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Robert Kennedy to step down in 2011

Robert Kennedy has announced his intention to step down as the president of the University of Maine, effective in July 2011. Kennedy will transition to a position with the UMaine System, concentrating on developing academic programs related to alternative energy and sustainability.

In making the announcement, the UMaine president stressed that he will be focused on serving the campus for the upcoming year.

"We can all be proud of what we've accomplished in recent years, especially under difficult budget circumstances,



Robert Kennedy

but this is not the time for reflections on the past," Kennedy said. "UMaine is an outstanding university and I look forward to working hard over the coming months to help make it even better. There is a

great deal to get done between now and the time I leave."

Kennedy first came to UMaine in 2000, serving as executive vice president and provost.

A search committee for a new UMaine president was announced in June. It will be headed by UMaine alumna and University of Maine System trustee, Eleanor Baker '75 of Cape Elizabeth. Also serving on the committee will be former alumni association chairs Jim Goff '63 and John Rohman '68.

"I'm delighted that Ellie Baker has agreed to chair the search," said System chancellor Richard Pattenau. "As an alumna, a trustee, and a participant on advisory boards, she has an excellent sense of the university."



1,700 grads join the UMaine alumni family

The weather outside was cool and wet, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the 1,700 young men and women receiving their University of Maine degrees inside Alford Arena on May 8. Maine Governor John Baldacci '86 (whose son is a UMaine student) addressed the university's newest alumni. Receiving honorary doctorate degrees were Charles Cawley, who brought MBNA operations to Maine; and UMaine alumnus Ashok Jhunjhunwala '77G, '79 Ph.D., whose engineering prowess and dedication to others has helped bring telecommunications to rural India (see page 12).

Amy Smith of Lincolnville (see page 7) was the Class of 2010 valedictorian. Matthew Bouchard of Waterville was the class salutatorian.

Sigma Chi fraternity put on probation for hazing

Sigma Chi fraternity has been placed on probation following an April 17 incident during which a University of Maine student participating in a fraternity initiation became lost near the Stillwater River. A search involving 11 public safety agencies and dozens of volunteers ended after eight hours when the student was found walking back toward the UMaine campus.

Several of the fraternity's activities were found to be in violation of the official hazing guidelines.

While no individuals were punished,

a series of sanctions were put into effect, including probation until May 2011.

The university's review determined that Sigma Chi's initiation procedures violated hazing policy on several fronts. Notably, the student who became lost was told to search for a white cross, which did not exist. Candidates for fraternity membership were also required to perform household chores, to dress differently from fraternity members, and to be isolated from social contact during a week-long process known as "Introspection Week."

The “quintessential” continuing education student

It was a long and unusual journey to a University of Maine degree for Lauren Sterling, but she says it's one she would not have changed.

After growing up in Skowhegan, Lauren went on to attend the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts and New York University's Actor's Studio. For 12 years she worked as a singer and actor in New York and Los Angeles. In 1993, she moved back to Maine and later enrolled at UMaine to continue her education.

This year, at age 48, she not only earned her degree while working full time and being a dedicated volunteer, she was also honored as the 2010 National Continuing Education Student of the Year by the University Continuing Education Association. In addition, Lauren was named Outstanding Graduate in the UMaine Division of Lifelong Learning.

“Lauren personifies the quintessential continuing education student,” said Robert White, associate provost and dean of the Division of Lifelong Learning. “She’s an inspiration to all students. Her public service legacy will continue to impact



Maine and the nation through her work on behalf of children.”

Lauren has been the volunteer coordinator of the Greater Waterville Area Communities for Children & Youth since its inception in 1996. In 2007, she established the Alliance on Early Care and Learning in Waterville.

Since 2001, she has worked for the Governor's Children's Cabinet and overseen the 21st Century Community Learning Centers federal grant supporting school programs.

“The projects Lauren undertook in Waterville and her work for the Governor's Children's Cabinet are exemplary and demonstrate how the life experiences of nontraditional students can influence their academic pursuits and the community,” said UMaine president, Robert Kennedy.

Lauren reflected on her continuing education experience by noting that those in the program are doing it for themselves.

“We’re competing only with ourselves,” she notes. “...we have a sense of the obligation to not only complete it, but to do it well.”

Energy Secretary Chu tours UMaine composites center

Secretary of Energy Steven Chu visited the University of Maine Advanced Structures and Composites Center (AEWC) in June to witness firsthand the work the center is doing to develop deep-water offshore wind turbines. Chu became the fifth member of the President's cabinet to visit UMaine in the past year.

The university recently received two major grants from the federal government for offshore wind research and development. And Maine voters signaled support for offshore wind development on June 7 with approval of an \$11 million bond to help a UMaine-led consortium develop a testing site off Monhegan Island. It's estimated that the first test turbine will be



U.S. Secretary of Energy Steven Chu (center) with Senator Susan Collins and Governor John Baldacci '86.

operating by the end of 2011.

Chu, a Nobel Prize-winning physicist, has been advocating alternative energy development for a number of years. His reaction to what he saw going on at UMaine was all positive.

“It’s really very impressive,” Chu said, “particularly the leadership Maine has

shown in working to grow a sustainable economy while developing technology for renewable energy.”

Chu was given a tour of AEWC by the center's director, Habib Dagher. Accompanying Chu on the tour were Senator Susan Collins (who invited Chu to Maine), Governor John Baldacci '86, and U.S. Representatives Chellie Pingree and Michael Michaud.

Senator Collins noted that deepwater, offshore wind has the potential to reduce our reliance

on foreign oil while creating much-needed green jobs in Maine.

“And the University of Maine is leading the way,” she said.

The offshore wind project could produce between 7,000 and 15,000 jobs per year between 2020 and 2030.

Climate change expert is 2010 Distinguished Maine Professor

Paul Mayewski, director of the Climate Change Institute, professor of Earth Sciences, and internationally recognized researcher on climate change, is the 2010 Distinguished Maine Professor.

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

Professor Mayewski's work has changed our understanding of the role of the Polar Regions in global climate change and the impact of humans on



the climate system. His identification and characterization of the role of atmospheric circulation in abrupt climate change was revolutionary. He also demonstrated the impact of naturally forced abrupt climate change on the course of human civilization. For more than 30 years he has been one of the world's leaders in the use of ice core records to document climate change, variations in atmospheric chemistry through

time, and the historic role of human activities on atmospheric chemistry.

As an expert on climate change, Mayewski has appeared on every major television network (including multiple featured appearances on "60 Minutes") and has led more than 45 scientific expeditions throughout Antarctica and the Arctic, as well as many to the Himalayan and Tibetan plateaus, South America, and New Zealand.

While he is in demand as a speaker around the globe, he still makes time to address local groups.

Since arriving at UMaine a decade ago, Mayewski has brought in more than \$6 million in external funds. And despite his demands as an administrator and researcher, he generously teaches both graduate and undergraduate courses without compensation.

Student video project wins a first place in national voting

In April, fourth-year broadcast journalism major Samantha Danis of Biddeford was voted one of five first-place prize winners in the national YouTube and Pulitzer Center "Project: Report" video competition. As a winner, she will be given a \$10,000 grant for an international reporting assignment for the Pulitzer Center on anything she chooses, anywhere in the world.

"I was completely in shock," Danis said of her reaction upon being informed that she was a winner. "I knew there was a chance that I could be one of the five winners, but the other journalists were so talented that I didn't know if things would end in my favor. I couldn't be happier."

Danis said her video went from having 6,000 viewers to 120,000, once the winners were announced.

"I thought something was wrong with the website when I saw that," she said. "I just can't believe everything that's happened to me, and it's not over yet."



Danis is still unsure of what to choose for an international reporting assignment.

"I have absolutely no idea where to go and what to cover," Danis said.

She and several classmates entered the contest as an assignment in Sunny Hughes's broadcast journalism class. Danis was one of 10 semifinalists in the first round of judging 148 entries. For that she won a new computer and a high-definition camera. Round two narrowed the semifinalists to five winners who traveled to Washington, D.C., for a reception and a viewing of the winning videos.

Her semifinal entry was a short feature about 82-year-old Alice Fogg of Naples, Maine, who has sewn, stuffed, and sent

more than 1,000 pillows to injured American soldiers.

Danis's final entry featured a Hampden Academy student who is hard of hearing and a part-time UMaine faculty member who is deaf.

Student Profile

Not Your Traditional Valedictorian

Despite 18 years between high school and college, Amy Smith '10 never lost her love of learning.

When Amy Smith of Lincolnville applied to the University of Maine, 18 years after finishing high school, she was worried that she wouldn't be accepted.

So you can understand her surprise last May when she was told she was the valedictorian of the UMaine Class of 2010.

The 1988 Camden-Rockport High School graduate first enrolled at the University of Maine as a secondary education major, taking her first two years of classes at the Hutchinson Center in Belfast. As a junior, she began commuting to Orono and also changed her major to history with a concentration in peace and conflict studies.

"I opted for history because I've always been interested in it and it offered a good opportunity to go to grad school," says Smith, who is a member of Phi Beta Kappa honor society. "I love getting that broad perspective on the world."

After being out of school for 18 years, the small, "low-key" classes at the Hutchinson Center provided a comfortable introduction to higher education for the first-generation college student. In her junior year, she started making the 120-mile roundtrip commute from her home to Orono at least twice a week to attend UMaine classes.

"Initially I worried that I would feel out of place being in classes with students much younger, most of them the same age as my kids, but I really enjoyed the classroom experience, hearing so many thoughts and ideas. And everyone was very accepting," Smith says.

Among Smith's favorite classes were two annual Camden Conference courses, and those in history taught by professor Ngo Vinh Long on Japan and Vietnam.

"I loved his teaching style," Smith says.



"He's open in sharing his knowledge and experiences, and he gave us the freedom to explore the material and think for ourselves."

Smith, a certified nursing assistant, worked in a long-term residential community center for five years and held other part-time jobs while raising three children, Brittany, Andrew, and Christopher. She began her college career the same year her oldest child enrolled at Clark University.

"When Brittany started looking for colleges, I got the idea that maybe I wanted to do it too," says Smith, who credits her academic success to the support of her husband of 22 years, Leon. "I had been thinking about it for years, trying to decide

when the time was right. I got pregnant my junior year of high school and went back to school to finish my senior year. I always had it in the back of my mind that I wanted to go back to school and get a college degree."

For the past four years, Smith and her daughter compared notes on their college experiences, including commiserating about exams and sharing the symptoms of "senioritis."

"I think being an adult learner, you take things more seriously," says Smith of her academic success. "I wanted to do this, so I didn't miss classes and I studied hard. It was an enjoyment for me."

Smith received her degree at UMaine two weeks before Brittany was awarded hers in English.

Smith will attend graduate school at the University of Southern Maine to pursue a master's degree in adult education. Her goal is to work as an academic adviser in a community college, encouraging and advocating for nontraditional students to successfully pursue higher education.

"From my own experience, I see a need in Maine to get the message out that it's never too late and you're never too old to pursue an education," Smith says. "I know the challenges of being an older student, as well as the challenges of being in high school and having a child. I also know that your education doesn't have to stop."

All-American Riley Masters '12 runs UMaine's first ever sub-four-minute mile.

Masters of the Mile

University of Maine track sensation Riley Masters is coming off indoor and outdoor track seasons that saw him shatter the record books. From a winning repeat performance in the 5,000 meter at the America East Indoor Championship; to breaking the four-minute mile barrier; to qualifying for the NCAA Championships; to winning the 1,500 meters in New England and ECAC outdoor championships; and finally to being named an All-American.

Although his story could have been one of those "What might have been..." it turned into one of progression from local high school star to NCAA All-American.

Riley was not a track prodigy as a youth—in fact he didn't even think of competing in organized track until he was a freshman in high school.

"I first ran track after I was cut from the Bangor High baseball team," Riley recalls. "Baseball was my love when I was a little kid. But when I got cut, I was like, 'I might as well give track a shot.' It ended up working out for me."

Did it ever!

Riley had a few close family friends who helped him to eventually excel at running. One friend, Dave Jeffrey, was a coach at a rival high school.

"He pushed me a lot, told me I had a lot of potential, even though he was from a rival school." Riley first burst onto the scene as a junior, when he led Bangor High School to indoor and outdoor Class A state championships.

"I knew my junior year we were going to have a pretty talented team for indoor and outdoor track, so I think that helped progress my running career," Riley says. "I knew I had to pick up some points for the team. I had my teammate Casey Qua-



Photo by Mike Mardosa '73

glia, and we used to finish 1-2 in races all the time. But he was always the 'one' and I was always the 'two.' I definitely owe a lot to Casey; he really pushed me along and told me about collegiate running."

Quaglia went on to Binghamton, but Riley decided to attend his state university just up the road.

"Coach Mark Lech really made a good impression on me. He told me he could make me a good runner—he really had a strong influence on me."

Despite being injured for the cross-country season this past year, Riley rebounded to have one of the most memorable seasons for any UMaine athlete in any sport. After running 3:59.97 at the Valentine Invitational in Boston, the first Black Bear ever to break the four-minute barrier and possibly the youngest Maine native ever to accomplish the feat, Riley went to the Columbia Last Chance Meet to try to qualify for the NCAAAs. He ran 3:59.07 and ended up being seeded ninth at the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Riley had no expectation of running a sub-four minute mile; his goal was only to break Derrick Treadwell's UMaine record of 4:04 minutes.

Riley was thrilled and excited to go to the NCAA Championships, and he received plenty of encouragement.

"The guys on the team really pushed me and told me not to be intimidated by the 'big name' schools." Riley finished second in his preliminary heat before finishing fifth in the finals to earn All-American status. Even though the All-American status is a great honor, Riley says the best part was the reaction and recognition from the community.

He received an invitation to the Maine House of Representatives, numerous letters and emails from friends, coaches, and people throughout Maine, and a plethora



Riley Masters leads the pack in an America East race. He took first place at the 2010 1,500-meter New England Track and Field Championships. He also took first place in the 1,500 at the ECAC championships. (Photo courtesy of America East.)

of stories in the newspaper and on TV.

Riley says the support from the Maine community has been his favorite part of his amazing year.

Riley continued his winning ways in the outdoor track season. He took first place in the 1,500 meter at both the New England and ECAC Championships in May and placed an impressive 11th in the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Oregon—a meet attended by 12,000 spectators and broadcast live on CBS television. In his semi-final 1,500 heat at the NCAAAs Riley ran 3:42.01—a new University of Maine record.

As a result of his outstanding performances, he was invited to compete in the IC4A meet and the USA Championships in Iowa in late June.

Coach Lech notes that Riley's success as a distance runner is a combination of his physical attributes, primarily a great aerobic system, and his psychological capability to push himself beyond barriers.

"He can push himself through barriers

that limit most others," Lech says.

Despite the demands of being an elite Division I athlete and an honors student, Riley still finds time to volunteer for local causes. He runs in charity road races and is part of the university's Male Athletes Against Violence group. He's also a Maine Scholar-Athlete Award winner and was selected to the 2009 Fall America East Academic Honor Roll. In addition, he was nominated for the prestigious "M" Club Dean Smith Award, given annually to a UMaine student/athlete who has achieved in his or her sport as well as in the classroom.

When Riley finishes at UMaine, he hopes to find a sponsor so he can pursue a professional career and possibly even compete at the 2016 Olympics. At that time

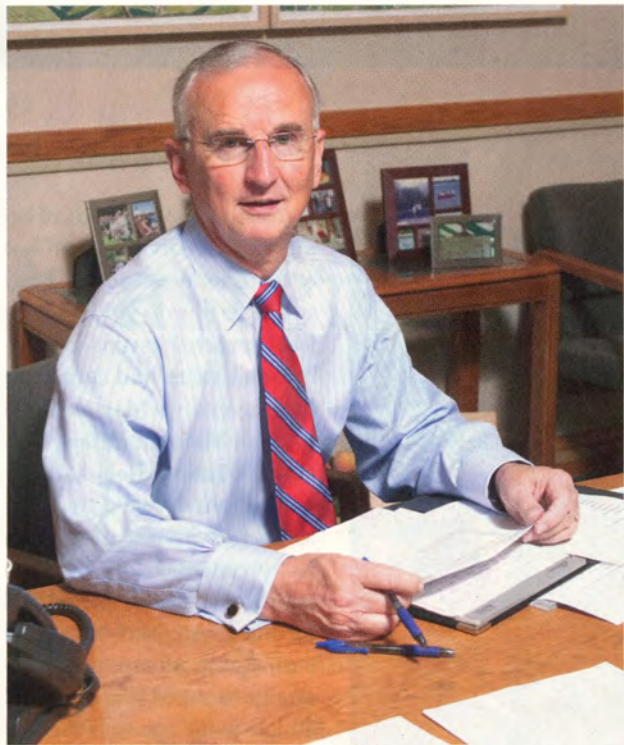
he'll only be 26 years old—prime age for a distance runner. Before all that happens, he has two years of races ahead of him at the University of Maine. Who knows how many more Black Bear records he may smash?

"Riley is kind of a late bloomer," Lech notes. "His body is just now playing catch-up. Distance running is kind of like money in the bank—you gain interest through the training you put in."

Lech says that his star runner's aerobic capacity, dedication, and mental powers could lead him to even greater accomplishments.

"The only thing that could limit his potential would be natural leg speed," Lech explains. He adds that, as well as he's done in the mile, at some point Riley might find his greatest potential is in longer distance events like the 5,000 meters.

Despite all his talents and all the accolades, the record-breaking UMaine runner remains very modest. "I really am just Riley from Bangor."



*\$25 million UMaine
budget reduction*

Beyond Belt Tightening

UMaine president Robert Kennedy's strategic plan, UMaine 150, looks to make the university more financially sustainable.

After University of Maine president Robert Kennedy announced his UMaine 150 plan to deal with a \$12.2 million academic budget reduction (part of a \$25 million overall reduction) over the next three years, he waited to see if there would be a reaction on campus and beyond. There was practically none. "It was quiet," he noted, gratefully.

That certainly wasn't the case when the group charged with making recommendations on how to reduce the UMaine budget issued its preliminary report earlier in the spring. Indeed, those recommendations by the Academic Program Prioritization Working Group (APPWG), spurred a flurry of letter writing, newspaper editorials, and even student/faculty protests outside the president's office and on the steps of the Fogler Library.

The APPWG, which included faculty and staff members, read the letters and listened to the arguments and ultimately revised some of its recommendations. Of special note was the reinstatement of some programs in language and music. The vast majority of the APPWG's final recommendations were accepted into Kennedy's strategic plan. They include:

- Elimination of the department of public administration
- Suspension of the German and Latin language majors
- Suspension of the theatre major
- Suspension of the women's studies major
- Reduction of music master's degree concentrations from five to two

- Downsizing of the master of arts in teaching program
- Downsizing the Center for Research and Evaluation in the college of education and human development
- Consolidations in the college of engineering
- Elimination of bachelor's degrees in aquaculture, wood science, forest operations, and forest ecosystem science (all of these fields of study will be folded into other majors in cost-effective ways).

Additionally, Kennedy announced numerous reorganization moves which will increase efficiency and synergy. He believes the change in public reaction from the preliminary budget-cutting recommendation to the final plan reflects the excellent work of APPWG and the genuine striving toward increasing efficiency.

"I think there's an appreciation of the difficulty of the decisions that had to be made and also an appreciation for our effort to consolidate and reorganize to be more efficient," Kennedy said. "People also like the idea that the plan includes reinvesting in vital areas of the university."

Those reinvestments are targeted for three areas, which Kennedy calls "a down payment on UMaine's future." They include hiring lecturers who will teach in liberal arts and at the honors college, with minimal research expectations; scholarship support for students enrolled in the health and biomedical sciences; and funding to accelerate the development of more online courses so the university can better respond to emerging needs for convenience and access.

The university will fund these investments from some of the state money (\$3 million) returned to the UMaine budget by the governor and the state legislature.

He adds that the reinvestment, and even the name UMaine 150, can foster some positive energy at the university.

"Most of the talk has been about cuts and the negative impact of those cuts," he said. "You can't sugarcoat any of that, but we want to get people moving forward in a positive way—to give people hope for the future and not just focus on the cuts, as painful as they are."

The UMaine president believes that many of the reorganization strategies in UMaine 150 will actually make the university a stronger institution. He is particularly enthusiastic about the changes in the division of health and biomedical sciences. That division will now include the school of social work, the school of nursing, the department of food science and nutrition, the department of communication sciences and disorders, and the department of molecular and biomedical science.

Kennedy noted that the changes capitalize on UMaine's core strengths and also provide opportunities in areas of student interest and job growth.

"This will make an enormous difference," he said. "It fills a real need in the state and it creates a synergy across related disciplines. When people are in the same division they will get together and talk and develop research and teaching functions."

"I think there's an appreciation of the difficulty of the decisions that had to be made and also an appreciation of our effort to consolidate and reorganize to be more efficient."

As a result of the program eliminations and reorganization, UMaine will now have four rather than five colleges. What was the college of business, public policy, and health will now be a stand-alone school of business with a dean who will report directly to the university provost.

In the area of engineering, the university plans to create a unified program from elements of the departments of electrical and computer engineering, spatial information science and engineering, and computer science. There will also be modifications in UMaine's general education curriculum.

The university will also look at increasing revenue through increasing enrollment, pricing, and public/private partnerships.

Tuition is likely to continue to increase (5.5 percent this year) in an effort to counter decreasing state support. Kennedy knows, however, that setting tuition levels in a state like Maine is always a balancing act between the need for revenue and affordability for students.

"We see the impact of the recession on families in Maine," he said. "We want to keep tuition as reasonable as possible."

One area for growth in tuition dollars is in recruiting more out-of-state students to UMaine. Toward that end, the university will continue to ramp up its out-of-state marketing efforts.

Kennedy noted that UMaine's steady increase in enrollment in recent years has, along with solid fiscal management, allowed it to keep its budget in balance.



Making Their Voices Heard

Draped in a Quebec flag, Ray Pelletier, chair of modern languages and classics, spoke against the cuts first proposed by the Academic Program Prioritization Working Group in April. In the final budget plan, some language and music programs were reinstated. Photo by Bridget Brown, courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.

High-technology guru Ashok Jhunjunwala '77G, '79 Ph.D. is helping to bring sustainable development to the villages of India through innovative wireless telecommunications.



Innovation for the Greater Good



When Ashok Jhunjunwala '77G, '79 Ph.D. returned to the University of Maine in May to be honored by the alumni association, it would be logical to think it was for his outstanding career achievements in engineering.

After all, Ashok, who serves as head of the department of electrical engineering at the Indian Institute for Technology, Chennai, has received the most prestigious science award given in India, the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award. He also was

honored with the highly coveted Padma Shri Award for distinguished service in science and technology. In addition, Ashok has incubated numerous new telecommunications products, and has founded no less than seven companies centering around emerging technologies. He's served on the Scientific Advisory Committee for the Indian prime minister and in 2009 was chosen by Bloomberg as one of India's 50 most powerful people.

An impressive career to say the least. But even more impressive may be what Ashok has dedicated that outstanding career to—a better life for millions of poor, rural Indians.

And it was in recognition of that dedication to helping others that the alumni association presented Ashok with the 2010 Bernard Lown '42 Alumni Humanitarian Award.

The next day, at University of Maine graduation ceremonies, he was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from his alma mater.

Following his return to India after earning his master's and Ph.D. degrees from UMaine, Ashok has been a leading force in the effort to make telecommunications accessible to all Indians with the ultimate goal of improving education, health care, and livelihoods.

"Sometime in the mid-'80s, a group of us decided to see what we could do to help bring telecommunications to rural India," Ashok explains. "We had the expertise and India had a great need. We did all kinds of analysis—economics, technology, policy—and we saw that a lot could be done."

One problem was that, unlike countries in the West, there was little communica-

tions infrastructure outside of urban areas. And bringing that infrastructure through the use of expensive copper wiring was not realistic.

"Our affordability point is very different from that in the West," Ashok says. "So we started looking into how mobile systems could do the same thing that copper wires do. That is the direction we went—wireless loop technology. We set a goal of increasing telephone connections in India from seven million to 100 million."

In a 1997 interview, Ashok explained how the new technology worked.

"Wireless, in loop technology, is basically replacing the wires or copper in the local loop with a wireless system," he explained. "We have our own exchange, a compact base station which can be mounted either on the rooftop of a building or poles in the street. Each of these base stations transmits on a wireless medium to offices and houses."

While the cost of the wireless system was substantially less, there was another challenge that Ashok and his colleagues faced—the national telephone monopoly.

"We professors took it upon ourselves to lobby the government to allow competition in local telecommunications," he says. "And we succeeded in doing that."

The group then offered their expertise to the industrialists in the country to help make it all happen.

"So as a group, we did everything—research, technology development, policy development, lobbying, and consulting."

As a result, they did indeed achieve the goal of bringing 100 million telephones to India, with service in all of the country's 700,000 villages.

In recent years Ashok and his group moved on to a second focus—bringing Internet and other telecommunication services to rural India.

"We know it will improve things such as health care and education and also the livelihoods of rural people," Ashok says.

And Ashok's approach to delivering these new technologies would have pleased Mahatma Gandhi. It's very decentralized, utilizing an army of local entrepreneurs. These local businessmen will be 50 percent partners in the enterprise, which will help keep profits in local economies.

"We're adopting two key elements,"

Ashok explained. "Affordability, since everything is low cost, and involving a local person providing the solutions."

Thus far the project has been implemented in four areas, with encouraging results.

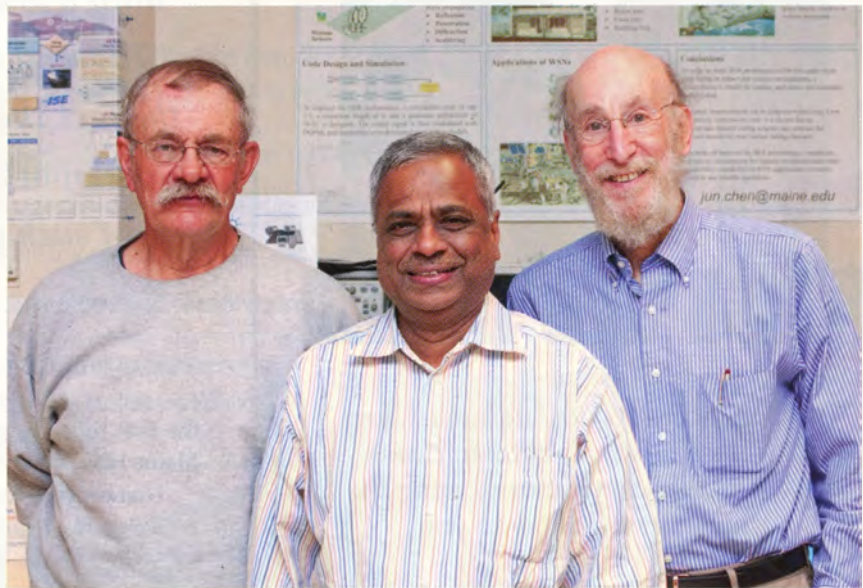
Ashok's commitment to helping others is central to his work.

"We scientists have many answers, and most of them are wrong," he has said. "What matters is that you keep trying until you succeed and contribute to the well-being of society."

Part of Ashok's compassionate, caring approach to science stems from cultural and family influences, especially from his grandfather, who was a dedicated follower of Gandhi. But he was also very influenced by his experiences at UMaine.

"There were two important things that

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happened to me when I came to UMaine," he notes. "The first was working with my engineering professor, John Vetelino. I developed self confidence and came to realize that Indians can excel in science—that we were not far behind everyone else."

During his return visit to campus, Ashok reunited with his old professor for the first time in 30 years. He showed his respect by bending and touching Vetelino's feet and calling him his "guru."

"In India great teachers are revered like gods," he said at the Humanitarian Award

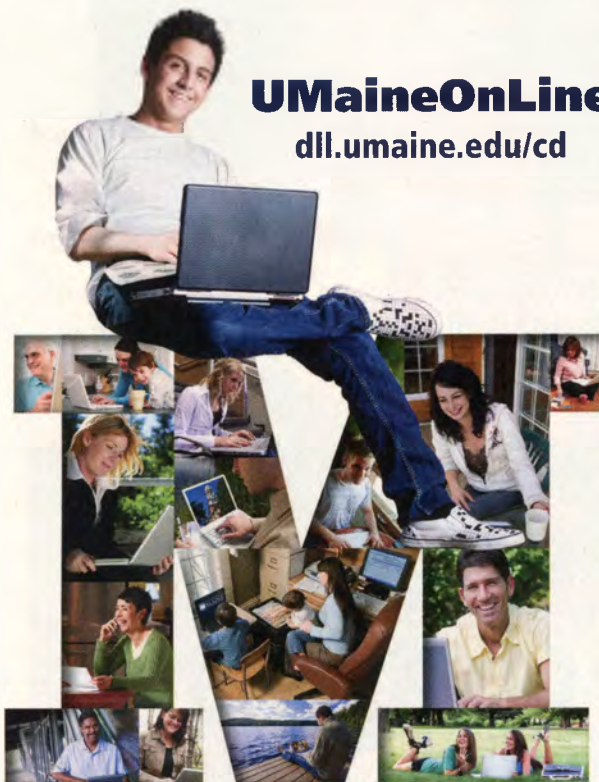
Student-Professor Reunion

During his homecoming to campus, Ashok met with two professors who had a major impact on his life and career, John Vetelino (left) and Doug Allen.

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presentation dinner at Buchanan Alumni House. Later he related an Indian saying.

"If a student meets God and his teacher at the same time, who should he greet first? The teacher, as he is the path to God."

The second very important thing that Ashok says he gained at UMaine was a much deeper sense of social justice.

"This came from being exposed to the women's movement, the civil-rights movement, the anti-war movement, and the gay-rights movement, which I knew nothing about in India," Ashok explains. "I became involved and I brought those influences back to India."

According to UMaine philosophy professor Doug Allen, who worked with Ashok on social justice issues and remains a very close friend, Ashok's UMaine experiences broadened his views and made a change in his life.

"He was challenged to develop his analysis of issues of war, violence, and imperialism," Allen noted. He was also exposed for

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the first time to gender oppression and feminism. And while in Maine he became aware of environmental issues.

That concern for the environment plays a major part in his approach to his vision for development of rural India.

"What if India developed in the same manner as the West?" he asks. "Right now, we consume 1/20 of the resources that the West consumes on a per capita basis. If rural India (and China) developed in a way that approached even 1/2 the level of consumption of the West, we would be in trouble. That level of resource consumption would ruin the earth. I don't want us to follow the West's pattern. We want to develop, but we want responsible, sustainable development."

Perhaps Doug Allen said it best when he referred to Ashok's work as a two-way process that involves humility, tolerance, interaction, and mutual learning and development.

"He is a brilliant, innovative scientist with a deep conscience," Allen stated. "Those of us in Maine can feel pride in the fact that our university played such an important part in the development of such an exceptional scientist and human being."

Story by Jim Frick with contributions from Douglas Allen.

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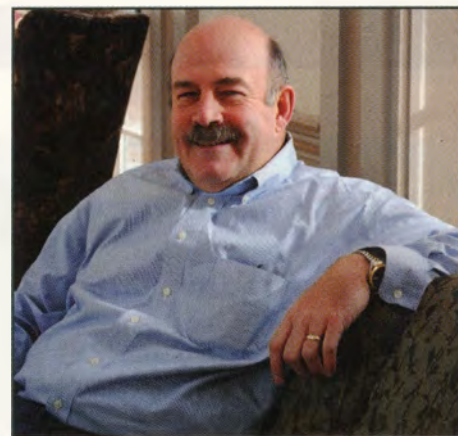


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Major General John "Bill" Libby '66, '67G has spent most of his life serving his country and his state. His outstanding leadership as an active duty soldier and as Maine's adjutant general earned him the prestigious 2010 Alumni Career Award.

By Jim Frick

BILL LIBBY grew up listening to his father (renowned sports broadcaster John C. Libby) reminisce about war experiences with his fellow World War II veterans. Those stories made a big impression on the young boy, fueling a strong desire to serve his country as a soldier.

And did he ever serve! From combat duty as a young officer in the Vietnam War to an outstanding career with the Maine National Guard, rising to the rank of major general and the top position of state adjutant general.

For his long and outstanding service, Bill received the 2010 Alumni Career Award at Reunion in June.

That military career began when Bill was given an appointment to West Point while finishing at Lewiston High School. However he found that certain aspects of the U.S. Military Academy just weren't for him, and after one year he transferred to the University of Maine. At UMaine he thrived in every way, including in his military training through ROTC.

Bill also was able to continue his love of sports at the university, playing end on the Black Bear football team—including the legendary 1965 team that appeared in the Tangerine Bowl. That event was a highlight of his student days, but it was the influence of the UMaine football coaches that had the biggest impact on his life.

"What I learned from Westy (head coach Westerman), Walt Abbott '58, and Dave Rand '58, '64G was that the team is greater than the sum of its parts," he explains. "In that Tangerine Bowl season, we defeated UMass, which had some real studs, including some future NFL players. We couldn't match up with them individually, but we could compete as a unit, as a team. That lesson served me well throughout my military career."

