area knows how important Casco Bay is, and how fortunate we are to have people like Gary working to preserve it for us and for our children. Thanks, Gary!

Lisbon, Maine, is fortunate to have park ranger **Verla Cote Brooks** working at Beaver Park, Lisbon's 337-acre, day-use recreational area, for the past 25 years. Verla, a farm girl from Fort Fairfield who earned her degree in recreation and park management, has worked with the town's conservation commission to transform the park from a neglected area to an attractive, welcoming place where folks come to picnic, hike, fish, ski, walk their dogs, hold meetings, and even spot the occasional bear or moose. As the park's only paid employee, Verla does it all, from carpentry, trail maintenance, and snowplowing to securing grants and interacting with visitors. She told one journalist that she's happy to have seen the park become what she envisioned when

she first took the job, and she plans to continue serving Beaver Park and the town of Lisbon as long as she is able.

So, at least one of us has been able to put our college major to use out in "the real world"! How about you? Maybe you got your degree in civil engineering and now you run your state's department of transportation, or you were a zoology major who ended up selling real estate and volunteering in a local animal shelter. Whatever your story, your classmates would love to hear it. Drop me a line (thank goodness for email!) and I'll pass it along!

1983

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As I write this brief report for the summer edition, it is with the knowledge that as this issue reaches mailboxes, my family will have celebrated the graduation of our daughter Melissa with the Class of 2009 at our alma mater. Though instead of enjoying the day sitting outside on the football bleachers, we will watch commencement exercises inside the Alford Arena.

I know so many of you have similar situations happening in your lives and I would like to hear from you. You are welcome to send photos along as well for possible publication.

A small group of us enjoyed our 25th Reunion in October and were treated to a nice buffet dinner at President Kennedy's house. We also were presented with a set of glasses with the University of Maine 25th Reunion etched on each one. I was able to catch up with a few of our classmates. **Dwight Blease** is a doctor of podiatric medicine at Casco Bay Podiatry in Brunswick.

Old friend **Mike Martin** arrived from Vernon, NY, where he is a manager at Kuhn Financial. Mike and I first met back in Ellsworth Hall on the campus of Bangor Community College, which in those days was used as a dorm for the Orono campus for transfer students. We then had to board blue school buses for the 12-mile trip to campus. These days housing on campus is not nearly the issue it seemed to be back then, as dorms like Chadbourne are now used for

administrative offices.

Jeff Bennett was named Maine's 2008 Team New Balance Survivor, an honor bestowed on a breast cancer survivor in each state. Jeff was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2003 and went through a mastectomy and chemotherapy. He has become a breast cancer activist who helps organize the Race for the Cure in Bangor. He speaks to groups about his experience with breast cancer, volunteers for the Lance Armstrong Foundation, and travels to DC to lobby Congress for funding for breast cancer research.

Reporting on the activities of our classmates is not the easy task I had hoped it to be when I took on this position, as it depends upon input from all of you. You can make my job much easier by emailing me at rdfitta@gmail.com or you can even send me a note on Facebook. I'm off to escape the snow for a week in Florida, and by the time you read this we'll all be enjoying warm weather!

1984

*25th Reunion at
Homecoming
October 16-18, 2009*

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I find it strange to think it has been 25 years since we graduated. I am looking forward to seeing many of you this October for our Reunion. Put it in your calendars and plan to attend. There are many events that weekend—including Homecoming, tailgating, and the big craft fair! The craft fair is the perfect time to do some Christmas (or birthday) shopping.

I have lots of news to report this issue. When you've read through my column, I hope you will feel inspired to send me an email to share what is going on in your life.

I received emails from a couple of friends from Knox Hall. **Faith Matorin Rittenberg** is still working for Major League Baseball in NYC. She and her husband, Bruce, live in Katonah, about an hour north of the city. Faith and I were roommates senior year but we have not seen each other in 20ish years. Perhaps we'll see each other at our 25th Reunion?

I have also been in touch with **Teresa Henchey DeBenedictis**. She has four children. The oldest is a freshman in college and the youngest is four years old. Her only daughter is a sophomore in high school, and she also has a son in the seventh grade. It sounds like they are all doing well in their very busy household.

Jim Willis is the aquatics director and swim coach of the Sharks at the Mount Desert Island YMCA in Bar Harbor. Although Jim marched with us at graduation, he still had a few credits left to complete those 25 years ago. This past fall, Jim went back to school and completed his degree! And, with all A's! Jim lives in Bar Harbor with his wife, Tami Chessa Willis '98, who is a dance instructor, and his two sweet children, Tyler (6) and Cassie (4).

Mark Allen has been named the vice president of business development at Next Century Corporation, a technology development and professional services firm with offices in Columbia, MD, and Arlington, VA. Mark was previously the chief operating officer of e.magination. He has over 20 years of experience in the technology development and professional services industry with positions in the government and commercial sectors. In addition to his BS degree in engineering from UMaine, Mark has an MBA from Loyola College. He lives in Woodbine, MD.

More news from Mount Desert Island—there's a lot happening on this little island! **Barbara Hannon** (G) is Mount Desert Island Hospital's new vice president of clinical services, where she will oversee all clinical services for the Bar Harbor-based hospital and its eight health centers. From 1985-1996 she owned a firm that recruited nurses and physicians. She then worked in various nursing administrative capacities at hospitals in New England and Pennsylvania. In 2008, she received her MS in nursing from St. Joseph's College in Maine.

Christy Cross lost her husband, Jeremy Ray, to Alzheimer's disease in September 2008. They lived in Hallowell, ME, where Christy and her daughter served as his primary caregivers. Christy shared their story with the *Kennebec Journal*. I send my condolences to Christy for her loss and my thanks for sharing with others the impact this disease had on their lives.

The Orono High School Athletic Hall of Fame inducted its inaugural

class in October 2008. In that group is **Julie Treadwell '93G**. She earned 14 letters in field hockey, volleyball, basketball, and softball, captaining all four teams as a junior and senior. Wow! Julie is director of physical education and athletics at the Holton-Arms School in Bethesda, MD.

Your classmates want to hear your news! Email me now before the warm summer sun lures you outside! See you at Reunion!

1985

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Hi all! I hope that 2009 is treating you in a kind way. Why don't you drop me an email so I can tell your classmates what's going on in your lives?

Ray Jacques received a 2008 Black Bear Award. The awards are presented by the UMaine Alumni Association to alumni who have distinguished themselves in post-college involvement with the University of Maine. Ray is the first hockey player to be so honored. He helps coordinate the UMaine hockey alumni golf tournament, does volunteer scouting for Hockey East, and is an active fundraiser for the university. He also founded The Coach's Foundation, a regional foundation, to assist families of NCAA coaches who are diagnosed with cancer. Ray is a certified financial planner and president of New England Schooner Investment Advisors in Peabody, MA. You can also listen to Ray as a hockey analyst for Eddie Andelman's "New Sports Huddle" on 1510 AM The Zone in the Salem, MA, area.

Everett Spear III of E.L. Spear has been elected first vice president of the Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce in Rockland, ME.

Kerri Longval Prescott was recently elected to her second term in the Maine House of Representatives, representing House District 60 including Topsham. Kerri is the owner of Kerrizma Designz and is a photographer-artist and a martial arts instructor. She lives in Topsham with her husband and three children.

Jim Boothby '98G is the new superintendent of schools for

Bucksport, ME. Jim earned bachelor of science and master's degrees from the University of Maine and taught physical education, worked as an athletic director, and was principal at the high school and elementary schools in Lincoln, ME. He later served as superintendent of schools for Union 92, which includes Eastbrook, Hancock, Lamoine, Surry, Otis, and Trenton. Jim will be under contract with Bucksport until June 2011.

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) recently hired **Tamara Perkins Aghoian** as a firefighter. She is a personal trainer, EMT, and is Firefighter I/II certified. Tamara recently completed three months of training in airfield and aircraft familiarization. Massport operates Boston's Logan International Airport, the Port of Boston, Tobin Memorial Bridge, Hanscom Field, and Worcester Regional Airport. Tamara lives in Boxford, MA, with her two children.

Hope you're having some fun!
Let us know!

1986

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Happy summer, classmates!

We received a lovely thank-you letter from the 2008 recipient of the Class of '86 Scholarship. Nicholas Millett is the son of **Catherine Soule Millett** and is a junior at UMaine. Nicholas graciously thanked the class and wrote a bit about his UMaine experience: "I would like to express my thanks and gratitude for your generous donation to my education at the University of Maine. I am from Hermon, Maine, where I was home schooled until I began college in the fall of 2006 as a mathematics major with a minor in physics. I have greatly enjoyed my time at the University of Maine so far, and have found that it is a wonderful institution at which to obtain a college education. In addition to my usual studies, I am also a proud brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, and a research assistant in the mathematics department where I work in the field of mathematical and theoretical biology." Thank you for the gracious letter, Nicholas, and we wish you the very best of luck!



Paul Conway '87 is Honored for Service

Paul Conway '87 (right), former chief of staff at the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), was presented with a Silver Medal by DHS Secretary, Michael Chertoff, last fall. The Silver Medal is the DHS's second highest award. Paul was honored for his "exceptional individual leadership and service." He was specifically recognized for his efforts on a range of projects related to Gulf Coast recovery. Paul's long history of public service includes appointments under three presidents.

At UMaine, Paul, a political science major, was a Senior Skull and served as president of the student government. He returned to campus in 2006 as the keynote speaker at convocation.

Donald Burgess, M.D., FAAP has been named to the United Way of York County's board of directors. Don was with PrimeCare Associates and recently joined Southern Maine Medical Center Pediatrics. Don has also served on York County Children's Mental Health Collaborative. After graduating from UMaine, he earned his M.D. at the University of Vermont and completed his pediatric residency at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Navy Cdr. **Thomas Michael Cashman** has been promoted to the grade of captain. Mike is a helicopter pilot who has served as commanding officer in Virginia Beach and in Sigonella, Italy. Mike has more than 2,500 flight hours in numerous operational deployments, including Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His current assignment is as deputy commander of Helicopter, Sea Combat

Wing Atlantic, in Virginia Beach. Since graduating from UMaine and receiving his commission through Naval ROTC, Mike has also earned two master's degrees. He, wife Katy, and their sons were previously stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. The Department of the Navy says that Mike was "promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty."

Donna Loring, Maine Legislature's tribal representative, has written a book called *In the Shadow of the Eagle*. She wants to pass on, in her journal-style memoir, a chronicle of the ups and downs of tribal affairs in the state, her struggle to give a stronger voice to the people she represents, and to help the tribal reps who come after her. Maine is the only state in the country to have legislative tribal representatives, but Donna is still

fighting for the right to have voting power on the House floor and at the committee level. Her accomplishments are many—she is a Vietnam veteran, a Maine Criminal Justice Academy graduate, the first female graduate to become a police chief in Maine, the first woman appointed director of security of Bowdoin College, an aide-de-camp to former Governor King, received the Mary Ann Hartman Award (recognizing outstanding Maine women), and is especially proud of her bill requiring that American Indian history be taught in Maine schools. Donna says this bill is "the highlight . . . that's going to educate children who are going to grow up and see the tribes through a different perspective. They're going to know about us."

Four previous Maine governors joined Gov. **John Baldacci** for a dinner at the Blaine House, the governor's mansion, last winter as part of the mansion's 175th anniversary. Governors John Reed '42, Joseph Brennan, John McKernan, and Angus King and their spouses, joined John and wife, Karen Weston Baldacci '83, '01G, to raise money for the mansion, express their appreciation for the opportunity to live there, and acknowledge their responsibility to pass the home safely along. The former governors shared many fond memories and stories of the impressive home.

Write and share your news! Take care,
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1987

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Hello, Class of '87. As I write this article we are expecting yet another snowstorm here in the Boston area. We should have a record snowfall this year. Not a lot to report this time.

Rev. **Alfred J. Gagnon III** is the new minister at the First Congregational Church of Scarborough. A graduate of Bangor Theological Seminary, he has also served the United Church of Christ in Millinocket and Pittsfield. **Lauree Gott** was a finalist for the 2008 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Lauree teaches sixth grade science

at the Veazie Community School.

