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Be Well! Be a Black Bear!

Todd Saucier '93, '97G





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Maine Business School Selected Among the World's Best

The Paris-based international educational consulting organization Eduniversal has included the University of Maine Business School among its selection of 1,000 of the world's best business schools for 2009. It's the second consecutive year the UMaine school has received the honor.

Eduniversal has established a premier global database of higher education programs in economics and business education to help students choose among the best business schools in any country or region in the world.

The results of Eduniversal ratings testify to the recognition by international experts of the Maine Business School's influence and recognition internationally, says John Mahon, dean of the College of Business, Public Policy, and Health.



John Mahon

The Eduniversal rating system, in fact, ranked UMaine among the top 700 business schools, which places it in the top 3.2 percentile of the 22,000 business schools considered.

Mahon credits the quality of the Maine Business School faculty, staff, and students for the good rating.

"I'm certain that what helped elevate us to these ranks of the best schools on the planet had a lot to do with the international and experiential components of the school, from our faculty to the extraordinary high quality of our students at all levels. It's also our curriculum, which requires at least one international experience for our MBA students before they are awarded degrees."



Attorney General Eric Holder (left) with former Defense Secretary William Cohen

Attorney General Eric Holder Visits Campus

United States Attorney General Eric Holder traveled to Orono on October 23 as the guest speaker in the 2009 William S. Cohen Lecture Series. Former Defense Secretary and U.S. Senator Cohen introduced Secretary Holder, who addressed issues ranging from the Defense of Marriage Act and medical marijuana to closing the Guantanamo Bay prison.

University Receives \$1.3 Million for Wheat Research

An initiative by the U.S. Department of Agriculture called Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food includes \$1.3 million for the University of Maine to help identify the best wheat varieties for the region, develop high-quality grain, and evaluate innovative weed management systems. Research on winter wheat varieties is currently being conducted at UMaine's Rogers Farm in Stillwater.

The research group is being led by Ellen Mallory '07 Ph.D. of the UMaine Cooperative Extension, who indicated that the grant will also offer farmers networking and educational opportunities, including exchanges with experienced bread wheat producers in Canada and Denmark.



Mallory says that increasing demand for locally grown bread wheat represents a real opportunity for Maine farmers. But she notes that very little bread wheat has been grown in the region for the last 150 years.

"We lack the research and local know-how needed to produce grains on the bread market, especially using organic methods," she says. "Our project aims to increase farmers' ability to produce high-quality organic bread wheat for this expanding high-value market. The funds from this grant will allow us to conduct research on critical production issues."

Pete '66G, '67G and Ada Correll give \$2 million to UMaine.

Gift Gives Boost to Energy Research and Graduate Education

A \$2 million gift from University of Maine alumnus Alston "Pete" Correll '66G, '67G and his wife, Ada Correll, will be directed to four key areas. Those areas are:

- A new presidential chair in energy which will enable the university to recruit a leading national expert in offshore and tidal energy development. Together with UMaine's recent \$8 million federal grant supporting the development of this new technology, this gift will fortify the university's position as an international leader in the field.
- New graduate fellowships for each of UMaine's five colleges and scholarship funds in the department of ecology and environmental science.
- A new professorship in early childhood literacy in the College of Education and Human Development.
- An unrestricted "excellence" fund allowing UMaine president, Robert Kennedy, to address immediate priorities and enhance programs not covered by state funding, tuition, or endowments.



Pete Correll

"This gift represents a landmark moment for UMaine," Kennedy said, "and we look forward to using it to reinforce the institution's vital role as the state's research and graduate education university."

The Corrells are well known for their philanthropy in the Atlanta, Georgia, area. They were recently recognized as Philanthropists of the Year by the Atlanta chapter of the Association for Fundraising Professionals.

"It's so much more fun to give money away than it is to earn it," Correll said in presenting the gift. "It makes us feel really good if we can have an impact on a certain number of people and give them a chance they wouldn't have

had otherwise. That's as good a feeling as you can have in life."

Correll is currently chair of Atlanta Equities, a new company he founded. He recently retired from a 40-year career as a highly respected and visionary leader in the forest products industry. Under his leadership, Georgia-Pacific became a global consumer-product powerhouse.

Six Inducted into UMaine Sports Hall of Fame

THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE inducted six new members into its Sports Hall of Fame on October 31.

Among those inducted were five former University of Maine athletes and one former coach, Joanne P. McCallie.

McCallie, who now heads the women's basketball team at Duke, led the Black Bears to six NCAA appearances during her eight years as head coach. She was conference coach of the year three times and compiled an overall record of 167-73 while at UMaine.

Also inducted were:

Hockey player Keith Carney '92 who was a first-team All-American for the Black Bears and helped lead his team to two Frozen Four appearances. He played on the U.S. Olympic team and played in



Former UMaine coach Joanne McCallie (left) was honored before the Duke/UMaine women's basketball game on December 21. Among the 3,700 people applauding McCallie at the Alfond was current UMaine coach Cindy Blodgett '97. (Bangor Daily News photo.)

over 1,000 National Hockey League games over 17 seasons. He retired in 2008.

Brad Colton '84 batted .355 during four years with 23 homers and 143 runs batted in. He helped lead the Black Bears to three

College World Series appearances. He was a third-team All-American in 1981 and was NCAA Regional Most Valuable Player in 1983.

Roger Lapham '79 played four seasons of UMaine basketball and ranks sixth on the school's all-time scoring list. After his basketball career, he played a year of football and led UMaine in receptions.

Swimmer Krystal Fogler '02 is the UMaine record holder in four different events and won eight America East titles. She was the team's most valuable swimmer three times.

William Calkin '55, '60G was a four-year letter winner in track and served as captain of the indoor and outdoor teams. He holds numerous school records and was a multi-time winner at the Yankee Conference Championships.

Legendary coach, teacher, and administrator Walt Abbott '58 is honored by his alma mater.

50 Years of Mentoring University of Maine Students

It was a tribute to remember. Scores of former UMaine athletes, students, and colleagues poured into the Student Fitness Center following the Homecoming football game to honor Walt Abbott '58, '65G, the coach, teacher, and administrator who for 50 years at the university has inspired and positively influenced so many lives.

"I think you would be hard-pressed to find an individual on campus who has had a deeper impact than Walt Abbott," said current head football coach Jack Cosgrove '78, '85G. "Walt has been a mentor for so many people and his ability to touch lives in meaningful ways is what makes it special."

Walt, a former UMaine linebacker and offensive lineman, began working at the university in 1960 as an instructor and



Senator Susan Collins was among the many who honored Walt Abbott at Homecoming.

an assistant football coach. He became the head football coach in 1966 at the age of 30. He left that job in 1975 to devote time fully to teaching and building a campus-wide physical fitness program. Twice he was called upon in difficult situations to serve

as acting athletic director. Among his many honors is the Distinguished Service Award by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

At the event there were tributes from coaches, administrators, and officials, including Senator Susan Collins. But what meant the most to Walt was seeing so many of the people he had taught, coached, and mentored.

"It was an emotional night," he said. "To see so many of those folks, some whom I hadn't seen for 40 or more years, that was rewarding."

"There is a real bonding value in sports. The most satisfaction I get is to see how successful the people you helped have become, and how they in turn have helped others become successful. It's a bond that has stood the test of time."

Advanced Technology and Engineering Center Opening in Brunswick

A collaborative venture between the University of Maine and Southern Maine Community College will provide the southern Maine community with 11 engineering and technology disciplines currently offered at UMaine. The focus of the center will be sustainable energy systems, shipbuilding, composites, and precision manufacturing.

The Maine Advanced Technology and Engineering Center will be located at the Brunswick Naval Air Station. The center has been given a number of buildings which UMaine president, Robert Kennedy, said are in excellent condition but will undergo work to make them functional for an educational institution.

Kennedy added that in addition to



One of the several former Brunswick Naval Air Station buildings that will be converted to educational use.

providing educational opportunities, the center will help attract new industries and businesses to the mid-coast Maine region.

Specifically the center will:

- Support an incubator center in manufacturing, sustainable energy systems, and related industries.
- Expand existing support to compos-

ite and manufacturing programs.

- Provide seamless transfer programs from associate to bachelor's degrees.

- Offer master's degrees in civil and mechanical engineering and information systems.

- Partner with Maine Composites Alliance, Maine Manufacturers Association, Bath Iron Works, the University of Southern Maine, and others on innovation and product development.

While limited courses are now being offered at the center, enrollment is expected to grow to 2,000 students by 2014.

A bond package that will appear on the June 2010 ballot would allocate \$4.7 million for the project.

UMaine gets major funding for wind turbine research

A Stimulus for Offshore Wind Energy

The possibility of wind-generated electricity production in the Gulf of Maine gained ground recently when the University of Maine received two major grants from the federal government. The first, \$8 million from the Federal Recovery Act, will be used for the research and development of deepwater floating offshore wind turbines. An additional \$5 million for offshore wind research at UMaine had already been approved by Congress.

The grant will help fund two years of operations for an offshore wind test site with one to three turbines. Different designs will be tested to determine which best endures the harsh conditions at the lowest cost. The UMaine site will be located near Monhegan Island, off the mid-coast. It's estimated that the first test turbine will be operating by the end of 2011.

Two other sites, off Boon Island and Damariscove Island, will be open for testing by private industry. All three sites could also be used at some point for testing wave energy potential.

The university is leading a consortium, DeepCwind, that includes some 32 private and public entities who are involved in offshore wind development in Maine. UMaine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center (AEWC) will coordinate the design and construction of the floating foundations and test the prototypes. The private companies in DeepCwind will build the end products. The ultimate goal, of what could become the nation's first floating offshore wind



farm, is to produce five gigawatts of electricity by 2030. It is estimated that the project could also produce as many as 15,000 jobs in Maine over the 20-year period.

And the offshore wind program was given an additional big boost in early January, with the announcement of a

"Our vision is to put Maine in front of the country and the world in the development of deepwater floating offshore wind power."

\$12.4 million grant that will be used for construction of an Advanced Nanocomposites in Renewable Energy Laboratory (ANREL). The 30,000 square-foot addition to UMaine's Advanced Structures and

Composites Center will be the only facility of its kind to include complete development capabilities for designing, prototyping, and testing large structural hybrid composite and nanocomposite components for the deepwater offshore wind energy industry.

UMaine's AEWC is currently testing windmill components made from composite materials, which will be lighter and stronger than conventional materials. They will also be more durable and easier to maintain.

Research has shown that ocean winds are steadier and stronger and can produce more energy than onshore wind.

AEWC director, Habib Dagher, noted that the proposed offshore turbines will be located 10 to 20 miles from shore so

the visual impact on the landscape will be minimal—because of the curvature of the earth, they won't be seen from shore. He added that concerns about disrupted fish, whale, and bird habitats will be addressed in the study with the goal to overcome any environmental impacts.

Within 50 nautical miles of Maine's coast is the potential to produce 149,000 megawatts of power with offshore wind. That's the equivalent of more than 100 nuclear power plants.

"Our vision is to put Maine in front of the country and the world in the development of deepwater floating offshore wind power," Dagher said.

Maine Governor John Baldacci '86 is equally optimistic.

"We have a competitive advantage," Baldacci said. "We are perfectly situated close to the Gulf of Maine, one of the world's best wind resources."

A “Cool” Way to Spend a Summer Break

Two undergraduates get to conduct climate change research in Greenland.



Brittany Gilman and Stephanie Allard

Ask a student how his or her summer vacation was and you're likely to hear "cool." Well, for Brittany Gilman and Stephanie Allard that was literally the case.

In August, the two UMaine earth science students made the journey north to collect samples from the surface of the Greenland ice sheet. Working with professors Paul Mayewski, Andrei Kurbatov, and Doug Introne, they focused on the Younger Dryas, an abrupt climate change event that occurred roughly 12,900 years ago.

In order to try to determine the cause of the Younger Dryas, the two undergraduates traveled to the edge of the ice sheet near Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, and took over 500 samples for isotope and iridium analysis. Stephanie, who is from Woonsocket, Rhode Island, says they spent about a week collecting the samples and they are now analyzing them during the school year.

Neither Brittany nor Stephanie ever expected to have a hands-on research opportunity like their Greenland experience.

"It was such a surprise to find out that I would be part of a real research project, one that has the potential to really make an impact," Stephanie says. "Field and research experience at this point in college was completely unexpected, but one that was exciting and beneficial."

Both students believe that their work may contribute to our understanding of what causes abrupt climate change.

"It's really exciting to be part of something that is so important," Brittany says. "It's an indescribable feeling to think that what we are doing could have a large impact on the way abrupt climate change events, like Younger Dryas, are viewed by the scientific community."

Stephanie agrees.

"What we find out from this research, whatever it may be, will be important in some way," she explains. "It's really awesome to imagine that the discoveries made through this project could be the basis for new theories about how the climate works."

Brittany and Stephanie also agree that their valuable research experience enhances what they are learning in the classroom.

"Being able to see the ice sheet and glaciers, and the actual landscape they created is incredible," Stephanie says. "A textbook doesn't come close to illustrating the size or detail of any of the features we saw. I can use what I've seen and learned in Greenland in my classes, whether it's regarding geology, climate change, or just general field work."

New UMaine Resource on Climate Change

Recognizing the need for a centralized, neutral source of climate information specific to Maine, University of Maine Cooperative Extension and Maine Sea Grant have launched Maine Climate News at www.extension.umaine.edu/maineclimatenews. Produced in partnership with Maine climatologist George Jacobson, the site is intended to be a portal to local climate change science and research at UMaine and beyond, as well as a resource for news and climate-related activities.

"Climate change is a complex and dynamic issue, and it can be overwhelming. While much of our focus is on coastal climate change impacts, the information on the new site is also intended to provide useful information from our state climatologist to a broad audience," said project leader Esperanza Stancioff, a climate change educator at UMaine.

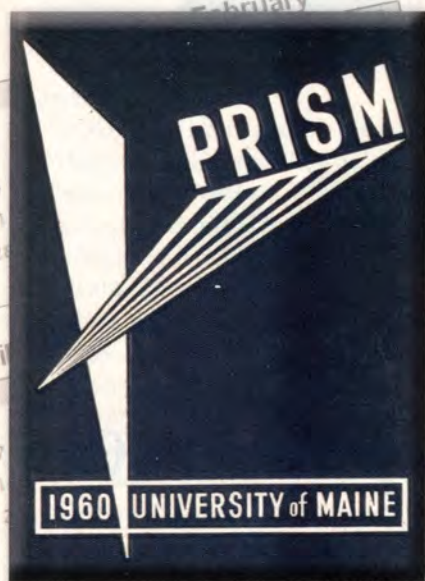
The site provides visitors with access to climate scientists, including Jacobson of UMaine's Climate Change Institute, who is also the designated state climatologist for Maine. State climatologists bring their scientific expertise and climate resources to serve the citizens of their states.

The Great Black Bear Auction is Coming

The fourth annual Black Bear auction, originally planned for Homecoming weekend, will now be part of Reunion weekend. Live and silent auctions will be held Saturday, June 5, 2010, at Buchanan Alumni House prior to the all alumni reunion banquet. The online auction will be available the month of May. Donated items include a kayak from Old Town Canoe, a gift certificate for a hot air balloon ride from Damn Yankee Balloons, fine Scotch beverages, several vacation getaways, and many Maine-made products. Check www.umainealumni.org for further details.

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-  Celebration of Life Memorial Service, remembering those classmates who are no longer with us

...and a whole lot more!

Updated schedules and additional information will be mailed in late winter, or check the Alumni Association website at www.umainealumni.org!

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Guaranteed fun, so be sure to join us!





Moving Forward in Tough Times

Many were disappointed by the lack of anything “transformational” in the new University of Maine System plan. Though limited by political realities, the System looks to serve a greater number of Maine people with significantly less state funding.

Chancellor Richard Patten-
aude likes to describe the
University of Maine Sys-
tem’s (UMS) new restructur-
ing plan as “bold.” But not
everyone associated with public higher
education in Maine agrees with his choice
of adjective.

The plan, *New Challenges, New Di-
rections*, is a response to a projected \$42.8
million UMS budget shortfall by 2013 (the
UMS annual budget is about \$600 million).
Approved by System trustees in Novem-
ber, following a period of public feedback,
the plan identifies over \$31 million in sav-
ings. It’s set to be implemented in June.

Although some have questioned the
boldness of the plan, few have a problem
with the overarching goals stated in the re-
port. They are to:

- Serve the changing and evolving re-
search, public service, and educational
needs of the people of Maine.
- Keep the cost of baccalaureate and grad-
uate education affordable for students by
moderating tuition increases.
- Implement efficiencies, organizational
changes, and further economies of scale

and bring spending in line with available
resources.

These goals are projected to be reached
by: the creative use of technology for both
programs and services; containing the cost
of compensation for UMS faculty and staff;
eliminating courses with low enrollments;
increasing student recruitment efforts; and
increasing cooperation and collaboration
among the seven campuses.

Pattenauode emphasizes that increased
use of technology is a particularly impor-
tant part of the plan.

“We’ll use technology to take courses
where people are,” he says. “Programs will
be available to people statewide. With cur-
rent technology, it’s easier to move a course
to a person than a person to a course. A
program should be available to everyone
in the state, regardless of where they live.

“That’s what is bold about this plan—it
clearly states that we will be driven less by
the needs of the university and more by
the needs of the state of Maine.”

High on the list of those needs, of
course, is economic growth, and the UMS
plan calls for emphasizing programs that
help the Maine economy, including a re-

newable energy teaching and research ef-
fort that will be led by UMaine president
Kennedy.

But the most immediate concern for the
trustees and the chancellor is the UMS fi-
nancial situation, which has been exacer-
bated by the state’s \$400 million-plus rev-
enue shortfall. As a result of that shortfall,
UMS has taken a nearly \$6 million (3.38
percent) cut as part of the \$63 million cur-
tailment order by the governor.

Earlier in the fall, UMS chair Lyndel
“Joe” Wishcamper emphasized the unsus-
tainability of the current UMS operation.
But he also stressed that adversity can
sometimes provide opportunity.

“We’re taking this occasion where we
really need to address our financial is-
sues, to also address how to get better as
a System,” he said. “The economics of our
System are essentially providing not only
the opportunity, but the necessity for us to
analyze and address all our ways of oper-
ating.”

How Will the Plan Affect UMaine?

When the first draft of *New Challenges, New Directions* was released last summer,

it was not warmly received by the UMaine community.

"When the document first came out, there was great concern about it not recognizing UMaine as being the driver of economic development and as being the state's land-grant/sea-grant institution. It was barely mentioned," says Cathy Newell, current chair of the University of Maine Board of Visitors (BOV).

The BOV wrote to and talked individually with UMS trustee members.

"We were heartened by the trustees' response," Newell says. "They recognized that they did not give enough recognition to the University of Maine's unique role in the System. To their credit, the next draft included that recognition."

But there remains concern on campus about how the UMS plan will affect UMaine's status.

"We are the legislated land-grant institution," notes UMaine faculty senate president Judy Kuhns-Hastings. "My concern is that we are going to be weakened academically because we will be disproportionately affected by the plan."

Kuhns-Hastings notes that the University of Maine has been very fiscally responsible through the years in maintaining a balanced budget.

"But that's not the case with some of the other campuses," she adds.

The faculty senate leader has expressed concerns about just how much of the brunt of the cutbacks will be taken by UMaine academic programs. She worries that those cutbacks will mean loss of programs, increased class size, and more difficulty in attracting top scholars and scientists.

One specific proposal in the plan that has worried the UMaine community concerns the UMS trustees' Strategic Investment Fund (SIF).

Chancellor Pattenaupe believes that the fund is needed to foster creative approaches for strengthening the campuses and increasing efficiency. It will be used to support new program initiatives as well as existing ones.

"That money comes back to the campuses and eventually benefits students," Pattenaupe says.

More specific criteria for dispersing SIF money will be released this winter.

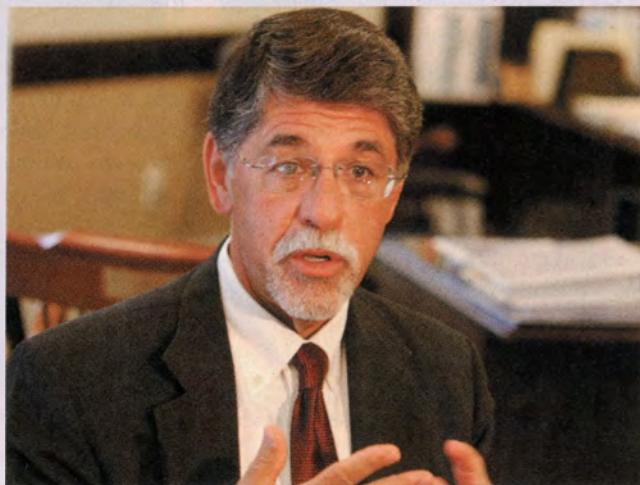
One concern, however, is that the Strategic Investment Fund doesn't have its own source of funding.

"In effect, the SIF monies will be taken from the state appropriations to UMS, which means it will reduce the amount provided to each campus," wrote alumni association board chair, Suzanne Hart '68, in a letter to the UMS trustees.

The Strategic Investment Fund was originally set to be \$5.4 million for FY10. After receiving considerable negative feedback, that amount was reduced to \$1 million for FY10 and to \$1.7 for FY11. By FY13 the fund would grow to \$5.3 million or 3 percent of UMS appropriations.

While the SIF reduction was welcomed by UMaine president Kennedy and other university leaders, it did not completely alleviate concerns.

"I'm afraid that the SIF will hurt the Orono campus disproportionately," says board of visitors chair Newell. "If the fund were available competitively among the campuses I would feel better about it because I know we would do well."



Chancellor Richard Pattenaupe (photo by William P. Davis)

"That's what is bold about this plan—it clearly states that we will be driven less by the needs of the university and more by the needs of the state of Maine."



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The formula for just how SIF money will be dispersed also concerns Suzanne Hart.

"A process should be developed whereby each campus is solicited for competitive proposals that are reviewed and recommended for funding by a neutral panel," she suggested in her letter to the trustees.

And many folks just feel that, in the midst of dramatic financial problems, the timing is wrong for a strategic fund.

"We are getting hit so hard by the budget shortfalls for the state, this isn't the time for that kind of spending," says Kuhns-Hastings.

But Pattenauode counters by noting that there is never a good time for strategic funding and points out that the first year's funding will come out of stimulus funds.

"If we are going to support change that benefits the campuses, then we need some investment funds for that purpose," he says. And UMS trustee Norman Fournier noted that the SIF is especially important in the current economic environment.

"Come hard financial times, that's when people will tend to pull back," he said at a trustee meeting in November. "You need at least some funding to do strategic investment. I'm glad to see we're sticking to our guns—to move forward, to look at things differently."

Size Matters

Another concern for many faculty members is the future of the smaller academic programs.

Art history professor Michael Grillo is supportive of a good deal of the restructuring plan, but he does think the trustees may be barking up the wrong tree when it comes to cutting small classes and programs.

"Eliminating a small program that graduates less than five students annually may actually result in much lower cost savings than would looking for greater efficiencies in some of the larger programs," he notes.

Grillo notes that some smaller programs cost the System nothing because the courses offered in those programs also serve much larger degree programs. Others may have minor costs, but their contribution to the academic fabric of the university would make their elimination "penny-wise and pound-foolish."

Grillo also believes that rather than

focusing on eliminating programs and redundancy of offerings, UMS should build system-wide intellectual networks that would build collaboration rather than competition among similar programs at the seven campuses.

"I hope we go in that direction," Grillo says.

Pattenauode offers reassurance to everyone concerned about the plan diminishing the University of Maine campus.

"This plan reaffirms the role of our land-grant campus," he says. "It calls upon the UMaine president to provide statewide leadership on a number of key issues and it emphasizes research and graduate studies for the future of Maine."

"We cannot have a healthy System or a healthy state without a strong and healthy land-grant."

Political Realities

When Chancellor Pattenauode appointed the New Challenges, New Directions task force last winter, he asked for the framework for "transformational" change. People who felt sweeping change was needed have asked why the task force didn't address some core issues.

"With due respect to the UMS trustees and members of the task force, the plan is neither transformational nor reflective of our state's economic challenges and economic needs," wrote alumni association chair Hart.

And in a guest column in the *Bangor Daily News* last July, former UMaine vice president Tom Aceto (currently a member of the board of visitors for the Machias campus) provoked a good deal of discussion when he questioned the need for a centralized System operation, citing several other larger states that function without a chancellor's office.

"The question is obvious," Aceto wrote. "If Montana, Idaho, and Arizona can manage without a chancellor's office, why can't we accomplish this and save most of the cost of operating such an office in the process?"

The solution, Aceto said, is obvious—without changing their names, consolidate the four smallest campuses (Fort Kent, Machias, Presque Isle, and Farmington) under the University of Maine and put the University of Augusta under the University of Southern Maine.

Judy Kuhns-Hastings says that the faculty senate hasn't called for the elimination of a chancellor's office, but that "it has stated from the get-go that there should be two hubs in the System—UMaine and USM."

She also questions why the UMS plan did not address making significant cuts in the System office.

Pattenauode counters by noting that UMS has been flat funded for two years and is currently looking at reducing its budget by \$600,000.

And as for Aceto's suggestions, he notes that such far-reaching proposals have been out there for many years, but are politically unrealistic.

"The last broad-based planning process was disrupted by the question of reorganizing the campuses," Pattenauode says. "This is a legislative issue rather than a university question. If we had raised such a politically complex and charged question at the start of the process it would have veiled our three primary goals. Looking at the political realities, any such plan would have been stopped dead in its tracks."

Those "political realities" may have disappointed UMaine advocates, but for most it means taking a pragmatic and hopeful approach to New Challenges, New Directions.

"Our first letter to the trustees asked for the possibility of a more transformational plan," says BOV chair Newell. "But they made it clear to us that was not the direction they were going to be heading. So where we are is an acceptance of the reality of the situation."

"The task force may have wanted to make more sweeping changes, but the realities of the situation got in the way."

Still, she remains confident that at some point there will be transformational changes in the system.

"But who knows when," she says. "And for now, working with the situation that we have in this fiscal crisis, well, we have more to gain by working cooperatively with the chancellor and the trustees."

—By Jim Frick

The UM System restructuring plan, New Challenges, New Directions, is available at www.maine.edu/chancellor/NCND.php.

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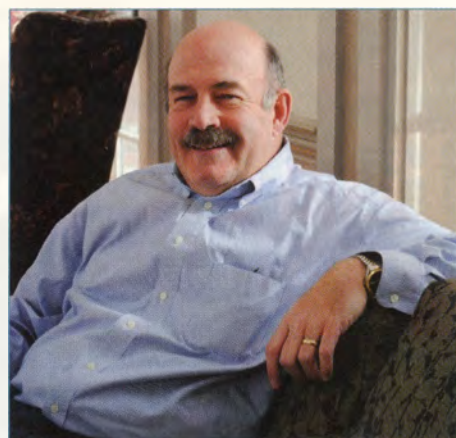
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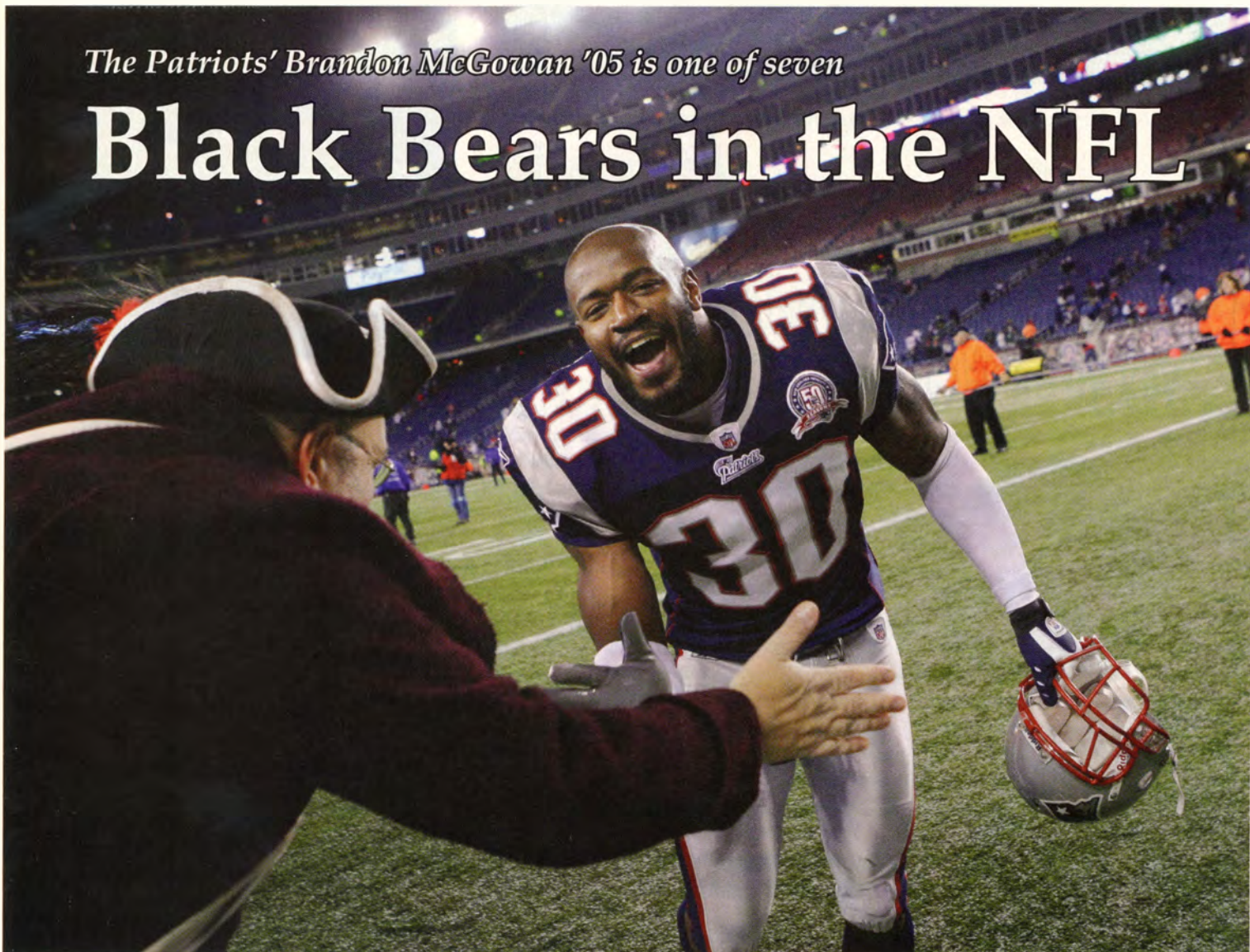
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The Patriots' Brandon McGowan '05 is one of seven

Black Bears in the NFL



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Jack Cosgrove's '78, '85G autumns are consumed by college football, so you'll have to excuse the University of Maine's longtime head football coach if he doesn't commit much time come Sunday to devouring the day's professional football entrées. "I actually don't watch [the NFL] as much as you'd probably think, at least during our season," said the affable Cosgrove, who recently completed his 17th season at the helm of the Black Bears program. "Maybe if we were in that league instead of the one we're in I'd have an excuse to watch a little more."

While his point is delivered with a wry touch—when you're a football coach, there's little time to be a football fan—the truth is that Cosgrove need not require an excuse to watch at all, for in one impressive regard his Black Bears are in the NFL. Seven former Maine players dot the league's 32 rosters this season, an impressive number for a Football Championship Subdivision team and the most among all current Colonial Athletic Association programs. Perhaps more remarkably, they are

By Chad Finn '94

not in the league as place-holders and roster fillers, desperately clinging to end-of-the-roster jobs that will inevitably go to bigger names with bigger physiques from bigger college programs. They're Black Bears, and they belong.

Among those Sunday-afternoon warriors who once called Alford Stadium their football home is a trio of helmet-cracking linebackers (San Diego's Stephen Cooper '03, Seattle's Lofa Tatupu '05, and Kansas City's Jovan Belcher '09), a special-teams dervish (Jacksonville's Montell Owens '06), and a bruising defensive end (the New York Jets' Mike DeVito '06). Only tight end Matt Mulligan '08, who is bidding his time on the Jets' practice squad, is yet to emerge as a regular on his team.

But perhaps foremost of the big-time Black Bears is a hard-hitting safety who emerged as a crucial contributor early during the New England Patriots' 2009 season. Brandon McGowan '05, a Black Bear from 2001-04 who has made a lasting impression on fans and ball carriers alike during his first season in Foxborough after four with the Chicago Bears, stands as the epitome of a UMaine player who makes the most of every opportunity he is given, and makes his own opportunities when he is given none.

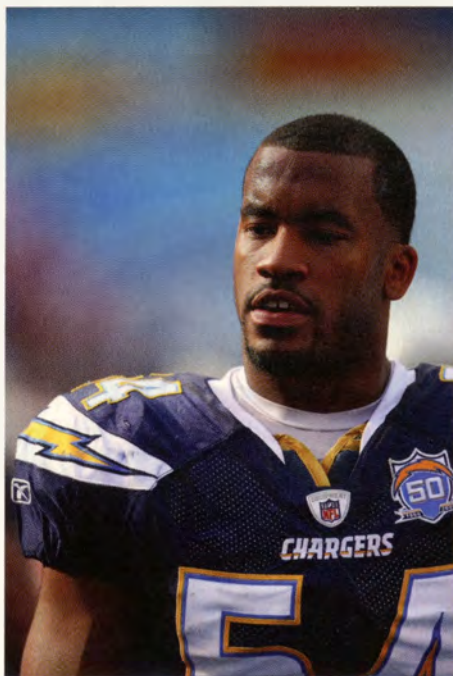
"Brandon's a very, very talented kid who has worked extremely hard and has taken advantage of every chance put in front of him, here and in the NFL," said Cosgrove of McGowan, an easygoing 25-year-old from Jersey City, N.J. "The same applies to our other players who have stuck in the NFL. Maybe they were under-recruited for whatever reason—maybe they were thought to be too small or slow, maybe they had an injury, maybe their coach had them at the wrong position—and they come here with a chip on their shoulder. Because there's less to do up here than there is at some other schools, they can channel their energy toward the game of football.

"We are where we are, and realize we're not always going to be the first school on the radar for some of these guys. That's always going to be a challenge for us. But an upside is that a lot of them get a chance to play earlier here, too. Brandon played right away, Tatupu (who transferred to national power Southern Cal after one season) did too. DeVito and Cooper played all four years. In the end, the UMaine

football program is the beneficiary, but the opportunity is there for players like Brandon who will work to seize it."