Coaches weren't the only people who impacted Bill as a UMaine student. He was also influenced by several UMaine

professors, including a surprising one for a math major, art history teacher Vincent Hartgen.

"I took art appreciation because, like some other football players, I thought all I would have to do was show up," he explains. "Imagine our horror when the head of the department (Vincent Hartgen) walked into the classroom. We actually had to work and learn something, and I did! Professor Hartgen also said something that has always stuck with me. He said that most of us would leave Maine after graduation and then we would spend a good part of our life trying to make enough money to come back. He was right."

He states that his UMaine experience was a major part of his life—"a huge factor in who I am and what I've done."

It was also at the university that Bill met his wife, Cynthia Fuller '67, '76G. The family ties to UMaine continued decades later when two of the three Libby children attended UMaine.

After receiving his bachelor's degree, Bill stayed on at UMaine to earn a master's in education. In September 1968 Bill volunteered for duty in Vietnam. He was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division where he served as both a liaison officer and later as a field artillery battery commander near the North Vietnamese border. His experiences earned him the Bronze Star and an Army Commendation Medal.

Bill credits his time in Vietnam with his development as a caring and effective officer. The war also clearly demonstrated to him what not to do as a military leader.

"When the governor of Maine appointed me to be adjutant general, I vowed to do everything in my power not to let this generation of soldiers be treated as we were treated," he says. "Now that might sound like sour grapes from a Vietnam vet, but it's not. That was my true experience."

The good thing, he adds, is that we learned an important lesson from our ex-



Major General Bill Libby takes time to talk with some Maine National Guard troops in a mess tent.

perience with Vietnam.

"We don't all agree on whether we should be in Iraq or Afghanistan," Bill explains. "But unlike with Vietnam, we are able to separate the war from the warriors this time and realize that these good young men and women are just doing what their country asked them to do."

After he returned from Vietnam Bill remained in active duty for another six-plus years. But as his children reached school age, Professor Hartgen's words about UMaine grads wanting to return to Maine proved prophetic. Bill and Cynthia realized a strong desire to raise their children in their native state.

Bill resigned his commission and returned to Maine taking an administrative job at Fryeburg Academy. But it didn't take long for him to miss the camaraderie of the military. And with a growing household, he needed a second part-time job.

So he joined the Maine National Guard and within a few years was offered a full-time position.

"It was the best of both worlds," he says

of the opportunity. "I realized I could once again have everything that I enjoyed about being a full-time soldier and we could also stay and raise our kids here in Maine."

During the 1980s and '90s, Bill rose steadily in the ranks of the Guard, in an era when the United States was relying more heavily on reserve troops for national security. His most rewarding assignment came when he served as commander of Task Force Fuertes Caminos, a six-month engineering deployment to Guatemala in 1994 with a mission of building schools, roads, bridges, clinics, and drilling wells in that country's central highlands.

Not long after his return from Guatemala, another opportunity came his way. Bill resigned from the Guard to become director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency. During his tenure he guided the state through the 1998 ice storm and seven presidential disaster declarations.

After five years, Bill returned to the National Guard, accepting a promotion to brigadier general and an assignment as Maine's deputy adjutant general. Not long

after that he was promoted to the position of adjutant general.

As adjutant general, Bill has overseen the deployment of more than 4,000 Guard troops to Iraq and Afghanistan. He doesn't hesitate in saying his most important role is insuring that his troops are properly trained and that their families are cared for in their absence. And the hardest part of the job? Dealing with the ones that don't make it home and those that return with physical and emotional needs.

"That's very difficult," he says. "But on the positive side we now have a wealth of resources to deal with the problems of those returning soldiers. In many ways this has been a good time to serve as adjutant general. We are well trained and equipped, we have full enlistment, and we have great young men and women serving."

Those same young men and women would likely respond that they have been privileged to serve under such a caring and effective leader like Bill Libby.

Bill will be retiring from the Guard at the end of the year.

Turning *The Iron Man* into Print

UMaine English professor Alexander Irvine '96G turns the popular movie into a novel.



While seeking an author for the book version of the recent movie, *Iron Man 2*, Marvel Publishing decided to tap a University of Maine English professor for the job.

Random House Publishing, which won the rights to the

Iron Man 2 novelization, contacted Alexander Irvine '96G, assistant UMaine professor of English, in August 2009 and asked whether he was interested in writing the book. Alex, who has written for both Random House and Marvel in the past, agreed to take on the project.

"It was really a strange way to write a book. I've never done anything like that before," Irvine said.

The UMaine teacher has written three limited comic book series for Marvel and just finished a *Transformers* novel that recently went to press.

"Random House is a publisher that I work with a lot, but I've never done a novelization before, so that was fun," Irvine said.

After Alex secured the deal with Random House and Marvel, he took two trips to New York where he was able to read the movie script and take notes. Because of the confidential nature of moviemaking, he wasn't allowed to take the script with him, so he relied solely on notes and memory to write the book.

"They put you in this room, they take your phone and then you get to read the script, and then you go home," he said.

Alex says he ended up transcribing the dialogue and taking detailed notes regarding what was going on and when.

The novelization took him about six

weeks to write with another week of revisions. The book came out in April.

Alex, who has taught at UMaine since 2005, is the recipient of the LOCUS Award, the International Horror Guild Award, and the Crawford Award, given by the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts. He also won a New England Press Association award in 2004 for his work as a reporter for the *Portland Phoenix*.

The *Iron Man* film was released on May 7, several weeks after Alex's book version. He notes that fans who had read his novelization before the movie was released, emailed him asking what was and wasn't going to be in the film. But his only response was, "go see the film."

"You have to sign 500 nondisclosure agreements and sign over your firstborn child," to work on a novelization, Alex joked.

He said most of the contact he had with Marvel was with its New York studio, and that he had very little communication with the moviemakers in California.

"Those guys are so wrapped up in the movie that they almost don't care about the other stuff," he said.

He added that there is a substantial difference between writing screenplays and writing a novelization.

"Movie screenplays are written for visual action," Alex noted. "But fiction is really kind of an interior medium . . . you get inside people's heads, and in a movie you can't do that."

Story by University of Maine student Dylan Riley, courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.



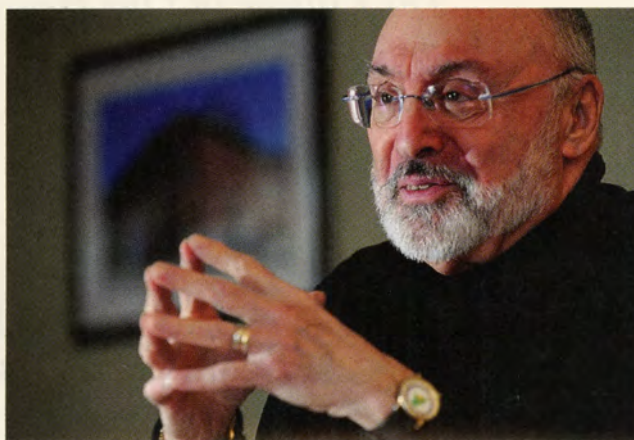
English professor Alexander Irvine '96G at The Store in downtown Orono. (Photo by Gabor De-gre, courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.)

Sandy Blitz '92G

Working to Boost the Northeast Economy

Many counties in the northernmost areas of New England and New York are suffering long-term economic distress. With his recent appointment as co-chair of the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) UMaine alumnus Sanford "Sandy" Blitz is hoping to help turn that situation around.

Sandy, a former alumni association board member, was confirmed for the post by the U.S. Senate in March. That means he will be the federal representative on a five-person commission that includes the governors of Maine, New



Bangor Daily News Photo by John Clarke Russ

Hampshire, Vermont, and New York. He was nominated for the post by President Obama in November.

"This is a great honor," he told the *Bangor Daily News*. "It's not many times you get an opportunity like this."

The Northern Border Regional Commission will be administering federal grants

with the specification that they must have a regional impact.

"I believe that bringing Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont together with the assistance of the federal government will result in farsighted, well conceived approaches to bring opportunities to the northern border," Sandy said in his Sen-

ate testimony.

The NBRC will start out with a \$1.5 million budget, but Sandy noted that amount could be increased to up to \$30 million per year. Forty percent of the NBRC funds are to be spent on transportation, public infrastructure, and communications.

UMaine alumnus was a key contributor to the field of digital photography.

Bryce Bayer '51 Honored by Royal Photographic Society

Bryce Bayer '51 is the recipient of the 2009 Progress Medal with Honorary Fellowship by The Royal Photographic Society. The Society was founded in 1853 "to promote the art and science of photography."

The award is given in recognition of any invention, research, publication, or other contribution which has resulted in an important advance in scientific or technological development of photography or imaging.

As a researcher at Kodak in the mid-1970s, Bryce invented the color filter array that enabled digital imaging sensors to capture color. The color filter array, which bears his name, is now incorporated into nearly every digital camera and camera phone on the market.

The Bayer Filter allows a single image sensor to capture color images that otherwise would require three separate sensors attached to a "color beam splitter"—a solution that would be large



digital images.

Bryce retired from Eastman Kodak in 1986, and a year later moved to Brunswick, Maine.

and expensive. Although the technology has been refined and adapted over the years, the basic principle behind Bryce's work remains at the core of digital color imaging, enabling the accurate representation of millions of colors in the myriad of applications of today's digital technology.

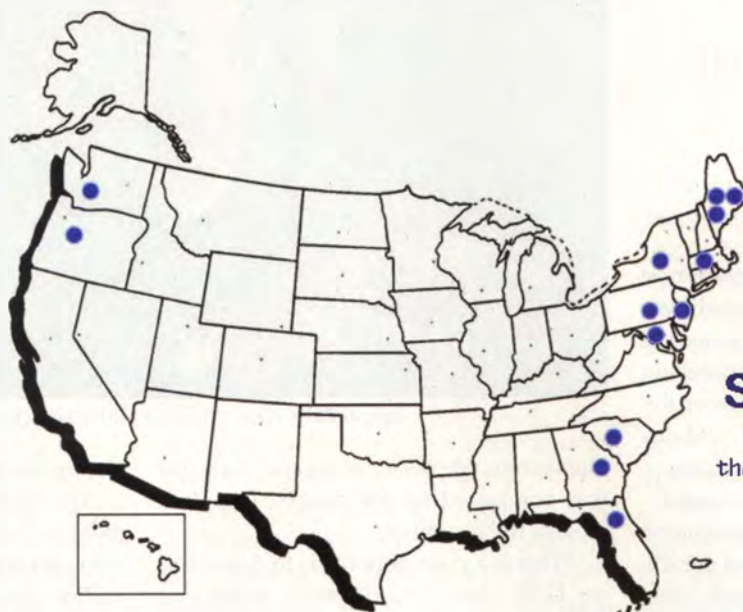
"The elegant color technology invented by Bryce Bayer is behind nearly every digital image captured today," noted Kodak vice president and chief technology officer, Terry Taber. "He is very deserving of this prestigious recognition."

In addition to his work on digital color imaging, Bryce developed widely cited algorithms for storing, improving, and printing



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Alumni News and Activities

Student Phonathon Competition Supports Alumni Association Efforts

The UMaine Alumni Association would like to offer a hearty Maine thank you to all who participated in the "A-Team" phonathon competition. The Association is dependent on the volunteerism and leadership of students to advance our efforts of growing alumni participation in UMaine's future. The "A-Team" is a coveted group of alumni association advocates!

The student-led "A-Team" phonathon competition brought together 56 students representing 10 different UMaine organizations. These students volunteered over 200 hours, and raised over \$5,000 toward maintaining a strong, self-sustaining alumni association, which is critical in maintaining a strong University of Maine. The groups included All Maine Women, Alpha Gamma Rho, 2012 Class Council, Delta Zeta, Inter Fraternity Council, Rotaract, Senior Skulls, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sophomore Eagles, and Sophomore Owls.

The three student groups that raised the most money and volunteered the most hours were the Delta Zeta sorority, Senior Skulls, and Sophomore Eagles (in that order). Special individual recognition goes to Lauren Segalla of Delta Zeta for the most money raised, and to Hannah Bambrick of Delta Zeta, for the most hours volunteered! Since Delta Zeta volunteered the most hours, the alumni association offered to feature their sorority in this issue of *MAINE Alumni Magazine*.

The Delta Zeta sorority looks for women of high moral standing and character—women who show leadership, scholarship, athleticism, involvement, social and moral responsibility, etiquette, and a beauty that is seen inside and out. The principles of good behavior and respect



Fogler Legacy Award

Nat Crowley '42, '63G (front center) surrounded by family members before the awarding of the Fogler Legacy Award at Reunion 2010. Nat was the first member of his family to attend UMaine and he started a family tradition. Two of Nat's children and six of his grandchildren are University of Maine graduates.

for oneself and others comprise its core values. The sorority believes in the bond of sisterhood that is based on understanding, love, friendship, and appreciation.

In Delta Zeta, strong emphasis is placed on scholarship and academic achievement.

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Alumni News and Activities



Alumni association president Todd Saucier '93, '97G congratulates Matthew Piccolo.

2010 Tuition Raffle Winner

Matthew Piccolo '12 was the lucky winner in this year's alumni association tuition raffle. A math major from Scarborough, Matthew will receive two tuition-free semesters at UMaine.

Call for Alumni Award Nominations

The alumni association is seeking nominations for the following awards:

2011 Black Bear Awards for outstanding service to the University of Maine.

2011 Block "M" Awards for outstanding service to a class or the alumni association.

2011 Class Correspondent Award for exemplary service as a class correspondent.

2011 Fogler Legacy Award to a family with a strong tradition of attending UMaine.

2011 Pine Tree Emblem Award for outstanding service to the alumni body.

2011 Humanitarian Award to a UMaine graduate who has devoted his or her life to the betterment of the world.

2012 Alumni Career Award to UMaine graduates who have distinguished themselves in their life's work.

Nominations forms can be found at umainealumni.org, or by calling Diana Richardson '93 at 207-581-1147 or emailing diana.richardson@umit.maine.edu.

CALENDAR

Voyage "Into the Arctic" — July 31-August 15

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Portland Alumnae—Thursday, August 5

Summer coffee at the home of Faith Wixson Varney '56 in Falmouth—10:00. Hostesses are Joan Fuller Russell '56 and Carolyn Bull Dahlgren '56.

Peaks Island Alumni Event—Friday, August 6

Cocktails on the Coast at The Inn on Peaks, Peaks Island, Portland—6:00
\$20 per person plus \$7.70 for the ferry. Reserve your tickets early. RSVP to Cassie at 207-581-1146.

Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine—Monday, August 9

11th Annual UMACSM Golf Classic, Spring Meadows Golf Course, Gray.
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Black Bears of D.C.—Thursday, September 2

Pre-game gathering at Camden Pub, 647 W. Pratt St., Baltimore 5:30. Red Sox vs. Orioles game starts at 7:05. RSVP to Cassie at 800-934-2586. Game tickets \$9.

Homecoming—October 15-17

UMaine Black Bears vs. Villanova, alumni tailgating, Homecoming Craft Fair and Marketplace, class and group reunions, and much, much more.

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Senior Alumni president Hank Woodbrey '53 (left) and scholarship committee chair Bill Currie '52 (far right) presented UMaine president Robert Kennedy and Gianna Marrs '88G with a check for almost \$64,000 for UMaine student scholarships. The presentation was made at the Senior Alumni luncheon at Reunion 2010 in June.

Inaugural Black Bear Road Trip is a big success.

Bringing a Bit of UMaine to Alumni Around the Country



Half of UMaine's 96,000 alumni live outside of Maine. Lots of those alumni would like to stay in touch with their alma mater, but distance and busy schedules make it difficult. So alumni association presi-

dent Todd D. Saucier '93, '97G decided to get out on the road and bring a bit of the University of Maine to them.

Joined at various times by UMaine faculty members, deans, administrators, students, and his wife and daughters, Todd began his trip with a send-off rally in Bangor on February 5. From there it was on to alumni association events in Portland, Boston, New York City, New Jersey, Atlanta, and five locations in Florida.

One scheduled event in Limerick, Pennsylvania, had to be cancelled because of one of last winter's many mid-Atlantic storms. Of course, being a hearty Aroostook County boy, the heavy snow didn't deter Todd from driving on to his next event. With his spiffy Black Bear van he drove through the snow on an unploved Route 95 through Washington, D.C., and a much of Virginia.

"I actually ended up making good time," Todd noted. "There were only a handful of cars on the road."

On the return trip from Florida, Todd, his family, and other UMaine guests hosted events in South Carolina, Washington, D.C., and Hartford. After a few days back in Orono, Todd took to the air to host two events in Arizona.

"In three weeks I travelled to within 50 miles of 50,000 of our alumni," he said. "It was great to establish contact with so many members of the UMaine family. This is something we will be doing every year."



Boston



Scottsdale, Arizona

Lots more photos on the next two pages!



Scottsdale, Arizona

Inaugural Black Bear Road Trip, Continued



Atlanta



Washington, D.C.



North Redington Beach, Florida



Naples, Florida



Charleston, South Carolina



New York City

Thanks to all of you
who attended our
alumni events in:

Bangor
Portland

Boston
Hartford

New York City
New Jersey

Atlanta

Charleston, SC

Washington, D.C.

Florida

and Arizona.

This year's alumni
road trip was a huge
success and next year
promises to be even
better. Among the
stops will be Arizona,
California,
Washington, Oregon,
Florida, Georgia,
South Carolina,
Washington, D.C.,
New Jersey,
Pennsylvania,
New York, and
New England.

We look forward to
seeing you then!



Jacksonville, Florida



Lambertville, New Jersey



Green Valley, Arizona

Classnotes

Senior Alumni

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Happy summer, everyone! We in Orono enjoyed warm months all winter! Storms raged all around us, and we are incredulous of what other New Englanders experienced. We even had days warmer than Florida!

It was with great sadness that I read of **Ruth Fogler Goff's '48** passing. She was always so active with the alumni groups, always so cheerful and helpful in all our projects. She was the epitome of a faithful alum.

No one in this huge group I represent has writer's cramp from informing me of his or her doings! I'm sure there is much to share with your friends. I have a BIG mailbox at Dirigo Pines where I live!

One who didn't enjoy the snow in East Millinocket was **Peg Cousins '46**. The *Bangor Daily News* pictured her, snow rake in hand, balanced on a ladder and valiantly raking the snow off her roof. Peg still gives piano lessons to schoolchildren in town. Way to go, Peg!

People in Yarmouth, ME, were chagrined to see "Herbie," New England's biggest elm tree, cut down in January. Named by a local child back in the '50s, Herbie has been lovingly cared for by **Frank Knight '30**, 101 years young, tree warden for the 230-year-old tree, which towered 110 feet.

Frank wasn't sure he wanted to witness the felling, having so faithfully cared for it and having so valiantly fought to preserve it with prunings and inoculations for the dreaded Dutch elm disease. A committee has been formed to make mementos from the wood to be sold. Frank is a retired tree warden with 50 years of service.

Learning of Jim Frick's retirement this summer is indeed sad. All of us who have served the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* will greatly miss him and his winning ways. The editorship has been challenging with the ever-increasing number of alums who are anxious to learn not only of their classmates but also to know what is going on at UMaine. Accepting the position in 1985, Jim has dealt with an organization representing thousands of alums. Combining journalism with excellent photography, Jim has created a wonderful magazine. I hope his popular A-Train group of musicians continues to keep Jim around the campus. Our wishes for a long, healthy, happy retirement.

Senior Alumni!

Make your plans to attend the Senior Alumni luncheon—October 15.



Senior Alumni correspondent Jayne Hanson Bartley '49 sent in this photo of Class of 1933 member Emily Thompson Elliott.

1937

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Greetings, classmates, and happy summer! I was fortunate to reach some of you by telephone to gather material for this column. I really enjoyed talking with everyone mentioned here.

Mabelle Ashworth Smith lives in Scarborough, ME. I spoke with her on the phone. She said she felt good and was looking forward to a visit from her two sons, who live in Colorado and Minnesota.

Hope Wing Weston splits her time between Florida and Maine. When in Maine, she is at Schooner Estates in Auburn. She said that she had recently hosted and prepared a dinner from "soup to nuts" for friends.

Bill Bishop, of Caribou, reports that he feels good and walks for exercise every day. He still lives at home and does his own yard work.

Richard "Dick" Berry lives in Portland on Brighton Avenue. We had a nice long chat, and Dick sent me a copy of his resume. Dick served in the military in the US Corps of Engineers in the South Pacific and European Theater of Operations. He worked as an engineer in water utilities for many years, and also was a Maine Representative and Maine state Senator during the 1960s and 1970s.

Alton D. Wilcox still lives at Leisure Village in Presque Isle. He worked for Lane Construction and as a potato farmer. He would love to hear from UMaine classmates and any fellow Phi Eta Kappas.

1939

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Christmas cards were fewer in number this past year with email taking up some of the slack, no doubt, along with other newer means of communication. However, with all of the changes out there, I still have heard from a few classmates and friends.

Low Emery '43 called some time ago with the news of what is happening in the lives of his two sons. One is a helicopter pilot and the other is a Navy Seal. No wonder he is so proud. At one time, I thought we might meet here in Annapolis when his boys were attending the Naval Academy.

Carl Toothaker, again being thoughtful, sent me the obituary of an old friend, Johnny Gowell '38, since that class has no class correspondent.

The sad news of the passing of my dear friend **Eleanor "Ellie" Crockett Hutchinson** on February 23 came to me from her daughter-in-law on Cape Cod. I have a clear memory of seeing her off when she sailed to France in August 1937 to spend her junior year in France studying with the Delaware group. Working very hard and with great perseverance she graduated from the Sorbonne with honors, later on becoming a superior teacher of Romance languages and living a busy, productive life.

A surprise birthday card from **Charlotte King Pierce** told of the many books she has read during the past year. (May we all copy her desire to remain mentally fit.) Charlotte has remained in the same retirement community, although thinking of moving.

No matter where we all live, the weatherman gave us a very strong wallop during the past winter. Writing this on a beautiful spring day is truly a job. May we all have many more such days to treasure. Please communicate with me, classmates and friends. I am still here!

1940

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Happy summer, Class of 1940! Without news from you, there is no column. Please write and tell us what's happening. What may not seem

like news to you is information that your classmates would love to hear. Where are you living? Tell us about your children, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren. We want to hear from you!

1941

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A Maine Hello to all '41ers wherever you are! I watch and wait for word from you but to no avail, thus I'm thinking seriously of ceasing because of lack of news. Yet I want to share with you a few events, which I've enjoyed recently. The late **Helen Wormwood Pierce's** daughter, Susan Pierce Marshall '74, came for lunch here at Piper Shores with her two aunts, who are residents here, and me. I truly had a most pleasant visit reminiscing and hearing about Helen's "Little Women," i.e. her four granddaughters.

Alma Hansen Langlois's children arranged a surprise 90th birthday party for her; there was a luncheon for family and close friends with comments by family members and a slide show of Alma's life at the Puritan Conference Center in Manchester, NH. The mayor of Manchester, a former student, read the proclamation that February 6, 2010, was "Alma Langlois Day" and presented her with a beautiful floral arrangement. During the afternoon there was a long receiving line of friends, teachers, and former students to offer congratulations. Alma taught thousands of students English during her Central High School tenure from 1962-1984 and was best known for making the student newspaper, *The Little Green*, one of the best student newspapers in the nation.

The television was good this past winter; we had several broadcasts of the men's and women's basketball games and the hockey games. The hockey team played a game here in Portland versus St. Lawrence—always well attended. During spring break some of the musical organizations were on tour. The University Singers were traveling through the Northeastern US—I caught them in concert at the Saco (ME) First Parish Congregational Church. Their repertoire was varied, from classical selections to modern arrangements. Smaller groups such as the Maine Steiners (men) and Renaissance (women) performed clever medleys.

In mid-April the Symphonic Band of the University of Maine and Mt. Ararat High School Wind Ensemble (Topsham) presented a program at Merrill Auditorium in Portland; this is the third year that a musical group has performed at Merrill.

Let's share some events from your lives with your classmates!

Show your Black Bear pride by supporting the Alumni Fund!



Martha Hutchins Schelling '41 was recognized for representing the oldest UMaine class at Reunion 2010.

1942

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Greetings, classmates—I hope you all have a warm and lovely summer. Unfortunately, we have received no news of the Class of '42, which translates into a very short column for this issue. Please send some news—your classmates want to hear from you!

Sadly, **William Gifford** died last March. Bill grew up in Bangor, majored in math, and married classmate **Pat Ryan**. He entered the Army Air Corps after graduation and had a long career in the military, including serving as a meteorologist. We extend our sincere condolences to Pat, his sister, Charlotte Gifford Sinnett '43; and his family.

1943

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On December 20, 2008, **Preston** and Debbie Drinkwater **Rand** '44 began a yearlong celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary. An open house was hosted by their three children and spouses Linda Rand Clark '69 and Roger Clark '67 of Scotia, NY; Lorna Rand Willey '71 and N. Laurence Willey '71, '73G; and Lindsay Rand '77 and wife, Susan, of Hingham, MA. The celebration was held at the home of Lorna and Larry in Bangor. During the year all of their grandchildren were able to visit. The year also included

the birth of great-grandchild, Lola Jean Willey, to Ezra and Sara Willey. Sadly, Preston died in April. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family.

Speaking of great-grandchildren I now have 12. The latest is Malcolm Reid Harrison, born on February 2, 2010. Are there any of you who have 12 or more great-grandchildren? Let me hear from you about yourself and children and great-grandchildren. I can't write a column without word from you.

1944

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I am disappointed that we do not have more class news to report at this time. And now with only two columns a year I would have expected more.

In October, at their annual meeting, the University of Maine Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine honored our classmate couple, **Charles** and **Anita Stickney**, with the 2009 Outstanding Alumni Award. The recognition plaque, presented by chapter president Joanne Bodwell Ferreira '73, honors the Stickneys for their role and leadership in the community. They and their work reflect the high standards and vitality of the University of Maine. In attendance from the Class of '44 were **Russ Bodwell** '47G, **Al Ehrenfried**, **Al McNeilly**, **Eva Woodbrey Lekachman**, **Joy Iveney Ingalls**, and **Joe Ingalls**, all of whom offered some lighthearted background information and stories about Anita and Stick's life, past and present. It was a wonderful evening and a well-deserved honor for a great couple.

Fast forward to February-March 2010 when Stick was in rehab at the Cedars in Portland following a nasty fall while skiing in the French Alps with the Washingtonians. His hip was broken in the fall. Stick and Anita have skied with this group for many years and now this had to happen. He is coming along well with good spirit and more mobility each time we visit him.

From the *Bangor Daily News* of Sept. 2, 2009, we read that **Samuel Collins, Jr.** '64H of Rockland was sworn in by Maine Governor John Baldacci '86 to active retired associate justice to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. This was a reappointment. Congratulations, Sam!

Mary Billings Orsenigo's husband, Dr. Joseph R. Orsenigo, passed away Dec. 21, 2009. Our sincere condolences to Mary and their family.

Rhoda Tolford Stone keeps in touch with me by letter on a regular basis. She is in Florida and enjoys her life there with family nearby and a ladies bridge group. Rhoda has had some health problems but seems to be doing much better. Rhoda did not get to Peaks Island last summer but hopes to this year.

Al Ehrenfried writes that he has heard from

Midi Wooster Roberts, who has moved to the Inn at Atlantic Heights in Saco. She can be reached at Apartment 8, 100 Harbor Drive, Saco, ME, or by phone (207) 282-2228.

All for now—keep those cards and letters coming!

1945

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Greetings from sunny, warm Maine on the first day of spring.

There is brilliant sunshine and I've been sitting on the back deck at **Connie Carter Lamprell's**, overlooking the Atlantic only 20 or 30 feet away! We love it! We've been soaking up every ray of sun that shines on us and absorbing the warmth gratefully. After a cold and snowy winter we glory in it.

Last weekend we were drenched from two days of constant, heavy rains with no let-up at all. Maine fared very well compared to Massachusetts, which was drenched with severe flooding, especially the areas the rivers ran through. Both Quincy and Waltham were seriously affected. We saw only a bit of flooding here in Maine, but nothing like that!

When I spoke with **Bob Chase** in Orono this morning he said they were spared up there. No rain at all and consequently they opened the golf course this morning. He's ready to take those great swings at his golf balls! It will feel great to exercise his shoulders so thoroughly after a long, quiet winter. He and Marjory are extremely happy there at Dirigo Pines. They still get out—they have a great life and know how to enjoy it with their wonderful families. I well recall our Sunday night suppers together with their two little boys and our two girls! We had such good times together. They had a third boy before we left the area and now all three are grown and successful young men. My girls are grown and Linda Bradley Osborn '69 is already retired! She was a special education teacher in Pawling, NY. Now she's the caregiver to her four grands while their mother works. All seem to be happy. Cindy is still working; she's young.

Yesterday **Jim Donovan**, our class president, came to discuss plans for our June Reunion at the Buchanan Alumni House. I am writing this before the Reunion and am so looking forward to it. It will be so great to all be together. We'll be able to sit and talk and visit in the afternoon. I am looking forward to renewing old friendships. Our business lives came first after family for so long—many of us lost important contacts. Now is the time to catch up and renew neglected friendships. The Buchanan Alumni House is on College Avenue and is located diagonally across from Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity house. It is the hub of the alumni association!

Soon after receiving the winter issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*, I had a surprise call



The Class of 1945 had a nice turnout for its 65th Reunion in early June. It was announced at the reunion banquet that the class has given the University of Maine a total of \$1,116,000.

from classmate **Grover Condon** in Aberdeen, Maryland! He had just received his new copy of the magazine and was so happy to see several names in the column that he remembered! It truly pleased him. So I'd better start including more names when I can! It really touches you in a special way to recognize a familiar name after all these years! It also may put you in touch with an old friend once again! Some get married or promoted or even move from the area—and that's normal. However, if you are looking for a specific name, let me know.

As you can see from my above address, I've moved again—this time to an apartment in South Portland. I have several family members in the area. I left the Gorham House last winter. As a retired dietitian I now have to put up with my own cooking!

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Hi to all you '48ers out there—

I am sitting in my kitchen and looking out at a practically bare ground and watching rain-drops falling. This is February and it should be snow. We have had a strange weather pattern here. The storms all seem to be north, south, and west of Waterville. I am grateful for a respite of snowplowing expense.

Lancy and I were very pleased to get an email from **Olive Coffin Hart**. She wrote that she and her husband, Halver '50, are still Mainers, brought up four Maine kids—all living and working in Maine, plus six grandchildren and three great-grands. She stayed at home until her "baby" was in seventh grade, then taught middle school until retirement in 1987. "Skip" sold his lawn and garden business in 2002. She is now a summer gardener, year-round quilter, and volunteers at a local hospital and health center. When the children were young she did Morgan horse shows, but no more. They still have some Morgans at home. Olive keeps in touch with her freshman class roommate, **Lillian Oda Rogers**, and she met **Elaine Craig Carrano** in Vermont last June and enjoyed a great visit.

The ladies of the Kitchen Cabinet are saddened by the loss of a very vibrant member of the group. **Marguerite Watson Savignano** was a petite lady who packed a powerful punch, always with a twinkle in her eye and sheer joy in our get-togethers. She had a marvelous sense of humor that ran from a teeny hee hee and usually spilled out as a huge guffaw. She used her education in her teaching, and left a legacy of appreciating the opportunities in libraries. She served the Class of '48 for years as a founding member of our Kitchen Cabinet and always continued her own lifelong learning for those new areas of interest. Typically, her last request was for donations to the Auburn Public Library to continue teaching future generations.

We are also mourning the loss of **Ruth Fogler Goff**, another charter member of the Kitchen Cabinet and a very faithful worker for the

1947

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Happy summer, Class of '47. News has not been forthcoming from the Class of 1947 for quite a while, so please check the Senior Alumni column for future news of our class.

Chickie Sawyer Jordan did a great job as long as there was news, but alas, the well seems to be running dry recently. Please write!

1948

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Class of '48. She was active in the Maine Alumni Association and a board member of the Senior Alumni. We will miss both of these classmates greatly at our get-togethers. We were saddened to learn of their deaths and of so many of our classmates. It certainly brings to the forefront our own transient status.

We have not received any other correspondence and would certainly like to get something from anyone—please! We wish you all a good summer and good health.

1949

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Happy summer to the Class of '49!

On Oct. 29, 2009, I was at the Holiday Inn by the Sea in Portland to see my longtime friend **Joan "Jodi" Wakefield Moore** receive an award as one of the top 10 women being honored for their inspirational qualities. This Dash of Diva—Girls Night Out event was sponsored by the *Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram* to give its first Women Motivating Women award.

No one could have been more deserving than Jodi. A retired teacher, she has been a nonstop volunteer for years. She was the director of the Portland office of Literacy Volunteers for 12 years.

She is at Project Feed weekly and serves on the deaconate of her church. Having published the genealogy of both sides of her family tree, Jodi is always willing to answer questions about getting started on such a project. A recent time out to take a trip to China to see the Terra Cotta Warriors should convince anyone that there is no stopping her. Congratulations, Jodi!