James Willey ran for a seat on the Portland Water District board of trustees last fall. He lives in Saco with his wife and daughter. **John "Ted" Twombly III** joined TD Banknorth as the business development and sales manager in Essex, MA. Previously Ted was district sales manager for Riso, and had been in the education field prior to that. Ted lives in Rockport, MA, with his family and volunteers with local groups on the North Shore. **Ann Woloson** ran for the Maine State Senate this fall. She is the executive director of Prescription Policy Choices and lives in Belgrade.

1988

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There is little to report this time around for the Class of 1988. I am sure that much has taken place in your lives, and I'd love to hear from you so that others can share your joys! Send me a line!

I can report that **David Nonis** '93G, former captain on the University of Maine hockey team, has made a career move when he was named senior vice president of hockey operations for the Toronto Maple Leafs, as announced in the *National Post*. Congratulations, David.

Congratulations to **Derek Aramburu**, who was one of five nominees for the Academy of Texas Music's Singer Songwriter of the Year. The awards ceremony was scheduled for late April.

As part of my role as school counselor at Massabesic High School in Waterboro, ME, I chaperoned 81 high school sophomores on a visit to the University of Maine campus in Orono in November 2008. It was my first time back to campus in a while, and I was amazed at the positive changes and at the similarities. The woods behind the dormitories of Somerset, Oxford, and Knox are no longer there and in their place is a new Student Recreation and Fitness Center. It is a beautiful facility. There were other changes as well, and if you haven't been there in a while, I'd encourage you to give the campus a visit. Seeing the changes and remember-

Retired Master Sergeant Jeffrey Cummings '88 Recognized for Outstanding Service

Before recently retiring from 24 years of service in the Maine National Guard, former Master Sergeant Jeffrey B. Cummings was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

Jeff served with distinction as a noncommissioned officer in charge of Recruiting and Retention Command for some ten years. In that role, he achieved an "unparalleled level of accomplishment" by being selected as the top Maine recruiter four times.

Jeff graduated from Katahdin High School before attending the University of Maine. He now lives in Hermon with his wife, Katherine, and their four children.



ing the memories will provide you with a good time.

I hope to hear from you soon.

1989

*20th Reunion at
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Greetings to the Class of 1989! I am thrilled to take the reigns from Janis as the class correspondent. I hope to hear from all of you about the great happenings in your lives. I recently took a trip up to UMaine with some high school students and I had a ball telling them stories about my experience at our alma mater. "Fill the steins to dear ole Maine."

On to the news of our class: **Sandra Wakefield Seamans** was recently promoted to in-patient director at Down East Community Hospital. In this position, Sandra will oversee the medical/surgical/pediatrics unit and obstetrics unit at the hospital.

Rich Kimball '97G, a Brewer school administrator, coordinated the play *A Christmas Carol* as a live radio broadcast with adaptations to three media—radio, television, and a live audience. In addition to making it educational for students, Rich played the ghost of Christmas present.

Michele Wehrwein-Albion recently gave a talk at Lithgow Public Library in Augusta, Maine, about her new book, *The Florida Life of Thomas Edison*.

Timothy J. Thompson was promoted to senior vice president and treasurer at Franklin Savings Bank. He will oversee the bank's financial and accounting areas.

Bob Corkum is back at UMaine as the newly hired hockey assistant coach where he was a player. "I'm very excited to come back here after all these years and to be part of such a great tradition," Corkum said about his new position.

Thomas J. Hall took a new position as the town manager for Scarborough, Maine. He previously served as the city manager for Rockland.

Jon J. Prescott, president and CEO of Katahdin Trust Co., was selected by the American Bankers Association to serve on the America's Community Bankers Council. "This is an opportunity to let our voice be heard on national issues that affect us locally," Jon

stated about his new position.

Walter McKee was recently nominated by Governor Baldacci '86 and confirmed by the Maine Senate to serve as commissioner on the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. Walter was also selected as the Outstanding Young Professional by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The "Maul Dogs" of Penobscot and Balentine Halls are planning a get-together to celebrate our 20th Reunion. I hope the rest of you are planning to participate in the 20th class Reunion festivities at UMaine. It should be a lot of fun—the more of us who attend, the better it will be.

On behalf of our class, I extend a sincere thank you to **Janis**

Broadbent Moriarty for serving as our loyal and committed class correspondent. She did a fabulous job keeping up with all of us over the years and I hope she truly enjoys the joys of being a mom.

Please write to me with updates about jobs, babies, trips, appointments, etc.

Our class is having a Reunion during Homecoming in Orono on October 16-18—mark your calendar and plan to come! Enjoy!

1990

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Happy summer! I love the warm weather this time of year. What are your vacation plans? Please let me know what is going on with you so I can share your news in this column.

Andrew E. Silsby is the executive vice president and treasurer of Kennebec Savings Bank. Kennebec Savings Bank is Augusta based.

David Capuano, a former UMaine hockey player, was inducted into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame this past fall. While at UMaine David was an All American and twice was named a finalist for the Hobey Baker Award, which is given to the nation's top hockey player. He ranks fourth in UMaine's career scoring list.

Representative **Josh Tardy**, Maine's State House minority leader, participated in a one-day program at the University of Maine to learn more about UMaine, the

Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, and the work of students and professors. Josh represents District 25, which encompasses Corinna, part of Corinth, Exeter, Newport, and Plymouth. He is serving his fourth term in the legislature.

Richard C. Cleary is serving his second term as a Maine state representative. He represents District 8, which encompasses Houlton, Amity, Hodgdon, Orient, and Cary Plantation. Rich serves on the business, research, and economic development committee as well as the judiciary committee. Rich also has his own law practice and lives in Houlton with his family.

1991

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It will be a welcome summer this year after so many of you survived a particularly harsh winter with record snowfall. Are you enjoying baseball and planning beach vacations? Let us know what's going on in your life. Yes, we want to know!

Many of our classmates have promotions to celebrate. **Janet Elvidge Blood** has been hired to replace the longtime dean of library services at Eastern Maine Community College. She had been an associate librarian with the college for the past two years. Janet and her husband, Paul, and young son live in Orono.

John O'Dea has been named the executive director of the Associated General Contractors of Maine. He was serving as AGC's director of communications and member services. John lives in Richmond with his wife, Melissa Reynolds O'Dea '92, and their two daughters.

Ralph McPherson (G), a licensed clinical social worker, has been appointed executive director of Aroostook Home Health and Valley Home Health services. In his previous position he headed the department of social work and education at the Aroostook Medical Center. Ralph is also planning another big event in his life; he is engaged to be married.

Michael Charette gave up his job as a chemical engineer to take on a new adventure and purchased a family business with his wife,



Helping to Bring Wind Power to UMPI

Mark Baldwin '90 of Baldwin Crane and Equipment Corporation, stands in front of the new wind turbine his company helped erect at the University of Maine Presque Isle in April. The 65-meter tower can generate up to 600 kilowatts.

Mark's company, located in Wilmington, Massachusetts, was also involved in setting up the new wind turbine in Newburyport, Massachusetts, and provided cranes for the construction of the New York Mets new home, Citi Field.

Michelle. They are now operating the Island Falls One Stop and enjoy spending more time with their children, Brittany (18), Vanessa (12), and MJ, Jr. (5). If you are in the area, stop in and say hi!

Albion College in Michigan announced that **Thomas Wilch** (G), professor and chair of geological sciences, has been awarded the college's Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Trustees' Professorship in the Sciences. One of Thom's current research projects is studying volcanism and glaciations at Minna Bluff, Antarctica.

Andrea Sulzer (G) is an artist who has been exhibiting her work both in the US and abroad since 2003. Last September she spent a week teaching drawing classes at River Arts in Damariscotta.

Campbell Blair is now the top assistant coach at the University of Alaska-Anchorage. In October, his new team took on his old team, the UMaine Black Bears, in the Alaskan Goal Rush Tournament in Fairbanks. UMaine lost that game 3-1.

Kirk Stanley, of Harmony, has adopted a traditional, back-to-basics approach to farming his 400 acres of land overlooking Great Moose Lake in Somerset County, and it is meeting with great success. Using oxen and horses instead of tractors, rotational pasturing, and hands-on care of livestock, free-range poultry, calves, and pigs, he and his partner, Katrina Lewis, are flooded with orders for their natural meat. Kirk was also able to protect the natural beauty of this land in another way. It was previously owned by developers planning to divide it into one-acre mobile home lots.

At the annual World Association of Bench Press and Deadlift Championships in Las Vegas last December, **Garret Guernsey** of Bangor hoisted a state-record 473.7 pounds in the submaster (ages 33-39) class.

Last August, **Jim Crangle** proposed to his girlfriend, Zuzana Vecerova, in Central Park, and they are busy planning their wedding. The couple lives in Manhattan, NYC. Congrats!

I'm sure some of you have re-connected with old college friends using Facebook or MySpace. I'll admit I discovered Facebook last summer and have been amazed at the endless links to classmates, former dorm mates, and my old RA. It is a great way to reminisce. Feel free to share your stories with us.

1992

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As I am writing this column, I am hearing of another snowstorm on the way! By the time this is published, we will be enjoying summer weather!

Michael Reinsborough received his Ph.D. in the history of science at the School of History and Anthropology, at Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, in 2008. It was presented to him by the chancellor of the university, Senator George Mitchell. Congratulations, Michael!

Robert Vodra accepted a new position as the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ, director of education and outdoor ministry, combining Christian education and camp directing. The new camp, Horton Center, is located in the White Mountains just outside of Gorham overlooking Mount Washington, but his new year-round office is located in Pembroke outside the state capitol of Concord, New Hampshire. **Pat Rollins Jones** (G) comfortably won re-election to her seat in the Maine House this past November. She represents Belgrade, Fayette, Manchester, Mount Vernon, and Vienna.

Lastly, **Laura Barton Osgood** and her husband, Scott '93, run a very successful alpaca farm in Cherryfield, ME. Their farm is called the Black Woods Farm and they have 15 alpacas that they raise for their fleece. By careful breeding, the couple has improved the quality of their fleece and two of their males have won blue ribbons in the past year for exquisite fleece. They also run an on-farm store carrying yarn and other alpaca products.

Please keep your notes coming. Your classmates would like to hear all about you!

1993

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Hello—I hope this edition finds you and yours well. This is my first turn as class correspondent, so I will jump right to the news:

Jeff Coon has been with the Department of Public Safety for over 10 years, and was recently named Employee of the Year for the entire department. He currently lives in Levant, ME, and has two children.

Julie Richards Pochepan has been promoted to the role of human resources manager for TD Banknorth in Portland. She has been with them since 1996.

Artistic types might want to look up the work of **Amy Stacey Curtis**. She has completed five solo works of installation art, the most recent in Sanford. Contemporary installation art is a temporary art form, where the artist transforms a space, creating an interactive art experience.

We welcome yet another Ph.D. to the ranks! **Sara J. McLaughlin** received hers from the University of Michigan School of Public Health. She most recently was on a post-doc at the Health and Disability Research Institute at BU.

We heard from **Kurt and Rebecca Whitney Kinney**. They live in Washington State, and Kurt is on active duty with the Army as a cardiologist, currently serving at the hospital on Ft. Lewis. Rebecca is at home with their three children: Grace, Caleb, and Julia. Since graduation, they have lived in DC, Hawaii, Texas, and North Carolina.

Kristina Marriner Gould has been appointed as the HR director for Westbrook. Until now, she has worked in the private sector, with Shaw's, Standard Insurance, and Pine Tree Trading.

Two of our classmates are game wardens, recently promoted to sergeant. **William Chandler** and **Scott Thrasher** took their oaths last summer. They are both recipients of the Maine Warden Service Meritorious Service Award as well. Congratulations to both and also on their uncannily parallel careers!

A long way from their native Peru, alpacas abound in Maine, with 15 of them residing on the Black Woods Farm of our classmates **Scott** and **Laura Barton Osgood**

Patrick Hartnett '93

Maine's Principal of the Year

Class of '93 member Patrick Hartnett was honored in April as Maine's 2009 High School Principal of the Year. Patrick is principal of Leavitt Area High School in Turner. The award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association (MPA).