When Patriots coach Bill Belichick presented McGowan with his latest opportunity, bringing him to New England on a two-year contract as a veteran free agent this past offseason, Maine fans collectively applauded. For those not in the immediate know, however, McGowan wasted no time becoming a revelation, making a habit of shutting down elite tight ends (he held Falcons future Hall of Famer Tony Gonzalez to one catch in Week 3) in coverage while also demonstrating an uncommon willingness to stick his helmet into the trenches to stop the run. He started every game from Week 3 to Week 14, and

"Stephen Cooper told me I'd be a quitter if I left. I learned quickly he was someone worth listening to, and once I started vibing with my teammates, it felt like the right place."



AP Images/Paul Spinelli

Stephen Cooper '03 is currently an inside linebacker with the San Diego Chargers. At UMaine he was named the top defensive player in New England and was an American Football Coaches and a Sports Network All-American.

saw meaningful playing time no matter his role.

Belichick, who is not a man to waste words of praise on the unworthy, has had nothing but plaudits for McGowan's performance.

"Brandon's done a good job for us," Belichick said. "He had a great career at Maine, obviously. He's a tough kid, he really is a good contact player with good speed, good range, he's instinctive. He's a versatile player that brings a good competitive attitude and toughness to our team. I'm glad we have him."

It's a sentiment Cosgrove shared during McGowan's four years in Orono, and Maine's affection for him is reciprocated by the player. That became apparent to a national audience in the early moments during the Patriots' "Monday Night Football" matchup with the Indianapolis Colts in November. It is a popular "MNF" staple to have each starter say his name, position, and college during recorded lineup introductions early in the telecast. Some players from big-time universities have put their own fraternal twist on the tradition; products of the infamous University of Miami program simply—and perhaps smugly—refer to themselves as being from "The U." So it was with great delight when McGowan, a mischievous smile creasing his face, introduced himself that night as "Brandon McGowan, safety, the U . . . (pause for effect) . . . of Maine."

One could almost hear the roars of appreciation coming from campus.

"That was a nice little plug for the program," Cosgrove said. But McGowan says there was more to his motives. "It sort of started out as a way to tease Brandon Meriweather (a fellow Patriots safety who played at Miami)," said McGowan. "But it ended up being a way that I could show my love for my school. I know it's not the biggest place or anything, but I couldn't be prouder that I went there. I had great coaching, made some of my best friends to this day. I had to give a shout-out, because I wouldn't be where I am today without the great years I had there."

At first, it seemed unlikely to McGowan that he'd last four weeks in Orono, let alone four years. While Maine was the lone school to offer him a full football scholarship after he was limited to four games because of an ankle injury during

his senior season at Lincoln High in Jersey City (he still managed 11 touchdowns), the culture shock of his arrival on campus in the summer of 2001 had him immediately contemplating a U-turn back to New Jersey.

Orono was roughly nine hours and 475 miles from McGowan's home, but it might as well have been a different planet.

"I was so homesick, I almost left that first week," McGowan recalls. "It was such a different environment than what I was used to that I wasn't sure it was going to work. But situations like that, you just have to be an adult and adapt and you'll pull through."

The wisdom of teammates who'd overcome similar initial fish-out-of-water feelings helped convince McGowan to stay.

"Stephen Cooper told me I'd be a quitter if I left," said McGowan, who found a friend and mentor in the star linebacker, who upon graduation passed down his No. 4 jersey to the safety. "I learned quickly he was someone worth listening to, and once I started vibing with my teammates, it felt like the right place."

It helped that McGowan immediately felt at home on the field.

"He's very gifted, first and foremost," said Cosgrove, noting that he was an immediate contributor to the regular defense as a true freshman. "And that was evident right away. But he truly loves the game, and that's a big separator with players at every level. Passion puts some guys over the top. Brandon played and practiced with toughness and great instincts from the get-go."

Cosgrove wasn't the only coach who recognized the promise in McGowan. Torrian Gray, a former Minnesota Vikings safety who spent the 2000-01 seasons as the defensive backs coach on Cosgrove's staff, told McGowan following his freshman season that with the proper dedication, he had the potential to play at the sport's pinnacle.

"That was really when I first thought the NFL was realistic," said McGowan. "Torrian told me that if I worked hard, kept playing well, and kept doing what I was doing, I could play at that level. I figured he's someone who should know, so I just began working harder, trying to stay on that road."

But it was not an easy road, for injuries clouded his NFL dreams. During the Black Bears' stunning upset victory over powerful Appalachian State in a 2002 playoff game, McGowan, Maine's second-leading tackler that season (94), tore an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in his knee. It's an injury that requires surgery and months of rehabilitation. But on that day, McGowan refused to let it cost him a half. "He came into the locker room at halftime, obviously seriously hurt, and he said, 'I don't care what anyone tells me, I'm playing,'" Cosgrove said, his admiration still palpable in his voice seven years later. "He made us play him, pretty much. His toughness and determination are amazing."

McGowan returned as good as new during his junior season, playing in 11 games, making 85 tackles, and earning second-team All-Conference honors. His senior season, he was a first-team selection, and it was during the Black Bears unforgettable 7-6 upset of Mississippi State in September 2004—the program's first victory over a Division 1 opponent—when it really dawned on Cosgrove how truly special McGowan was on the football field.

"He was phenomenal, the best player on the field," Cosgrove said of McGowan, who finished the game with 12 tackles as well as one and one-half sacks as Maine held the Southern Conference opponent scoreless for the final three quarters. "It was one of those situations where you look at the film a little later and say to yourself, 'Wow, this kid is good.'"

Defensive backs with scars on their legs aren't coveted commodities on NFL draft day, and McGowan was not surprised when he went unselected. Again, he turned to his old friend Cooper—who was overlooked on draft day two years earlier but quickly found a niche as a free agent with the Chargers—for advice.

"I knew I needed a good agent to get a shot so I could show teams what I could do," McGowan recalls. "I talked to Stephen, went to meet his agent, Buddy Baker, and decided to go with him."

Baker soon got McGowan a tryout with the Chicago Bears, who coincidentally had recently hired an assistant familiar with his work, Torrian Gray. The Bears

signed McGowan, and he became the lone undrafted free agent to make their roster in 2005. But that old familiar roadblock—injuries—stunted his professional progress. Another torn ACL ended his rookie season after 14 games. In his second season, not long after returning from the knee injury, he tore his Achilles tendon in Week 2 and was lost for the year. His third season in Chicago was his lone healthy one, and in 15 games he made nine starts at both safety positions, recorded 80 tackles, and made enough of an impression that the Bears tendered him a contract as a restricted free agent. His good fortune and health did not last into his fourth season in Chicago, however; he suffered season-ending torn ligaments in his ankle in Week 2. It would be his last appearance with the Bears.

"He'd get more recognition for being the player that he is if the injuries would stop biting him," said Cosgrove, who last saw McGowan when they went out to dinner after a golf tournament in June. "He had the ACL injury here, than another with the Bears, an Achilles, but he keeps fighting back. He's a pretty determined kid, and the Patriots have gotten the benefits of that. I tell you, that's a great marriage of player and team."

Wait . . . was the ol' coach throwing out a little white fib when he said he doesn't watch much NFL on Sundays? "Nah, it's the whole truth," he says with a laugh. "Honest. Not a whole lot." But on those occasions when his remote control does settle on an NFL game, he cannot help but take pride when he hears a name that was familiar to him long before it became familiar to fans.

"I'll tell you, there was a day in November when I turned on the TV just in time to see Jovan Belcher make the game-saving tackle (in the Chiefs' upset) against the Steelers," Cosgrove mused. "Then I flip the channel for the start of the Patriots-Jets game, and there's Mike DeVito starting for the Jets and Brandon starting for the Patriots. It was like there were Maine guys, our guys, all over the place. You can't help but be proud of that."

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Sleeves in a Blanket?

Slanket inventor, Gary Clegg '01, tells his success story to University of Maine students.

On his company's website, Gary Clegg '01 tells the story of how the idea for his very successful Slanket was born in a dorm room at the University of Maine.

"One subzero night in 1998 during my first semester of college, I could not escape Maine's winter bite," he writes. "While watching 'Late Night with Conan O'Brien' I decided I needed to tear a hole in my sleeping bag so I could keep my upper body warm as I channel surfed during the commercial breaks. During Christmas vacation I commissioned the first Slanket to be made by my mother and it was born."

Clegg used the sleeved blanket all through his time at UMaine. When he graduated with a degree in communications, he moved around, from Brazil to Colorado, trying his hand at novel writing and later, making an attempt at acting in New York. But the possibilities for the Slanket stayed in his head and in 2004 he and his brother Jeff "set out to market the thing."

They started production in 2005 at a factory in Lewiston. Clegg also started what he terms "guerilla marketing tactics" which included launching a website, posting on



Slanket inventor, Gary Clegg '01 (left), speaks to UMaine students and faculty about the creation and development of his company. With Gary is his former UMaine roommate Nick Collins '02, a consultant to Slanket. (Photo courtesy of the Bangor Daily News.)

blogs, and a massive PR mailing to radio stations and magazines.

It worked. National media picked up on the Slanket story, leading to appearances on the "Today Show" and QVC.

"When I first appeared on QVC with the

Slanket, we sold 17,000 in 11 minutes," he noted. It soon became a multi-million dollar enterprise.

Unfortunately for Clegg, his business was recently hit hard by the introduction of a less expensive version of the Slanket called the Snuggie.

Clegg is philosophical about the Slanket idea being copied and losing its place as the top-selling sleeved blanket. He feels strongly that he is making the superior product.

"It's a free country," he said in one online interview. "No big deal. Some people have original ideas. Some people feed off those people. We'll move forward and stay true to our values of quality, integrity, and customer service."

The higher-quality Slanket is still doing well enough for Clegg,

who says starting the business was never about "accumulating mansions, SUVs, and expensive watches."

You can get more information or purchase a Slanket at www.theslanket.com.

William Brennan '77 to Head Maritime Academy



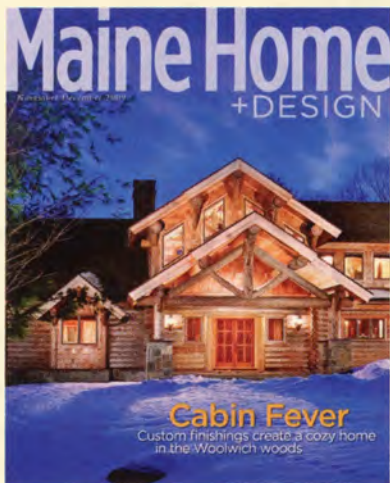
William Brennan '77, '02 Ph.D. was recently selected as the new president of Maine Maritime Academy in Castine. He is scheduled to take office sometime in May. He will replace current president, Leonard Tyler.

Brennan, who grew up in Castine, has held a long list of high-level environmental policy positions relating to oceans, the atmosphere, and maritime issues. He's served as the assistant secretary of the Department of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, as an administrator at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, as director of the

U.S. Climate Change Science Program, and as commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources.

"I'm humbled to be selected to lead the Maine Maritime Academy at this time in its proud history," Brennan said. "I'm honored to give back to the college which has given so much to me and my family over so many years. I'm gratified to have an opportunity to help advance the mission of the academy to prepare young women and men to become the global ocean leaders of tomorrow. And I am thrilled to move back to the town of Castine and once again become a member of the community where I grew up."

Brennan earned his B.S. in biology and his Ph.D. in ecology and environmental sciences from UMaine and a master's in marine affairs from the University of Rhode Island (URI). He has also received an honorary doctor of science degree from URI.



Custom Builder Steve Hooper Recognized by Maine Home & Design

For Steven Hooper '94, building a custom house is more than just good design and quality workmanship. It involves getting to know the owners.

"We never just draw up plans for a family without personally understanding them," he said.

That was certainly the case with the magnificent log cabin that Hooper's company built recently on Maine's Nequasset Brook. The house was featured on the cover of the November/December *Maine Home & Design*.

Steve, who majored in construction management at UMaine, began building homes with his father and brother.

In 1999 he and his wife, Jill Berryman Hooper '94, founded Hooper Construction in Bowdoinham. The company specializes in custom residential building.

In working on the log cabin, Hooper built a trusting relationship with the owners, who called upon him to modify original plans and do a significant amount of custom work.

"When the homeowner came in and told us it was better than she ever imagined, that's when I knew we'd done well," he said.

Image courtesy of *Maine Home & Design*.
Photo by Irvin Serrano

UMaine researcher David LaBrecque '79 is founder of Flexor Energy and inventor of Aeroflexor.

A New Concept in Wind Power

At the beginning of the UMaine academic year and in advance of special events, large banners are hung from two telephone poles at the entrance to downtown Orono.

Driving by the banners on very windy days, UMaine researcher David LaBrecque observed that in addition to the banners flapping in the wind, the poles were actually moving back and forth.

"That made me wonder about designing a wind energy system where everything was in tension," he explains. "I knew that tension was a key component in suspension bridges, allowing them to be built larger and at less cost than beam bridges."

David was aware that "flexible wings" automatically rotate in the wind. He also knew that energy can't be extracted from the rotating wing because it would twist up.

"But energy can be extracted from the oscillations at the endpoints as the wing rotates," he notes. "And just like the banners in Orono, those oscillations are strong enough to make telephone poles move back and forth."

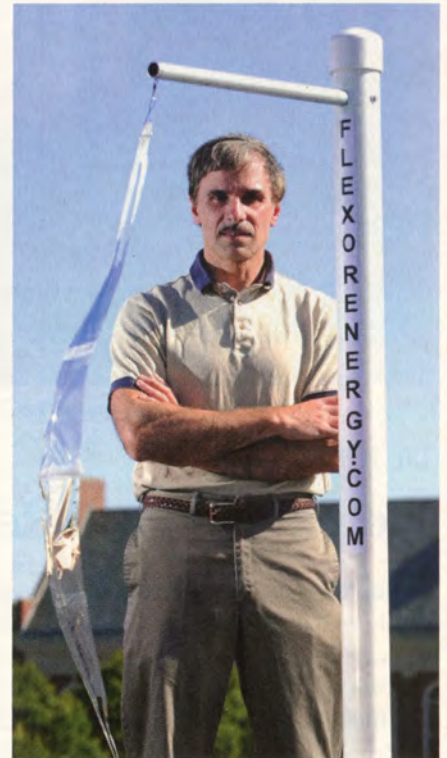
Such was the inspiration for the Aeroflexor, a revolutionary concept for harnessing the wind. The current small-scale models (see photo) work on the same principle as the Orono banners—energy is produced when a wing, attached to an arm and tether, flaps in the wind and causes the tether to move up and down. It can produce about three watts of energy.

David's company, Flexor Energy, is now selling the small-scale Aeroflexors from their website, www.flexorenergy.com. He says that product is still "at the hobby stage." He compares it to the very early Apple computers when people would use them and tell the company how it could be improved. "That's where we are."

But David also thinks there is great potential for larger scale applications of the Aeroflexor.

"There is an enormous potential here for research, new patents, and new applications," he explains. "We want to collaborate with colleges and industries on realizing this potential—systems for pumping fluid-like compressed air and water and versions of this technology that work in rivers and tidal lows. Work also needs to be done to increase the scale of the systems."

"We might be able to build systems on a larger scale that produce more energy at a lower cost than traditional wind turbine systems."





Bruce Leavitt with four of his Tamil refugee patients in Sri Lanka

Dr. Bruce Leavitt '77

Helping to Heal Refugees in Sri Lanka

It didn't receive a whole lot of media attention in America, but Sri Lanka only recently ended a multi-decade conflict—one that in its final stages created hundreds of thousands of suffering civilian refugees. On the spot to help those victims were volunteers from Doctors Without Borders (officially known as *Médecins Sans Frontières* or MSF). Among those volunteers was UMaine graduate, Dr. Bruce Leavitt '77.

Bruce, a zoology major at UMaine, is a professor of surgery at the University of Vermont. He spent four weeks last summer as one of two surgeons in an emergency MSF field hospital in Sri Lanka, helping the Tamil refugees in 105-degree heat and with the most basic medical equipment. Altogether he conducted some 85 operations for trauma and critical illnesses. One of those operations was on a man who had lost his left arm and left eye in a bomb explosion.

"I felt I had done all I could for him, and I told him I wanted to send him to another hospital so he could get reconstructive work done," Bruce recalls. "He told me he wouldn't go—that I was his doctor. When I left he came up and gave me a big bear hug."

Bruce has conducted surgery on other missions to Panama, China, and Russia, but this was his first experience with Doctors Without Borders. It won't be his last—the group, which treats victims of conflicts regardless of political or religious beliefs, has asked him to go on another mission in 2010, probably to Africa.

"MSF is a wonderful organization," he says. "I support it wholeheartedly. And I've always done well in difficult situations. I'm drawn to operating in remote locations with minimal support, helping people who would not otherwise receive medical care."

He adds that coming back to the U.S. with its high-level, advanced medical care takes a bit of an adjustment.

"But there is still the same doctor/patient relationship, wherever you are," he notes. "The people are so appreciative. I get more out of it than I give. It's a good feeling. And when I come home the small things don't bother me as much."

Ken Hodgkins '78 Heads Office of Space and Advanced Technology

Ken Hodgkins '78, '80G was the subject of a feature article in the July / August issue of *Aerospace America*. Ken, who earned a B.S. in political science, is currently director of the Office of Space and Advanced Technology in the State Department's Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Science. In that position he oversees an operation responsible for bilateral and multilateral cooperation in global navigation satellite systems, the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor, and nanotechnology. The office also represents the State Department in national space policy review and development.

"We are leading efforts to promote the use of the Global Positioning Satellite System for sustainable development and to enhance compatibility among similar systems planned or operated by Russia, the European Union, China, India, and Japan," he says.

Ken will also be leading an effort in the United Nations to develop best practices for space operations undertaken by governments and commercial operators.

"The number of actors in space has increased significantly over the past decade and there is recognition that we need a minimum level of responsible behavior in order to protect our space assets, including the Shuttle and the International Space Station."

After earning his master's degree in public administration from UMaine in 1980, Ken was selected as a Presidential Management Fellow and began work at the National Environmental Satellite and Data Service in its international relations office. He later became that office's director. In 1987 he moved to the Office of Space and Advanced Technology where he served as deputy director. He was made director in 2007.

Ken is married to Cynthia Williams Hodgkins '78.

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Alumni Activities



Joanne Bodwell Ferreira '73 (right) presents the Outstanding Alumni Award to Charlie '44 and Anita Cooper Stickney '44H.

Stickneys are Honored by Southern Maine Alumni Chapter

The University of Maine Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine honored Charlie '44 and Anita Cooper Stickney '44H for their leadership and life achievements at the chapter's annual dinner on October 28 in Portland. Many of the couple's '44 classmates and friends were in attendance.

Charlie and Anita are well known for their long and successful ownership and management of Deering Ice Cream. They are also highly respected for their community involvement. Anita has served as a trustee of the Portland Symphony, a board member of Thomas College, and as a volunteer leader for the YMCA.

Charlie has served as an officer of his class, as an alumni association board member, and as a trustee of the UMaine Foundation. He has also been a trustee of the University of New England, is a past president of Casco Bay Navy League, and has been involved in skiing programs for the handicapped and disadvantaged.

Charlie served as a Navy torpedo pilot in World War II, which fostered a lifelong love of flying. He later encouraged Anita to learn to fly.

Anita broke many barriers as a businesswoman including being one of the first women to graduate from Harvard's owners and presidents management program.

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Alumni Association Road Trip with UMAA president Todd Saucier '93, '97G

February 5 to 25

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Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter

Tuesday, February 16

11:30 a.m. Granite Hill Estates—lunch and meeting. Guest speakers are UMaine athletic director, Blake James, and one of the university's coaches. \$10 per person, payable at the door. Reservations needed by February 9. RSVP to Diana at Alumni Association 800-934-2586.

Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine

Thursday, March 25

"After Hours" with Black Bear coach Jack Cosgrove '78, '85G

Details to be announced

Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter

Tuesday, April 20—11:30 a.m.

Luncheon at Granite Hill Estates with Amos Orcutt '64 and Sarah McPartland-Good of the University of Maine Foundation

Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter

Tuesday, May 18—Annual meeting 5:30 social, 6:00 dinner

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Alumni Gather in Jacksonville

Alumni gathered in Jacksonville, Florida, last year to make plans for starting a Jacksonville Alumni Interest Group. Among those attending were (left to right): Robin and Paul Tinkham '78, Ed Cowan '62, '73G, Clara Cowan, Ralph Bonna '68, Ford Morgan, Alyzabeth and Alyson Cobb Morgan '80, Don Grant, and Diantha Hawkes Grant '74. Diantha is the class correspondent for the Class of '74. For information on connecting with Jacksonville alumni or how to start an alumni interest group contact Chris Corro at christine.corro@umit.maine.edu.



Senior Alumni Homecoming Luncheon

Dick Noyes '51 (second from left) and Senior Alumni president, Hank Woodbrey '53 (far right) with College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean, Jeffrey Hecker and intermedia graduate student Kate Dawson at the Senior Alumni luncheon during Homecoming 2009. Both Dean Hecker and Kate spoke at the luncheon.

Great Black Bear Auction Set for June 5

The fourth annual Black Bear auction, originally planned for Homecoming weekend, will now be part of Reunion weekend. Live and silent auctions will be held Saturday, June 5, 2010, at Buchanan Alumni House, prior to the all alumni reunion banquet. The online auction will be available during the month of May. Donated items include a kayak from Old Town Canoe, a gift certificate for a hot air balloon ride from Damn Yankee Balloons, fine Scotch beverages, several vacation getaways, and many Maine-made products. Check our website, umainealumni.org, for details.

Call to 2010 UMAA Annual Meeting

The University of Maine General Alumni Association, Inc. will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, June 6, 2010.

Constitution and by-laws changes may be proposed. The meeting is open to all UMaine alumni.



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Alumni Activities

Homecoming '09 Brings Alumni Back to Campus

Crisp fall weather, football and hockey, reunions, and Maine's largest craft fair make for a fun weekend.



The "bear hat guys," Jeff and Chad Dickerson.



Tailgating friends, left to right: Devan Knott, Kate Parent, Liz Salamone, Laura Lavigne, and Lauren Reed.



Getting together at the "M" Club breakfast during Homecoming are (left to right): Wilbur Spencer '61, Peter Bastow '59, Joyce Davis, and Arnie Davis '49. Arnie is a super Black Bear fan, regularly making the three hour, one-way trip from Washburn to attend sporting events.



Family gathering at Homecoming—left to right are: Courtney McGaffin '08, Dick Meserve '49, Joan Frye Meserve '48, '70G, Cathy Meserve McGaffin '79, and Sandi Meserve Leackfeldt '78.



Enjoying the Homecoming tailgate party are (left to right): Bill McKechnie, Mike Soloby '71, Bill Soloby, and Mike McInnis '68.



Among the Black Bear football alums who returned to honor former UMaine coaching legend, Walt Abbott '58, '65G, are (left to right): Dana Mulholland '68, Dennis Carey '68, Pete Norris '68, and Steve Gravelle '69.

'69 Nursing Grads Celebrate Their 40th Reunion

Nineteen sixty-nine was a year of monumental events. Man walked on the moon for the first time. A little rock concert in upstate New York became a touchstone for the whole Woodstock Nation. America was in turmoil over a controversial war in a place called Vietnam. It was into these turbulent social times that a group of 30 new graduate nurses left the University of Maine that June to begin their life's work. The group was close-knit, having spent their junior and senior years together in Portland in one dorm and with clinical work and classes only with each other. It would seem likely that those relationships forged from such a common experience would endure. But time and careers, distance, and families separated us in a way that we couldn't have imagined in 1969. And so recognizing that 40 years had passed, a search began in the spring of 2009, to reconnect. With the help of the UMaine Alumni Association, which provided a list of last known addresses, we began a quest to find the long-lost classmates. Adding in the three classmates who finished in January of 1970, we wanted to see what had become of 33. Sadly, we learned that three of our classmates had passed away. Of the remaining 30, 28 were located and connected through email.

On a summer day in August in Ogunquit, we gathered. A few of us had kept in touch; others were connecting for the first time in 40 years. Many had left Maine after graduation, but a surprising number had come back from "away." Eighteen came to share and some of them on very short notice as the tracking process continued up until just a few days before the planned reunion. Old pictures from the past, one student nurse uniform, and a couple of nurses' caps long since forgotten were displayed. For many it was picking up where we left off 40 years ago. The time was filled with reminiscences about the student nurse days and a few stories shared that could only be appreciated by the group. There were many laughs and



1969 UMaine nursing students at graduation, first row (left to right): Kandyce Plummer, Jane Barnes, Patricia Lavoie, Diane Farrar, Darcy Bacall, Penny Davis, Mary Squiers. Second row: Nancy Carmen, Barbara Sauer, Norma Burkitt, Mary Perrault, Susan Pulkkinen, Donna Eberle. Third row: Eileen Shea, Lois Shaw, Marlene McGrath, Martha Morrison, Elizabeth Jamieson, Pamela Budd. Fourth row: Diane Skoolicas, Julie Lomac, Kathleen Russell, Barbara Amazeen, Jennifer Smith, Sara Bromby. Fifth row: Sally O'Connor, Valerie Morrell, Carol Barbour, Sandra Day, Jean Littlefield.



At the August 2009 reunion in Ogunquit are, sitting, first row (left to right): Linda Bedard Ellingwood, Joyann Bergquist Samson. Second row: Jane Barnes Jagels, Norma Burkitt Crichton, Darcy Bacall, Penny Davis Robertson, Mary Squiers Rosenthal. Third row: Jeanne Kobritz-Jerfsten, Eileen Shea Cooley, Martha Morrison, Pamela Budd Drown, Barbara Amazeen Levine, Sara Bromby Kahl, Susan Pulkkinen. Fourth row: RaeAnn French, Betty Ann Carroll, instructor; Sally O'Connor Silverman, Julie Lomac Tselikis, Valerie Morrell Heal, Sandra Day Letarte.

knowing nods while sharing our life stories for the past 40 years. We gained a real appreciation for the strong dynamic women we have become.

The group donated \$1,000 for a scholarship to be given to a deserving nursing student in memory of our lost classmates and

in celebration of our 40th year reunion.

Biographies from those who either attended or updated us by email are available at umainealumni.org. Click on "get involved" and then the class page for 1969.

By Jeanne Kobritz-Jerfsten '69

Classnotes

Senior Alumni

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When I wrote the previous column, the temperature was so cold—typical Maine winter with snow, wind, and ice. If you're living in southern climes, I hope you can remember crossing the Orono campus on blustery winter days! And we gals couldn't wear slacks back then!

Now that I live in Orono I have the privilege of volunteering at the Buchanan Alumni House one afternoon a week. It's fun to see hopeful incoming freshmen go out on campus tours and return so excited about what Maine has to offer. Sometimes alumni drop in to see our striking alumni house. They are so pleased to witness its grandeur and welcoming atmosphere.

Julia Robbins Shambach '44 stopped in recently. She had not been back since graduation. Accompanying her was her son who'd never been on campus, and Julia was so excited to show him her alma mater. Armed with a campus map, the two left to capture memories.

Julia's current address is 284 Pine Street, Lockport, NY. She married Arthur Shambach in 1947, a Penn State grad who worked with General Motors.

Julia taught school in Brewer, ME, before going to Detroit where she pursued a career with the Dairy Council. She and Arthur had four sons and later three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Martha Wasgatt '31 is a remarkable lady indeed. After graduating in 1931 she had a flourishing career in childhood development in New York. She also attained her M.S. at Columbia University. She returned to Maine in 1953 to further her studies. She is credited with being a major planner for the Head Start program. In June of this year Martha, now 100, was presented with a Boston Post Cane. Throughout her life she has worked for the betterment of children's education as well as pursuing her interests in organizing a chapter of Colonial Daughters, Good Citizen Awards, and gardening programs with the Franklin County Extension Groups. Our hats are off to you, Martha!

Another recipient of the Boston Post gold-headed cane was **Norman Pratt '34** of Parsonsfield. A millionaire in his town who was part owner of the woolen mill in Kezar Falls, paid the tuition for any young person to go to Kezar Falls's Porter High School. Norman took advantage of the opportunity and continued his education at UMaine. Norman's wife, Cressie, boarded with his family when she taught at Kezar Falls. They married after he graduated from UMaine in 1934. Norman was

in the military during WW II and involved with the Manhattan Project which developed the bomb dropped on Japan to end the war.

Returning home after the war, Norman was involved in car sales resulting in a Studebaker dealership. He was greatly involved in community activities and spent a term in the Maine Legislature. Currently he lives in the house where he was born.

Students in Bucksport are enjoying a unique chessboard lovingly made by UM grad **Alvin Giffin '31**, who majored in mechanical engineering. Although Alvin is gone, his wife clearly remembers his devotion to creating a four-foot square chessboard and hand carving chess pieces. He proudly completed his project in retirement living in Florida. After his death in 1981 his wife, **Viola Purinton Giffin '31**, returned to Maine with the lovely game. Someone suggested donating it to Bucksport High School, which had an active chess program. Chess coach, retired pastor Richard Noyes, has used it ever since, much to everyone's joy. Viola, who turned 100 last March, is jubilant about her husband's unique creation being used and enjoyed.

How many people who turn 100 play their own rendition of "Happy Birthday?" **Bernard "Doc" Mann '33, '40G** often charms the members of the Bangor Senior Center with his piano playing, and he did play his own salute. He is truly a remarkable man. Graduating in 1933, he taught Latin and French for 40 years at Garland Street Middle School (now called William S. Cohen School) and later at Bangor High.

He thoroughly enjoys going to the Senior Center and especially enjoys playing chess as well as tinkling the ivories with old time favorites. A remarkable man, to be sure.

Before I end my column with my usual request (plea!) for your doings, I'd like to repeat my request that you consider being a supporting member of the University of Maine Alumni Association. I proudly wear a lifetime pin, and it's a boon to the alumni association.

If you live near the campus, there's another way to show your support—volunteer to work at the reception desk at Buchanan Alumni House. It's a great way to keep in touch.

1936

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Happy New Year! There's been no news from the Class of 1936 recently. Your class correspondent, **Kenneth Ireland**, enjoyed a cruise to Alaska last summer with his daughter and son-in-law. They saw many interesting

sights and celebrated his 96th birthday during the trip.

1937

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Greetings, and Happy New Year, Class of '37. **Audrey Bishop Thibodeau** did a great job catching up with several classmates by phone and mail.

Lloyd Buckminster's daughter, Nancy Buckminster Lane '63, wrote from Santa Fe, NM, about her father. He lives at 1312 Wisconsin Avenue in Hudson, Wisconsin, and is a retired engineer.

Alton Wilcox lives at 240-C Leisure Village in Presque Isle. Alton attended the university for two years and was a member of Phi Eta Kappa. After graduation, he worked at Lane Construction and also farmed potatoes.

Another Phi Eta Kappa, **Bill Bishop**, lives in Caribou on Coolidge Avenue. Bill also worked on a potato farm in the Washburn area and was a mail carrier in Caribou before retiring. Bill is well—he still does his own yard work and walks for exercise.

Mabelle Ashworth Smith lives in Scarborough, where she has been for several years. She and **Roger**, who passed away in 2001, lived on the family farm in Presque Isle for many years. Mabelle is busy and well—and her children visit her often.

Dick Berry, of Portland, ME, retired from work as an engineer with Maine water utilities. He is a founding member of the Maine Public Drinking Water Commission and was chairman of that group for 13 years.

1939

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Carl Toothaker writes that he has sold his house and moved to a retirement community in Riverside, RI. He settled in after summering at his place in New Harbor, ME. He kindly sent me the obituary of **Afton Farrin** of South Bristol. A war hero who landed in the first wave at Omaha Beach and fought in the infantry into 1945, Afton served his country well but refused to ever talk about it. **Charlotte King Pierce** has kept me informed of her activities this past

year, including her 92nd birthday, luncheons, and concerts. Now in a new assisted-living apartment, she was saddened not to be able to attend our 70th Reunion. No '39ers attended, but I am certain that those of us "still here" wished we could have been there, and remembered times past, and how great it was to have been there 70 years ago. We were saddened to hear of the passing of **Ralph Higgins**, a classmate who danced the *Nutcracker* as a hobby for many years, and graduated in '41. A loyal Maine alumnus, he will be sorely missed by his New Jersey friends and those of us who connected with him over the years.

Never a dull moment near the Chesapeake Bay. A large bald eagle family has been nesting close to my house, and last August we were visited by a sudden waterspout directly in front of my home.

Thought of you all during the holiday time and wish each one of you the very best in 2010. Remember to stay "Young in Heart!"
ELD

1940

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Would you believe that I am writing this in Maine's 90-degree weather? After a rainy, cool summer, it feels great! I have very little news for you this time—how about an email or a letter? I was fortunate to go to Yarmouth to the memorial service for **Alice Ann Donovan Poepelmeier**. Sarah McPartland Good from the University of Maine Foundation kindly picked me up on her way there. It was a beautiful service with so many of AA's family there. At the reception, I had a chance to visit with **Priscilla Thomas Perry** who lives at Piper Shores in Scarborough.

It was wonderful to receive an email from **Margaret Steinmetz Mosher** who lives in Auburn, NY. In June, Margaret flew with her daughter to her grandson's high school graduation in Honolulu. As I write, she plans to come to Maine later this year to visit her daughter in Brunswick.

As for sad news, I recently read in the *Kennebec Journal* that our classmate **Charles Pierce** died on August 6. Don't you remember him as the editor of the *Campus*? Charlie was admitted to the bar in 1943 after graduating from New York University Law School in 1943. He practiced law in Augusta and Palermo, and he served several terms in the Maine Legislature. He was an avid hunter and fisherman as well as being very interested in politics and environmental issues. We extend our sympathy to his family.

I am sorry also to report the death of **Margaret Peaslee Danforth** on August 28th. Peg lived in Manchester, NH. We send our sym-



Class of 1936 correspondent, Ken Ireland '36, enjoyed an Alaskan cruise with his daughter Julie and son-in-law Tom Childs.

thy to her family.

Sorry not to have more news of our classmates. Please send me an email or a letter for next time.

1941

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A Maine Hello to all '41ers! Here's wishing I'd have a surprise from you—just a line to say you are alive and fine! I was elated with the last issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*; i.e. the cover picture and the cover story. It was my good fortune to attend the 75th anniversary dinner of the UMaine Foundation. Because of that article, all alumni can share and realize what the Foundation accomplishes. The selection committee set up criteria for the honorees and found five outstanding individuals. All recipients strongly credited the university, the Foundation scholarship, the professors, and their education for their career achievements and contributions to their communities.