I read a wonderful essay in the 9/13/09 issue of the *Maine Sunday Telegram*. It was written by Martha McFarland Williams '70, who wrote about two patriots in her family.

The first was her father, who was surely a gifted history teacher, and taught his children as well as his students to honor the ideals of the founding fathers of this country.

The other patriot was a relative, Dr. **Charles Crowley**. He and Martha's mother, the late Alice Maney McFarland '45, were "twin" cousins born on the same day, the third of July, in the same town of Whitneyville. Martha talks of their growing-up years. By the time they were ready for college the war changed most young men's plans. Charles put his dream of becoming a doctor on hold and as an enlisted man saw action in the European Theater of World War II. He returned home to attend the University of Maine under the GI Bill, and continued on to graduate school. He became an officer in the Air Force Medical Corps.

She writes that his duties took him to all corners of the world. In January of 2009, Charles

Super Black Bear Fan, Arnie Davis '49

Think about these numbers: 5,510—160—464,000—1,450. They may seem like random, unrelated numbers, but they are very special to Arnie Davis, Class of 1949, a three-sport letterman while attending UM, has never wavered in his support of the college's athletics.

A most successful potato farmer in Aroostook County, Arnie decided in 1980 to start attending UM athletics. By that time he and Joyce had sent their three children through UMaine and decided to pursue men's hockey and women's basketball, purchasing four tickets for those

two sports plus two others, and the fun began. In total he bought 5,510 tickets for a cost of approximately \$50,000! And that doesn't include five Frozen Fours and the two games when Maine won the national championships. That also doesn't include non-ticket events like soccer, track, and women's softball.

Arnie is a long-standing member of the Black Bear Club and all of the "Friends" groups. He isn't single-minded, just very interested in athletics, and he is also a faithful '49er serving his class in many positions, currently class agent. I don't think he has ever missed a committee meeting or reunion.

Living in Washburn, Maine, 160 miles from Orono, he has driven an estimated 464,000 miles for 1,450 games. That's 320 miles round-trip averaging 50 home games per year.

Having turned 89 in January, Arnie's loyalty to Maine hasn't diminished. He also can be found at games in Washburn, Caribou, and Presque Isle.

If you go to a Maine game, look for Arnie. He is usually standing waiting to greet friends and make new acquaintances. He'll always ask, "Do you have my card?" He has passed out 13,000 over the years. Printed on each is "My card."

Arnie has received some prestigious awards over the years, and there should be one for his unrivaled loyalty to his alma mater, "the college of his heart always."

By Jayne Hanson Bartley
President, Class of 1949



Joyce and Arnie Davis

fulfilled a life-long dream when he set foot on the ice of Antarctica, the only continent he had not visited. It was summer in Antarctica, with 24-hour daylight, and beautiful. Getting to Antarctica meant traveling through Drake's Passage, which takes 48 hours through the roughest water in the world with 40-foot swells. I'm sure it was worth it to achieve your goal. Congratulations, Charles.

An article in the Veterans Day issue of the *Bangor Daily News* featured **Lester Cohen**. He, like many veterans of World War II, has kept silent about his experiences in the European Theater because of the pain and grief associated with death and injury on the battlefield.

Lester was only 19 when he led a group of eight soldiers up the steep banks of Omaha Beach in Normandy on D-Day and later fought against the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge and other major confrontations. He joined the

US Army in March 1943. He was sent to Europe with Battery B of the 110th Infantry Gunnery Battalion, which was attached to the 1st Army.

Only in the last few years has Lester been able to speak about his experiences. "To say they don't talk—that's an understatement," said Esther "Honey" Cohen '54, who married him on 2/15/59.

As he recalled details of the battles he fought, there were some good memories of the people that he and comrades helped to liberate. They shouted, "liberators" in their native tongue, when he and his battalion—the first Americans to arrive—made their way into Paris.

Your classmates honor you, Lester, and sympathize with you and the many veterans who are still dealing with painful memories of World War II.

I am sorry to report the death of **Polle L. Rawlinson** on 1/29/10. Polle lived in Cape Eliz-

Class of 1950 Celebrates its 60th

Final Greatest Generation awards presented at Reunion.



Harold Gilbert (right) receives a Greatest Generation Award from classmate Alton "Hoppy" Hopkins.



Harold Saunders (left) presents Earl Packard with a Greatest Generation Award.

The reunion weekend rain forced the annual Class of 1950 memorial service inside, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the emotional event. In a jam-packed McIntire Room at Buchanan Alumni House, the last of the class's Greatest Generation Awards were presented to classmates Harold Gilbert, Earl Packard, and Byron Meader. (Byron Meader was unable to attend.) The event also featured a greeting by UMaine president Robert Kennedy, inspiring patriotic musical performances, a remembrance of deceased classmates, poems, a color guard, and an inspiring address by Marine Corps Captain Chris Throughton.

Toward the end of the ceremony, 1950 class correspondent, Ruth Holland Walsh, received the prestigious Black Bear Award from the alumni association for her outstanding service. Following the memorial service, the class moved upstairs in Buchanan to enjoy its annual champagne toast.

(For more details, see the Class of 1950 column.)



Alumni association president Todd Saucier '93, '97G presents the Black Bear Award to Ruth Holland Walsh for her outstanding service to her alma mater and the Class of '50.

abeth. We send our sympathy to her family and friends. Pollie will be remembered for her love of animals and gardening.

Best of luck and stay tuned!

1950

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We celebrated our 60th Reunion on June 4 and 5 and wondered how so many years could have sped by. We were mighty proud then—and are just as proud now!

On Saturday morning Alton "Hoppy" Hopkins emceed a moving memorial service honoring classmates who had died since our Reunion service last year. Immediately following that service, we were honored to present three classmates with the Greatest Generation Award. Colonel **Byron Meader**, '52G, US Army retired, of Rexburg, ID, saw action in both the Pacific and European theaters. He participated in operations on Guadalcanal, and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Byron was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for continued superior service to our country. (Byron was unable to attend Reunion.) **Earl S. Packard**, from Rochester, NH, served in the European-African-Middle East Theater of Operations as a gunner with a heavy machine gun squad. He was instrumental in clearing away numerous enemy gunners from the safety of their pillboxes, who were inflicting heavy casualties on our troops. Earl received the Bronze Star in this effort and later was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received in a battle near Forbach, France. **Harold B. Gilbert** from Lewiston, ME, was a waist gunner attached to the Eighth Air Force, flying bombing missions in the European Theater of Operations. For his courage and skills, Harold was awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and later the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement while serving as right waist gunner on some 15 heavy bombardment missions over enemy-held positions. With the selection of these candidates, our Greatest Generation Award plaque (hanging in the Class of 1950 suite on the second floor of the Buchanan Alumni House) is now filled. The class will discuss other means of honoring classmates who have distinguished themselves. Our honorees were toasted with a champagne toast.

We returned to the McIntire Room for lunch, chatting, and our class business meeting, where President **Maggie Mollison McIntosh** '52G presided. I was proud and honored to have been awarded the Black Bear Award, presented "in appreciation of outstanding service to the university." Truly, it has always been my *privilege* to be a member of the class—to be an alumna of the University of Maine and to be active through the years. I thank one and all for the honor you and the university have bestowed

upon me.

Our Reunion gift to the university will increase the balance of our 1950 Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships for descendants of our class who attend the Orono campus. If you haven't contributed yet, you can send a gift to UMAA with a notation: 1950 Reunion Gift.

We plan to meet at the Cumberland Club in Portland for our annual summer gathering on Thursday, August 5, starting at 9:30 a.m. You can get more information from **Flo Maddocks Fairfield** at 207-797-5497.

Ray Gross sent a nice note saying that though he has written thousands of words during his career, few have been about himself! Ray enjoyed a 40-year career in journalism which included writing for a daily paper, a small town radio station, and then 33 years with the 150-year-old *Courier-Gazette* in Rockland, ME—the last 17 years of which he served as publisher. In addition to community activities, Ray was active in newspaper associations and is past president and member of the Hall of Fame of the Maine Press Association, a past president and Hall of Fame member of the New England Press Association, and represented the New England states for seven years on the board of the National Newspaper Association. In addition, Ray has helped organize barbershop choruses in several locales in Maine. He sings tenor in the summer with the Windjammers of Camden, and in the winter with the Suncoast Statesmen of Charlotte County, FL. You can reach him at ray144@midcoast.com or 169 Hayden Point Rd, South Thomaston, ME 04858.

The Midcoast Sports Hall of Fame recently inducted **Beryl Leach** into its Hall of Fame at the Rockland Elks Lodge. Beryl, who lives in Lakeland, FL, served as a coach in basketball, baseball, and track and field, and also was the athletic director at Camden and Camden-Rockport high schools. I recently saw **Sue Dartnell Hodge** in Manchester, CT, when alumni director, Todd Saucier '93, '97G, spoke to a group of Connecticut alums there. There are a few changes in the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* and our class column, which will be published only twice a year. When you send me news—please know that though it will be delayed a few months, it WILL be published in due time! Take good care of yourselves—and let us toast “the college of our hearts, always!”

1951

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Plans are being made for our annual summer luncheon to be held on August 4, 2010, at the home of **Milt and Joan Vachon Victor** in Saco. Those who have attended previous summer lunches will receive a mailing. All are welcome. If you are not on the mailing list, please contact class president, **Woody Beach**, at elwoodm-

beach@yahoo.com or Milt Victor at mvjvv5@maine.rr.com for more information. You can also check under events on the UMAA website www.umainealumni.org. This is an important meeting, as we will be completing plans for our 60th Reunion in 2011. **Clair Shirley** has made a reservation for us at the Lucerne Inn in Dedham, ME, for the Friday of Reunion 2011 weekend.

I am sorry to report that **Ruey Stevens Baldwin** died in April at her home in Bangor. Ruey taught in Mapleton and Lincoln, ME, and Gorham, NH.

The following students received awards from the Class of 1951 scholarship fund for the 2009-2010 school year: Kirsten Elliott, the granddaughter of Jim and **Barbara Grover Elliott**, is a senior majoring in elementary education. She is from Holliston, MA. George Bragdon III, the grandson of **Patricia Murphy Bragdon**, is a junior majoring in economics. George is from Madawaska, ME.

Prentiss Fogler Swett, the grandson of the late **William Fogler**, is a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering technology. Prentiss is from Orrington, ME. Eben Sweetser, the grandson of **Richard Sweetser**, is a first-year student majoring in mechanical engineering technology. Eben is from Cumberland, ME.

Spencer Allen, the grandson of the late **William Rocheleau**, is a first-year student in the College of Liberal Arts. He's from Freeport, ME. Benjamin Dailey, the grandson of **Robert Young**, is a sophomore majoring in physics, and is from Union, ME.

At the 2009 luncheon in Yarmouth, we voted to give without stipulation \$1,500 to student aid for any deserving student.

1952

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At this writing **Alan** and I are experiencing spring-like weather one week followed by the threat of snow but we seem to be receiving rain as the rest of the east coast is being inundated with wintry blizzards! How to explain! My bulbs are up about three inches and it is only March 1, 2010!

In late November I attended an art show with **Fran Smart Trefts**, Carol Prentiss Mower '53, and Nancy Schott Plaisted '53. It was at the Library Art Studio of Sally DeLorme Pedrick (**Sally Arsenault**). It was another late fall warm afternoon in Round Pond, ME, and well attended. Sally's husband and his musical group assisted by playing a variety of numbers and Sally's table held some delicious finger food. It was good to see Sally again. She and her husband summer on Prince Edward Island, so enjoy Lincoln County during the fall, winter, and spring. Fran lives in Hancock and often sees Carol, who lives in Orono, while Nancy is a resident of Kennebunk.

A few months ago, *Down East* magazine printed a comment on an article sent in by **Bob Philips**. I was glad to see that and to learn that Bob and his wife, **Barb Venner Philips**, now live in Englewood, FL, with a summer address in Somesville. We worked together at the Asticou Inn in Northeast Harbor during the summers and had lost touch.

The *Kennebec Journal* had a nice article on the 60th anniversary of **John Hobart Pierce** and his wife, the former Jean Hutchinson. Hobie retired as vice president of sales and fabric development at Cascade Woolen Mill. Both had been active in the affairs of the town of Oakland. They have 10 children, 29 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren and since retirement have traveled extensively.

Edward W. Hackett, who lived in Orono, attended the university after being in the service. With his wife, two children, and help from the G.I. Bill, he graduated in '52. He taught for a year at Piscataquis Community High School and became the principal there for the next nine years. Following that stint he joined the University of Maine as director of its continuing education division and director of its summer session, retiring in 1988. Ed and his late wife, Betty, had three children. Unfortunately, Ed died last December. We offer our sympathy to his family.

In the *MAINE Alumni Magazine's* winter issue I wrote about the trip some of our classmates took in the fall from Boston to Montreal, but it was pointed out to me that I forgot to put the names of my husband, Al, and myself—mea culpa! We were there and enjoyed every minute of the trip. The Gaspé Peninsula, with all its wind turbines, was pretty impressive! Holland-America did itself proud!

1953

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Been to Antarctica lately? Count in **Ron Bishop** and his wife, Lorna, of Cornelius, NC. Take a small ship, Ron said, you can get off and on more (they did some 25 times). In February 2009, they climbed aboard a ship owned by Lindblad Expeditions, carrying just under 90 passengers, on a 23-day cruise sponsored by National Geographic. They left from Ushuaia, Argentina, followed along the coastline of the Antarctic Peninsula, stopped at Elephant Island, out to South Georgia Island; and last part of the trip to the Falkland Islands. Went ashore and “wandered around through flocks (colonies) of penguins, saw 700,000 to 800,000, totally oblivious to humans, an amazing experience. “We sailed across the Antarctic Circle,” Ron said, “and on an ice floe just below that circle there was a wedding of a New York couple we knew; we went to the reception that night.” They also visited with the Page Farm & Home

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Our plea to classmates has resulted in several news items regarding fellow alums. Please keep it up as our numbers diminish with time.

Ed Coffin was selected by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce for its Lifetime Achievement Award. Ed, a 51-year resident of the city and current city councilor, said he was "flabbergasted!" Ed worked as an engineer and bridge designer for the Maine DOT. In 1973 he started Coffin Engineering and expanded to Camden where a major account was held with MBNA. In 1999 he was named Maine Surveyor of the Year. Ed sold his business about 10 years ago, although family members are still involved in its activities. He and his late wife, Lolly, had five children. He has since married May Ross of Augusta. Congratulations, Ed!

Valdine Chalmers Atwood, of Machias, was honored by the Maine Genealogical Society with its Award of Excellence. She was described as a one woman treasure trove of the shiretown's history. All of this is even more remarkable because Valdine isn't from Machias; she was raised in the Catskill Mountains of NY.

A *Bangor Daily News* article featured **John Hackett** '59G and the large Hackett family of Derby (Milo). John and three brothers earned bachelor's degrees at UMaine, and all went on to claim master's degrees. John pursued a teaching career that started in Houlton and continued in East Millinocket. He and his wife, Betty, had three children. John now lives in Bangor.

Gene Hunter (G) was honored for 59 years of coaching at the middle and high school levels in Houlton, Wilton, and Bath. Gene taught history, retired as coach for Portland High School in 1974, and then served as the school's athletic director for 10 more years. For six years, the Maine Sports Hall of Fame inductee served as executive director of that organization. He won four New Hampshire state championships at Portsmouth High before moving to South Portland.

Roger Mallar stepped down from his post as road commissioner in Farmingdale, ME., saying, "I just turned 77 years old. I'm tired and I've decided to retire." Roger has long been involved in municipal politics and state government. Following his tenure as Maine Department of Transportation commissioner he served on Farmingdale's highway advisory and capital



Ron '53 and Lorna Bishop took a trip to Antarctica last year where they made friends with the local penguin population. The Bishops live in Cornelius, North Carolina.

Museum dean (aboard ship). About the trip, he said, "Impossible to describe the vastness. Excellent food. Very nice trip."

What's next? "Lorna and I are doing a 'bucket list.' We go somewhere almost every month. Been to Alaska. This summer a river cruise to Europe in July. Bermuda in June. We're going to places where we've never been and while we can." Take us with you!

Thanks, **Woody (Carville)** '54G who has "nothing to report worth writing about," for emailing me that Ron visited you in Orono recently and told you about his trip.

Received a notice about a possible September class gathering in southern Maine/Portsmouth, NH. For more information write/call/email Helen Strong Hamilton, class president, 5 Pond View Drive, Bow, NH 03304; (603-224-4893); helen.hamilton@comcast.net. Hope to see you then, if not before. Please come.

Clippings sent from UMaine include one from the *Bangor Daily News*, Nov. '09: "Life lessons learned via 'home' school: Hackett family's impressive legacy incorporates education and athletics." The article lists 12 Hacketts (from the late **Ed** '52, '53G, to **Al Hackett** '59G, and Chester Buck '51), all UMaine grads, and related. In the article, Al is quoted: "Sports teach you that when things aren't going good, you have to work harder. That has been a great teacher for me. I think sports have been the one thing in life that I've clung to and they still mean a lot to me."

Leave it to Orono's **Carol Prentiss Mower**, profiled in *The Penobscot Times* of 1-28-10: "Volunteer loves speaking up." On her list of things to do: Eastern Area Agency on Aging (EAAA), president, now advisory council member; American Association of Retired People (AARP), state committee for special projects; Retired Senior Volunteer Program, chapter president; TRIAD, board of directors. "Oh, and if that's not enough," Greg Fish writes, she also travels, speaking to seniors' interests, and is also involved with EMAA's Senior Medicare Patrol. She has made "more than 100 presenta-

needs committees.

The Page Farm and Home Museum in Orono welcomed **Richard Andrew Johnson** '60G as a new board member. Richard served in the US Naval Reserve throughout the Korean War. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service in Presque Isle and later moved to Piscataquis County to work for the UMaine Cooperative Extension Service.

On a sadder note, around the first of the year we received an email from Ruth Holland Walsh '50, sister of **Jim Holland**, an active and loyal member of our class. She related that Jim had desperately wanted to attend our 55th but that he was quite ill with what had been diagnosed as pulmonary fibrosis and was being hospitalized. This was particularly of concern as Jimmy never smoked, was diligent in physical

exercise, ran seven miles a day, and had participated in seventeen marathons.

A shower of get-well and prayer cards by classmates was organized for Jim and a birthday party was organized for him at the hospice. An early celebration of his and Claudette's 54th wedding anniversary was performed, to his great joy. Jim passed the first of February.

The town office in Prospect presented the Boston Post Cane to 99-year-old **Edward "Ted" Morris Holmes** (G). Ted began teaching high school English in 1947 in Ellsworth, after a checkered career organizing lobster fisherman cooperatives, digging clams, delivering lobsters to the Boston fish market, working as first mate on the cruise schooners out of Camden, and working in the shipyards during World War II. In the '50s Ted returned to school and earned a M.Ed. at Orono and a Ph.D. from Brown University. He taught at UMaine from 1956-1996, retiring at age 85.

Ted still occasionally receives letters and calls from past students who want him to know what they have been reading! Ted is the author of three books of short stories and pieces, *Driftwood*, *Mostly Maine*, and *A Part of the Main*.

Finally, we have received correspondence from the office of student aid. Seniors Tracy Savage and Megan Kennedy received Class of '54 Scholarships this year and sent thank-you letters. The UMaine Foundation office notified us that \$2,059 had been distributed this year. As you complete your estate planning, please remember how important your university background was and consider a gift to our '54 Scholarship Fund. Thanks for all the news!

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Expanding the Alumni Network and Support for UMaine!

Nearly 50 years ago, in 1961, Al McNeilly '44 was the chair of the University of Maine Alumni Association (UMAA) when it established the Annual Alumni Fund, and was the Fund's first campaign chair.

In late 2009 the UMAA reintroduced The ALUMNI FUND, and is now inviting alumni to support the work of the Association by making an annual gift.

When the UMAA was incorporated by our earliest alumni one hundred thirty-five years ago (1875), they couldn't have imagined that a time would come when over 97,000 alumni would be living around the globe, that something called "technology"

would keep us all connected, and that the role and purpose of the UMAA would need to change over the decades to fit the times and the needs of alumni and our alma mater.

For the 2010-11 fiscal year, the UMAA must raise \$625,000 to fund alumni programs and services, communications, alumni events including homecoming and reunions, and direct support for student organizations, scholarship funds, and regional alumni chapters. In February 2010, the inaugural Black Bear Road Trip incorporated 16 events in 21 days as the UMAA brought UMaine to the backyards of alumni across the country.

Alumni Association board member Len Minsky '50 believes that the role of the Alumni Association is more important than ever before in serving alumni and the University, and is adamant about the need for financial support by alumni for the UMAA.

"The Mission Statement of the University of Maine Alumni Association clearly defines the

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Members of The Fourth of July Society and champions of a strong independent alumni association. Sitting are Len Minsky '50 (left), the initiator of The Fourth of July Society giving level and Al McNeilly '44, UMAA first Alumni Fund chair in 1961. Standing are UMAA board members Irv Marsters '63, '71G (left) and current UMAA fundraising chair Dick McNeary '65.

The Fourth of July Society

The University of Maine Alumni Association has launched a distinctive donor recognition level for contributors to The Annual Fund—The Fourth of July Society.

Thanks to the vision and leadership of a core group of current and former members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors: Leonard E. Minsky '50, Alvin S. McNeilly '44, and Irvine W. Marsters, Jr. '63, '71G—The Fourth of July Society has been established to recognize donors of \$1,000+ to The ALUMNI FUND.

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"I joined The Fourth of July Society because it is vital to the future of the University and the Association to have a thriving Alumni Association."

— Maria R. Fuentes
Class of 1985G

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"Financial support by the alumni is obviously required to fulfill the mission," said Minsky. "It is my hope that those who value the work of the UMAA will step up to the plate and contribute as they see fit. It's imperative we have a strong group of alumni who are able and willing to join The Fourth of July Society. The future of the UMAA is in our hands," he said.

University of Maine Alumni Association President and Executive Director Todd D. Saucier '93, '97G, is thankful to Minsky who devised The Fourth of July Society and suggested it to the UMAA staff and board.

"We are truly grateful to Len, who proposed The Fourth of July Society, drafted a first appeal letter, and along with Al, Irv and others, then volunteered to contact their friends to solicit contributions. These individuals have always set a high standard for support of the UMAA. Their commitment and dedication inspire others to give back by generously supporting the 2010-2011 ALUMNI FUND," said Saucier.

The creation of The Fourth of July Society is intended to generate additional, generous support for the UMAA from donors who understand the need for an independent Alumni Association, while still supporting other areas at the University. The UMAA relies on the support of alumni to fund approximately 52 percent of its annual operating budget through contributions to The ALUMNI FUND.

"As I travel around Maine and the country," Saucier said, "I share what the Association does to expand our alumni network and support for UMaine, thanks to the generous spirit of people like Len, Al, and Irv, who have championed a strong, independent Alumni Association."

The University of Maine Alumni Association is building on our past toward a brighter future. When The ALUMNI FUND appeal arrives in your mailbox, please give generously.

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The UMAA assists chapters, alumni interest groups, classes, and individuals to create events across the country promoting alumni networking. During the **Black Bear Road Trip**, a new initiative in February 2010, Todd traveled within 50 miles of 50,000 alumni and attended 16 events in 21 days. Thank you to the alumni volunteers who assisted with that planning!



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New Director of Alumni Giving—Adrienne M. Pelletier '05, '08G



Adrienne Pelletier joined the Alumni Association as the new director of alumni giving in June. Adrienne earned a B.A. in music in '05 and a M.A. in communication in '08. As a student, she played violin in the University Orchestra and sang in Collegiate Chorale, University Singers, Athena Consort, and Renaissance.

For the past two years, Adrienne has been assistant director of annual giving for Husson University, working on written appeals and materials for the alumni and development office. During the past year, she has also served as editor of the alumni publication *The Ledger*.

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to serve the institution that has shaped my life!" she says. "In addition to fundraising experience I bring unbridled enthusiasm and love for the University to this position and I am looking forward to working with alumni to help sustain the offerings of the UMAA. The UMAA has served UMaine's alumni for 135 years and I, in collaboration with the rest of the fantastic staff at UMAA, will work to ensure the next 135 plus years are bright!"

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I know that a great time was had by all at our 55th class Reunion in June! I say, "was had" even though this article is being written before our Reunion. The details of our weekend together will be included in the next issue.

So, for this time, I will tell you that **Shirley Kirk Ayer** sent me some pictures and said that on their trip from Phoenix to Maine, Shirley and Bud '54 stopped to see **Bill** and **Prexy Marion Bugbee Mannheim** in SC. Marion is always busy doing something and at the time of the Ayers' visit, Marion was knitting squares for lap blankets for folks at the VA Home. Shirley said that **Norma Cumming Russell** was in Maine during the summer visiting relatives and stopped for lunch and they had a great visit. Bud always marvels that Shirley and Norma can talk non-stop for four hours! After a nice summer with lots of time spent with family and her gardens, Shirley and Bud returned to Phoenix and on the way saw **Glen** and **Nancy Caton Dean** at their home in Madison, CT.

Bill and Marion Bugbee Mannheim had a wonderful visit from their son, who lives in Taiwan, and were so excited to see for the first time their first grandchild, who is now five years old. What a magic moment it must have been for you to see Franklin and what enjoyment and fun you must have had with him.

I received a request from Tracey Wilson Maberry that she would like to purchase a 1955 class ring for her father, **Harry Wilson**, who lives in Mechanic Falls, ME. This is extremely important for her to give to her father. So, if any classmate knows of where a 1955 class ring could be bought, or if you should have an extra one that you would like to sell, would you please get in touch with me, and I will pass this information on to Tracey. I know that Tracey and her father would be overjoyed to be able to find a 1955 class ring.

Dick Eustis sent a wonderful Christmas letter, and I thank you, Dick. He says that he was elected president of the northeast region of the Construction Specifications Institute and isn't sure whether he was elected because he was wanted or because he was the last to say "no." He says it is a fun experience, as a few of his "old timers" are attempting to interject an increased level of volunteer activity into the region. He did a little traveling during the past year and attended the Construction Specification Canada Convention in London, Ontario. Then it was off to Indianapolis, IN, for another convention, and he found that Indianapolis and London, Ontario, were very flat and too far from any ocean. Even with flat, dry land, it was great for Dick to see many old friends from around the country. Dick indicates that he has now added the title of college president to his resume. In August he was elected president of Penobscot



Former UMaine professor Ted Holmes '54G was presented with the Boston Post Cane by the town of Prospect. Ted is 99.

Valley Senior College, a non-profit organization that is devoted to "learning for the fun of it." There are two six-week semesters a year with one two-hour class period per week and there are no exams. Sounds like you had a very busy and rewarding year and that you are enjoying every minute of it.

From the alumni office comes an announcement that was in the *Bangor Daily News* that **Rita** and **Don Stimpson** celebrated their 50th

wedding anniversary by cruising to Bermuda with their two children, **Leslie Stimpson Boyce '84** and **Scott '86**, six grandchildren, and Don's sister, **Darla**. What a wonderful place to visit and to have your lovely family with you. Congratulations!

And now comes the part of my column that I was not looking forward to writing. In January of 2010, **Mary Litchfield Whitworth** passed away in Yarmouth, having moved to the Portland area a few months before her death. I know that you are aware of Mary's many accomplishments in our class, from being class secretary while we were in college, head cheerleader, dorm president, great athlete, and the past several years as vice president of our class. She was always our contact person for our reunions as she was accessible to campus. She always performed everything that she did to perfection and in a very quiet manner. We will miss seeing her at our Reunions and extend our deepest sympathy to her wonderful family.

I look forward to our next *MAINE Alumni Magazine* when I hope to have many stories to share with you about our 55th Reunion.

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Hi, '56ers. Can you believe that we'll be celebrating our 55th Reunion in just a few short months? Watch for mailings from your class



Class of 1955 members gather after the Senior Alumni luncheon at Reunion 2010. Left to right are: Joanne Barberio Scarpato ('58), Mert Robinson and wife, Donna, Sal Scarpato, Mary Atkinson Johnson, Liz Pierce Cross, and class president Marion Bugbee Mannheim.

committee. We hope many of you will return to UMaine.

Sometimes "no news" is news. **Christine Harris Farnan** wrote that she and husband, **Edward Farnan, Jr.**, have been living in Pittsboro, a small village just south of Chapel Hill, NC, since Ed's retirement in 1997. Ed plays golf and Christine plays bridge. They enjoy the mostly ice and snow-free winters, but it surely gets hot and humid there in the summer. (This was written before the winter of 2009-2010. I wonder if they used their shovel a bit more this past winter.) Her email address is cfarnan@nc.rr.com.

Foster '63G and **Mickie Mitchell Shibles '58** had a busy 2009. Last May they traveled to Colorado via California where they visited with **John Bates** in Concord and **John Buzzell '57** and his wife, Mary, in Camarillo; then on to Arizona to visit with **Carleine Shibles Bishop '59, '67G** and **Larry Blanchard '59** in Lake Havasu City. And finally into New Mexico where they toured some of old Route 66 with detours to explore Oak Creek Canyon/Sedona, Petrified Forest National Park, the Painted Desert, and Santa Fe. While in Colorado they attended their oldest grandson's high school graduation and a Rockies baseball game. Back home for summer fun in Boothbay, a highlight of which was a belated birthday gift from their boys of a day on their boat for the four of them to just enjoy being together—something that is not easy to arrange very often. Foster writes, "I guess you could say that 2009-2010 has been a time of anticipation, adjustment, and sense of pride and relief for us. This must be what the 70's are all about."

Edson Blodgett's picture was in a summer edition of the *Blue Hill Weekly Packet*. He has been very active in the Brooksville Historical Society and serves as a guide to visitors at the historical museum.

Eben "Ben" B. Thomas '61G has just had his fifth book published. *Code Breaker* starts with a high school student's finding a secret WWII German code in an abandoned Maine woods cabin. It's a fun read by our classmate, who has also had numerous articles published over the years. Ben was director of guidance services at Winthrop High School, a pilot flying both floats and skis, and is a ham radio operator and a Master Maine Guide.

There was an excellent article about **Ralph Pettie (G)** in the 7/16/2009 *Ellsworth American*. Ralph, a retired English teacher and Bucksport native, was intrigued by the Hollywood careers of Dustin and William Farnum, also Bucksport natives. He used his teacher skills to research and publish a book, *The Farnum Brothers of Bucksport*, which details the stage and screen careers of these remarkable brothers. Ralph is donating all proceeds from the sale of his book to the local animal shelter.

Carolyn Bull Dahlgren, Betsy Harvey Ruff, Caroline Locke Kostopoulos Golden, and Bill Johnson represented our class at the Portland Alumni Association winter meeting. Bill reports that **Bob** and **Carolyn Foster** have moved from Machias to Portland and enjoy the area very much. Bob sees **Dick Bjorn** when Dick comes to Portland from Farmington, where he is involved in community activities and the University of Maine at Farmington. **Richard "Doc"**

and **Elizabeth "Betsy" Brockway Nevers** and **Richard "Dick" Clark**, some of our snowbirds, wish we would keep the snow in Maine and let Florida have warm weather and sunshine. Class president and UMaine trustee **Bill** gave the UMaine system trustees' speech and shook hands with the over 1,200 graduates at the May 8, 2010, ceremonies.

Now, dear classmates, it's time for an appeal. Our alumni association needs your financial support, as does our class fund. Our Class of '56 Scholarship Fund is being utilized by many of our '56 descendants. Your continual financial support is needed and appreciated.

Please send your news and keep my email address list up-to-date.

I'll see you at our 55th Reunion.

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Those of us who remain in Maine experienced a fairly clement '09-'10 winter season while empathizing with those visiting or relocated elsewhere. The passing of **James Bruce Thaxter** can be remembered with contributions to the Esther Thaxter Scholarship Fund at the University of Maine Foundation. His mother moved the family to Orono when Bruce was young to insure further education for the children.

Keith Mahaney '68G was inducted into the Maine Golf Hall of Fame last September, capping a coaching career of five New England titles for Husson University after a memorable sports career.

Renominated to the Maine Community College System board of trustees is **Merle Royte Nelson** of Falmouth, who went on to her undergraduate degree at Lesley College in Cambridge and a master's from Harvard Graduate School of Education, currently working as a court mediator for Cumberland and York District courts.

Honored with a conference room dedicated to him in the University of Maine Bureau of Labor Education building in the Augusta office is **Charles Scontras '65G**, who was recognized by the AFL-CIO's 27th biennial convention in Bangor with its President's Award. He has spent his lifetime collecting, writing, teaching, and keeping alive Maine's labor history.

A story in the *Bangor Daily News* on the history of the Ed Hackett family that had the store in the no-longer existing town of Derby along the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad in Aroostook, explains that all four boys, including **Donald H. Hackett '60G**, completed degrees at Orono, encouraged by their parents. Then, rallying each other, they went on to gain graduate degrees with some thanks to Uncle Sam, all within a total time span of 12 years. They have passed on this emphasis on education and athletics to others through their career paths in

education.