"His professionalism and leadership of high school reform, which includes an unwavering commitment to teaching, learning, and increased student achievement, represent the very best qualities of a 21st century high school principal in Maine," said MPA executive director, Richard Durost.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in political science from UMaine, Patrick went on to earn a master's in education from the University of Southern Maine. In 2004, he was elected to membership in Phi Delta Kappa, a national education honor society. And in 2000 he was Maine's recipient of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Citizenship Educator of the Year Award.

Patrick lives in Hebron with his wife, Tracey Boutin Hartnett '92, and their three children.



'92. Scott is also a game warden, and with the 101st Air National Guard in Bangor. Their alpaca operation has won awards for the quality of the fine, cashmere-like fur their animals produce.

Tom Roux joined the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) Heritage Region board of directors for a two-year term as a chapter liaison. Tom was also named a judge on the Blue Ribbon Panel for the 2009 IABC Gold Quill Awards, a responsibility extended to only about 40 of the association's 16,000+ members. The annual awards recognize communications excellence and achievement in dozens of categories. Tom launched his own Boston-based consultancy, Redpoint Communications, earlier this year, which offers professional writing and editing services and strategic internal communications guidance to corporate clients. He is also an adjunct professor of communications at Lasell. He holds a master's degree in management and organizational communication from Emerson College and lives in Milton,

MA, with his wife and young son.

And an update on me—I left Maine shortly after graduation, enrolling in the Ph.D. program with the University of Houston's political science department. I guess all those classes with Ken Hayes stuck with me! It was between orals and dissertation defense that I met and married Cassandra Bell, who is a historian. After defending my dissertation, I realized that there are no political science companies, so I shifted career paths and went to work as a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley, staying in my adopted hometown of Houston. In 2004 I changed firms and cities. We now live in Orlando, with our twins, Spencer and Bennet, and their little brother, Carter. Cassandra teaches at Valencia Community College and I commute back to Houston for work.

If any of you have memories of the Oronoka to share, please email them. I feel absolutely safe in saying that, in all of recorded history, there has never been another place like it. It might give us a bit of a theme for a later issue.

1994

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Hello, classmates!

By the time you're reading this, it will be time to be planning trips to Orono for Homecoming and our 15 year Reunion! As of the time of writing, though, it is still cold and wintry. Stacey is surviving her first winter in London, complete with a "blizzard" that shut down the city for two days. We know blizzards, and six inches of snow is far from one.

Gregory Teegarden (G) was awarded \$90,000 in research funding to study red tide in the Gulf of Maine. Gregory is a marine science professor at Saint Joseph's College in Standish, ME. Raymond '61 and **Timothy Todd** became the first father/son team to be inducted into the Northern Maine Construction Hall of Fame. Timothy is president of R.L. Todd and Son of Caribou.

1995

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I hope this issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* finds you well.

Looks like my begging for information from you paid off! I received a very nice email from **Scott Mason** ('93 and '95G). Scott went on from UMaine to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison and obtain his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering. From there he had a two-year post-doctoral appointment at Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore, CA. Scott now resides in San Francisco working for Lockheed Martin in Sunnyvale. Scott got married in 2004 and is the proud papa of a son, Sawyer, who was a year old in November. Funny coincidence:

Scott grew up in the neighborhood I reside in now, just around the corner. He said he used to deliver papers in that area and that he has "very fond memories of the neighborhood and of Brunswick and Maine in general." He says he makes it back to Maine several times a year to visit his family. Thanks for writing, Scott!

Nicole Bangs Higgs '98G, a first grade teacher at Washington Street School in Brewer, received her national teaching certification in November. This certification is comprehensive, giving credentials to teach in any state, and is the highest teaching accreditation you can earn. Congratulations, Nicole!

Also in educational news, **Ken Murphy** (Ph.D.) has announced his plans to retire from his position as the Yarmouth school system superintendent. Ken has been with the system for 18 years. Best of luck in your retirement, Ken.

That's all from here, this time around. Please feel free to send me an update with what is going on with you—we'd love to hear from you!

1997

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Greetings Class of 1997!

I hope all is well. Don't forget to start making your plans for 2009 Homecoming. You can send news to yolanda_sly@hotmail.com or find me on Facebook.

Congratulations to **SFC Calvin Nason** of the Maine National Guard Recruiting and Retention Command for receiving the Army Achievement Medal. Calvin's recruiting skills have helped double the size of UMaine's ROTC program, reported the *Katahdin Times*. Calvin and his wife, Kelly, live in Lincoln with their family.

Katrina Kane (G) was named interim school superintendent of Ellsworth schools, reported the *Ellsworth American*. Katrina is the school department's curriculum coordinator and director of the Hancock County Technical College.

1998

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I am now stationed in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies for my in-country training as a foreign area officer. This spring and summer I'll be traveling a lot in different regions of the former Soviet Union improving my language skills and conducting internships with DOD offices in embassies in the region.

Laurie Dore Richards (G) '01G became a nationally certified teacher in December. She is a first-grade teacher at Washington Street School in Brewer. This is the highest accreditation a teacher can earn and allows her to teach in every state.

Congratulations to **Caragh Fitzgerald** (G), a Farm Energy Partner, for receiving an individual merit award in November from Maine Rural Partners for her development of a Farm Energy Field Guide. Caragh works with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

Canada's Curling Chief

Greg Stremlaw '95G serves as CEO of the Canadian Curling Association in Ottawa.

Most Americans have only the vaguest concept of the sport of curling. But in Canada, it's big, and, along with hockey, makes up the sports culture of the country.

The person now heading the Canadian Curling Association (CCA) is Greg Stremlaw, who received his MBA from the University of Maine in 1995. As CEO, Greg oversees marketing, legal affairs, human resources, and events for the CCA. The association owns and operates many of the largest curling events in Canada.

Greg came to UMaine after receiving his undergraduate degree from the University of Western Ontario. After UMaine, he went on to get a master's of sports management degree from the University of Miami and then began building an impressive resume which included being coordinator of the Rolex Orange Bowl, sport director at the Canadian Olympic Association, and CEO of a ski resort before moving to the CCA in 2007.

Curling is an Olympic sport, played in some 43 countries. But nowhere is it more popular than in Canada. According to Greg, there are some 1,100 curling facilities in the country, and the CCA just signed a contract to have more than 220 hours of curling televised on Canada's largest sports network. Just this past March, more than 250,000 fans attended the week-long Tim Hortons Brier in Calgary.

"Curling is truly an iconic sport in Canada," he explains. "It has a massive following here, similar to hockey. To have the chance to lead the sport in Canada, well, it's the kind of opportunity that doesn't come around very often."

In addition to overseeing the CCA, Greg is a certified bobsled and luge official as well as a registered youth coach for hockey, baseball, and soccer. He also sits on the boards of several charitable groups, including the Sandra Schmirler Foundation, which supports babies in crisis and raises money for neonatal care.

Greg lives in Ottawa with his wife, Wendy; daughter, Kristin, and son, Michael.



1996

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Hello, Class of '96! We hope to hear from more of you in the coming months. For now, let's catch up with a few of our classmates.

Wade Merritt was the director of operations for the Maine International Trade Center for several years before recently being promoted to vice president of the Bangor regional office. He speaks at various national conferences on the topics of NAFTA, trade with Canada, and state-federal relations in setting trade policy.

Jamison Leavitt is the manager of the Agren Appliance & Television store in South Portland. And

Cynthia Johnson Lambert (G) is a science teacher at Trenton Elementary School. She recently earned national board certification, a voluntary assessment program designed to recognize accomplished teachers.

Have a great summer and drop us a line—it will only take a moment!

Go Blue

sion Service and has twin daughters who are toddlers. Also congratulations to **Dereck Treadwell** for his induction into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame in October. Five of his nine UMaine records remain intact! Dereck is currently the men's cross-country coach at Hartwick College in upstate New York and competes in duathlons; he competed in the world championships in Italy in the fall.

Wendy Berube '03G assumed the position of manager of the LIFEstyle Fitness Center operated by Millinocket Regional Hospital (MRH). She has worked with MRH since 1994 and is currently also the wellness coordinator there. Additionally, she is the project coordinator for One Maine Grant of Katahdin Area Partnership's community coalition, which targets drug use and binge drinking among the region's youth. Wendy also received a master's degree in exercise science from UMaine in 2003.

Mary Wells Flynn was noted in a *Bangor Daily News* article in October announcing the retirement of her husband, Mike '97, an offensive lineman with the Baltimore Ravens, after a 10-year career. The Flynn's live in Baltimore with their young son, Jake.

And lastly, congrats to **Samantha Hodson Buron** and her husband, Dan, on the birth of their first child. Samantha sent a note announcing that Alexa Marie was born on 11/12/08 at 2:40 p.m. and weighed six pounds and nine ounces.

Continue to send in your updates to me by email, InCircle, or Facebook. The latter has been a great tool in connecting lots of our classmates! I can't tell you how many alumni I have been put back in contact with through it.

1999

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Andrea Downs Quenneville moved across the country from Las Vegas to Merrimack, NH, (see above address) this past winter. She and

her family have been busy unpacking. We hope to have more of an update for the Class of '99 in the next issue.

In the meantime, here are a few updates: **Michael McCuddy** is engaged to Kara DioGuardi. Michael is a general contractor who previously taught art at Orono High School. You may recognize his fiancée, Kara, who is a judge on "American Idol."

Martin Puckett '04G has settled in The County, where he is the new town manager of Mapleton, ME. Martin has also served as town manager in Sangerville and Livermore Falls. He enjoys the community feel of the Mapleton area and is getting involved in local activities. Martin and his wife, Kari Wells '04G, are the proud parents of Sabine, born in December. Kari has just finished law school in Portland, and the family is glad to be together in The County.

Have a great summer, everyone! Please send a note or email to update us about your job, kids, place of residence, pet hamster, or summer plans!

2000

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As spring arrives, we renew our connections with our 2000 UMaine classmates. If you have news to share with your classmates please contact me so I can include you and your information in our column.

Deborah Mansfield, who teaches language arts and social studies at the Jefferson Village School, in Maine, was the recipient of the Master in the Middle Award, given by the New England League of Middle Schools. This award recognizes the accomplishments of teachers who are passionate about middle level education, serve as educational leaders, advocate for the middle level community, and provide mentoring for colleagues. Classmate **Andrea Martin** also made advances in the area of education as she created a new one-credit journalism course in the subject area of English at Brewer High School.

Maine Governor John Baldacci '86 promoted classmate **Lance Boucher** to senior policy advisor

with a focus on economic development. The Kennebec Performing Arts Company hired **Josh Wheeler** as the company's choral director. The company has three groups: the wind ensemble, the stage band, and chorus.

Congratulations to our classmates with these great advancements in their careers. May summer bring good things to you—please send your news!

2001

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As we all fondly remember, there are just a few seasons at the University of Maine—snow season and mud season. Hope you all have a great summer!

This year, make it a point to drag out some of those old college photos, catch up with a few friends, and let the alumni office know what you are doing!

Joanne Bond Adair '03G, who is currently teaching science at Brewer High School, is heading up a new environmental club.

This spring, **Susan Ogeka** will tie the knot with Steven Crowley. Susan works for the Children's Research Hospital in Boston. **John Harakall** was married in Runaway Bay, Jamaica, on January 31, 2009. **Pamela Danforth** recently announced that she would marry Nathan Dixon in May 2009. Pamela works for Franklin Savings Bank in Farmington.

This June, **Elizabeth Fowler** will wed Doug DeBiase. Elizabeth works as case supervisor of adult case management at United Cerebral Palsy and Doug works as an associate manager of athletic media relations at the University of Maine athletic department. **Kristi Titcomb**, a health benefits specialist at Martin's Point Health Care, will wed Ralph Sanfasi on May 23. The Isaac Farrar Mansion in Bangor recently hosted the wedding of **Kate Roffey** and Josh Porter. Kate is a registered oncology nurse at Eastern Maine Medical Center.

Congratulations and best wishes to all of the engaged and recently married couples.

Remember—take the time to let your classmates know what you are

doing. Whether it be a career change, family addition, or marriage, let us know!

2002

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Now that winter is over, we can get out and enjoy the warmer weather and the black flies. During the year some of your classmates got to celebrate new promotions, marriage, and babies.

