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"Although we have lived from Maine to California, Maine is still home to us and the University of Maine holds a special place in our hearts. As students, the University provided us with many opportunities to learn, to lead and to grow. The University launched us well, and we are delighted now to be able to help young students pursue their studies, find their talents, and begin their own successful careers."

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The College of Our Hearts Always

New Beginnings

Your University of Maine Alumni Association hosted another truly successful Reunion weekend in early June. Over 500 alumni and guests joined us for fun-filled days of events and get-togethers with classmates, roommates, teammates, fraternity brothers, sorority sisters, and old friends. One pre-event highlight was our inaugural Black Bear Golf Tournament at gorgeous Belgrade Lakes Golf Club. Special thanks to our sponsors and players for a great day. The event will be bigger and better next year, so plan to kick off your Reunion 2012 weekend with us in Belgrade!

With summer upon us, we are preparing for fall alumni gatherings. There are some terrific events being planned for the summer months by our local chapters and affinity interest groups. Please check our Website at www.umainealumni.com for details on these events and to register online.

We are pleased to welcome Paul W. Ferguson, his wife Grace, and their daughter, Jenny. Dr. Ferguson takes the helm as the 19th UMaine president and will bring some fresh thinking and vision to our alma mater. The UMAA is excited about the opportunity to assist President Ferguson in building an even stronger and more vibrant UMaine community.

The UMAA mission has always included helping UMaine alumni get connected and stay connected to our University and each other. *Networking with a purpose* is a growing priority. We believe strongly that *united Black Bears* can make a difference. Look for new initiatives coming from the Alumni Association in the fall that will provide opportunities for your involvement both locally and nationally.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank President Robert A. Kennedy for his seven years of visionary leadership at the University of Maine. His tenure has seen UMaine's elevation as a national leader in research and technology. We've also seen new and improved campus facilities, increased sustainability practices, improved student retention rates, Campaign Maine reaching its \$150 million goal, and much more. His efforts and initiatives have led to improved educational and economic opportunities for the University and the people of Maine. We wish him well as he begins the next phase of his career.

Be well! Be a Black Bear!

Todd D. Saucier '93, '97G



P.S. Don't forget to save the dates for Homecoming weekend. It's October 14-16. We hope to see the biggest group of alumni ever assembled in Orono this fall. So start making your plans now. We especially hope to see members from the Classes of '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '01, and '06!

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New Digital Age in Open Textbooks

There's a revolution sweeping the world of textbook publishing. It's being led by a company named Flat World Knowledge. This novel approach to textbook delivery is being used by more than 1,600 professors in 900+ colleges in over 44 countries and has saved students well over \$20 million.

Today, four professors from the University of Maine are preparing textbooks for this online, on-demand system. The first faculty member to get on board was Professor Steven Barkan, long-time chairperson of the sociology department, whose introductory sociology textbook was digitally published last September. Barkan will take a sabbatical during the 2011-2012 academic year to produce his second digital textbook on social problems for Flat World Knowledge.

"I read about Flat World Knowledge in 2009. The concept and the business model intrigued me. So I did more research into the company and then contacted them," Barkan recalls. "With sociology textbooks running \$100-\$150 each, this is a real economic strain on many of our students."

With Flat World Knowledge, professors tell the company which textbook they want to use for their class. Then they give students an online code to access those books. Students go to the Flat World Knowledge Website and get just what they need at a price they can afford. "I remember thinking that the idea just makes so much sense," Barkan continues. "Students have the flexibility to choose the format that works for them, as a learning preference as well as financially. They can read the chapters online for free. Or they can buy the PDF versions of specific chapters to print out themselves for around three dollars. Or they can buy a soft cover print-on-demand version of the textbook for



about \$35, which is shipped to them in a matter of days," Barkan elaborates. "From a professor's point of view, I can now use a textbook in my class and know that all my students can afford to read it. From an author's point of view, I receive royalties anytime a student pays for a print copy or other version of my textbook. However, I typically donate my royalties to the Sociology Department Gift Fund to aid students whenever I use my own book in my classes. The point is everybody wins!"

The concept made so much sense that a second sociology professor, Amy Blackstone, recent winner of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' prestigious Outstanding Teaching & Advising Award, decided to publish with Flat World Knowledge as well.

"I'm working on my first textbook," Professor Blackstone explained. "It will be a book on research methods. It's the kind of book that could be used in sociology, political science or even criminology courses. I've waited a number of years to write this book and believe it will be a very useful resource. However, I am also concerned with keeping textbook options affordable for students. It's so nice to be working with a company that is concerned with what works for students and that is willing to offer so many flexible options to them." Blackstone will become chairperson of the sociology department in the fall of 2011.

According to Barkan, digitally formatted open textbooks are the wave of the future in college education. "Another exciting aspect of digital publishing is that the author can do virtually instant updates to the text to include the latest data."

Other University of Maine faculty members preparing textbooks for digital publication include two professors from modern languages. Professor Kathleen March '02 Ph.D. will produce an elementary Spanish textbook and Professor Madelon Köhler-Busch will author an elementary German language textbook.

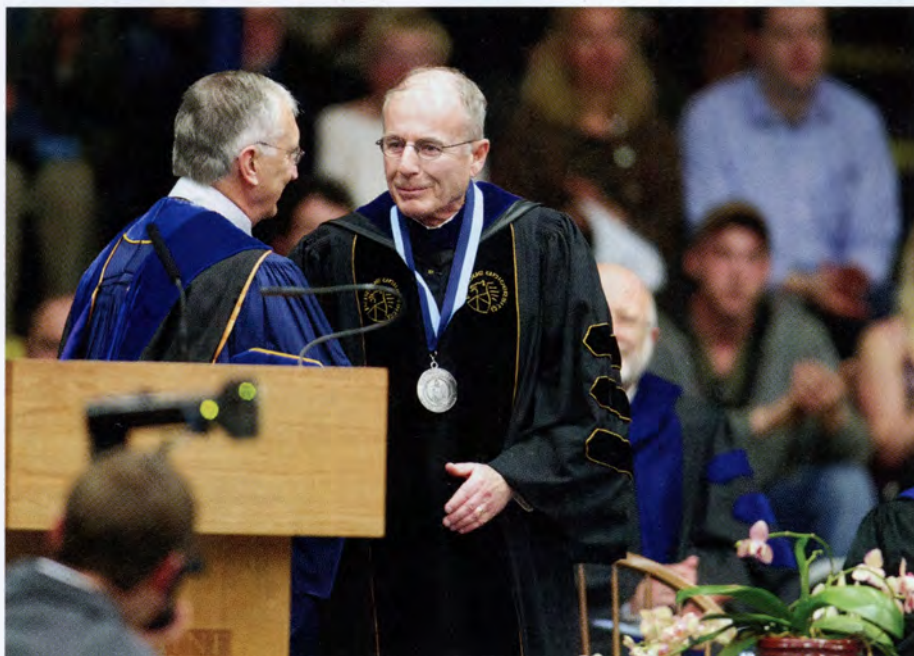
**Sociology professors Steven Barkan
and Amy Blackstone**



Foundation Assists with Green Conservation Corridor

The University of Maine Foundation's contribution of a 1,000-plus acre tract of land has helped in a larger effort to create an unbroken green conservation corridor for wildlife and recreation from Bangor's residential and commercial districts to the northern end of Pushaw Lake in Hudson. The Caribou Bog-Penjajawoc Lands Project (Corridor Project) is a joint venture of Orono Land Trust and Bangor Land Trust established in May 2007 and includes nearly 20 partners, ranging from the municipalities of Brewer, Bangor, Orono, Old Town, and Veazie, to state agencies, the University of Maine, University of Maine Foundation, and other non-profit organizations. The Foundation's contribution represents a significant portion of the Corridor which was deeded to the project, with permission of the Birmingham family who originally donated the land to the University of Maine Foundation.

"We are very pleased to be part of this important conservation effort," said Amos E. Orcutt '64, president and CEO of the Foundation. He added, "This project offers multiple opportunities for the public to view wildlife in their natural settings. There is no other place quite like it."