Charlie Boothby '75G of Bangor ventured out to The Ground Round to experience the entire University of Maine Pep Band at a rally to send off Jack Cosgrove and the team for spring training. **Judy White Boothby** was also there, and was disappointed to be unable to spot any other '57ers in the crowd.

Letters from Verdun is the latest venture of **William C. Harvey** and his son, Eric Thomas Harvey. The letters themselves, from an American volunteer, were recently discovered and have been researched by the Harveys.

Once again "the girls" met to welcome each other and spring at the pleasant and convenient Muddy Rudder in Yarmouth. **Jane Barker** and her friend "B" seem to enjoy an excuse for leaving Mt. Desert, and **Janet Malcolm Buck** was glad to be back from Florida. **Marilyn Pennell Johnson** and **Mary Lou Hughes Richardson** were chauffeured down by Bill '55, '62 and Carl. Jean Partridge Mason '56 and **Lois Whitcomb** came from the capitol. The more southerly group included Ginny Freeman '58, Marilyn Graffam Clark '58, Carol Buzzell Ranco '58, and **Carole Thomas Fryover '71G**. Greater Portland was represented by **Mingie McCann '66G** and **Dru Nesbit Pedro**. **Janet Higgins Nolan** is glad to be settled in Yarmouth near **Claudie Halle Higgins**, while Bud Nolan '59 continues to enjoy skiing in Colorado during roof-raking season. **Mark '67G** and Jane Quimby **Biscoe '58** are glad to be closer to everything in Brunswick. Coming from the northern side were Rosalie Chase Ober '58 '80G, Carolyn Frazier Skolfield, Sandy Daley Denman '58, **Liz Hibbard Smith**, and **Pat Wade Fraker**, who handled the arrangements.

1958

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As I sit here typing this, I wonder what kind of winter you had. Except for a couple of storms in December '09, our area lucked out. Hope you all are having a great summer now.

If I were running a newspaper or a radio station, the lack of news would be my headline. Come on, folks, you must be doing something that your classmates would be interested in. New grandchildren or great-grandchildren, trips, cruises, something!

Had a nice thank-you note from Henry Woodbrey '53, president of the Senior Alumni, for the gift we gave to the fund at Reunion time. Each year, the Senior Alumni award between 30 and 40 Donald V. Taverner Non-Traditional Student Scholarships to those students who are trying to come back to school after years of employment, military service, etc. President of the class, **Herbert Cohen**, is currently serving the Senior Alumni as their secretary.

Members of Mark '57, '67G and **Jane Quimby Biscoe's** family surprised them with a 50th

anniversary party at the Royal River Grille in Yarmouth in August '09. They were also gifted with a three-day stay at a B&B on Campobello Island. Jane said they "were lovingly roasted and toasted" and were remarried. I received a nice note from Tom and **Barbara Hasey Andrews** including a picture of the entire Andrews clan. Their three granddaughters are in college or pursuing graduate degrees and the three grandsons are beginning their journeys through the school systems. Barb says Tom is still playing tennis every day despite the late-day backaches. He is keeping himself busy with play readers, piano, and evaluations for Social Security, and reading historical novels. Barb is supervising Math Superstars for AAUW, and is involved with her Women's Group, Bible study, and other programs.

On May 23, 2009, **Larry** and **Helen Thurrell** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the same club where their reception had been held. In August they were in England and Scotland. They spent time in the Lake District, saw the Turnberry Golf Course where the British Open was played, Alnwick Castle where the Harry Potter movies were filmed, and took in Carlisle Castle and Castle Culzean. A great trip! Like many of us, Larry attended his 55th high school Reunion in June '09.

Doris White Smith sent an article about her granddaughter, Julianne, of Massapequa, NY. Julianne participated in the New York State USAIGC Gymnastics Championships. She claimed the first place New York State All-Around Champion title in the 11-year-old bronze division as well as a first-place title on the uneven bars and balance beam, third place on vault, and second place on floor exercise.

Last June at the National/International Championships she earned second place in the National All-Around title in the age 11 bronze division. She also brought home the silver medal in vault, bronze medal on the balance beam, fourth place on the uneven bars, and sixth in the floor exercise. Congratulations to Julianne and a big round of applause for her grandmother.

I received a picture of the nine grandchildren belonging to **Bob** and **Lois Danzig McKown**. Lois says they are their everyday gifts and Bob agrees. A nice picture of the **Art Mayo** family arrived at Christmas. Art is keeping himself busy chairing the commission charged with overseeing the Brunswick Naval Station closure.

The Lazos have added another member to the clan. Robert James Lazo arrived on July 20, 2009, to our son Michael and his wife, Cathy. Makes son number two for Michael and a fifth grandchild for us. Robbie had the good sense to arrive on the 20th, thereby missing his big brother's birthday on the 19th.

Keep the cards and letters coming in—as I've said in the past—no news is not good news. Keep in mind our 55th in 2013 and remember to pay your dues.

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Hi there, '59ers! Not much news this time except for the great letter from **Torrey Sylvester** telling about his latest adventure.

Last October, Torrey and his wife, Jennifer, fulfilled a lifelong dream of visiting Egypt and cruising the Nile River to see the incredible antiquities of ancient Egypt, especially the pyramids. Since Torrey heard about the pyramids from his 8th grade science teacher, he has wanted to set his foot on them. Finally at age 73 he did just that. He and Jennifer walked on the first row of immense granite and limestone blocks that form the base of the Great Pyramid at Giza, the tomb of Pharaoh Cheops. Also at that site at the edge of the Sahara Desert on the east bank of the Nile are three smaller pyramids, all tombs for the Pharaoh's sons and his wife. The huge Sphinx guards them facing the Nile River.

After five days in Cairo on the Nile and visiting Alexandria on the Mediterranean Sea they boarded a cruise ship at Luxor and cruised up the Nile for seven days and nights.

Many stops were made at various ancient temples and burial tombs on the west bank of the Nile at the Valley of the Kings. These amazing sites were covered by magnificent colored carvings and are still very visible after nearly 5,000 years.

Also visited was the High Dam at Aswan, controlling the annual flooding of the Nile and creating the 400-mile long Lake Nasser. Part of that enormous project was the moving to higher ground of the monuments built at Abu Simbel to honor Rameses and his wife, Nefretari. That colossal project was funded by UNESCO, Egypt, and the US, and the monuments were saved from being completely submerged and gone forever.

Torrey writes, "The guides were college-educated Egyptologists who were most helpful in proudly educating us about their country's history and fascinating building abilities and artistry in stone.

"We were left wondering as we stood at the base of the Pyramids of Giza, 'How did they do it 5,000 years ago with just manpower and crude but effective surveying instruments?' The perfection of those monuments to the pharaohs is stunning.

"The 12-hour flight from Cairo to JFK provided us with time to ponder the ancient civilization on the over 4,000-mile-long Nile River, the longest in the world, flowing from Ethiopia and the Sudan mountains and Lake Victoria, north to the Mediterranean.

"This was a wonderful trip!"

We have seen several classmates recently. Attended a UMaine Alumni Association gathering at the home of **Leith Wadleigh** and wife, Donna, in Delray Beach. **Dick** and Ann Adams **Collins** '61 drove up from Key Largo for the

event and Dick spoke and showed plans for the renovation of the UM basketball court.

Had our annual visit with **Carl Edler** when we were all volunteering here at PGA National for the Honda Classic golf tournament.

Stayed one night with **Judy Adams Gardiner** in Old Saybrook, CT, while on a visit there. Her latest activity is ushering at the new Katherine Hepburn Theater in Old Saybrook.

Please send me YOUR news so I will have a longer column next time. Stay well and happy!

1960

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Hello again, classmates of 1960! I am writing the first part of this column before our historic 50th Reunion. The publications office is saving some space so Reunion news can be included at the last minute.

Kudos to **Ace Conro** '63G, who helped write the remembrance for track coach Edmund Styrna in the last issue of the alumni magazine. Ace is still working his magic as a track coach.

Joe Carroll, after a stint with the Army in Germany, came to Florida to head up the Fish and Wildlife Commission. In retirement, he has been a consultant on endangered species in the state, especially the bald eagle. Joe, in Vero Beach, was a best pal to deceased classmate **Bud Ochmanski**. As you remember, Bud brought Tyrone the Magnificent to the 25th Reunion and the auction sale of this moose head not only raised money but also provided a great deal of fun and laughter as well.

The following was written after Reunion weekend—

Welcome, Class of 1960, to the Senior Alumni designation of dear old Maine! Kudos go to the staff at Buchanan Alumni House for a wonderful two days on campus on June 4 and 5. We were the class with the largest attendance at Reunion, which officially started Friday noon for a pizza lunch at Pat's where the Northeast Harbor delegation united with others coming from near and far. After lunch we did a campus bus tour and visited the new Collins Center for the Arts, the amazing new Rec Center, which in just three years has had one million visitors; and other sites.

Before our Friday class dinner we were treated to a reception at President and Mrs. Kennedy's lovely Queen Anne Victorian home, resplendent with goodies, and the class quickly moved to the flower gardens where we shared with the new arrivals our Northeast Harbor adventures. Fifty years merely faded away, and we became "the way we were." It was truly amazing.

Friday concluded with the class dinner at the newly refurbished Wells Commons. We were welcomed most especially by Suzanne Hart

Fill the Steins to the Class of '60!

Some 125 Class of 1960 members and spouses returned to the UMaine campus to celebrate their 50th Reunion in early June. This class knows how to have a good time! There was a pre-Reunion gathering in Northeast Harbor, lunch at Pat's Pizza, a grand reception at the President's House, tours of campus, a great class dinner, and much more. But the best part was just getting reunited and reacquainted with old friends and classmates.



Dick Jack greets Joan Mavor outside Pat's Pizza before the class luncheon on Friday.



Enjoying the Friday evening reception at the President's House are (left to right): Bill Sweeney, Donna Fritz Brunstad, Nancy Small Moran, Jean Bertolini Brown, and Gail Rae Carter.



The Reunion weekend festivities started off with a Friday lunch at the original Pat's Pizza in Orono.



Incoming and outgoing class leaders got together at the Reunion banquet on Saturday night. Left to right are: Fred Pierce, Steve Howe, Bob Sterritt, and Joe Dion.



Enjoying the beautiful gardens at the President's House are (left to right): Joe Carroll, Fred Galway, Nancy Waisanen Galway, and Kay Sawyer Hannah.



Gathering at the president's reception are (left to right): Ann Burke Murphy, Tade Osier Cross, Peggy Dion, Diane Tatlock Pierce, Fred Pierce, Ralph Pilsbury, and Susan Pilsbury.



Taking a tour of the UMaine Student Fitness and Recreation Center are (left to right): Dave Gagnon, Marie Ifill Jordan, Carol Jack, Stanley Jordan, and Louie King.



Diane Wiseman Linscott (right) visits with her former roommate at UMaine, Laurel Hoyt Blaney, and her husband, Bob. Diane, a professional jazz singer, performed at the class dinner on Friday night.



Nancy Morse Dysart received the Golden "M" Award for her outstanding work for the class in planning the Reunion. Bill Munsey was presented with a Black Bear Award for his long and dedicated service to the class and the university.

'68, alumni association board chair. One of our own, **Bill Munsey**, was awarded the prestigious Black Bear Award. Bill and his wife, Helen Wallace Munsey '61, live in Orono. They returned from SUNY in 1965, and Bill has worked tirelessly system-wide in admissions, first with Dr. Robert York in Gorham, as dean, and then in Orono with the merger in the 1960s. Bill then took Jim Harmon's position as director of admissions in 1980. Bill is still working at the admissions office and no one can count how many young people he has guided to Orono.

Nancy Morse Dysart received the Golden "M" Award. We cannot begin to even outline her service to the university, and countless other causes, especially to the Class of 1960. We were awarded 50-year diplomas by the president, and before we closed with the "Stein Song," a booming articulate voice from the crowd announced that people were not to clap during the singing, or they would lose their diplomas! It was Ace Conro. **Diane Wiseman Linscott** concluded the evening with her own special jazz trio. Of course the class officers all spoke and you know from all of the pre-Reunion mailings who this very dedicated bunch is.

Our soon-to-be new class president **Joe Dion** gave his Harvard speech, which he had previously done at his home at our last Reunion planning event at his home in Walpole, NH. Joe lauded his years at UMaine, and said he never could have had a better education anywhere. More contributions to the class gift quickly followed.

On Saturday at 8:00 a.m., we had a visitor at the breakfast in the Bear's Den. As we were welcomed by copresidents **Steve Howe** and **Sandie Page**, a descendant of Tyrone the Magnificent, the glassy-eyed moose from the 25th Reunion, seated himself for breakfast. He had traveled with Joe and Peg from Walpole. Yours truly and **Connie Atherton Martin** sold chances for a winner to take him home. We raised another \$500 for the class and he was won by **Gail Mallett Rae**. Tyrone the Terrible never made it ... He was purchased for more funds by **J. Bruce Johnson** from Rangeley, ME. Bruce gave the creature to **Betty Colley Shibbes** for a bakery market café she is creating in her hometown of Wilton, ME. Based on the concept of a farmer's market, seven certified state of Maine bakers will bring goods to the market two times a week. Joe personally delivered Tyrone the Second to Wilton.

Our guest speaker at breakfast was Dr. Habib J. Dagher, professor of civil engineering and the founding director of the AEWC Advanced Structures and Composites Center. The AEWC is central to the work involving the floating off-shore wind power project.

New class officers elected were: president, Joe Dion; vice president, **Fred Pierce**; secretary, **Sherry Webster Walkup**; treasurer, **William Parker**; and Senior Alumni representative, Nancy Morse Dysart. The 55th Reunion committee members are **Connie Atherton Martin** and **Sandie Page**, cochairs; and **Glen Walkup**, **Gail Mallett Rae**, and **Joanne Keith Sullivan**. I failed to get fired.

Following breakfast we went to the New-
man Center for a service of remembrance of



Donna Fogg Clark '61 enjoyed the 2009 Homecoming game with Governor John Baldacci '86 (right) and UMaine president, Robert Kennedy. At Homecoming, Donna received the Order of the Golden Rose Award in recognition of her 50 years of membership in Delta Zeta sorority. She also was surprised to receive Delta Zeta's inaugural Madonna Fogg Clark Leadership Award. Donna's husband is Alton Clark '61.

classmates gone but not forgotten. Bishop **Cliff Ives's** "Reflections" left misty eyes in husky men, and Glen and Sherry Webster Walkup's music captured the essence of this naming of those cherished in our memories.

The rest of Saturday was rounded out by the Senior Alumni luncheon and dinner at Wells Common. Everyone visited the bookstore.

The person traveling the longest distance to Reunion was our own **Rick Lloyd**, traveling with his friend Herbert Fletcher from Honolulu, Hawaii. They joined the Acadia Park delegation fresh from a seven-night sail on the *Oasis of the Seas*, the largest cruise ship afloat, sailing from Ft. Lauderdale, FL, to Haiti, Cancun, and other destinations. Before leaving Maine, Rick visited family in Warren and New Harbor, having been invited by Pete '59 and **Kay Sawyer Hannah**. Kay is president of the Pemaquid Artists Association, which operates a seasonal gallery in Pemaquid.

Gordon Maxim came with his brother Clinton '66 from Murray, UT. **Doris Paradis Hallee** and hubby, Ed '62, hailed from Phoenix, Arizona. Doris made her first-ever visit to Pat's Pizza at Reunion. **Tade Osier Cross** came from Winston-Salem, NC, and **Donna Fritz Brunstad** and Bill traveled from Hilton Head. More local residents **Dave Trefethen** and Janice, and **Louie King**, who was working as a volunteer at Alumni House, had less traveling. Art '61 and **Deb Arnold Parlin** planned to stay at Pushaw Lake. **Joan Mavor**, **Ann Hastings Morton** '95G, **Nancy Small Moran**, **Ann Marie Burke Murphy**, **Janet Fletcher Forbes**, **Dale** and **Martha Zoidis Delano**, **Fred** and **Joyce Boardman Nohmer**, and piles of engineers and Phi Kaps came. **Bob Sterritt**, **Steve Howe**, **Jon Ord**, **Dick** and **Martha Butler Dudley**, **Joe Carroll**, and many other Phi Kappa Sigmas got together at the Lucerne Inn on Thursday evening for their own time.

Reunion was an indescribable experience. There will be more in the next column. Rick Lloyd is planning a reunion in Hawaii as we all

agreed five years is much too long a time to wait to be together again.

1961

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First a few words about our upcoming Reunion. During the next year you will be receiving mail updates concerning Reunion plans. Another way to stay current is to sign

up for the group University of Maine Reunion Class of 1961 on Facebook. **Meg Thompson Villarreal** and **Jane Harding Goode**, who have been working on it, note that you need to join Facebook (which is free) to access the page. You may also send me news via Facebook. Now how much easier can we make this for you? Additionally, our Maine educations were the foundations for our lives. We owe the university our appreciation and thanks. We can do that by providing a generous contribution to the class fund.

Received an interesting email from **Kay Allen** that her post-retirement years are anything but! In 2006 Kay joined the Texas National Guard and was commissioned as a major. Kay was assigned to develop an internal professional military education unit as part of her resource management assignment. This is a perfect fit for Kay, who for years has volunteered as an EMT. Kay still volunteers with Texas Hearing and Service Dogs. Presently she is fostering a Great Dane who is in training to be a balance dog. And let's not forget that Kay and her brother continue to spend lots of time searching for antique tractors for collecting and showing.

Marcia Sayward Blake writes that she is slowly becoming a bionic woman, just having had her second hip surgery. But as soon as the snow leaves, (and hopefully as you read this, it's gone!) Marcia plans to be on the Boothbay area golf courses. She lives near her daughter's family and enjoys her two grandsons. **Artie Zalkan** has made his retirement home in Davis, CA. Although Artie has serious vision problems now, he says he is still a young man cheering for Maine, the Patriots, and Jaguars. Claims his three grandchildren in Seattle and Jacksonville are all Patriots and Red Sox fans.

Alton and **Madonna Fogg Clark** celebrated 49 years of marriage this summer. They have two children and five grandchildren. The Clarks are retired in Ithaca, NY. Recently they reconnected with the university and will be leaving

part of their estate in the form of a scholarship. Additionally, Madonna mentioned that she is still involved with Delta Zeta and last fall was honored with the Order of the Golden Rose Award. A leadership award has been established in Madonna's name. **Laura "Janie" Wilson Sturgis '97G** retired from the English department at Edward Little High School in Auburn in '04 but continues to substitute, as she likes working with the young people. She and husband, Doc Sturgis '63, continue to call New Gloucester home. They also have a vacation place in Florida. Also having a Florida vacation home are **Jeanine Gagnon Steward** and husband, Stan. Since Stan is still working in Bangor as a pharmacist, the Stewards' main home is Brewer. **Ernie Ridlon** and wife, Connie, left the snows of NJ for a week's vacation in Las Vegas. This summer the Ridlons plan to spend two weeks in Canada.

Speaking of Canada, **Nancy Woods Rearick** writes that she and Danny '58, '61 have spent the last 35 years in that great country. As for their kids, son Peter retired from the US Air Force this year while grandson Matthew joined the Canadian Forces and is now in Ontario. Heard from **Etta Libby Davenport** that her 2009 vacation was to Cambodia, Myanmar, and Thailand where she got to ride an elephant. **Dick Dawson's** vacation was in reverse. Dick lives in Thailand but vacationed in Alaska!

1962

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Hello, everyone!

First, congratulations and best wishes go out to **Anne Walker Holt** and David Hartig who were married on October 18th. The couple is living in Dubuque, IA, near David's business. Anne wrote that she felt fortunate to sell her home in Ashville quickly, and while she misses her friends and many activities in NC, she is enjoying the spectacular views from her new home located on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi.

At Christmastime, **Alice McKiel Hyerstay** wrote that she and husband, Dale, enjoyed another successful season on their sailboat, placing in the top three in several races, winning two. Alice keeps active during the rest of the year preparing high school students for the SAT and ACT exams. She has recently completed family genealogy research which she compiled in detail for grateful relatives.

In early December a group of '62 women met for lunch at the Haraseeket Inn in Freeport. **Brenda Freeman Kuich** was visiting her sister in Kennebunkport for the holidays. What a great excuse for a get-together! Brenda is retired and living in Heath, TX. She loves living in the Dallas area, especially participating in all the events in the ever-developing Art District. Brenda is also a member of the Rush Creek Yacht Club. Yes, Mainers, there is sailing in Dallas! **Millie Simp-**



A group of 1962 alumnae met at the Haraseeket Inn in Freeport in December for a holiday celebration. Seated, left to right are: Millie Simpson Stewart, Vicki Waite Cannell, and Diane Ingalls Zito. Standing, left to right are: Sally Kennett Juenemann, Marci Hansen, Kay Fraser, Brenda Freeman Kuich, Jean Britton O'Brien, and Ann Sleight Harrison.

son Stewart, organizer of the luncheon, continues her work as director of volunteers at the Mid Coast Hospital in Brunswick. During her 28-year tenure, Millie has greatly expanded the volunteer program and encouraged many of our alums to become involved. **Kay Fraser** recently retired from teaching and is now living in Brunswick. She works in a specialty gift shop in Bath, and also volunteers many hours each week at the hospital gift shop as part of Millie's team.

Marcia Hansen shared plans for an April visit to the Grand Canyon. While she travels to California each year to visit her family, Marcia has never been to Arizona, so this is the realization of a lifelong dream. During the summer, Marcia can still be found in York working at the Goldenrod. **Ann Sleight Harrison '86G** and husband recently relocated to Lincolnville. She still travels during the week to work at the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath, however. **Vicki Waite Cannell** retired in '02 from the staff of the *Portland Press Herald*. She and husband, John, live in Intervale, NH, and run Cannell's Country Store during the summer. They spend the winter at their home in Ft. Myers, FL. **Sally Kennett Juenemann** and **Jean Britton O'Brien** are next-door neighbors, living in Freeport. They reminded us that during freshman year at UMaine, they roomed next to each other in Chadbourne Hall. Sally continues to teach and shows no signs of slowing down. Jean is a potter. Some of her work was on display in the Haraseeket gift shop the day we visited.

After lunch, we decided to extend the day by visiting a local art gallery to view paintings by Dahlov Ipcar, a well-known author/artist and dear friend of **Trudy Chambers Price**. Trudy was not able to join us in December as she and **Ron** were busy moving into the house that they purchased together this fall. I am happy to report that the couple is back together. Their ad-

dress is 7 Raven Way in Freedom. Ron sold the dairy farm in Knox in '08, but kept several acres to start a wind farm. Three turbines are up on the grid, producing green power for the region. If you are in the area and would like a tour of the project, Ron would love to show you around. Trudy retired from Islandport Press during the summer of '09. She is, however, expecting the third edition of her book, *The Cows Are Out*, to be available later this year with a new afterward that talks about how she and Ron came full circle to find each other again.

What a joy for me to begin and end this column with love stories.

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Alton "Bump" Hadley '83G is currently the superintendent at the Chebeague Island School, a job he took in 2007. He says he "loves this island" and he wanted to be sure the island school of 25 students was the best it could be for those students. Previously, Bump was a coach at the University of Maine, an immigrations inspector for the Justice Department, and a teacher and principal.

While in Florida this March, I was able to get together with **Judy Shaw Furlotte** and **Marcia Roak Fitzgerald**. They joined me at my condo and we had a gathering of many Auburn grade school friends. In February, Marcia, her sister Roberta Roak-Foltz '65, and I attended a luncheon of UMaine alumni in Sarasota.

1964

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It is exciting to hear about Maine way out here on the left coast, and every time I do, I am proud to be a UMO grad!

Our classmate **Peter G. Thompson** was honored recently for 20 years of service to the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. He had been media spokesman for Central Maine Power Co. and for eight years was mayor of Augusta. Under his aegis the chamber more than doubled their membership and created People of the Kennebec, a collaborative economic development effort that opened the FirstPark business and tech center in Oakland in 2002. **Norman Dineen** of Calais takes pride in his family's military service and places plaques in Calais' Veterans Park so that people will remember the valiant service by our men and women, and to recognize that they are saving our freedoms.

V. Paul Reynolds, having tracked deer through the cedar swamps of the north woods for more than 50 years, has put his tales into a book. The long-time newspaperman's first book, *A Maine Deer Hunter's Logbook: Tips, Tales and Tactics*, has just been released by Maine Outdoor Publications in Hampden, ME. Some of us are retiring and **Ken Woodbury, Jr. (G)**, the Piscataquis County community development specialist, has moved to the white sand, where he will apply his successful grant-writing skills and others as president of the College of the Marshall Islands. He will also help prepare the college for Marshallese leadership, and help the two-year institution expand to offer four-year degrees.

John Abbott and his wife, Susanne, have moved full time to Florida. Starting as a teacher and coach at a Philadelphia private school, he attended graduate school at Penn State and switched to administration, becoming director of special education and instructional service for Philly and director of pupil services in Stamford, CT. Their initial retirement to a home they restored on the Carrabassett River proved too chilly after a few years, but they still have a summer camp in the central Maine woods. My adorable roommate **Judy Joel Tardiff**, who now lives in Raleigh, NC, where she keeps one of the state's top politicians on his toes, has taken up horseback riding. Can you imagine all 85 pounds of her diminutive self on a 16-hand steed?

Stephen King '70 isn't the only writer to have come from our Dirigo state. **Sanford "Sandy" Phippen** is editor of the *Puckerbrush Review*, a literary magazine that continues to discover and publish new writers from Maine and around the world. Which reminds me, what happened to **Amos Orcutt's** (president and CEO of the UMaine Foundation) request that the whoopie pie be named Maine's official dessert? **Franklin Van Antwerpen** was awarded the University

of Maine Alumni Association's most prestigious award, the Alumni Career Award, at the banquet in May 2009. The judge is finishing his fine law career as justice of the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals. He credited the University of Maine so much for his personal and professional success that he convinced his son to attend also—his son graduated in 1998.

Richard and Celia Kaplan "had a great time at the 45th Reunion in May 2009, meeting classmates, attending various functions, and seeing new places such as the Lyle Littlefield Botanical Garden. After the Reunion, we visited the Penobscot Narrows Observatory and Fort Knox. The next day, we went to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay. In October, our son Felix completed the Bay State Marathon in Lowell, MA. The day was cold and windy, and his time was 4 hours, 32 minutes. As for our grandchildren, Eleanor turned 2 on March 24 and Anna turned 5 on May 29. They are the daughters of our son James and daughter-in-law, Erica."

A number of Class of '64 lifetime members were not included in a list in a previous magazine. They are: **Philip H. Brown II**, **Dr. Gregory A. Campbell**, **Philip R. Campbell**, **Nancy Barnes Hill**, **Anne Clemons Jones**, and **John J. Peters, Jr.** Thank you, everyone, for your support of the alumni association. It is truly appreciated, especially in these tough economic times.

1965

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I have discovered Facebook on the web! While I do not have a lot of time to "chat" daily, it has given me the opportunity to locate '65 classmates.

Bruce Bayuk retired from Hewlett-Packard about six years ago and formed a business with his wife, Pam, focusing on supplying group retiree medical insurance to large companies with legacy retiree medical commitments. Bruce wrote it is a huge change from the technical world but Pam has a long history in the insurance business. They work three or four days each week and play in the sun for the other three. In 2006 they built a home on a golf course in North Port, FL. They have two sons living in Massachusetts: one is a doctor in Northampton and the other has his own employment service in Middletown. Their third son is a lobbyist in RI. Bruce and Pam visit New England three to four times each year to see friends and family. This includes **Rendle** and **Pat Kopfmann Jones** in Camden, ME. Rendle is an attorney and Pat sells real estate with Town and Country. Their children are Kimberly and Vincent.

Pam Braley and **Chuck O'Leary '61, '70G** recently traveled to Berkeley, CA, to visit their new grandson, Emmett, who arrived March 16 on his sister's birthday. His parents are Ann O'Leary and her husband, Goodwin.

Stu Gerald, retired brigadier general, still does consulting in Huntsville, AL, but is tapering off and ready to test what folks say about retirement: "Don't know how I ever found time to work." He and his wife, **Maggie Edgar Gerald**, have a son, Jason, daughter-in-law, Tanya, and two grandsons.

Susan E. Harburger Mullin wrote that she played in a golf tournament with her college roommate, **Cathy Gaw '88G**, in February at her course, Verandah, in Fort Myers, FL, and she shot 86. She had a hole-in-one and they won the tournament. More recently, Sue had lunch with longtime friend **Lorna Peabody Philley** and her husband, George, who were in Naples, FL, for a while. They talked about planning a reunion sometime in Maine this summer.

Bill Lucas is retired.

Fred Paganucci and his wife, Helen Woodruff Paganucci '70, decided to get out of the snow belt and they relocated to Las Cruces, NM. Three of their four children live in the West. Fred wrote, "So far so good as the desert has mild winters. . . We like the big sky and the climate."

I am a friend (again) through Facebook with **Elsie Stanley Plante**, originally from Cranberry Isles, Islesford, ME. She has a new address: 345 Pond Road, Wayne, ME 04284.

My Chi O sorority sister and friend **Roberta Roak-Foltz** has written a book and teaches classes on the craft of floor cloths. Very simply, they are made by decouping fabrics onto a primed canvas, then painting them. Floor cloths lend themselves to endless variations in design, color, size, and shape, to fit any décor and setting.

Looking for Facebook friends is **Jane Tompkins Miller '90G**. She and her husband, Bob '63, are retired and have become Florida residents, where they spend a little over six months in the Deep Creek area of Punta Gorda. They have a home in Orono and a camp in Island Falls. Their son David '93 is married and lives in Orono with his wife, Sara Gardner Miller '96, '05G, and their children Isaac (4) and Carmen (1½). He is an attorney with Joe Bornstein's law firm. Their other son, Thomas, lives in Seattle and works for Becker & Mayer, a book production company.

Beth Wiley Chapman sent me an email with the following 45th Reunion information.

Horace Horton, class president; **Win Robbins**, and Beth Wiley Chapman met in Portland in February to begin planning for the 45th Reunion. In the works are arranging for Class of '65 reservations at a Bangor area hotel to be determined. The weekend will begin with a class gathering at Buchanan Alumni House on Friday afternoon the 15th, complete with hearty hors d'oeuvres in the Treat room. Following will be a panel discussion open to all other alumni focusing on the environment. We are looking for faculty to speak on wind energy, biomass, and the proposed North Maine Woods start park. Dr. Robert Kennedy, president of the University

of Maine, will be invited to join us. We are also looking into an online auction of several Vincent Hartgen paintings as a fund raiser.

Homecoming weekend now features a vibrant Craft Fair and Maine Marketplace giving us an opportunity to meet and talk with artisans from all over Maine and to buy their handcrafts and products. Prospective vendors who are class members can talk with Chris Corro at the Alumni House about exhibiting. University of Maine plays Villanova on Saturday afternoon.

There will be an online link and the schedule for all activities happening (athletics, Greeks, arts, academics, student organizations) on the Alumni Association website, www.umainealumni.org.

An important note: we are one of the few classes with scholarship funds that are paying out this year. Congratulations, classmates.

Please make plans now to join us on October 15, 16, and 17.

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When you read these notes, our 45th Reunion will be less than 12 months away! Save the date (June 2-3, 2011). **John "Jack" May** '68G retired in May after 10 years as president of Sebastcook Valley Hospital in Pittsfield. He and wife, Betty, look forward to playing golf after many years in the healthcare field. Maj. Gen. **John W. "Bill" Libby** '67G, the leader of the Maine National Guard, plans to step down at the end of 2010 after nearly seven years of wartime service. He received his commission through ROTC and is a Vietnam vet. His experience and leadership skills are well served, as the National Guard is playing its biggest role since World War II.

John L. Donald's Triple D Acres Farm was the first organic operation to be selected as Maine's 2009 Outstanding Dairy Farm of the Year. A family farm run by John, his wife, Marcia, and two nephews, they make all management decisions with their main goals to produce high-quality milk with a minimum of debt, and maintain a line of updated equipment to improve efficiency. If you want to see a model dairy farm, take a drive up to New Sharon and enjoy your visit.

Karol Wasylshyn is planning to attend our 45th and hopes to see **Kathy Clair** and **John Barrett**. Her new book, *Behind The Executive Door*, has been released. If you wish to see more of her work, she invites you to her website, www.karolwasylshyn.com.

Martha Griffith Newman recently stepped down after 17 years as chair of the Bangor School Committee. That is a huge commitment of community service. Congratulations, Martha.

I just received a large newspaper clipping

A new book by Ray Doyen '66

Coming to grips with a family horror



When Class of '66 member Ray Doyen learned that his daughter had been violently beaten and raped, he became filled with an anguish and a silent rage that he had

never felt before.