Here are just a few classmates that celebrated new career moves and promotions. **Erica Ricker '04G** was elected president for a three-year team for the Maine Speech, Language, and Hearing Association. Erica is a speech language pathologist at the Voice and Swallowing Center of Maine at Waldo County General Hospital. She is a skilled therapist who has pioneered unique treatment approaches that have helped Waldo County General Hospital become nationally recognized for innovative and cost efficient speech therapy.

Robert Guzek joined the New Jersey law firm, Parker McCay, as an associate. Robert focuses his practice in the area of brownfields redevelopment and environmental law, with an emphasis on the acquisition, remediation, redevelopment, and reuse of contaminated and under utilized properties.

Marcia Larochelle Diamond (G) was featured in the *Bangor Daily News* for her success with Electoral College sportswear. Thanks to the 2008 Presidential Election, business is booming!

Now that it's springtime, love is in the air for some of our classmates. **Albert Bergen** and Laurie Carter had an April 2009 wedding. Albert is an accountant at Berry Talbot Royer in Falmouth and lives in Westbrook. **Bobbi Meserve** and Corey Coffin had a September 20, 2008, wedding. Bobbi is employed as a mechanical engineer for Apollo Professional at Pratt & Whitney. They met while attending UMaine and live in NH. **Billie-Jo Boone** and Charles Leighton had an October 18, 2008, wedding. Billie-Jo works as a medical technologist at Calais Regional Hospital.

As always, I would love to hear your news. Please feel free to send

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2003

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Happy summer, everyone! There are a lot of '03 grads to congratulate this time! **Nicholas Lynch** has graduated from Weill Cornell Medical College. Nicholas graduated from UMaine with a degree in chemistry and zoology. **Josh Tripp** is the new boys' varsity basketball coach at Bucksport High School. Josh also teaches math at the school as well.

C. Andi Locke Mears (G) became the state's first board-certified colon hydrotherapist last summer. She received her graduate degree from UMaine in peace and humane studies. **Viktoriya Rybalko** was inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame in October. Viktoriya competed in the summer Olympics and is training for the London Olympics in 2012. **Benjamin Smith** '04G has received the Lorraine Carroll Award, which is given to a volunteer who advances adult literacy in Maine, and **Elliot Lowe** has joined the New Hope for Women board of directors. Elliot will be working with the organization to provide support to those affected by domestic violence and will help to grow the organization in the future.

Finally a big congratulations goes out to **Bethany Johnstone** who is recently engaged. Bethany will be married this fall and is currently a preschool teacher at the Boston Children's School.

2004

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Hearty Maine Hello again!

As I check in with you all again this summer, I'm happy to report that the Class of 2004 finds itself at



Kate Hatch '04 is now the work-out officer in the commercial department at TD Banknorth in Portland.

Kate, a Morse High School graduate, lives in Portland where she volunteers on the initiatives committee of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Maine.

something of a fork in the road. I'm going to forgo updates on our classmates this issue to make a special appeal to everyone who is able to help out.

As I'm learning on the fly, each alumni class decides to elect officers and begin to develop a networking framework on the fifth anniversary of commencement. While this caught me a little off guard, I think that it should provide all of us with the opportunity to reconnect as a group. In these trying economic times, any professional networking that we can do will certainly be a benefit to all of our job prospects.

I've already called around to many of our classmates, and there is a good deal of interest in forming a viable Class of 2004 group of officers. I will admit that most of the people I've contacted so far have been Senior Skulls, All Maine Women, or members of the Greek system. This has certainly limited the number of people that I've contacted so far, and I believe that we can be a more effective networking group if we can include as many alumni as possible. If you are someone I haven't contacted and this is something that you might be interested in, please drop me a line.

I also believe that the benefits to us are very tangible right now. The UMaine Alumni Association isn't expecting us to become big-ticket

donors at this early point in our careers, but what both they and I would like to see is collaboration. I will also directly point out that this isn't a large time commitment for any of us. This is probably going to materialize into one or two meetings a year to touch base and plan out some long-term ideas to build up our membership in the next five years.

I'll give everyone a more specific update in the upcoming issue, but if you plan on making it up (or down) to campus for Homecoming this fall, please drop me a line. If we're going to be on campus, there's no reason why we shouldn't get together and network.

Take care, and GO BLUE!
Dylan

2005

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Happy spring, Class of 2005! I hope you thawed out after the cold winter and are enjoying everything the warm weather has to offer. Can you believe at this time next year, our graduation will have been five years ago?

There are a bunch of wedding and engagements to share, starting with **Michael Keep's** wedding in November 2008 to Sarah Cooper. Michael is employed as a project engineer for D&G Machine Projects. **Greg Schaub** married Danielle McCafferty '07 in January of this year. Greg is employed as an engineer for Lane Construction in Hermon. **Brian Fitzpatrick** and Caitlin Coutts '07 are planning a June wedding—right around the corner! **Trevor Jenkins** and Lindsey Frost are also planning to wed in June. **Emily Goodness** and Nicholas Coffin will be getting married in August, while **Maureen Pease** will be marrying David Thomas '07 in September.

Congratulations to **Katie Gray**, who joined the law firm of Verrill Dana, LLP recently. **Sarah Wilder** graduated from Belmont University with a master's degree in sport administration and is employed as the head athletic trainer at Felician College. Two 2005 graduates, one undergrad and one from the graduate school, were mentioned in an

October *Bangor Daily News* article on a patent acquired by the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center. **Matthew Dura** (G) and **Katherine Stephens Beaumont** were part of a project that created new technology that could change waterfront construction methods for both large companies and individuals.

Please continue to send your news my way! It is great to hear from you!

2006

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Class of 2006, can you believe it's been almost three years since we graduated? Time flies! This past year brought a career change for me. After spending two years as a kindergarten teacher in Baltimore City, I was offered a job as an account manager for a web design firm, Normal Kings. The new job has been a refreshing change and I'm enjoying it so far! The education classes I took at the University of Maine prepared me for this job, as it entails a lot of communication, time management, and organization.

In other news, **Kristina MacKenzie** of Brewer, ME, was honored at the American Red Cross 12th Annual Real Heroes Breakfast on November 13, 2008. Kristina saved the lives of her aunt, her family, and 20 residents of her apartment complex after carbon monoxide filtered into the building. She dialed 911 and summoned help, even though she was feeling the effects of carbon monoxide poisoning. We're proud of you, Kristina! **Jimmy Howard** was honored on September 4, 2008, at what his hometown of Ogdensburg, NY, called "Jimmy Howard Day." Jimmy served as the third goalie and practice team goalie for the Red Wings throughout their drive to the Stanley Cup. The Stanley Cup was presented to the NHL playoff champions, and the cup is passed around to visit the hometowns of members of the championship team. The public reception included a public viewing of the Stanley Cup, along with opportunities for the public to be photographed with Jimmy and get his autograph. Congratulations, Jimmy! **Bryan**

Kaenrath defended his House District 124 seat this past November. The seat covers part of South Portland, including the Maine Mall area. Bryan ran against former Representative Kevin Glynn. Bryan is a graduate student at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY, and his goals for the upcoming term include tougher penalties for drug crimes and getting the state government to move away from a dependency on fossil fuels.

Best wishes to **Christopher Leach**, who is engaged to Sarah Carter '07. The couple is planning an August 2009 wedding in Augusta, ME. **Adam Larry Freeman** is engaged to Sarah Lynn DeFilipp. A September 26, 2009, wedding is planned. Adam is employed by the US Postal Service in Bangor, ME. On November 14, 2008, **Jason Allen** was married to Nichole Labbe. Jason is employed as a manager at Kohl's in Bangor. **Amanda Stephens** married Matthew Shirland in September of 2008. Amanda is employed with Gymboree as an assistant manager and regional marketing manager in Salem, NH. Amanda and Matthew live in Hampton, NH. **Michelle Kathleen Fiscus** and Thomas Joseph Bujnowski have a wedding planned for September 12, 2009, in Five Islands, ME. Michelle is employed by Stantec Consulting Corp.

2007

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Greetings, classmates! I hope this finds you all in good spirits and enjoying the warmer weather. There is much good news to share about our classmates since the last edition of the magazine.

A special congratulations goes out to our very own **Ashley Underwood**, who was named Miss Maine USA in December. Ashley is a former UMaine women's basketball star who never competed in a pageant before her Miss Maine experience due to her basketball schedule. Ashley is currently living in Benton and is working as a school nurse at Lawrence High School, Albion Elementary, and Fairfield Primary schools. Ashley

Ashley Underwood '07 is Miss Maine USA From High Tops to High Heels

Most people remember her as one of University of Maine basketball's finest three-point shooters. But last fall, former Cony High School and UMaine star, Ashley Underwood '07, surprised a whole lot of people by going from elite athlete to beauty contest winner.

Ashley, who spent a year playing professional basketball in Switzerland and most recently has been working as a school nurse in central Maine, is the current Miss Maine USA. In that role, she represented her home state in the Miss USA Pageant, won by Miss North Carolina, in Las Vegas in April.

She says she decided to compete for the Miss Maine title because after pro basketball, she needed a project and was looking for a new challenge. "I loved working out, and I always loved watching pageants," she said. "This took as much hard work as playing basketball. It's a great experience."

Ashley was a finalist for Miss Maine Basketball during her career at Cony. At UMaine she scored 1,195 points, putting her among the top-ten scorers in the history of UMaine women's basketball.



took part in the Miss USA pageant in April.

In the world of sports, classmate **Greg Creek** is still making progress in Double A Major League baseball with the Mississippi Braves, an affiliate of the Atlanta Braves. Former women's ice hockey player **Karine Senecal** was appointed as an assistant coach for the women's ice hockey team this past winter season. She served as the team's graduate assistant coach during the 2007-2008 season. Former football player **Bruno Dorismond** was announced as a regional winner of the Academic Momentum Award presented by the National Consortium for Academics and Sports and the Scholar-Baller Program. Also from the football team, the Dallas Cowboys signed **Daren Stone** in the fall after Pro Bowl Safety Roy Williams broke his arm. Daren spent

the 2007 season with the Atlanta Falcons and played in 12 games with 10 tackles. Good luck with the Cowboys, Daren!

There are also many new jobs to report as well. **Ashley Bean** was appointed the Old Town High School varsity cheerleading squad coach for the fall and winter seasons. Go, Coyotes! **Brian Lapointe** (G), who received his graduate degree in education, was hired as a second grade teacher at Page Hilltop Elementary School in Ayer, MA. Bristol Consolidated School hired **Jennifer Ribeiro** (G), who received her CAS, as their new principal this past summer. **Chrystina Box** was hired by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midcoast Maine as their new site-based program manager. Chrystina will be responsible for recruiting, screening, training, and supporting high school "Bigs" matched with local youths. Arcoostook Pediatrics recently hired **Jessica Gagnon** (G), who received her graduate degree from the nurse practitioner program. Jessica is excited to be working closely with children. **Mary Grose** was promoted to sales manager of U.S. Cellular's Bangor store. Mary

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previously was serving the role of retail wireless consultant before her promotion.

There are also some unique experiences our classmates are engaging in to share as well. **McKean Evans** is the newest member of the University of Pittsburgh's *Law Review*. Congratulations, McKean! Air Force A1c **Luke J. Myers** graduated from basic military training at the Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX, as an honors graduate. **Bethany Couturier** graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in December. She now patrols in Waldo County.

As usual, we have a few weddings and engagements to announce as well. **Sarah Warren** married Justin Alley '06 last August. She is currently continuing her education at the Rittners School of Floral Design in Boston, MA. Congratulations, Sarah and Justin! Classmates **Krystal Stauffer** and **Jesse Jean** are planning a June 2010 wedding. Krystal is currently studying to become a dietician and Jesse is employed with BIW as a structural engineer. Lastly, **Lisa Gibson** and Todd Landry are planning to wed on July 18, 2009. Lisa is currently in her first year at the University of Maine School of Law in Portland. Congratulations, all!

As always, if you have news of your own that you'd like to share please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you all and sharing your good news in the future!

2008

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We're looking for a member of the Class of '08 who would like to become a class correspondent and write this column for the alumni magazine. Do you like to know what's going on? Enjoy writing? Can you put together a column a few times a year and meet a deadline? If you are interested, please contact the alumni association at the above address. A class column helps people stay in touch, and compared to writing college papers, it's a piece of cake!