Food Scientist is 2011 Distinguished Maine Professor

Students hold Al Bushway in high regard for his enthusiasm, ability to explain complex concepts, and interactive teaching style.

Professor Al Bushway '68 is the 2011 Distinguished Maine Professor (DMP). Accompanying the award is a \$4,200 prize, a blazer, and a pewter medallion, all generously funded by the Class of 1942.

The Alumni Association presents the DMP award each year to a deserving faculty member in recognition of outstanding teaching, research, and public service. Bushway, who teaches both introductory and upper-level courses, has carried a heavy teaching load throughout his 33-year career at UMaine. He became the first chair of the newly formed department of Food Science and Human Nutrition.

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his enthusiasm, ability to explain complex concepts, and interactive teaching style. He revises his courses frequently to include cutting-edge technology and provides relevant, real-world learning opportunities.

Professor Bushway has trained food scientists to meet USDA guidelines, evaluated emerging disinfection technologies, published widely, and brought in more than one million dollars in research grants. Described as an icon, he is known throughout the state and beyond as the go-to resource on food safety and food processing methods. His department has far-reaching applications, responding to licensed food businesses in the state and throughout the Northeast. He has helped countless fruit and berry growers, farmers, meat and poultry producers, fishermen, and food processors with issues relating to the safe handling and processing of their goods. In 2009, he was named a Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists for his exceptional contributions to the field of food science and technology.

Representatives from the University, the Foundation and collaborating partners celebrated the conclusion of this phase of the Caribou Bog-Penjajawoc Project by placing new signs at Perch Pond to commemorate the work.



New women's basketball head coach Richard Barron and assistant coach Amy Vachon '00.

At UMaine, Barron will work to return the Black Bears to the NCAA tournament and recruit Maine players, who have been leaving the state to play elsewhere, as well as out-of-state and foreign athletes.

Coach Barron also announced the appointment of additional staff for the program. Amy Vachon '00, who led Portland's McAuley High School to the Class A state title last season, has joined him as assistant coach. Vachon was a two-time UMaine captain who played on four NCAA tournament teams. Jhasmin Player, a former member of the Baylor University basketball team who helped lead her team to four trips to the NCAA tournament, is also an assistant coach. Former UMaine player Tracy Guerrette '03, who recently served as University of Maine-Presque Isle coach and sports information director, has been named director of women's basketball operations at UMaine.

Perkins '14 wins Tuition Raffle

Second-year student, Andrew G. Perkins of Kittery, ME, is this year's UMaine Alumni Association tuition raffle winner for the 2011-2012 academic year. This year's annual fundraiser had over 3,500 entries. The winner receives 12 paid credits for the two semesters, worth over \$6,000. The winning ticket was pulled by Dr. Robert Buchanan '44, for whom Buchanan Alumni House is named, on May 2, 2011.

"I have never won anything in my life. What a great surprise," exclaimed Perkins. "I have my mom and my grandmother to thank, who each bought four tickets."

Perkins, a graduate of R.W. Traip Academy in Kittery, will be a business management major this fall.

Congratulations, Andrew! We wish you the best of luck next year and the rest of your college career at UMaine. Make us all proud!

New Coach and Assistant Coaches for Women's Basketball

Richard Barron has been named head coach of the University of Maine women's basketball team. A North Carolina State women's basketball assistant coach, Barron was chosen following a national search.

"Coach Barron brings a remarkable combination of experience, vision and energy to the University of Maine," said athletic director Steve Abbott. "He exemplifies all the characteristics we were looking for in a head coach, particularly a track

record of success at top-quality Division I academic institutions."

Barron was assistant coach of women's basketball at North Carolina State for two years. Prior to that, he was associate head coach and recruiting coordinator at Baylor University in Texas, one of the top women's basketball programs in the country. He also spent six years as head coach at Princeton, where he turned around the team during his first season. In 2006 his team won the Ivy League championship.

UMaine Unveils 15 New Online Graduate Studies Programs

As part of its outreach mission as a land-grant university, UMaine has been offering more than 350 sections of courses to over 11,000 students who might not otherwise have had the opportunity to take courses. Some students might not have been able to get into a section of a required course, while others may work full time and overtime to support families and may be unable to get time off to attend a scheduled traditional class. And while some of the online courses available since distance education programs started in 1989 have been at the graduate level (for example, food science and nutrition, health care administration, and curriculum, assessment, and instruction) UMaine is moving forward with a significant increase in online graduate options. In the spring semester, the situation will dramatically change in response to the University of Maine System's plan *New Challenges, New Directions* with its clarion call to increase access opportunities for Maine citizens. These programs of graduate study are designed for part-time students, regardless of where they live and/or when they can attend.

According to associate provost and dean, Bob White, who spearheaded the effort in collaboration with the University's five colleges and the graduate school, "this effort was an important part of UMaine's strategic plan to take full advantage of Internet technology to make the concepts of time and place irrelevant to those who want the career-building advantages that graduate level education can provide. I believe this new opportunity will permit alumni and other Maine residents who are challenged by their physical location and full-time jobs to gain the higher-level degree or professional certification they never thought they could achieve. We like to say that students can now take their

courses anytime and anywhere."

The University's Division of Lifelong Learning prides itself in offering the same high quality instruction to students, whether they are seated in the classroom face-to-face with their professor or in their own den or office in front of a computer screen. Professors work one-on-one with the program's support staff to adapt their traditional lecture or seminar-style course to maximize the capabilities of the online medium. From any computer with Internet access, students can watch the live or pre-recorded lectures, view the professors' slides or notes, ask questions via online messaging, and get their responses. Students can even collaborate with other students on assignments and presentations through mobile videoconferencing technologies. Homework assignments and tests are also submitted for grading to professors online.

"UMaine is experiencing an increase in the number of students who are non-traditional—typically over 24 years of age, working full-time, and able to attend only on a part-time basis. Whatever their life circumstances, these workers have come to the conclusion that if they want to get ahead in their careers, then they must enhance their knowledge and skills through higher education," Dean White continues. "But there is a difference between just taking some online courses and actually working toward a specific degree online.

"For several years now we have been

offering a Bachelor of University Studies degree and also an RN to BSN option for non-traditional students, and only a few advanced degrees," White explains. "Each of the five colleges and graduate school were charged with putting together at least one graduate degree program or its equivalent credit hours (e.g. combinations of certificate options) and they have outdone themselves by producing 15 graduate degree programs or professional certificate programs. These programs will be rolled out over the course of the next academic year. And we plan to add programs in response to need, especially inter-college, inter-disciplinary degrees," White concludes.

The university is hoping that alumni especially will recognize and appreciate the outstanding opportunity this program affords them to reconnect with their alma mater and earn the graduate degrees they've longed to acquire. For more information on the degree programs that will be coming online in the fall, please refer to the ad on page 25 or visit <http://umaineonline.umaine.edu>.

Editor's Note: Associate provost and dean Bob White retired on June 30th after 33 years of outstanding service to the University of Maine. The entire UMaine community will miss his vision and dedication. We all wish him well and congratulate him on his many accomplishments.

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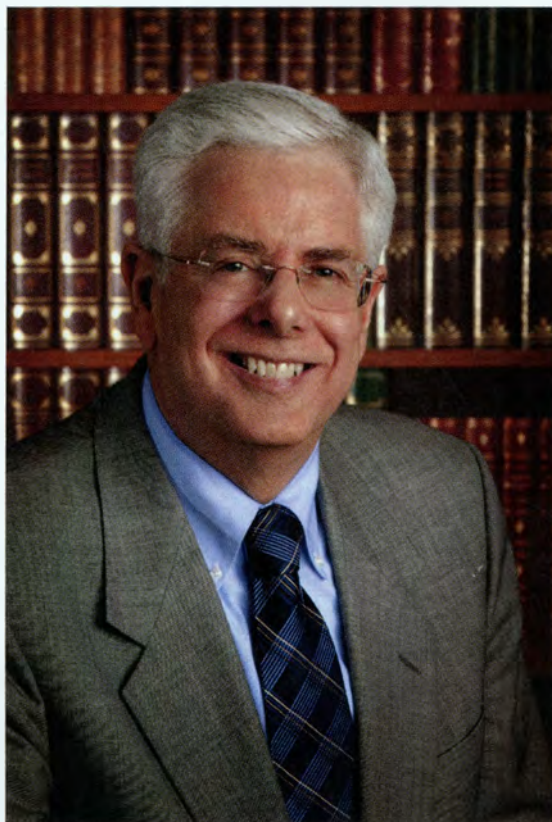
New Beginnings

Paul W. Ferguson takes the helm as 19th UMaine President

On meeting Paul W. Ferguson for the first time, alumni tend to say the same thing. Their first impressions focus on the new president's genuine friendliness and relaxed, outgoing personality.