Our Class of '41 scholarship has been gratefully received by Breana Bennett and Lisa Roth for the 2009-2010 academic year. Breana, the late **Fran Sawyer Alford's** great niece, is an honors student from Freedom, ME, majoring in biochemistry; now as a sophomore, she is receiving our scholarship for the second time and ended her freshman year with a 4.0 grade point average. Lisa Roth, a senior in high academic standing from Saco, ME, is majoring in elementary education. It's such a pleasure to receive a note of appreciation from the recipients telling about their studies and

ambitions.

Charlene Perkins Strang cohosted with Jeanne Patten Whitten '43, '64G and Dan Hatch '49 the annual UMaine fall gathering at the Highlands in Topsham in mid-September. **Alma Hansen Langlois** spent several weeks this summer at her cottage on Crescent Lake in Raymond, ME. Her daughter Pauline brought her to visit me and then I returned the visit at her camp; we have so much to catch up on between high school and college friends. **Glenna Johnson Smith** sent me a picture as a lady of leisure with the scenic background of Lake Ontario; she was on a Canadian vacation. Glenna keeps active as associate and poetry editor of *Echoes*, the popular magazine of The County, and writes a column, "Old County Woman" for every issue. Since her retirement in 1990 as a Presque Isle High School English teacher, she has written and directed plays, led Elderhostels and classes for senior citizens, and conducted and participated in workshops on writing. A characteristic of Glenna which I like—she buys a clever card, the cover of which contains a joke or has a reminiscent scene and inside Glenna pens a lengthy epistle, which is thoroughly enjoyable.

It's always with great sadness that we report the loss of our classmates. **Julia Alice Smith** died in March; her obituary had a picture of her and **Charlie** '53G taken shortly after our graduation—how we remember them! Alice was so involved all her life wherever they lived. I've been missing **Donald Weston** at Foundation events and learned that he passed away in July. Don was always active in the communities where he lived, namely Caribou and Winterport; he had a lifelong association with the Boy Scouts. Our sincere condolences to the families of the above-mentioned and other classmates whom we have recently lost. The alumni magazine with classnotes will be limited to just two issues; please keep the '41 column going by penning a note!

1942

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Arthur and Doris Bradeen Boyd were visiting his niece in Gorham in August when Arthur fell and broke his hip. He spent several weeks here in Portland in rehab. Since Arthur and I grew up in Milford together, went to Old Town High School, and UMaine, we had lots to talk about when I went to visit him at the hospital. We grew up in a small town where Boy and Girl Scouts were the best act in town. We young people were busy all the time, and Arthur was part of the group that spent lots of time at the big Libby house. Doris and Arthur live in Saratoga Springs, NY, near their daughter and son's family.

At the Westbrook Memorial Library recently I met **Paul Phelan** '59G. What a busy person he is! Paul is still very involved with music—plays in several groups around the Portland area. He writes scores of music for different groups and doesn't miss a beat. Paul grew up in Washington County and spent many years in education throughout the area. Paul showed me a recent score he had written—both music and words. He must make many folks very happy.

Bette Barker Taverner writes that her husband, Gil Taverner, who died on April 22 following a long illness, had a very interesting and unusual career in the Methodist ministry serving churches in Maine, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island between 1944 and 1982. In Indianola, IA, from 1968-1973, he was the dean of chapel and a professor of religion at Simpson College during which time he counseled the generation of embattled students besieged with moral questions during the Vietnam War. Retiring from the church/parish ministry in 1982, he joined the faculty of St. George's School, Newport, RI, serving in a variety of positions over the next 20 years—as associate chaplain, teacher of religion, and school historian and archivist. He wrote the school's first definitive history, published in 1987. In 2001 he was honored when St. George's School opened a brand new state-of-the-art archives and named them the Gilbert Y. Taverner Archives, since he had gathered much of the archival material in the process of writing the history. He was not only a Methodist preacher, but also a very talented teacher and writer.

In mid-July Bette traveled to Kensington, MD, to spend two weeks with her daughter, Nancy, and family—which includes son-in-law Cliff, grandson Jonathan, and grandson Nick and his wife, Aliana, and their three-year-old twin daughters, Lucy and Marigny. One week was spent in Avon on the Outer Banks of North Carolina in a cottage perched on the sand dunes, with a constant 180-degree view of the horizon and a perfect beach. It was a very special week for Bette, especially since the great-granddaughters live in Minneapolis. She says, "What fun twins are!" Classmates will remember that daughter Nancy's father was **Don Kilpatrick**, a B-24 pilot shot down over Germany in 1944 when Nancy was six months old. Twin Lucy is named for Don's mother, who was also a twin. Bette and Gil Taverner were married in 1953 and Gil, as a stepfather, was a very special father, grandfather, and great-grandfather to the three younger generations.

1943

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I was at a birthday party for one of my friends

in late summer when **Evelyn Grenci Wing** came over to the table I was sitting at. She lives in Orono, and has a son, Bradford, who lives in the area. Her daughter, Jennifer, lives in Myrtle Beach. One of her three grandchildren lives there, and the others live around here. Evelyn is an avid bridge player. She plays with a number of groups during the week. She said she had been in touch with **Mary Parkhurst Lancaster**. Mary lives in Amherst, MA.

I talked with **Charlotte Gifford Sinnett** at their summer place on Bailey Island overlooking the ocean. It is a beautiful spot. It is like my summer place on Lake Alamoosook in Orland. It is nice to get away from the city and just relax. I hate to come back to Bangor in the fall. Both Charlotte and **Clifford** are doing fine. They have three sons, six grandchildren, and one great-grandson, born the day I talked with Charlotte in August. His name is Corrin Michael Ten Breock.

Preston Rand, who has held many of the offices for the Class of 1943, had all of his children go to the University of Maine. They are Linda Rand Clark '69, Lorna Rand Willey '71, and Lindsey O. Rand '77. Just one of Preston's seven grandchildren went to the University of Maine—Josiah Willey, who graduated in 2002. How about some of the rest of you letting me know about your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren?

In the spring I got an email from Nat Crowley '42, '63G remembering **Al Edelstein** in Italy. Al had two missions to complete before he was to go back to the states. He was shot down on his 24th mission. Nat mentioned working with my brother, George, during the summer of 1941 at the Seaboard Paper Company, now Verso, in Bucksport and played baseball that summer for the company team. He said he and **Esther Whitman Crowley** have been married 69 years. They have 10 children, eight they produced, one they adopted, and one foster daughter. He says they claim all of them, and they claim Nat and Esther. These children produced 22 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Nat said only two of his children went to UMO.

As I have written before, I have four children, 10 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. Of my four children, three went to the University of Maine.

Virginia Conant Miner has slowed down like the rest of us. She is in Altrusa and enjoys the meetings.

Please send me notes about yourself and your families.

1944

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It is again time to say hello and catch up on our class news.

The most exciting item on which to report

is, of course, the Class of '44's 65th Reunion celebrated on the beautiful Orono campus on May 29-31, 2009.

It all started for the early arrivals on Friday with registration at the Buchanan Alumni House, then to the Bear's Den for sociability, lunch, and afternoon visits to new and interesting campus sites. At 6 PM, dining with distinction was scheduled at Buchanan Alumni House to honor Distinguished Maine Professors. It included an informative talk by Professor David Townsend. On Saturday, after registration, we attended the senior luncheon at Wells Conference Center where Senior Alumni, who participate in the scholarship program, as well as current recipients of these awards, were recognized and honored. Our class had lunch and dessert at the Bear's Den followed by our class business meeting led by class president **Al Ehrenfried**. In the evening, following a reception for all alumni at Buchanan House, we returned to Wells Conference Center for the all alumni dinner and class recognition for university support. Sunday morning, May 31, the traditional all alumni breakfast and awards ceremony was held at the conference center.

Attending the Reunion festivities from the Class of '44 were: **Don Bail, Bob Beverage** '50G, **Russ Bodwell** '47G, **Al Ehrenfried, Pete Farnum, Joy Iveney Ingalls, Joe Ingalls, Linc Jewett, Al McNeilly, Midi Wooster Roberts, and Charles Stickney**. A memorable Reunion was enjoyed by all and we extend our sincere thanks to President Al who planned a grand affair and handed each of us a very special Reunion Memory Book as we arrived. We wish more of you could have been there as it was very special to see and chat with old friends and classmates.

Going back to January 2009, I had a nifty note from **Esther Holden Hopkins**. She enclosed a copy of an article in a recent *American Craft* magazine telling about a book, *Modern Americana: Studio Furniture from High Craft to High Glam*, which shows the furniture of many designers. One of them is Esther's late husband, Jack Hopkins, whom many of us knew and remember fondly. The book can now be found at Borders or Barnes and Noble.

Last year's Christmas cards from **Al McNeilly** and **Mary Billings Orsenigo** were received and much appreciated. Al was shown on his lobster boat—"still at it!" Mary and her husband had visited Stonington, ME, the previous summer and stopped in Orono on the way back to Florida. She said the campus was deserted at the time but it was still wonderful to visit there.

Finally, our class scholarship went to Matthew Fitch, a junior from Marshfield, MA, who is majoring in political science. Congratulations to Matthew! As of March 2009, the market value of the Class of '44 scholarship fund was \$35,280.

By the time these notes are published it will probably be Happy New Year to all, again!

GO BLUE!

1945

65th Reunion June 4-5, 2010

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Dear Classmates,

Believe it or not I just got off the phone with our classmate **Pete Calott**. He was on his way with his wife, Joan, to a resort in Michigan's upper peninsula for a vacation to see their fall foliage. He said it's the nearest to New England foliage of any other and they were looking forward to it! Bob was originally from New York City, but it seems we have a real Maine Yankee down deep.

I've also chatted with **Bob Chase, Harriette Daw Cousins, Barbara Smiley Healy**, and of course **Connie Carter Lamprell** recently. Connie and I are in touch weekly at least and we both enjoy that. It seems her arthritis and Pete's are both major concerns—and after my episode last December it's become a major concern with me as well. However, it's under control thus far and I hope I can keep it there! I have a fine rheumatologist whom I've had to visit three times and I'm doing great!

Jim Donovan, our president, and I have started talking about our upcoming Reunion next June and I hope many of you have the same feeling about reunions as we do—we are looking forward to it. No, we no longer have beautiful hair or figures or anything but we still have great memories of our past together and many more to share with one another.

Our good old days were truly that—the years we actually grew up together and now we are growing old together with "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

Now we have children, grandchildren, and some great-grandchildren. We've had careers, faced the realities of life, and are still here to enjoy one another as the "golden years" slide by.

One dreary rainy day I was brightened with a newsy letter from **Jennie Manson Herman-son**. She loved the issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* that she received in mid summer. Any classmate who sends in payment to become a supporting member of the alumni association will continue to receive the magazine! I'm always delighted to receive it—and am buried in it the day it arrives. Actually, I read the class columns of all classes I know anyone in—especially my brothers and their wives and any friends I know. Obviously others do this as well, since I receive nice notes telling me so! Sometimes it's a phone call from someone in the area and we can renew our friendship—and that's especially great!

I recently called **Barbara Higgins Bodwell**, who had just moved out to the Bridgton cottage their daughter rents for them each summer. Barbara and I have been seeing one another at least every summer since we graduated, and that will be 65 years next June 2010.

So I've already reserved that weekend with my daughter Cindy to drive Connie and me! She'll drive back to Belfast and spend the weekend in Belfast with her two sons, Josh and Alex Treat. I hope many of you will plan ahead too! It may be one of our last get-togethers—but I'm really looking forward to it, and I hope you are too! It will raise your spirits, I promise!

So next June we should trundle up to Orono and be ready for our 65th Reunion. A bit shocking, but true just the same. That was one of the most exciting times of my life and it's still A#1 in my book. I did get the training (education) for my lifetime profession—and it still serves me well.

There are some changes with the alumni magazine and our class column. Now there will only be two issues annually (another cut-back our economy is experiencing). But better two than none! Therefore, I urge you to call or send me any news that we can share with our classmates—good or bad—happy or sad—it's much better to share it now than bottle it all up for our 65th Reunion next June!

1946

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Here's wishing you a Happy New Year full of many good things. News has been scarce, and any future information about our classmates will appear in the Senior Alumni column.

Many thanks to **Mary Spangler Eddy** for serving as class correspondent for many years. In the future, please send any news to the alumni association or to Jayne Hanson Bartley '49, at 9 Alumni Drive in Orono. She writes the Senior Alumni column—we want to hear from you!

1947

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Lala Jones Dinsmore sent a nice note from Shelburne, NH. Her husband, Bob '45, passed away in 2000. Lala continues to write part-time for the *Berlin Daily Sun*. She and another writer, John Walsh, of nearby Gorham, NH, have taken Elderhostel bike trips and other journeys together, and she has had the opportunity to visit Bob Chase '45 and John Wilbur '45. "Also," she wrote, "I have been lucky to see Barkley '45 and Libby Tufts Goodrich '49." Lala lives in a little apartment adjoining her former house, which her daughter, Sally,

inhabits. Lala has five grandchildren and a new great-grandchild.

"Check up on all Elderhostel trips," she advises. "It's a great way to see the world, whether it's a bike trip or just a TRIP trip."

1948

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Hi '48ers. Where did Maine's fabled summer go? Answer: It simply evaporated and came down in buckets. Ah well, Maine, we still love you. Maybe you could manage a mild winter if you want to make us love you even more! We've had two "happenings" during the spring and summer with our classmates. First, a delightful luncheon was held at Rolandeau's in Auburn on March 17th. Not much news, just the camaraderie of classmates and good food on St. Patrick's Day. The second gathering was a luncheon at Granite Hill Estates on July 14th. Arrangements were made by resident **Millie Morris Stengel**. Our delicious meal was served in the private dining room. There were 12 members of the Class of '48 and eight guests. Mary Marble Burgess '46 and **Al Burgess** of Oklahoma City were at the family cottage on Lake Wesserunnett so were able to join us. Richard '46 and Betty Durgin Banton '47, now spending most of their time in Ocala, FL, were also with us. It was fun to talk with Dick Jordan '50, who was in the ASTP Program at Orono during our years there. Ginny Pease Dogherty '40 and Gladys Clark McLeary '43 also joined us as did Avon Oakes, a Bates graduate and friend and neighbor of **Pauline Parent Jenness** '54G. Besides your two class correspondents, **Barbara Sullivan Knowlton** and **Lancy Carter Bradshaw**, the event was also attended by **Marguerite Sullivan Powers**, **Willard Moulton** '50G, **Al** '44 and **EdieAnne Young Hutchinson**, **Aletha Meade Blackmore**, and **Bill** and **Marit Andersen Wilson**.

We received notice that eight students received support from the Class of 1948 scholarship fund for the 2009-2010 academic year. **Whitney Knowlton**, a junior majoring in marine science, is the granddaughter of Barbara Sullivan Knowlton; **Joel Dooling**, also a junior, is majoring in international affairs and is the grandson of **Millie Morris Stengel**; and **Lindsey Wyman**, a senior and a psychology major, is the granddaughter of **Sona Averill Wyman**. Senior **Tyler Marcet**, a civil engineering major, is the grandson of the late **Frank Crimp**; **Breana Bennett**, a sophomore, is majoring in biochemistry and the granddaughter of **Mary Sawyer Casey**.

Molly Hoyt, a junior, is EdieAnne Young Hutchinson's granddaughter and is majoring in international affairs; junior Rachel Haines, granddaughter of **Alice Fonseca Haines** and the late **Frank Haines**, is majoring in business management, and Sarah Taylor, a senior, is the granddaughter of the late **Malcolm Coulter** (G) and is majoring in elementary education.

I've found our classmates, though talkative when socializing, freeze up when pressed for news. I did learn a few interesting tidbits. Pauline Jenness is teaching a 33-week course called Kerygma (a Greek word meaning good news). Carry on, Pauly. You'll do a good job. I'm sure Pauly will be glad to explain via email or letter what the course is all about. **Bob** and Janet Malcolm **Buck** '57 have continued their travels to exotic places. They gave a thumbs down to Belize, but thoroughly enjoyed British Honduras and Bermuda.

We had greetings from several classmates unable to be present: **Ann Harmon Dreisen** at Cape Cod; and **Ruth Fogler Goff**, **Ruth Preble Finney**, and **Marge Watson Savignano** had hoped to attend and were missed.

This column writer has been working on a capital campaign for the Pittsfield Public Library Centennial Building Project for the last four years. Just want you to know that we're now in the building process and the renovation and expansion is happening right now. It's very rewarding to see the dream become a reality. Yea! I know a lot of you contribute time, effort, and resources for similar projects, so do write and tell us about it. Please keep in touch. Lancy Carter Bradshaw

1949

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Seasons Greetings, '49ers, and happy, healthy New Year.

I'm still thinking about our 60th Reunion. What a great time it was for all who attended. I was unable to go because of family health reasons but I had lots of happy feedback from those who were there. The good news is that we made our class gift goal and then some! Congratulations and many thanks to all who helped make this happen.

During the business meeting there were questions about the class gift and how the funds would be used. I hope the following information will answer those questions.

At the end of June, the '49 class fund held \$12,273. Of that total \$10,000 will be the class gift, which will be spent as follows:

\$2,000 for the Senior Alumni fund for non-traditional student scholarships.

\$2,000 for our portion of the Traditions Trail. Our portion is a two-foot by 10-foot section of the red brick path. There will be a round granite inlay in the center denoting the Class of 1949.

The \$6,000 discretionary fund is primarily used to support student programs and activities, professional development for employees, and special support for the arts and humanities (like the Art Museum and the School of Performing Arts). We still have \$2,273 in our class fund.

Last winter **Bob Haraden** of Bozeman, MT, sent a note regarding his October '08 visit to the campus. He wrote, "Having lived in the West for over 50 years working for the National Park Service I have had only occasional visits to campus—although we have returned to Maine many times (Bar Harbor & Camden). However, last October I was invited to speak to Prof. Eric Landis's civil engineering students and with Prof. Leahy's parks and recreation class about my time at the University of Maine and beyond. I really enjoyed that, followed by a few minutes with President Kennedy and a tour of campus with Lynda Martin Rohman '81. It was a special time for me, 59 years after graduating, to see the many exciting changes that have occurred during all those intervening years."

Thanks, Bob, for sharing your visit to campus with your classmates. I am sure that it was equally very special for the students who were lucky enough to be in those classes when you visited.

There are some biographical updates:

Stanley J. Miller majored in engineering at Maine, earned a MSE at the University of Michigan, and was a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Engineering Study at MIT. He worked at McDonnell Douglas Electronics Systems. Stanley and wife, Hilda Livingston Miller '51, live in Tustin, CA, and have three children and six grandchildren. Among his current activities: area coordinator/instructor AARP driver safety program, reading, and the computer. He also travels to visit children in Virginia, Colorado, and northern California.

Ronald E. '72G and Shirley Smith **Stewart** '51 live at 4 Schooner Ridge Rd. #3, Bath, ME 04530. Nicknamed "Beaver" or "Stew," he majored in public administration. The father of four children and 14 grandchildren, Ronald is retired from city management. He was involved in the Maine Municipal Association (ex-president) & AARP (state president for three years). Ronald was on Gov. Angus King's state Long Term Care Association for about three years. Shirley notified us that they have returned to their condo, which had burned in August of 2007.

Bruno H. Baldacci majored in pulp and paper technology. Currently retired with four children and three grandchildren, he splits his time between Arizona, Ohio, and a cottage in New York. He enjoys hiking, rock climbing, lapidary, and silversmithing. His home address: 8681 Sugar Tree Drive, Novelty, OH 44072.

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of several classmates, whose names appear in the special section of this magazine. We honor their memory and to their families we

extend our sincere condolences.

As the class correspondent, I received a wonderful photograph of the 60th Reunion attendees from Sarah McPartland-Good at the University of Maine Foundation. You can see it here or by visiting umainealumni.org and clicking on "Get Involved," "Class Pages," and then 1949. We are able to send photos and have information concerning our classmates posted on www.umainealumni.org. Send them to bettyjo.watt@umit.maine.edu and stay tuned!

1950

60th Reunion June 4-5, 2010

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Can you believe—60 years since we graduated! We are in the midst of plans to make June 4 and 5 a very special occasion. I mentioned in the last column that we have voted to support the Class of 2010's Traditions Trail—an elegant walking path from the Memorial Union to the Alumni House, linking students and alumni through the years. The Trail will serve to preserve tradition, establish unity, and build a lasting legacy at the university. All members of the class received a letter this fall from our class agents, "**Brother Bill**" **Bodwell** and **Henry Saunders**, requesting that we make a contribution to our 60th Reunion gift fund. We anticipate that our gift of \$20,000 will "purchase" the archway section of the Traditions Trail, which will be located only 55 feet from the Class of 1950 Flag Plaza. We will keep you posted on all—and so appreciate your tax-deductible donation toward "our" portion of the trail. There was a groundbreaking ceremony for the trail at the end of May. We are pleased that our Class will be represented on the trail—and look forward to seeing it come Reunion '10. Any monies we raise in excess of the \$20,000 we have pledged will be added to the Class of 1950 Scholarship Fund, which is specific to descendants of classmates who are attending the Orono campus. We are proud to announce that five scholarships were awarded for school year 2009–2010 in the amount of \$768 each: Joel Dooling, grandson of the late **Eugene Powers Hart** '62G; Jocelyn Kennedy, granddaughter of **Donald Kennedy**; Nathaniel Jacobs, grandson of the late **Dana Jacobs**; Alana Eames, granddaughter of **Donald Eames**; and Jacquelyn Borlowskey, granddaughter of **Richard Adams**. Just a reminder regarding the scholarship: it is the individual's responsibility to make his/her relationship to the Class of 1950 known to the office of financial assistance at the time of the scholarship application.

We look forward to seeing one and all in

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The Class of 1949 enjoyed a successful 60th Reunion in May. Those who attended the class business meeting included, front row (left to right): Barbara Thompson York, Colleen Richardson Coates, Evelyn Ellsworth Dearborn, Marion Stanley Burns, Verna Wallace Andrews, Barbara Haney McKay, and Nancy Carter Bishop. Middle row: Jayne Hanson Bartley and Mary Wiswell Libby. Back row: Thelma Crossland Robie, Marion H. Carter, Bruce Folsom, Vance Dearborn, Charles Kittridge, Thomas Coughlin, George Stetson White, Arnold Davis, Earl Ramsey, Richard Meserve, Charles Crowley, and Thomas Flanagan.

Orono for Reunion. The Class has reserved a block of rooms at the University Inn, 5 College Avenue in Orono. Should you like to make a reservation, please be in touch with Tracy at the Inn (207) 866-4921. We anticipate that the rate (including breakfast) will be circa \$100 per day plus tax. Be on the lookout for more information on Reunion functions, including our annual Memorial Service and Greatest Generation Award Ceremony at the 1950 Flag Plaza, and a special trip. Please mark your calendar for our 60th—and join us on a walk down Memory Lane! Do you remember “The Maine Hello”—The Brunswick Annex—North Dorms—East and West Halls—The Bookstore that featured coffee and a chocolate donut for 10 cents—“our” Carnegie Library and then the new Fogler Library? We read *The Maine Campus*—our weekly paper that sold for \$.75 per semester. Ray McKinley and his orchestra played for the senior prom. There were 1,750 members of the freshman Class of 1950, including 900 veterans of World War II. Our graduating class was at that time the largest in the history of the university, with 200 February graduates and 1,100 graduates in June. Please join us in June when we will happily remember when!

Milt Colman of East Syracuse, NY, sent a great letter noting that “after some 58 years” he owed us a letter! He reflected that the University of Maine was a significant element in setting his life course after World War II. Milt worked for 41 years at Carrier Corporation (now a part of United Technologies) in Syracuse, as a mechanical engineer, and was involved in building large building air conditioning and hospital patient room work. Since retirement, he has worked with the Episcopal Church as ecumenical officer in his parish, and

is involved in the national church with emphasis on liturgy and science, as well as technology and faith. He and his wife, Miggs, have been married 68 years and have three children and three grandchildren.

Jim Oliver received recognition for having instituted the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Conference in 1997 and serving as its general chairman from 1997–2001. The IEEE is the “overarching organization” of 37 electrical engineering societies, which includes power, industrial application, power electronics, and more! Jim lives in Corona, CA, and meets periodically with **Al Wing** and **Art LeBrun** for “lunch and conversation!”

Congratulations to **Nundi Romano** '55G, who was recently inducted into the Maine Golf Hall of Fame! He was a long-time pro at Province Lake Country Club in Parsonsfield and Prouts Neck Golf Club in Scarborough, and was dedicated to promoting high school golf in Maine. He conducted the Maine State High School Team Championships for many years. Nundi is also known for his expertise in golf club repair and refinishing skills.

Irv '56G and **Dottie Butler Marsden** have moved to Park Pointe Continuing Care Retirement Community in Rock Hill, SC, and are delighted with their comfortable villa, just 25 miles south of Charlotte.

Bob and **Priscilla Redman** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2009. Bob retired in 1988 as a deputy state auditor for the state of Maine, after 35 years of service. Their three children and five grandchildren helped orchestrate a surprise party at the Penney Memorial United Baptist Church in Augusta.

We have an updated address for our VP, **George Gray**: 4775 South Harbor Drive, Apt 307, Vero Beach, FL 32967. Phone is 772-299-

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Please plan to come to Orono in June! My best, Ruthie

1951

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Thirty-eight members of the Class of 1951 had lunch on August 5 at the Royal River Grill in Yarmouth. President **Elwood Beach** introduced **Todd Saucier** '93, '97G, director of the UMAA, who emphasized the need for our continued support in these tough economic times. Accompanying Todd were class advisor/giving coordinator **Val Mitchell** '09, and **Danny Williams** '91, '94G of the University of Maine Foundation. **Nyssa Gatcombe** represented the Class of 2011 with whom we are affiliated. The Class of 2011 hopes to create an amphitheater as a class project. We will meet again in 2010 on the first Wednesday in August. Contact **Woody** at elwoodmbeach@yahoo.com or **Frances Pratt Caswell** for information.

Jack Berman and his wife, **Marcia**, attended the lunch. Jack, a member of ROTC, was sent to Korea. He would like to share experiences with Korean War vet classmates. He may be reached at jberman@maine.rr.com or Jack Berman, 43 Loveitts Field Road, South Portland, ME 04106. Tel. 207-799-2018.

Gus and **Paulina “Boo” Robbins Gosse** traveled to Portugal in March 2009. They plan

'52 Members Head North to Canada

For the fourth straight year, a number of '52ers became travelers. This year, 24 classmates and friends decided to take an eight-day New England/Canadian Coastal Cruise. The group assembled at the Boston waterfront and boarded Holland America's ship *Maasdam*. It is a mid-size vessel carrying about 1,200 passengers with all the amenities of the fleet's larger ships. The larger ships carry between two and three thousand passengers and crew. The ship left Boston at 5:00 PM and set out for its first port of call at Bar Harbor. This was typical of each day—arrive at each port by 7:00 AM each morning so the passengers would have the day to choose from a number



The next two days we were at sea heading north and westerly as we entered the St. Lawrence Seaway to the renowned French city of Quebec. This was a perfect time to relax on board and to really take advantage of the activities taking place on

the ship. For '52ers, it was really special since classmate Andy Mezoian's son, Peter, was one of the main headliners performing two nights while on board ship. Peter Mezoian is one terrific banjo player. He is considered to be one of today's America's top Plectrum (4 string) banjoists and is in demand for his smooth style. It was very special to be in the audience with Andy as his son performed with his outrageous banjo. Each performance ended with a standing ovation. It was a great night for everyone.

If you ever have an opportunity to attend one of Peter Mezoian's performances on land or sea—you must do so. He picks a mean banjo—just a super entertainer.

Our last port of call was the famous historical city of Quebec where passengers could tour the old and new Quebec while others ventured out to Montmorency Falls and Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré.

The next morning we arrived and disembarked the ship at Montreal and headed for the airport for the short flight to Boston where Baylmo was waiting to take the majority of us back to Maine. Two couples had a flight back to Seattle and one couple to York, PA. Two other couples made separate arrangements for transportation to their respective locations in Massachusetts.

Firm plans are underway for September 2010. A group of '52ers and some friends will take a riverboat cruise to see the castles on the Rhine. The cruise begins in Basel, Switzerland, and terminates at Amsterdam for the flight home. A great fun group!

By Bill Currie '52



land excursions included a tour of the city including visiting the Halifax Citadel, Historic Properties, and the well-known maritime museum where *Titanic* relics are displayed. Peggy's Cove was

Our next stop was at Halifax, Nova Scotia, where

another favorite excursion. Next port was Sydney on Cape Breton with land excursions to the Fortress of Louisbourg and the Alexander Graham Bell Museum at Baddeck.



The next port was Charlottetown, capital of Prince Edward Island. Many took the city tour on the red double-decker bus, while others made the trip to the *Ann of Green Gables* site made famous by the writer Lucy Maude Montgomery.



to sell their condo in Windham and settle in Arizona.

Dale and **Joan Wiswell Beach** enjoyed a Red Sox Elderhostel in Ft. Myers last spring. They have a new great-granddaughter, Margaret Rose Adelman, the granddaughter of Joan's daughter, Barbara Bickford Kirker.

Mary Hastings Dumas and Bruce Folsom '49 traveled to Guatemala in January 2009 to visit Mary's son Steve. While there, Mary and her son Arthur climbed an active volcano. In May, accompanied by Mary's sons Greg and Arthur and their families, they flew to Venice and went on a Mediterranean cruise.

Nancy Whiting Sears is recovering well from a back operation in June. She looks forward to playing tennis again and plans to take a Viking Cruise to Ukraine next year. She has two guest rooms and would love to have visitors from the Class of '51.

Ginny Stickney Cooper '50 joined us for lunch. Ginny loves to get together with members of 1951, her late husband, **Douglas's**, class.

Phil and **Elizabeth "Liza" Zaitlin Levin-sky's** granddaughter Andrea Levinsky, a Deering High School student, has been selected to serve a two-year term as a student member of the Maine State Board of Education. Their grandson Sam Levinsky graduated from UMaine with a degree in mechanical engineering in May. He is working in the nuclear engineering department of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Sam is the son of Eric '80 and his wife, Lisa Benson Levinsky '82.

Forrest and Frances Pratt Caswell traveled to Silverton, Oregon, last summer to attend the wedding of their granddaughter Alison Hilburn and Michael Olson. Alison is the daughter of Lucy and Dr. Daniel Hilburn '81G of Salem, OR. Following the wedding, the Hilburns led a caravan of relatives on a tour of the Oregon coast. In August the Hilburns hosted a lobster luncheon at the Caswells' cottage in Harpswell in honor of the newlyweds. Also in July, Frances had a show, *Hometown Scenes, Paintings of Brunswick*, at Gallery Framing in Brunswick. Their granddaughter, Sarah Watts, the daughter of Austin '78 and Helen Caswell Watts '83G, is a member of the Class of 2013.

Penny Guptill Higgins keeps busy with the Senior College at the University of Maine Augusta. Last spring she and some friends did a walking tour of Provence.

Michael and Margaret **Chonko** of Cumberland, MD, visited relatives in Harpswell in August '09 and attended a family reunion. Mike, a retired engineering supervisor of the Hercules Missile Plant, is a talented woodcarver, specializing in waterfowl.

We are sad to note the passing of **Eva Grace "Tudy" Stinson Wight**, who died on April 4, 2009, in Virginia Beach, VA. Born in 1929, she was raised in Prospect Harbor and lived most of her life in the Bath area. Following graduation from the University of Maine, she married Carlton Wight. A devoted Christian, mother, and homemaker, she taught in Bath for nine years and was a licensed realtor and travel agent. She was an accomplished pianist and calligrapher. She is survived by two daughters,

Carla Wight Intza '74 of Virginia Beach and Jean Rakoske of Delanson, NY.

1952

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I remember a family friend who used to say "Fourth of July, Bangor Fair, and it's winter again!" And he is right; we didn't have much of a summer in '09—at least not in Maine during June and July!

Don Spear wrote that he and his wife, Ellie, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June and have moved to the Park Danforth complex in Portland. His son and bride will take over the property in Freeman Township. Don and Ellie's new address is 777 Stevens Ave. Apt. 417, Portland, ME 04103. Telephone (207) 518-9093. Email: donspear@maine.rr.com.

Maine '52 graduates **Walt Hewins** and **Merrill "Red" Wilson** were faculty members at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School on Cape Cod. During Walt's tenure as football coach, his 1960 team was undefeated. He later became a golf pro at the Bass River Golf Course on Cape Cod. Red's tenure as baseball coach led to his induction into the Massachusetts Baseball Coach's Hall of Fame. The school honored him by naming the ball field after him. Walt has the distinction of having the road to the football field named "Walt Hewins Drive."

We regret to inform you of **Clarence Neal's** death, which occurred at the Lincoln (ME) hospital on March 31, 2009.

Harriet Johnson Currie received the President's Award from the Maine Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association at a tea and reception at the Blaine House in Augusta. This award represents more than 3,000 hours of service. Very commendable, Harriet!

Your Reunion team met at the home of Milton '51 and **Joan Vachon Victor** on August 4th, 2009. Co-hostess was **Beth Leighton Furlong**.

Class members going on the ship *ms Maasdam* (Holland America Line) in September from Boston to Montreal were **Bill** and **Harriet Johnson Currie**, **Bill** and **Dorrie Mayne Lindquist**, **Al** '69G and **Alice Cole**, **Perry Hunter**, **Andy Mezoian** '65G, **Linwood** '54, '65G and **Jean McIntire White**, **Art** and **Muriel Bennett McAlister** '55, **Don** and **Marilyn Kilpatrick Burt**, **Connie** and **Bonnie Bosworth**, and **Ray** and **Georgene Lamoreau**. All enjoyed getting together for this tour.

News from **George Ames** and **Muriel Pinkham** arrived just too late for the last magazine so I will include their news here: They got together at the Weathervane in Belfast for a mini-reunion with **Roger** and **Thela**

Leach; **Sam Lloyd's** widow, **Marilyn**; **Norman Erickson's** widow, **Marilyn**; and **Edwin Lee**. They also had a visit in Florida with **Thela** and **Roger Leach**, **Ralph Martin**, and **Edwin Lee** last winter.

A newsy letter from **Janet Lapworth Grant** relates that she is living in the family home in Mendon, MA, and has retired after teaching elementary school for 25 years. Jan got her degree from Worcester State in 1970, after starting with our class in 1948. Her son Tom is a CPA with Covidien (formerly Tyco) living in Attleboro. One daughter, Paula, lives in Tulsa where she is a nurse with two grown children and five grandchildren; Leslie, a dental assistant, and her family live in Jan's neighborhood. Jan is active at her church and keeps busy with good friends and her book group.