Weddings

Locations are in Maine unless otherwise noted.

1975

Colin A. Roy to Sharon E. Brouillet on 12/31/08 in Hallowell. They live in Farmingdale and Dresden.

1986

Hiroshi Alley to Noriko Takema on 3/15/09 in Yokohama, Japan. They live in Yokohama.

1990

Marc Mazerolle to **Beth Corrow '07G** on 8/2/08 in Caribou. They honeymooned in Riviera Maya, Mexico, and reside in Brunswick.

1994

Cary Michael Weston to Tori Ellis Hofmann on 7/12/08 at Sandy Point Beach. After a Caribbean cruise, they live in Bangor.

1995

Shari Ainsworth Gervasi (G) to Donald Souliere on 12/26/08 in Rochester, NH. They live in Barrington, NH, and are planning a honeymoon.

1997

Jamie Knight to Michelle Rosolowski on 10/20/07 in Methuen, MA. They spent their honeymoon in St. Maarten and live in Windham, NH.
Chris Stanley to Sean Curran on 10/12/08 in Scarborough. They live in Hollis.

1998

Christopher Andrews to Leslie Ondrey on 11/1/08 in Olmsted Falls, OH.

1999

Robyn Leigh Hubbard to Scott Normand Belanger on 7/5/08 in Freeport. They honeymooned in Montego Bay, Jamaica, and reside in Arundel.



Jamie Knight '97 was married to Michelle Rosolowski on October 20, 2007, in Methuen, Massachusetts. They are now living in Windham, New Hampshire.



Hiroshi Alley '86 and Noriko Takema were married on March 15 in Yokohama, Japan. At the reception, the Maine "Stein Song" was sung in Japanese (a very popular tune in that country). They reside in Yokohama.

Mary Beth Coughlin

to Joshua A. Neault on 6/29/08 in Rockport. They took a wedding trip to Jamaica and Grand Cayman and live in Brunswick.

Marybeth McGonagle

to Michael Sullivan on 10/4/08 in Portland. They live in Santa Monica, CA.

2000

Bethany Sanborn to Travis Rochette on 6/14/08 in Kingfield. They took a trip to the Dominican Republic and live in the Portland area.

Garrett Kelly Gillick

to Jaime Rebeccah Wood on

7/27/08 in Kennebunkport. After a honeymoon trip to the Dominican Republic, they reside in Methuen, MA.

Melissa Kilbride to Theodore Smith on 10/4/08 in Wells. They live in Clawson, MI.

2001

Jessica Marie Esty to Elliot Gregory McBride on 10/18/08 in Key Largo, FL. They honeymooned in Key Largo and live in Mobile, AL.

John Lombardi, Jr. to Erica Haynes in Waterville. They live in Waterville.

Rachael Williams to Christopher Yarsevich on 8/31/08 in Willsboro, NY. They honeymooned in Germany and Austria and reside in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Kara Marie Gosselin to Craig Allen Dube on 9/6/08 in Howland. They took a wedding trip to Paris

and London and reside in West Enfield.

Mary Elizabeth Erickson to **Aaron Prescott McMorro** on 6/28/08 in Seal Harbor. They honeymooned in Belize and reside in Portland.

2002

Randy Loubier to **Katie Pooler '04** on 8/2/08 in Waterville. They took a Caribbean cruise and live in Durham.

Lawrence Wyman, Jr. to Alicia Outman on 11/9/08.

Edward Joseph Hikel III (G) to Jennifer Susanne Cole on 5/31/08 in Lincoln. Following a trip to Florida, they reside in Holden.

2003

Nate Webb to **Shevenell Mullen** on 5/19/07 at Matagamon Camps in northern Maine. They honeymooned in Belize and reside in Alberta, Canada.

Jason Peet to **Kristin Dilworth** on 5/26/07 on the coast of Maine.

2004

BJ Parkin to Sara Wilson on 9/20/08 in Pittston. They took a wedding trip to Florida and live in Gardiner.

Heidi McGinn to Bradley Harris on 6/28/08 in Howland. They spent their honeymoon in Virginia Beach and reside in Howland.

Peter Gilbert to **Sarah Haley Collins '06** on 5/31/08 in Rumford. They honeymooned in North Conway, NH, and live in West Lafayette, IN.

Scott Howard Hainer to **Jamie Lynn Morin '05** on 9/20/08 in Hinckley. They took a wedding trip to Orlando and live in Standish.

Kristy Lynn Palmer to Andrew Gordon Bishop on 5/24/08 in Bethel. They honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Carrabassett Valley.

Noelle Richard to Jeffrey Gallant on 10/18/08 in Ellsworth. They

Weddings

honeymooned at the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas and reside in Saco.

2005

Cathy Emerton to Joshua Sargent on 10/18/08 in Bucksport. They reside in Franklin.

Christie Dube to **William Reichl** on 5/23/08 in Biddeford. They live in Arundel.

Heather Mary Gilmore to **Terence Peter Tyler, Jr.** on 8/9/08 in Carrabassett Valley. They honeymooned at Niagara Falls in Canada and reside in Sanford.

Michael Daniel Keep to Sarah Faith Cooper on 11/22/08 in Falmouth. They took a wedding trip to Burlington, VT, and live in Portland.

Kara Geaghan to **Jonathan Jones** on 9/6/08 in East Orrington. They honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii, and reside in Orrington.

Allison Elizabeth Kelly to **Nicholas Quong Charles** on 9/27/08 in Rangeley. They took a wedding trip to Quebec City and live in Bath.

2006

William Gove, Jr. to **Sheridon Littlefield '07** on 8/8/08 in Brunswick. They took a honeymoon trip to St. Lucia and reside in Philadelphia, PA.

Justin Alley to **Sarah Warren '07** on 8/15/08 in Assonet, MA. They honeymooned in St. Lucia and reside in Bangor.

Caleb Keith Curtis to Laura Leigh Bragdon on 8/30/08 in Brewer.

Kari Lynn Redding to Toby Christopher Cole on 8/2/08 in Calais. They traveled to Mexico and live in Orono.

Sarah Rose Bennis to **Benjamin Chester Jamo** on 7/5/08. They live in North Redding, MA.

Melissa Kahl (G) to Dave Dyson on 5/17/08 in Virginia Beach, VA.



Class of 2003 members Nate Webb and Shevenell Mullen were married on May 19, 2007, at Matagamom Camps in northern Maine. They are both wildlife biologists now living in Alberta, Canada.



Justin Alley '06 and Sarah Warren '07 were married on August 15, 2008, in Assonet, MA. They currently live in Bangor, where Justin is a registered nurse. Sarah has been attending floral design school in Boston.

They took a wedding trip to Mexico and live in Virginia Beach.

Eric Ham to **Stephanie Bowring '07** on 6/14/08 in Ashland. They traveled to Negril, Jamaica, and live in Vassalboro.

Jacob Moore to Crescent M. Lopez on 8/26/08 in Las Vegas, NV. They spent their honeymoon in Las Vegas and Petersburg, AK, and live in Wasilla, AK.

Steven Barter to Melissa Burnham on 7/26/08 in Newry. They took a trip to Beaver Creek, CO, and live in Lewiston.

2007

Sarah H. Mathes to **Ryan M. Hross** on 8/2/08 in Hebron, NH. They took a trip to St. Maarten and live in Hampden.

Erin Marie Gray to Bryan James Hobart on 11/8/08 in Plymouth. They live in Bath.

Lindsey Nicholson to **Jason Jendrasko** on 6/21/08 in Orono. They live in Boston.

2008

Raynold Leigh Paine to Samantha Holt on 9/13/08 in Skowhegan. They took a wedding trip to Hawaii and live in Canaan.

Steven Carr, Jr. to Kristie MacIlroy on 6/14/08 in Bangor. They took a Caribbean cruise and also went to Las Vegas. They reside in Bangor.

Heather Marie Surette to **Benjamin Matthew Zmistowski** on 8/9/08 in Old Town. They honeymooned in Mexico and live in Philadelphia.

William Gove '06 and Sheridan Littlefield '07 were married on August 8, 2008, in Brunswick. All of the groom's wedding party are UMaine grads. To the right of William are: Zachary Moody '07, Jon Sirios '06, Christopher Shinay '06, Jon Mason '04, and Nicholas Littlefield '09. Both of William's grandparents, Roy '52 and Eleanor Byron Gove '53, as well as Sheridan's dad, Blaine '79, are also alumni.

William was a Beta brother and a Senior Skull and Sheridan was an Alpha Phi sister and a member of All Maine Women. The couple is currently living in Philadelphia where they are both attending optometry school.



Lindsay Lawrence '99 was married to Markus Videnieks on August 9, 2008, at the Blair Hill Inn on Moosehead Lake in Greenville. They spent their honeymoon in Anguilla and now reside in Washington, D.C., where both work as lobbyists.

UMaine alumni in the wedding party included Kendra Asselin Mehring '99 (at far right), and Aditi Davare Deeg '99 (second bridesmaid from left).



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Deaths

Unless otherwise indicated, all locations listed are in Maine. Also, sometimes we are not notified about alumni deaths in a timely manner. Death notices from more than five years ago are not listed in the magazine. However, our online obituaries at mainealumni.org include all alumni deaths of which we are aware.

1929

Joseph Mariner Thompson, 100, of Aiken, SC, on 11-21-08.

1931

Barbara Simms Hunt, 98, of Boca Raton, FL, on 9-30-07.

1932

Geraldine E. Chase Lovering, 96, of Vashon, WA, on 9-11-08.

1933

William Bruce Ashworth, 92, of Overland Park, KS, on 8-3-06.

Grace Adams Quarrington

Corey, 96, of Portland, on 1-10-09.

Alvin Abraham Hoffman, M.D., 97, of York, on 9-15-07.

Annie "Mustard" Petrone Ansurs Lee, 95, of Tifton, GA, on 3-3-09.

Herbert Webster Lewis, 98, of Marston Mills, MA, on 1-24-09.

Raymond Franklin Newell, 96, of Eastbourne, United Kingdom, on 12-31-08.

1934

Rosalie Barbara Eaton Marsh, 94, of Brookfield, CT, on 11-11-05.

1935

Hope Greenlaw Akeley, 95, of Presque Isle, on 3-12-09.

Rachel "Ray" Katherine Wallace Currie, 95, of Tampa, FL, on 1-1-09.

Shirley "Hatchie" Libby Hatch Griffin, 96, of Shirley, MA, on 2-19-09.

John Newcomb Hamilton, 94, of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, on 2-28-09.

Arthur Gordon Mintz, 96, of Boynton Beach, FL, on 1-8-09.

Esther Olive Tuck Noyes, 95, of Augusta, on 3-15-09.

Basil "Joe" George Staples, 94, of Rochester, NY, on 12-4-08.

Florence Harriet Sias Whitman, 93, of Turner, on 9-24-06.

1936

Claire Curtis Saunders

Basil "Joe" G. Staples, Class of 1935, '36G



Max Burry '57 (right) presents the Black Bear Award to Basil in 1991.

to his alma mater included the establishment of the Staples Lecture Series in the department of biochemistry and the Basil G. and Jeanette M. Staples Student Work Experience Fund. Basil also served for many years as the Class of '35 correspondent. In 1991, he was presented with the alumni association's Black Bear Award.

Loyal UMaine alumnus Basil Staples, 94, of Rochester, New York, died on December 4, 2008. He retired in 1979 from a long career in research for Pfaunder Company. His professional accomplishments included four patents and being a Fellow in the American Ceramic Society. After retiring, he started a repair business and continued operating his 76-acre farm. His commitment

Ashworth, 92, of Overland Park, KS, on 11-23-06.

Gertrude Louise Murry, 94, of Orleans, MA, on 10-12-08.

Carroll Curatia Parker, 93, of Worcester, MA, on 6-4-08.

David Alexander Russell, 94, of Littleton, NH, on 3-28-09.

James Jacob Smith, 94, of Norridgewock, CT, on 10-26-08.

Fred Everett Winch, Jr., 93, of Concord, NH, on 5-17-08.