"Some of our board members and I were privileged to have the opportunity to participate in the selection process for the new president," states Todd Saucier '93, '97G, president and executive director of the University of Maine Alumni Association. "We were impressed with the qualities and credentials of all four of the candidates. But there was something special about Ferguson. He was so approachable. He went out of his way to extend himself to everyone in the room and to find out about them and their backgrounds. When you combine his personality and professional accomplishments with his student-centered philosophy, I am convinced that President Ferguson will be a valuable asset to the future of the University, the students and the UMaine alumni."

Paul W. Ferguson is a native of southern California who earned his B.A. in biology at Whittier College and went on to earn his Ph.D. in pharmacology and toxicology from the University of California, Davis. He began his academic career as an assistant professor at the University of Louisiana, Monroe, became dean of graduate studies and research, and eventually vice provost from 1995-1999. For the next seven years he served at the



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University of Nevada, Las Vegas, rising through the administrative ranks to vice president for research and graduate studies. Most recently, he served as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and professor of pharmacology and toxicology at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville from 2006 until the present.

In all these positions, Ferguson has demonstrated a dedication to three primary goals: excellence in research; commitment to academic quality and student success; and successful collaboration and communication with the entire community.

"When you decide that you are ready to seek the responsibility that being president of a research university involves, you need to find the right fit," Ferguson explains. "You don't get that many opportunities to lead a land-grant university with a tradition as long and as strong as the University of Maine. My wife, Grace, and I came to Orono, and immediately felt something special about this place and these people. This was a University where we fit, where we could belong to the greater University community, and where we could make a difference."

Student-Centered Philosophy

According to Kurt Marston '74, '79G, chair of the UMaine Alumni Association Board of Directors, "We were all impressed by Paul Ferguson's student-centered focus when he talked about the research

mission of a university. He received his doctoral education at a major land-grant university and led the research mission at another major urban research university, so he understands full well the mission of a land-grant university and its role in powering economic development for the state. That is very important to all our futures."

"I believe in the philosophy of a student-centered, engaged research university," Dr. Ferguson states. "The challenge to this philosophy is to creatively balance the demands of supporting the research infrastructure and faculty development with a continuing commitment to student mentoring and success. At the University of Maine, students are very involved in a hands-on way in the groundbreaking research that is underway. This is a defining, and can be a unique, characteristic of UMaine. I greatly appreciate and value this characteristic and it truly underscores the right fit for me."

Unprecedented Economic Times

President Ferguson is also mindful of the difficult challenges ahead in moving his vision forward. "Nationwide, we are all facing unprecedented economic difficulties in higher education. That's just a fact of life.

This requires us to look not only to the state and federal government for partnership and support, but also to forge new public/private partnerships and collaborations to move the mission forward. Of course, finances are critical to maintaining the long-term tradition of excellence the University of Maine has established over the past 150 years. But, we are talking here about more than just money through grants and private fundraising.

"Just as important to me as president are the insights and input of our partners across the state in both the public and private sectors. Chief among these partners are the UMaine alumni," Ferguson affirms. "I am looking forward to meeting with and listening to the voices of the alumni from across the state to help us craft the vision for where we take this University in the 21st century. I am committed to being a 21st century university president, using all

the technology and tools at my disposal to reach out and gather diverse perspectives."

According to Todd Saucier, excitement is building among alumni about the opportunities this new beginning offers. "I think that President Ferguson is going to prove to be the right leader at the right time for this University," Saucier emphasizes. "The Association's leadership is committed to working closely with President Ferguson to benefit not only the institution and the students, but also for the benefit of the whole alumni community. I know everyone joins me in welcoming President Ferguson, his wife, Grace, and their daughter, Jenny, who will be transferring to UMaine as a second-year political science major. We hope they will love the campus and the President's House as much as we appreciate having them here with us in Orono," Saucier concludes. 🐾

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HOW ADELBERT SPRAGUE AND LINCOLN COLCORD TURNED "OPIE" INTO AN ANTHEM AND THE VAGABOND LOVER MADE IT A HIT

By Jim H. Smith '70

In 1903, a young man named Adelbert Wells Sprague '05 made a discovery in Bar Harbor that forever changed the University of Maine. A Bangor High School graduate, Sprague was a talented cellist who had just completed his sophomore year at Maine. That summer he was earning his way through college performing at fashionable soirées for well-to-do vacationers.

In addition to ragtime tunes and light overtures, the season's repertoire included a sprightly march called "Opie," composed during the Spanish-American War by U.S. Army bandmaster Emil A. Fenstad. It was, Sprague recalled years later, "particularly striking as to melody and rhythmic vitality," and he thought he might be able to appropriate it for the University.

Maine needed a fight song. The one being used had also been appropriated by Harvard to spur its teams to victory. So, when Sprague returned to Orono at summer's end he brought "Opie" with him.

"Our Drinking Song Had Become Sanctified"

That autumn, the University's band was named an official student organization, and Sprague was tapped to be its director. Though he was just 22, he looked the role. His prematurely receding hairline and the dark-framed glasses he favored gave him an owlish appearance, mature beyond his years. He was also a seasoned musician; a member of the Bangor Symphony since he was 14.

The nascent bandleader handed "Opie" off to a dependable wordsmith—his roommate, Lincoln





A Bangor High School graduate, Sprague was a talented cellist who also played in the band at the University of Maine. During the summer of his sophomore year he was earning his way through college performing at fashionable soirées for well-to-do vacationers.



Alden Colcord '05. "(I) asked him if it wasn't worthy of some Maine words," was how Sprague remembered it.

Creator and editor of the UMaine literary magazine *The Blue Book*, Colcord was Maine personified. The son of a Searsport sea captain, born aboard a storm-tossed square rigger off the rocky nub of Cape Ann in 1883, he'd spent his entire life at sea or within spitting distance of Penobscot Bay.

"Opie" in hand, Colcord went looking for a piano. In a little while – some legends say half an hour later, some say he cut a couple of classes – he returned with lyrics that imbued the new anthem with all the lusty joie de vivre of a sea shanty. They began:

Fill the steins to dear old Maine. Shout 'til the rafters ring.

Sprague showed the score and lyrics to Arthur Plummer, leader of the glee club, who agreed to rehearse it for the band's first official concert. But the new song almost didn't make it out of the gate.

The faculty chairman of musical affairs disapproved of the lyrics about drinking. And when Sprague sought the counsel of several conservative faculty members they were no more supportive. Their dour counsel: "Keep on the safe side."

"(They said) our (song) was pagan," Sprague said, "proposing a toast to the gods and to the fates." But he was undaunted. He sought out the president, who sagely opined that while it was a drinking song and Maine was (a prohibition state), Mainers also drank milk and water. Thin logic, perhaps, but enough to make the music chairman back down. And so was born "The Stein Song."



Sprague's tenacious defense of the song was vindicated when, as he recalled, "(It) was a real hit at the concert." But even he was surprised when he returned from grad school a few years later "to find the student body rising...whenever 'The Stein Song' was played. Our drinking song had become sanctified."

The Vagabond Lover

By 1921, Sprague and Colcord's creation was permanently enmeshed in the University's fabric. Nearly two decades old, it was routinely performed at athletic events and concerts.