Marilyn Cockburn Leggett wrote that she had lunch with **Harriet McKiel Johnson** in Falmouth. Harriet had recently been to lunch with **Barbara Burrage Young** and her husband, **Arden**. Harriet and Marilyn were roommates at the Home Management House in the fall of '51. She remembers taking the baby girl they cared for home to Skowhegan over Thanksgiving vacation. Marilyn had to go directly to Buckfield to do her practice teaching after vacation, so her mother had to return the baby to UMO but was delayed a day because of a severe snowstorm! (I am assuming the baby finished the semester with the next Home Ec group, as my term taking this course started in January and we had a baby boy to practice on!) **Al** (my husband) often assisted at the Home Management House since he lived across the street at the Phi Kappa Sigma House. We have often wondered about the whereabouts of Miss Esther Martin, who was our instructor/housemother!

1953

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"Where would I be if I were a crouton?" This from a white-haired gentleman at a local market on a steamy August day. I had to smile. He made my day and I could help. As simple as that. (But not a classmate.)

To honor the late **Frank Pickering**, General Electric is naming a wing of the plant in Lynn, MA, in his honor. Frank served as vice president of GE for many years, and later was appointed chief engineer of GE aircraft engines.

In August, our class met at The Samoset in Rockport for a luncheon. Present: **Isabelle Stearns Foss**, **Lorrie Skolfield Lowell**, **Woody Carville** '54G, **Doris Ramsay Smith**, **Tom Laskey** and **Carol**, **Carol Prentiss Mower**, **G. Vernon Jordan** (G), **Peter** and **Kay Shumway**, **George** and **Rita Yardumian Weatherbee** '54, **Helen Strong Hamilton**, and myself. For their first reunion in 56 years: **Larry** '54 and **Dottie Booth Dimitre**, and **Doug**

Vollmer. Wonderful!

Also present: Todd Saucier '93, '97G, alumni association president, and his wife, Dee Daigle Saucier '93, '96G; Chris Corro and Val Mitchell '09 of the alumni association; Pat Cummings '89 '44H of the development office; Danny Williams '91, '94G from the Foundation; and Dr. Dana Humphrey, dean of the College of Engineering. Monies for various projects were voted on, including scholarships, and a Class of 1953 recognition brick for the "Traditions Trail," a gift the Class of 2010 gave to the university. Our class brick will go at the trail's beginning near the Buchanan Alumni House entrance, with the trail winding to the Memorial Union.

On August 10, Pete and Kay Shumway, Doug Vollmer, Helen Strong Hamilton, and I stayed at Carol and Tom Laskey's home in Camden. Tom renovated an old house, lovely with its wrap-around veranda, on a street leading to the ocean. Carol taught us dominoes, and we all got involved with the cooking. Tom makes a good potato salad.

This week I called Doug, a Delta Tau, of Yarmouth. His wife, Kristina, is a driver for Oceanview, a Falmouth assisted-living facility, and Doug, who went to Reunion "under pressure from Tom," is entering his 47th year of teaching, an adjunct biology teacher at the Maine College of Art. His pastime? Playing with grandchildren, who come in the summer.

Doug and Kristina have two children: Niklas and Jennifer. Doug, who cycles daily, talked about his road bike "Specialized." When he was 60, he cycled "self-contained" (camped out, cooked) with his daughter from Seattle to Yarmouth, some 3,500 miles in 48 days. He also cross-country skis with Tom and Carol at Pete and Kay's Moose Mountain Lodge in Etna, NH.

Carol Prentiss Mower and I had lunch with **Pat McCormick Wilkinson**, my freshman roommate, at her South China farmhouse after the May Reunion, and met her son and grandson. Thanks, Pat. Also saw my cousin, **Lida Maxim Muench**, of Lillian, AL, who was visiting her sister Connie in Lewiston. And at my 60th Lewiston High reunion, I saw classmates **Claire Fillettaz** '63G, **Mary Maguire Riley**, and **Robert Hunter** '62G. **Ray Robbins'** sons keep me posted on their father's health at a NY facility. **Zeke Mavodones**, Poughkeepsie, NY, was in Scarborough for a summer family reunion. His youngest daughter, of Belgium, who was expecting a boy in September, made Zeke a grandfather of five.

Ann Twombly Bonang, of Brunswick, emailed me June 30. She and husband, Claude, went to a meeting of the Midcoast Maine Alumni Association held at the Bath Country Club, with some 100 alumni and spouses in attendance (no '53ers).

Fred Dolan, of Junction City, KS: I apologize. We had a nice talk, but I lost my notes. I'll call you for my next column!

"Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air ..." Ralph Waldo Emerson.

In other words: "Enjoy the good life."

GO BLUE!



Enjoying the Homecoming 2009 tailgate in October are Class of 1955 member **Buzz Knight** (right) and his wife, **Joyce**. Visiting with Buzz are **Colin Roy** '75 (left) and **Brian Hatch** '73.

1954

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At our last writing we pleaded for classmates to do things: 1) to send us news of their happenings and, 2) invite last minute participation at our 55th class Reunion at the university at the end of May. At this point we can say that we had little response to the first issue but that we can report on another successful Reunion gathering on the weekend of May 29-31.

During the above weekend, we are pleased to report that about 32 classmates, with a total of 53, including spouses/family and friends of '54ers, were in attendance. Saturday morning was highlighted by a bountiful coffee/brunch hosted by **Woody** '53, '54G and **Jean Grindle Carville** at their Bennoch Road home.

At the Saturday afternoon business meeting conducted by the outgoing co-presidents, the Harveys, a new slate of officers for our 60th Reunion was accepted. They are: **Jean Grindle Carville**, president; **John DeWilde**, vice president; **Mary MacKinnon Nelson**, secretary; **Jerry Hallee**, treasurer; and **Harm and Jane Stevens Harvey** as class correspondents.

Jerry Hallee reported that our '54 class scholarship fund, as with other investments this past year, had suffered setbacks to reflect a fair market value, as of 3/31/09, of \$27,566. Our current 55th Reunion fundraiser, still ongoing, raised in the mid-20s, a disappointment. Finally, a moment of silence was observed using the listing of an additional 108 individuals who have been identified as deceased since our 50th Reunion, only five years ago.

On Sunday morning at the all alumni

brunch, where special recognitions are noted, one of our class members was recognized with the Fogler Legacy Award. As part of a four-generation family attending the university, **Shirley Doten Oliver** '49 and brother, **Herbert Doten** '66G, were recognized. Herb and Pat Fortier Doten '56 have three daughters who graduated from UMaine. Congratulations, Herb and Pattie!

Without further news from classmates, we'll have to draw to a close. We'd love to hear from you at any time, via USPS or by email. Remember that "cash deductible contributions" can still and always be made to our Class of '54 scholarship fund.

1955

55th Reunion June 4-5, 2010

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The alumni office was extremely cooperative when I asked if I could send in this edition's column a little late, as I wanted to wait until after a meeting was held to begin preliminary plans for our 55th Reunion in June of 2010. Well, that meeting took place, and I can give you a little more information on our get-together, which will be held on June 4 and 5, 2010. The tentative schedule sounds very exciting and is in a little different format than we have had before, the particulars of which you will receive by mail. Be sure to send back any questions or suggestions that you might have for our weekend, as it is never too late to incorporate your ideas. If you did not attend our 50th Reunion or have never attended a Reunion (which I hope is not the case), do plan to be at our 55th Reunion. We had a fantastic group at our 50th and know that you will have a great time when you join us for this Reunion. Classmate **Erv Bickford** has won another political election in Yarmouth, ME. Erv was the incumbent and the top vote-getter in the town council election. He manages to keep busy since his retirement from his trucking company business.

Sincere congratulations to **Bill Calkin** '60G, who was inducted into the University of Maine Athletic Hall of Fame for his outstanding track record while in college. The ceremony took place in Orono during half-time ceremonies of the football game on Saturday, October 31. He made the trip from Golden, CO.

Received a nice telephone call from **Ron**

Sheay when he and Ginny were vacationing in Southport, ME, this past summer. Ron called when the weather in Maine was at its worst—rain for a month and more. Don't think you could have missed the rain even in New Jersey, Ron!

There really isn't too much more to report for the Class of 1955 at this time. My telephone number and email address are still the same, and I would love to hear from you. See you June 4 and 5, 2010.

1956

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Greetings, '56ers. I'm writing this in August for your reading in December. My email list is shrinking. If you didn't hear from me, please send me an email—UM '56 as subject—to get onto my list. And visit the UMAA website for more '56 news.

Seven Class of '56 grandchildren benefited from scholarship assistance for the 2009-2010 year. They are: Anthony Pirruccella (**Patricia Fortier Doten**); Lindsey Wyman (**Arthur and Marilyn Page Thompson**); Paul Holyoke (**Vaughn Holyoke**); Benjamin Mason (**John Lane**); Danielle Federico (**Roderick Cyr**); Jonathan Desmond (Natalie Earley Desmond '55); and Gabriel Vachon (**Evelyn Whitney Foster**). Their thank-you letters are much appreciated.

Speaking of scholarships, on May 20 your executive committee met. Todd Saucier '93, '97G explained campus alumni affairs and Dan Willett '69, '70G of the University of Maine Foundation, stressed the importance of scholarship giving during these tight economic times. The Senior Alums, whose scholarships go to non-traditional students, and the Class of '56 continue to need financial support. We voted to extend financial support to the alumni association for the next three years. We'll revisit the issue at our class meeting at our 55th Reunion in 2011.

Kora Shrine Temple and all Mexican, Canadian, and US Shrinedom benefit from **Carl Seaward, Jr.**'s activities. He is director emeritus of the Kora Oriental Band and a member of Quetzalcoatl, an organization of Shriners who have been Shrine workers. They raise funds for the transportation fund for the Shrine Hospital children. Carl is retired and lives in Wilton. His son Joe and family live with him.

There was a wonderful article about **Jay Hoar** in the May 25, 2009, issue of the *Bangor Daily News*. Jay taught English at UMaine Farmington for 33 years. Upon retirement he tracked down the descendants of the last 38 veterans of the Civil War. He has become a recognized expert on the Civil War; eight of his 12 books are about that war. He has completed *The North's Last Boys in Blue* and is working on *The South's Last Boys in Gray*, which includes many testimonials and anecdotes of



Three generations of graduates: Clarence "Chuck" Barrett '56 (left) congratulates his granddaughter Teresa at her UMaine graduation last May. To the right of Teresa is her father, Brent Barrett '77.

the widows and children of these long-lived men. We'll look for Jay's last book on our library shelves in August 2010.

The Presque Isle *Star Herald* of 4/22/09 reported that Arthur Thompson was inducted into the national UNIFI Hall of Fame for his "untiring efforts on behalf of his clients and the professional nature in which he delivers his services." Art and his wife, Fritzie Page Thompson, their children and families; his sister and husband; and Art's managing partner of Thompson-Hamel, LLC, Brian Hamel, traveled to San Francisco for the presentation. Congratulations to all!

Former class correspondent **Joanne "Jody" Owen Bingham** gave me a note for you at the Portland Alumnae coffee held at my home in August. Jody still quilts and donated a quilt to the alumni association for the upcoming auction. She attended the continental congress of the DAR in Washington last July and has earned the 300-hour pin for her work indexing old applications and supplemental applications from members.

Jerry and Martha Pangakis are involved with a Hartford Hospital prostate cancer steering committee that provides programs for survivors and support services for newly diagnosed men. Jerry is also involved with senior housing for low-income seniors. Their Phase Two building of 43 units has officially opened. It's a wonderful HUD-backed project that provides safe, secure, and supervised services to low-income seniors.

Bill and Lois Richardson Hammann '58, now living in Skowhegan, enjoy fishing the local lakes and the Kennebec River for small-mouth bass. Bill had some cancer issues but is doing fine now.

Peggy Flynt Haskell sent a lovely, long, informative email which I'll include in its entirety in the website version of this article. She's had some wonderful experiences on both land and sea and is now putting together a presentation for a winter Bridgton Senior College program with anecdotes and information gleaned from her years of plying the seas on survey vessels with the US Naval Oceanographic Office.

Write, call, or email me with your news.

Happy Holidays

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Emails from Jane Ledyard Lazo '58 and June Knight Carter '59, '88G that I sent on to **Mingie McCann** '66G were appreciated, as her most memorable image of

the late **Brad Sullivan** is with a bowler hat on, wedged upside down in a fireplace throat, out of view of the audience, laughing and making faces, attempting to break her concentration in *Candida*.

It was a vivid start to spring at the Muddy Rudder with 26 "gals" pleased to be reconnecting after the winter. **Janet Higgins Nolan** and **Bud** are settling back in Falmouth. **Pat Wade Fraker** took care of the arrangements, and **Claudie Halle Higgins** was on hand with nametag materials. Returning from various sojourns were **Barbara Swann Pineau**, **Janet Malcolm Buck**, and Marilyn Graffam Clark '58, who went to Portland for another new knee. Heading north to Yarmouth came Ginny Freeman '58, Carole Buzzell Ranco '58, Mary Sanborn Bradford '59, **Carole Thomas Fryover** '71G, **Marilyn Pennell Johnson**, **Mary Lou Hughes Richardson**, Margaretmary McCann, and **Ann Dingwell Knowles**. Coming south were **Jane Barker**, Babette Gwynn, **Lois Whitcomb**, Jean Partridge Mason '56, Chalmers Loud Lewis '60, Glenn Philippon Stevens '60, Mickie Mitchell Shibbes '58, Rosalie Chase Ober '58, '80G, **Carolyn Frazier Skolfield**, and Sandra Daley Denman '58.

Aram Garabedian, **Pete Kostacopoulos**, and **Harold Hutchinson** joined 45 others who came to the 26th Jiggs Open where the winners were Wally Covell '55, '65G, Lefty Homans '52, and **Dave Rand** '58, '64G with a score of 10 under. They're all going to try for 30.

This year the '57 scholarship recipients are: senior computer science major Eric Payne, grandson of **Frederick Payne** '61G; sophomore Emily West, who is studying mechanical engineering and is the granddaughter of **Hank**

and **Carleen Stone Morton**; and Alison Huff, a senior who is majoring in romance languages and the granddaughter of **Wayne Huff**.

Dave Tichenor responded to a query by cataloging his progress after leaving Orono for the Navy and then returning to graduate a year and a half later. He was employed as a successful salesman for a variety of firms, "traveled extensively and learned the vagaries, languages, and customs of many countries and currently doing some consulting. Gone from a shy and callow youth to a guy who wonders what he will be when fully grown."

Continuing to travel the world visiting family and friends, **Paul Taiganides** commissioned a painting of the Acropolis showing the Parthenon and Dionysos theater for the Greek Olympic Society in Columbus, OH.

Del Merrill became a Paul Harris Fellow in the Rotary Club of Ellsworth. He was a Marine during World War II and an educator who served as president of Husson for nine years.

While recovering from hip surgery in '08, **Richard Gay** wrote up his experiences in the Air Force and CIA. They make interesting reading in the *Ellsworth American* and the *FORUM*. Otherwise, he and wife, Mardi Byers-Gay '89, enjoy hosting at the Tenney Hill Bed and Breakfast in Blue Hill.

Les Smith '63 and I thoroughly enjoyed attending the Midcoast Alumni "talk and tour" in East Boothbay at the Hodgdon Boatyard. The fifth generation of the same family has been making marine applications of various types with much lighter composite materials and partnering with the University of Maine for some of the technology.

The weatherman gave us a clear day with a breeze at Gil '56 and **Connie Doe Leslie's** camp on Swan Lake, near Searsport. **Frannie Rich Secord** provided valuable assistance. Claudie Higgins picked up Janet Nolan, Jean Partridge, and Lois Whitcomb. **Judy Carroll Stockbridge** came with **Margaret MacKinnon McGrath** and **Janet Newman Cutliffe**. Barker arrived and I brought **Barbara Coy Thaxter**. Doris White Smith '58, Sandy Denman, and Cyn Rockwell Wright '58 came laden with boxes of the '58 fundraiser, bottle openers that play "The Stein Song." Marilyn Clark and Barbara Hasey Andrews '58 joined the crowd. Kaye Fletcher Mosher '56 and Alice Kelson Longmore '56 came just in time to add to the delicious assortment and eat. Janet Buck and Carolyn Skolfield apparently had been delivered by a patient photographer, Bob Buck '48, who took about 12 cameras worth of pictures with everyone in each one before leaving.

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UM's College of Engineering's Francis Crowe Society held its annual induction of engineer-

ing professionals who have made outstanding contributions in their fields last May. Among the eight men who were inducted was **David Sleeper** of Hermon. Dave started his career as a nuclear submarine engineer for Electric Boat and was with James W. Sewall in Old Town and GE in Burlington, VT. Dave is president and owner of Realty of Maine and holds one of the early patents on an electric dishwasher. Many thanks, Dave, from all the dishwashers!

Stephen J. Law and his wife, Elaine, who started the *Kids and Trees Growing Together* program involving kids from SAD 4, SAD 41, and SAD 46, have deeded their acreage, which supported the program, to the Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District. Steve said it took a long time to find an organization that would keep the programs going, but believes they have done so now.

Neil F. Crane and the University of Maine's Cooperative Extension are partners in a program where science is dictating the calendar for the spraying and irrigation of the 1,300 acres of potatoes owned by Crane Brothers. The Cranes (Neil and part-owner Steven '88) have an exclusive contract with Frito-Lay and their crops end up at the potato chip factory in Killington, CT. It is estimated that potato farmers will save an estimated \$17 million worth of their crops through this early detection program.

Arthur I. Dodge of Harpswell, who passed away in February, was honored by the Maine Legislature with a legislative sentiment in his memory. Arthur, who majored in chemical engineering at UMaine, worked for Texaco for 31 years as a process engineer and oil refining manager in NJ; Milford Haven, Wales; Honduras, Latin America, and West Africa. As he worked with refinery waste treatment, Art became concerned about water quality. Upon his retirement to Harpswell, he became involved with collecting seawater samples to monitor the clam flats of Casco Bay for the Department of Marine Resources for 15 years, was involved with the phytoplankton monitoring program, helped detect red tide early warning signals, and worked on the Casco Bay Estuary Project formation. He served on the Harpswell Marine Resources Committee where he was instrumental in founding the original Soft Shell Clam Advisory Committee, which he chaired for six years.

I am sad to report that **Annie Peer Norton** '78G passed away as the result of cancer in February. Born in Antwerp, Belgium, in 1936, she immigrated to the U.S. with her family in 1939 and became a naturalized citizen in 1945. She earned a B.S. in biology and an M.A. degree in French literature from UMaine. She did post-graduate study in Oslo, Norway, in 1983 and Madrid, Spain. She taught both science and foreign languages at Bucksport High and Hampden Academy. She was a dedicated coach of both boys' and girls' track and cross-country teams. Annie was one of the first senior women marathoners in central Maine. She and her husband (Stephen A. Norton, professor of earth sciences for 40 years at UMaine) originated the Tour du Lac 10-Mile Road Race in Bucksport. Annie leaves her husband of 38

years, four children, and five grandchildren. She was an attendee at the Ladies who Lunch on the last Friday in June.

Another one of the Ladies who Lunch on the last Friday in June has also passed away. **Barbara Tyler Gray** '74G died in July. Barb received a bachelor's degree in education emphasizing math and a master's in guidance from the university. She taught math at various schools in Maine and New England. She was an avid reader, knitter, and bridge and Scrabble player. Barb leaves three sons and one grandson.

Art Mayo, Paul McCourt '62G, **Bobby Carmichael, Sandra Daley Denman, Doris White Smith**, and yours truly were among the attendees at our 55th Reunion out of Morse High in Bath.

Again, remember to become a supporting member, send in news, and start making plans for the 55th Reunion. Also, thanks to Paul McCourt for the picture of the Morse High grads who attended UM taken at our 50th last year.

1959

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By the time you read this, summer of 2009 will be long gone and our 50th Reunion will be a distant memory. So I wish you a joyous holiday season and Happy New Year.

From now on the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* will be only published twice a year and the class columns will be limited in length. Our class officers are very committed to continuing to provide as much news and communications as possible. Hence we will be using the class pages on the alumni website as well as the magazine. To read my last column after Reunion and this one in its entirety as well as future news, photos, etc. use the following method. Log on to umainealumni.org. Click "Get Involved," then "Class Pages," and finally "1959." Please continue to send me your news and I will have it posted. Photos are always welcome too.

Major news this time is that two classmates were inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame the day after Reunion. **Ken Perrone** '60G attended the events in Bangor and many had the chance to congratulate him then. While at Maine he was a star baseball player and went on to coach baseball and football teams at Dixfield, John Bapst, Brewer, and the high school in Salem, MA. He is still coaching baseball at Salem State College. During 55 baseball and 37 football seasons, his teams won 49 titles including four state and 1,332 games. Ken is also a member of the Massachusetts State Football Coaches Hall of Fame and is proud that 60 of his former players have become coaches.

Bob Kelley, another inductee, was baseball coach at Bangor High School for 32 years. His teams had 479 victories including 15 regional championships and eight Class A state titles.

Other news—**Alan “Scrimpie” Lewis** has accomplished a lifetime dream of building his own boat. His 16-foot skiff, *Pa’s Crew*, was launched May 2 at Mill Pond in East Boothbay across from his house. The feat was accomplished in 60 days.

J. Bruce Probert and Kendra Newcombe-Johnson were married on August 2 and live in Searsport. Kendra worked for the *Kennebec Journal* and Bruce retired from Sprague Electric.

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50th Reunion June 4-5, 2010

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Hello, classmates! The 50th Reunion is not far away and I am wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Reunion Year. Your Reunion committee met at UMaine headquarters in South Portland. All were present, or on speakerphone from Colorado (**Bob Sterritt**). Since many of you have asked for specific dates, just reserve the first week in June 2010. The delegation coming down from Orono included Valerie Mitchell '09 and Chris Corro. Pre-reunion week activities will take place at the Kimball Terrace Inn in Northeast Harbor, and plans are underway for fraternity and sorority meetings there. Campus events start on Friday, June 4th with a business meeting and luncheon at noon. Prior to our Reunion dinner, there will be a reception at the President's House.

Changes are in the works for 2009-2010, and the alumni association will be partnering with the UMaine Public Affairs Department to alternate our alumni magazine with issues of *UMaine Today* magazine. The latter covers the discoveries and innovations taking place at the university. A web version of the class column can include more photos and news. The younger alumni classes will likely subscribe to this but we “older” alums prefer our magazine even if news is a bit old, was the opinion of our Reunion committee.

Our class scholarship for '08-'09 was awarded to Joshua Nickless from Gardiner, ME, who is majoring in computer engineering. He plans to graduate in 2012, following in the steps of parents and grandparents. His grandfather is **Robert Jenkins**.

In June we lost classmate **Anna Foss Wareing**. For many years, Anna brought holiday spirit to elementary students at the Old Town elementary school. Former friends and students celebrated with her last December for a photo shoot for the *Penobscot Times*.

Classmate **Don Treworgy** was the director of the planetarium at Mystic Seaport. This Connecticut institution opened in 1960, and he arrived there the next year at the tender age of 23. Don's career in stargazing started in Milo, ME, watching Venus from his grandmother's telescope. Included in a present exhibit, the telescope previously belonged to a sea captain from New London, CT. A familiar sight on the museum campus, Don rushed about in his khakis and wide suspenders. His lectures were heard by thousands. Recently, the planetarium was renamed after Don. Don retired in June and sadly, passed away in September.

Brad Hooper, writing from Gaithersburg, MD, has retired from 45 years of working in banking and health insurance. Brad hopes to come to Reunion if it does not come at the same time as a festival of Scottish Highland bagpipes. Brad, a Theta Chi, has traveled to Glasgow, Scotland, viewing international competitions of 8,000 pipers strong. Brad, we would welcome a rendition of the “Stein Song” from your pipes.

Speaking of bagpipes, they are a custom at Reunion memorial services. If you have any memorabilia of lost classmates, please send clippings to Valerie Mitchell '09 at the alumni office for a Saturday service to be held at the Newman Center.

Nona Rae Higgins Franson writes that she and husband, Paul, have a legal address in Vero Beach, Florida, but spend time on Cape Cod and in Pennsylvania, as the children and grandchildren keep them busy. Nona worked for many years as a financial controller for a large construction company, and Paul is a retired educator. She has tentative plans to come to Reunion.

June Adams Johnson, Esq. is coming and she has had a proud moment of arguing a case before the Massachusetts Supreme Court. She has enjoyed various roles in her legal career, has stood by many people during tough times to support them, and is “still a stable presence of support” to many.

Jon Ord has worked in real estate and insurance and resides in Osprey, FL. He and Susan are coming to Reunion and he wants to see everybody there. Jon, the Phi Kaps and Owls will be very happy to include you in special activities.

Rick Lloyd writes from Hawaii that he recently returned from an incredible two-week land and sea cruise to Alaska. He toured Denali National Park, saw glaciers in Glacier Skagway, and visited the Yukon Territory. This is a distinct contrast to flying to the Big Island in June to attend a high school graduation at Kealahake High School in Kona. His next adventure will likely be coming to Reunion.

Don Mooers and wife, Ann, had a double celebration in Naples in late July. On Saturday their daughter, Tory, was married, and on Sunday they celebrated their 50th anniversary. Present was yours truly and **Diane Wiseman Linscott**.

Bob Sterritt and **Steve Howe** are hard at work on our class gift for Reunion. I encourage any of you to make a tax-deductible gift or pledge to the Class of 1960 Reunion Fund as

soon as possible. Gifts may be pledged over a five-year period. At any rate, Reunion is about getting together, and it isn't about money. Come back for the memories and for the fun. Come back for the friendships and “the college of our hearts always.”

All the best for the New Year—send news—Come to Reunion!

1961

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Within the next few months you will receive your first notification about our 50th Reunion. The reunion committee met via conference call and began extensive plans for a super Reunion. **Larry Schiner** '62G mentioned that time flies and it's not too early to remind you that the Class of '61 might be retired and not moving quite as fast as we did racing down the snow-covered mall sidewalks, but Reunion will put a spring in your step and, Larry promised, in the summer of 2011, we won't have snow. Larry and wife, Barbara, are retired in South Carolina where Larry was instrumental in starting a South Carolina alumni group. In August, the Schiners visited grandchildren in New Jersey and then went to St. Maarten and did some zip lining and boating. It was a special trip to celebrate their 20th anniversary. While in South Carolina, Larry gets out of Barbara's hair by spending time in 90-degree weather on the golf course.

Meg Thompson Villarreal, a member of the Reunion committee, wrote that she met with many classmates this spring at the Midcoast Maine Alum Group, which has recently reactivated. Attending classmates were **David Baribeau** and wife, Maggie; **Peter McCracken** and wife, Susan; **Nancy Woods Rearick** and husband, **Danny**; **Frank Olsen**, and John '64 and **Carol Wescott Peters**. Alums in the midcoast area may contact Meg through me for information on group activities.

I was surprised to see **Paul Daley** and his wife, Frances, at the DC's Maine State Society lobster dinner this spring. During the summer the Daleys spend time at their condo in Myrtle Beach, SC. They went back to Maine for the first time in 30 years in September. Paul and Frances have nine grandchildren so having a condo near the beach is a super treat for the kids.

Father **Bud Welch**, USN wrote that earlier this year he had lunch with **John Bouchard**, who is currently senior VP of Morgan Stanley-Smith Barney in Gainesville, VA. Bud also met with **Richard Arnold**, now retired from the Maine State Library System and residing in Brunswick where Bud is stationed. And he's in email contact with **Frank Merrill** '68G, a former Army officer now teaching math at Loomis Chafee School in Windsor Locks, CT. Frank's wife, Alice, teaches French at the

school. Frank's son Christopher produced this year's American Film Institute's Life Achievement Award Ceremony honoring Michael Douglas. Frank's mom served two terms as mayor of Rockland.

Don and Betty Denihan Smith have retired to the Jersey shore and are living in Toms River. Their home is right on the water. Gov. Baldacci '86 reappointed **Frank Woodard** to the Maine Board of Environmental Protection. Frank retired in 2004 as president of Woodard and Curran. He has also been a professor of environmental engineering at the university for 12 years.

I heard from the office of student aid that our class scholarships went to Sara Breau, granddaughter of **Bryan Buchanan**; Eric Payne, grandson of **Frederick Payne '61G**; and Emilee Currie, granddaughter of **Gustavus Currie '63G**. Many classmates have grandchildren ready for college about now. Remind them to apply for our class scholarship. It was set up for that purpose.

On the sports front, Robin Weed, a member of the Winslow High baseball team playing a championship game at Doubleday Field at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, plucked his dad, **Raymond Weed**, from the stands to throw out the first pitch. Raymond appears in the university's Sports Hall of Fame.

And finally I met with **Mary Irving Fantucchio** and Phyllis Warren-Briggs '60 for a nice lunch at the end of summer. Both women live in northern Virginia and stay busy with volunteering. Me? I retired in January, had lumbar surgery in March, and was called back to work in April. Luckily I had a very spiffy cane that allowed me to elicit sympathy. I'm working on a social research study for a large Indian reservation in Washington State. Also babysitting Muttzo while youngest is in Afghanistan. Hope to hear from each of you with news of your retirements, vacations, activities, and plans for Reunion. As Larry said, GROAN, "Be there, or be square."

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Happy holidays to all of you! I hope that you are enjoying the season with family and friends.

I received a nice newsy email from **Don Harnum**. While Don has been officially retired for six years, he is still coaching the men's golf team at Susquehanna University. He also volunteers with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and at a local homeless shelter. As if that weren't enough, Don is board president of a large park development project, and chair of his church social ministry committee. He and wife, Connie, love to travel. They have taken several trips to Europe, many of them river cruises. This

Bud Welch '61: A winding path to the priesthood



Bernard "Bud" Welch '61 has taken a long and interesting path to his current calling as Catholic chaplain at Brunswick Naval Air Station.

After graduating from Portland's Cheverus High School in 1952, he joined the Air Force and served for three years before enrolling at UMaine (where he was a history major and member of Alpha Tau Omega). After graduation Bud worked as an intelligence analyst, an airline executive, and congressional affairs program manager—a position that involved handling government matters with the Federal Aviation Association. During the 1970s he also earned a graduate degree from George Washington University.

In 1977, at age 43, he took a dramatic change of direction and began studies to become a priest. Following his ordination in 1981 he served in various Catholic churches in Maine. Then, at age 55, the Navy asked him to accept a commission and serve as a chaplain. It was supposed to be a three-year stint, but 20 years later he is still on active duty. "There is no doubt, that, by now, at 76, I am the oldest individual on active duty in the military. And I must admit, I'm enjoying every minute of it," he says. He plans to officially retire next September.

July Don spent a week in Ireland with his son, Don, and a group of friends playing golf.

Millie Simpson Stewart emailed news of the July Mid-Maine Alumni picnic in Boothbay at the Hodgdon Yacht Co. About 125 people attended, including many '62ers. **Eli Karter '68** Ph.D. and wife, Ann Crighton Karter '63, '67G, were among the chefs for the day. Other classmates at the event were **Lin '69G** and **Sue McNeary Billings**, **Tom and Linda Gillies Patrick**, **Peter Crooker**, **Kay Fraser Skibinski**, **Ann Sleight Harrison '86G**, **Val Raymond Michaud**, and **Millie**. The Patricks were instrumental in bringing Hodgdon Yachts and the AEWG at UMaine together, which is providing support to the Maine boatbuilding industry.

Once again, our class can feel very proud of the part that the Val Beck Sterritt scholarship is playing in the college careers of our alums' grandchildren. The four recipients of scholarships this year are: Kevin Price, the grandson of **Ron and Trudy Chambers Price**; Katrina Bansmer, granddaughter of **Robert Jordan**; April Bolstridge, granddaughter of **Floyd Bolstridge (G)**; and Caroline Lucy, granddaughter of **Ronnie Nelson**. Kevin is a junior political science major with a focus in financial economics, and a student in high academic standing. Katrina, also a student in high academic standing, is a sophomore majoring in child and family relations. April is a high-merit scholar majoring in physics. Caroline is a senior in the nursing program. The university has asked me to thank all of you on behalf of these students, their families, and UMaine for your generous

contributions to this wonderful scholarship.

Jeff and Peg Boothby Lyon spent a wonderful summer at their new home in Maine. Last year the couple sold their Pennsylvania house and bought a piece of land on Swan Lake. After spending the winter at their home in Naples, FL, Peg and Jeff returned to Maine just in time to see their lake house being placed on its foundation. Jeff then added a deck to make things perfect, and Peg writes that having coffee overlooking the lake every morning is a dream come true. The Lyons' new summer address is: 33 Beaver Pond Rd., Swanville, ME 04915.

I close this column with a reminder that our 50th Reunion looms on the horizon. **Nancy Nichols Hogan '65G** and I are getting the plans in gear for May 2012. Please send us any ideas you may have as to how to make this the best reunion ever. The most important ingredient of any reunion is the people. Call your friends and start to make plans. It is never too early.

Remember, we want you there!

Check out our all new website and get connected with classmates and UMaine friends.

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Wes Olmsted '71 Ph.D. writes, "This is the first time I've written to anyone from the Class of '63. I graduated in engineering physics with that class and then stayed around for a number of years getting other degrees.

"The reason I am writing today is that my son Andrew has just had his first, and, unfortunately last, book published. It is called *A Soldier's Words* and is a compilation of his blogs during his training and deployment in Iraq. It also contains his final post which was published in whole or in parts around the world after his death. He and his executive officer were killed in an ambush in Diyalla Province on January 3, 2008. He was a world-renowned blogger and his final post sent shock waves around the world. We received more than 2,000 messages, some from every continent in the world except Antarctica. His website had more than 600,000 hits within days of his death.

"The book is available at Vantage Press and at Amazon.com. My wife, Nancy Littlefield Olmsted '66, '68G added a bio of Andy and several comments throughout the book. Any money received from sales will be used to establish a scholarship in his memory at St. Johns High School in Shrewsbury, MA.

"Obviously we are hoping for enough sales of the book to make a substantial endowment. Anything you could do to help with the cause would be appreciated."

I have included Wes' whole letter, because I think it is worthy in its entirety.

Ila Young Green was a guest speaker at the Auburn art club in March. Her topic was Laughter is Good Medicine. Ila has taught art classes and laughter classes at the University of Southern Maine. She retired from regular teaching in 1998.