1937

Ruth Kimball Lord, 94, of Belmont, MA, on 1-18-09.

Naida Barrows Sanders

MacNaughton, 94, of Eastport, on 2-19-09.

Sumner Merchant Sapiro, D.D.S., 90, of Tampa, FL, on 9-29-06.

Barbara Lucille Stover Van DeBogert, 94, of Bangor, on 12-19-08.

1938

Sidney Ernst Ames, 92, of Weirs Beach, NH, on 1-29-09.

Mary Louise Wright Donnini, 92, of Cumberland, on 1-1-09.

Hyman Sidney Glass, 90, of Needham, MA, on 10-28-06.

Robert Sylvanus Hussey, 92, of St. Augustine, FL, on 3-23-09.

Arthur "AG" Grant Smith, 93, of Bellingham, WA, on 2-12-09.

1939

Charles Louis Blanchard, 91, of Streetsboro, OH, on 11-19-07.

Alice "Skeets" Rowena

Richardson Durgin, 92, of St. Petersburg, FL, on 3-13-09.

Jay Schooling Gashwiler, 92, of Bend, OR, on 6-13-05.

Clayton Davis Mersereau, 92, of Groton, MA, on 12-12-08.

Jean Cummings Sanborn

Mitchell, 93, of Stratford, CT, on 10-20-08.

Mildred Sutter Osborn, 91, of Presque Isle, 11-28-08.

John Franklin Raye, 90, of Simsbury, CT, on 3-5-09.

Madge Elizabeth Stacy, 91, of Concord, NH, on 11-28-06.

Lawrence Sylvester Staples, 92, of Concord, NH, on 2-6-07.

Philip Baxter Terry, Jr., D.O., 91, of Hingham, NH, on 7-23-08.

Frederick Roger Waterhouse, 93, of Aiken, SC, on 12-27-08.

1940

Garfield "Gar" Manning Arthur, 90, of West Falmouth, MA, on 3-28-09.

Earle Dutton Bessey, Jr., 90, of Waterville, on 11-28-08.

Virginia Keese Hardison Bock, 87, of Rolling Hills Estate, CA, on 3-6-07.

Myron "Deke" Stewart Gartley, 90, of Presque Isle, on 1-5-09.

Joseph "Jazzzer" Leonard

Harrington, 90, of Monmouth, on 4-3-09.

Hugh Paterson MacKay, 90, of Winter Harbor, on 3-20-09.

Helen Althea Warner Mandel, 91, of Shaker Heights, OH, on 11-5-08.

Theodore Norris Mitchell, 89, of Indian Island, on 2-8-09.

Orin Francis Perry III, 90, of Portland, on 11-15-08.

Alice "AA" Ann Donovan

Poeppelmeier, 90, of Kennebunk, on 3-16-09.

Wayne Fonda Shipman, Jr., 93, of Wolfeboro, NH, on 1-6-09.

Donald "Sparkie" Tennyson Sparks, 89, of New London, NH, on 11-24-08.

1941

Elizabeth Payson Grant Adams, 89, of Westborough, MA, on 12-3-08.

Dora "Peg" Brown West Blake, 90, of Sarasota, FL, on 1-3-09.

Laurence Arthur Cooper, 89, of Upton, MA, on 12-9-08.

Margaret "Beth" Elizabeth Trott Downs, 88, of Mineral Wells, TX, on 3-9-07.

Keith Navarre Gallagher, 88, of Marietta, GA, on 12-8-07.

Ralph "Hig" M. Higgins, 91, of Lawrenceville, NJ, on 3-27-09.

Margaret Louise Jones

Johnson, 89, of Johnson City, TN, on 3-22-09.

Frank Henry Kneeland, 85, of Napa, CA, on 5-26-07.

Constance Fanny Philbrook

Leger, 89, of Shelburne, NH, on 1-13-09.

Robert Nelson Lundberg, M.D., of Annisquam, MA, on 11-18-08.

Earl Roy Lush, 92, of Kennebunk, 1-26-09.

James Robert Marshall, 93, of North Windham, on 11-12-07.

Cooper Milliken, 90, of Stillwater, on 2-4-09.

Harold Falle Rheinlander, M.D., 88, of Weston, MA, on 4-29-08.

Julia "J. Alice" Alice Smith, 90, of Orono, on 3-25-09.

Owen "Snuffy" Halbert Smith, 88, of Presque Isle, on 4-28-09.

1942

Charles Garnett Cox, 83, of San Antonio, TX, on 6-14-04.

Maynard Gardner French, 87, of Greensboro, NC, on 11-27-07.

Francis "Gug" Louis Gallant, 85,

of Cincinnati, OH, on 1-21-06.

Leonard Cornelius Glen, Jr., 88, of Tucson, AZ, on 1-23-08.

Eleanor Lou Gleason McAllister, 87, of Union, on 3-20-09.

Robert Edward O'Keefe, 89, of Old Town, on 3-5-09.

George Francis Piper, 84, of Baltimore, MD, on 2-27-05.

Daniel Cogswell Roberts II, 88, of O'Fallon, MO, on 5-12-08.

Roosevelt "Sugar" Theodore Susi, 89, of Pittsfield, on 2-25-09.

1943

Walter Hugh Brady, 88, of Salem, NH, on 7-14-08.

Samuel Houston Brown, 90, of Lakewood, WA, on 1-19-09.

Gilbert Mason Carlson, 88, of Hallowell, on 4-1-09.

Eben Littlefield Elwell, 88, of Bath, on 3-20-09.

Glen Alan Hawkins, 87, of Redding, CA, on 12-20-08.

Ruth "Judy" Elizabeth Eastman Lee, 88, of Augusta, on 1-8-09.

William James Morrison, 88, of Augusta, on 1-27-09.

Charles Henry Parker, 87, of Pitman, NJ, on 12-1-05.

Wentworth "Doc" Henry Schofield, Jr., 87, of Anza, CA, on 8-21-08.

Robert Howes Soderberg, 87, of Pawcatuck, CT, on 11-26-08.

James Edward Talbot, 92, of Long Beach, CA, on 1-13-09.

1944

George Walter Banton, D.M.D., 88, of Island Falls, on 3-28-09.

Burke Bradbury, Jr., 86, of Eagleville, PA, on 10-14-08.

William Prentice Bronsdon, 84, of Huntingdon Valley, PA, on 7-16-06.

Robert Jacques Buck, 85, of Miami, FL, on 5-14-05.

Arthur Alfred Checchi, 86, of Silver Spring, M.D., on 1-14-09.

Alvena "Chickie" June Chick, 85, of Portland, on 4-18-08.

Louise Greenlaw Cambridge Clapp, 86, of Presque Isle, on 4-3-09.

Joseph Harold Dondis, 84, of Los Angeles, CA, on 7-2-07.

John McIntyre Forrester, Jr., 82, of Palm Coast, FL, on 9-11-05.

Waldo "Mac" McClure Libbey, 86, of Bangor, on 1-10-09.

Everett Franklin Whitney, 85, of Anacortes, WA, on 10-29-08.

Waldo "Mac" Libbey, Class of 1944

Much-admired electrical engineering professor and loyal alumnus Waldo "Mac" McClure Libbey, 86, died on January 10, 2009.

Mac started his career at UMaine right after graduation, teaching soldiers as part of the Army Specialized Training Program. He later earned his master's from MIT and his Ph.D. from Worcester Polytech.

As a teacher at UMaine, Mac was instrumental in starting a graduate program in electrical engineering and also initiated some 14 new courses. For his outstanding work, he became the first recipient of the Ashley S. Campbell Award. He was also very active in community musical and theater groups.

Mac also was an involved alumnus, serving as Class of '44 treasurer and as a member of the alumni association board. Just recently he endowed a professorship in electrical engineering.



1945

Pauline Virginia Dudley Beames, 85, of Paducah, KY, on 10-26-08.

Delmont Edward Clark, 85, of Brooks, on 7-15-07.

Charles Everett Furbish, 84, of La Cruces, NM, on 9-23-08.

Virginia Arlene Croswell Green, 84, of Concord, MA, on 4-22-07.

Philip Sheldon Leighton, 92, of Limestone, on 3-2-09.

Richard Macomber McFarland, 84, of Westport, CT, on 7-24-08.

Vincent Michael Perry, 87, of Clearwater, FL, on 1-3-06.

Robert Threlfall, 87, of Normal, IL, on 3-21-09.

Donald Manuel Valdes, 86, of Granville, OH, on 2-28-09.

Evelyn Arlene Gerrish Weeks, 87, of Lewiston, on 2-9-09.

1946

Charles Richard Burgoyne, Jr., 86, of Bar Harbor, on 3-29-09.

Robert Newman Fickett, 84, of Lunenburg, MA, on 10-24-08.

Ann Keyes Page Haggett, 82, of Damariscotta, on 1-7-08.

Louise "Perk" Elizabeth Perkins Stebbins, 84, of Winchester, MA, on 1-28-09.

1947

Charles Lidstone Carpenter, 83, of Augusta, on 3-9-09.

Archie "Ray" Raymond Clark,

83, of Perris, CA, on 12-6-07.

John Russell Clark, D.M.D., 84, of Manchester, on 2-4-09.

Patricia Berry McKinley, 83, of Denver, CO, on 10-3-08.

Edith Jeannette Strout

Richards, 83, of Manchester, NH, on 2-6-09.

1948

Mina Lelia Sibley Benzie, 88, of Orono, on 1-8-09.

Charles Jennys Clark, 84, of Madison, on 11-19-08.

Malcolm "Mal" Oliver Colby, 86, of Gulf Breeze, FL, on 12-29-08.

Earl Radford Evans, 85, of Bonsall, CA, on 4-11-08.

Jean Anderson Hallett, 83, of Tampa, FL, on 9-27-08.

Philip Harvell, 81, of New Boston, NH, on 5-18-05.

Gerald Irwin Hermanson, 81, of Chestnut Hill, MA, on 1-21-08.

Francis Pinkham Hescocock, 86, of Dallas, TX, on 5-29-08.

Allan Evans Johns, 82, of Silver Bay, NY, on 11-13-08.

Martha Evelyn Leeman

Lermond, 82, of Brookville, OH, on 3-6-09.

Philip Leighton Sawtell, 84, of Sarasota, FL, on 7-25-04.

Joseph Ernest Sullivan, 82, of Brewer, on 2-7-09.

Frank Boardman Wood, 85, of Arcata, CA, on 10-12-08.

Clifford Arthur Worthing, 81, of Cincinnati, OH, on 12-21-05.

Fred "Zac" Zachowski, 83, of Fairfield, on 6-2-07.

1949

John Richard Carson, 83, of Boca Raton, FL, on 2-12-08.

George "Chad" Edwin Chadbourne, Jr., 86, of New Carlisle, OH, on 3-4-09.

Anthony Bandeira Cristo, 85, of Spring Hill, FL, on 11-26-08.

Jules Auguste Dostie, 85, of Punta Gorda Isles, FL, on 7-27-08.

Richard Frederick Eaton, 82, of Kennebunk Beach, on 1-24-09.

Robert Hale Eddy, M.D., 84, of Camden, on 3-16-09.

Roswell Earl Hubbard, Jr., 85, of Wayland, MA, on 2-16-09.

Mary-Abbie "Babs" Pulsifer Kilgor, 81, of Norway, on 11-26-08.

Walter Gilbert Lovely, 89, of Ames, IA, on 3-6-09.

George Wallbridge Perkins, Jr., 83, of Park City, UT, on 6-12-08.

Herbert Olof Peterson, 85, of Osterville, MA, on 4-20-08.

Lloyd "Shap" Pierce Shapleigh, Jr., 83, of Stevensville, MI, on 9-6-08.

Owen Winfield Southard, 84, of Beverly Hills, FL, on 3-24-07.

Robert Foster Wood, 88, of Andover, MA, on 10-28-08.

1950

Guy Leonard Bacon, Jr., 80, of Long Beach, CA, on 9-18-06.

Robert Walter Benson, 81, of Fryeburg, on 11-24-08.

Bernard "Berk" David Berkowitz, 82, of Newton, MA, on 10-23-07.

Frederick Lorne Branscombe, 87, of Lincoln, NH, on 12-28-07.