That year "the fates" brought a young man from Westbrook, named Hubert Prior Vallée, to Orono. Vallée was born to entertain. Blessed with a head of luxuriously wavy red hair and a boatload of charisma, he was a vocalist and multi-instrumentalist who had adopted his stage name – Rudy – in homage to the popular saxophonist Rudy Wiedoeft. It was clear he was going places and, indeed, he remained only a year in Orono. But that was long enough for him to meet Adelbert Sprague, by then a 15-year member of the music faculty, and to hear "The Stein Song."

"It is a stirring march," Vallée would later declare, "but at that time was sung...with no snap."

Vallée was big on "snap," and he spent three years in England honing his own with the Havana Band, the popular house ensemble at London's Savoy Hotel. Then, in 1925, he enrolled at Yale, where he formed his own band—Rudy Vallée and the Connecticut Yankees—and wisely adopted a collegiate brand that included singing through a cheerleader's megaphone.



(Left to right) Creator and editor of the UMaine literary magazine *The Blue Book*, Lincoln Colcord was Maine personified. Bangor native Adelbert Wells Sprague later became a professor of music and department head at the University of Maine. When released during the Great Depression, Rudy Vallée's recording sold 1.25 million copies.

Along with Bing Crosby, he invented the “crooner” image and enchanted a generation of young women. By 1928 he had a recording contract and a radio program. A year later he starred in his first feature film, the title of which, *The Vagabond Lover*, would become his highly bankable image.

Reaching out to his radio audience, Vallée solicited songs from colleges and universities. One of those who nominated a tune was Adelbert Sprague. When Vallée performed his snappy treatment of “The Stein Song” one evening it became an overnight craze.

By the spring of 1930, when rookie cops sang it in a New York Police Parade that attracted more than a million spectators, the song was an unprecedented phenomenon—a collegiate anthem blaring day and night from radios coast to coast. In one two-week span a whopping 250,000 copies of the sheet music sold. And Vallée's recording sold 1.25 million copies, more than enough to qualify “The Stein Song” as a mega-hit when the U. S. population was just 120 million and the economy was plummeting into the abyss of the Great Depression.

It also put the University of Maine on the map like nothing else ever had. University officials were wholly unprepared for the reporters who trekked north to see for themselves what Vallée was crooning about, the adulatory letters that arrived from as far away as Singapore, and the flood of applications from prospective students hoping to attend a school where one might “drink to the carefree days.”

Though Vallée would enjoy a career spanning another 40 years, nothing else he recorded ever came close to being so success-

ful. And though fame carried him to as many far-flung places as the tall ships of Lincoln Colcord's youth, it was to Westbrook that he was returned to rest when he passed away in the summer of 1986.

By then, Colcord and Sprague were long gone. Colcord, who had a successful writing career after leaving the University, went back to Searsport in 1930 and lived there until he died suddenly on November 16, 1947. He was just 64. Sprague outlived him by nine years. Longtime conductor of the Bangor Symphony, and a member of the UMaine music faculty for 33 years, he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Music in 1949.

Their jaunty anthem survives, though. To this day it is performed all over the world. In 1990 it was declared the fifth-best gridiron song of all time by Northern Illinois University librarian Bill Studwell, who evaluated the quality, lyrics and overall tone of some 40 collegiate tunes. Studwell's appraisal was subjective, of course. Rudy Vallée—who never had a hit with Notre Dame's, Michigan's, Wisconsin's or Yale's fight songs—might have disagreed. 🐾

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University of Maine's J. F. Witter Center

Leading the way in equine disease diagnosis and treatment

Public-private partnerships hold promise for future economic development in equine-related industries.

By Norinne Hilchey Daly '59



Emma Kilgore '10, shown at the Witter Center, combined a major in psychology with an equine minor with the goal of becoming an equine therapist.

We've all heard the phrase, "Healthy as a horse." It surprises most people to learn just how "fragile" these powerful creatures can be, even with proper care. The average American horse owner annually spends \$200-\$300 per horse on veterinary care, including regular checkups and vaccinations. However, should a horse become ill or get injured, that amount can quickly skyrocket to \$750-\$1,000 or more per incident. Contagious diseases that can quickly spread through an entire barn are among horse owners' worst economic nightmares. Now, work done at the University of Maine holds the promise of eradicating outbreaks of at least one costly disease.

The barn owner said, "I sure won't take any horses from that stable — they've got strangles over there!" Just the sound of the word was strange enough and made me think it probably was good for him to have that attitude. As a horse owner myself, I knew that, while boarding my horse there, I sure didn't want him to have something that sounded as mystifying and just plain scary as "strangles" around the place.

Strangles? It's the common usage among horse people for a bacterial infection caused by a condition called *Streptococcus equi* — sort of the horse version of severe "strep throat" in humans. Another lay term for it is "horse distemper." And, it is a condition that is approached as differently from one veterinary professional to another because, although a good deal is known about variations in treatment, methods of detection, immunization and protection can vary greatly.

Why is improved strangles detection important?

Strangles is highly contagious. It is one of the most widely reported diagnoses worldwide and impacts the horse's lymph nodes in the upper respiratory tract. It most commonly happens when a new horse is introduced to a herd. Even if the new horse no longer shows any signs of the disease, it can still spread the bacteria. Within two to six days of exposure, the infected horse will develop abscessed lymph nodes, which will rupture and drain highly contagious fluids. Most horses will recover, but up to ten percent will die, most often as a result of complications from pneumonia. And, the common name comes from the strangling sound the horse makes when the

lymph glands are affected.

An additional concern is that abscesses will spread to other organs, like the lungs, internal organs or even the brain (so called "bastard strangles"). However uncommon, it is usually fatal. Isolation of a horse with strangles is mandatory. Nasal swabs can help determine if the horse is shedding *S. equi* bacteria and these swabs should be



The numbers

- **There are 9.2 million horses in the U.S.**
- **Over 4.6 million Americans are directly involved in the equine industry**
- **Roughly 2 million people own one or more horses**
- **The horse industry has a \$39 billion direct economic impact on the U.S. economy**

Source: TheEquestrianChannel.com

done repeatedly over a period of weeks or more, meaning more vet visits. Horses also can become persistently infected in the guttural pouches (the internal sinuses between the horse's throat and ear), and become long-term carriers of the disease. Carriers can only be detected by inspection and culture of the guttural pouches using an endoscope passed through the nose. If no bacteria are detected, the horse can be presumed to be free of strangles.

Vaccines are used in modern preventative treatment, but they are not a complete guarantee against the disease occurring in the horse. Research has shown that vaccinations are one way of providing that a horse that does contract strangles does not develop as severe a case when exposed.

In the past, the human tendency of the pre-vaccine days to make sure one's children were exposed to measles or chicken pox to cement their immunity was the primary way to ensure that the horse became immune. Of course, the fatality rate of nearly ten percent in strangles-infected horses or better makes that a less attractive choice than vaccination. However you approach it, strangles is a costly disease.

UMaine receives grant support

The University of Maine's J. F. Witter Center for Large Animal Research and Teaching has received a significant grant from the Maine Technology Asset Fund to study strangles and try to help equine professionals find answers to some seemingly simple questions: can we detect and isolate strangles carriers in the general horse population, and thereby move towards complete eradication of the disease?

If so, does one use an injectable vaccine

or an intranasal injection? And, of most importance, is there a quicker, easier way to detect the presence of the disease? The answers will vary from one veterinary professional to another, because it is a complex disease with far fewer answers than questions.

The \$500,000 grant has been given to primary researcher, Robert C. Causey, and his team of veterinarians, James Weber and Anne Lichtenwalner, to establish a testing, research and education facility at the Witter Center. The thrust of the research will be to advance the diagnosis and treatment of strangles and other animal diseases where more needs to be known to make good decisions about treatment. In addition, the potential for the development of inexpensive kits for diagnosis holds great promise for business incubation and economic development in Maine.