Since this is the 50th high school reunion year for many of us, I was delighted to see many Maine alumni at my reunion in Auburn, ME. **Phil Libby, Mike Gentile, Judy Shaw Furlotte, Marcia Roak Fitzgerald, and Cynthia Huston Srebnick** were there for the weekend. I am sure many of you had similar experiences.

There are going to be only two issues of *MAINE Alumni Magazine* a year published from now on, so get your news in soon. The columns will be shorter in length as well.

The Alumni Association is your home and your voice on the UMaine campus. Become a supporting member of the Alumni Fund.

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A big Maine Hello from the left coast and hope you have all recovered from a wonderful Reunion this year. A great result of the Reunion was the decision to adopt the Class of 2014. This means beginning next fall, we will help students move and settle and provide a resource they can call on their entire four years. Please contact Ken (see below) to volunteer your ideas and time.

It was also announced that during the past five years the Class of 1964 contributed a total of \$1,079,993 to all areas of the campus.

One of the class activities was electing officers: **Ken Beal**, our past and future president, was a Lambda Chi back in the day, rifle team member and captain as a senior, a member of the Hot Shots (forest firefighters) and of the forestry club, and a founding member of the student chapter of the Wildlife Society. In 2005 Ken retired from the National Marine Fisheries Service and is designing an exhibit of historical fisheries artifacts. Ken is a sailor, and owns a cottage on Mt. Desert Island where his extended family enjoys a wharf he shares with local lobstermen who provide their gratitude in the crustacean type. He and wife, Helen, are also gardeners at their 1890 Victorian home in Gloucester, MA. And he and his pals go scallop-stalking on Chappaquiddick and duck hunting along Ipswich Bay, until the winter forces them to Florida for a month of ray-soaking. Ken also serves on the executive board of the local Boy

Scout council. You are invited to contact him at 549 Washington Street, Gloucester, MA 01930, 978-283-3671, barney@kenbeal.com.

Our class vice president is **Peter Bourque**, a wildlife studies student with 162 hours of classes to graduate, who laughs at his hours of "ologies." When he wasn't working in his field for a professor at Colburn Hall, he was vigorously cheering on all our Black Bear sports teams. Peter is married to Mary Thomas '65, and they have three grown children, all UMO grads, and nine grandchildren. Since graduation, Peter stayed in his field, studying whitetail deer. Then he joined the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, working his way up to director, helping to preserve the "real" in our country. Peter is at peter.bourque@maine.gov.

Elected to treasurer-secretary is **Deborah Burr Richardson**, now living in Stow, MA. Deborah found jobs in education scarce when she and her husband moved back East from Utah in '75, so earned her CPA and is now CFO of a small municipal software company. Mother of three sons, Deborah visits one in Suwanee, GA, one in Glen Ridge, NJ, who also has a home in Bar Harbor; and the youngest in Stow with a UMO wife and two-year-old son. Deb has stayed good friends with **Merry Glew Nay**, who was also elected to the executive committee, and Merry's husband, Lou. Over the years she has visited them at China Lake every summer, and all enjoy kayaking, gardening, cooking, and traveling anywhere. You can get in touch with Deb at deborah-richardson@vadarsystems.com.

I am happy to report that **Linda Beam Clapp** wrote to give me an update. Linda is a realtor, and you can't keep us down in spite of all the economic chaos we are living in. Linda was an Eagle in '61-'62 when I was, one of the most wonderful parts of my entire campus life. She and hubby, David, now live in Boothbay



UMaine provost Susan Hunter (center) joined Class of 1962 members at the Black Bears' opening football game against St. Cloud. Left to right are: Dick '70G and Rosemary Rich Leonard, Diane Ingalls Zito, (Provost Hunter), Linda Gillies Patrick and Tom Patrick, and Manch Wheeler. UMaine won the game in overtime 34-27.

where "life is good," and she still exudes that warmth and generosity that she gave to her freshman little sisters all those years ago.

Next time I will give you information about more of your officers, but I would really love to hear from everyone. Please send or email pix and info! Keeping in touch can mean keeping your heart lights lit—remember E.T.?

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Eight engineering professionals were inducted into the UMaine College of Engineering Francis Crowe Society in 2009 for their outstanding contributions to the industry. I was interested to learn that Francis T. Crowe was a renowned civil engineer who graduated from UMaine in 1905. He designed and built 19 major dams, including Hoover Dam. Among the inductees was **Douglas Cutchin**, who grew up in Aroostook County and worked all of his life in Maine. He is past president of the Sheridan Corporation, a construction company in Fairfield and Portland. He serves as cochairman and treasurer of the Mid-Maine Interfaith Shelter, president and director of the Central Maine Growth Council, director of the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce, and as chairman of the governor's business excellence committee.

I remember **Mike Haley** '67G in a football uniform during our years on campus. Mike, of Lewiston, has been honored by the Maine Principals' Association as one of the inaugural recipients of the Larry LaBrie Award. This was a recognition of his contributions to the organization's interscholastic committee. Mike, a retired coach, athletic administrator, and assistant principal, has been the MPA's ice hockey site director for 17 years. He served as a football site director for two years and was the Western B-C site director of the first girls' basketball tournament in 1975.

The *Bangor Daily News* featured an article in April 2009 on "The Same-Sex Marriage Debate." This was regarding two measures passed by the Maine legislature. LD1118 was An Act to Expand Rights for Maine Families and LD 1020 was An Act to End Discrimination in Civil Marriage and Affirm Religious Freedom. Among the proponents whose aims are to change how marriage is viewed by society are **Paula Johnson** '98G and her partner, Sue Estler of Orono. While they are registered as domestic partners, have wills, and legal power of attorney for each other, they still don't have all the benefits married men and women do. As they've aged and faced some health problems, they've become more conscious of the legal benefits that come with marriage. Those partners of 20 years will be happy to get married just because they can. They feel the societal

acceptance of marriage would make a statement about their commitment to each other.

Editor Jim Frick '44H has announced that the alumni association is now scheduled to only publish two issues of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* per year. I now need six months worth of news from you classmates! Please email, write, or call me.

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Ellen F. Toomey retired from the U.S. Department of State and moved back to Maine after nearly 40 years in downtown D.C. She's living seaside in Harpswell and plays a lot (but not enough) bridge. Would love to hear from some UMO buddies and can be contacted via email: harpswellen@mac.com.

Warmest greetings from **Bob Harrison** in south central Kentucky. He and Marti enjoyed a very nice summer with plenty of grandchildren visits, an active law practice, and participation in local civic activities. Bob was re-elected president of the Glasgow Highland Games and senior warden at St. Andrews Episcopal Church and wife Marti was elected president of the Bowling Green, Western Kentucky University Choral Society.

Karol Wasylshyn secured an agent for her leadership book: *Behind the Door: An Inside Look At Coaching Top Business Leaders*. Her book is based on an executive behavior typology she identified a few years ago, and has been the basis of lectures she's given in places like the Wharton Business School. She's hoping that her book will be published by the time you read this.

Paula Noyes Singer contributed an essay in a new book, *Toward Tax Reform: Recommendations for President Obama's Task Force*. This book of advice for the President's tax reform panel includes essays by 32 prominent tax experts: lawyers, economists, and academics from across the political spectrum. Paula, chairman of Windstar Technologies in Norwood, MA, wrote the essay "Individual Nonfilers and the International Tax Gap."

John Lee retired after 40 years in education. He spent 35 years in the New Milford, CT, school district as a teacher and administrator, but has no intention of leaving education altogether. For a decade, John has directed the New Milford adult education program. As a former high school tennis coach, he and his wife, Lauren, stay physically active skiing, kayaking, hiking, and biking.

Merle Peacock, Jr., (G, '72G) dropped out of high school at 16 to start a family, but that didn't stop him from finishing his education! Merle went on to earn a degree in education,

taught and became a principal, then moved up to assistant superintendent, and retired as superintendent of SAD 11 in Gardiner, ME. For his dedication to the community, the school board is naming the room where they meet after him.

The following message is from **Emil Swift**, class president:

"Fellow '66ers, in less than two years we will be holding our 45th Maine Reunion. I ask you to do three things; mark your calendars for 2011; contact me—Emil Swift, or **Bruce Staples**, **Jan Rogers** '71G, **Barb Bristol Paiton**, **Nancy Erikson Ladd**, or **Dan Hillard**, our class officers; with ideas/ suggestions for our 45th; and start collecting quality items for our key scholarship fundraising Reunion event—our Class of '66 auction and raffle."

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Guidance director **Jon Turner** '71G has retired from Houlton (ME) High School. He began his career there in 1974 and became director in 1984. He is very proud of the students he's worked with and said that college representatives have given them high praise as well. Although both his children live in California, Jon has no plans to move away from Houlton, and plans to spend much time playing golf, hiking, and skiing.

Louie '60 tells me that he and **Edie McVay King** were volunteers at the Maine Hello day, which welcomes the FYS (first year students). He says, "The new class is just shy of 1,900, but total enrollment is up about two percent. The assignment of rooms and settling in was a very smooth operation. Approximately 700 upper classmen helped unload belongings and carry them into their rooms so that parents had no work to do at all."

Brenda Erickson writes that retirement has not freed her from getting assigned work. She volunteers with the James Renwick Alliance, which promotes studio craft art and raises money for the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum. If you go to the website, www.jra.org, you can see her work in chairing the committee that keeps the site and its content up to date. The alliance and its members partner with other craft organizations for events and tours, including The Watershed Center for Ceramic Art in Newcastle and The Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Deer Isle. In September, Brenda traveled to southeast New England for a craft study tour. Because of the strong craft programs at UMass Dartmouth and Rhode Island School of Design, this area is home to a number of major artists and galleries. The alliance also works to acquaint the public, other artists, and collec-

tors with distinguished craft artists across the country. Lissa Hunter is one of the artists that the alliance visited in her studio in Portland and sponsored her visit to Washington to give a JRA distinguished artist workshop and lecture at the Renwick Gallery.

Sue Chadbourne emailed me that she was excited to attend a Maine football game. She writes: "A great game until the last two minutes. Maine leading 16-0 into the third quarter, then Albany got two field goals followed by a touchdown, making it 16-13. Maine had possession with less than two minutes to go when Albany intercepted a Maine throw and scored. We lost 20-16. Disappointing, but a beautiful day for a game. Hundreds of Maine fans there from the looks of all the Black Bear gear I saw."

Stanley Doughty (G), of Lisbon Falls, who played at Colby and coached at Lisbon High School, has been inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame.

As always, send your news in!

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Susan Vogel Neulist reports that she is living in Carrboro, NC, with her husband, Richard, and after almost retiring (so many different jobs—too many to list!) is now back at work at the University of NC as an administrative assistant to a professor of public policy. Great to

be back on a campus. They have lived in many places and done much travel and this fall will be in San Miguel de Allende, MX for six weeks. She missed the 40th Reunion but did go back to campus later last summer and met her roommate, **Susan Buckley Whitely**. Great to reconnect and see the campus and the many changes.

Bill Stevens writes that he spent 41 years in telecommunications (NET, AT&T, GTE Wireless, GTE Gov't Systems). He is currently semi-retired (or semi-retarded depending upon one's point of view), doing contract work for a wireless company, teaching fly casting at LL Bean, a dab of Maine Guiding in the Rangeley/Kennebago region, and having a great time in this journey called life.

Pete Giftos writes: "Susane Bodwell Giftos '66 (Phi Mu) and I celebrated our 42nd wedding anniversary September 6th. Since 1998, we've been spending winters on Siesta Key, Sarasota, FL, and summers in Kittery Point, ME. Musically, I'm looking forward to another possible European tour in 2010 as well as a recording project comprising some still-performing members of UMaine's The Cumberlands plus their very talented children."

C. Douglas Ludewig (G) and **Nancy Bates Ludewig**, a Monmouth Academy husband-wife teaching team, retired last spring after 44 years. Nancy serves on the board of selectmen for the town of Jefferson.

Stanley Sawyer '71G, a native of Lisbon Falls, retired as superintendent of Westbrook schools after serving 40 years in education.

Wanda Callahan (G) was the recipient of the Alpha Psi State Achievement Award. The award is in recognition of the many years of dedicated service that she has given at the local and state (Maine) levels in conjunction with

her 40 years of teaching experience.

Larry Griffin (G) celebrated 40 years in financial planning. Griffin Associates is located in Waterville, ME.

Bill Byrne is the official photographer for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and travels extensively with biologists documenting the state's natural history. In addition to his full-time position, Bill has ventured into Maine, Alaska, Colorado, Florida, and Quebec, capturing images as a freelance photographer and has been published in renowned magazines.

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Our 40th Reunion will be over by the time this column appears in print. We hope those who attended the Reunion events had a great time renewing relationships with classmates and seeing the changes on campus. Start planning to attend our 45th Reunion.

We heard from **Charlie Webb**, who worked as an emergency doctor in California and Colorado before moving to Kona on the Big Island of Hawaii where he now works in Urgent Care. Charlie writes that, "Kona is similar to Stonington but slightly warmer with less fog and more tourists." He is enjoying hiking, kayaking, and adventuring from Alaska to the Amazon. His children are grown and live in Montana, Colorado, and Hawaii. Charlie ended his note by



Members of the Class of 1969 celebrated their 40th Reunion at Buchanan Alumni House during Homecoming 2009 in October.

writing, "I am thankful to UMO for providing an affordable catapult to life." Attorney **Michael Carpenter** of Houlton is the new contractor of Carriages of Acadia, which provides carriage rides through Acadia National Park. His daughter Emily manages the office. **Donald Siviski '77G**, superintendent of Regional School Unit 2, has received an Outstanding Educational Leadership Award from the Maine School Management Association. **John F. Doran (G)**, a retired teacher from Bangor, is a regional director of the Maine Association of Retirees. **Donetta Dahlgren Leighton**, a teacher at Glenburn Elementary School, is one of the 2010 Maine Teacher of the Year nominees. Sen. **Olympia Snowe '82H** is a senate finance committee member.

Send us your news. Classmates really do want to hear from voices from the past and learn what has happened since we left Orono. Our news here is that our daughter, Samantha Hayes Lott '02, married Marcus Benjamin Hale '03 on July 18, 2009.

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Old Town (ME) High School started school in September without its long-time senior English teacher, **Pamela Martin Dorr**, who retired last spring after 38 years of teaching in the same classroom. She said she was retiring because she wanted to retire while she still enjoyed teaching. **Bob Bangs** started his landscaping business, Windswept Gardens, in Bangor in 1972. This past year he was honored as one of 12 finalists for 2009 Landscaper of the Year. In 2007, Windswept Gardens was featured in *Better Homes and Gardens*. Bob is married to the former Linda Plummer '71.

The new president of the Brewer (ME) Economic Development Corporation is **Shawn Small**. He and **Jim Parker** founded CES in 1978. CES is an engineering and consulting firm with offices in Brewer, Machias, Presque Isle, and Southwest Harbor. CES has pledged \$100,000 to the university to maintain and upgrade a research laboratory for environmental engineering students.

Bruce MacGregor (G) has decided to end his 17-year run as Husson University's varsity golf coach. Bruce and his wife, Christine Laurie MacGregor '71, '88G, who retired as principal at Fourteenth Street School in Bangor, are now living in Naples, FL. Bruce has been inducted into four halls of fame: Husson University Sports Hall of Fame, New England Basketball Hall of Fame, Maine Sports Hall of Fame, and the NAIA National Basketball Hall of Fame.

Ralph Mansell '71G contacted me with an update on his interesting career. Shortly after receiving his M.Ed. from UMaine in 1971, he



Alumni association president Todd Saucier '93, '97G (left) and UMaine president Robert Kennedy (right) presented Andrea Hayes Lott '69 with the 2009 Hilda A. Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award during Homecoming in October.

was hired as an athletic trainer at the University of Connecticut. This past summer he retired after 38 years. While there he completed his Ph.D. in exercise physiology, met his wife, Debra, had three children (Ryan, Tanya, and Troy), and worked with many of the well-known UConn athletes! He has been head athletic trainer for 13 years and, because of this, has traveled all over the US as well as Europe, the



Charles Stanhope '71 was recently appointed as a senior advisor to the associate librarian for library services at the Library of Congress. In his new position, Charles will address a variety of critical issues related to the library's collections-development responsibilities. A French major at UMaine, Charles has a graduate degree from Catholic University of America and has worked at the library since 1975.

Mideast, and Scandinavia. Ralph would love to hear from former classmates and his email address is rcm48@hotmail.com.

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Don Curtis wrote, and how I love it when the news comes directly from our classmates. Don is continuing to work for Acadia Insurance Company in Bangor as a loss control engineer. He was

selected as one of six recipients of the 2008 2 Those Who Care awards. Here's why: Don has been training and educating firefighters in eastern Maine for a generation. He has taught fire safety at Southern Maine Community College for over 25 years and he has helped to create the fire science technology program at Eastern Maine Community College. Living in Levant, he has served on the MSAD 23 school board and the budget and fair hearings committees, as well as the planning and zoning boards. He is an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bangor. For 15 years Don has delivered the Eucharist weekly to shut-ins and folks in local nursing homes. He has been a committed volunteer with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Literacy Volunteers, willingly giving a "hands up" to young people. I am truly in awe when I hear of such selfless classmates.

Sharon Barker '87G has been inducted into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame. A Bangor resident and founding director of the Women's Resource Center at the University of Maine, Sharon helped start the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, putting together the framework while a graduate student. The center is a private, nonprofit facility that gives full-service health care to women.

Kristina Lyons Sadley is a Roman Catholic iconographer, specializing in the Byzantine tradition of icon writing. She offers workshops in iconography throughout New England. **Jack Wadsworth**, a professional forester from Hiram, has advised forest owners in Maine and New Hampshire how to manage their woodlots as renewable resources. At the 2008 National Tree Farm Convention in Oregon, he was named 2008 Northeastern Regional Tree Farm Inspector of the Year in recognition of his successful efforts to educate and assist private family forest landowners as part of the American Tree Farm System.

James Julia, working in Fairfield, is owner of James D. Julia, the leading firearms auction-

eer in the world. Customers from hundreds or thousands of miles away flock to his auctions and bid by phone. He is proudly known all over the world for having a spacious facility where one would find some of the most impressive collections of collectibles in the world. He is not all about guns, as his divisions specialize in glass, lamps, toys, dolls, fine arts, and antiques. His high-end firearms have sold one lot for \$850,000 and a single collection of 40 pieces sold for nearly \$5.25 million, grossing \$11.4 million for that auction. And yes, he did it all in Fairfield, ME.

Bruce Bailey (G), a native of Bradford, has served Orono High School as principal since 2006, when he came back from retirement after serving as an educator for almost 40 years. He has now officially retired from the Orono system, but is still unsure how he will spend his time. Perhaps some of you can enlighten those of us who are nearing retirement. I don't foresee any problems in finding things to do, but maybe those of us who think that way are going to be disillusioned?

Bob Salesi, at 68, is a retired teacher who is known to many in Penobscot as the Tree Feller. He is enjoying his life as a licensed arborist, with work that is both entertaining and precise. He has been sighted, "swinging around like a monkey in the trees" of Blue Hill, and has entertained neighbors with his work, which really is detailed and careful. Bob launched his own business in 2001 and has served about 175 happy clients, often repeat customers. He was a chemistry teacher at Hampden Academy when he started working in the tree cutting business 20 years ago.

Representative **Jane Stinchfield Knapp (G)** is also a former teacher who is now serving her first term in the Maine State House of Representatives. She represents District 129, which includes part of Gorham.

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I was pleased to receive a letter last summer from **G. Melvin Barclay (G)** of Upper Kintore, New Brunswick. He had been recently awarded an "Honourary Lifetime Membership in the New Brunswick Institute of Agrologists. The presentation was made during the banquet at the annual meeting held . . . in Fredericton. Barclay retired on November 30, 1996, after a total of 41.5 years service with the Provincial Government: 10 years as a teacher, 21 years as the Officer-in-Charge of the Bon Accord Elite Seed Potato Farm, and 10.5 years as District Agriculturalist for Victoria County. Other awards received by Barclay during his career include the Brookville Lime Potato Award; the Bon Accord Elite Seed Potato Farm Award; the



Class of 1971 member Bill Sawtell recently published a new book, *Schoolodic Lake Revisited*. This is Bill's ninth book. You can find *Schoolodic Lake Revisited* for sale at stores in Piscataquis County

and Bangor, or you can order it for \$18.45 plus \$.95 tax and \$4.27 for shipping and handling. Mail checks to Bill Sawtell, P.O. Box 272, Brownville, ME 04414.

Distinguished Services Award from the New Brunswick Institute of Agrologists; Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada; the James Robb Award, which is the highest honour given by the New Brunswick Federation of Agriculture; and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal given by the New Brunswick 4-H Council in honour of outstanding leadership given to the 4-H movement."

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland announced that the Rev. **Frank J. Murray** would serve as the administrator of All Saints Parish, which includes churches in Brunswick, Bath, Boothbay, Richmond, and Newcastle.

Charlotte "Charlie" Wandersee Woodcock of Farmington, ME, has been appointed director of volunteer services of the Franklin Community Health Network.

After a 37-year career in education, **Mary Sue Morrison** retired from her position as principal of Clifford Elementary School in Portland, ME—a position she had held since 1981.

Anne Pooler (Ph.D.) has been named the dean of the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Maine.

Maine Gov. John Baldacci '86 re-nominated Superior Court Justice **E. Allen Hunter** of Caribou for a new term.

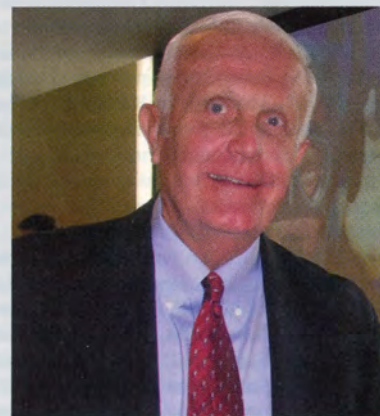
The former Great South Bridge over the Narraguagus River on U.S. Route 1 in Milbridge, ME, was renamed the Harold West Bridge after the father of classmate **Alton West**. Alton's father, Harold, is a war hero, a former Milbridge selectman, an activist in the Democratic Party, and a 24-year veteran of the state Department of Transportation.

Make a New Year's resolution to send me an email with your news!

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Although I have not connected with the world through Facebook or My Space, some of you are using my email address to get in touch.



Why I Care

"I'm proud to be a University of Maine graduate. When I moved to South Carolina, I wanted to connect with other UMaine alumni in the area. The Alumni Association provided all the support we needed to start our Alumni Chapter, which is now active and growing. That's a big part of what they do—help us all stay connected with our University. That's why I care about having a strong Alumni Association and why I give to the Alumni Fund."

Larry Schiner '61, '62G

Join Larry in supporting the Alumni Fund. Find out more at: umainealumni.org

Steve Janko sent words and pictures to update us. Following Tufts Dental School and a stint in the Air Force Dental Corps (stationed at Loring AFB), Steve began practicing in Massachusetts. He and his wife, Kathie, have four grown children and a grandson. In July, Steve was awarded a master's in the Academy of General Dentistry, the highest award given by the academy; of the 35,000 members, only about 2,500 have ever earned this honor.

The Maine Education Association awarded **Susan Hartford**, a 35-year veteran of the Bath school system, its Award for Teaching Excellence for 2009. **Tom Molloy '86G** was named Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber Person of the Year. **Willie Gavett** has returned to his alma mater, Orono High, to coach the boys' basketball team. **Carl Parker**, formerly the Nokomis AD, has become the boys' basketball coach. **David Spofford** was elected to the Kennebunk board of selectmen.

Karen Crosson Larson '87G has retired from her 30-year career at Old Town High School. Long-time social studies teacher **Nancy Fogg Pullen** has also retired from OTHS. **Gabby Price** resigned from his football coaching duties at Husson College. **Roger Barto** has resigned as Winter Harbor town manager. **Al Livingston** has stepped down as Cheverus High baseball coach after 10 years. **Marty Enos** retired as deputy fire chief of Plymouth, MA, after 32 years on the job.

Keep us up-to-date on your lives.



Steven Janko, D.M.D. '73 received the prestigious Mastership Award during the Academy of General Dentistry's (AGD) convocation ceremony in Baltimore in July. The Mastership Award is the AGD's highest honor. Steven and his wife, Kathie, live in Hopedale, MA. They have four children.

Lubec is **Brian Carpenter**. His previous educational experiences include Madawaska High School and middle school, and athletic director at Hermon Middle School. He recently completed a two-year assignment as a staff officer with the Army at the Pentagon.

The town of Phillips has hired **Jim Collins '77G** as its new manager. Jim, whose degrees were in political science and public administration, has over 30 years of municipal experience starting in 1979 with the towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill, and Chapman. His most recent position was in the town of Carmel. Over the years he served in code enforcement, project development, community development, as a grant writer, in law enforcement, budget and finance, maintenance, and construction. In his spare time, he likes to hunt, fish, and snowmobile and Jim is active in the Lions Club and the chamber of commerce. Oh, and he's a Red Sox and Patriots fan!

There's a manufacturing company in Pittsfield that recently won its 10th SHARP Award from the Maine Department of Labor. The company, C.M. Almy, is led by **Michael Fendler** and his brother Stephen. The company was founded in 1892 in New York City. After World War II, the operation was moved to Pittsfield by Donald Fendler and his sons, Thomas and Ryan. No other company has received the award this many times. The award recognizes the company's low injury rate and its continuing efforts for safety and health. Congratulations!

Ted O'Meara is back in the marketing and public relations business with his own com-

pany, Ted O'Meara Communications. Prior to opening his firm, he was director of public affairs for the Pierce Atwood law firm. His focus will be on public policy issues. Ted also worked for Blethen Maine Newspapers, Olympia Snowe '69, and Sen. William Cohen ('75H). He ran for Congress in 1988 and was chair of the Maine Republican Party.

Norm Lamie '93G has joined the sales force at ERA Worden Realty in Auburn. He is currently serving as the general manager of the city of Auburn Water/Sewerage District and was the past public works director for Lewiston. Norm lives in Lewiston with his wife and has three grown children and three grandchildren.

Gov. John Baldacci '86 bestowed an Award for Bravery on our classmate **Carolyn Kelley Russell**. As a teacher in Stockton Springs Elementary, she was one of the staff that helped confront an armed intruder at her school. Luckily, no one was hurt and the situation turned out well. The school had practiced for school lock-downs many times, and their bravery and clear thinking kept everyone safe. The intruder was arrested and held on \$1 million bail.

Did you know that **Carol Whitten** is a Great Person? According to the *Kennebunk Post* she was selected as the newspaper's 2008 Great Person. She has worked at the Kennebunk library for more than 31 years. She loves helping people with research and finding information. Carol also takes books to the local Atria Assisted-Living facility to read to residents. She also plays trivia and they share stories with her. She is also active in the West Kennebunk Village Committee.

Finally, **Daniel Dombrowski**, professor of philosophy at Seattle University, has written a book titled: *Contemporary Athletics and Ancient Greek Ideals*. If you are interested in acquiring his book, you can email publicity@press.uchicago.edu.

Stay warm, enjoy the holidays, and say a prayer for Lt. Col. David Grant, my son, who is on his third tour in Iraq, and all of our men and women in uniform.

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Holiday greetings to all the '74 alumni! I am thrilled to announce that we are slowly moving forward with a Maine Alumni Interest Group—the Florida Black Bears—based out of Jacksonville. Last summer we had 38 alumni and guests attend a Jacksonville Suns baseball game and then we had a fall party in St. Augustine. We are looking forward to Todd Saucier '93, '97G visiting with us in February. Of course there is always a good turnout for hockey at the Everblades Tournament near Naples during the week between Christmas and New Years. It's so much fun to reconnect with Maine folks.

Now for the news—

Dale Hutchins Breau of Morse Memorial School in Brooks was one of the Maine teachers honored last June at a Maine Sea Dogs game as the newest member of the Maine Teacher Hall of Fame Starting 9. Sponsored by the Sea Dogs, Unum, and the Maine Coalition for Excellence in Education, the program recognizes exemplary teachers in Maine public schools.

The new superintendent for SAD 19 in

1975

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Hot August weather is here as I write this column. We are preparing to sell our old house and move into a new house. We have been looking for five years, so this is very exciting. So much work involved, though. The economic slowdown has affected the area with some shutdowns, some layoffs, and effort reduction. This past week was the 40th anniversary of the first Woodstock, which reminded me of our 35th Reunion coming up at Homecoming 2010. Let's make this one happen and make it great. I don't have a date yet, but assume it will be in

October. Start planning ahead.

Now to news of other classmates:

Martha Robus Kopplin writes from Fairbanks, AK. She is working in education outreach at the International Arctic Research Center at UAF and working with teachers and classrooms around the state to integrate climate change and earth system studies into the curriculum. She and Bill have two kids, Max (22), who graduated this spring from Superior State University in fire science, and Robin (20), in the equestrian science program at Lake Erie College in Ohio. Martha spends free time gardening, running, biking, skiing, and snowshoeing.

After 35-plus years with the USDA-Rural Development, **Michael Grondin** retired on July 31. He plans to keep busy by being a substitute teacher at local schools and continuing to volunteer at the Bangor YMCA's Leaders' School program. In his spare time he plans to continue to hike, fish, canoe, and kayak around Maine.

After 34 years, **Trudy J. Walo** retired from teaching this past June. She had been teaching kindergarten at Holden Elementary School for 22 of those years and will be greatly missed by all there.

Charles Rand '81G, a noted expert on contemporary western art, is currently the director of the Dickinson Research Center at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. He has also worked for the University of Oklahoma and the Smithsonian Institution.

John Toole of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute has been elected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is currently a senior scientist and has worked on the physics of the Arctic Ocean. He is co-developer of the ice-tethered profiler, which measures seawater pressure, temperature, and salt content.

Gov. John Baldacci '86 has named **Eleanor Baker** of Cape Elizabeth to the University of Maine System board of trustees. Eleanor is currently at Baker Newman Noyes accounting firm and has served on the Maine Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission.

Michael J. Townsend has been elected chairman of the New York Power Authority. An attorney with Harris Beach LLP in Pittsford, NY, Michael served as a NYPA trustee since 2004.

Scott and **Sandra Longfellow** have turned their family business, Longfellow's Greenhouse in Manchester, into Maine's largest ornamental greenhouse operation and earned the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce 2009 Business of the Year Award.

After 32 years with the Department of Defense, **Jim Stewart** retired in 2003 from his position as senior engineer at the US Army Yuma Proving Ground in southwest Arizona. He then spent two years consulting on airdrop certification and logistic supportability and human factors engineering. He is now employed full time as the manager of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation's Quechan Utilities Company in southern California. In his spare time Jim helps run the Yuma County Search and Rescue squad.

There will be only two issues of *MAINE Alumni Magazine* each year—summer and winter. For more information and pictures go to www.umainealumni.org.

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Hello, '76ers! Now that winter is upon us, please take a moment to send me an update to include in our next column.

Fred Woodman '90G was named the director of the United Technologies Center in Bangor last year after working as superintendent of schools in SAD 67 in Lincoln. Fred and his wife, Sheila, live in Lincoln.

Chief Justice **Leigh Ingalls Saufley** was unanimously recommended for another seven-year term by the Maine Legislature's Judiciary Committee. **Bob Severance** of Yarmouth was promoted to construction services manager for Woodard and Curran in Portland. **Matt LaRoche** has been appointed as the first superintendent of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. **Mike Benjamin** is the new principal for Deer-Isle-Stonington Elementary School. Rev. **Bruce Siket** has been assigned to serve as parochial vicar at Stella Maris Parish in Bucksport and St. Joseph Parish in Ellsworth. **Doug Read** '97G has been elected to the board of selectmen for the town of Litchfield.

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The publishing world gets a little weird sometimes. There's a phenomenon I like to call the editorial time warp. It goes something like this: You send me your news during the winter and spring. I write about it in summer, but you won't read it until it's winter again. So, keeping in mind that in my world it's really summer, let me wish you a wonderful holiday season!

Thanks to those of you who heeded my call to drop a note to say hello. **Peter Priest's** summer travails included trips to Atlantic City, Myrtle Beach, and Charlotte, NC. **Richard Byrd** of Chestnut Hill, MA, wrote almost a year ago (there's that editorial time warp again) that he attended a UMO vs. Boston University hockey game in Orono. Seems Maine tied nationally ranked BU 2-2 in the second game and Dick says, "It was a blast!"

In July **Lynne McKenney Lydick**, an ac-

tress who has performed throughout New England with lead roles in dramas and musicals, presented a special one-woman show sponsored by the Brewer Historical Society entitled "Follow the Cannon: A Reading of Clara Barton's Civil War Letters." Clara Barton, surely you remember from American history classes, was founder of the American Red Cross. Lynne, described as "an activist and actress," lives in Worcester, MA, with her husband and their three children.

Joanne Maloney is a teacher at Wentworth Intermediate School in Scarborough. She was awarded a 2009 Maine Arts Teachers Fellowship to study mosaic tile production at the Mosaic Art School in Ravenna, Italy.

James Morse, Sr. '87G has been appointed superintendent of schools in Portland, the city where he grew up. Over the years he has been an art teacher, an elementary, middle, and high school principal, and superintendent of schools in Limestone and most recently of the Messalonskee School District in Oakland.

That's it for now, but keep sending me those notes! A quick email is pretty painless. Hope you enjoy the holiday season and that you emerge rested and relaxed, ready for anything winter decides to throw your way!

1978

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Greetings, my fellow '78ers! Why, oh why, won't you write to me? You can email me or send me a message via Facebook. I'm begging for news of your lives, careers, and families.

That Energizer bunny, **Meredith Stang Burgess**, has been named to the board of trustees at Hebron Academy, where her youngest son is a student. The public announcement in the *Advertiser-Democrat* included a good synopsis of her activities over the past decade. "In 1999, she began her very public battle with breast cancer and her story has been covered statewide in print and electronic media. She founded the annual Cure Breast Cancer for ME Luncheon and spearheaded the effort to create a breast cancer specialty license plate that will support three different Maine-based breast cancer organizations covering prevention, patient support, and research." Congratulations to Meredith.

Congratulations are also in order to **Robert Faulkner**, manager of KeyBank's Houlton office, who has been promoted to vice president. He began his 30-year banking career with Depositors Trust Company of Aroostook, which was later purchased by KeyBank. In addition to his recent promotion, Robert was also named to the 2008 Signature Circle, which recognizes the very top KeyBank employees in the country, based on customer service and

sales. Membership in the Signature Circle is highly competitive; less than 300 out of 17,500 employees were chosen. Robert and his wife, Catherine, live in New Limerick, where he is an active member of the community, serving on the board of the Community Living Association, is a trustee of the Houlton Lodge of Elks, and is a member of the Houlton Rotary Club.