Charles Frederick Carlisle, 81, of Sorrento, on 1-15-09.

Arthur Hubert Crary, 84, of East Lansing, MI, on 12-28-08.

Mervin "Curt" Wesley Curtis, 91, of Moses Lake, WA, on 8-7-08.

Carli Nathaniel Fenderson, 85, of Scarborough, on 2-11-09.

John "JP" Peter Fournier, 83, of Beaverton, OR, on 5-15-05.

Sheldon Lewis Gray, 83, of Brooklyn, on 2-25-09.

John Edwin Greenlaw, 84, of Brentwood, CA, on 1-28-09.

Eugene "Gene" Powers Hart, 78, of Saco, on 1-23-07.

Deaths

Kenneth Linwood Holden, 88, of St. Petersburg, FL, on 8-11-06.
Howard Arthur Jensen, 94, of San Francisco, CA, on 1-7-09.
Lawrence Johnson Kangas, 80, of Bellingham, MA, on 11-27-08.
Edward Joseph McDermott, 88, of Goshen, NY, on 2-27-09.
Robert Sumner Ordway, 82, of Windham, on 6-24-07.
Alessandro Dominic Panarese, 83, of Portland, on 11-29-08.
Dudley Merton Pelletier, 83, of Pinellas Park, FL, on 12-28-08.
Warren "Perk" Thurlow Perkins, 82, of Houston, TX, on 11-12-08.
Norman Albert Powell, 85, of Carmel, on 2-19-09.
Donald Campbell Simpson, 81, of Derwood, MD, on 1-22-09.
Robert Smith Stevens, 82, of Portland, on 12-25-08.
Ashley Clary Thorndike, 84, of Chenango, NY, on 12-17-07.
Margaret Mary McDonnell Twomey, 82, of Wellesley, MA, on 9-18-08.
Jean Caroline Giberson White, 87, of Brooksville, FL, on 10-6-08.
1951
Paul Carroll Blackstone, 78, of Presque Isle, on 2-14-09.
Anne Gloria Lieberman Brookman, 79, of Sarasota, FL, on 12-15-08.
Robert "Bunk" Earle Bunker, 82, of Deerfield Beach, FL, on 1-11-09.
Thomas Deering Chellis, 81, of Portland, on 1-16-09.
Charles Edwin Collins, 83, of Winslow, on 1-6-09.
Brian James Dineen, 79, of Gardiner, on 1-13-09.
James Edrick Elliott, 81, of Camden, on 1-11-09.
Virginia Bronson Floyd, 87, of New Smyrna Beach, FL, on 5-29-08.
Carolyn Maxwell Hatch, 75, of Damariscotta, on 1-27-05.
Thorvald Frederick Hoy, 78, of Portland, on 12-2-08.
John Robert Pakulski, 81, of Fort Lauderdale, FL, on 2-3-09.
Arthur Edward Perry, 80, of Bangor, on 1-29-09.
Anne Marie Mehlhorn Pooler, 78, of Dewitt, NY, on 3-28-08.
Clyde Melbourne Spaulding, 79, of Waterville, on 6-17-08.
Emile "Touchy" Julian

Alice Ann Donovan Poeppelmeier '40



Alice Ann "AA" Donovan Poeppelmeier, from Kennebunk, died on March 16, 2009. As an undergraduate, she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, All Maine Women, and was very active in student government.

Despite being busy raising four daughters (including UMaine graduate Barbara Poeppelmeier Eretzian '73, '87G), working at

various administrative assistant positions, and living in states far from Maine, Alice Ann always maintained close ties to her alma mater. She served as Class of '40 class correspondent for the alumni magazine for many years and also established the Donovan Scholarship Fund at the University of Maine Foundation. For her dedication to the university and her class, she was presented with a Block "M" Award in 1967, the Black Bear Award in 1974, and the Golden "M" Award in 1990.

Theborge, 81, of Twin Maples Park, NH, on 10-22-07.
Daniel Nicholas Vivona, 81, of Lake Elmo, MN, on 6-20-05.
John Angelo Wallace, 81, of Winthrop, on 12-13-08.
Clyde Arlington White, 80, of Brooksville, FL, on 8-17-07.
1952
Remigio "Remi" Escalona Agpalo, 79, of Occidental Mindoro, Philippines, 2-08.
Walter Joseph Arseneau, 85, of Niceville, FL, on 11-29-08.
Frederick "Toothless" Eugene Carroll, 80, of Norton, MA, on 11-17-07.
Robert Earl Estabrook, 82, of Meriden, CT, on 3-22-09.
Lydia McCully Hamlin, 94, of Farmington, on 8-24-04.
Harold Eugene Kelleher, Jr., 74, of Brockton, MA, on 8-29-04.
Clarence Arthur Neal, 79, of Enfield, on 3-3-09.
Harrison "Horse" Lambert Richardson, Jr., 79, of Gorham, on 2-26-09.
Richard Lawrence Russell, 79, of Portland, on 3-14-09.
Joseph Gerard Vigue, 80, of Glastonbury, CT, on 10-14-05.
1953
Richard Norman Brown, 78, of Garden City, MI, on 8-14-08.
Randall Raymond David, 76, of Yreka, CA, on 6-9-04.
William "Guv" Ray Donnell, 77,

of Sedgwick, on 1-31-09.
Ora "Ding" Haskell, Jr., 77, of Winslow, on 12-15-08.
Richard Caswell McCrum, 86, of Portland, on 12-24-08.
William "Bud" Earl Penoyar, 80, of Ocala, FL, on 12-6-08.
Frank Edwin Pickering, 77, of Danvers, MA, on 3-3-09.
Elinor Horton Remillard, 73, of Loretto, NY, on 12-12-04.
Norman "Cardy" Robert Roy, 80, of Lewiston, on 1-26-09.
1954
Michael McMurray Boyd, 74, of Sacramento, CA, on 10-14-06.
John Berry Broshkevitch, 76, of Williamsport, PA, on 1-8-09.
Reginald Atwell Deering, 73, of Bellefonte, PA, on 1-26-06.
Alice Anne Costello Dillingham, 77, of Lewiston, on 11-21-08.
Emma Louise Williams Downs, 99, of Madbury, NH, on 11-19-06.
Philip Warren Foss, Jr., 75, of Weston, on 12-13-08.
Eben "Ben" Winthrop Freeman II, 80, of Portland, on 1-15-09.
Carl "James" Wentworth Hanson, Jr., 84, of Hyde Park, NY, on 11-11-06.
Stephen Louis Perkins, 75, of Portland, on 10-23-08.
Faith Marion Cauty Peters, 77, of Weston, CT, on 11-3-08.
Thomas Albion Pinkham III, 76, of Portsmouth, NH, on 2-2-09.
Anne Austin Plaster, 76, of

Bluemont, VA, on 2-20-09.
Donald Neil Rideout, 76, of Brandon, VT, on 1-16-09.
Gertrude Paula Goodin Sullivan, 87, of Bangor, on 1-27-09.
Paulyne Peterson Uhlenberg, 75, of Sacramento, CA, on 8-26-07.
Ashley Joseph Webster, 100, of Newburyport, MA, on 1-4-09.
Guy Eugene Wheelock, 78, of Kents Hill, on 11-22-08.
Wilbur Wallace Willey, 82, of Littleton, NH, on 8-14-08.
1955
Louis Anthony Agnello, 74, of Sun City Center, FL, on 9-17-06.
Franklin Arthur Bucknell, 75, of Denmark, on 1-27-09.
Peter Bellows Coburn, 75, of Ardentown, DE, on 11-8-08.
Hugh John Dougherty, 84, of Lakewood, NJ, on 1-12-09.
Ralph Coleman Hatstat II, 75, of Bristol, VT, on 3-2-09.
Richard Bruce Herrlin, 75, of East Hampton, NY, on 8-8-08.
Marylou Claire Flynn McDevitt, 73, of Lynn, MA, on 10-9-06.
J. "Butch" Davis Walker, 70, of Portland, OR, on 9-18-04.
1956
Donald Gordon Beattie, 72, of Brunswick, on 2-15-07.
Normand "Doc" Joseph Brochu, 72, of Rockland, on 6-24-04.
Richard Nelson Hamblen, 77, of Newark, DE, on 12-28-08.
Walter Joseph Morrill, 74, of Newmarket, NH, on 10-11-07.
Donald Edward Mott, 74, of Cary, NC, on 3-9-09.
1957
Mary Ella Ginn Averill, 74, of Bangor, on 3-13-09.
Donald Hendrick Culver, Jr., 77, of Fall City, WA, on 4-19-08.
Thomas "Rosy" William Eldridge, 73, of Bowdoinham, on 9-13-08.
Keith Wilfred Haines, 76, of Trout Run, PA, on 10-10-08.
Grace Brown Knox Littlefield, 91, of Searsport, on 3-21-09.
Richard Cardey Merrill, 73, of Queensbury, NY, on 3-9-09.
Rodney DeHaven Ross, 75, of Englewood, FL, on 1-9-09.
Walter Wyatt Shorter, 76, of Camden, AL, on 3-30-09.
Laurence Curtis Springer, 76, of Zephyrhills, FL, on 1-6-09.

Patricia Mae Kenerson Stanley, 73, of Nashua, NH, on 5-13-08.
Bradford Ernest Sullivan, 77, of New York, NY, on 12-31-08.

1958

Peter Harding Burbank, 72, of Wayne, on 12-19-08.
Harding Shaw Coid, Jr., 76, of Mobile, AL, on 4-11-07.
Arthur Irving Dodge, 76, of East Boothbay, on 2-10-09.
Joseph Francis Higgins, 73, of Portland, on 8-3-06.
Anne Peer Norton, 73, of Bucksport, on 2-21-09.

1959

Melvin Martin Adams, 83, of Bucksport, on 3-20-09.
Douglas Ralph Bowles, 74, of Huntington Beach, CA, on 11-9-08.
Josephine Shirley Challenger, 98, of Cincinnati, OH, on 9-24-07.
Douglas "Champ" LeRoy Champeon, 76, of San Antonio, TX, on 1-29-09.

Harry Laurence Connor, 80, of Old Saybrook, CT, on 11-15-08.
Douglas Eugene Emery, 66, of Melbourne, FL, on 2-15-04.

George Ernst Goodwin, 80, of Lehigh Acres, FL, on 8-6-08.

Donald Colcord Martin, 70, of Hershey, PA, on 1-10-07.

Kenneth Gage Michaud, 67, of East Hartford, CT, on 10-29-04.

David Ross Sweetland, 71, of Exton, PA, on 9-13-08.

1960

Jacqueline Ann Milliken Davis, 68, of Bettendorf, IA, on 1-22-08.
Dominique Robert Gagne, 79, of Bloomfield, CT, on 9-16-08.
Virginia Ann Merrill, 94, of Yarmouth, on 2-17-09.

Joyce Elaine Torrey Moran, 70, of Woonsocket, RI, on 11-30-08.

Christopher Brittain Russell, 75, of Damariscotta, on 12-24-07.

Marion Virginia Buck Simmons, 67, of Rocky Hill, CT, on 3-18-06.

Reynold "Ray" Joel Soucy, 73, of Fort Kent, 1-16-09.

Lawrence Edward Torrey, 79, of Bangor, on 2-9-09.

Gary Elmer Witham, D.M.D., 70, of Rockport, on 3-27-09.

1961

Joseph Brent Beaulieu, 71, of Watertown, NY, on 5-31-08.

Gerald Richard Finley, 78, of Shelton, CT, on 12-8-08.

Frank E. Pickering, Class of 1953



Deer Isle native and loyal UMaine graduate Frank Pickering, 77, died on March 3, 2009. Frank spent his entire career with General Electric Company, being primarily involved with military and commercial aircraft engines. Before retiring, he served as a GE vice president and later as chief engineer. Along the way, he earned numerous professional honors.

Frank was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity, where he served as vice president and president. At UMaine, he was also a member of Tau Beta Pi and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies. In 1958 he earned a master's in engineering from Northeastern.

Frank always stayed very connected to his alma mater. He served as president of his class, on the development council, and on the Senior Alumni executive committee. He and his wife, Clara, established the Pickering AMC Program Industrial Training Facility Fund. In 2003 he was presented with a Block "M" Award by the alumni association. He was also awarded the Distinguished Engineering Award and selected to the Francis Crowe Society Hall of Fame.