The new center will provide advance-

ment for the diagnosis, treatment and general understanding of this disease. This R&D could provide the base for biomedical companies in Maine to manufacture diagnostic kits that can be used in the field to provide quicker and more accurate diagnoses of this problem. Current diagnostic procedures involve doing a culture of the bacteria from nasal discharge, running a test to determine the presence of DNA of *S. equi* bacteria, or doing serology — a blood test — to measure a titer to a specific protein of *S. equi*. All of these are costly and time-consuming when time is critical to halting the development of the disease in a herd.

The grant will provide field endoscopes for use by the UMaine research team and private veterinarians at farms and stables around the state to detect strangles carriers. First, diagnostic kits, using reagents developed by Maine

Biotechnology Services in Portland, will be evaluated for the ability to detect the presence of *S. equi* within hours, rather than the days that it can take using more traditional methods. The aim of the research is to collect enough data to show that these test kits are effective and reliable in diagnosing the condition. The second goal is to show that the kits can be manufactured, sold and distributed throughout the country as a reliable tool for diagnosis and possible eradication of the disease. The potential, according to Causey, is global. "Whenever there are horses, there is this disease. No one has ever tried to do this before. This puts Maine right in the forefront of strangles research."

Forging important partnerships

Renovations at the Witter Center will include an animal handling area for diagnosis, an equine isolation area and a tech-

The Center

The J. F. Witter Center is a 400-acre working farm on the northern edge of campus. What was once exclusively a research facility has been transformed into a center for student-centered learning. In addition to the ongoing research projects, faculty and nearly 300 students from many academic disciplines are involved in classes focusing on equine and bovine management practices and pre-veterinary studies. Graduates of the program are now employed at respected large-animal facilities throughout New England or have gone on to graduate studies in biology, animal science or veterinary medicine.



1. MIRACLE BABY: Her name is Lahar's Baby Blue. She was born in May 2010 at the Witter Center and is today a healthy Standardbred yearling being prepared for a career in harness racing. She's owned by Norinne "Nonni" Hilchey Daly '59 who has been a well-known and well-respected figure in Maine harness racing for a number of years. But "Blue" wouldn't have been born without the cutting-edge equine infertility research being conducted by veterinarians Robert

Causey and Jim Weber of the Animal and Veterinary Sciences Department. Infertility in domesticated horses and low foaling rates (only 50%) have both animal welfare and economic development implications, issues being addressed by reproductive research conducted at UMaine.

2. PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP: The Witter Center works in close cooperation with the Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owners

nology center. The center will be used to train and support faculty, Maine veterinarians, and pre-veterinary students from UMaine with help from faculty at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine and the Gluck Equine Research Center at the University of Kentucky. UMaine prides itself on the high degree of student involvement in large animal projects through the work that students do in the Equine Management Cooperative and the UMadCows academic concentrations.

Hopefully, a statewide strangles project will be borne of this effort to try and protect Maine's nearly 40,000 horses. There is a two-pronged approach to this project where one is to "strengthen Maine's biotechnology sector, especially small innovative companies, and the other is to strengthen the agricultural economy through lessening the impact of disease," according to Causey. Sales projections for

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developed kits could be in the vicinity of over \$3 million dollars, even if only a small percent of the nation's horses are tested annually.

According to the Maine Farm Bureau,

the equine "business" in the state of Maine generates nearly \$400 million dollars in business every year. Horses are still used in some logging operations, still plow some agricultural fields, can be seen at two commercial harness racing tracks and nine state fairs each year, and the pleasure horse business is growing by sizable increments every year. The economic impact of the horse industry in the State of Maine is far greater than most people would even imagine. The University of Maine's Witter Center hopes to be at the forefront of disease prevention in the future with the detection and treatment of this most common horse ailment and other research and preventative measures that can be determined through cooperative work between UMaine and the private business sector.



Association, the national U.S. Trotting Association and the Maine Harness Horsemen's Association. Pembroke White Out (shown here), who resides at the Witter Center, is owned by the UMaine program and continues her racing career at local harness racetracks. In addition, retired Standardbred mares are donated to the program to be bred or to be retrained for pleasure riding, driving, or for horse show competitions. These horses are then sold to good homes with the proceeds

returning to the program. The daily care, management and training of these horses is performed by UMaine students in the equine studies program.

3. UMAINE AMBASSADORS: The UMaine Drill Team members are not just ambassadors for the University's equine program when they do demonstrations or compete on their UMaine Standardbred mares, dubbed the "UMares." They are also acting as proponents

for the Standardbred breed itself, contradicting the widely held belief that this breed is not much good for anything except racing. With every outing the student equestrians show off the intelligence, work ethic and beauty of a quintessentially American horse breed with historically strong ties to the State of Maine.

Child Study Center Provides Unique Early Childhood Learning Laboratory

Students discover the practical realities that will shape Maine's future, one child at a time

By Katie Quirk

Sue White '89 can't seem to escape UMaine's Child Study Center (CSC). As an undergraduate in the late '80s, White spent three semesters researching and working in the psychology department's laboratory preschool. Later, as the assistant director for a children's mental health program serving the greater Bangor area, White found herself repeatedly hiring graduates who had worked or volunteered for the CSC.

"Whenever an application came across my desk for employment, if I saw the CSC on their resume, that fact put them on the top of my list. We hired exclusively on merit, but I quickly learned that graduates with CSC experience had a broader under-

standing of children, their development, and their needs. I hired many, many employees with CSC experience, and many of them went on to management." When White started having children of her own, choosing a preschool for her kids was a no-brainer. "The CSC is an institution more than a preschool. It's a community resource that's just as good as it was when I worked there."

Interdisciplinary environment

Founded in 1938, the CSC is estimated to have served approximately 1,000 University students and 2,500 preschool students. If you visit the program today, that diversity of learners is readily apparent: children

aged two to five years old play blocks with psychology students, read books in the laps of doctoral students, talk with speech and language development students, and are observed by nursing students. Unlike most preschools where the ratio of adults to children is one to seven, the CSC averages one to four. As White says, such a ratio is unique: "This morning, when I arrived at the CSC, there was one kid there and six teachers, and all of the teachers were paying attention to that kid."

In an era when research increasingly points to higher academic attainment and lower rates of delinquency among individuals who attended well-designed preschool programs, the CSC plays a critical role for the state of Maine in shaping future citizens, as well as future early childhood educators, social workers, and children's advocates.

Applied learning shapes career choices

Every semester, Kevin Duplissie '83, '08G, head teacher of the CSC, teaches an early childhood psychology course to undergraduates, who complete nearly 40 hours of volunteering in the CSC as the laboratory component of their course.

Senior psychology major Renee Morin says this sort of applied learning is part of what led her to apply to Ph.D. programs in developmental clinical psychology. "Watching what I learned in the classroom come to life in the CSC made me feel like

Undergraduate student Caitlin Dowd and Eli Swartz, son of Kristi Swartz, plant seeds as part of a Maine Agriculture in the Classroom grant.



learning was worthwhile. When I sat down to take a test for Psychology 321, I didn't search my brain for the definition I had written on a note card. I thought back to those moments in the CSC where I became witness to a child in the midst of his development. I drew from my experiences, not from my book."

Senior psychology major Kate Dowd remembers trying to memorize the developmental stages of early childhood before she took the lab-based CSC class. "Before that class, I didn't really understand the difference between three and four-year olds." Then at the CSC, she was asked to do simple experiments measuring the children's perception, as well as child profiles, logging all the activities of individual kids. "I'll never forget watching them do those experiments," says Dowd. "All the information clicks so well when you see it in action; it stays with you more than memorizing. I've learned to pay attention to everything kids do so that I can change my behavior accordingly and respond to them."

White says that sort of applied learning offered by the CSC helped her immensely in her early work as a social worker. "The kids I worked with had post-traumatic stress. I remember detailing pieces with them and always thinking back on the CSC. The CSC helped me to know what normal three-year-old behavior looks like and how to get there. It helped me to rehabilitate those kids because I knew in my head what I was trying to shoot for."