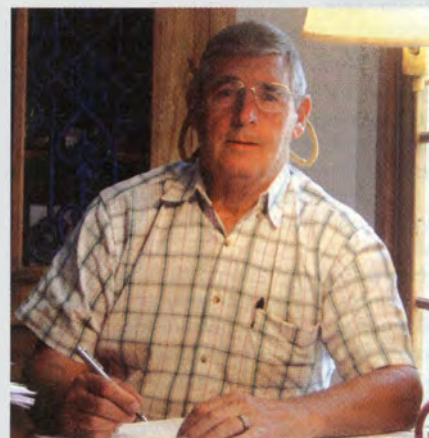
As an outlet for that anguish, Ray, known by friends as Doc, started to write.

The result is *A Father's Anguish*, a book based on the horrific crime perpetrated on his daughter.

"The book portrays the emotional aspect of rape as much as the circumstances surrounding it," he said in a newspaper article. "No, I couldn't do to the attacker what I wanted to do, so I let my alter ego in the book take care of him."

His daughter has successfully moved on with her life. And Ray, a retired podiatrist, is now at peace with the events that once enraged him. He is currently working on a second book.

For information on purchasing *A Father's Anguish*, go to www.fathersanguish.com.



with the headline "Sarge Gets Attention," as **Sarge Means** was selected softball player of the week down at The Villages in Florida. In the photo, he's wearing UMAINE sweatpants that have to be over 40 years old. Sarge served 39 years of active duty in the Army and is enjoying retirement, but not slowing down a bit. He and wife, Steph, are often hosting houseguests. Among them, **Brian** and **Patti Tofuri Bicknell**, and **Charlie Bonney** '67G.

The University of Maine System accepted a gift of \$2 million from **Alston D. "Pete" Correll** '66G, the former president and CEO of Georgia-Pacific Corp. and former Old Town resident. The gift from Pete and wife, Ada Lee Correll, will be used in areas of energy research, ecology, and environmental science. The Corrells were recently named Philanthropists of the Year in Atlanta for their work in healthcare, culture, and education.

Ray Doyen has written and published *A Father's Anguish*, a fictional book based on actual events. Ray was working as a podiatrist in Pennsylvania when his daughter, a college freshman, was raped. Ray began to write after the devastating and violent attack. His daughter notes that, "So often, books written about rape are all about the woman involved. You never see a book telling how fathers of rape victims are affected." Ray and his wife now live in North Carolina, and their daughter and her family live nearby.

Emil Swift wrote, "Please keep the first weekend of June 2011 open for our 45th class Reunion. During the coming year, please solicit/beg/cajole/ask for at least one quality item to bring to our lively raffle and live auction class scholarship fundraiser.

"We will NOT be staying on campus for our 45th Reunion. Your Reunion committee is negotiating special rates with Bangor-area hotels. The Black Bear Inn will not be available, as it is always reserved for the 50th Reunion class. Please plan to attend and reach out to classmates and encourage them to join us.

"Your Reunion committee will begin making plans for our 45th starting this summer, so if you have any suggestions, please email me at emil.swift@bms.com. We look forward to seeing all of you in June 2011!"

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After 42 years as a communications analyst (25 for GE and the rest for the New York state attorney general's office), **Sue Chadbourne** retired in January. As she says, "even though it is the middle of winter, I am absolutely loving it." Now Sue will have time to visit her classmates in Maine!

Norris Bryant '72G and his wife, Sue, long-time owners of Pepino's Mexican Restaurants in Bangor and Brewer (where the green chili sauce is famous), have sold these to other UM graduates who plan to expand the locations and market the sauce. The Bryants are planning to move to Arizona.

Benjamin Haskell, executive vice president and academic dean of the New England School of Communications, located on the Husson University campus, recently joined the Bangor Theological Seminary board of trustees. His father and daughter graduated from BTS.

While traveling down south this winter, I had the pleasure of seeing **Margery Furman Perry**, who lives in the same Bluffton, SC, neighborhood as friends we were visiting. She looks great and enjoys dividing her time between SC and Drakes Island, ME.

According to the University of Maine Foundation, which manages our 1967 Class Scholarship Fund, \$1776 was distributed in 2009 and the balance as of 12/31/09 is \$32,293. Contributions to this fund are always needed and very much appreciated.

A note about the UMaine Alumni Association: it needs your financial help! Due to serious budget issues, the university recently eliminated all financial support for the association. Your contributions to the Alumni Fund will make sure that the programs and events you've enjoyed for years continue. Please give generously.

Keep in touch!

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Last June, **Betty Loew White** retired from teaching for the Forest Hills public schools in Michigan. She has started an eco-friendly design business with her daughter, Amanda White. She designs and creates clothing and accessories out of recycled materials. Check out her web site at: www.creativerinds.com. Betty and Amanda also conduct workshops throughout the state of Maine.



Former alumni association chair, John Rohman '68, receives the Pine Tree Emblem Service Award from current chair and classmate Suzanne Hart '68 at Reunion 2010. The award is given for outstanding service to the UMaine alumni body.

Bill Horner writes (a) daughter Katie graduated from Middlebury College in Vermont in May with a major in environmental studies. She wants to pursue a career in organic and sustainable agriculture so she hopes to work on a farm for a year to get hands-on experience; (b) wife Kathy retired from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency last year after working there 37 years and rising to deputy regional administrator. She is now a lecturer at the Columbia University Graduate School of Public and International Affairs teaching two courses in their master's program for environmental studies. She also works as an independent consultant in the field of energy conservation and recently secured a large contract from ConEdison for one of her clients for an energy conservation program; (c) son Andy continues to work for the New York Mets (his fourth year there) as special assistant to the senior VP for business affairs; (d) I am continuing to slow down my legal practice.

Tony Filauro '72G continues to do part-time forestry work a couple of days/week, for Gerald Pelletier, Inc., a logging contractor in the Millinocket area. "The remainder of the week is filled with family activities and volunteer projects in the community and at my church. 'Retirement' has been good but I can't say I've slowed down much."

Bill Sawyer went to Beaumont, TX, in February to see Maine play Lamar in baseball, and traveled to Montreal, Quebec; Truro, Nova Scotia; and Marystown, Newfoundland; with the Royal Arch Masons, this past spring. He is enjoying retirement.

John '67 and **Kathleen Holtan Fogler** attended an alumni gathering in Naples, FL. They have retired from education in New York as of 2001 and now spend half the year in Naples and half the year in Exeter, ME. This was a special year for them as their oldest daughter is a read-

er at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC and they attended a recent Mass with Archbishop Dolan. Their youngest daughter was inducted into the UM Sports Hall of Fame and they attended the induction in October.

Randall Souviney lives in California and just retired from being a professor at the University of California.

Jane Huard Richards writes: "We are still here in the Midwest. We spent Christmas visiting our son Greg and daughter-in-law Virginia, and granddaughter Callie in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. We landed in Dubai: the tallest building opened the day before we left, so we did not get a chance to visit it. We did see it on our way to and from the airport. Abu Dhabi is about an hour and a half from Dubai. Our son is working for a company that belongs to the government of Abu Dhabi. I was a member of a USTA 3.5 Senior Women's (50 and older) tennis team, and

we represented the Midwest section (Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, and Wisconsin) in Indian Wells, CA. We only lost by two points to the Southern section winner, which moved on to the semifinals. Can't believe that our 45th is so close. I have decided to try and find my Hart Hall freshman floor..."

The Eastern Maine Community College named a wall in the library **The John Rohman Art Gallery** in honor of his continued support of the Maine Arts Commission and the college.

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Hello, classmates. What has been happening in your lives? Keep sending that news to us or to the alumni association. Jim '71G and **Ginny Farwell Weaver's** second granddaughter arrived in March. Both granddaughters, Tess and Lily, live in Massachusetts, and Jim and Ginny live in Scarborough. **Pam Witham Dahl** of Bangor is a former transitional kindergarten teacher and cheerleading coach who now volunteers as an Algebra I and consumer math teacher at Bangor Christian School.

US Senator **Olympia J. Snowe** received the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce's Catherine K. Lebowitz Public Service Award. **Jerry Goss '75G** was elected to the Brewer City Council. **Mark Whittaker** has joined Stetson University College of Law as associate vice president for college relations. He leads the law school fundraising and alumni relations activities. From 1987 to 2002 Mark served as vice

president for university relations at Stetson University in DeLand, FL. Mark has also served as the top development officer at Hollins University, Rhodes College, and Sweet Briar College. For the past six years he led Whittaker and Associates, a fundraising firm for nonprofit organizations.

After 40 years with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, **William Woodward** has retired as a fisheries biologist. Governor Baldacci '86 nominated **Doris Belisle-Bonneau** '72G of Auburn to the Maine Community College System board of trustees. Doris has worked in the education field for 37 years and is the curriculum coordinator for Regional School Unit 10. She has also been an educational consultant since 2003.

A. Mark Woodward retired from the *Bangor Daily News* after 38 years with the newspaper where he was executive editor for the past 12 years. Have a wonderful summer and start planning for our 45th Reunion.

Thanks again to all classmates who came to our Reunion in October 2009: **James Otis**, **Dick Gleason** '70G, **Bob Goodwin**, **Steve Sargent** '71G, **Dan Willett** '70G, **Hank Moody**, **Alan Hitchcock** '71G, **Connie Merrifield Perry** '72G, **Gore Flynn** '73G, **Don Bean**, **Pam Beal**, **Bill Lott**, **Andrea Hayes Lott**, and **Steve Turner** '71G, who attended the Senior Skulls/All Maine Women event. The Theta Chis had a strong showing at Reunion. Next time let's see how many groups can be represented.

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We made it through another Maine winter and it is finally the best of all times—a Maine summer!

Last fall I made a trip back to my roots. That would be Aroostook County and Presque Isle, to be specific. It had been four years since I had made the last pilgrimage. I had no plans and was delighted to manage to see some friends that I hadn't seen in years. My former college roomie, **Jane Hews Lockhart**, happened to be in town because her niece had gotten married that weekend. Jane now lives near St. Louis, MO, and I haven't seen her since 1970! We had a nice visit and it was great to see her. Also saw another classmate from UMaine, **Judith Litz Boudman** '97G, who now lives near Presque Isle and is an owner of a restaurant, Café Sorpreso, that is right on Main Street. She hasn't changed a bit and we had fun reminiscing about the old days (even before the UM days)!

Gerry Palmer has certainly made a career out of leading and guiding the City of Bangor!

He has served as a city councilor and mayor and is pretty much known as Bangor's ambassador-in-chief! He did make an ill-fated run for the Maine House of Representatives and now is back on the city council.

I was very proud of **Stephen King** '87H and his wife, **Tabitha Spruce King** '71, '87H, for generously donating the funds so that Bravo Company of the 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry Unit could return home for Christmas from Indiana, where they were training until their January 2010 departure for Afghanistan. Without the Kings' generosity these soldiers would not have been with their families for Christmas.

The Maine Sports Legends Hall of Honors inducted 10 new members last October and one of them was our own, **John Wolfram** '71G. Since leaving UMaine, John has had a long career as a high school football coach at Madison High (Class C state title), Gardiner High (3 Class B state titles), and South Portland High (4 Class A state titles). **William Chubbuck** '78G has retired as RSU 67 (Maine school district) director of guidance, and his wife, **Donne "Dawn" Pineo Chubbuck** '68, has also retired as tax collector and deputy town clerk for the town of Enfield, ME.

Virginia Manuel has been appointed state director for Maine for Rural Development. She is the founder of Manuel and Associates, which provides strategic planning and development services to connect Maine organizations with international business, government, and academic and civic leaders. She is also chairwoman of the Aroostook County Democratic Committee.

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There is a lot of news from some of our classmates. We would all love to hear what you have been doing. **Cathy Kindbom Lewis** '95G, one of our many accomplished educators, is back in the news as leading the effort to help keep students in Sullivan Regional School Unit 24 until graduation. "Mr. Brook Trout," **Forrest Bonney**, has retired as head fisheries biologist in western Maine. He has spent the past 39 years restoring and preserving wild brook trout habitat in Maine. Optometrist Dr. **Charles Marquez** is one of four optometrists practicing at the relocated Penobscot Eye Care in Brewer. **Glenn Poole**, of Orrington, has been nominated by Gov. John Baldacci '86 to serve on a new board, overseeing Maine's energy efficiency and conservation programs. He is the manufacturing support and energy manager for Verso Paper in Bucksport. **John Simpson** '83G of Bangor received the Arthur Comstock Professional Service Award recently at the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce awards dinner.

Michael '72 and **Ellen Pratt Flaherty** have created three endowment funds in memory of

his parents, **Virgil and Beatrice P. Flaherty**. They were particularly motivated that the University of Maine Foundation's 75th anniversary matching gift scholarship program made establishing the funds so easy, according to Michael. It allowed them to pay tribute to Michael's parents and to assist physics students and begin their own legacy. They have given, according to Foundation president and CEO **Amos Orcutt** '64, "Educational opportunities for deserving students for generations to come." UMaine president **Robert A. Kennedy** noted the timeliness of their gift, as private support for the University of Maine has never been at a point of greater need.

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P. James Dowe, Jr. is one of three new members added to the Bangor Hydro Electric Co. board of directors. He is president and CEO of Maine Public Broadcasting Network, where he began his tenure in April 2006.

Mark Wellman received an Entrepreneurship Award at the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce's 2010 awards dinner, an annual event that recognizes the region's most prominent business and community leaders.

Catherine Palmer of Saco has been named manager of marketing and development at Parkview Adventist Medical Center in Brunswick.

Louise Ouellet Kirkland retired in June 2009 after three decades as an educator for the University of Maine Cooperative Extension and has been given a new title, Extension Professor Emerita. Her supervisor said the new title "acknowledges (Louise's) life work and her dedication to the university and community."

The new Ellsworth Elementary-Middle School gym has been named after **Stuart C. Taylor** (G), a popular coach who had a long and illustrious career in education, and then ran a golf course for 20 years.

Beth Dobson was appointed to the bench of the Maine District Court as a judge. She is a partner with Verrill Dana in Portland.

Last fall, **Ruth Fernald Shook** was honored at the annual 2 Those Who Care Awards. For more than 50 years, Ruth, who lives in Bangor, has worked and volunteered in leadership capacities with United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Maine, serving children and adults with CP. Ruth has volunteered close to 10,000 hours for this organization!

Don Gerrish of Brunswick joined the Peabody Consulting Group as a member of its consulting staff. He has more than 37 years' experience in town and city management and most recently served as Brunswick's town manager.

Janice Cooke Kendrick's daughter, **Anna**, was nominated for Best Supporting Actress for her role opposite George Clooney in *Up In*

the Air. (Look for her also in the *Twilight* series, where she plays Jessica, a friend of the main female character, Bella.)

John Zinno was appointed vice president of GEICO, where he has worked since 1973. He has held a variety of positions including management trainee; director of sales and service for the Fredericksburg, VA, regional office; assistant vice president of GEICO's centralized services in Macon, GA; president of GEICO's Safe Driver Motor Club; and assistant vice president and general manager of GEICO's regional operations in Buffalo, NY.

G. Melvin Barclay (G) of Upper Kintore, New Brunswick, Canada, sent a press release (excerpted here to comply with my 680-word limit) about his 2009 induction into the New Brunswick Potato Museum, Potato World Hall of Recognition.

Melvin graduated with high honors from UMO with a M.S. in agronomy. He taught school for 10 years before joining the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture. He had a very distinguished career in agriculture. He was appointed Officer-in-Charge of the Bon Accord Elite Seed Potato Farm in 1971. During his 21 years there, the seed farm expanded the land base and facilities as well as the quantity and quality of seed produced, and hosted delegations and visitors from 51 countries. Melvin has been widely recognized as a driving force behind the development of the New Brunswick seed potato industry and helped lay the groundwork for many successful farm organizations.

Melvin's work as District Agriculturalist for Victoria County from 1986 until retirement in 1996 set new standards and unparalleled dedication and initiative in the development and dissemination of information and technical advice to farmers. Among his many agricultural publications, he is best known for six editions of *Potato Varieties in Canada*, which is still sought after and widely used nationally and internationally. He is still referred to as "the most knowledgeable potato specialist in New Brunswick."

His impeccable career as a professional agrologist in the agricultural industry, mostly in the potato sector, has won him many honors and awards. In addition, Melvin is a tireless community worker serving in important capacities at his church and the Potato World Museum.

In retirement, Melvin continues to stay up-to-date professionally by subscribing to every major potato magazine and research journal, and purchasing new agricultural textbooks to add to his extensive library.

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I had a long catch-up email from "Buzz" (Glenn) Adams bringing us up-to-date on the last 37 years. He and Betty have three grown



Brig. General Stephen Atkinson '75 is now chief of staff of the **Maine Air National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in Augusta. He was also awarded a Meritorious Service Medal. The general spent the last four years in command of the KC-135 air-refueling wing at the Maine Air National Guard's 101st Air Refueling Wing in Bangor.**

children. He works for the Associated Press in Augusta after stints with newspapers in Philadelphia and New Jersey, freelancing in Canada, and a "dream job" for the two of them aboard the *Queen Elizabeth 2* sailing the world and putting out the shipboard newspaper. With the *QE2* job, they were the first western ship to travel to North China. It was great to hear from my former *Maine Campus* editor, and, I don't know if he remembers, the bus boy at the Bar Harbor Motor Inn who filled my and **Steve's** water glasses on our honeymoon.

Trish Riley '78G has been named by Governor Baldacci '86 to the new federal panel charged with guiding policy in the Medicaid and CHIP programs. **Charles Miller (G)**, attorney and managing shareholder at Bernstein Shur in Portland, was chosen to serve as North American regional vice chair of the Lex Mundi Managing Partners Committee. **Arthur Libby** and his family, of Libby Land Farms in Cornish, were named the 2009 Outstanding Agricultural Family by the Piscataquis Valley Fair Association. Arthur previously worked as a civil engineer, but had always wanted to farm.

Phyllis Katzenstein Guerette was elected chair of the Bangor School committee. **Deborah Lee Shaw**, an attorney at Pierce Atwood, is the new treasurer of the Maine Bar Foundation. **Jonathan "Gabby" Price** and two partners have purchased Pepino's Restaurant in the Bangor area and plan to expand the chain.

Our sympathy to **Ron Brown's** family. Ron died last August after a long battle with kidney disease. His legendary career of coaching basketball teams in eastern Maine had a profound effect on his players, their families, and their communities.

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Greetings, classmates! Summer has finally arrived in Maine and those of us living in the Deep South are sweltering and wishing for some balmy Maine breezes. As always, we are looking forward to our annual trek to the land of pine trees, lobsters, whoopie pies, and Moxie. Oh, and don't forget Cold River Vodka and L.L. Bean. On with the news!

Congratulations to **Bob Baldacci '75G** on the occasion of his marriage last fall to Elizabeth Gleeson. Bob's brother, Governor Baldacci '86, was among the guests. They are living in Falmouth Foreside. The very successful Bob, president of the Baldacci Group and a partner with GroupArgent, a New York investment banking firm, has also reconnected with Pierce Atwood LLP to provide business development and government relations services.

H.C. Austin Furniture of Ellsworth, owned by **Debbie Jordan Day** and her husband, Roger, has closed its doors. They bought the store in 1983 from the Austin family, who started the store in 1911. They worked closely with all of the Main Street businesses in Ellsworth to try to combat the recession, even sharing the store space with others. Best of luck in your next adventure!

On the political front, **Rosemarie DeAngelis '76G** was re-elected to the South Portland City Council District 3 late last fall. Her major concern is to make sure that the residents in her district receive strong representation.

I didn't mention Cold River Vodka by accident—this young company is back in the news. **Bob Harkins**, managing director, is happy to report that the recession doesn't seem to be hurting the spirits business. Sales are up from last year and they expect to continue a slow and steady growth. They haven't made a profit yet, and all of the owners, including classmate **Dr. Lee Thibodeau**, have personally invested in this venture. They produced a blueberry-flavored vodka this year and are working on other flavors. The future plans include a move to Fryeburg to be closer to the water source and the potatoes from Green Thumb Farms owned by Donnie Thibodeau, Lee's brother. Okay, Mainers, support your local businesses—that's the spirit!

Maine Sports Legends has selected former Maine hoopster, **Tony Hamlin**, for the Hall of Honors. Tony was the starting guard for two years and then became a highly acclaimed basketball coach in eastern Maine, winning titles at South Portland and Milo.

The University of Southern Maine's Wall of Achievement displays the name of **Brenda Harvey**. She earned her master's degree in counseling at USM in 1986. In 2001, she received the William Twarog Manager of the Year Award, the state's highest management distinction, as

well as the Governor's Teamwork Award. She is commissioner of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services.

Connie Hayes grew up in Gardiner and now lives in Rockland, but she has painted many locales. Last summer, she had an exhibit called *A Decade of Views* that featured her work. Part of the collection was *Borrowed Views* or private homes where she spent time alone sketching and painting the home or grounds. The homes are special, places that have history, and she captures them on canvas. Look for her work at www.conniehayes.com.

Last December, **David Halligan '79G** of Falmouth was named the Boys Western Maine Coach of the Year.

Rep. **Tom Saviello (G)** is running for the Senate District 18 seat to replace Sen. Walter Gooley, who has opted not to seek re-election. Tom is in his fourth term in the Maine House. The District 18 seat he is seeking includes Franklin County and parts of Kennebec and Somerset counties. The election will be later this year.

Here in Jacksonville, we were honored to host Todd Saucier '93, '97G, president of the UMaine Alumni Association, at a gathering in February. Those Maine roots run deep and we are hoping to organize the first official Maine alumni chapter in Florida. Have a great summer.



Three Generations of Black Bears

Eileen Coughlin St. James '77 attended the February 20 UMaine hockey game at UMass/Lowell with her dad, **Tom Coughlin '49**, and her son **Kyle**, a member of the Class of 2012. Kyle is the 15th family member to attend the university. It all started with Eileen's grandfather **La-Forest Francis Raymond**, who graduated in 1922. Eileen is also related to legendary UMaine goalie **Garth Snow '92, '94G**—her mother and Garth's father are second cousins. Eileen is currently a school nurse in Canton, MA, and lives with her husband, Dana, and their four children in Mansfield, MA.

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Welcome to summer. After a long, cold, and gray winter, we were treated to a long spring with tree and flower blossoms all abundant and long lasting. On to news of our class:

This winter, **Gregory Crispell**, who is a land surveyor, submitted a box made of sugar maple and fabril to Maine Wood: 2010 Biennial Exhibition organized by the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship. The box named *Twelve Lights* won Greg the Best New Maker Award. The box is on display at the Messler Gallery in Rockport, ME.

Brig. General **Stephen Atkinson** spent the last four years in command of the KC-135 air-refueling wing at the Maine Air National Guard's 101st Air Refueling Wing in Bangor. On August 2, 2009, he was promoted to the position of chief of staff at the Maine Air National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in Augusta. Before this brief ceremony, Atkinson was also awarded a Meritorious Service Medal.

This past October **James Langford** of Langford and & Low Construction was awarded the Major Achievements in Construction Award by the Associated General Contractors of Maine. James has been working for the firm since 1980, and purchased the business from his father in 1989. Before returning to Maine, he

worked construction in Saudi Arabia and on the Alaskan Pipeline.

Morita Tapley, owner and director of Morita's School of Dance in Hermon, is now certified in Zumba Gold. She is also certified in ZUMBA Toning and teaches ZUMBATonic, which is designed for kids. Morita teaches ZUMBA classes at her studio and at Gold's Gym in Bangor.

Waterville mayor, **Paul R. LePage (G)**, has entered the race for governor. Paul is also the general manager of Marden's Surplus & Salvage retail stores across Maine. Prior to becoming mayor, Paul was a two-term city councilor representing Waterville's Ward 1.

Donovan E. Todd is the founder and president of D. E. Todd, Inc. and is a buyer and consultant for potato procurement. He served on the Maine Potato board for six years, including two years as its president. He was a broker for Cape Cod Potato Chips for 10 years and spent 14 years in various roles in the USDA Farm Service Agency. He now will serve as Maine state executive director for the federal Farm Service Agency. Last June, **Mark Mickeriz**, the president and CEO of Sanford Institution for Savings, was elected chairman of the Maine Association of Community Banks. Mark is also vice chairman of Goodall Hospital and serves on the board of the Sanford/Springfield Rotary Club.

LeeAnn Tinker '89G produced a CD, *Music in Praise of God*, which consists of 12 motets by Roland de Lassus (also known as Orlando di Lasso). On the CD, she plays music by this prolific 16th century composer on an electric keyboard. LeeAnn, who lives in Farmington,

ME, has taught music and been active in church music ministry as a keyboardist. CDs are available at Everyday Music (207) 778-3483.

After retiring from teaching for 32 years at Old Town High School, **Rosemary Bickmore Canney** has written a humorous, fictionalized memoir, *In the Parking Lot of Grady High* (Bickmore Books, 2009). Rosemary has loved to make people laugh her whole life, and her humor shows through in this book. The book can be purchased by emailing bickmorebooks@yahoo.com.

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Hello, '76ers! It was a strange winter in Maine this year. Not much snow, but lots of rain and warm weather. Do you realize it has been 34 years since our graduation from UMO? The years have flown by. How about letting us know what you have been up to?

Stephen Oliveri is the new operations manager for the Pine Tree State Arboretum in Augusta. Stephen had been the executive director of the arboretum for the past 13 years. **David Walker '86G**, superintendent of schools of Re-

gional School Union 34 (Alton, Bradley, and Old Town), was awarded the 2009 Maine State Superintendents Association Outstanding Leadership Award. **Bruce Gerrity** has been appointed as an appellate judge to the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court. **Sara Alberts '90G**, superintendent of schools of the Katahdin region's public schools, will be retiring at the end of this school year.

Please take a moment and send me an email with an update to include in our next column.

1977

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Kudos to those of you who survived winter in the Mid-Atlantic. This year, for a change, up-state New York, along with much of Maine, escaped the usual snowfall amounts. Blame it on global warming or El Niño, but I won't complain about the lack of shoveling!

Received a lovely email from **Charlie Cyr** just before he headed off to the Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver as an official for the sport of ice skating. This was Charlie's third Olympic games; he headed the US delegation for skating in Salt Lake City in 2002 and was a consultant to NBC in 2006 for the games in Torino, Italy.

Timothy Crockett (G) has been named senior vice president at Measured Progress, an educational assessment company based in Dover, NH.

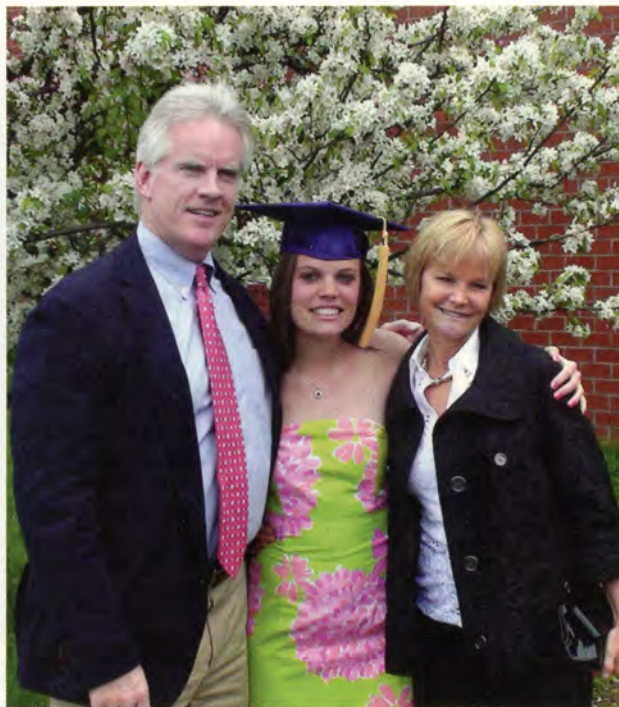
John Diamond '89G was honored by the Maine Public Affairs Council. He is executive director of external affairs for the University of Maine System and currently serves as board chairman of the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce.

I am proud to report that **William J. Brennan '02 Ph.D.** has been selected to be the next president of Maine Maritime Academy in Castine. I say "proud" because my son Wesley graduated from MMA, so the academy holds a special place in my heart. Moreover, I am equally pleased to report that **Robert A. Clark '83G** became the new president of Husson University effective in January.

That does it for now. Hope you all have a great summer! Don't forget to send me a note, whether a postcard from some exotic and distant spot or something from closer to home. It's always great hearing from classmates!

Reunions, Maine Football,
Craft Show, Tailgating,
and More.

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Proud parents Christopher '79 and Nancy Pallatoni Keating '80 congratulate their daughter, UMaine Class of 2010 member Sarah Keating, after graduation ceremonies in May.

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Hi, classmates, what's going on in your lives? I haven't heard from you, and don't have much to report. Please take a moment and write so that I can share your news with the rest of the class. Have a great summer!

1979

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As you may have noticed from the top of this column, you have a new class correspondent. In a moment of weakness (?) or maybe nostalgia, I decided this could be my contribution. A very big Thank You to **Kim Marchegiani**, our correspondent since graduation, for all her hard work for our class.

Our 30th Reunion was a memorable occasion. You may have noticed our smiling faces in the last edition of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. The following folks attended the class business meeting:

Kim Marchegiani, Beverley Brown Seader, Karen Senne Hill, Bill Carney, Jim Lafond, Regina McCombs, Donna Vaillancourt Colbath, Leigh Murdy Bagley, Andrew F. Sylvester, Stephen Sarnow, Ann Blanchette Reynolds, and Rick Dodge.

At this meeting, we accepted the following people to be our class officers for the next five years: president, Kim Marchegiani; vice president, James R. Lafond; secretary, Andy Sylvester; and treasurer, Andy Sylvester. Thank you all for your service.

During the meeting we discussed future reunions. Some suggestions included a class tailgate or a special on-campus dinner. A tangible contribution to the campus from our class was also discussed. No, we will not be building a Class of '79 tool shed, so you people better be coming up with some better ideas! The reunion committee (see <http://www.umainealumni.org/1979.html>)

would appreciate your thoughts.

On to class news:

Bob Farrar '80G was named Bangor, ME, interim city manager in January, and retained the post until a new manager was appointed. Bob told the city council that he would not be a candidate to take the position full time. Bob has spent more than two decades at Bangor City Hall in a variety of roles, including director of administration, assistant city manager for administrative services, and assistant city manager for government operations and he has been the city's human resources director since 1996.

Thomas Gordon (G) of Portland was named the new executive director of the Maine Association of Conservation Districts. This organization works on behalf of Maine's 16 soil and water conservation districts. He served for two decades as executive director of the Cobossee Watershed District, managing nationally recognized programs for lake water quality protection and restoration. He was a founder and president of the North American Lake Management Society, and has served as president of the Maine Congress of Lake Associations and the Kennebec Valley Conservation Association. He is currently serving as chairman of the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District and owns AV Portland, a sound and audiovisual services business.

Roger Lapham was inducted into the University of Maine Hall of Fame in October. As a power forward, he was a four-year letter winner in basketball who ranks sixth on the school's all-time scoring list. He returned for a fifth year to play football, and wound up leading the team in receptions. He was the first UMaine athlete to be drafted by pro teams in two different sports.

Laurie Littlefield '92G and **John C. Baas**

Ill were married in October in Chichester, NH. Laurie, an educator with RSU 57 in Waterboro, ME, and John, an environmentalist with the Department of Environmental Services in Concord, NH, now reside in Chichester, NH, after a honeymoon at the Fryeburg Fair.

Dale Phillips, who studied writing under Stephen King '70 at UMO, has recently published his 10th short story, in the Kasma science fiction online magazine. You can read it at <http://www.kasmamagazine.com/versiononnet-wofive.htm>.

He is currently seeking an agent and publisher for his novels. His website is <http://www.dalephillips.com>.



Alicia Nichols '82 with daughter, Elizabeth, who graduated from UMaine in December '09. Alicia will be honored at Homecoming 2010 with a Block "M" Award for her work in support of UMaine women's ice hockey and for her outstanding service to the university when she directed the university's Annual Fund in the 1990s. Alicia currently runs her own fundraising consulting firm for nonprofit organizations.

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*Reunion at Homecoming,
Oct. 15-17, 2010*

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Hello to all! As I sit here, I am reviewing the plans for our BIG upcoming Class Reunion, which will be held on Homecoming weekend, October 15-17, 2010. To date, plans for this weekend include the annual craft fair, the football game on Saturday, and post-game alumni receptions. A room will be reserved for our class for a post-game reception and Reunion, which will include hors-d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Check the mail for a postcard that will be mailed to you about a month prior to Reunion. Don't forget to respond that you will be attending. We had so much fun at our 20th Reunion, and this one is already causing a lot of buzz.

Save the dates now, and hope to see you in October! The fall is always a wonderful time to return to Dear Old Maine!

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It's time to start thinking about rallying the troops, as we approach (I hate to say it) our 30th Reunion from UMaine next year! Let's see if we can build that email network and track down as many classmates as possible. Most kids have left the nest by now and that means parents should be more mobile and ready to take a road trip back to campus. If you're interested in helping to organize our Reunion, or are willing to reach out to other classmates in your area, major, sorority, or fraternity, please shoot me an email. All ideas and suggestions are welcome!