Joan McBeath Scarlott Lang, 68, of Hudson, NH, on 4-13-07.

Mary Elizabeth Rogers Leblanc, 69, of Center Conway, NH, on 3-15-09.

David Patrick Lonergan, 75, of St. Petersburg, FL, on 5-16-07.

Richard Martin Schade, 69, of Hallowell, on 11-24-08.

Donald Thomas Struck, 73, of Binghamton, NY, on 3-27-08.

Michael William Wood, 66, of China, on 12-8-04.

1962

Thelma Anna Stoner Becherer, 93, of East Quogue, NY, on 11-6-08.

Richard Thomas Dingwell, 63, of Nashua, NH, on 8-2-04.

Carlton Wallace Jack, 72, of Kennebunk, on 12-30-08.

Ronald Thomas Marcoux, 70, of Portsmouth, NH, on 11-20-08.

David Neil Parent, 69, of Harwich, MA, on 12-10-08.

1963

Dorothy M. Hechler Browne, 85, of Augusta, on 3-28-09.

Ulrich Paul Kalkofen, 74, of Powhatan, VA, on 1-2-09.

Margaret Hannah Roberts, 65, of San Francisco, CA, on 7-14-04.

Phyllis Marie Borzelli Saltus, 77, of Southampton, NJ, on 7-12-08.

Iona Madora Toby, 91, of Prentiss, on 12-9-08.

Patricia Ann Wade, 63, of Tulsa, OK, on 7-22-05.

1964

Lorraine Marie Beaulieu, 68, of Presque Isle, on 11-26-08.

Francis Carl Chavaree, 75, of Indian Island, on 3-22-09.

William Hermon Cook, 77, of Cape Elizabeth, on 1-23-09.

David Edward Distant, 70, of Loveland, CO, on 8-1-08.

Elizabeth Maxine Haskell, 65, of Corpus Christi, TX, on 3-1-08.

Peter Scott Keene, 68, of Gloucester, VA, on 4-16-08.

Elmer Herbert Lyons, Jr., 78, of Hanover, on 4-1-09.

John Brian MacMillan, 66, of Lunenburg, MA, on 1-13-09.

Austie Meyers Mayberry, 87, of Royalton, VT, on 11-13-08.

Pamela Ruth Fitzgerald Pound, 63, of Vista, CA, on 2-8-05.

Mahlon "Mike" Keith Worcester, 67, of Torrington, CT, on 3-25-09.

1965

Leland Eugene Booker, 79, of Saline, MI, on 4-18-06.

Richard Charles Churchill, 64, of Fayette, on 3-4-08.

Arden Edward Doak, 91, of NB, Canada, on 4-20-07.

Frances "Frankie" Benedict

Graham, 88, of Bangor, on 12-3-08.

Elizabeth Beach Kinney, 86, of St. George, on 1-2-09.

John Francis Moroney III, 66, of Randolph, VT, on 10-27-08.

Annie Mae Rhodes Ross, 92, of Owls Head, on 3-30-09.

1966

Leonard Joseph Abbadessa, 65, of Palm Beach, FL, on 9-24-08.

Marion Philbrook Alden, 93, of Searsport, on 2-22-09.

John Raye Bishop, of Eastport, on 1-12-09.

Roland Charles Boardman, 68, of Manassas, VA, on 3-7-09.

Phyllis Kennedy Brown, 99, of Portland, on 1-5-09.

Frances Marian Hibbard

Coulombe, 64, of Auburn, on 12-21-08.

David Walter Hanaburgh, 62, of Buchanan, NY, on 9-15-06.

Norman Lee Hawes, 67, of Seal Harbor, on 11-24-08.

1967

Bernice Nutt Crockett, 92, of West Rockport, on 2-28-09.

Jeanette Erdine Gustin, 71, of Saugerties, NY, on 3-19-09.

Peter Benton Mercier, 64, of Hallowell, on 12-7-08.

1968

Girard Francis Oliva, 89, of Dedham, MA, on 12-6-08.

James Reginald Pellerin, 62, of Fairfield, on 2-28-09.

Arthur Alden Stilphen, 66, of North Belgrade, on 2-21-09.

1969

Lynn Davis Fotter, 61, of Stratton, on 2-13-09.

Patricia Claire Lavoie Grenier, 60, of Lewiston, on 5-30-08.

Frederick Otis Pratt III, 70, of Bangor, on 2-17-09.

Eleanor Ewing Long Simmons, 61, of Austin, TX, on 10-3-08.

1970

Stephen Earle Barton, 62, of Orange, CA, on 1-24-09.

Constance Elaine Adams Bronson, 87, of Bangor, on 2-16-09.

Evelyn Jeannette Chaddon Conover, 61, of Scarborough, on 11-30-08.

Madeline Frances Ellsworth, 92, of Bangor, on 2-26-09.

Esther Kennedy Fowler, 87, of Searsport, on 1-16-09.

Deaths

Winston "Win" Wilbur Grant, 61, of Somerville, on 12-14-08.
Joseph Bernard Meierdirks, Jr., 86, of Dayton, OH, on 3-3-07.
Lila Garland Small, 90, of Litchfield, on 2-1-09.
Paul "Randy" Randolph Walker, 70, of Gardiner, on 1-15-09.
1971
Barry Michael Burnell, 57, of Ellsworth, on 12-27-08.
James William Emerson Cook, 59, of Grand Isle, on 12-18-08.
Harlan Grant Correll, 81, of Robinson, IL, on 5-19-08.
Robert Daniel Dunford, 60, of Palm Beach, FL, on 11-9-07.
Thomas Gallant, 90, of Wilmington, DE, on 1-29-09.
Joseph Alan Hamlin, 58, of Webster, NY, on 11-7-07.
Gary Ray Hazlett, 59, of North Ridgeville, IL, on 9-30-05.
Klaas Kent Hotham, 73, of Gardiner, on 3-1-09.
John Douglas McLaughlin, 79, of NB, Canada, on 12-4-07.
David Bruce Savage, 59, of Skowhegan, on 12-30-08.
Francis Waldo Skillin, 61, of Portland, on 3-11-09.
1972
Gerald Bosse, 59, of Levant, on 12-18-07.
Deborah Ann Beede Dalfonso, 58, of South Portland, on 12-19-08.
Richard Larry Desjardins, 59, of Auburn, on 1-28-09.
John Bernard McKeon, 61, of South Bristol, on 12-19-08.
Michael Glendon Meader, 55, of Wolfeboro, NH, on 11-30-05.
Norman Wallace Meldrum, 59, of Wilton, on 1-6-09.
Robert Blaine Moore, 58, of Rockland, on 12-1-08.
Donald Beckman Phillips, 73, of Bar Harbor, on 1-2-09.
John Randall Poole, 54, of Holden, on 10-4-05.
1973
David Leroy Buck, 68, of Lincoln, on 3-24-09.
Robert Alan Burnham, 60, of Poquoson, VA, on 2-5-09.
Thomas Martin Gallant, of Waldoboro, on 11-29-08.
Douglas Edward Greene, 61, of Rockland, on 12-6-08.
Vernon Rickert Lewis, 57, of King of Prussia, PA, on 4-3-08.

Douglas E. Emery Class of 1959

Highly decorated Vietnam combat veteran Lt. Col. Douglas E. Emery, 66, died on February 15, 2004, in Melbourne, Florida. Altogether, Doug served three tours of duty in Vietnam and one in Cambodia.

As an Airborne infantry officer, he led soldiers in some of the toughest battles of the war. He was wounded three times, including a head wound which resulted in problems later in his life. For his outstanding service he was awarded three Bronze Stars, an Air Medal, an Army Commendation Medal, and three Purple Hearts. Later he served at the Pentagon, in Turkey, and as a deputy post commander. He retired in 1984 after 25 years of service.



James William (Pfaffle) Parker, 60, of Salt Lake City, UT, on 12-4-08.
Barbara Jean Speirs Stevens, 58, of Silverdale, WA, on 11-27-08.
1974
Linda Joy Cox Baldini, 56, of Tacoma, WA, on 2-24-09.
Rosalee Cheryl Brava Cohen, 55, of Sharon, MA, on 12-30-08.
Randy "Rookie" Craig Collins, 56, of New Vineyard, on 12-12-08.
Everett George Grant, 82, of Cheshire, England, on 8-12-07.
Ruth Eklund Griffin, 84, of Cape Elizabeth, on 11-30-08.
Arthur Jay Lundevall, 80, of Union, on 1-25-09.
Virginia Grayce Harvie Powell, 86, of Damariscotta, on 2-5-09.
Steven Lloyd Sanders, 55, of Windham, NH, on 8-28-08.
1975
Ricky Francis Ewing, 56, of Windham, on 2-8-09.
Thomas "TK" Harrison Kimball, 57, of Gray, on 3-23-09.
1976
James K. Kowalick, 53, of North Bend, OR, on 6-18-07.
Michael William Mayhew, 58, of Brewer, on 1-12-09.
Deborah Stewart, 57, of Belfast, on 3-25-09.
1977
Richard Lee Hoddinott, Jr., 55,

of Wayne, on 3-10-09.
1978
Roy Alan Drake, 78, of Bronx, NY, on 8-21-08.
Theresa Khiei Felser, 49, of Lyman, on 5-20-08.
Ernest E. Piche, Jr., 63, of Warwick, RI, on 1-14-09.
1979
Normand Lamontagne, 52, of Lewiston, on 2-4-09.
Charles E. Monty, Jr., 55, of St. Petersburg, FL, on 11-20-08.
1980
George E. Arsenault, 52, of New Portland, on 3-22-09.
Audrey Ann McGee Mooney, 54, of Gray, on 3-6-09.
Richard A. Simpson, 48, of Bangor, on 2-10-09.
1981
John Adrian Mueller, 51, of Sinclair, on 12-19-08.
1982
Christopher Greed, 48, of Sparta, NJ, on 6-29-08.
Leo L. Matthews, 91, of Ellijay, GA, on 3-18-09.
William Charles Monroe, 62, of Winter Harbor, on 10-8-08.
Linda Donovan Ross, 59, of Keaau, HI, on 12-9-06.
1983
Louise Hvizdos Biggie, 67, of Castine, on 12-26-08.
Roselle Grace McTigue
Girismen, 89, of Bangor, on 2-13-

09.
Lee B. Mockler, 51, of Bangor, on 3-13-09.
Desmond John Oakes, 66, of Nashua, NH, on 6-25-08.
Kathleen Burton Snell, 47, of San Antonio, TX, on 1-13-09.
1984
Michael L. Abelson, 42, of Clifton Park, NY, on 3-2-05.
Robert Arthur King, 66, of Brewer, on 3-27-09.
1985
Nancy May Wilcox Wales, 45, of Austin, TX, on 3-24-09.
Joanne Mary Welch, 57, of Bangor, on 4-2-09.
1986
Ira Martin Lipsky, 61, of Loch Sheldrake, NY, on 6-15-08.
1987
Kenneth J. Goodale, 61, of Newton, MA, on 12-5-08.
1988
Elizabeth Luce Love, 63, of Machias, on 2-23-09.
1990
Channing R. Waldo, 45, of Lincoln, NH, on 10-30-07.
1993
William Adams Gormely, 67, of Hampden, on 3-20-09.
Richard Stone, 58, of Hope, on 9-20-06.
1994
Rhonda J. Mitchell Frey, 53, of Indian Island, on 2-8-09.
Mary Dianne Donahue Todd, 59, of Augusta, on 1-15-05.
1995
Robert J. Aronson, 83, of Brewer, on 1-11-09.
1996
Silas Lawrence Brogunier, 37, of Bangor, on 12-21-08.
Beth Anne Foster Findlen, 56, of Falmouth, on 12-29-08.
1997
Erik Marc Daly, 32, of Portsmouth, RI, on 12-5-08.
2000
Joshua J. Pouwels, 33, of Penobscot, on 2-19-07.
2003
James Matthew Bauschatz, 32, of Willoughby, OH, on 3-17-09.
2006
Carly Kathryn Bunyan, 26, of NS, Canada, on 2-23-09.

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