Traci McClarie '08 says her three years of working in the CSC as an undergraduate taught her many of the skills—conflict management, methods for communicating with parents and children, the importance of consistency and demeanor—which are now central to her work as a case manager of children in therapeutic foster care. "I remember one moment at the CSC when two kids were fighting over blocks. I got down on their level, did some cross dialogue with them, and then role modeled some positive talk—these were all skills that had been modeled to me by the head teachers. The kids got it and came to a compromise on their own. Afterwards, the

head teacher pulled me aside and told me one of the kid's parents had been watching me from the observation booth. Those sorts of successes were great for my confidence."

Unique opportunity for preschoolers


Kristi Swartz worked in the CSC as an undergraduate and has now returned there as the parent of a preschooler. "As a pediatric occupational therapist, I'm a bit of a preschool officianado," says Swartz. "My work has taken me in and out of a bunch of preschools, but when my family returned to this area, I always had the CSC in the back of my mind. Having college students actively engaged in learning alongside your child is really unique. The teachers at the CSC are truly focused on how the children are thinking and growing and on how this interaction is shaping the kids' development."

An example of that special attention provided by the CSC came this semester for Swartz when graduate students from the University's Conley Speech, Language and Hearing Center screened children at the CSC. Swartz's son fell slightly below the mean for articulation, and as a result, he now visits the Conley Center two times a week for speech therapy. "Articulation is one of those things that the longer it's left untreated, the more hard-wired issues become," says Swartz. "I'm grateful to the CSC for having made that connection for our family. The CSC ties together so many populations. It's serving the students, but serving the community as well."

Making a difference

Part of what makes the CSC unique is the leadership provided by the head teacher Kevin Duplissie and assistant head teacher Karen Verney Belknap '73. Between them, they have nearly 50 years of experience in early childhood education. That depth of experience is reflected in their ability to create a consistent and healthy environment in the midst of an impressively open-door policy. On any given day, parents, students, and other community members drop by to observe or work alongside them.

"I know some teachers don't want to be observed by parents," says Duplissie. "I've never been self-conscious about having parents around, and in fact I appreciate parental input. I also encourage the college students to ask why we do the things we do with the kids, or why we handle a situation in a particular way. We learn a lot by asking questions. And I love having kids ask or answer questions, because you never know what they are going to say."

As Renee Morin and many other UMaine students can attest, this tradition of encouraging students to ask "why?" at the CSC continues to have a lasting impact on its students, young and old. "The Child Study Center gave me confidence in myself in all aspects," says Morin. "I was told that my opinions were valuable and that they mattered. I was shown that the textbook doesn't teach you everything and that the best event in one's college career is that moment when you know exactly what you want to do with your life. The CSC helped me realize that I am a capable person who will be effective and does have the ability to make a difference." 



The Child Study Center is in need of financial support to continue its operation. A fund has been established at the University of Maine Foundation to help CSC continue its mission as a unique learning laboratory serving the future of Maine's children. If you would like to show your support, you can make a donation to the CSC Fund through the UMaine Foundation at 800-982-8503. Checks should be made payable to the University of Maine Foundation with Child Study Center noted in the comment or memo line. Visit the Foundation's Website at www.umainefoundation.org.

Making a Difference in Washington County



**Alan Furth '78 Recognized
with 2011 Alumni Career Award**

By Jim Frick '44H

When Alan Furth graduated from the University of Maine in 1978 he jumped at an opportunity to help develop programs for the fledgling Audubon Expedition Institute (AEI) in Washington County. He soon took on a second job teaching fifth grade in Lubec. The Lubec School experience opened Alan's eyes to some of the realities of life in Downeast Maine. Among his fifth graders were five 15 year olds—all of whom had failed to be promoted five times. Only one of his 26 students had scored above the 50th percentile—and that was only in one subject.

But in just one year, using experiential learning techniques, those students who had failed so many times rose five full grade levels in function and performance.

It was the successful start of what would be a remarkable 30-plus year commitment to creating educational programs for the people of Washington County. That commitment has culminated in the development of The Cobscook Community Learning Center (CCLC), a nationally recognized model for grassroots, whole system, community education that is helping change the landscape for the Downeast region.

For his career as an educational visionary Furth was awarded the 2011 Alumni Career Award in June.

Although he grew up in a well-off New York City suburb, Alan Furth found it easy to identify with those failing students in rural, economically challenged Lubec. He too had been a very poor student—his learning troubles stemming from a case of undiagnosed dyslexia. Ranked third from the bottom out of a class of 300 after his junior year, Furth was frustrated with an educational system from which he felt excluded. He longed for an alternative.

"It just wasn't working," he recalls. "I wanted to get away. Luckily for me I had neighbors and family who saw this. They asked what interested me. The only thing I could come up with was that I had identified strongly with the work of Jacques Cousteau—I wanted to get out and learn in the field."

What happened next became a major turning point in Furth's life. He found out about the Trailside Country School, a program that offered a year of field study with a small group of students. Furth traveled throughout the country, visiting cities, rural communities, and all of the national parks. He found himself immersed in a world that sparked his desire to learn.

"It was exactly what I needed—to be out of the confines of a classroom, in the open air," he says. "I was learning and thriving." It was also with Trailside that Furth discovered an interest in and talent for music, which he continues to this day.

Perhaps most importantly, the Trailside experience provided much of the inspiration for Furth's career as an educator and solidified his belief that there are numerous different ways to learn.

After Trailside, Furth decided to attend a small college in Tennessee. It was there that he met and married his first wife. After his sophomore year, his wife's mother, a Brewer native, wanted to return to her home state, and the young couple offered to help her move. Once they got to Maine, they decided to stay.

In Maine, Furth found himself working at various jobs as a laborer, including two winters in the Blue Hill Mine. But he had a strong desire to finish his college education and eventually enrolled at the University of Maine. He knew he wanted to teach, but he didn't want to pursue the conventional education curriculum. Instead, he chose to major in child development, from which he could graduate with a K-8 teaching certificate.

"It was the perfect major," he notes. "The whole human development staff was outstanding." He thrived as a UMaine student.

After graduation, he moved to Downeast Maine where he taught in both a public school and at AEI, while working on his master's degree from Leslie University.

Washington County was not on Furth's radar when he was attending UMaine. His move there was the result of the opportunity to join AEI. But when AEI moved out of the region in the late 1980s, Furth decided to stay.

"I came here to be part of a dynamic educational group," he says. "But I had also been teaching at the local school. I owned a house here. I raised my children here. This is where the road that I followed led—this was home."

Another turning point in Furth's life came in 1998, when he was approached by a group of Washington County parents who were desperately searching for an educational alternative that would better serve their children.

"Their children were dying, literally or spiritually—or they were getting into trouble," he notes. "They wanted to change their world."

But how? Washington County is the third poorest county in the United States, and the incomes of this group of concerned parents were representative of that harsh economic reality.

Furth met with the group to explore educational models from around the world—models that had led to sustained societal change for communities.

"We talked about the conditions of our region—the positive things we love as well as the liabilities," he recalls. "People here have character—they are honest and unpretentious. We also have great natural beauty and a very close relationship, economically and spiritually, to our land."

The model that Furth and his group arrived at was a true community school for the Downeast region—one that reflects what Furth calls "whole systems" thinking,

and could offer solutions for a poor, rural area such as Washington County.

By 2000 the Cobscook Community Learning Center had designed its first courses and began searching for funding sources. In 2001 it purchased 50 acres on Cobscook Bay and soon CCLC was receiving support from the governor, businesses, and the area's public schools.


By 2005 CCLC had its first new building and was offering full programs to both high school students and adult learners—including partnering with the Community School of Camden to offer Passages, a teen parent program that serves all of Washington County. Starting with nothing, CCLC now manages a budget of \$700,000 and is also in partnerships with the regional medical center, Calais High School, and the University of New England, among others. This past June, in front of a large enthusiastic audience, it graduated 13 high school students (18 students altogether).

"Those kids would have been lost without CCLC," Furth notes.

Due in large part to Furth's vision and dedication, the dream has become a reality—CCLC is helping Washington County to foster an infectious attitudinal shift from "Why can't we" to "How can we."