And let's get creative (and generous!) and figure out how to give both our class fund and our class scholarship a good boost. They're both in sad shape and it's time to get them on track! I'll look forward to hearing from you!

Classmate **Ed Kohtala** returned to UMaine this past fall as an assistant coach for the men's basketball team under head coach Ted Woodward. Ed has been coaching in the college ranks for many years, including stints at Alma College, University of Texas, Clemson, and most recently, the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Ed is a native of Vienna and attended Mt. Blue High School in Farmington. He and his wife, Angie, have two daughters.

Val Haynes Morton sent along an invitation to an art gallery showing of her quilts this past winter at Western New England College in Springfield, MA. Val is a talented quilt artist and owns her own quilt shop, Quilts & Treasures, in East Longmeadow. Check it out at www.quiltsandtreasuresinc.com.

Also back at UMaine, at least on a part-time basis, is **Doug Hall**. You've read about Doug numerous times in this magazine, as one of the most sought-after consultants in the world of business innovation. Doug is now teaching innovation engineering at UMaine's Foster Center for Student Innovation. He had so much fun in his first semester that he found himself "addicted" and agreed to a 10-year commitment! And he's doing it for *free*! He's intent on making this program the best of its kind in the world and feels that it's a 10-year process to achieve that goal. Innovation engineering helps students apply their unique ideas to the real world. And that, Doug feels, helps translate into jobs! Working with the students really inspires Doug, who has worked with scores of large and multinational companies through

his business, Eureka! Ranch, in Ohio. If you ever have an opportunity to hear Doug speak, grab it! He'll fire you up quicker than any sales manager I've ever had! Learn more about Doug at www.eurekaranch.com.

That's it for this issue, gang! Sure hope to hear from more of you before my next column. Let me issue a challenge...a little competition like we used to have during Greek week! Let's see what sorority or fraternity will have the most members (from our class!) email me with their news before my next column deadline. We'll see if that Greek spirit is still alive. If that works, we'll challenge some other groups the next time around!

1982

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News has been sparse these last few months, though I know that the Class of '82 is living, working, and maybe even vacationing once in a while. Without your input there is not much to report, so please send me an update on what's happening in your life. Whether you have become a master at grilling, a fantastic Frisbee player, are rediscovering an old hobby or interest, or are simply trying to keep the grass cut and the kids safe, we want to hear from you.

Congratulations to **Barbara Smith Higgins** (G), '89 Ph.D., who was appointed dean of Husson University's School of Health. Barbara has taught and chaired the nursing program at Husson since 2005. In her new position she will oversee undergraduate and graduate programs in nursing, occupational therapy, and physical therapy.

1983

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As I write this my wife, Lisa, and I have recently returned from a trip to the Virgin Islands where we celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. Classmate **Karl Ward** and his bride, Kathy, did one better as they re-exchanged their wedding vows 22 years to the date of their wedding in June of last year. What made this unique was the location, atop Aghios Ioannis chapel on Skopelos Island in the Sporades, Northern Aegean, Greece. What made it even more special was that their children Braedon, Ryan, and Katie were in attendance.

Tracey Nevells Nute '99G was appointed as Lee Academy's new guidance counselor in September of last year. For Tracey this was a

homecoming, as she graduated from Lee Academy in 1979 and also resides there with her husband, Kris. Tracey's two children are also Lee graduates. Prior to her appointment at Lee Academy Tracey worked as guidance counselor for the Indian Township School.

As a side note Lee Academy has special significance to me, as it was the first place I broadcast a basketball game professionally—it was a doubleheader with Greenville and occurred in 1984 after I had just started a job at WDME in Dover-Foxcroft.

Which allows me to nicely segue to a significant basketball accomplishment by a classmate. **Tom Prescott** '01G, in his 25th season at Presque Isle, earned his 300th win as coach in January of this year. The win came in a familiar place for many of us, the Bangor Auditorium, with a 43-36 win over John Bapst. Unfortunately, the auditorium was not as friendly to Tom on his next visit, as the Wildcats lost to Medomak Valley in the Eastern Maine Class B quarterfinals by a score of 46-42.

Finally, congratulations go out to **Thomas D. Ward** of Masardis, ME. A sergeant in the Maine Warden Service, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant during a brief ceremony at the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in Augusta. Ward will be based in Ashland and will supervise 35 sergeants and game wardens in the Northeastern Division, which encompasses Aroostook County and most of Washington County. Ward also manages homeland security operations for the warden service.

With only two issues per year to share classnotes with all of you some of the events I am reporting actually took place midway through 2009. Nevertheless, they are worth sharing and I hope they might encourage or inspire you to share your own updates in 2010. Please share your successes, milestones, and travels with me at rdfitta@gmail.com.

1984

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Hello, classmates! Hope all is well in your part of the world. It was good to catch up with some of you at Homecoming last October. We held our Reunion at the Buchanan Alumni House and I chatted with folks and got some news to share. **Cynthia Renaud Alexander** '04G is principal of an elementary school with students ranging from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. She is married to P. Scott Alexander II '86, who is a financial supervisor. They have three children: Cassandra, Peter, and Matthew. Peter is a UMaine student and Matthew is at Syracuse University. They also have one grandchild, Joshua. Cynthia received an M.S. in elementary education at SUNY Potsdam in 1989 and a C.A.S. in educational leadership at UMaine in 2004.

Diana Douglass is still living in London and still wearing pink.

Deede Dunbar is a retail consultant and lives in St. Cloud, FL. She has two Spirit Halloween stores—one in South Portland and the other in Bangor. We visited the Bangor store and it was spooky and fun!

I also caught up with **Becky Wyke** '89G. Her oldest son, James, graduated from Boston University. William is a senior at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (and probably just graduated). Her youngest, daughter Katherine, is a sophomore at Hofstra University.

Tom Nash is the director of adult education in Windham. He lives in Falmouth with his wife, Ann, and three daughters: Katya, Hillary, and Ellie, all of whom dance with the Maine State Ballet.

My former RA, **Teresa Henchey DeBenedictis** '90G, and I chatted for a while. She is the assistant director of public works in Arlington, MA. In that capacity, she is in charge of cemeteries, parks, and playing fields. Her oldest child, Christopher, is a sophomore at the University of Massachusetts. Elizabeth is a junior at Arlington Catholic High School, Zachary is in the eighth grade, and Nicholas is five years old and in kindergarten.

Patty Neleski Haslam lives down the road from me in Hancock County. She teaches physical education at Lamoine and Beech Hill elementary schools. Her two sons keep her social life filled with numerous sporting events. Her UMaine swim teammate, **Megan Ward Ryder**, is living in Levant, ME. She teaches physical education in Levant and Carmel. She has two children. Her daughter is at Dartmouth College and her son attends John Bapst High School in Bangor.

If you were at Reunion and didn't see me, send me your news for the next magazine.

I received an email from **Tim Fram**, who was unable to make it to Orono for Reunion weekend. He served with FEMA for 12 years and traveled to disaster sites all over the world. Since he started working security on his own, he has worked as a bodyguard for many VIPs, including Arnold Palmer and Rudy Giuliani. He has been with the same woman for the last nine years. He has attended 10 Bruce Springsteen concerts in the last 10 years with close friends Bill Batherson '84 and Rob Hawes '83. Can anyone top that?

Old Town High School teacher **Ed Lindsey** is one of six named this year to the Maine Educators Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame seeks to recognize those who "represent excellence in the education profession." Ed works with students to develop testable hypotheses, and to collect dragonfly larvae throughout the local watershed. The students work with UMaine to review the data. Some of these students are preparing to present this summer at a professional conference on dragonfly research.

Jeff Paul '94G was recently inducted into the Orono High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He played football, basketball, and baseball for the Red Riots before coming to UMaine. He is currently assistant principal and athletic director at Glenburn Elementary School.

Last fall, there was a great article in the

Bangor Daily News about **Joseph Nesin**. He installed a windmill to power his office and adjoining farmhouse in Chester, ME. As well as being an ardent environmentalist, Joe is also a veterinarian.

I know you enjoyed reading the latest news—how about sending me some of your own?

1985

Reunion at Homecoming
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Can you believe it's been 25 years! Hope to see you at our Reunion celebration during Homecoming weekend. Save the dates, call your friends, and plan a party!

Jamie Dufour was recently elected to a second term on the Old Town, ME, city council. Jamie is a lawyer and lifelong resident of Old Town.

Maureen Duggan has been hired as the associate director of the Ferry Beach Ecology School (FBES) in Saco, ME. Maureen oversees all communications, promotions, and fundraising efforts for the school, which offers experiential learning to more than 7,000 students (grades 3-8) from schools across New England. Maureen lives in Portland and is a member of the Maine Public Relations Council and a committee member for Literacy Volunteers of Maine.

David Craig '87G is the founder of Work it Up, a consultant group that connects jobless Mainers with potential employers. Work it Up provides short-term help to employers, so that potential workers can show what they know, learn new skills, and gain exposure in the marketplace.

Dana Maxim '04G is a 7th grade math/science teacher at the Leonard Middle School in Old Town, ME. Dana was recently hired as the head girls' basketball coach at Old Town High School. He and his wife, Margaret Ann England Maxim '84, '86G, have two daughters and live in Old Town.

Dan Costigan teaches at Cheverus High School in Portland, ME, and was hired recently as assistant basketball coach for Southern Maine Community College after a history of coaching at Scarborough High School, the University of Southern Maine, and Cheverus.

Dennis O'Donovan was elected to the board of directors for Piper Shores, a non-profit life care retirement community. Dennis is a partner in the law firm of Epstein & O'Donovan, LLP in Portland; member and past chairman of the trusts & estates section of the Maine State Bar Association, and is a board member of the Maine Estate Planning Council and the University of Maine Foundation.

Enjoy the summer! We'll be getting ready for our first child to head off to college (wish that

UMaine had an OT program...). I remember my freshman year to be exciting and a bit scary, but I met my best friends those first few weeks at UMAINE—love you girls—thanks for your friendship!

1986

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Gerald Hutchison '92G, varsity wrestling coach at Penobscot Valley High School in Howland, ME, has developed an impressive program over more than three decades immersed in the sport. Last winter, Gerald's team was expected to lead him to join an elite coaching circle when his school hosted a four-way meet. With a career record of 499-130-7, one more dual-meet victory would have Gerald join legendary Belfast coach Ted Heroux as what are believed to be the only high school wrestling coaches in the state with 500 victories.

After this, his last season as the team's head coach, Gerald will continue as the school's athletic administrator and also serve as Howland's recreation director. "Hutch," as he is known in wrestling circles, has been praised for his coaching strengths and impressive record, especially at the school of only 183 students. Adding to the special event, former students/athletes will attend the meet as officials, coaches, and loyal spectators.

Paul Lodgek has been an engineer at ZF Lemforder Corp. in Brewer, ME, for more than two decades. The global manufacturing corporation has given him vast experience in engineering and cost containment practices/solutions.

Stephen Gudroe was elected to a three-year term on the Dexter, ME, town council last winter.

Laurie Smith, a Brunswick, ME, native, has worked for the Auburn, ME, community for the past 10 years, serving the city in a variety of capacities. She has experience as the city's assistant manager, interim city manager, interim finance director, and community relations manager. She was also the town manager in Boothbay, ME, from 1994 to 1999. Last summer, Laurie was one of two finalists for the position of Brunswick's town manager.

George is still really enjoying his work at the Maine Dept. of Transportation and sees some other alums there. Let George know your news—work, fun, kids, grandkids!?

I am still dealing with health issues that are bothersome and am a bit frustrated with the administrative side of doctors' offices—ugh!

Also, classmates, last spring I received emails regarding the alumni online auction! I don't know too much about it, but it was fun to browse—and for a good cause!

Drop us a note!

Take care, Donny

1987

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Hello, Class of '87. As I write this article the Red Sox are still in spring training and Massachusetts is drying out from one of the worse rainstorms in years. It rained hard for three days and left roads flooded and MBTA rail beds washed out.

Last November The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, awarded **Amy Everett Cotton** their Geriatric Nursing Leadership Award. Amy has spent most of her 22-year career working to improve the quality of senior healthcare services. **Harry Linwood Morse** was recently divorced from Lucille Ellen Morse after 14 years.

Paul T. Conway was elected to serve on the national board of directors for the American Association of Kidney Patients. The board serves the educational and policy needs of the nation's kidney disease patients and their family members. Colonel **John Jansen** was selected as the Maine Army National Guard Field-Grade Officer of the Year. This award is presented each year to a senior army leader who demonstrates exemplary mentorship and dedication to junior officers in the Maine Army National Guard. In 2004 John served an 18-month tour in Iraq and is currently chief of staff for the Maine Army National Guard in Augusta.

Mary Louisa McEwen (G) is the superintendent of Riverview Psychiatric Center in Augusta. Previously she had served as interim superintendent at Riverview and superintendent at Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center in Bangor. She is a marathon runner and a lieutenant colonel in the Maine Air National Guard. **Dan Tremble** is the new owner of Pepino's Mexican restaurant in Bangor and Brewer. He recently purchased the restaurant with two partners and they have plans to grow the restaurant chain while maintaining the high quality food that customers have enjoyed for over 30 years.

1988

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Class of 1988, I would first like to make my plea for news. While with the help of the UMaine Alumni Association I can share the happenings of fellow classmates that were published in various periodicals, what I really hope for each time I sit to write is news that you personally would like to share. Please email me at the email address listed with this column or send your information to the alumni association (clearly labeled

Class of 1988) and it will be forwarded to me. I want to hear from you.

On the agriculture front, **Susan Watson** made the news in the *Bangor Daily News* last August for her roll as a fiber artist. Susan owns a farm in Garland, ME, and raises sheep, primarily for their fiber. While the article last summer promoted last summer's event, August 6-8, 2010, are the dates for this year's Fiber Arts Tour weekend during which many studios, farms, shops, and galleries are open to the public and demonstrating. For more information see www.maineiberarts.org.

Moving to the realm of education we find that **Marilyn Ardito** (G) started at Clarkson University in November 2009, as executive director of human resources. Combining education and sports, we find that **Joanna Fisk Hall '95G** assumed the head coach position at Rockland District High School during the fall of 2009 and continued in her position as a physical education teacher in SAD 5 as was published in the *Herald Gazette* in August of 2009. Continuing in this vein, belated congratulations are owed to **Andy Beardsley** (G), the Ellsworth High School cross-country coach, for his successful win in his age group at the Chicago Marathon in the fall of 2009. Andy ran in support of the American Cancer Society. Congratulations, Andy.

Continuing with sports, **Mike Bordick** is once again working for his former major league team, the Baltimore Orioles, as a minor league offensive coordinator. In January 2010, he signed a one-year contract that will have him working with the team's prospects on offensive fundamentals.

In the world of finance, **Jay Fortier** joined the University Credit Union in August of 2009 as a business service officer. Jay holds more than 20 years of commercial lending experience. Jay and his wife, Susan, live in Orono with their daughters Elizabeth and Emma. A job change to note—**Tim LeSeige** is now the aviation engineer for the Maine DOT.

Combining law enforcement and finance—and do I dare say the writing skills he learned at UMaine—is something that Westbrook police Captain **Tom Roth** seems to do well. A December 2009 article in the *Portland Press Herald* noted that Tom has helped the Westbrook police department with the successful writing of several grants. In total, the department has received almost \$800,000 in grants since Tom joined the department six years ago.

Finally, it is time to switch to politics. In July of 2009, UMaine graduate, author, and owner of Media 2.0, **Alex Hammer**, announced that he planned to run in the Maine gubernatorial election as an Independent candidate. Only time will tell the results.

So, Class of 1988, what is your news? Drop me a line soon.

UMaine Football, Craft Fair,
Reunions, Tailgating, and more.
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1989

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Hello all my fellow 1989 UMaine grads—I hope all is well with everyone.

Be sure to “Fill the Steins” every once in a while to “Dear Old Maine.” Here are some updates from our fellow 1989 graduates.

Eric Johnston, who is the vice president of Mazda North American Ops, and his wife, Dee, just had a baby boy named Ryan Patrick.

Heidi Woodward Keyho is living in Minneapolis, MN, and is the high school coordinator/marketing for Global Education Network.

Nada Cole Lepper '02G, who is a teacher at Brooksville Elementary, joined the 2010 Maine Educators Hall of Fame. She was recognized for her innovative use of Internet technology.

Keith Lebrrie received the St. John Valley Soil and Water Conservation District Conservation Award for three generations of Labrie family members who have farmed more than 1,000 acres.

Jeff Ramich was recently named the new middle school principal at Philip W. Sugg Middle School in Lisbon, ME.

Kim Wade Haley was recently hired as the bookkeeper and deputy town clerk for Winter Harbor, ME.

Judy Kellogg Markowsky (Ph.D.), of Hampden and founding director of the Fields Pond Audubon Center in Holden, was named a winner of the Maryann Hartman Award sponsored by UMaine's Women in the Curriculum and the Women's Studies program.

Brent Fewell joined the United Water Company as the vice president of environmental compliance.

James Chasse '97G was named as the new principal of Orono High School.

Russell Neal is the head of production and technology, North America, Clariant Masterbatches division.

It has been great fun reconnecting with many of our fellow 1989 UMaine graduates on Facebook. Send along updates on your life at ksilsby@gwi.net.

Have a fabulous summer.

1990

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Happy summer! My family is busy with swim

lessons, camping trips, and enjoying the summer season. In May we attended my nephew's college graduation in upstate New York. It seems just like yesterday that we graduated from UMaine.

In January **Gerard Chasse** was promoted to president and chief operating officer at Bangor Hydro Electric Company. He most recently served as the executive vice president of operations. Gerard has been at Bangor Hydro Electric Company for 20 years and started as an electrical engineer. He has held numerous positions in their engineering group and senior management over the years. Gerard is a registered professional engineer.

Denis St. Peter was promoted to president of CES, a professional engineering consulting firm based in Brewer. He joined CES in 2000 as a senior project engineer and project manager. In 2006 he became a shareholder of CES, and managed their environmental engineering department. Before joining CES, he worked as an environmental engineer for 10 years at Loring Air Force Base in Aroostook County.

In December 2009 **Linda McDougall** '05G was hired as a family practitioner at St. Joseph Rheumatology located in Bangor. Previously, she was a nurse at Northeast Pain Management and before that at LifeFlight of Maine.

Marcus Librizzi, an associate professor of English at UMaine Machias, has authored a book, *Lost Atusville: A Black Settlement from the American Revolution*. The 118-page illustrated book traces the history of a long-ago black community, the settlement of Atusville, a settlement in the early years of New England. The settlement was founded by London Atus, a slave who earned his freedom for his part in the American Revolutionary War. The book is published through the UMaine Folklife Center.

In October 2009, **Nik Rende** met his pen pal, Lynda Kester, of Nebraska, for the first time, though he had been in touch with her for 33 years. Nik first connected with Lynda when attending fifth grade at Williams School in Augusta, ME. In school, Lynda and her classmates had memorized the state capitals and had a school assignment to practice their writing, so they sent a letter to any fifth grade class in Augusta, ME. That is how their pen pal relationship started and it has lasted all these years.

Andrew Silsby was awarded the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce 2010 Young Professional Award. Andrew is the executive vice president and treasurer of Kennebec Savings Bank. Andrew oversees the bank's finances and day-to-day operations. He joined Kennebec Savings Bank as a loan officer in December 1993. Before joining Kennebec Savings Bank he started his career at Fleet Bank. He is active with the Chamber of Commerce and is the Lithgow Public Library treasurer.

I hope everyone is having a great summer! Please email me with any updates on your family, careers, activities, or life moments.

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1991

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Once again summer is upon us. Remember back to the carefree days of our youth—no classes, summer jobs, days at the beach, and hanging out with friends? How are you spending your summer vacation? Drop me a line and let us know.

Scott Stuart, CDR, MC, USN has received orders to Okinawa, Japan, to be the director of the early developmental interventional services for all military installations along the Western Pacific Rim. The position entails regular travel to Guam, mainland Japan, and Korea to care for military children with special needs. He is currently the director of developmental pediatrics at Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA.

In December, **Kathy Otto Ward** and her colleagues relocated their optometry practice to a newly built facility on Dirigo Drive in Brewer. Kathy is one of four doctors at Penobscot Eye Care.

Deanna House and her husband, Paul, a professional guide, have created House in the Woods, a military and family retreat to help families and veterans overcome their losses and cope with grief and readjustment to civilian life by exposing them to the outdoors. This non-profit project has gained support and donations from Governor Baldacci '86 and Walmart to continue these efforts. By this summer, Deanna and Paul will be hosting five-day visits every other week. Their son, Sgt. Joel House, was killed in Iraq in 2007.

Paul Dauphinais Ph.D. is the new director of the Homer (Alaska) Chamber of Commerce. He moved there from a three-year assignment as president of Garrett College in Maryland, and prior to that served as the chief academic and administrative officer for the Matanuska-Susitna College of the University of Alaska-Anchorage.

Brent Hall has accepted the position of vice president and commercial loan officer at Kennebec Savings Bank's new Gardiner branch. Brent formerly worked at Savings Bank of Maine in Gardiner. In addition to 17 years of banking experience in the local area, he is past president of the Gardiner Board of Trade and held positions with Gardiner Main Street and the Kennebec Performing Arts Company.

In the election last November, **Margaret Mills** won a second term on the Saco city council.

We are all proud of our children, but former UMaine hockey winger, **Joakim Wahlstrom**, had to balance his role of thrilled dad with public relations manager after his son, Oliver, became an Internet sensation for a dazzling hockey goal. Nine-year-old “Ollie” was representing the Portland Junior Pirates in the Mini One-on-One competition. After his amazing goal was shown on ESPN's top 10 plays of the night, YouTube, and NHL.com, the calls for interviews began.

The requests included a trip to New York for an appearance on CBS's "The Early Show" and interviews with Channels 6 and 13 in Maine. Oliver is a third grader at the Drowne Road School in Cumberland. I had to check it out on YouTube after hearing about it. It's really incredible. Nice job, Ollie!

Have a safe and relaxing summer, everyone. I look forward to hearing from more classmates before the next issue.

1992

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I don't have very much news to report this time around—I assume everyone is leading a busy life with work and kids. I'm sure you must have some news you'd like to share with your old UMaine classmates! Take a brief moment to jot it down and send it in! Let us know what you have been up to! I, too, am very busy and have decided to step down from writing our class column. I hope someone will contact the alumni publications office (abigail.zelz@umit.maine.edu) and take over for the Class of '92. On with the news!

Dr. **Wayne Waterman** has joined Neurosurgery of Maine at Eastern Maine Medical Center. He offers a full spectrum of neurological treatment and surgical services. **Pat Laughlin**, former UMaine soccer coach, has been named an assistant coach at Brown University in Providence, RI. Congratulations, Pat! This past fall, **Steve Marquis** became the new principal at William Allen School in Rochester, ME, and **Sandy Blitz** (G) was nominated for the position of co-chairperson with the Northern Border Regional Commission.

Thank you for reading my columns over the past 10 years—it has been a pleasure trying to share all of our weddings, children, accomplishments, awards, job promotions, and life events with you all.

1993

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Although there is, undoubtedly, much going on in the lives of our classmates, little is making its way to these pages. There have, though, been a few accomplishments of late.

Peter "Andi" Vigue '98G was named to the board of directors of the venerable Bangor Hydro. Andi succeeded his father as president and CEO of Cianbro, one of the leading companies in Maine.

Close Your Eyes, Be in the Forest



Boongah is master percussionist Mike "Omar Mane" Bennett's latest CD. Mike, an accomplished jazz artist and

highly respected drum teacher, has studied West African drumming and balafon music in The Gambia for more than 10 years. He is now considered one of the foremost experts on Gambian music.

On *Boongah*, Mike pays tribute to the great balafon tradition, but also invokes his own personal style.

As Mike writes in his CD liner notes: "Beautiful melodies, engaging rhythms, and a woody organic sound evoke the essence of West Africa."

For more on Mike and *Boongah* go to drummingmike@hotmail.com or youtube.com/user/omarmane.

Eric Osborne has joined the staff of St. Mary's Surgical Associates in Lewiston. Eric earned both a B.A. and a B.S. back with us, then continued on to the University of New England's College of Osteopathic Medicine. For those who do not know much about osteopathy, it is worth some time on Wikipedia, particularly as Maine is strong in this medical tradition.

Tom Leonard '99G has landed as the new principal at Hall-Dale Elementary School in Halliowell. This follows successful stints as a principal in Milford and assistant principal in Rockland. Tom began his educational career teaching middle school English in Brewer.

1994

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Greetings, classmates! We hope you survived

the winter and are enjoying your summer so far. It's time to again beg and plead that you give us the scoop and provide us with some current news. We get 99 percent of our updates from news clips, and would much rather hear it straight from you. So drop us a line—email, Facebook, and snail mail all work—and we will do your bragging for you!

Rick Manning was promoted to director of transmission at Bangor Hydro-Electric Company. **Brian Beal**, Ph.D., a professor of marine ecology at UMaine Machias, obtained a \$600,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to build a coastal studies curriculum for Down East school students. The program will be centered at the Down East Institute for Applied Marine Research on Great Wass Island.

Cary Weston was elected to the Bangor City Council in November 2009. Cary is also a founding partner of Sutherland-Weston Communications, a public relations firm, and one of the founders of Fusion: Bangor, a social network that is designed to incorporate young professionals into the economic, cultural, and recreational future of Bangor. Maj. **Robert Kinney** is a full-time intelligence officer with the Massachusetts Air National Guard and has been on active duty overseas. He was profiled last year in the *Bangor Daily News* for his efforts to connect with other Mainers who were also serving in Iraq. (Thank you for your service, Maj. Kinney!) **Kyle Rankin's** latest movie, *Infestation*, a low-budget horror/comedy film featuring an infestation of three-foot insects, premiered last summer on the SyFy channel. The film was subsequently released on DVD.

1995

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Wow, where do 15 years go?! Can you believe it's been that long since we were new graduates of UMaine? Seems like just yesterday, to me. We have some active alumni to discuss this time around. **David Patterson**, Bangor High School boys' soccer coach, was named Boys Eastern Maine Coach of the Year for 2009. The award was presented at the Maine Soccer Coaches 36th all-star banquet. David led the Rams to a 16-1 season and a berth in the Eastern Maine final. Congratulations, David!

Kirk Doing, Ph.D. is now a certified Diplomate of the American Board of Medical Microbiology (ABMM). Kirk is the director of clinical and molecular microbiology at Affiliated Laboratory at Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems in Bangor. The accreditation demonstrates his knowledge and skills for direction of laboratories engaged in the microbiological diagnosis of human disease. The ABMM is a program through

the American College of Microbiology, which is a component of the American Academy of Microbiology. Congratulations, Kirk!

There was a great article in the *Kennebec Journal* about **Todd Park** and his art studio where he practices wood burning. In addition to his art, Todd teaches alternative education at the middle and high schools at Maranacook Community School and is also a lieutenant with the Winthrop fire department. The art studio and gallery, A Moment in Time, is where you'll find his works along with those of other local artists in such media as watercolor, acrylics, and rustic wood furniture. Todd and his wife, Alice, have two children, Ellie and Hayden, and reside in Winthrop.

Lastly, I got a lovely email from **Rita Sullivan King** about her September 12 wedding at Green Lake in Dedham, ME, to Andrew King '98. All of their groomsmen but one were UMaine grads as well. The groomsmen were: Adam King, **Aaron Fox**; Tom McGinty '97, Andrew King '98; Michael King '07, '10G; and Noah Rice '96. The couple lives in Manhattan where Andrew is the coordinator of admissions and recruitment for the graduate school of education at Hunter College and Rita is the news production coordinator at the Rockefeller University Press. Thanks for writing, Rita!

That's all I've got this time around. I hope the last 15 years have been good to you and I wish you nothing but the best in the next 15!

1996

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Hello, '96ers! Here's what a few of us have been up to lately:

Matthew and **Jenn Rocca** have a daughter, Lorelei, and a brand new baby boy, Matheson.

Jeff Teunisen is executive vice president of CES, a Brewer-based professional engineering consulting firm. He is the survey manager and oversees operations and staff development. Jeff has been with the firm since 1997. His co-worker, **Travis Noyes**, is the director of civil engineering at CES. Travis specializes in water-wastewater system design and analysis, and he oversees engineering projects and staff development.

Last September, **Joseph Baker** met up with three other Penquis-area servicemen while on active duty with the Air Force in Iraq. Robert is a part-time member of the Maine Air National Guard and he is employed at Charleston Correctional Facility.

Vaughan Woodruff earned the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners' solar thermal installer certification. He was the second professional in Maine to have achieved this certification. Vaughan recently returned to Pittsfield after spending over three years in Bozeman, Montana, where he created Yankee

Solutions, a small business focused on cost-effective energy solutions for homes and businesses, specializing in solar hot water and space heating systems.

Daniel Duprey is principal at Mapleton Elementary School. He received his master's in educational leadership from the University of Southern Maine and spent eight years teaching at Presque Isle High School before becoming assistant principal at Caribou Elementary School. Daniel lives in Presque Isle with his wife, Becky, and their sons, Benjamin and Alexander.

Noelle MacLaren-Toussaint Bouchard is a pharmacist at Northern Maine Medical Center in Fort Kent. She received her doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Rhode Island, graduating summa cum laude with a 3.9 grade point average.

That's all for now. We look forward to hearing from more of you soon!

1997

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Greetings, Class of 1997!

I hope all is well. Home improvements are well underway at my house in Greenwood Lake, NY, and ideally, they'll be done by the time Homecoming rolls around. You can send news to yolanda_sly@hotmail.com or find me on Facebook.

Tristine Martin Currier was named a relationship manager of business banking at Key Bank. She is responsible for business lending and developing and growing business relationships throughout the Bangor market. Previously, she was a relationship manager and senior VP at Key Bank.

Best wishes to **Michael Johnson** '99G and **Hillary Roberts** '04 who are planning a September wedding. Michael is currently a legislative aide at the State of Maine Senate Majority Office and adjunct faculty at Kennebec Valley Community College. Hillary is the executive director of the Kennebec Valley Humane Society.

Eastern Maine Community College has named a scholarship in **Jane Campbell Brann's** honor for her service and support of the college, reported the *Bangor Daily News*. Jane has served 12 years with the EMCC Foundation and was the former finance director for the college.

Congratulations to **Jim Billings** who was named as a new partner at Lipman, Katz & McKee Attorneys at Law in Augusta. Jim joined the firm in 2006 and his board experience includes personal injury, criminal defense, construction law, and general civil litigation.

1998

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Greetings from Tbilisi, Georgia! I spent this spring working in the office of defense cooperation here and was also able to travel to Azerbaijan and Armenia. Last fall I traveled to Kazakhstan to observe military exercises and completed the program for advanced security studies at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies. I plan on returning to the US this summer to begin graduate studies in the field of international relations.

Last summer, **Stephen G. Eldridge** (G) received the credentialed manager designation from ICMA. He is currently town manager in Lisbon, and has 11 years of professional local government executive experience having previously served as town manager in Rumford and Greene. He also significantly contributes to a number of other local governance organizations. In December, **Matt Duplisea** was hired at Fluid Imaging Technologies in Yarmouth as manager of engineering. He currently lives in Gorham and has more than 10 years experience with product development, technical management, and experience with high-end monitoring systems.

Brendan Trainor has been an assistant district attorney in Bangor for three years. He lives in Hampden.

Congratulations to several of our classmates on recent completion of higher degrees. Last year **Christopher Lee Johnston** completed his degree in osteopathic medicine from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He recently began his residency at the Maine-Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency at MaineGeneral Medical Center. While in medical school, he also completed rotations in Maine, Alaska, Wisconsin, and Washington, DC. Since graduation from UMaine, he served in the Peace Corps in Togo, taught chemistry at Monmouth Academy, and completed a master's degree in natural health from Clayton College. Last May, **Staci Grant Kenney** '00G received her doctorate degree in special education from the University of Virginia. Staci will work in Washington, DC, public schools as special education coordinator.

Several of our classmates began new positions as principals in Maine last year. Last summer, **Scott Gordon** '05G was hired as the principal of Old Town High School. He currently lives in Old Town and previously served as the principal of Penquis High School in Milo for four years. Also last summer, **Kevin Harrington** (G) was selected to become the principal of Piscataquis Community High School. He previously served as assistant principal at Bonny Eagle High School in Standish, and before that as principal of Winthrop High School. He lives in Greene and served in the Maine Army National Guard. He has a master's degree in public administration, is certified as an assistant superintendent, and completed coursework and

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an internship for a superintendency.

Chris Prickett (G) recently released a CD as director of The Abbott Hill Ramblers, a 13-member student band in Dexter. This is the group's fifth release and their website is: abbotthillramblers.com. He is also a teacher at Dexter Middle School, member of the band Evergreen, and director of the younger Abbot Hill Wanderers band.

Congratulations to **Andrew King** and Rita Sullivan King '95 on their marriage on September 12, 2009, at Green Lake, Dedham, ME. Rita and Andrew live in Manhattan. Andrew is the coordinator of admissions and recruitment for the graduate school of education at Hunter College in Manhattan. Rita is the news production coordinator at the Rockefeller University Press in Manhattan.