Ivan Fernandez '82 Ph.D., a classmate and UMaine professor, is part of a team that recently received \$522,857 from the National Science Foundation's Division of Environmental Biology to study the Bear Brook Watershed near Beddington, ME. Ivan's portion of the study, which is being done in collaboration with a team from Virginia Tech, examines the effects of too much nitrogen in our landscape. Because of increased human activity, the amount of nitrogen in some areas has more than doubled, creating a pollution problem and changing the balance among multiple nutrients that limit biological activity in ecosystems.

Brenda Nasberg-Jepson and her husband, Alan '76, have developed another Maine-based business. Brenda is a documentary filmmaker whose company, Crown of Maine Productions, has created many interesting pieces dealing with our state, its unique people, and their fascinating stories over the last 15 years. Now she and Alan have turned their talents to making beautiful calendars, each depicting a different section of our state. Their first calendar, for 2009, depicted the beauty of Aroostook County, while the 2010 version features the area near their Down East summer cottage in South Addison. "The photographs represent the true face of Down East—the sites where the locals live and interact but of which visitors seldom get more than a glance," says Brenda. They are now taking photographs of Piscataquis County, hoping to make that area the subject of a 2011 calendar.

Please, oh please, write to me! Have a wonderful winter.

1979

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I'm writing this column as our less-than-ideal summer comes to a close, and as planning for our 30th Reunion gets underway. By the time my next column rolls around, I'll have gathered my jotted notes from October and have Reunion news to share.

On a related note, the Class of '79 scholarship is at \$8,000. It was hit—like most investments—by the economic slump. I would encourage you to make a donation and help a future student on his or her way to UMaine. To see and contribute to the Class of '79 scholarship, which is administered through the UMaine Foundation, see www.umainealumni.org/1979.html.

In the meantime—

Richard Grant has joined Thomas College's office of admissions and career services. In a varied career, he has served as a training and business coordinator for LL Bean and as director of business graduate programs at UMaine. He lives in Brunswick.

Debra Clark Susi received a Maine Arts Teachers Fellowship award to study theatre production in Spoleto, Italy! She teaches at Warsaw Middle School in Pittsfield, and was one of nine teachers from around the state to receive the fellowships for study in a variety of theater, music, and visual arts. And speaking of Pittsfield, **Earl Anderson** took over as director of athletics and activities at Maine Central Institute at the beginning of the school year.

Sgt. Michael Edes of Cumberland, a member of the Maine State Police, was tapped to head the National Troopers Coalition at their spring meeting in New York City. He has been head of the Maine State Troopers Association since 1999.

David Harrison is the administrator of Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School in Massachusetts, and author of a booklet called "Simply You," aimed at helping young people realize their full potential. A physics major, psychology minor at UMaine, he has been at Old Colony for 28 years as teacher, coach, and administrator. David is also a featured motivational speaker—check out the website www.power4goals.com.

After 52 years, **Elaine Fuller (G)** is retiring as organist at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Hallowell. Her busy life has included a nursing career, 30 years at Maine's DHHS, a stint in the state legislature, and work—which still continues—on the Manchester board of selectmen. She lives in Manchester with her husband, Ray Whitcomb, and has three children and six grandchildren.

Peter Chase is serving a term as president and chairman of the Southern Aroostook Development Corporation, a group whose goal is marketing the region to businesses looking to expand or locate in the area. Graduating in forest engineering, Peter worked on the construction of Louisiana-Pacific's oriented strand board plant in New Limerick and was then hired as its superintendent. With wife, Kathy Gallop Chase, he founded Buildings Etcetera, specializing in construction of commercial and industrial facilities. Son Jesse is a junior and son Zach is a freshman at UMaine. Younger son, Nick, is a high school sophomore. The family lives in New Limerick.

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Happy New Year, Class of 1980! Can you believe it's been 30 years since we graduated? In 1980, just *being* 30 years old seemed like a distant and strange idea! During the past three decades, you must have done something that you can tell us about. Please write or email with an update on your family, work, home, or anything else.

Surely you're not still living in the dorm in some time warp—although some of those fashions from our childhood are coming back!

1981

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Winter greetings to all! As I write this a few months in advance, I'm wondering what our weather will be when you're reading it? How will UMaine football season have ended? And will our hockey and basketball teams be on their way to winning seasons? Sure hope so! But win or lose, they keep us entertained around here during these long Maine winters. Go blue!

We will certainly be watching the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver with special interest, as classmate **John Tortorella** is an assistant coach of the U.S. Olympic hockey team. He currently coaches the New York Rangers. **Troy Gagnon** has joined Pinnacle Development Group in Waterville as chief operating officer. Troy has been in IT management in the paper and banking industries for years and spent several years building a successful IT support-services business in the Bangor area. **Dianne McLaughlin Tilton**, in her first term as a state legislator, served on the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources. Representing District 33 in western Washington County, Dianne made it clear when running for office that her primary legislative priority was to preserve and strengthen Maine's fishing industry. Bet she's doing a great job in Augusta!

Wouldn't it have been nice to live in a luxury apartment while at UMaine (not that there was anything wrong with dorm life)? **Michael Hartnett** helped found Campus Crest six years ago and they have built more than 20 student-apartment complexes around the country, with a number of others currently in the works. This past year, the North Carolina-based company announced intentions to build a luxury apart-

ment complex off Park Street in Orono, to house UMaine students in the fall of 2010. I guess kids today expect a little more than we did—private baths, walk-in closets, a fitness center, outdoor pool, tanning salon, and, of course, high-speed internet access!

Three requests as we enter what I hope is a more prosperous year economically for everyone. First, please remember your class scholarship fund in the next couple of months. This past year we were unable to award a scholarship, due to insufficient earnings. Our fund balance is pitifully low and could use a shot in the arm. These scholarship dollars are more critical than ever now, as parents and students struggle to pay their bills. If you're in a position to send along a few bucks, it will be greatly appreciated by a deserving student. Secondly, consider becoming a supporting member of your UMaine Alumni Association. Budget cuts have hit hard and your help is needed to ensure that the association can continue to provide their many services to alumni and students. Reunions, Homecoming, regional alumni groups and affinity groups, and this wonderful magazine are just a few of the things that your alumni association provides. Many small donations do add up, so please consider giving. Finally, a request that has no price tag—only your time! Please send me an email with your news! Jobs, family, send me whatever would be of interest to your classmates and friends in other classes who read this column. With nearly 1,700 in our class, you'd think I'd hear from at least a few of you now and then since the advent of email! And my pledge to you is to

get on Facebook this winter to see what I can round up for news there. Who knows, perhaps I'll even start tweeting!

1982

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By the time you read this, our camp in Auburn will be closed up for the winter and Taylor Pond will be frozen over, but imagine for a moment sitting on the porch with me on a day in August. The water is calm, the hills in the distance are green, and there are wispy clouds in the bright blue sky. As a "summer person who stayed," I've never lost my appreciation for this view, or for my grandparents who bought the camp back when my late father, Warren Randall (longtime Class of '42 correspondent) and my aunt Esther Randall Bacas '44, were children. I'm sure many of you have a place somewhere in Maine—on a lake, by the ocean, or deep in the woods—that has given you wonderful memories. Drop me a note and tell us about your favorite summer-in-Maine memory, and I'll include it in the next column.

Gregory Dufour grew up in Old Town, left the state after college graduation, and returned for good in 2001. Greg is now president and chief executive officer of Camden National

Bank. He earned his master's degree in business administration from the University of North Texas, worked in Dallas a while, and returned to Maine (the first time) to work for Merrill Trust in Bangor. Fleet Bank bought Merrill Trust, and Greg worked in management for Fleet in Hartford, CT; Providence, RI; and Boston, MA. While in Boston, Greg and his wife, Doreen, decided they wanted to raise their three boys in Maine, and the Dufours settled in Rockland when Greg joined Camden National in 2001. Oldest son, Robert, now studies environmental science at UMaine, while Greg serves on the board of directors for the University of Maine Alumni Association and several other Maine organizations.

Karen Goodrich Cole was named acting director of the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce early in 2009 after serving as the chamber's communications and marketing director. Before that, she was business manager for the UMaine School of Performing Arts. **Ernie Clark** is well known to readers of the *Bangor Daily News*, and in 2009 was named Maine Sportswriter of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association for the third straight year. Ernie covers high school sports, youth baseball, American Legion baseball, and writes a weekly column. He was a sports writer and sports editor for the *Central Maine Sentinel* in Waterville for 11 years.

Rhonda Irish has returned to UMaine to earn her master's degree in public administration while working as town manager for the town of Wilton. Previously, Rhonda served four



Class of 1979 members get together in front of Buchanan Alumni House during their 30th Reunion celebration at Homecoming 2009.

years as town administrator for the town of Minot. **Carrie Dunbar Kinnie** is the executive director of the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust. Carrie, who grew up in Farmingdale, has spent 25 years working for non-profits in Maine. She and her family live in North Yarmouth and have a camp in Lincoln.

Fred Ludwig of Houlton won the 30th annual six-mile St. George River Race in Searsmont in his solo kayak last March. With an eight-inch rise in the water level due to spring melt just two days before, Fred battled temperatures in the 40s, fast water, and ice shelves to beat 108 other boaters to the finish in 41 minutes, 12 seconds.

Rebecca Ireland Wright '85G grew up in the Presque Isle area and has taught performing arts at Ellsworth High School for 23 years, leading the school's Show Choir to win the Maine State Championship three times and the All-American Music Festival in Orlando, FL, twice. Rebecca is married and has four children, and her daughter, Jasmine Ireland '03, has directed EHS's one-act plays for several years, also winning awards in statewide competition. When Rebecca suffered a heart attack, Jasmine took over direction of the Show Choir's 2009 production of the Broadway musical *Spring Awakening*. Rebecca has been recovering and taking better care of herself as she returns to work with her talented students in Ellsworth.

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Well winter is upon us as your January magazine arrives and here's hoping the economy is treating all of us better! However, there were a few of our classmates who fared well on the job front in 2009.

Dr. **Peter Climo** joined the Health Access Network's West Enfield primary care location this year. Peter received a B.S. in education in '83, and since went on to receive an A.S. in Emergency Medical Care and graduated from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2003.

Classmate **Brian Champion** was named a partner at the Kennebunk law firm Libby, O'Brien & Kingsley and now Champion has been added to the firm's name. Brian's core areas of practice are in civil litigation and complex business litigation as well as products liability, personal injury, and medical malpractice. After receiving his B.A. from Maine he went on to earn his J.D. at Franklin Pierce Law Center.

Barbara Miller McGuan has been named a principal at Berry, Dunn, McNeill & Parker, CPAs and Management Consultants. Barb is a member of the Portland firm's Tax Services Group. Barb is actively involved as a volunteer

with her church and local community.

Finally, **Mike Coutts** '09G, currently serving as head baseball coach at Deering, was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Mike was the co-captain of the 1981 Maine baseball team that went to the College World Series in Omaha. He was also an assistant at Maine as well as a head coach of the Cotuit Kettleers of the Cape Cod League.

As you make your New Years resolutions, consider submitting a class note in 2010. Personal stories, vacations, or even impressions of the campus on a return trip are welcome anytime at rdfitta@gmail.com. I hope you had a great holiday season with family and friends and Happy New Year!

1984

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Happy winter to all of you! I hope you all had a great summer and fall, and I'm looking forward to hearing your news. Personally, I am happy to greet winter because we have a short break from soccer games and practices. As much as I like going to my children's games, I am always excited about the last game of the season. I am now looking forward to ice-skating and sledding! I've got news on some of our classmates, and I would love to share news about you next time!

Several UMaine alumni were recently inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. At the induction ceremony held July 26, 2009, in Portland, **Robert McPhee** received the 2009 President's Award. Bob is a reporter for the *Lewiston Sun-Journal* and an advocate for hall of fame inductees.

Arthur Roy resigned last spring as police chief of the town of Dexter. He had served in that position for five years. Before that he served with the Maine State Police and a criminal justice agency in Florida.

There was a great article in the *Bangor Daily News* last March about **Barry Dana** and his wife, Lori Nelson Dana '87, '95G, collecting maple sap to make maple syrup. The couple produces the only American Indian-made syrup for market in New England. Barry sells the syrup at art fairs throughout New England alongside his traditional birch bark baskets. The Danas collect sap at their farm in Solon, ME.

One of my accounting classmates, **Alan Sanford** '86G, wed Debra Moore on August 23, 2009. Alan lives in Richmond, ME, and is employed by MaineGeneral Health. Debra is employed by TD Banknorth. Best wishes to both of you!

Amanda Hidu Bost '87G was recently named to the board of directors of the Brewer Economic Development Corp. Amanda is an independent financial professional and serves

on the Brewer School Committee and the Katahdin Area Council Boy Scouts executive board.

I had a picnic lunch with my sister and her family on the mall in front of Fogler Library in early August. I was amazed at the size of the elm trees lining the mall and was reminded of how young those trees were when I first arrived on campus in late August 1980—29 years earlier!

Send me your news and I will put it into the next issue! Your friends and classmates want to hear what is going on in your lives. Send me a New Year card.

1985

25th Reunion at Homecoming 2010

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Happy holiday season to you! As you plan the New Year—please remember that 2010 marks 25 years since we graduated from UMaine! Watch for Reunion plans and keep October 2010 in mind for a trip to Orono.

Tom MacDonald of Scarborough has been elected treasurer and director of the Maine Center for Creativity, a Portland-based non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the growth of the arts and creative industries in Maine.

The Maine Music Educators Association named **Jeff Priest** '08G, music teacher at Old Town High School, the Maine Music Educator of the Year for 2009. Congratulations!

Andrew Perry, president and CEO of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Bath (ME), recently joined the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust board of directors. In addition to general board responsibilities, he will join the board's finance committee. The Kennebec Estuary Land Trust is a membership supported nonprofit organization dedicated to conservation of the natural, historic, scenic, cultural, and recreational resources of the Kennebec Estuary.

Greg L'heureux has been named the finance director for the City of South Portland. Greg is a CPA and worked in the private sector for 13 years before working as finance director in the cities of Freeport and Bath.

Susan Damm accepted a position as kindergarten teacher in Rangeley after 21 years of experience as a classroom teacher in kindergarten and grade one in the Mechanic Falls school system.

The University of Maine College of Engineering Francis Crowe Society inducted **Ralph Carter** as a new member. Ralph is president of Rockwell Software, a business unit within the architecture and software segment of Rockwell Automation in Austin, TX. He is a former board member of the University of Maine Pulp and



Class of 1984 members got together at Buchanan Alumni House during Homecoming 2009 to celebrate their 25th Reunion. Standing, left to right are: Cindy Renaud Alexander '04G, Tom Nash, and Deede Dunbar. Sitting, left to right are: Rebecca Wyke '89G, Louise Soucy, Teresa Hency DeBenedictis '90G, and Diana Douglas Nye.

Paper Foundation, the North Carolina State Pulp and Paper Foundation, and the University of Miami (OH) Pulp and Paper Foundation.

Laurie Osgood of Belfast, ME, has been named president and chief executive of UNITEK of Unity. She continues to serve as president and CEO of UniTel and UniCap. UniTel is a local, independent telephone company and UniCap is a local deregulated telecommunications company.

I recently had a visit with **Susan Johnson**, one of my UMaine roommates, and we laughed for hours remembering our first days in Cumberland Hall and the fun we had in Orono. I'm feeling a bit sad this year as my oldest child is a high school senior and is preparing for her next phase. Spending time with Susan reminded me that some of my happiest memories and best lifelong friends are those from my UMaine days. Plan to travel to Orono for Reunion 2010 to visit with your friends and relive those great times. Hope to see you there!

1986

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Hi! We hope you and yours had a great summer and are enjoying the winter! Here's

what some of your classmates have been up to—

Bill Pulver has received the 2008 Spirit of America Foundation Award for his work on improving Vassalboro's ball fields. Bill works with me (**George Macdougall**) at Maine DOT and is director of the property office.

Paul Elkin was recently inducted into the University of Maine College of Engineering's Francis Crowe Society. He started out working for CMP; for the last 10 years he has been a principal for E-Pro Engineering.

Cheri Lavoie Doak marked her 20th anniversary with Key Bank of Northern Maine. She is a senior vice president working out of the Presque Isle branch.

After 36 years in Maine public education, **William Cassidy** (G) is retiring as president of Washington County Community College. Since he began serving as president in 2003, the school added new programs and partnerships with other universities in Maine and New Brunswick.

Former Black Bear defenseman **Roger Grillo** has been named the regional manager for USA Hockey's American Model. He has been the coach at Brown University for the last 12 years. He looks forward to being able to get more kids involved in hockey through his new position.

Russell Libby (G) is the director of MOFGA, Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association. At the Belfast Free Library, he recently gave an introduction to the film *Tableland*, which highlighted North American small scale, sustainable food production.

Gov. **John Baldacci** recently appointed **Susan Bouchard Snowden**, of Scarborough, to the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME). She has worked in banking for 21 years and has been senior vice president and small business financial services manager of Bangor Savings Bank.

And speaking of Gov. John Baldacci, his son, Jack, has chosen his father's old school and entered the University of Maine this year as a freshman!

Please drop us a note when you get a chance. Your classmates are curious about what you've been up to, work or play!

Hope we saw you at Homecoming in October! Wishing you a Happy 2010!

1987

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Happy New Year, everyone! There's no news this time around—how about sending me an update that I can put in the next column? Enjoy the winter, and I'll hope to hear from you before the next issue.

1988

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Hello, Class of 1988. In this time of economic turmoil and world strife, I am happy to report that there are good things happening to those with whom we share the UMaine experience. Congratulations go out to **Dayton Grandmaison** and his recent bride, Heidi Woodman, on their May 2009 wedding.

On the job front, as was reported in the *Portland Press Herald*, **Thomas Fortier** has moved from the town manager job in Richmond, ME, to a job with the town of Ogunquit. In July, **Frank Boynton** (G), '93 CAS of Durham assumed the position of superintendent for the MSAD #40 school district as was reported in the *Herald Gazette*. The *Kennebec Journal* reported that **Eric Haley** (G), '93 CAS was appointed superintendent of the Kennebec Valley Consolidated Schools AOS early last spring. Eric also received an award from the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce in March for being an outstanding professional. Congratulations to these three on their job-related accomplishments.

The Class of 1988 has graduates in many professions, and the agriculture field is also included. **Steve Crane**, part owner of Crane

Bros. in Exeter, ME, was quoted in the *Bangor Daily News* as he commented on the potato blight fungus that plagued many Maine farms this past growing season. Working with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension program, Steve said that his farm uses science to determine when to water or to treat the acres of potatoes in the fields. Using the UMCE system saves the farm money and helps ensure a healthy crop.

Congratulations are in order for Capt. **Tom Roth** with the Westbrook Police Department, who last winter attended a training session at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA, as was reported in the *American Journal*.

Deserving also of our congratulations is Master Sgt. **Jeffrey Cummings** for being awarded the Meritorious Service Medal as a former National Guard recruiter.

We also need to make note of **Peter Buotte's** contributions, as he spent all of 2008 in Iraq for his second yearlong tour as a civil affairs officer. There he worked directly with the Iraqi government, helping the government assume responsibility for its own civic works. Upon returning home, Peter was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. Since his involvement in Iraq, Peter has activated his own art website at www.peterbuotte.com and has moved to New York City to pursue a master's degree in art therapy with a desire to one day assist fellow veterans. Congratulations, Peter.

Thank you to those who sent updates and I hope to hear from more of you soon!

1989

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Greetings to fellow classmates. I hope the fall was enjoyable for you and that you are basking in the winter season. This year I received lots of emails and Facebook friend requests from many of our fellow graduates. It was particularly exciting for me to hear about the MaulDogs—a name for a group of Penobscot Hall residents. Please email me your latest news at ksilsby@gwi.net. Here is the news about our class.

Howard McFadden, who serves as a state representative in the Maine Legislature, was given the Distinguished Service Award at the University of Maine at Machias.

George Goldman was recognized by MetLife Securities for his achievements in the investment industry.

Sean Geagan was hired as the new police chief in the town of Bucksport.

Former UMaine All-American defenseman **Jack Capuano** was a finalist for the American Hockey League's Coach of the Year as the coach of Bridgeport Sound Tigers, the New York Islanders' top minor league affiliate.

Michelle Cochran-Barnes was chosen as



Class of 1989 members enjoy a 20th Reunion get-together at Buchanan Alumni House during Homecoming. Sitting, left to right are: Eric Redard, Lynn Sewell, Pat Cummings '44H, and Ed Radgowski '90G. Standing are: Kathy Dearborne Carlson and Rodney Mondor.

a nominee for the 2010 Maine Teacher of the Year. She is in her 20th year of teaching and is currently at Princeton Elementary.

Christine Reardon Theriault has taken over as the Baxter State Park business manager.

That is all for now. Please write me to share your latest happenings.

1990

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Happy Holidays! In October, I made it back to UMaine for a retirement party held in honor of my UMaine track coach, Jim Ballinger. It was great to be back on campus and to see him and some past teammates.

David Whitney is the president and owner of Whitney Wreath. Whitney Wreath was selected to provide balsam products for L. L. Bean's 2009 holiday catalog. Whitney Wreath is the nation's largest mail order Christmas wreath business. In addition, in March, David gave a talk on the economy and entrepreneurship at the Machias Rotary Club.

Last March, **Greg Cronin** (G) was named Hockey East Coach of the Year. He is the Northeastern University hockey coach. His record at Northeastern for his first four seasons was 57-70-9.

Dale Hamilton '92G was selected to be the executive director of Community Health and

Counseling Services (CHCS), which provides home health, hospice, and mental health services. He has been with CHCS for 16 years in various positions. Dale lives in Ellsworth with his wife, Tricia, and their two children.

In December 2008, **Barbara Steller** retired from Dirigo Pines Inn, an active adult community located on 68 acres of wooded land and ponds in Orono. She worked as the executive director for six years.

Dennis Harmon was promoted to the patrol agent in charge at Fort Fairfield's border patrol station, which is part of the U.S. Border Patrol, Houlton region. He has been with the Border Patrol for 17 years serving in California and Maine in various roles. **Marilyn Speckmann** (G) was elected president of the Jefferson Historical Society.

Congratulations to all on your retirement, new jobs, and honors!

1991

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Glad those of you in New England didn't float away after the summer of rain. Let's hope you don't get the equivalent amount of snow this year. Well, maybe just on the ski slopes. Here is the latest from the Class of 1991.

Celina Ouelette Conway has joined the Ruth's House staff as the director of community relations. Ruth's House is part of the

Jewish Geriatric Services, a healthcare system serving seniors in Longmeadow, MA. Celina's previous experience includes providing oversight of statewide advocacy groups at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Maine and managing town/gown relations and charitable campaigns at the University of Massachusetts. She lives in Wilbraham, MA.

In March, **Mark Sweeney** retired from the Los Angeles Dodgers but will remain with the team's field staff as an assistant coach. In his 14 years of big league experience, he was one of the most prolific pinch-hitters in the Major League and was a career .254 hitter with 42 home runs and 250 RBI in 1,218 games. His 175 pinch hits placed him second in major league history, and he is the all-time leader in pinch-hit RBI with 102.

Jeff Meserve has been elected to the executive board of the Maine Association of Conservation Districts. He is also the chair of the Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District. Jeff is an independent forester and lives in South Paris.

In April, Piscataquis County commissioners commended **Jamie Kane**, a county sheriff's department investigator, for his professionalism, patience, and perseverance in persuading a suicidal man to surrender to police instead of harming himself after he had assaulted his wife.

Orono High School girls' soccer coach **Leon "Cid" Dyjak** (G) was named New England Small High School Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) at the end of the 2008 season. Cid has been the girls' soccer coach at Orono since 1983, and also coaches at various levels in club soccer. He lives in Orono with his wife, Ann Ross, chair of the School for the Performing Arts at UMaine, and his daughter, Analies, a ninth grader. His daughter's involvement in the programs of the Children's International Summer Village led to the family deciding to host an exchange student from Norway during the last school year.

Building model boats since high school, **Greg Emerson** won the annual model boats race on Beals Island last year. He was planning to spend last winter designing the model to defend his title at the race this year. The annual boat show and race is sponsored by the Beals Historical Society and happens on the island every April. Let us know how that turned out, Greg.

After a 25-year career in geological sciences, **Charlotte Lehmann** (G) is making a major gearshift. Since the end of her position at Bates College in June 2008, she has spent the last year roaming the country in the process of discerning where to launch her next vocation. She spent the spring semester at Lancaster Theological Seminary (PA) as part of following the unfolding, and has at last decided to pursue her master of divinity degree at Meadville Lombard Theological Seminary, a Unitarian Universalist school in Chicago. This is a three-year program, and ordination for parish ministry requires a fourth year of full-time internship in a church setting. Good luck, Charlotte!



Class of '94 members Beth Watson Calhoun (left) and Stacey Stump enjoy a Homecoming reception at Buchanan Alumni House.

Terri Lambert and her husband, Geoff Spitzer, were married June 20, in a garden ceremony at the historic Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth, NH, surrounded by family, including Geoff's son, Jack, who served as best man. The celebration was followed by a lunch in the courtyard. And, how else would true Red Sox fans mark the occasion but by playing the song "Dirty Water" as their recessional music and having a wedding cheesecake topped with glazed fresh fruit arranged in the Red Sox logo? Go Sox, and congrats, Terri and Geoff!

Another year is closing and we still haven't heard from some of you. Please change that. Send me your news so we can catch up on where you are, what you've been doing, where you are going, and who is sharing the journey with you. Peace and happiness to you all!

1992

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It's hard to believe the winter season is upon us already! For those of us who reside in New England, we really didn't have much of a summer at all. Here's hoping that the snow will leave us early this spring . . .

Early last year **Kevin Kelley** was promoted to serve as Sen. Susan Collins's communications director. He had previously served as press secretary in her office and as communications director of her re-election campaign. Congratulations to Kevin!

Carolyn Carson Crosby was named vice

president, director of human resources and stakeholder development for Camden National Corp. Carolyn oversees the management of human resources for the company and its subsidiaries. **Chris Young** has also moved up in the banking world, as he was named vice president and commercial banking officer II for Union Trust. Camden National Bank has also named **Steven Thomas '94G** as vice president and commercial loan officer. He is based at Camden National's branch in Bangor. Great job to all of you!

Lastly, **Keri Yankus** and **Robert Vodra** have moved to New Hampshire, where Robert has accepted a new position as the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ, director of education and outdoor ministry, which combines Christian education and camp directing.

That's all I have to report this time around. Please send in your information and let us know what is going on in your life. Certainly, there must be something new to share with your classmates!

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Happy New Year, Class of '93. I know you're out there, but I'm not receiving your news. How about a quick update to let your classmates know what's going on in your lives? Even if you're working the same job, living in the same place, and don't think you have any news, we want to hear from you. Someone in your class is wondering, "What ever happened to (your name here)?"

1994

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Greetings, classmates! At the time of typing, it's still summer and we're making plans to head to Orono for Homecoming. We hope to report lots of classmate sightings in the next issue. By the time this reaches you, it'll be much more appropriate to wish you Happy New Year!

In the meantime, we have some somewhat timely updates for you—however if you want to

send us some breaking news, drop us an email or track us down on Facebook (sad but true, we both succumbed).

Kyle Rankin premiered his latest feature-length film, *Infestation*, at the Maine International Film Festival in July. Kyle described the film to the *Bangor Daily News* as "a post-apocalyptic horror comedy."

Mark Bancroft was elected president of the Associated General Contractors of Maine. Mark serves as chief executive officer of Bancroft Contracting Corporation in South Paris, ME.

Daren Hachey and his father, Ronald, of Mister Market Grocery in Winthrop, were presented with a certificate of appreciation for 35 years of service to the Alfred W. Maxwell American Legion Post 40. Exciting side note: Daren was our dorm neighbor freshman year and he shares a birthday with Stacey.

Tom Taylor-Lash (G) was a school board candidate for Regional School Unit (RSU) #25. Tom served on the Orland school committee for three years and is owner of Gramp's Farm Blueberries.

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Hello from Brunswick!

We've got a little more news than last time, but still not much. I hope we can hear from you soon.

Jeffrey Jordan has joined Maine Coast Family Dentistry and Implant Center in Thomaston. Jeff received his DMD degree from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. The announcement of his position also noted that he's done research at IDEXX Laboratories and at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The Air Force has recognized Maj. **Christopher Lane** with the Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award of Field Grade Manager of the Year for 2008. Christopher is based at Ramstein Air Base in Kaiserslautern, Germany. The award is presented to maintenance, communications-electronics maintainers who have demonstrated the highest degree of sustained job performance, efficiency, knowledge, and results, and have had direct involvement in sortie (aircraft flight mission) generation. After graduation from UMaine, Christopher went on to receive a master's degree from Western New England College in Springfield, MA. Congratulations, Christopher.

Speaking of advanced degrees, **Margaret "Peetie" Law Charette** (G) was formally thanked by University of Maine Augusta president, Allyson Hughes Handley, for her more than 18 years of service as program coordinator of the university's Medical Laboratory Technology program. Peetie left the position last year and resides in Gardiner.

Aroostook County has a new veterinarian in **James Hotham**. His practice is located at 307 Centerline Road in Presque Isle and offers services to both small and large animals. James previously worked in Vermont at a large dairy practice, and then did his own practice there for a few years. After his father passed unexpectedly, James decided to return to his roots—he's a native of Blaine and a graduate of Central Aroostook High School. He received his doctor of veterinary medicine degree from the University of Prince Edward Island's Atlantic Vet College. He worked at the Presque Isle Animal Hospital for a few years and then decided to open up his own practice. James is also looking to add another veterinarian to the practice.

I hope this finds you all well. Enjoy the winter!

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Bridget Ziegelaar continues to work as an extravehicular activity flight manager for NASA at Ground Control in Houston, TX. Bridget is in charge of spacewalks for the shuttle program. She first became interested in the space program while attending space camp as a 12-year-old.

Michael Lane was selected for the 2009 *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. Michael works at Preti Flaherty in Portland and resides in Richmond. Michael recently became engaged to Kimberly Burke Condon.

Shianne Wheeler Priest '08G directed the Leonard Middle School Jazz Ensemble to first place in the State Jazz Festival. This is the 16th consecutive year that Leonard Middle School has taken the top ranking at the festival. Also, Shianne and her husband, Jeffrey '85, '08G, welcomed a son, Tyler Joshua Priest, on May 12th. Congrats!

After being sidelined by surgeries on both hips last year, **Paul Kariya** is back on the ice for the 2009-2010 NHL season, playing for the St Louis Blues.

Hope to hear from more of you soon!

1997

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Dear Class of 1997,
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Homecoming 2010. You can find me on Facebook or you can reach me at Yolanda_sly@hotmail.com.

Remember writing those "what did I do with my summer vacation" essays? This fall, Messalonskee High School teacher **Pam Rhein** (G) shared her experience at Greece's Festival of Aegean. Pam and her husband, Kevin, who is also a music teacher at Messalonskee High School, were awarded Maine Arts Teachers Fellowships, reports the *Kennebec Journal*. The fellowships allowed the Rheins to travel to Greece to participate in the music festival featuring both world-renowned and local Greek talent, and bring that experience to the classroom. Pam, who has been a teacher for 30 years, said, "It is one of those things that shows that the choral arts can bring new experiences no matter what our age." The fellowship is an initiative of the Maine Alliance for Arts Education.

Chad Bradbury was named girls' varsity basketball team coach at Hampden Academy, reports the *Bangor Daily News*. Chad was previously the school's junior varsity basketball coach and has been coaching at a variety of levels since 1997. "I guess our short-term goal—we'd be happy if we could make an appearance in the playoffs, and see what would happen from there," he said.

Chad Sylvester has joined Keller Williams Realty Mid Maine in Auburn, reports the *Sun Journal*. He has an extensive background in commercial properties as well as residential. Chad spent the last six years in real estate and the last 15 years in sales and marketing.

Griffin Associates in Waterville has helped people with financial planning for the past 40 years, reports the *Town Line*. **Gerry Griffin** works with his father, Larry '68G, to help people with their financial planning. After graduating from UMaine, Gerry earned his MBA from Clarkson in New York, and worked in Boston before joining Griffin Associates. Gerry remains optimistic about the current state of the economy. "When everything goes down it encourages growth, investment in new business, new infrastructure. Although this is a tough time we'll bounce back ... Everyone who has ever bet against America has lost."

Matthew Murray is the new director of the Tri-City Community Chorus, reports the *Journal Tribune*. Matt has been the choral director (and music teacher) at Kennebunk High School since 1998 and looks forward to the challenge of directing a community choir. "We can do things I can't do with a high school choir," he said. "We can do centerpiece works that take time and hard work to perform."

The VFW named **Patricia Begin** (G) the VFW State Teacher of the Year for the kindergarten through fifth-grade level of competition, reports the *Morning Sentinel*. The Winslow VFW and Ladies Auxiliary nominated Patricia for the award for promoting patriotism among students and helping her students become pen pals with an area soldier deployed in Iraq.

Katrina Kane (G) was named the assistant superintendent in the newly formed Regional School Unit 24, reports the *Ellsworth American*. Katrina was previously the interim superintendent.

dent in Ellsworth.

Congratulations to **Jeanne Nagorniuk Bowne** (G) on her retirement from the Tremont Consolidated School. Jeanne taught in Tremont for 25 years and previously spent 10 years teaching in Massachusetts before moving to Maine, reports *The Bar Harbor Times*. Jeanne and her husband plan to move to Florida.

1998

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This spring I attended a language immersion program in Yalta, Ukraine, and was able to travel around the country and Moldova. I then spent the summer working as the counter-narcotics programs coordinator for U.S. Central Command in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, and was able to travel around this country, in addition to Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. I was happy to return home to Germany for the birth of Lot-tie and my first child, Katerina Elizabeth, on August 18. My fellow Skull, **Clinton Swett**, and his wife, Erika, also had their first child, Carter David, on 27 May! **Dan LaMontagne** and his wife, Erika, also shared with me that Gabrielle Hope was born on 6 August. They have four other children: Connor (6), Cameron (5), Hannah (4), and Lily (3). Dan has his MBA from Thomas College and works for Plum Creek Timber Company in Georgia as the manager of bioenergy.

We send our best wishes to two of our classmates on announcements of engagements which have probably become weddings. **Christopher Hodgdon** was engaged to Becky Gauthier and a June 25 wedding in Brunswick was planned. Chris is a national accounts project manager at Connectivity Point in Auburn. **Timothy Malikowski** was engaged to marry Kimberly Murphy and a September 12 wedding was planned. Tim is a staff accountant with the University of Maine System in Bangor and currently lives in Hampden.