Finally, I would like to re-congratulate **Dan LaMontagne**, and his wife, Tiffany, on the birth of Gabrielle Hope on 6 August. (My apologies to them and any other confused alumni; I incorrectly listed Tiffany's name in the previous edition.)

Thank you all for your notes and I look forward to hearing from more of you!

1999

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Hello, Class of 1999! It is hard to believe that another summer is here already! We didn't have much of a winter here in New England. The class is a little short on news this time around, but I did hear from a few classmates.

Hilde Bensheimer operates Blue Hill Bay Landscapes with her daughter and son-in-law. They have been working in the Blue Hill area for over five years. **Sara Barron-Nichols** has established a thriving business as an independent Scentsy consultant in the Augusta area.

Jaret and Susan Herrick Lizzotte have spent many hours beside the pool, not relaxing, but working. Besides teaching physical education at Glenburn Elementary School, Jaret has coached the divers on the Bangor High School swimming and diving team for two years. Last winter he was named the Class A Boys and Girls High School Diving Coach of the Year. Jaret and Susan previously coached at UMaine together. Last fall, Susan became interim head coach of UMaine's swim team when the coach resigned. The couple lives in Old Town with their two young children.

Scott Morelli became the new city manager in Gardiner, ME, last March after serving as executive assistant to the town manager in Framingham, MA, for the past five years. Despite his job in Massachusetts, Scott lived in New Gloucester, ME, commuting weekly to his job out of state. Scott and his wife, Elizabeth, have two daughters.



Alumni association board member Seth Woodcock '99 was among the UMaine alumni and friends who attended the Black Bear Road Trip event in Portland on February 2. With Seth are (left to right): Nikki Reed Jarvis '00, Katie Roberts Sjulander '03, and Kara Howard '03. More Black Bear Road Trip photos appear on pages 23-25.

The Maine Principals' Association honored **Dodi Flaherty Saucier** (G) as an Unsung Heroine in Maine Sports during a winter conference. Dodi is a field hockey coach at Old Town and Orono high schools and was inducted into the Maine Field Hockey Association Hall of Fame in 2006.

Don't forget to mark Homecoming on your calendar for October 15-17. Please drop me a note or email when you get a minute, or find me on Facebook. Enjoy your summer!

2000

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This warm weather we are all feeling after a long winter is a great relief. It is that time of the year again to share the happenings of the UMaine Class of 2000.

Several classmates have changed jobs or have advanced in their professional fields. **Dan Cashman** of Brewer, ME, who worked for Governor John Baldacci '86 for the past three and a half years as spokesman, started his own public relations firm in Bangor, ME, called Cashman Communications. Dan offers a full range of services to help businesses grow, such as public relations, press kit development, press conference and event planning, media outreach, media coaching, marketing, promotion, creative services, logo design, and advertising campaigns for radio, television, and print. Classmate **Racquel Heath**

Tibbetts of Glenburn, ME, has been named financial planning consultant for Key Bank's Maine District. She is based out of Key Bank's Bangor office and is responsible for providing comprehensive financial solutions covering banking, financial planning, investment, trust, and insurance needs to Key Private Bank clients. Racquel is also president of the board of directors of the Bangor YMCA and is a member of the Bangor Rotary. **Robert "Bob" Chase** was named the new fire chief for Rumford, ME. Robert and his wife run Mountain Valley Pool Services in the Rumford area.

Classmate **Betsy MacGregor Webb** (G) was inducted by Husson University to its Alumni Hall of Fame. Betsy is currently the superintendent of the Bangor schools. Classmate **Zach Zamboni** is the Emmy Award-winning cinematographer and cameraman for Travel Channel's "Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations" show, which recently made the show's first trip to Maine and stopped in Zach's hometown of Milo for a community baked bean supper.

Wedding bells are ringing for several classmates this summer. **Eric R. Main** of Glenburn, ME, is engaged to Leana H. Larlee. Eric is an orthopedic trauma and reconstruction sales rep for Smith and Nephew. **Kent A. Ryan** of Yarmouth, ME, will be married on August 29, 2010, to Dana P. Buckoski at the Sebasco Harbor Resort in Phippsburg, ME. Kent is employed at TRC Engineering in South Portland, ME.

Classmate Dr. **Roop K. Goyal**, Ph.D. wrote in from sunny southern California, where he is working on feature service, a capability to edit Geo-database via the web using Arc GIS. If you have news to share with your classmates, like Roop, feel free to share it with us. Hope you all have a great summer and enjoy the great weather.

Hope to see you all at our reunion at Homecoming 2010!

2001

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Well, Class of 2001, we are fast approaching our 10-year anniversary! Hard to believe, I know. However, as time goes on many of our fellow classmates have gone on to bigger and greater things year after year.

Frank Riley has earned another degree. His master's degree in immunology is from the University of Portland. Congratulations, Frank! This October **Jonathan Thomas** will wed Adele Malony. Jonathan is currently working for the United States Treasury Department.

Congratulations are in order for **Brian Scott**, who was recently one of four finalists for the Football Championship Subdivision's Offensive Coordinator of the Year. Brian assisted Old Dominion in earning 35 points per game average during this past season. Their team was third in the counter in points per game.

Shirar Wilder Patterson '03G was named Milford's new economic development officer and downtown coordinator. This is a perfect fit for her. She also serves as the co-chairwoman of United Way of Eastern Maine Leaders Circle committee and as a volunteer for the Maine Women's Fund.

Jennifer Brewer also has a new position. She has joined SAD 17 as their school psychological services provider.

Gary Clegg, creator of the Slanket, has a great success story to tell. Gary created the Slanket in 1997 when he was trying to keep warm in Kennebec Hall. Since then he has sold millions of dollars worth of his creation. Despite this Gary maintains a Maine mom and pop store outlook on life and business. To buy your own Slanket visit www.theslanket.com.

Recently I (**Bonnie Dewkett**) earned the Certified Professional Organizer designation. **Matt Dewkett** and I have also started a radio show focused on various organizational topics. To listen, tune in at: <http://radioshow.thejoyfulorganizer.com>.

Thanks for your articles, everyone! Keep the news coming!

2002

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Many thanks to **Katie Braggins**, who wrote this column for six years, starting shortly after graduation. Katie did a great job of keeping everyone up-to-date on classmates' jobs,



Alumni association board member **Sharad Rathnam** '01 (left) attended the Boston alumni gathering on February 2 with his brother and fellow UMaine engineering grad, **Tarun** '02. Both Sharad and Tarun live in Boston.

moves, weddings, and other news. She is now taking a well-deserved break, so the Class of '02 needs a volunteer to write the column for the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. If you are interested, and would like more information on what this entails, please contact Abby Zelz at the above address.

Dominick Varney '05G co-starred in *Forever Plaid* last fall at the Penobscot Theatre. The fun, quirky musical production featured a male quartet of a cappella singers. Dominick, a former Maine Steiner, sang, acted, and danced in the show.

In Mars Hill, **Ryan Shaw** coaches boys' varsity soccer at Easton High School. He's glad to work so close to his job, since three years ago he commuted from his Aroostook County home to coach at Hampden Academy—160 miles one way.

Hockey goalie **Mike Morrison** played in 29 National Hockey League games before signing a contract with the Albany River Rats last summer. Last season, he divided his time, playing with an Austrian hockey league and also a Swedish league.

Jared Dunn operates his own logging company. He was married last summer to Jessica Terrien.

Julia Daly, Ph.D. is an associate professor of geology at UMaine Farmington. She received a grant to study the effects of climate change on high-elevation ponds in Maine. Julia gathered much of her data from ponds on Tumbledown and Bigelow mountains, as well as other sites along the Appalachian Trail.

Lee Lehto (G) teaches English at Deer Isle-Stonington High School. She recently participated in a workshop that focused on integrating drama and dance into English classes.

Emily Cain, a state representative from

Orono, received Fusion's Leadership and Vision Award. Fusion is a Bangor-area network of young professionals who are involved in their communities.

A certified hypnotist, **Tobin Slaven** (G) and his wife, Martina Pavlovich-Slaven, own MindBoom.tv. Tobin previously coached basketball in Machias for more than a decade, and was recognized as Maine Athletic Conference Coach of the Year. As a coach, he realized that basketball was as much a mental as a physical game. Tobin then earned his certification as a consulting hypnotist. He now helps businesses and individuals reach their potential through hypnosis and self-hypnosis, and also does online web conferencing.

Remember, the Class of '02 needs a writer for this column. Please use the above contact information to find out more about it. Have a great summer!

2003

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Hi, everyone, please send some news for this column. Without your input there's not much to report. Surely you can tell us something about your work, home life, pets, etc. Whether you're planning a vacation to an exotic destination or staying at home to finally get some chores done, we want to hear from you.

An email or Facebook message only takes a moment—your classmates really do want to know what's happening!

Best wishes to couples who are engaged and planning weddings. **Mark Aaron Hayes** is engaged to Nicole Katherine Rodney '05. They are planning a wedding for the summer of 2011 in Maine. Currently, they live and work in Chicago. Also, **Erik Ryan Gray** is planning an October wedding to Jocelyn Leigh Curtis. Erik teaches at Edward Little High School in Auburn and is working on his master's at USM.

2004

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Wedding bells are in the air for a number of our 2004 classmates recently. A June 2010 wedding was planned for **Kristen Child** '05G and **Scott Godsoe** '06G. Kristen graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. in business administration and a M.S. in accounting. She received her Certified Public Accountant designation in 2007, and is now a senior auditor with KPMG LLP out of their Boston office. Scott also graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. in business adminis-

tration and a M.S. in accounting. He received his Certified Public Accountant designation in 2007, and is now a senior auditor for PricewaterhouseCoopers out of their Boston office. A coastal wedding was planned to take place at the Asticou Inn in Northeast Harbor.

Another Black Bear tied the knot in June as well. **Amy Hoague** is marrying Jacob Naegely. Amy graduated with a degree in elementary education and is currently employed as a kindergarten teacher by China Primary School. Jacob is a 2003 graduate of the University of Maine at Farmington, and is currently employed by Sunset Knoll Landscaping in Nobleboro. Finally, **Sarah Drinkwater** and Christopher Joy '05 were married in Prospect Harbor. Sarah graduated with a B.A. in political science and is currently an account executive at the Bonney Staffing Center in Portland and is a Human Resources Association of Southern Maine board member. Christopher is currently employed as a manager for Sherwin Williams in South Portland, and the couple resides in Yarmouth.

Orono native and well-known meteorologist **Steve Smith** (Steve McKay) recently signed on as a part-time pastor at the Orono United Methodist Church. Prior to his new position, Steve also graduated from the Bangor Theological Seminary and was a "licensed local pastor" for communities that included Milbridge, Wyman, and Columbia. Former University of Maine All-Hockey East center and Senior Skull **Martin Kariya** was injured during a Kontinental Hockey League game while playing for Dinamo Riga against Spartak Moscow late last year. Martin suffered a concussion after being checked from behind. He spent last season with Langnau in Switzerland where he notched 15 goals and 43 assists in 50 games.

Eric Lemont, a project engineer focused on hydraulic modeling at AECOM, recently earned his professional engineering license from the state of Maine in the water resources and environmental discipline. Eric received his degree in mechanical engineering. **Tim Reynolds** (G) recently resigned from his position as the longtime principal of Machias Memorial High School. Tim served in the Machias school system for eighteen years, with the last seven as principal. Tim is taking the assistant head of school position at Washington Academy in East Machias.

2005

*Reunion at Homecoming
October 15-17, 2010*

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Summer greetings, Class of 2005! You may note a change in address below my name—my husband, Nick, and I are currently in southern Virginia while he attends a school at Fort Lee. By the time the next alumni magazine comes out,



Emma Pope-Welch '06, '08G has joined the **UMaine Alumni Association** board and is also a member of **UMAA's** communications committee. Emma, an **All Maine Woman**, is director of communications for the **United Way of Eastern Maine**.

we will have another address, and hopefully this will be for a longer period of time. Please continue to send your news and updates—feel free to contact me on Facebook or through email.

Congratulations to our engaged and newly married classmates, including **Alyssa Snow**, who planned a May wedding to Geoff Shorette. **Natalie Hamel** married Marcus Nadeau '06 on June 26, and **Teal Rancourt** and **Ian Carlson** will be tying the knot on July 17. Congratulations also to **Stephanie Sockbeson Ballesteros** and her husband, Chris '07, on the November birth of their baby boy, Ernesto!

Aaron Izaryk '08G is continuing in his second season as head coach of the Sanford Mainers, while **Tricia Carver** is also coaching in the Hampden school district. **Barry Terrill** has been named the football coach at Washington Academy, where he is also a health teacher.

Benjamin T. Brown, Petty Officer 3rd Class in the US Coast Guard, graduated from the Aviation Survival Technician Class "A" course, training necessary to become a rescue swimmer for a helicopter rescue team.

We have many classmates involved in theater, including **Josh Schmiersal**, who starred with Dominick Varney '02, '05G in Penobscot Theatre's *Forever Plaid*. **Adam Boynton** participated in *White Lies* as part of a dinner theater event at the Penobscot Valley Country Club.

Dennis Boyd is a new music teacher for the '09-'10 school year in SAD 17, while two graduate members of our class also started new positions. **Chris Hallet** (G) is the principal of Ashland Community Schools and **Michael Quinlan** (G) is the new store manager of the Sweden Street TD Bank in Caribou.

The Hill, a congressional newspaper, named **Kay Gerard** one of its 50 Most Beautiful Public Servants for 2009. At the time, Kay was a member of Senator Susan Collins' staff.

A big round of applause for **Jennifer Ro-**

bichaud on her graduation from the New England College of Optometry! Jen will complete her residency in July.

Looking forward to hearing and sharing what the rest of 2010 brought your way!

2006

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What's new, Class of 2006? Please send me any news or announcements you'd like to share with your class!

I'm always excited to announce engagements and weddings—starting with our good friends **Ryan Parsons** and Malorie St. Peter '08, '10G. Ryan and Mal will be married August 7, 2010. Ryan works as a power system engineer at RLC Engineering in Augusta, and recently bought a house in Mount Vernon. **Rebecca Emerson** and Eric Reynolds planned a May 2010 wedding in Bangor. Rebecca is a registered nurse at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. The couple resides in Glenburn. **Tiffany Gray** and Chad Edwards will be married on October 16, 2010. Tiffany is employed as a CPA at Baker, Newman & Noyes in Portland. **Patrick Brann** is engaged to Casey Dunbar, and the couple will be married in August 2010. **Matthew Kinsman** and Lindsey Cavanaugh plan to be married on July 10, 2010. The couple resides in Washington, D.C., where Matthew is employed at Blank Rome, a government relations firm. **Michelle Burgess** is engaged to Kyle Miller. Michelle is employed as the assistant director at Parkside Children's Learning Center

in Bangor. By the time you read this, they will probably be married. **Christopher Mayhew** married Megan Robinson on September 12, 2009. Chris works as an electrical engineer for TRC in Augusta.

In career news—**Michelle Merrill** is the new wedding and event sales associate at the York Harbor Inn. She was previously an assistant banquet sales manager for Maggiano's Little Italy in Nashville, TN. Congratulations to **Karen Stufflebeam**, who graduated from the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology in Boston with a master of arts in counseling psychology. She will soon begin the clinical psychology program at the same school. She currently works at McLean Hospital in Belmont, MA, in the Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Institute. **Justin Coffin** was sworn in to the Maine Bar on October 21, 2009. Legal careers seem to run in the family: he was sponsored by his uncle attorney, Edward Collins, and was sworn in by his grandfather, active retired Maine Supreme Judicial Court Justice Samuel Collins, Jr. '44, '64H.

I'm sure most members of our class remember Number 10—Ten North Main Street in Old Town, now officially named "The Dime." New owner **Tim Taylor** and his brother, Will, bought the bar after it closed last May. The Dime now serves bar food and offers live music. **Mike DeVito**, former football player at the University of Maine, is now playing for the New York Jets, and is in their defensive line rotation again this year. He was signed by the team in May of 2007. **Candi Joyce** has an unusual job: she is the only librarian on Swan's Island, ME. She helps to provide residents of the island with books, videos, and other documents. In 2008 the library burned in a fire caused by lightning, causing all of the library's documents and books to be destroyed. Luckily, the community came together to help the library slowly but surely restock its shelves. Donations were made from across the country, to the surprise of Candi and her team. The new building is still being built, and Candi is working out of town offices in the meantime.

In military news—Air Force Senior Airman **Jonathan Drew** was honored as the 87th Air Bomb Wing's Airman of the Quarter 2009. Jonathan is assigned to McGuire Air Force Base in Trenton, NJ. **Nicholas Gauvin** was promoted to the rank of captain in the US Army. Nicholas has served in the military for five years. He is married to Mary Gatchell-Fenderson Gauvin '05, '07G.

That's all for now—I look forward to hearing from you!

2007

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Happy summer, Class of 2007! I hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine and warm weather. As



Ashley Hogan '07 and Daniel Thornton '08 were married last August and now live in their newly constructed home in Milford. Dan manages Thornton Construction and Ashley is pursuing a master's at UMaine.

usual, there is lots of good news to share about members of our class.

Congratulations to **Chris Wharff**, who was hired as a police officer in Bar Harbor. He is making the move from the Mount Desert Island Police Department. Good luck with your new position, Chris! Also in job related news **Dyan Walsh** has been promoted to director of community services at Eastern Area Agency on Aging. Before being promoted, Dyan was a state health insurance assistance program coordinator. Congratulations and good luck in your new position, Dyan!

In military news, classmate **Ryan Barber** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. Also, Air National Guard 2nd Lt. **Christopher Rodway** graduated from specialized undergraduate pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi where he earned silver wings with an aeronautical rating of pilot. Christopher has been assigned to the 101st Air Refueling Wing at the Maine Air National Guard Base in Bangor. Congratulations, Ryan and Christopher, and thank you for your service to our country!

There are lots of engagements to report this issue! **Holly Miller** and Jared York were engaged last summer and plan a September 18, 2010, wedding. Holly received her degree in pre-veterinary studies and is currently employed at Turner Veterinary Services in Turner. Classmate **Andrew Hopkins** is engaged to Courtney Witten, and they also plan a September 18, 2010, wedding. Andrew is presently employed as a

teacher in Sleetmute, AK. **Monica Young** and Michael Fisher also were engaged last summer and plan a fall 2010 wedding. Congratulations, Holly, Andrew, and Monica!

Finally, congratulations go out to **Chris Ballesteros** and his wife, Stephanie, on the birth of their son, Ernesto Ballesteros on November 8, 2009, in Quincy, MA. I hope they are enjoying their young son!

Enjoy the rest of the summer months, and as always, if you have good news to share please feel free to contact me.

2008

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Hello, fellow members of the Class of 2008!

I only have a few updates from our classmates this time around.

In sports news, **Matt Mulligan** was recently highlighted in a *Bangor Daily News* article. Matt started off on the UMaine football team, but is now playing for the New York Jets as a third string tight end and plays on special teams.

Wedding bells are ringing for three of our classmates. **Jessica Lawrence** and **Nicholas Caron** recently got engaged. Congratulations! The couple met at UMaine and fittingly enough, they are also getting married at UMaine in August.

Michael McGee and Darcy Epperson were married on June 20, 2009, at Maple Hill Farm Bed and Breakfast in Hallowell and enjoyed an Alaskan cruise for their honeymoon. The couple now resides in West Gardiner.

Until next time, keep the updates coming!

2009

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Happy summer, Class of 2009! We are looking for a member of the class to write the column for the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. If you like knowing what's happening with your classmates, this is your chance to stay informed and get the news before everyone else! You needn't be an English major—any member of the Class of '09 who can write two columns a year has the right credentials. You will provide your classmates with news (such as job and address changes, weddings, etc.) and a presence in the magazine. Please contact the alumni publications office at the above address if you are interested or have any questions.

Weddings

Towns are in Maine unless otherwise noted.

1974

Robert Baldacci to Elizabeth Gleeson Swaney on 9-19-09 in Falmouth Foreside. They honeymooned in Italy and reside in Cumberland Foreside.

1979

Laurie Ann Littlefield to John Charles Baas III on 10-3-09 in Center Barnstead, NH. They live in Chichester, NH.

1981

Kathryn M. Johnson to Dana A. Morin on 9-3-09 in Rangeley. They went on a Caribbean honeymoon and live in Standish.

1995

Rita Sullivan to **Andrew King '98** on 9-12-09 at Green Lake in Dedham. They took a honeymoon trip to Paris and live in Manhattan.

1999

Sara E. Andrews to Michael Spugnardi on 12-12-09 in Portland. They honeymooned in Disneyworld and on a Disney cruise. Sara and Michael now reside in Portland.

Ursula Vollkommer to Mark Haley on 5-1-09 in Freeport. They enjoyed a wedding trip to England.

2003

Jill Savage to Ryan Conley on 8-29-09. They honeymooned in the Southern Caribbean and reside in Bangor.

Benjamin Alexander Wheaton to **Amy Elizabeth Mickel '04** on 7-18-09 in Sorrento. They spent their honeymoon in Hawaii and reside in Sorrento.

Sarah Kettering Krautkremer to John "Joe" Joseph Quirk III on 3-12-10 in Saint Lucia. They live in Bangor.

2004

Jonathan Mason to Angela Breda on 9-5-09 in Augusta. They took a wedding trip to St. Lucia and reside in Bowdoinham.

Erika Hale to Marc Cole on 12-17-09 in Key West, FL. They live in Westbrook.

2005

Anthony Shaw to Kristen Turner on 7-24-09 in Hermon. They honeymooned in



Rita Sullivan '95 and Andrew King '98 (at the center of photo) were married last September in Dedham. Andrew is coordinator of admissions and recruitment for the Graduate School of Education at Hunter College in Manhattan. Rita is currently the news production coordinator at the Rockefeller University Press in Manhattan.



Sarah Kettering Krautkremer '03, '04G was married to John "Joe" Joseph Quirk III on March 12, 2010, in Saint Lucia. Sarah works at Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems.

Greenville and reside in Bangor.

2006

Jessica Rose Sattler to Richard Magner Crowley on 10-10-09 on Bald Head Island, NC. They are planning a honeymoon trip to Ireland this summer and live in North Carolina.

2007

Miranda Jane Stinson to Joseph Robert Goodspeed on 7-11-09 in Orono. They honeymooned in Jamaica and live in Shelton, CT.

Ashley Hogan to **Daniel Thornton '08** on 8-8-09 in Milford. They traveled to California and reside in Milford.

Alicia Fedan to Scott Mudgett on 10-16-09 in Somersworth, NH. They honeymooned on the islands of Hawaii and reside in Chocorua, NH.

2008

Ryan Hart to Jennifer Havey on 8-15-09 in Jackson, NH. They took a wedding trip to Bermuda and live in West Gardiner.

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 include all alumni deaths of which we are aware.

1930

Thelma Lapworth Shaw, 100, of Northbridge, MA, on 3-5-10.

1932

Madelene Ellen Duncan Merchant, 98, of Ellsworth, on 5-9-10.

Collie Recchiuti, 98, on 4-6-07.

1933

Edmond Arthur Daggett, 85, on 7-7-06.

Margaret Eloise Denton Eaton, 96, of Lombard, IL, on 12-19-09.

1934

Norman Gilman Pratt, 96, of Kezar Falls, on 1-27-10.

John Eastwood Stinchfield, 100, of Harrisville, NH, and Washington, DC, on 4-6-10.

1935

Arline Ella "Lolly" Anderson Card, 95, on 1-10-09.

Ira Church Gray, Jr., 96, of Sharon, MA, on 3-21-10.

Frank Leslie McCollum, 94, on 4-10-09.

Howard Herbert Milliken, M.D., 97, of Portland, on 2-27-10.

Rowena Pearl Richardson Rand, 96, of Sacramento, CA, on 3-19-09.

1936

Leona Jeanne West Clukey, 95, of Bangor, on 3-30-10.

Mildred Lucille Sawyer Connors, 95, of Long Beach, CA, on 9-5-09.

Ruth Elizabeth Perry Pinkham, 94, of N. Palm Beach, FL, on 3-22-10.

Howard G. Steinberg, 93, of Lantana, FL, on 12-31-08.

Leonard Alton Thomsen, 94, of Portland, on 11-13-09.

1937

Alvin A. Aaron, 93, on 6-25-09.

Jacqueline Landers Daunis, 95, of Auburn, on 3-2-10.

Florence Catherine Shannon Neville, 92, of Falmouth, MA, on 4-24-08.

Margaret Snow, 95, of Franklin, MA, on 4-23-10.

1938

Marjorie Evelyn Thompson Allen, 92, of Kennebunk, on 1-23-10.

Virginia Smith Hall Benton, 93, of Columbus, OH, on 3-17-10.

Ernestine Elizabeth Andrews Bushey, 92, of Bingham, on 9-17-09.

Edella Robinson Murphy Giberson, 92, of Solon, on 9-7-08.

John Robert Gowell, 94, of Wakefield, RI, on 10-26-09.

Diana Elizabeth Hight Hinckley, 95, of Blue Hill, on 1-17-10.

1939

John Philip Harriman, 91, of Milbridge, on 4-4-10.

Eleanor Crockett Hutchinson, 91, of Falmouth, MA, on 2-23-10.

Arthur John Lippke, Jr., 91, of Zionsville, IN, on 1-2-10.

William Birney Page, 89, on 4-1-08.

Leonard Melvin Pratt, 89, on 7-2-05.

Lucille Mae Epstein Rich, 90, on 7-15-08.

Sheldon Leroy Ward, 91, of Winslow, on 2-19-10.

1940

Harold Brody, 91, of Media, PA, on 5-11-09.

Arlo Eugene Gilpatrick, 93, of Cupertino, CA, on 11-17-09.

Stanley Robert Holland, 92, of Nellysford, VA, on 4-20-10.

Chester Morris Ladd, 91, on 3-20-09.

Woodrow "Woody" Abel Mercier, 92, of Cape Elizabeth, on 3-12-10.

Philip Gustaf Soderquist, 93, on 10-3-09.

William Wardwell Treat, 91, of Naples, FL, on 1-10-10.

William Andrew Violette, 90, of Seminole, FL, on 8-16-08.

James Bennett Watson III, 91, of Boulder, CO, on 11-12-09.

1941

Paul Clayton Billings, 93, of Sun City, AZ, on 4-17-10.

Irving Halsey Black, 89, of Washington Township, NJ, on 12-7-07.

Richard Arthur Bramhall, 86, of York, PA, on 1-22-05.

Julius Steve Brodie, MD, 86, of CA, on 3-19-08.

Sarah Louise Barter Brown, 90, of Deer Isle, on 4-5-10.

Robert Frank Howe, 99, of Framingham, MA, on 8-5-09.

Clyde Edmund Myers, 87, of El Paso, TX, on 10-23-06.

Vernon Grantham Rogers, 88, on 2-25-08.

John Rufus Stevens, 90, of Randolph, on 11-30-09.

1942

John Clifford Barrows, 87, of Sarasota, FL, on 11-19-07.

Robert John Beaton, 89, of Maryland, on 2-12-08.

Mildred Lombard Chapman Berger, 90, of Fairfield, CT, on 12-2-09.

Chandler Adams Briggs, 89, of South Paris, on 5-24-09.

Reuben Sylvester Burnham, 90, of Newburyport, MA, on 1-18-10.

William Mathias Christensen, 90, on 3-24-09.

Jean Elizabeth Goodwin Fenlason, 88, of Newington, CT, on 4-11-09.

William Edward Gifford, Jr., 89, of Redlands, CA, on 3-4-10.

Donald Hill McKay, 89, of Old Town, on 4-16-10.

Evelyn Marian Nicholson, 89, on 2-27-09.

1943

Richard Alton Bragdon, 89, of Venice, FL, on 4-15-10.

Dorothy Edith Randall Gaddis, 89, of East Machias, on 2-13-10.

Arthur Kendall Kittredge, 85, of CT, on 1-6-05.

Ronald Klein, 86, on 5-25-09.

Elmer Richard Knowles, 84, on 7-31-06.

Emery Gardner Lewis, 90, of Westbrook, on 1-18-10.

Louis Paul Lorusso, 85, of Barnstable, MA, on 4-8-07.

Wilbur James Marden, 89, of Belfast, on 4-24-10.

Preston Brown Rand, 89, of Bangor, on 4-27-10.

Mary "Lucy" Springer Crossland Rutt, 88, of Aiken, SC, on 11-7-09.

Clayton William Shannon, 99, of St. Petersburg, FL, on 2-16-09.

1944

Hugh Malcolm Brownlee, 88, of San Jose, CA, on 2-18-10.

Richard Moore Burrill, 88, of Manchester and Wayne, on 3-17-10.

Robert Vaughan Clark, 88, of Calais, on 4-21-10.

Marshall Benjamin Dagan, 87, of Churchville, NY, on 1-15-10.

Frank Landgrane Golbranson, MD, 88, of La Jolla, CA, on 1-10-10.

Edward Blakeley Hamblett, 88, of Austin, TX, on 7-22-09.

Alfred "Fip" Hutchinson, 88, of N. Waterboro, on 4-4-10.

Herman Clifford Lamoreau, 89, of Hudson, on 11-20-09.

Joan Winifred Manwell Leach, 88, of Winter Springs, FL, on 4-26-09.

John Henry Mathews, 87, of Yarmouth, on 3-20-10.

Philip Deland Miller, 87, of Naples, FL, on 11-20-09.

Everett Oscar Morrison, 85, of Cranford, NJ, on 1-15-07.

Robert Dale Smith, 87, of Marshfield, MA, on 3-14-10.

1945

Albert Roy Barmby, 85, of Huntsville, AL, on 11-27-09.

Thomas Stoddard Boerke, 86, of Vancouver, WA, on 5-10-10.

Gurdon Saltonstall Buck, 87, of Watertown, MA, on 11-21-09.

Edward Francis Casassa, 84, of Fox

William Treat Class of 1940

Loyal UMaine alumnus Judge William "Bill" Treat '40 died on January 10, 2010, in Naples, Florida. He was 91.

Bill was truly a modern Renaissance man who distinguished himself as a probate judge, a banker, a national political leader, and as a diplomat.

After graduating from the University of Maine and service in World War II, he earned a law degree from Boston University. He later completed a MBA from Harvard.

It didn't take Bill long to make his mark in the law profession. In 1952 he became one of the youngest municipal court justices in New Hampshire, and in 1958 he was appointed as a probate judge.

Bill made many contributions to the field of probate law. Perhaps his most im-



Judge Bill Treat with his wife, Vivian '40H.

portant contribution was the founding of the National College of Probate Judges in 1972. He was the college's president for 10 years.

In the 1950s, he also helped form the Hampton National Bank, and served as its first president. He later played a prominent role in banking policy when he served on the

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

While he was distinguishing himself as a judge and a banker, Bill was also rising as a political leader. He served as state chairman of the New Hampshire Republican Party and knew every Republican president from Eisenhower to George W. Bush.

His last career was as a diplomat. He was appointed by the senior President Bush to be a U.S. delegate to the United Nations General Assembly in 1990. While at the U.N., Bill served on the Human Rights Committee and helped establish international standards for a fair trial.

In recognition of his outstanding career, Bill received honorary degrees from both the University of Maine and the University of New Hampshire. Among his many honors is the UMaine Alumni Association's Alumni Career Award. He established a scholarship for needy students at UMaine and also provided the naming gift for the Treat Room at the Buchanan Alumni House.

Chapel, PA, on 6-19-09.

Jean Hutchinson Devoe Chapman, 83, on 9-19-06.

Leo Paul "Bud" Daigle, 86, of Boynton Beach, FL, on 3-10-10.

Margaret Ellen Moore Francis, 83, of Milford, CT, on 12-25-07.

Wendell Philip Johnson, 87, of Yarmouth, on 2-1-10.

John Henry Kenoyer, 88, of Yarmouth, on 4-11-10.

George Howard Lotker, 86, of NY, on 2-10-10.

Edmund J. McLohne on 4-2-07.

Douglas Stuart Miller, 87, of East Northport, NY, on 3-9-10.

John Robert Smyth, Jr., 86, of Amherst, MA, on 3-22-10.

Clyde Lawrence Wheeler, 85, of Augusta, on 12-21-09.

Dana Trask Whitman, 86, of Rocky Hill, CT, on 2-5-10.

1946

Carolyn Elise Comins Jacobsen Burnham, 85, of Fairfax, VA, on 12-19-09.

Joseph John Cervone, 84, of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and Medford, MA, on 12-28-07.

Leland Gerald Jinks, 85, of Zephyrhills, FL, on 4-5-10.

Dorothea Millett MacBeth, 84, on 6-14-09.

Raymond Hilton True, 85, of Damariscotta, on 12-18-09.

1947

Saralyn Knowlton Phillips Bickford, 84, of Lexington, MA, on 3-13-10.

Herbert Russell Champion, 82, on 7-9-07.

Henry Norman Cutler, 84, of Boynton Beach, FL, on 4-3-10.