In the field of education, in June, **Sarah Hardy Farnham** (G), a teacher at Winslow Jr. High School, was selected out of 300 teachers nationwide to receive a scholarship to attend the Honeywell Educators at Space Academy program, and spent a week at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. More info on her trip can be found at www.theworldoffarnham.blogspot.com. Over the summer, **Peter Gallace** '05G was named the new principal of the Jefferson Village School. Peter was already a teacher who was serving as assistant principal, and has a master's degree in educational administration. Peter previously taught in Gardiner, and also in Arizona on a Navajo reservation.

In sports, **Mike Cowing** '99G returned to coach Bucksport's baseball team. He previously coached the team from 2003-2005, leading them to three straight post-season appear-



It was a mini-'98 reunion at the wedding of Sarah Williams to Job Bogan last summer at West Quoddy Light. Left to right are: Craig Bossie, Martha Williams Arnold, Emily Nelson, Edward "Spider" Williams '98 (Sarah's father), Sarah Williams Bogan, Jaime McKeever Amyot, and Scott Castonguay.

ances including the Eastern Maine Class B championship in 2003 and regional semi-finals in 2005. **Paul Withee** (G) will not return for a 20th season as the football coach at Foxcroft Academy, after winning three state championships and seven Eastern Maine Class C titles during his tenure. He also led his team to create an impact off the field against domestic violence. For the last eight years his teams have raised over \$1,000 each year in an annual road race to benefit Womancare, a local organization working to end domestic violence. Paul also led the school's White Ribbon Campaign against domestic violence in early 2009. On 31 May, head coach of the UMaine women's basketball team, **Cindy Blodgett**, was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2009 for her successful basketball career.

Kelly Rohan (Ph.D.) is a clinical psychologist and associate professor at the University of Vermont. Last December, she received a \$2 million grant to test artificial-light and attitude lightening cures for Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). She also recently published a manual for mental health professions from Oxford University Press, *Coping with the Seasons*.

In June, Camden-based **John Orlando** co-created World Away Productions, which aims to bring the most musical and artistic events to midcoast Maine and the islands. Last December, **Belle Ryder**, operations manager at family-owned Union River Boat Company in Bucksport, ME, was featured in a *Bangor Daily News* article discussing plans for their company to increase boat production this year.

Edward "Spider" Williams sent an update on himself and his family: his daughter **Martha Williams Arnold** is married to Jeffrey Arnold and they have one son, Joshua. His other daughter, **Sarah**, is married to "Job" Bogan. And he is still married to Ruthie '02 (and points

out that they were married in 1967!). He's enjoying lecturing in the electrical engineering technology department at UMaine, but plans on retiring after graduation.

Faith F. Meyer wrote that she married Timothy J. Campbell on June 14, 2008, in Portland, ME. They honeymooned in Cozumel, Mexico, and reside in Bristol, CT. She is a training specialist and instructional designer at ConnectiCare, a regional health insurer in CT, NY, and MA. **Mike Appel** wrote that he is working for Beckman Coulter, a large medical device manufacturer, and lives in Indianapolis.

1999

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Hello, Class of 1999! Did you attend Homecoming in October? If so, we'd love to hear your stories and see your photos!

News from the past year has rolled in slowly, but I'm happy to share some of the accomplishments of our fellow alums. **Christopher Walker** '07G has joined the staff of the Donald S. Walker Health Center in Liberty. He received his nurse practitioner degree from UMaine in 2007 and previously worked in pediatric practices in Belfast and Rockport. The Maine Principals Association named **Jane White-Kilcollins** (G) the 2009 National Distinguished Principal of the Year. She is the principal of Hilltop Elementary School in Caribou. In addition to involvement in a wide range of community activities, Jane is an adjunct faculty member of the University of Maine at Presque Isle. **Lynda Doyle** (Ph.D.) was appointed to the Maine Board of Education by Governor John Baldacci '86. Lynda is a private practice psychotherapist in Yarmouth.

Jackie Gebhart is in her 14th season as associate head coach of the UMaine women's soccer team. Last year, she was diagnosed with stage-four melanoma and underwent surgery in February, in addition to radiation treatments. Her optimism and positive outlook shone through in a recent *Bangor Daily News* article about her battle with cancer. Our thoughts are with you, Jackie!

Congratulations to **Mike McCuddy** and his new bride, Kara DioGuardi. Mike made head-



Samantha Lott Hale with her parents at Homecoming

Why I Care

"My parents are also UMaine grads, so for me, involvement in the University and the Alumni Association is a proud family tradition. This year we enjoyed attending Homecoming together. It's the Alumni Association that makes Homecoming possible. It's also the Association that gives us the opportunity to stay connected with our classmates and gives us a voice and a presence on campus."

"That's why I care—why I'm a UMAA supporting member and volunteer."

Samantha Lott Hale
Class of 2002

lines when he married Kara, an "American Idol" judge, last summer in Prospect Harbor. He is a teacher turned general contractor. **Jenny Collins** married Jason Fournier in August. She recently returned to Maine after living in the Manchester, NH, area. Congratulations and welcome home, Jenny.

This spring, several members of the All Maine Women Honor Society got together for an evening out in the Old Port. **Cassie Magoon, Sara Barron-Nichols, Tara Eisner Kennedy, Lauren Hudacik-Whitney**, and I had a fabulous time reminiscing over cocktails and sushi. Cassie works for Cianbro and is pursuing a second degree at UMaine. Sara is employed by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Both Tara and Lauren are newlyweds. Congratulations to both! Tara and her husband, Doug, recently purchased a home in the Kittery area. Lauren continues to do HIV-related research and lives in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. We are all hoping that another decade does not pass before we get together again!

If you have news you would like to share with our classmates before then, please email me at: aldq75@netscape.net or update your records with the alumni association online at <http://www.umainealumni.com/update.html>. You can also find me on Facebook, which is a great way to reconnect with classmates, professors, and other alumni.

Wishing you the happiest of new years and all the best in 2010!

2000

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As the trees change and we prepare for the winter season, the fond memories of UMaine and walking through the snow on campus come to mind. Many classmates have news to share and we would also love to hear from you. Don't hesitate to contact me with your news or your fond memories of Maine.

Congratulations go out to **Lisa Trefts Stone** and her husband, Jeff, of Orland, ME, on the birth of their daughter, Kaiana Cassidy, on December 9, 2008. Kaiana, who weighed 9lbs 5oz and was 19 inches long, was also welcomed by big brother, Quentin. Another round of congratulations go out to the newlyweds in our class, **Nichole Pishkur** and Robert Prokey, of Portland, ME, who were married on July 11, 2009, at the Eastland Park Hotel. **Kimberly Youcis** and Andrew Hollock were also married on July 11, 2009, in Butler, PA. They both teach first grade in the Osceola School Department. They met at a teachers' workshop and live in Kissimmee, FL.

Classmate **David Allen** is the new art director for Custom Museum Publishing in Rockland, ME. David lives in Appleton with his wife, Ruth, and daughter, Elana. Another classmate,

Betsy MacGregor Webb (G), superintendent of the Bangor schools, was recently recognized as Administrator of the Year at the annual Maine Libraries Association conference. With the award, a check for \$500 was given to the Bangor High School library in Webb's name from the Maine Libraries Association.

Caleb Hall, owner of Blueberry Stone Company and Hall Landscaping in Rockland, ME, is harvesting stone in the blueberry fields that can be used for landscaping projects. According to his wife, Angie, "This is a beautiful product that is easy to work with and has a Maine history."

2001

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Although it is hard to believe, winter is once again upon us. For those of us who have moved out of Maine, winter now brings much milder temperatures! However, we all carry the fond memories of school and freezing on our way to class.

Here are just a few things that our classmates have been up to since our last trek across campus.

Teresa "Terri" Poulin Kane (G) was recognized last December at Warsaw Middle School for the gifts she daily gave her students as well as the Pittsfield school department. Terri was an amazing woman who was fighting cancer and still providing her students with exemplary teaching. Sadly, Terri died in April.

Chris Frank '03G of Intelligent Spatial Technologies has recently relaunched his iPointer, a mobile search tool that works on any mobile communication devices with a GPS, eCompass, or wireless data connection, including some phones. The iPointer technology, which allows users to simply point to a destination and receive email about it, currently exists for 78 North American cities and 59 European cities.

Wedding bells have recently rung for **Jonathan Jenkins**. In July, he wed Elizabeth Lazarus. He currently works at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and she works as a third grade teacher in Bangor.

Some of us do great things at work, some of us do great things by volunteering, and some of us do great things by just standing up for what we believe in. The latter is true for **Melinda Merrill-Maguire**. Although she lives happily with her partner and their adopted son, they are currently not legally allowed to wed. Fighting for equal rights and social equality has become her passion. We wish her and her family all the happiness in the world.

Something we have all heard about, the Snuggie, is actually a copycat! Our very own **Gary Clegg** invented the Slanket. The Slanket was derived from a sleeping bag with sleeves,

which arose from living in a cold dorm room. Gary has distributors lined up to carry his product, minus the sold-on-TV stigma. Visit www.slanket.com to see his invention!

Matt and Bonnie Joy Richards Dewkett's company, The Joyful Organizer, has released its first book, *Guide to a Joyful Move*. It's full of information to assist with creating a stress-free move and is now available on Amazon.

Remember to keep sending us your news!

2002

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Hearty Maine Hello! It just seems like yesterday that we were enjoying the heat of summer and now we bundle up to keep warm this winter. I'm reminded how beautiful winter is on campus with the first snowfall. With all the changes in the season and the holidays some of our classmates have reason to celebrate.

Charles Buker, a surveyor at Main-Land Development Consultants, has been promoted to chief of surveying. In his new position, he is responsible for overseeing the firm's seven-person survey crew as they work in Franklin, Oxford, Somerset, and Kennebec counties.

Tim Gallant, also of Main-Land Development, has been hired to be the firm's first geographic information system (GIS) coordinator. **Josh Guthrie** won recognition from his students in his second year as Greenville music teacher. He puts in long days and even longer hours with private music lessons, pep band, and school concerts. He plays 23 instruments, specializing in guitar. Josh and his wife were expecting their second child in November.

Corinne Carrier, a registered dietician from Central Maine Bariatric Surgery, discussed issues related to nutrition and obesity as rising public health concerns this past spring. **Susan Terrill Watson '06G** has been hired as a new special education teacher and evaluator for SAD 4.

Many of us are spending holidays with our loved ones. Eric '01 and **Marci Corrigan Swallow (G)**, along with their two daughters, Kate and Regan, attended a family reunion in August with their grandmother, Marion Wasileski (age 98), in New York. **Edward Van Tassel** and Tasha McKeen had a June wedding. Edward works at Winthrop public schools as a physical education teacher and coach. **Marc Pare** and Karri McNeail had an August wedding. Marc currently works at Unum in Portland. **Brianna Page** and Levi Robbins had a September wedding in Portland. Brianna works as a speech pathologist at New England Rehab Hospital in Portland.

I started a new job over the summer and currently work at Husson University, School of Pharmacy as an administrative assistant to the department. Fall 2009 was the first semester of the program and it is both rewarding and



Dylan Mooney '04 and Anne Schmidt '04 attended the Homecoming post-game gathering at Buchanan Alumni House. Dylan serves as 2004 class correspondent.

challenging.

As always, I would love to hear any news that you would like to share. Feel free to contact me at braggins@umit.maine.edu. Hope everyone has a wonderful New Year—2010!

2003

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Congratulations to **Matthew Jura**, who recently earned his Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut! **Tim Tunney (G)** has accepted a position as associate vice president/business



Class of 2003 member Stephen Cooper (far left) enjoys the tailgate at Homecoming 2009 with friends, left to right: **Tyler Bunker '07, Will Purington, and Tyler Santana.**

banking at Bar Harbor Banking and Trust, while **Josh Whalen** is now the president of the board of directors of Main Street in Gardiner. The Bangor Y has hired **Mike Seile, Jr.** to be the next CEO. **Eric Peters** was recently married. Eric is now a credit associate with Sherwin Williams in PA. **Michael Whitney '06G** is now a married man and working as a clinician in RI. **Michael St. Pierre '06G** was married in September and is now working at an engineering firm in Portland, OR. **Jill Savage** also tied the knot in August. And congratulations to **George Pullen**, who recently had his second baby, a girl named Mary Ellen.

2004

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Wedding bells have been in the air for a number of our 2004 classmates this past summer and autumn. **Ryan Willette** and Katrina Scott tied the knot in Bar Harbor this past August. Ryan is currently an investment advisor for JP Morgan and Katrina is a veterinary technician with the Lincoln Park Zoological Society. Both the bride and groom currently reside in Chicago. **Ryan Logan** recently married Beth Matano. Ryan is in the process of completing his doctorate in biomedical sciences at UMaine, and will work as a postdoctoral researcher at Rutgers. Beth is also currently a doctoral candidate at UMaine, studying developmental-clinical psychology.

A few fellow Black Bears who studied engineering have also been making their way down the aisle. **Benjamin Siemen** recently got hitched to USM graduate Bethany Cuffey. Benjamin graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering and

is currently employed with Irving Equipment. Theresa Michaud recently married **Isaac Thompson** in a fall wedding. The bride is a graduate of Manhattanville College in NY, and is employed by Standard Waterproofing in Waterville as a vice president. The groom is employed by Pike Industries in the heavy highway division.

Many of our fellow 2004 graduates have also had some interesting career moves lately.

Norway native **Merri-Beth Bumpus** recently accepted a position as the retail shop manager at Carter's X-C Ski Shop in Oxford, where she is also responsible for program development. **Samuel Heffner** recently graduated as class president from the Maine Forest Ranger Academy in Vassalboro. Samuel is currently a forest ranger assigned to the Moosehead district and working out of their Greenville office.

Although he was recently the subject of a UMAA magazine feature article, **Merritt David Janes** was receiving rave reviews again for his leading role in the musical thriller *Sweeney Todd, The Demon Butcher of Fleet Street*. Presque Isle native **Jayne McCullough** was recently promoted to office manager in Sen. Susan Collins' Washington, DC, office. In her new role, Jayne will be responsible for overseeing the administration of the Washington office, as well as the Senator's six state offices here in Maine. For the past three years, Jayne has worked as the deputy office manager in Collins' Washington office.

Class of 2004 graduates also have been faring well in the military as of late, with First Lt. **Stephen D. Spearin** recently being awarded a Bronze Star while serving as a mentor for the Afghan National Army. Please keep the updates for the column coming, and try to keep warm!

2005

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Greetings, Class of 2005! It is possible that by the time you read this news, my husband, Nick '06, and I will be on our way out of Alaska and on to our next Army adventure. Not knowing is all part of said adventure, and we look forward to opening up our home to UMaine alums wherever the Army may take us, much like we did during our time here. It may not be as unique as our time here in Alaska, but who knows! Upon reading the 2005 news, many of you are also experiencing transitions, and I am excited to share them with the rest of the class.

Brandon McGowan, a Black Bear football standout, signed on as a free agent with the New England Patriots after four years with the Chicago Bears. **Aaron Izaryk** '08G, a former UMaine baseball player, spent the summer managing the Sanford Mainers, part of the New England Collegiate Baseball League. Aaron spent two summers playing with the team during his time as a Black Bear. **Shaunessy Saucier** has been appointed the head coach of the field hockey team at Bryant University in RI. Shaunessy's team played UMaine in August. In other new career news, **Kurtis Petersons** and his business partner, James Daniels, have created a phone application that turns GPS-equipped cell phones into virtual caddies. Users can offer suggestions on where to golf, distance-to-hole and distance-to-hazard, and



Rick Dunton '06 was recently named Main-Land's first ever information technology director. Main-Land, located in Livermore Falls, is a development consulting firm.

also works as a virtual clubhouse. Booking tee times and chatting with other golfers are just some of the possibilities. More information about the project can be found here: www.accelgolf.com/.

Brian O'Coin joined TD Banknorth as a commercial loan portfolio officer in Portland. His responsibilities include managing a portfolio of high-risk commercial borrowers and assisting workout officers in the restructuring and liquidation of problem accounts. **Eric Newberg** has been hired at Harbor Technologies LLC in Brunswick as an engineer, bringing with him years of experience in mechanical design and composite material design in the marine industry. Congratulations also to **Adam Barker-Hoyt**, who received a 2009 Teaching Instruction Award from the UMaine Center for Teaching Excellence. Adam instructs in the mathematics and statistics department. **David Bridgham** has been named the manager for the Regional School Unit 24. Also in the education field is **David Crandall** (G). David has been named the new principal of the Peninsula School in Winter Harbor.

It has been fantastic to see all of the support surrounding **Andrew Rudnicki** and his family. The *Bangor Daily News* ran multiple articles asking for support of Andy's daughter Maggie, who has been diagnosed with Diamond-Blackfan anemia. We wish Maggie and her parents the very best. A blog about Maggie can be found here: www.caringbridge.org/visit/maggierudnicki.

In wedding and engagement news, it was a busy summer for the Class of 2005. **Rebecca Altmaier** married Edward Watson in June. **Jessica Leeman** was also married in June, to Edward Hewes II. In the month of July, the Class of 2005 had three weddings. **Nicholas Cullen** married Katie McNally in an Island Falls ceremony and **Stephanie Sockbeson** married Chris Ballesteros '07. The pair now resides in the Boston area. **Benjamin Lazarski** married his high school sweetheart, Caitlin Moresco. Moving into August, **Jessica Andresen** married Aaron Barnes '06. A July 2010 wedding is planned for **Jodie Sprague** and her fiancé, Paul Dumont.

That sums it up for this edition—I look forward to writing to you from our next location. Please keep the news coming! Happy winter!

2006

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Hello again, Class of 2006! I hope all is going well in your lives. I feel like time is going by so fast—many of our classmates are getting married, having babies, and getting the jobs they've worked so hard for! Please feel free to send me an email update any time—your classmates would love to hear from you.

Congratulations to **Jason Douglas Pritchard**, who married Jessica Elizabeth Maynard on September 6, 2009. **Mitchell Wark** and Julie Quaschnitschka '07 were married on August 22, 2009. Mitchell works at the Laboratory for Surface Science and Technology at the University of Maine as a graduate research assistant. He is pursuing a master's degree in electrical engineering. **Robert Cousins** was married to Kathryn Theresa Manende '08 on July 10, 2009. Robert is working as a forester at Wagner Forest Management. **Lindsay Kay Hamlin** is engaged to Eric William Hanson. Lindsay and Eric are both science teachers at Windham High School.

Richard Powers was married to Laura Burdick on August 1. Ricky is working as a mechanical engineer for the Department of the Navy. The couple lives in San Diego. **Mark Glasberg** was engaged to Tara Kierstead '08 during a vacation in the White Mountains in New Hampshire. The couple lives in Portland, ME. Mark is employed by the Maine Department of Conservation and Tara works for Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine. A summer 2010 wedding is planned.

Daniel Pease is working as a financial representative servicing midcoast Maine at AspenCross Financial Group. **Renee Wellman** was hired as the new director for Hancock County's regional emergency communications center. She was previously a dispatcher with the Bangor Police Department. **Caleb Curtis** was elected last November as a councilor in Pittsfield, ME. His term expires in 2011.

Jessica Robbins Carter is the first full-time education and outreach coordinator at the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center in Bangor, ME. She began working at the center in 2005 as an undergraduate student intern, and joined the center's board after graduation. From 2006-2008 she worked at Penquis Health Services as a family planning specialist. Jessica lives in Bucksport with her husband, Caleb, and daughter, Lydia. **Jimmy Howard** has a lot to celebrate: he was married to Rachel Miller '07 in August, and he was chosen as veteran Chris Osgood's backup this season as a goalie for the Detroit Red Wings.

Keep in touch!

GO BLUE!

2007

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Hello, Class of 2007! I hope this column finds you well rested after the holidays and enjoying the winter wherever you are! Of course, there is news to share about the happenings of our classmates since the last edition of the magazine.

I am happy to report that after graduating in May with a master's degree in curriculum, assessment, and instruction from UMaine, I was hired for my first teaching position at Newfound Regional High School in Bristol, NH. At NRHS, I am a member of the social studies department teaching ninth grade global studies. It is a very challenging job, but I am enjoying it immensely so far! Also in education, **Dan Clifford** (G), who received his master's degree in 2007, was appointed the new assistant principal at Bucksport High School after serving as assistant principal and athletic director at Sumner Memorial High School in East Sullivan. Congratulations, Dan, on your new position!

Congratulations to classmate **Eliza Fitzgerald Allen**, who graduated from Oxford University in England with a bachelor's degree in theology this summer. Since graduating, Eliza and her husband have relocated to South Korea.

The New England Associated Press News Executives Association honored **Joel Crabtree**, a copy editor at the *Bangor Daily News*, for his work on the swearing in of President Barack Obama in the Page One design category with a second-place award this summer. Great work, Joel!

A column would not be complete without mentioning engagements, weddings, and babies! Congratulations to **Katie Ahearn** on her engagement to Travis Hotham. Katie is currently a nurse at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor and the couple plans a June 2010 wedding. I personally attended the nuptials of three classmates this summer. First, congratulations go out to Doug Berrill and **Stef Libby**, who wed on September 5th at the Poland Springs Resort in Poland, ME. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon in Jamaica after their nuptials. Also, congratulations to **Mindy Hile** and Cory Pelletier for their September 12th wedding in Old Town. Finally, welcome Sullivan "Sully" Hudson Toher to the world, the newest arrival for Greg and **Jessica Meyer Toher** (G).

Unfortunately, this is all the news I have to report in this edition, but I look forward to hearing from you and sharing your news with our classmates in the next edition! Enjoy the winter and spring!



Brian Milakovsky '07, a 2009 graduate of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, is currently a visiting Fulbright Scholar at the forestry department of the National Agricultural University of Ukraine, Kyiv. His project will look into what exists for biodiversity conservation in managed forests and how well they are being implemented. He hopes to work in the Carpathian Mountains in the west and the Polesie swamp forests in the north. Brian also hopes to attain fluency in Russian. He started studying Russian while he was a student at the University of Maine.

2008

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Hello, fellow members of the Class of 2008! Welcome to our first class column!

My name is **Tara Kierstead**, and I'll be our class correspondent for this magazine. I graduated in May of '08 with a degree in child development and family relations and a minor in forest recreation management. You may have seen me on campus kicking around the Safe Campus Project office, or as a sister of the Delta Zeta sorority. After college, I moved to Portland and started working at Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine as a school and community educator and crisis and support line advocate. That's what I'm up to—if there is anything about yourself you would like to share with your classmates through this magazine, shoot me an email, snail mail, or give me a call at the info listed above and I'll make sure it gets in our column!

As for the classmates I already have updates for, there is a bit of news to share.

In sports news, congratulations go out to **Travis Ramsey**, a former defenseman for the UMaine hockey team, who made it to the pros and is now a part of the Manitoba Moose of the American Hockey League. **Kiaran McCormack** also made news as he got a position at Hampden Academy coaching the boys' varsity

soccer team. Another congratulations goes to **Matt Mulligan**, who signed a two-year contract with the National Football League's Tennessee Titans. Matt recently spoke with students at Hichborn Middle School in Howland, ME, about being a professional athlete, the advantages of physical fitness for everyone, and his daily routine.

In military news, Air National Guard Airman 1st Class **Shauna Smith** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. Also graduating from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base is Air Force Airman **Thorval Munksgaard**. Thorval earned distinction as an honor graduate. Navy Seaman **Victoria Comer** completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Grand Lakes, IL. **Lorelei Hamlin** received two outstanding awards at her ROTC awards presentation from Maj. General Peter Berry. Lorelei received the Marshall Award and the Charles A. Rice '17 Sabre Award, which is presented each graduation to the brigade's outstanding cadet. Congratulations to the graduates, and

thank you for all that you do!

In career news, **Laurel Grosjean** has been promoted from engineer technician to engineer 1 at Woodard and Curran's Bangor, ME, office. **Jamie Eaton** is the new trainer at Optimum Performance in the Midcoast Recreation Center in Rockport, ME. **Pamela Porter Buck** is now a full-time faculty member in the trade and technical occupations department at Northern Maine Community College. Pamela is the lead instructor for the college's computer-aided drafting program. **Andrew Cyr** (G) recently made news for his unique teaching style, using maps from 1931 to teach students in his honors geometry class at Winslow High School.

There are also a few members of the Class of 2008 who have gotten engaged. I myself got engaged to Mark Glasberg '06, and we are planning a summer 2010 wedding. Mark and I met at UMaine, and he proposed on our four-year anniversary. **Kimberly Randall** wed Mathew Burgess this past fall. Kimberly went to high school at George Stevens Academy before attending UMaine, and is now a pre-school teacher at New Beginnings in Blue Hill, ME. **Rachel Gagnon** wed Tinnie Coleman in August in Jay, ME. Rachel attended Jay High School before graduating UMaine, and is now employed by Forest Hills Consolidated School in Jackman, ME, as a special education aide. **Michael McGee** married Darcy Epperson in June. Michael is employed by McGee Construction in West Gardiner, ME. **Ryan Hart** wed Jennifer Havey on August 15. Ryan graduated from Gardiner Regional High School before attending UMaine, and is now working at TRC Engineering in Augusta, ME, as a project coordinator.

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Weddings

Towns are in Maine unless otherwise noted.

1973

Bob Chaplin to Diane Tennes '97 on 7-31-09 in Ellsworth. They live in Bar Harbor.

1975

Michael Paul Page to Deborah Ann Maynard on 6-6-09 in East Fairfield. They honeymooned in Hilton Head, SC, and live in East Fairfield.

1995

April Eldridge to Patrick Wardwell on 7-26-09 in Rockport. They live in Bangor.

1998

Faith F. Meyer to Timothy J. Campbell on 6-14-08 in Portland. They honeymooned in Cozumel, Mexico, and reside in Bristol, CT.

Debra Catherine Dolloff to John "Chip" Towle on 5-15-09 in Bethel. They took a wedding trip to Las Vegas, NV, and reside in Dixfield.

Andrae Bosse to Louis DiFiore on 5-2-09 in Sarasota, FL. They honeymooned on a Caribbean cruise and reside in Venice, FL.

Sarah Williams to John "Job" Bogan on 6-28-09 at West Quoddy Light, Lubec. They honeymooned in Canada and live in Chicago, IL.

2000

Charles Delong to Amy Judge on 3-28-09 in Nahant, MA. They spent their honeymoon in Jamaica and reside in Boston, MA.

2001

Christina Diane Reid to William Owen Ambrose on 6-13-09 in Phippsburg. They reside in Woolwich.

2002

Sarah Elizabeth Guilmain to Mark Daniel Szarowicz on 10-4-09 in Gainesville, FL. They honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Newberry, FL.

Josie E. Geis to Derek A. Porter on 5-2-09 in Bangor. They took a wedding trip to Vermont and reside in Bangor.

Samantha Hayes Lott to Marcus Benjamin Hale '03 on July 18, 2009 in Eliot. They honeymooned in Nova Scotia and live in Orono.

Kerianne Robyn Leo to Stephen James Morgan on 7-11-09 in Portland. They spent their honeymoon in Punta Cana and live in the Portland area.

2004

Jason P. Paquette to Jennifer N. Eadie on



Alicia Marie McLaughlin '05 married David Wilson on May 23, 2009, in Gray. In the wedding party were, back row (left to right): Heather Glidden Mercier '07, Annie Shank Sarbanis '05, Sara Wilson Parkin, Eric Wilson, Lindsay O'Donnell, Dylan Mooney '04, and Jake McLaughlin. Front row (left to right): Mark Mercier '03, Alicia and David, and Ian Pillsbury '03.

12-8-08 in Portland. After a honeymoon trip to the Dominican Republic, they reside in South Portland.

2005

Abbey M. Henderson to Noel Santiago



Faith Meyer '98 was married to Timothy Campbell on June 14, 2008, in Portland.

on 10-18-09 in Bangor. They took a trip to Mexico and reside in Bangor.

Liza Martin to James Comeau on 5-23-09 in Orono. They reside in Orono.

Andrea Marie Pinette to Andrew Ryan Mosley on 8-14-09. They live in Stratham, NH.

Trevor Jenkins to Lindsey Frost on 6-20-09 in Freeport. They live in Kittery.

Alicia Marie McLaughlin to David Adam Wilson on 5-23-09 in Gray. They took a wedding trip to New York City and Chicago, IL, and live in South Portland.

2007

Shelby Howe to Jeffrey Greene on 5-3-09 in Orland. They reside in Eastport.

Caitlin Sanborn to Matthew Foster on 7-18-09 in Wells. They honeymooned in St. Lucia and live in Sanford.

Lori Crystal Ham to Matthew James Beach on 6-6-09 in Wells. They honeymooned in Mexico and reside in Windham. **Stefanie Libby** to Doug Berrill on 9-5-09 in Poland. They traveled to Jamaica and live in Windham.

2008

Elizabeth Zwick to Jarrod Yoder on 6-28-09 in York Harbor. They honeymooned in Alaska and reside in Dracut, MA.



Elizabeth Zwick '08G married Jarrod Yoder on June 28, 2009, at the York Harbor Inn in York Harbor. Liz works as a clinical supervisor for a mental health agency in Lowell, MA. They live in Dracut, MA.



Class of 2007 members Caitlin Sanborn and Matthew Foster were married at the Coastal House in Wells on July 18, 2009. Matt was a Sigma Phi Epsilon brother and Caitlin was an All Maine Woman. Left to right are: Ashley Foster, Johanna Peralta '06, Tracy Theriault '06, maid of honor Lindsey Sanborn '08, younger sister Madeline Sanborn, Brent Patterson, Caitlin and Matthew, Harper Hoffman '08, Matthew Drosdik, Daniel Shanahan '05, and Judson Ritter '05. Flower girls are Tillie Munro (left) and Madison Gant.



Stefanie Libby '07 was married to Doug Berrill on September 5 in Poland, Maine. Among the UMaine alums in attendance were, left to right: Teal Rancourt '05, Ian Carlson '05, '09G, Beth Peters '06, '08G, Seth Robertson '06, Sasha Misan '09, Doug Berrill, Stef Libby '07, Lexan Lhu '05, Rebekah Scaduto '07, Jennifer Coleman '07, '09G, Dave Sinnett '09, and William Beaudoin '08.



Samantha Hayes Lott '02 married Marcus Benjamin Hale '03 on July 18, 2009, in Eliot. Samantha is a member of the University of Maine Alumni Association board.

Send your wedding information and photo to abigail.zelz@umit.maine.edu

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 umainealumni.org includes all alumni deaths of which we are aware.

1927

Ruth Clara Hitchings Allee, 100, of Pomona, CA, on 1-1-07.

1930

Steven Thomas Mank, 102, of South Portland, on 8-13-09.

Henry Clarence Webb Nottage, 101, of Waterville, on 7-8-09.

1931

Dorothy Marie Scott Savage, 100, of Newport News, VA, on 8-25-09.

1932

David Corson Garland, 99, of Belleville, PA, on 8-11-09.

Margaret Esther Fowles Wilde Houston, 98, of Belfast, on 10-11-09.

Robert "Tim" Eugene Timberlake, 99, of Cumberland, on 5-14-09.

1933

Lona Mitchell Gediman, 97, of Milo, on 9-4-09.

Inez Lubel Howe, 96, of Portland, on 5-6-09.

1934

Irving Leavitt Grodin, 96, on 5-29-09.

1935

Richard "Buck" Drinkwater Bucknam, 95, of Sturbridge, MA, on 4-28-09.

William Jeffery Curran, Jr., 95, of Orono and Bangor, on 10-26-09.

Henry "Hen" Whitman Fales, 96, of Juno Beach, FL, on 5-31-09.

William Nathan Farwell, 94, of Falmouth, on 5-8-09.

Roy Ibra Lawrence, 97, of Brunswick and Bath, on 7-20-09.

Craig "Zilch" Jameson Welch, 92, of Madison, on 6-8-05.

1936

Alfreda Mae Tanner Black, 94, of St. Johnsbury, VT, on 7-29-09.

Margaretta Warren Thurlow, 97, of Lincolnville, on 9-2-09.

1937

Ernest "The Old Salt" Lowell Dinsmore, 93, of Vero Beach, FL, on 4-20-09.

William Lounsbury Jackman, 93, on 10-22-08.

1938

Miriam Ada Hilton Coffin, 92, of Sykesville, MD, on 11-6-09.

George Howard Hamor, Jr., 92, of Trenton, on 10-20-09.

Moses Stuart Lord, 93, of Gorham, on 10-10-09.

Walter "Bill" Smart, 93, of Mequon, WI, on

7-29-09.

Warren Eldred Stevens, 90, of Lakeland, FL, on 7-7-05.

1939

Jerome Jefferson Bryers, 92, of Southbury, CT, on 8-9-09.

Edward Eugene Cohen, 92, of St. Petersburg, FL, on 6-29-09.

Louis Charles Costrell, 93, of Silver Spring, MD, on 6-8-09.

Afton "Junior" Holmes Farrin, Jr., 93, of South Bristol, on 6-20-09.

Pauline "Polly" Davee Hitchings, 91, of Darien, CT, on 10-25-09.

Charles Edwin Kimball, Jr., 92, of Carmel, on 10-16-09.

Gale Leon Lantis, 88, of Waynesboro, VA, on 4-11-06.

Albert Plummer Toner, 92, of Brunswick, on 5-21-09.

Alice Pierce Weaver, 92, of Kensington, MD, on 2-13-09.

1940

Margaret "Peg" Hall Peaslee Danforth, 91, of Manchester, NH, on 8-28-09.

Lucille Paulin Dorr, 91, of Bangor, on 6-24-09.

Lawrence Nathaniel Eveleth, 91, of Buxton, on 9-24-09.

Felix Anthony Gloden, 92, of Port Orange, FL, on 6-20-09.

Ruth Catherine Damery Gordon, 90, of Niskayuna, NY, and Hilton Head Island, SC, on 6-25-09.

Miriam Lantis McReynolds, 97, of Alpharetta, GA, on 5-27-06.

Paul "Pat" Keith Patterson, 91, of Madison, on 5-2-09.

Charles Albert Peirce, Jr., 91, of Palermo, on 8-6-09.

W. Edwin Potter, 89, of Turners Falls, MA, on 12-26-08.

Frederic Weigand Rawlinson, 88, of Des Moines, WA, on 1-6-06.

John Richmond Sheedy, 91, of Greer, SC, on 5-17-09.

1941

Elsa Parshley Brown, 94, of Brunswick, on 8-31-09.