Alfred Myron Goetschius, 84, on 10-5-06.

William Francis Hodgins, 81, of Topsham, ME, on 7-15-07.

Constance "Bonnie" Cratty Klemme, 84, of Fairfield, CA, on 1-8-10.

JoAnn Juliet Bouchard LaBarge, 83, of Albuquerque, NM, on 8-13-08.

George Albert Mullin, 86, of Cromwell, CT, on 12-7-06.

Mary Ellen Smith Richardson, 80, on 8-10-05.

1948

Leslie James Bolstridge II, 89, of Corinna, on 1-11-10.

Ruth Fogler Goff, 83, of Bangor, on 3-14-10.

Sherwood Francisco Gordon, 82, of Des Moines, IA, on 8-21-06.

Daniel Newhall Howes, 86, of Marblehead, MA, on 12-3-09.

Marian S. Young Meyer, 83, of Palm Harbor, FL, on 12-25-09.

Leonard Newell Plavin, 82, of Lewiston, on 4-15-10.

Donald Pratt, 84, of Sharon, PA, on 3-24-09.

Alfreda Marie Heald Shepard, 79, of Ellington, CT, on 9-20-03.

1949

Doris Eleanor Pullen Burton, 82, of Canon City, CO, on 4-22-09.

Robert Ernest Cool, 83, of Sandy Springs, GA, on 10-2-09.

William Joseph Creighton, 88, of East Longmeadow, MA, on 4-11-10.

Elizabeth Clark Cusack, 81, of Palm Desert, CA, on 1-15-10.

W. Merritt Emerson, Jr., 87, of Farmington, on 12-7-09.

Benjamin Davis Harrington, 85, of Englewood, FL, on 11-27-09.

Joseph Claude LaPointe, 82, on 9-2-05.

Guy Lemont Look, 91, of Jonesboro, on 4-8-10.

Lionel Everett Lord, 89, of Bangor, on 11-3-09.

William Pratt Mason, 82, on 9-10-06.

Neal Wilson Merrill, 85, of Bethlehem, PA, on 2-15-10.

John Joseph Pesch, 88, of Sterling, VA, on 1-10-10.

Donald Harvey Spear, 83, of Brooksville, FL, on 5-3-10.

Erwin Maynard Spear, 80, of Chapel Hill, NC, on 11-2-08.

Ronald Edward Wallace Stewart, 84, of Bath, on 5-2-10.

1950

James Campbell Adams, Jr., 82, of Glastonbury, CT, on 5-13-10.

Deaths

Leonard Francis Ahern on 6-20-08.
Donald Maynard Barnes, 83, of Spokane, WA, in 12-09.
Norman Stafford Barnes, 83, of Whitesboro, NY, on 5-5-10.
Richard Ladd Barton, 81, of Brunswick, in Tortola, British Virgin Islands, on 11-14-09.
Roland Bellegarde, 80, of Manchester, NH, on 4-5-07.
Frederick Wheaton Belyea on 9-30-07.
Richard Oscar Briggs, 83, of Oakland, on 11-26-09.
Charles Edward Call, 84, of Rockland, on 6-26-08.
Valmore Arthur Clifford, 85, of Lee, NH, on 3-11-10.
Bristol Bradford Crocker, 81, of Foxboro, MA, on 10-27-07.
Adrian Philip "Pat" Daigle, 88, of Greenville, RI, on 1-19-07.
Gerald Frank Day, 81, on 1-25-09.
Joseph Ignatius Frydel, 90, of Michigan, on 2-8-10.
Sidney Green Gilman, 84, of Maywood, NJ, on 4-25-08.
Theodore Locke Herrick, 87, of Bangor, on 11-30-09.
Tauno Toini Hill, 84, of Clarkston, ID, on 4-21-09.
Roscoe Woodbury Libby, 89, on 3-8-09.
Harlan Varne Luce on 6-10-09.
Jeanne Marie Barry McGhee on 3-16-08.
William Francis McPhee, Jr., 86, of Auburn, on 5-5-10.
Howard Joseph Mullins, 87, of Bartow, FL, on 12-20-09.
John Robert Murch, DDS, 84, of Windsor, on 4-4-10.
Robert Hall Petersen, 88, of Crockett, TX, on 11-20-09.
Roland Robert Pinette, 79, of Hartford, CT, on 10-5-07.
Lawrence Dana Pinkham, 83, of Amherst, MA, on 2-28-10.
Wayne Lee Plummer, 80, of Lino Lakes, MN, on 10-5-07.
Edward Everett Shapleigh II, 81, of Colorado Springs, CO, on 3-1-10.
Richard Albert Standley, Jr., 83, of Freeport, on 3-6-10.
Richard Grout Warren, 86, on 2-27-07.
Florence Caroline Thompson Wieland, 79, on 11-26-08.
1951
Elizabeth Ann Heselton Bachelder, 81, of Hallowell, on 5-14-10.
Ruey Whittier Stevens Baldwin, 81, of Bangor, on 4-25-10.
Neil Donaldson Barnaby, 82, of Ocala, FL, on 4-26-10.
Robert Francis Bradford, 83, of Westport Island, on 4-25-10.
Maxwell Philip Buck, 77, of Carmel, on 12-

Ruth Fogler Goff Class of 1948



Ruth Fogler Goff died on March 14, 2010. Ruth was an active alumna who was devoted to her class and later became an officer in Senior Alumni. She also did volunteer work for several

other organizations. In the above photo, Ruth holds the Folger Legacy Award given in 2003 to a family with a long tradition of attending the University of Maine. Ruth's father was the legendary alumnus Ray Fogler '15, and 34 members of Ruth's family have attended the university.

8-09.
Cecil Pratt Chase, 90, of Windsor Locks, CT, on 4-26-10.
Florence Adele Combes, 80, of Falmouth, on 5-16-10.
Frank Eugene Geneva, 83, of Concord Township, OH, on 3-11-10.
Barbara Louise Attner Higgins, 80, of Veazie, on 11-19-09.

Preston Brown Rand Class of 1943

Preston Rand, 89, died on April 27, 2010, at his home in Bangor. Preston, who served in the Marine Corps Reserves in World War II, became an official court reporter in the state superior and supreme courts. He was the first court reporter in Maine to use a stenograph machine. He later became a freelance writer in eastern Maine.

Preston was an active and loyal alumnus. He was a longtime officer in his class and later became an officer for the Senior Alumni. For his service, he was presented with the Alumni Association's Block "M" Award in 1999.

William Frederick Howatt, 80, of Ann Arbor, MI, on 12-24-09.
Helen Elisabeth Friend Langlais, 81, of Camden, on 2-22-10.
Marilyn Esther Drake Marden, 80, of Glen Mills, PA, on 4-18-10.
Chester Mason Marshall, 81, of Holden, MA, on 2-9-10.
Albert Edward Morris, 81, of Roanoke, VA, on 3-20-10.
Albert Edwin Noyes, 83, of Timonium, MD, on 3-7-10.
Augustus Gilbert Parsons, 85, on 10-8-07.
Eugene Edward Scheuchzer, 86, of Portland, on 2-5-10.
Frederick Francis Soucy, 80, on 10-5-08.
Neal Harmon Stults, 83, of Lake Como, FL, on 1-6-10.
Roger Alston Welts, 81, of Abbott, on 2-2-10.
Norman Gerald Wilson, 83, of Thomaston, on 11-5-08.
George Edgar Wood, 83, of Ashland, on 8-5-09.
Thomas Marshall Wood, 83, of Yarmouth, on 3-11-10.
Oliver Yeaton, 79, of Wilmington, DE, on 2-29-08.
1952
Charles Lucien Burgess, Jr., 81, of Bath, on 4-24-10.
Carolyn Agnes Harmon Coco, 79, of Bangor, on 12-23-09.
Joy Arlene Bott Folsom, 78, of Milford, CT, on 12-15-09.
James Currie Forrester, 81, of Flagler Beach, FL, on 5-2-10.
Frances Litwinowich Gunn, 77, on 12-20-07.
Edward William Hackett, Jr., 84, of Orono, on 12-5-09.
Charles Morse Jackson, 80, of Waterville, on 9-30-09.
Beverly Ann Kimball, 78, of Lincoln, NE, on 3-28-08.
Edgar Fred Lord, 80, of Orono, on 4-17-10.
John Francis Lynch, DDS, 79, of Portland, on 2-25-10.
Catherine Elizabeth Welch Norton, 92, of Bangor, on 3-17-10.
Richard Stevens Palmer, 75, of North Port, FL, on 8-18-03.
Earle Franklin Robinson, 80, of Salem, MA, on 6-2-08.
Charles Alfred Shepard, 75, on 8-3-05.
Isadore Ann Stearns, 80, of Norway, on 2-19-10.
Beverly A. Hoffman Stephens, 77, of Reading, MA, on 5-19-07.
Harold Carmen Towle, 78, of Oakland, on 10-3-07.
John "Jack" Arthur Tracey, 77, of Hackensack, NJ, on 10-12-08.

Thomas Atwater Warren, 80, of Ellsworth, on 2-3-10.

1953

Robert Everett Bruns, 82, of Harrisonburg, VA, on 4-20-10.

Charles Bernard Donahue, Jr., 79, of Alexander, on 3-30-10.

Robert Stahle Everhart, 79, on 2-8-08.

Robert Haldane, Jr., 81, of Danvers, MA, on 4-5-10.

Lorraine Harvey, 78, of Yarmouth, on 12-5-09.

Norbert Wesley Haynes, 86, of Pittsburgh, PA, on 4-7-10.

William Douglas Hirst, 82, of Port Richey, FL, on 12-7-09.

Frederick Edward Hutchinson, 79, of Lamoine, on 4-7-10.

Donald Jules LaChance, DO, 69, of Madison, NH, on 1-7-10.

Farwell Laughlin Sawin, 82, of Topsham, on 1-10-10.

Constance Alberta Colby Smith, 77, of Exeter, NH, on 2-10-09.

Richard Barber Stephens, 76, on 1-29-08.

1954

Frederick May Boyce, 84, of Lewiston, on 12-11-09.

Bernard Carlton Davis, 77, of Corinna, on 5-2-10.

Marion Alice Young Hale, 77, of Fredericksburg, VA, on 5-31-10.

James Ralph Holland, 79, of Delmar, NY, on 2-1-10.

Andrea Louise Cefalo Merrill, 77, of Scituate, MA, on 1-8-10.

Robert William Mullen, 75, of Turners Falls, MA, on 1-21-08.

Sarah Jean Craig Robinson, 76, of Northville, MI, on 1-8-10.

Richard Richman Shimp, 76, of Wilmington, DE, on 11-14-08.

James Henry Thompson, 80, of Chelmsford, MA, on 11-1-08.

George Arnold Whiting, 78, of Oklahoma City, OK, on 12-11-09.

Sidney Olin Young, Jr., 86, of Bristol and Providence, RI, on 1-8-10.

1955

Walter Warren Beesley, 76, of Westbrook, on 1-26-10.

Mollie Davis Bryant, 87, on 1-27-08.

Dexter Alan Burlingame, 75, of Duvall, WA, on 1-6-09.

Percy Truman Clarke, Jr., 83, of Bangor, on 11-18-09.

David Benjamin Dearing, 77, of Millinocket, on 3-19-10.

Robert Stuart Fairweather, 77, of Fairfield, on 2-17-10.

Clyde Bernard Hodgkins, 76, of Winthrop, on 2-9-10.

Carl Delance Lovley, 74, of Mapleton, on



Edgar John Bellefontaine '58 died on April 24, 2010. As librarian of the Social Law Library in Boston from 1961 to 1998, Edgar was the guiding force behind the library's many improvements and innovations. After graduating from Maine he earned a law degree from Boston College. Edgar received a Black Bear Award for his service to UMaine.

3-17-10.

Alden Gerald Smith, 77, of Bangor, on 4-6-10.

Sheila Ann Gephart Texter, 73, on 6-28-06.

Mary Alice Litchfield Whitworth, 77, of

Yarmouth, on 1-29-10.

Richard Allen Wong, 69, of Dunnellon, FL, on 2-11-10.

North Albert Woodhead, 74, of Elizabethtown, PA, on 7-2-08.

Nancy Cross Worthing, 76, of Cushing, on 12-9-09.

1956

John Earl Buker, 78, of Pensacola, FL, on 3-12-10.

Lawrence Merle Churchill, 82, of New Sharon, on 4-8-10.

Charles Edward Harlow, 73, on 6-18-08.

Oliver William Holden, Jr., 81, of Manchester, on 3-14-10.

Bernice Amybelle Morgridge Kyte, 87, of Beverly, MA, on 4-11-10.

Myles Gerard Pelletier, 76, of Nashua, NH, on 5-11-10.

Katherine Pushor Perkins, 93, of Bangor, on 1-16-10.

Judith Helen Sawyer, 74, on 4-12-09.

Catherine Joyce Duncan Ziegler, of Ossipee, NH, on 11-27-08.

1957

John Richardson Bisco, 73, of Yarmouth, on 11-20-09.

Don Ellsworth Douglas, 80, of Auburn, on

3-22-10.

Raymond Elihu Hamilton, 73, of Chantilly, VA, on 2-16-06.

Richard VanDenbergh Lowry, 73, of Wappinger Falls, NY, on 9-18-09.

Lionel Xavier Marcotte, 80, of Leesburg, FL, on 2-8-10.

Thomas Joseph McGuire, 74, of Deer Isle, on 2-8-10.

John Peter Molloy, 72, of Myrtle Beach, FL, on 12-11-07.

George Leland Osborn, 71, on 2-13-06.

William LaBoyteaux Pegram, 76, on 3-6-07.

Robert Stack, 72, on 12-27-07.

James Bruce Thaxter, 76, of Townsend, MA, on 1-24-10.

Raymond Leo Thibault, 72, on 3-3-07.

1958
Edgar John Bellefontaine, 79, of Peabody, MA, on 4-24-10.

Richard Carlton Davis, 78, of West Palm Beach, FL, on 4-28-10.

Milton Herman Elefant, 88, on 5-22-05.

Spencer Briggs Fitts, 79, of The Villages, FL, on 3-4-10.

Eugene Leavitt Hutchins, 75, of Vero Beach, FL, on 2-15-10.

Jane Dudley Newhall, 74, of Brunswick, on 4-29-10.

Joseph Douglas Pelletier, 76, on 7-18-08.

Alphonse Anthony Peseckis, 73, of Lewiston, on 2-18-10.

Terry Berkley Roberts, 73, of Winthrop and Southport, on 5-26-10.

William Franklin Stearns, 78, of Orland, on 5-8-10.

1959

Addie Huntley Rodick Bell, 95, of Bangor, on 3-15-10.

Marian Katherine Worcester Clarke, 95, of Bath, on 12-17-09.

Dorothy Elder Fickett, 86, of Lincoln, on 4-30-10.

Frank Claude Freeman, 74, of North Port, FL, on 11-28-07.

Ruth Sclair Koehler, 72, of Marblehead, MA, on 12-14-09.

Robert Marshall Lindgren, 77, of Auburn, on 1-5-10.

Bruce George St. Ledger, 78, of Enfield, CT, on 3-28-10.

Sandra Ellen DePasquale MacDonald, 72, of Mamaroneck, NY, on 12-13-09.

Frank Edmund McQuade, 76, of Arlington Heights, IL, on 4-8-09.

Roland Arthur Nadeau, 70, on 9-5-07.

David William Orino, 70, of West Ossipee, NH, on 11-23-07.

Joseph Franklin Orr, 69, on 11-24-06.

Robert Arthur Pickett, 75, on 2-2-10.

Rita Norton Salter, 95, of St. Petersburg, FL, on 5-3-10.

Deaths

Henry Warren Scribner, 76, of San Diego, CA, on 1-11-10.

1960

John Donald Baker, Jr., 71, of Stafford County, VA, on 1-2-10.

Frederick LeRoy Beal, 78, of Turner, on 1-1-10.

Paul Richard Bond, 78, of Jefferson, on 4-11-10.

Wayne Leroy Brown, 69, of Nobleboro, on 1-10-10.

Richard Allen Carter, 76, of Augusta, GA, on 10-14-08.

Deane Randall Clark, 71, of St. Paul, MN, on 9-4-09.

Patricia Isabella Callahan Dahlberg, 71, of Riverside, CA, on 1-31-10.

David Joy Dakin, 71, of Ayer, MA, on 3-15-10.

Fernand Robert Goudreau, 72, of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, on 4-1-10.

Eugene Francis Howard, 77, on 1-29-08.

Robert Orville Jenkins, 71, of Scarborough, on 4-16-10.

Frank David Marsteller, 71, of Auburn, on 5-2-10.

Preston Baker Mavor, 72, of Bonita Springs, FL, on 1-15-10.

Rheta Mary Colwell Reynolds, 59, on 12-22-97.

Janet Gail Pelosi Wibby, 71, on 6-22-09.

1961

Edward Nicholas Botka, 83, of Ridgefield, CT, on 12-14-07.

Robert Marvin Brayer, 70, of San Ramon, CA, on 4-15-10.

Bruce Donald Collins, 70, of La Grange, TX, on 12-18-09.

Irving Eugene Hibbard, 70, of Sun Lakes, AZ, on 12-11-09.

James Albert Hilton, 70, of Athens, on 12-29-09.

William Richard Loring, 75, of Venice, FL, on 2-16-10.

Dorothy Hunter McKeague, 93, of Oviedo, FL, on 1-1-10.

Peter William Panagakos, 71, of Portland, on 1-20-10.

Shirley Ann Fowlie Sawin, 70, of Swampscott, MA, on 12-4-09.

Faith Graves Sawyer, 94, of Searsport, on 11-18-09.

Wayne Calden Smith, 75, of East Dixfield, on 1-12-07.

Mary Madeline Dodge Webster, 95, of Bucksport, on 12-6-09.

1962

Raymond Linwood Day, 71, of Somers, CT, and Dedham, on 1-29-10.

Norma Vesta Prescott Dorman, 89, of Thomaston, on 3-7-10.

Lawrence Franchetti, 71, of Stratford, NJ, on 1-5-10.

Arthur Clifford Hart, Jr., 69, of Ottsville, PA, on 4-29-10.

Helen Mitchell Lehman, 70, of Rangeley, on 4-2-10.

Harold Leigh Mailman, 83, of Hermon, on 2-14-10.

William Burton Shaw, 70, of Brewer, on 1-24-10.

Madeline Martin Tesseo, 69, of Bangor, on 1-12-10.

Gerald Clayton Twitchell, 65, of Turner, on 4-30-08.

1963

John "Butch" Caswell, 68, of Belfast, on 1-17-10.

Albert Sedgely Hall, 74, of Oakland, on 1-12-10.

Bryan Lewis Hardy, 68, of Oswego, IL, on 2-10-06.

Jonathan Richard Luce, 71, of Farmington, on 3-22-10.

Ann Shields Mason, 95, on 4-11-08.

Reginald Gene Porter, 74, of Boonville, NY, on 12-31-09.

Merrill Allan Taylor, 72, of Sterling, VA, on 11-20-09.

1964

William Richard Busching, 71, of Rochester, NH, on 1-29-08.

James Francis Conley, 66, on 4-29-09.

Norman John Dineen, 75, of Calais, on 4-19-10.

Norman Albert Fitzgerald, 69, of Bucksport, on 3-5-10.

Robert Warren Garland, 68, on 6-28-09.

Betsy Collins Guernsey, 85, of Lexington, KY, on 3-25-10.

Kenneth Mosher Judson, 65, of Valatie, NY, on 1-2-08.

Delmont Noyes Merrill, 84, of Ellsworth, on 4-19-10.

Bradburne Leon Millett on 10-7-08.

1965

Anthony Jude Chandonnet, 66, of Lewiston, on 5-10-10.

Thomas Pearl Cole, 68, of Eastport, on 5-7-10.

Richard Martin Currier, on 1-11-10.

William Mallory Dockstader, 66, of Marysville, WA, on 4-19-10.

Brian James Gilblair, 63, of Palatine, IL, on 2-8-06.

Thomas Francis Kinnelly III, 66, of Raymond, on 11-20-09.

Timothy H. LeRoy, 62, on 9-10-05.

Saliem Simon Mitchell, 86, of Waterville, on 5-29-08.

Lena McLaughlin Todd Sutton, 92, on 2-11-08.

1966

Marianne Marion Flaitz Cameron, of IA, on 12-6-09.

Florence Wood Moulton, 89, on 2-6-08.

Ruth Emerson Wishart, 85, of Brewer, on 1-24-10.

Cheryl Prudence McLaughlin Young, 65, of Sedona, AZ, on 12-5-09.

1967

Jack Hoyt Annis, 66, of Hermon, on 4-1-10.

David Earl Bates, 62, of Barkhamsted, CT, on 6-4-08.

Christine Ermentrout DiPompo, 88, of Brewer, on 11-25-09.

Anncharlene Dresner, 64, of Tulsa, OK, on 1-26-10.

Arthur Winslow "Tart" Gardner, 90, of East Machias, on 3-19-10.

Robert Henry Harvey, 62, on 2-18-08.

Barbara Elaine Hall Hillman, 64, of Orrs Island, on 4-22-09.

Arlene Wardwell Lawler, 102, of Eastport, on 3-4-10.

Phyllis Mayo, 63, of Seattle, WA, on 11-22-09.

Carol Yoshiye Ota, of Somerville, MA, on 1-26-09.

Dorothy Gaylord Shea, 81, of Clearwater, FL, on 11-2-09.

1968

Gregory Kent Barrett, 59, of Peru, on 10-1-07.

William John Creane, 69, on 7-22-05.

Paul Frederick Dinsmore, 84, of Presque Isle, on 3-30-10.

Brian George Flynn, 74, of Auburn, on 4-27-10.

Janet Rita MacQuilken Hoffmann, 61, on 7-3-05.

Margaret Dow Melgard, 95, of Punta Gorda, FL, on 3-31-10.

Richard Snyder, 83, of Telford, PA, on 3-2-10.

Gertrude Ann Dyer Stevens, 77, of Brewer, on 1-30-10.

Peter Norman Thompson, 62, on 1-13-08.

Ronald Eugene "Jav" Whitehead, 64, of Hudson, on 1-20-10.

Peter Jonathan Wigley, 63, of Danville, on 1-9-10.

1969

Wilfred Irving Butterfield III, OD, 62, of Holliston, MA, on 2-22-10.

Glendon Roy Clifford, 63, of North Amity, on 4-19-10.

Paul Joseph Dailey, Jr., 63, of Castine, on 4-21-10.

Bradford Dennis Harmon, 61, on 6-14-06.

Malcolm Chancy Taylor, 59, of Brighton, MA, on 12-18-06.

John Mylon Turner, 58, of West Springfield, MA, on 5-20-06.

Paul Edmond Vachon, 62, of Turner, on 2-6-10.

1970

Beverly Ann Cheney Edwards, 62, of Machias, on 1-22-10.

Richard Edgar Garrett, 71, of Old Town, on 4-12-10.

Thomas Turner Hart, 62, of Newport, on 3-15-10.

Joseph Daniel Robie, 58, on 10-31-06.

Peter Michael Saucier, 58, of Raymond, on 10-28-06.

1971

Stanley Patrick Bartash, 57, on 1-12-08.

Francis Joseph Crozier, 87, of South Riding, VA, on 12-17-09.

James Peter Doucette, 58, of Van Buren, on 3-25-10.

John Dexter Fisher, 62, of Centreville, MD, on 1-23-10.

Horace "Hoddy" Thaxter Gardner, 68, of Millinocket, on 1-21-10.

Kenneth Michael Krupka, 60, of Kennewick, WA, on 3-25-10.

Matthew W. MacGown, 67, of Starkville, MS, on 1-14-07.

George Edward Rippey, 61, of Fairfield, on 3-15-10.

Dwight Spencer Smith, 60, of Jamestown, RI, on 11-20-10.

John Edward Tompkins on 4-17-07.

Carol Elaine Topliff, 65, of Veazie, on 4-11-10.

Joan Garcelon Young, 94, of Bucksport, on 3-27-10.

1972

Emily Brewster Bader, 59, of South Hadley, MA, on 12-8-09.

Ann Louise Gardner Brushwein, 59, of Portland, on 1-4-10.

Nilo Santos Faria, 90, of Reisterstown, PA, on 3-23-10.

Peter Brett Harvey, 59, of Crawford, on 1-10-10.

Bernice LaBrie Page, 83, of Caribou, on 2-6-10.

1973

Cyrus Allan Karper, 63, of Biglerville, PA, on 3-17-10.

Carol-Ann Manen, 67, of Palm Coast, FL, on 4-1-10.

1974

Laurel Elizabeth David Barnes, 58, of Brewer, on 11-20-09.

Richard Hart Blake, 59, of Scituate, MA, on 3-31-10.

William James Curran III, 70, of Venice, FL, on 9-6-06.

Marian Tobey Perkins, 76, of Unity, on 12-4-08.

Gary Peter Reynolds, 57, of South Gardiner, on 4-16-10.

1975

Anne A. McCourt-Lewi, 80, on 12-26-08.

Dale Ruth Duval Redmond, 54, of Solon, on 3-11-10.

Trudy J. Waldo, 58, of Bangor, on 3-23-10.

1976

Allen Michael Bowles, 61, on 2-11-06.

Helen Peppard Dougherty, 56, of Eddington, on 1-3-10.

1977

Oscar Hilton Ammons, 73, of Huntsville, AL, on 5-29-07.

Vanessa Joan Brown, 53, of Charlton, MA, on 11-28-09.

Kenneth George Kirchhoff, 51, of Myersville, MD, on 10-26-08.

Anne Stillings Robinson Knight, 50, on 12-15-05.

1978

Jean-Guy Houle, 72, of Drummondville, Quebec, Canada.

Michael Peter Toole, 57, on 5-9-07.

1980

Jane Alice Croteau, 63, on 8-8-06.

Schuyler G. Steele, 51, of Anson, on 3-8-10.

1981

Gerald David Cook, 76, of Fredericton, NB, Canada, on 1-25-10.

Lance Richard Graham, 53, of Binghamton, NY, on 1-11-10.

Chandran Madhavan Vijaya, 54, on 9-30-06.

1983

Gerard M. Dolbec on 5-5-06.

Gary Alan Savage, 53, of Windsor, CT, and Wiscasset, on 1-23-10.

1984

Peter Christian Miller, 49, of Vienna, on 12-6-09.

1985

Jacqueline E. Bunker Hutchins

Andreasen, 79, of Bar Harbor, on 5-7-10.

Juli Ann Paradis Chicoine, 47, of Lewiston, on 5-4-10.

Daniel John Donovan, 47, on 12-13-08.

Sharon Leah Drellich, 48, of NYC, on 12-19-08.

John C. Duranceau, 48, of Saco, on 2-10-10.

Alan Jay Fuller, 61, of Durham, NC, on 2-8-10.

June Louise Lourey, 76, on 3-29-09.

Matthew Giles Morneault, 44, of Waterville, on 3-31-10.

Virgil S. Pratt, 65, of Hermon, on 2-27-10.

1986

Michael J. Holley, 47, of Naugatuck, CT, on 3-7-10.

1987

Allison June Allen Buxton, 43, of Hermon, on 1-12-06.

Bayard Andrew Clark, 46, of East Boothbay, on 5-6-10.

Roberta A. Gallant Clark, 70, on 12-25-08.

1988

Lloyd G. Keast, 61, on 8-4-07.

1989

William Michael Abbott, 42, of Marshfield, on 11-23-09.

John W. Griffith on 4-12-08.

Donald M. Lemos, 74, on 12-22-08.

Paula M. Powers, 40, on 6-8-07.

1990

Wendy Jane Hanson Ashey, 50, of Hampden, on 2-17-10.

Yanli Shao, 48, on 8-30-07.

Clarissa Leblanc Thibodeau, 71, of Presque Isle, on 1-28-10.

1991

Marijane Fall, 69, of Gorham, on 2-5-10.

Kay Norling, 73, of Roseville, CA, on 10-15-06.

1992

Joan Adams Harris, of Castine, on 5-22-10.

1993

Craig Steven Hartford, 35, of Lebanon, NH, on 12-12-05.

Xue Jun Pang, 45, on 2-10-09.

1994

Melissa Ann Laser, 40, of Augusta, on 4-27-10.

1995

Elizabeth A. Davis, 55, of Harrington, on 11-17-09.

Holly Sue Dobson, 41, of Washburn, on 1-20-10.

Christopher Mulcahy, 54, of Robbinston, on 3-8-10.

Troy Soderberg, 37, of Plantation, FL, and Hermon, on 3-14-10.

1996

Robert A. Longo, 63, of Gardiner, on 5-14-10.

Yiven Luo, 40, on 2-5-08.

1997

Cassandra Lynn Marek, 53, on 2-12-09.

Christopher T. Sargent, 54, of Bangor, on 12-5-09.

Matthew Woolven, 37, of Riverside, CT, on 12-27-09.

1998

Christopher M. Brune, 36, of Lisbon Falls, on 3-13-10.

2000

Kelly Ann Preston, 41, of Bangor, on 1-31-10.

2001

Sherry Bourget, 60, on 8-1-07.

2005

Peggy Badran, 57, of Frankfort, on 3-19-10.

2006

Thomas A. Bertocci, 65, of Thomaston, on 4-4-10.

Kori Sue Ellis, 43, of Mapleton, on 11-24-09.

Erin McGrath Woolley, 26, of Bangor, on 3-16-10.

Deaths

Fred Hutchinson '53, '58G

Remembering A Native Son

When Frederick E. Hutchinson '53 was chosen as UMaine president in 1992 you could hear cheers coming from across campus and around the entire state. Former alumni association president Max Burry '57 may have summed it up best when he quipped that hiring Fred Hutchinson as the university's leader "was the most popular decision in Maine since the repeal of prohibition."

It was also a homecoming that Fred looked forward to—so much so that he took a substantial pay cut in making the move.

Unfortunately, Fred arrived at a difficult period for the university. His five-year term was marked by what seemed like a constant flow of crises, not of his making. There were the devastating state budget cuts in the early '90s, the Chancellor Michael Orenduff fiasco, the baseball team gambling incident, and of course, the NCAA investigations of the Black Bear hockey program and all the controversy that accompanied it.

And while his decisions were not always popular with everyone in the confines of campus, it's a great tribute to Fred's character that in the face of so much adversity, he retired from the UMaine presidency as popular with the people of Maine as the day he began. That popularity was evidenced by standing ovations from the Maine Legislature and an even tougher audience, the Maine Press Association.

As difficult as those years were for the university, it's fair to say that they would have taken a much larger toll on the institution without Fred Hutchinson at the helm.

Maine people loved Fred because he



was one of them. He was candid. He had both common sense and a sense of humor. He had a firm handshake. He didn't use academic jargon—but spoke in everyday language, often making his point by telling a story with that great Maine accent.

People also loved Fred's life story—a poor kid from rural Atkinson who never forgot what it was like to be poor. No one in the Hutchinson family had ever been to college, but Fred was motivated to achieve in life. He worked all through high school, still managing to get high grades.

It was also in high school (in Dover-Foxcroft) that Fred started dating Dione Williams '54, '71G, his future wife and partner for life.

It was the influence of Dione's parents, as well as a UMaine agricultural extension agent, who urged Fred to go to study agriculture. But there was one small problem—paying for college was beyond his family's reach.

The extension agent didn't give up, and after Fred completed a short stint in the Army, the agent persuaded UMaine's agricultural dean to give the promising young student a \$100 scholarship. It was enough to pay for one semester.

"If it wasn't for that \$100, I probably would not have been able to go to college," Fred once reflected.

He made the most of the opportunity, working every job possible on campus while maintaining honor level grades.

Fred went on to get a master's degree from Maine and a Ph.D. from Penn State. His taught in UMaine's department of plant and soil sciences and eventually was asked to chair the department by agriculture college dean Winthrop Libby. That was the beginning of what would become a sterling career in higher education administration.

Fred's career at UMaine became intertwined with Libby's—as the senior UMaine administrator moved up the ladder, Fred moved with him. Eventually, when Libby became UMaine president, he chose Fred to be the agriculture college dean. And under Libby's successor, Howard Neville, Fred became a UMaine vice president.

As vice president he was instrumental in developing UMaine's federal designation as America's 14th Sea Grant College.

When Neville resigned, Fred became a strong candidate for the job. But much to the disappointment of many on campus, the University of Maine System trustees selected Paul Silverman.

Fred was also very disappointed and decided it was time to move on.

"I didn't want to become one of those people who hang around forever," he once said about his decision.

He took a position as executive director of the State Department's Board for International Food and Agricultural Development. Two years later he was recruited to head up the huge agriculture experiment station at Ohio State. A year later he was made vice president for agriculture, and a year after that he was made the university's provost.

Despite his success at Ohio State, Fred and Dione Hutchinson were thrilled to return to their alma mater.

"Everything I am, I got from the University of Maine," Fred said at the time.

Fred died on April 7 in Bangor. A lasting tribute to the former UMaine president is embodied in the Hutchinson Center in Belfast—providing thousands of Maine residents with a fresh opportunity to continue their education.

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