June Anna Webster Brown, 89, of Knoxville, TN, on 5-28-09.

Albert "Al" Edwin Hill, 92, of Agawam, MA, on 4-28-09.

Clara Ernestine "Steenie" Carver Johnson, 91, of Southport, on 7-14-09.

Archie "Bud" Fred Knapp, Jr., 92, of York, on 6-20-09.

Barbara Barrett St. Lawrence, 91, of NH, on 6-19-09.

Barbara Alice Orff Utterback-Emery, 90, of Bangor and Brewer, on 9-21-09.

Donald Williams Weston, 91, of Winterport, on 7-21-09.

Angelo Salvatore Zieno, 92, of Rome, NY, on 8-8-09.

1942

Kathleen Spaulding Bean, 89, of Bryant Pond, on 6-3-09.

Samuel Davis Crocker, 88, of Brewer, on 4-22-09.

Paul Guy Galentine, Jr., 88, of Washington, DC, on 8-4-09.

Henry Francis Gannon, 90, of Ballston Spa, NY, on 7-18-09.

Annie Estelle Ross Gerrish, 90, of Lubec, on 11-7-09.

Gilman David Horn, 84, of Albuquerque, NM, on 5-2-05.

Walton "Red" Cameron Kingsbury, 90, of Boonville, NY, on 4-12-09.

James Louis Russell, 88, of Bangor, on 4-11-09.

Hazel Thelma King Spear, 89, of Bridgton, on 10-21-09.

Risha Katz Stone, 84, of Hamden, CT, formerly of Brookline, MA, on 3-24-05.

Barbara "Johnny" Elaine Johnson Tarantino, 87, of Worcester, MA, on 4-11-09.

1943

Marion Clair Aldous, 86, on 8-28-06.

Waldo Harding Burnham, 88, of Fairfax, VA, on 10-9-09.

Sidney Hobart "Chub" Chandler, 89, of Gray, on 9-5-09.

Mary Ellen Worthen Cooper, 88, of St. Albans, on 7-13-09.

Dana Forrest Dudley, 89, of Las Vegas, NV, on 1-25-09.

Leo Harding Estabrook, 88, of Fort Wayne, IN, on 4-18-09.

Benjamin Franklin Graham, 89, of Grinnell, IA, on 11-13-09.

Allen Crosby Hardison II, 86, of Riverside, CA, on 2-28-09.

Lewis Hutchinson, 90, of Cumberland, on 10-8-09.

Mary Lenore Tarr Janney, 87, of Oak Ridge, TN, on 9-8-08.

Phyllis Maude Bryant Leavitt, 88, of Auburn, on 7-11-09.

Robert Lester Morey, Jr., 87, of Houston, TX, on 3-3-08.

Edward Herschel Piper, 87, of Damariscotta, on 11-1-09.

Bertis Lee Pratt, 88, of Bangor, on 10-5-09.

Stephen L. Robbins, 88, of Freedom, on 9-7-09.

Eleanor "Johnny" Marilyn Johnson Travis, 87, of Augusta, on 5-1-09.

Lowell Ellwood Ward, 89, of San Antonio, TX, on 2-18-09.

Oscar "Jim" Milton Wilbur, Jr., M.D., 87, of Jasper, GA, on 2-26-09.

1944

Robert Carvel Covell, 86, of Bangor, on 5-6-09.

Harry Douglas Hodson, 87, of Augusta, on 5-2-09.

Edward "Ted" Hoag Phillips, 84, of Seven

Bertis L. "Bert" Pratt, Class of 1943

Loyal UMaine alumnus Bert Pratt '43 died on October 5, 2009, in Bangor. He was 88.

At UMaine, Bert was president of the Senior Skulls and a member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity. He was also the captain of the tennis and basketball teams.

Bert served with the 110 Medical Battalion in Europe during World War II. Following the war, he worked at various teaching and coaching jobs and also served with the American Red Cross Disaster Service. In 1959 he was awarded a scholarship to Columbia University, where he received a master's degree in guidance work. He returned to his alma mater in 1968, where he worked in the admissions office until 1986. Bert was Class of '43 president and a member of the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame.



Lakes, NC, on 5-29-07.

Elisabeth Thompson King Suydam, 83, of Clinton, NJ, on 9-3-05.

Frances "Pete" Madeline Bruce Turmelle, 88, of North Yarmouth, on 7-21-09.
1945

Howard Clinton Barber, Jr., 87, of Providence, RI, on 4-12-09.

Michael James DiRenzo, 85, of Auburn, on 4-23-09.

James Edward Hastings, 87, of Scarborough, on 10-7-09.

Donald Lesdin Knott, D.V.M., 83, of North Hero, VT, on 5-12-06.

Dorothy Ames Krajnak, 85, of Sellersburg, IN, on 3-23-09.

Sidney "Skiff" Willis Skiffington, 86, of Olympia, WA, on 5-7-09.

Vennard William Thompson, 76, of Boynton Beach, FL, on 8-27-09.

1946

Roger Colby Ellis, 84, on 5-9-09.

Clayton "Tim" Earle Heath, Jr., 85, of Norway, on 9-22-09.

Carol Griffie Porter, 84, of Pleasanton, TX, on 1-31-09.

Henry Curran Reardon, 84, on 10-29-09.

Evelyn Young Robbins, 86, of Searsport, on 9-4-09.

Annette Isabel Deschesne Upham, 83, of Nokomis, FL, on 8-31-06.

1947

Frances Roberts Glover, 86, of Dover-Foxcroft, on 6-22-09.

Elizabeth "Libby" White Hodges, 83, of Reading, MA, on 11-8-09.

Barbara "Barbie" Ellen McNeil Marsanskis, 82, of Belfast, on 5-4-09.

Herbert Francis Peterson, 84, of Vinalhaven,

on 4-20-09.

Elizabeth Jane Lehman Ringland, 84, of San Antonio, TX, on 8-5-09.

1948

Jay Calkins, 85, of Orono, on 10-20-09.

Vernon Harold Carvell, 89, on 5-15-08.

George Stevens Cooper, 85, on 5-16-08.

Kent Eric Erickson, 88, of PA, on 3-23-09.

John Bryson Goff, 85, of Pembroke, NH, on 5-12-09.

Philip Wayne Higgins, 87, of Bangor, on 7-1-09.

Eleanor Silsby Burrill Hill, 91, of Bangor, on 4-9-09.

Richard Pitt Irwin, 85, of Wellesley, MA, on 1-9-09.

Royal Russell Matthews, Jr., 89, of Lisbon Falls, on 8-29-09.

Patricia Ann Murray Mercier, 82, of Beverly, MA, on 7-12-09.

Charles Frederick O'Connell, 85, of Bangor, on 4-13-09.

Mary Louise Hollingdale Proulx, 83, of Belfast, on 9-12-09.

Margaret Watson Savignano, 83, of Auburn, on 10-21-09.

Margaret Starbird, 80, of Denton, TX, on 4-25-07.

Elaine Muriel Poust Tallen, 79, of Chestnut Hill, MA, on 1-10-06.

1949

Harriet Louise Barnes Delano, 82, of Fort Fairfield and Winslow, on 10-12-09.

Marion Louise Keith Higgins, 79, of Laconia, NH, on 11-18-06.

Carl Bernard Holgerson, 78, of Newington, CT, on 1-27-07.

Earl Haskell Ramsay, 83, of Scarborough, on 11-4-09.

Adelle Goos Rubin, 82, of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada, on 8-23-09.

John Richard Schmidlin, 85, of Machias, on 4-13-09.

Robinson "Robby" Speirs, 84, of Bangor, on 5-25-09.

Joseph Nelson Spring, 82, of Scarborough, on 11-8-09.

Walter Jackson Verrill, 84, of Augusta, on 9-20-09.

Wesley Leroy Wight, 93, of Huntsville, TX, on 8-4-08.

1950

Charles Edward Blinn, 86, on 1-11-08.

Robert Lincoln Drew, 86, of Plymouth, MA, on 6-5-09.

John Roscoe Dunn, 82, on 5-30-07.

Ivan Clifford Edgerly, 84, on 2-11-08.

Henry Alfred Emery, 78, on 1-31-05.

Pennell Stanley, Eustis, 86, of Winter Haven, FL, and Riverside, RI, on 9-4-09.

David Field Griffin, 84, of Manchester, on 8-18-09.

Franklyn Charles Hayford, M.D., 84, of Scotia, NY, on 10-31-09.

Betty Jo Titcomb Hinds, 78, of North Andover, MA on 1-27-07.

Rev. **Richard Gould Hinds**, 87, of Piketon, OH, on 8-21-08.

Ethel Maud Prescott Ireland, 87, of Island Falls, on 8-28-09.

Lloyd Arno Ireland, 85, of Zephyrhills, FL, on 10-30-09.

Don Delbert Warren Lambert, Jr., 84, of Lexington, MA, on 9-1-09.

Jack Irving Lord, 84, of Hope, on 8-19-09.

Gladys Bertha Sampson MacPherson, of Clarence, NY, on 5-17-09.

James Harold Marraty, 87, of Manchester, NH, on 8-19-09.

Douglas Leslie Marston, 84, of Lewiston, on 5-21-09.

Jacob William Mason, 82, of Valinda, CA, on 6-26-09.

Vivian Currie Mortenson, 85, of Homestead Hills, NC, on 2-29-08.

Rodney Bernard Murray, 82, of Boothbay, on 6-8-09.

Andrew John "Jack" Orr, 81, of Cape Elizabeth, on 8-10-09.

Paul "Pase" Milton Payson, 80, of Bow, NH, on 5-14-09.

Harrison Stedman Seavey, 83, of Kennebunk, on 8-25-09.

Sherwood N. Schroeder, 87, of North Auburn, on 12-31-09.

Warren Boynton Talbot, 82, of Fairfield, on 10-9-09.

Lois Ann Thomas, 79, of Lincoln and Kennebunk, on 7-18-09.

Richard Dexter Watson, 83, of St. Augustine, FL, on 10-25-09.

1951

Deaths

Warren Bridgham Alieff, 83, of Paris, IL, on 6-7-09.

Donald Allen Burrill, 83, of Grand Forks, ND, on 5-30-09.

Marshall Floyd Chandler, 79, of Dexter, on 9-16-09.

Robert Colby, 84, of Boothbay, on 4-22-09.

Norman "Bom" Harold Cummings, 79, of Sebago, on 5-2-09.

Leslie Edward Decker, 79, of Salem, on 7-4-09.

Kenneth Dudley, 84, on 10-18-06.

Robert Elvin Elwell, 79, of Annapolis, MD, on 5-23-09.

Lincoln Lawrence Gordon, 82, of Auburn, on 6-23-09.

Paul Franklin Greene, 88, of Burlington, MA, on 5-4-09.

William Bartley Kennison, 82, of Thomaston, on 5-29-09.

Edwin Craig Manzer, 79, of Lexington, KY, on 4-24-09.

Maxine Shirley Tuttle Marriner, 76, on 9-24-05.

Dwight Parsons, 88, of Gorham, on 2-26-09.

Robert Errold Pearson, 81, of Corinna, on 5-28-09.

Betsey Jana Miller Shaffer, 92, of Brewer, on 8-1-09.

Ray Everett Smith, 86, of Granby, NY, on 3-12-09.

George Edward Soucie, 89, on 5-30-09.

Frederick Nathan Trimm, Jr., of Newburgh, on 10-25-09.

Walter Thomas "Tom" White, 80, of East Winthrop, on 9-19-09.

Eva "Tudy" Grace Stinson Wight, 80, of Virginia Beach, VA, on 4-4-09.

Richard Dana Young, 83, of Bar Harbor, on 9-18-09.

1952

Milton Lewis Bradford, Jr., 77, of Wilmington, MA, on 5-17-08.

Karl Roger Burton, 80, of Torrance, CA, on 5-8-09.

Janice Louise Ruff Cox, 78, on 6-1-07.

Walter Stanley Davis, 80, of Salem, NH, and Brunswick, on 6-10-09.

Grace Estelle Dennison Day, 80, of Bangor, on 4-30-09.

Delbert Lanning Emery, 83, of Kittery Point, on 9-7-09.

Selma Barr Koss Holtz, 78, of Newton, MA, on 9-9-09.

Lois May Cummings Johnson, 79, of Boothbay Harbor, on 10-14-09.

Robert Harold Knight, 81, on 8-30-08.

Clayton Eugene Pinkham, 78, of Hinsdale, IL, on 7-31-09.

1953

Esther Arline Andrews Cox, 85, of Brewer, on 5-26-09.

Raymond Arnold Cox, 77, of Seattle, WA, on

6-8-09.

Robert Austin Hanson, 82, of Roseville, CA, on 2-2-09.

Warren Arthur Hathaway, 77, of Williamsburg, VA, on 3-13-09.

Phyllis Ann Webster Jamison, 77, of Hudson, FL, on 2-26-09.

William Allen Kohl, 76, on 8-21-06.

Milton Rowe Lane, 88, of San Jose, CA, on 10-16-08.

Marjorie Adelaide Leeman, 78, of Canal Winchester, OH, on 11-16-09.

Robert Gordon Light, 79, of Clearwater Beach, FL, on 8-15-09.

Harriet Laura Bamford Peabody, 75, of Concord, CA, on 5-4-07.

William Joseph Thyng, 78, of Waldoboro, on 8-4-09.

Keith Folsom Titcomb, 77, on 4-30-09.

William "Bill" Eben Townsend, 81, of Athens, GA, on 3-23-09.

Alan Morgan Walden, 76, of Ridgewood, NJ, on 9-15-06.

Robert Pierce Wheeler, Jr., 78, of Boothbay Harbor, on 10-31-09.

Keith "Sandy" Lawrence Wortman, 78, of Montpelier, VT, on 4-14-09.

1954

Marylin Gyda Vaughan Beames, 77, of Niskayuna, NY, on 9-4-09.

Henry Edward Diamond, 77, of Winthrop, on 4-25-09.

Joan Marilyn Ruth Fortier Faugno, of Brookfield, MA, on 4-17-09.

Thomas Colby Given, Jr., 82, of Largo, FL, on 8-7-09.

Robert Eugene Irish, 76, of Pittsburgh, PA, on 4-10-09.

Robert Brooks Libby, 75, of Bangor, on 9-17-09.

John Dunton Pierce, 78, of Port Clyde, on 8-29-09.

Armond Archile Theborge, 83, of Windham, on 10-23-09.

Phyllis Ann Robinson Thompson, 71, of Kingston, NY, on 3-9-05.

Jay Henry Vreeland, 76, of Yarmouth, on 11-14-09.

Donald John Zabriskie, 84, of Newburyport, MA, on 2-12-08.

1955

Barbara Joyce Sprague Grant Cardin, 74, of Veazie, on 5-8-09.

John King Coppens, Jr., 76, of Topsham, on 8-13-09.

John Pulsifer Dana, 79, of Thomaston, on 8-29-09.

John Edward Ertha, 82, of Freeport, on 10-4-09.

Arthur Edgar Kell, 69, of Bethlehem, PA, on 6-19-02.

Murdock Alexander MacDonald, Jr., 75, on 6-16-09.

Karl Harold McKechnie, 80, of Huntsville, AL, on 10-19-09.

Bruce Kingman Paine, 81, on 3-18-08.

Myron Harlan Pierce, 88, of Otisfield, on 5-12-009.

Shirley Franklin Rose, 87, on 2-19-07.

Robert Alexis St. Pierre, 89, of Brunswick, ME, and Venice, FL, on 8-28-09.

John Stewart "Stew" Thurston, 88, of Bangor and Caribou, on 9-25-09.

1956

Parker Lovejoy Brooks, Jr., 75, of Windham, on 8-31-09.

Edwin Keith Clarke, 77, of Littleton, NC, on 5-1-09.

Margaret Frances Crabtree Gilmore, 75, of Camden, on 5-16-09.

Carl Edward Kirkpatrick, 89, of Winthrop, on 7-24-09.

George Norton Luce, 76, of Farmington, on 11-4-09.

David Clayton Smith, 80, of Bangor, on 11-7-09.

1957

Jon Isaac "Banker" Allen, 72, of Sedgwick, on 4-25-09.

Dean Earl Cooper, 74, of Singer Island, FL, on 8-3-09.

Joan Mills Hare, 77, of Fresno, CA, on 2-28-09.

Robert Walton Libby, 78, of Portland, on 5-13-09.

Marion Sheila Murphy, 79, of Wolcott, CT, on 7-5-09.

Cedric Erle "Bud" Russell, 83, of Lincoln, on 5-22-09.

Joseph "Pete" Gray Somers, Jr., 69, of Waterbury, CT, on 3-16-05.

Diane Elizabeth Weathern Trask, 74, of Rangeley, on 9-13-08.

1958

Reginald George Collins, 75, of Madison, on 10-29-09.

Asa Augustus Gordon, 88, of Winthrop, on 7-10-09.

Barbara Anne Tyler Gray, 73, of Bucksport, on 7-24-09.

Merle Edward Lenfest, 77, of Pasadena, CA, on 1-13-09.

Robert Charles McIntosh, 80, of Owls Head, on 5-3-09.

Natalie Ann McNulty Stimmell, 73, of Wellesley and West Barnstable, MA, on 8-25-09.

Bernice Fickett Winslow, 91, of Brewer, on 7-10-09.

1959

William James Beaucage, 74, of Laconia, NH, on 2-24-08.

Dale Albert Bessey, 71, of Henderson, NV, on 2-3-09.

Lucy Vacca Brown, 98, of Gray, on 10-5-09.

UMaine Historian David C. Smith '56G, '58G



David Smith, the man who was known as the University of Maine's unofficial historian, died on November 7, 2009. He was 80.

A Maine native, David entered the Army after graduating from South Paris High School in 1947. After his discharge he enrolled at Farmington Teachers College and graduated as valedictorian three years later. He went on to earn two master's degrees from UMaine and a Ph.D. from Cornell University.

He returned to the university in 1969 and, as the Bird and Bird professor of history, taught at UMaine for 25 years.

David was a well-known scholar in agricultural and forest history, climatology, women's history, and the life of H.G.

Wells. He also wrote the definitive history of the University of Maine. He was a strong advocate for the university and the importance of research. In the late 1990s, he and four other distinguished UMaine professors (The Faculty Five) campaigned successfully to the legislature on the importance of state funding for research and development. David is survived by his wife, Sylvia '70; son, Clayton; daughter, Katherine '88; and her husband, Jamie Eves '79.

Tyler Edwin Carlisle, 75, of Manchester, on 7-23-09.

Robert Arthur Foss, 78, of Old Town and South Portland, on 10-15-09.

Hayward "Woody" Lane, 68, of Albuquerque, NM, on 3-25-05.

Bertrand Raymond LaValliere, 73, of South Paris, on 1-24-09.

George Edmond Lovett, 76, of Gulfport, FL, on 8-12-09.

Paul Everett Piggott, 68, of Johnston, RI, on 5-23-06.

Betty Marie Rasmussen, 79, of Topsham, on 4-18-09.

Lenora Marguerite Creamer Sylvester, 93, of Friendship, on 10-21-09.

Florence Ann Johanson Varner, 71, of Old Town, on 4-19-09.

1960

Donald M. Bruce, 73, of Corea and Orono, on 5-15-09.

Gary Richard Kent, 65, of Atlanta, GA, on 5-15-09.

William Walter Robinson, 77, of Monson, on 9-5-09.

Karl Henry Rose, 70, of Lubbock, TX, on 5-22-09.

Richard Manning Thompson, 71, of Newport and Dixmont, on 5-31-09.

Donald Lloyd Treworgy, 70, of Groton, CT, on 9-13-09.

Ella Cecelia Nickerson Tripp, 84, of Frankfort, on 8-8-09.

Paul William Vanier, 71, of Tucson, AZ, on 11-3-09.

Anna Lillian Wareing, 96, of Old Town, on 6-9-09.

Jack Harland Warren, 76, of Fountain Valley, CA, on 4-14-09.

1961

Mary Saunders Farrar, 85, of Bangor, on 9-19-09.

Lloyd Isaac Holt, 76, of Fort White, FL, on 2-9-09.

Raymond Eugene Kadunce, 72, of Greensboro, NC, on 6-12-06.

Ellen K. Maupin Kibler, 94, of Portland, on 11-6-09.

Maurice Leo Lacharite, 76, of Brunswick, on 9-14-09.

Carlisle Austin Lincoln, Jr., 74, of Peaks Island, on 9-29-09.

Edwin Blair Rogers, 71, of Ellsworth, on 9-18-09.

Gary Watson Sage, 71, of Largo, FL, and Howland, on 10-20-09.

Judith Anne Sirois, 66, of Windsor Locks, CT, on 4-22-06.

Patricia Catherine Bero Swanson, 66, of Kennebunk, on 12-1-07.

David Linwood Thombs, 70, of Portland, on 10-17-09.

1962

Elden Louis Churchill, 78, of Brooksville, on 3-18-07.

Evelyn "Betty" Elliott, 91, of Washington, DC, on 1-22-09.

William John Evers, 76, of Lakewood, NJ, on 4-15-09.

Reginald Neil Fickett, 80, of Casco, on 4-5-09.

Francis Barry Hill, 67, of Eaton, NH, on 11-19-07.

Winfield Scott Jones, 68, on 11-5-08.

Peter Ames Nichols, 69, of Edgcomb, on 8-21-09.

Leon Richard Shaw, Jr., 78, of Jefferson, on 8-22-09.

John Harry Simpson, 71, on 12-28-08.

Bruce Paul Trott, 75, of Eliot, on 9-7-09.

1963

Robert Alan Burns, 69, of Lincolnville, on 4-10-09.

Joanne Elizabeth Raymond Ferriter, 63, of Eliot, on 4-13-05.

Pamela Bartley Finnigan, 67, on 5-29-09.

Victor Xavier Fongemie, 65, on 9-15-06.

Mary Dodge Libby, 97, of Bath, on 5-25-09.

John Ogden Lipsey, Jr., of Cottonwood, CA, on 4-10-09.

Leona Marie Murch May, 73, of Lower Burrell, PA, on 7-21-09.

Dorothy Miller Overlock, 90, of Warren, on 1-22-07.

Margaret Ellen Brooks Smith, 68, of Crete, NE, on 5-22-09.

1964

Celia Estella Allen, 99, on 6-26-08.

Irene Morin Allen, 89, of North Berwick, on 11-11-09.

Harold Kenneth Benner, 66, of Waldoboro, on 6-4-09.

Raymond George Cushman, 68, of Canterbury, NH, on 2-25-09.

Robert Joseph Fournier, 68, of Lewiston, on 3-4-09.

Doris Colby Miete, 91, of Coopers Mills, on 5-20-09.

Richard Joseph Plante, 67, of Wayne and Mexico, on 11-8-09.

Cynthia Cripps Proctor, 67, of Providence, RI, on 7-11-09.

1965

Cole Leroy Bridges, 67, of Calais, on 11-8-09.

Robert Gordon Bruce, 67, of Franklin, on 8-18-09.

Karen Anne Burnham, 66, of Saco, on 7-9-09.

Bonita "Bonnie" Gale Boone Greenberg, 66, of Falmouth, MA, on 9-23-09.

Nancy Mae Holyoke, 65, of Holden, on 4-22-09.

Robert Michael Murphy, 63, of Alden, NY, on 11-3-06.

1966

Virginia Schoppee Cheney, 79, of Machias, on 10-15-09.

Ruth Milliken Dearborn, 89, of Biddeford, on 6-6-09.

Douglas Warren Greenlaw, 63, of Glastonbury, CT, on 5-27-08.

Eugene Carroll Leighton, 67, of Dennysville, on 6-13-09.

Daniel Steven Salisbury, 65, of Madison, on 7-28-09.

Jeanette "Jean" Quincannon Sedgwick, 89, of South Portland, on 8-9-09.

1967

Warner Scott Brann, 63, of Searsport, on 11-

Deaths

- 3-09.
Kathleen Joan Dexter Schafer, 62, on 6-5-07.
William Leon Sternberg, 73, of Rockland, on 10-30-09.
1968
Owen Hartleigh Bridgham, 83, of South Paris, on 10-20-09.
Jane Wilder Chandler, 64, of Yarmouth, on 9-17-09.
Donald Robert Gregory, 67, of Boston, MA, on 8-20-09.
William James Grosser, 72, of Liberty, on 9-23-09.
Kristi Lee Hamilton, 61, of Newport, on 4-29-09.
Andrew Johnston Hayward, 79, of Keene, NH, on 5-9-09.
William Gary Loftus, 63, of Stratham, NH, on 8-22-09.
Elizabeth Smith Marks, 77, of Farmington, on 8-2-09.
Paul Willard McLaughlan, 63, of Woodland, on 9-13-09.
James Alphonse Miniville, 62, on 4-26-06.
1969
Diane Helen Bunker Eaton, 62, of Wake Forest, NC, on 4-30-09.
Alvah Chase Luce II, 62, of Brunswick, on 10-20-09.
Martha Sutton Temple, 62, of Hampden, on 10-6-09.
Nellie F. Herbert Blood Thompson, 94, of Morrill, on 4-8-09.
Karl Albert Toner, 60, of Southern Pines, NC, on 2-25-08.
1970
David William Dixon, 61, of Whitefield, on 5-15-09.
Brenda Lee Farrington, 61, of Augusta, on 10-23-09.
Larry Alan Parks, 63, of Hinckley, on 7-20-09.
Douglas Kirk Steinbaugh, 59, of Apple Valley, MN, on 4-30-07.
Mary Elizabeth Donaher Thornton, 61, of Hudson, NH, on 9-29-09.
Nancy Ann Gagne Wagner, 61, of Brunswick, on 6-3-09.
Cornelia T. Vincent Webb, 89, of Auburn, on 4-29-09.
1971
Marjorie Dikeman Chamberlain, 85, of Tustin, CA, on 5-19-09.
Joseph Ira Craig, 82, of Hallowell, on 6-11-09.
Anne Catherine Doescher, 60, of Bangor, on 10-14-09.
Robert Daniel Dunford, 60, of Palm Beach, FL, on 11-9-07.
George Edwin Gorham, 65, of Saco, on 7-30-09.
Lawrence Everett Hoyt, Jr., 68, of Frankfort, on 8-4-09.
George Anthony Jones, 62, of Farmingdale, on 5-15-09.
- Jesse Weldon McDougal**, 60, of Rio Rancho, NM, on 10-1-09.
Kathleen Martarite Minnehan, 59, of Auburn, on 5-16-09.
Arlene Ruth Shields, 82, of Colebrook, NH, and Deltona, FL, on 4-27-06.
1972
Diane Briggs, 61, of Orrington, on 10-4-08.
William Farrier Hume, 60, of Guilford, on 10-30-09.
1973
Ronald George Brown, 58, of Bangor, on 8-4-09.
Donna Lee Miller Cavallo, 58, of Orono, on 9-5-09.
Thomas Edward Eaton, 59, of Topsfield, MA, on 10-25-09.
Joe Frank McClurken, 58, of Milford, NY, on 4-7-05.
Melzine Mae Pierce, 83, of Southport, on 3-30-09.
Leverne Rosealine Trull Sanders, 76, of Unity, on 5-30-09.
Bruce Harry Swanson, 62, on 1-18-09.
1974
Fred Bennett Johnson, of Baileys Island, on 9-1-09.
Paul Kenneth "Woody" Wood, 58, of Everett, MA, on 4-24-09.
1976
Ruth Dudley Barry, 83, of Waterville, on 9-12-09.
Donald Dodd Chisholm, 56, of Rockland, on 8-31-09.
Mary Ann Weiss, 54, of Topsham, on 5-13-09.
1977
William G. Cunningham, 56, of Rochester, NH, on 10-6-09.
Catherine Elaine Fenderson Smith, 55, of North Berwick, on 9-18-09.
Edward Freeman Woodbrey, Jr., 54, of Gorham, on 7-11-09.
1978
Scott Wilson Norton, 53, of Scarborough, on 9-19-09.
1979
Richard F. Austin, 83, of Waterville, on 5-22-09.
Marcus Adelbert Hale, 55, of Holden, on 4-18-09.
Robert Howard Ward, 66, of Hamlet, NC, on 7-8-09.
1980
Glen Harold Footman, 52, of San Antonio, TX, and Brewer, on 11-9-09.
Frank E. Harvey, M.D., 51, of Black River, NY, on 11-3-09.
1981
Richard Clayton Greenlaw, 62, of Brewer and Bangor, on 10-16-09.
1982
Eunice Hurd Lund, 82, of Milbridge, on 6-23-09.
1983
- Akar Hamdi Akar, Jr.**, 47, of Washington, DC, on 6-26-09.
Stephen Paul Whynot, 49, of Durham, on 6-1-09.
1984
Richard Smith Dexter, 66, on 10-15-08.
1985
Jane Elizabeth Collins, 47, of Cumberland Foreside, on 9-8-09.
Anita Lynne Crotts, 58, of Spotsylvania County, VA, on 2-19-09.
Gloria Louise Gifford Harriman, 79, of Camden, on 9-19-08.
Laura E. Hendrickson Sereyko, 56, of Enfield, on 7-23-09.
1986
Joseph Stephen Humphreys, 62, of Suffield, CT, on 9-16-09.
1988
Jeannie Alberta Anderson, 54, of Bangor, on 7-4-09.
Steven Gross, 45, of Scarborough, on 9-11-09.
Phyllis Arlene Sawyer Williams, 78, of Brewer, on 4-7-09.
1990
Scott Shawn Sirois, 43, of Fort Fairfield, on 9-21-09.
Louis James Taliento, 42, of Portland, on 8-20-09.
Marissa-Lucia Tangredi-Davis, 49, of Presque Isle, on 9-4-09.
1991
Sheila Ellen Otero-Otero, 68, of Woodstock, on 10-3-09.
1992
Linda Kane Scott, 61, of Albuquerque, NM, on 7-28-09.
1993
Peggy Jean Burns, 65, of Bangor, on 8-11-08.
Rosemary G. Cameron, 56, of Thorndike, on 5-1-09.
Kreg Daniel Cookson, 38, of Spring Hill, FL, on 5-23-09.
1994
Mary Ann Hessert Wade Parent, 62, of Bangor, on 8-9-09.
1995
Margaret "Peetie" Law Charette, 56, of Gardiner, on 5-4-09.
Sally M. Ellsworth Dunphy, 57, of Hampden, on 11-4-09.
Clarence "Cap" Thomas, 59, of Passadumkeag, on 7-9-09.
2001
Teresa Poulin Kane, 55, of Corinna, on 4-13-09.
Dion "Donnie" Alden Seymour, Jr., 57, of Orrington, on 10-15-09.
2004
Jared Michael Wade, 27, of Pike Creek, DE, on 5-28-09.
2005
Nicholas O. Marin, 26, of Alfred, on 8-14-09.

A Winner and a Role Model

Long-time UMaine coach Edmund Styryna died on October 31, 2008, at the age of 87. He was head coach of men's indoor and outdoor track for 30 years. He also coached cross-country for his first 17 years at the university. During his career he coached, taught, and mentored hundreds if not thousands of UMaine athletes. Long after graduation, many of those who wore the Pale Blue under Ed still referred to him as "coach"—a title of deep respect and affection.

When Ed arrived on campus in the fall of 1956, he was asked to do all the coaching by himself, without assistants. An All American javelin and hammer thrower in college, he successfully guided UMaine athletes in every event: from the long distances, to the sprints, jumps, and the throws. In his very first year at the helm of the cross-country team (1956), he led the Black Bears to the New England Championship.

Coach always had a way of bringing out the best in individual athletes in every event, especially those with little or no experience before arriving at UMaine. The best example of this was Dale Bessey '59, who came to the university never having competed in track. Dale not only broke the UMaine half-mile record, he also won the Yankee Conference and New England meets.

His tenure at the university was before the time of athletic scholarships in track; yet he directed scores of championship teams and individuals in the Maine State Conference, the Yankee Conference, and the New England Meet. Many of those individuals would go on to be successful coaches at high schools and colleges. One of those former UMaine runners, Jim Ballinger '66, '69G, became a highly successful track and cross-country coach at UMaine after Ed's retirement.

A believer in setting an example for his athletes, Coach Styryna never raised his voice or used profanity. He was always well dressed, even at practice. He was, at all times, a consummate gentleman.

Coach also never held team meetings—he just always made sure that every individual athlete knew what was expected for practice and competition.



Coach Styryna (center) with two of his former team members, Matt Dunlap '87G (left) and Dan Rearick '58, '61.

Running tracks during the Styryna era were made of cinder and clay, not the synthetic materials that they are today. The university had perhaps the fastest and best cinder tracks in New England because Ed directed their upkeep—in fact he actually worked on them himself on a daily basis. The field house track was a thing of smooth beauty, proclaimed by many to be the best

in the East.

But it was the influence he had on his athletes that is Ed's legacy.

"We worked very hard and had fun," notes Bill Schroeder '58, a New England pole vault champion and later coach of numerous championship prep schools in New Jersey. "It's my regret that I didn't thank Coach enough for all that he did for me. My track experience provided me with my fondest memories of UMaine."

Ace Conro '61, '63G, a quarter-miler at UMaine, a World Masters record holder, and coach of both high school and college championship teams, says he owes everything he's accomplished as an athlete and coach to Ed Styryna.

"He taught me everything I know," Conro says. "I owe him so much. He was what every coach should be, a winner and a role model."

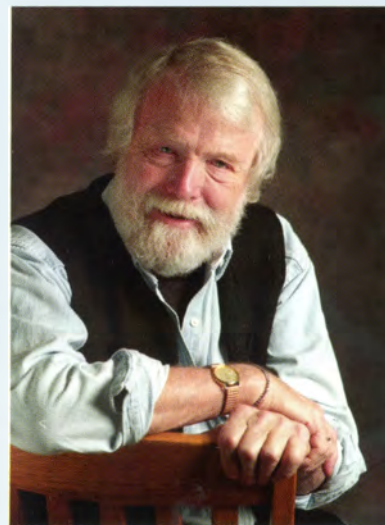
Folklife Expert Sandy Ives

Much-loved and respected English and anthropology professor Edward "Sandy" Ives died last August at the age of 83.

Sandy was also an internationally recognized folklife expert who traveled throughout Maine and Canada to record songs and oral histories.

"He had a unique style of lecturing and bringing folk music and folklore alive in the classroom," said Pauleena MacDougall, director of the Maine Folklife Center at UMaine. "The students loved him."

Ives served as the director of the Maine Folklife Center for 22 years. He also served as a folk arts panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts, was a Fellow of the American Folklore Society, and a member of the Maine Arts Commission. In 1991 he was presented with the Marius Barbeau Medal for his contributions to folklore studies.





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