In order to help with that long-term sustainability, there is now a business component to CCLC, the Cobscook Bay Company, with Furth serving as board chair. The company's staff transforms local ingredients into all-natural frozen seafood pies which are sold throughout Maine and New England. The enterprise, which uses local sustainable ingredients and seasonal seafood for a value-added product, is helping the local economy while raising funds for CCLC.

"Our economic model has to reflect the values of the community and the importance of our environment—Cobscook Bay Company does that," Furth says. "It's representative of a sustainable business sector that can thrive and grow and support education and the arts."

To learn more about CCLC and how you can support its work, visit www.thecclc.org. 



Students learn about gardening at the CCLC.

Kornetsky Honored with Humanitarian Award



Upon returning to campus after the war, Conan Kornetsky lost his interest in engineering and instead chose to pursue a degree in psychology.


Alumni Association's Bernard Lown '42 Alumni Humanitarian Award on June 4th.

Kornetsky's first research venture, begun as a Ph.D. student at the University of Kentucky, was a clinical study on the social and psychological factors in juvenile drug addiction. That was followed by a series of experimental studies on the behavioral effects of centrally acting drugs in people. His continued work in this area provided the basis for the current hypothesis for the neurobiological basis of schizophrenia.

Later Kornetsky studied brain-stimulation reward and drug abuse and was one of the first to investigate the effects of abused substances on the brain-reward system. More recently, he conducted experiments that indicated that opioid antagonists might be beneficial in the control of movements associated with Huntington's disease as well as other disorders.

When he first arrived at the University of Maine in 1943 from his home in Portland, Kornetsky decided to pursue engineering. But his studies were interrupted by World War II and a stint with the Army Air Corps. Upon returning to campus after the war, Kornetsky lost his interest in engineering and instead chose to pursue a degree in psychology. At the Humanitarian Award ceremony, he paid tribute to UMaine for laying the foundation for his remarkable career.

"The University of Maine shaped my career," he said. "In particular one professor, A.D. Glanville, was a major influence on me. He instilled in me a real appreciation and understanding of psychology as an experimental science."

In addition to his reputation as a researcher, Kornetsky is highly respected for his ethical standards as well as his generosity and support for young people entering his field. His enthusiasm for his work is contagious and has motivated scores of aspiring researchers. 

He's often referred to as the premier psychopharmacologist in America. But after 60-plus years of important research into how drugs affect mood, thinking, and behavior, Conan Kornetsky '48 doesn't rest on his laurels. The energetic and witty 85-year-old continues to pursue new areas of research as a member of the faculty at Boston University School of Medicine.

For his enormous contribution to our understanding of the effects of drugs on people, Kornetsky was honored with the

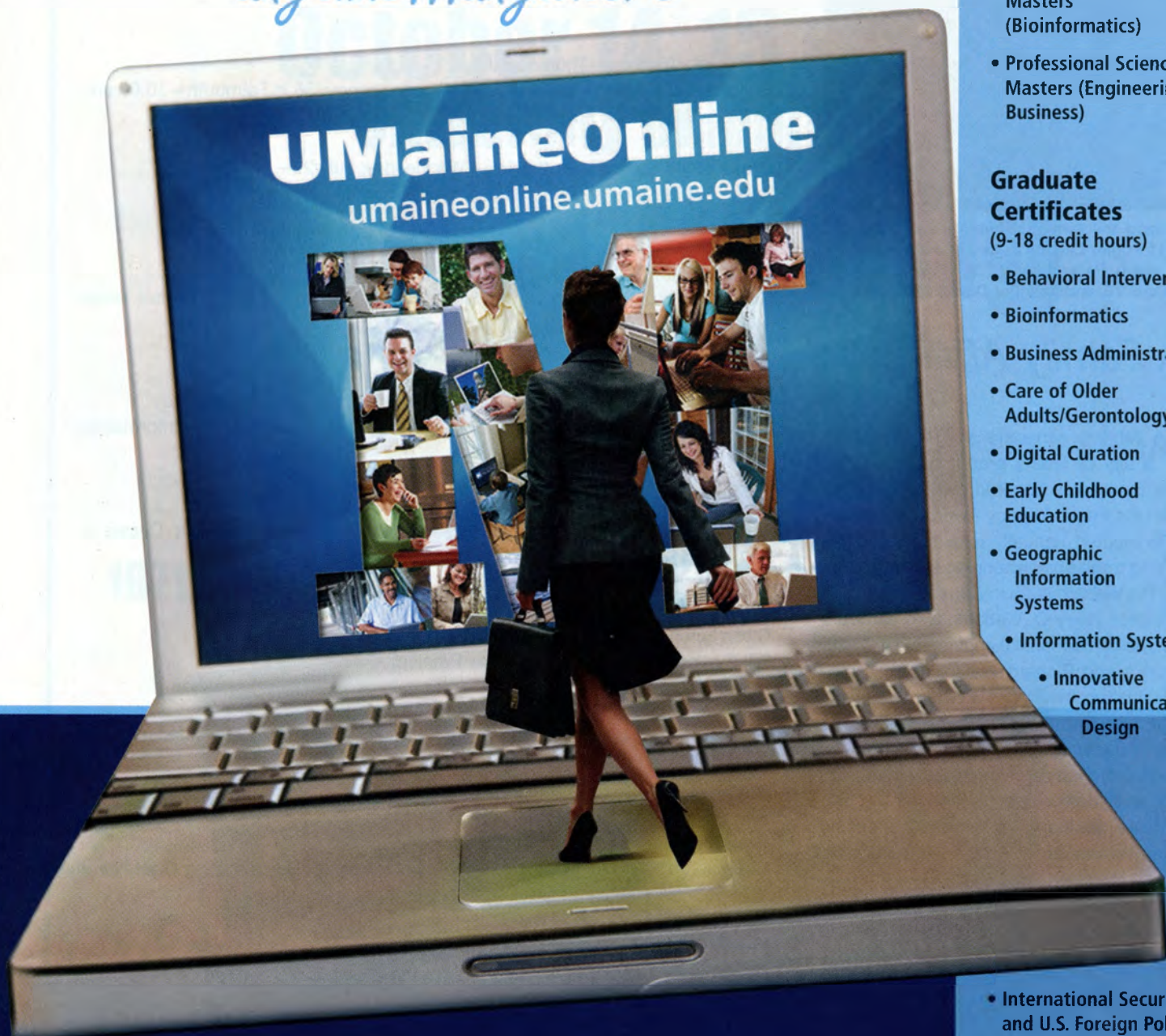
"The University of Maine shaped my career. In particular one professor, A.D. Glanville, was a major influence on me. He instilled in me a real appreciation and understanding of psychology as an experimental science."

Conan Kornetsky



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Alumni News and Activities



Among the family members accepting the 2011 Fogler Legacy Award in June were, left to right: Peter Deane '78, Martha Watson Deane '78, and Jennifer Deane '07.

A Family Affair

With four generations of proud University of Maine graduates, the Webster family was honored at Reunion 2011 with the Fogler Legacy Award. The award is presented annually to a family with a strong tradition of attending UMaine.

The Webster/UMaine legacy began with patriarch Harry D. Webster, who earned a degree in mechanical engineering in 1920. Harry's son Richard Watson (also a mechanical engineer) was a World War II veteran who came to UMaine following the war and earned his degree in 1950.

Two of Harry's children, David Watson '77 and Martha Watson Deane '78, are UMaine graduates as are their spouses, Joan Vernon Watson '76 and Peter Deane '78.

Martha and Peter Deane's two daughters, Jessica '06 and Jennifer '07 are the fourth generation of UMaine graduates.

Correction

A mea culpa is owed to Bill Smullen '62 whose profile appeared in the Winter 2011 issue of *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. A photo that ran with the article was actually of Bill's fraternity brother Ted Heath '64, not Bill. In the photo, Bill is sitting to Ted's right. Somehow, he was mistakenly cropped out of the picture. Bill reacted to our error with customary humor and grace. Thanks to the alumni who pointed out our mistake—The editor

CALENDAR

Portland Alumnae—Thursday, July 21

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

Class of '44 Summer Gathering—Wednesday, July 27—10:30 am

At the Bear's Den, UMaine campus

Class of 1950 Summer Gathering—Wednesday, July 27

UMaine Foundation Office, 75 Clearwater Drive, Suite 202, Falmouth
9:30 social, 10:00 meeting, 11:45 lunch. RSVP 1-800-934-2586 to Cassie Tenan with meal choice—\$20.

Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine—Monday, August 8

12th Annual UMACSM Golf Classic, Spring Meadows Golf Course, Gray.
See upcoming events calendar at www.umainealumni.com for more information.

Peaks Island Alumni Event—Friday, August 26—7:30 pm

Cocktails on the Coast at The Inn on Peaks, Peaks Island, Portland
\$25 per person includes the ferry. Reserve your tickets early. RSVP to Cassie at 207-581-1146 or register online at umainealumni.com.

Class of 1952 Luncheon—Thursday, September 15—10:00 am

Class lunch in the McIntire Room, Buchanan Alumni House
Bill Currie will receive the Pine Tree Emblem Award.

Class of 1958 "Tween" Reunion—Friday, September 16—noon

Class get-together at the home of Herb Cohen, Kennebunkport, lunch at 1:30 pm

New Jersey Alumni Chapter Lobster Maine-ia—Sunday, October 2

Homecoming—October 14-16

UMaine Black Bear football vs. URI, alumni tailgating, Homecoming Craft Fair and Marketplace, class and group reunions, and much, much more.

For more information on these and other alumni activities visit:
umainealumni.com.

Call for Award Nominations

The Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for the following alumni awards: The Alumni Career Award, the Bernard Lown '42 Alumni Humanitarian Award, the Black Bear Award, the Block "M" Award, The Fogler Legacy Award, and Spirit of Maine Award.

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Senator Susan Collins tells graduates to “find the good, praise it, and join it.”

Welcome, UMaine’s Newest Alumni

The University of Maine awarded approximately 2,120 degrees at commencement ceremonies on May 7, including honorary doctorates to Senator Susan Collins and Peter Vigue, CEO of Cianbro construction company. Class valedictorian was Kristopher Cooper, a biology major from Winthrop, and salutatorian was Rachel Ann Ventrella, an elementary education major from Fayette. Senator Collins addressed the graduates at both the morning and afternoon ceremonies at Alfond Arena.

Collins, who called herself a “black sheep in a Black Bear family” because she did not attend the University of Maine, said, “I hope this honorary degree will transform me from a black sheep to a full-fledged Black Bear. Both my parents, older sister, younger brother, grandfathers, and all of my uncles are UMaine alumni.”

Collins told the Class of 2011 to “find the good, praise it, and join it” rather than critique from the sidelines. She encouraged the newest alumni to become involved in their communities, maintain a level of civility, and to work for positive change.

Photos by Schwarcz Photography



New amphitheater in our future

Class of 2011 plans a lasting legacy

It started last year when the Class of 2010 revived the tradition of making a class gift during their senior year. The result was their gift of the UMaine Traditions Garden at Buchanan Alumni House that was unveiled at Homecoming 2010. Now the Class of 2011 is working to beautify a section of campus along Lengyl Field near Estabrooke Hall, with the addition of a new amphitheater. A group of civil engineering students from the class took on the design and structural layout as part of their senior capstone project.

"This is our way to give back to the University and its community by providing a lasting legacy on campus for the enjoyment of future generations of students," states Joel-Michael Martin '11, class president. "We've already received nearly 100 donations. We are grateful to everyone who has donated. But we're not finished yet. We expect it may take up to five years to raise the needed funds. I'd like to challenge all my classmates to contribute what they can toward our goal."

The following individuals have contributed to the Class of 2011 Amphitheater Fund (as of 6/8/2011).

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If you would like to participate and make a contribution for the Class of 2011 Amphitheater, please contact Val Mitchell '09 at (800) 934-2586 or (207) 581-1144.

First Alumni Black Bear Invitational Draws 70 Golfers

The first golf tournament to support the UMaine Alumni Association took place on June 2, 2011, at beautiful Belgrade Lakes Golf Club. The weather was a bit overcast and the brisk breeze was a factor, but neither served to dampen the spirits of the more than 70 enthusiastic golfers who took to the links. Teams competed in a putting contest and for the best net and gross scores. The naming sponsor for the event was University Credit Union, one of our most loyal supporters. Other sponsors included Coca Cola, C.B. Richard Ellis/Boulas, Richard D. Hogan Insurance Agency, Competitive Energy Services, Berry Dunn CPAs, Liberty Mutual Insurance, Greenway Equipment, MMG Insurance, The UMaine Foundation, Acadia Food Services, Snowman Printing & Presort Express, Streets Landscaping and Lawncare, Camden National Bank, UBS Financial Services Inc., UMaine Alumni of New Jersey, Coffee Pause, Rudman Winchell, and Northeast Planning Associates. Special thanks goes to White Sign who generously provided signage for all our hole sponsors.



WELCOME to the UMAINE ALUMNI BLACK BEAR INVITATIONAL

Representing sponsor Coca-Cola are, left to right: Russ Perry, Bob Dumont, David Dumont and Alton Hart.



Putting contest winner Todd LaPointe is awarded an Alumni Association golf shirt by tournament coordinator, Diana Richardson '93.



The winning team with a low net score of 48 was: UMAA board member Nate Briggs '02, '05G, his dad Daryl Briggs, Matt Nye '98, and Larry Willey '71, '73G.

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Honoring the Greatest Generation

In a moving ceremony at Reunion 2011, the Class of 1950 honored seven of its members who distinguished themselves in their service for their country during World War II. The program was hosted by Al Hopkins '50 and included a prayer by Doug Morton '50, a reading by Ruth Holland Walsh '50, and patriotic songs performed by Molly Webster '10 and William Fink '83.

The ceremony ended with the reading of award citations for the seven Class of 1950 honorees: Jay Benton was with the 9th Air Force, 366th Fighter Group, European Theater of Operations (ETO); Colby Davis was in the 15th Air Force (ETO); Clarence Leonard was in the 8th Air Force (ETO); Buel Merrill was in the 349th infantry, 88th Division (ETO); John Poli was in the 3rd Infantry Division (ETO); Elwin Thurlow was in the 20th Air Force and served in the South Pacific; and Max Cohen was with the 168th Combat Engineers (ETO).



Class of 1950 Greatest Generation Award recipients, standing (left to right): John Poli, Buel Merrill, and Elwin "Skip" Thurlow. Sitting, left to right: Jay Benton, Colby Davis, and Clarence Leonard. Award recipient Max Cohen, who served with the 168th Engineers, was not able to attend.

Senior Alumni

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Writing the Senior Alumni column can be frustrating for material is so scarce. There are so many wonderful stories out there, but I don't hear of them. When one comes through, I'm so pleased, and I'm sure those who knew you on campus are pleased to hear about you.

An *Ellsworth American* clipping relates how **Carl Osgood '38, '43G** led a group of engineers at RCA to develop the TIROS satellite to return pictures from outer space back to earth. This was necessary to improve meteorological information for weather forecasting. The article noted that the previous lack of accuracy increased the dangers of the Normandy invasion in 1944. Carl and three technicians witnessed the successful launch of TIROS from Cape Canaveral in April 1960.

TIROS was the first successful satellite designed and built, becoming the leader of the scientific industry. After earning degrees from UMaine, Carl earned a second MS in metallurgy from the University of Pennsylvania.

Carl taught at UMaine, UPenn, and the University of Vermont. During the war, he was a mechanical engineer at the Boston Naval shipyard. He currently spends summers at his home in Surry, ME.

Two Senior Alumni living here in Orono are **Russ '46, '47G** and **Barbara Higgins Bodwell '45**. Barbara majored in home economics. The student volunteer center on campus is named in honor of them.

Russ, hailing from Springvale, ME, had his education interrupted by a stint in the US Army. He was shot down in Europe and executed a daring escape from enemy forces. Returning to UMaine after the war, Russ completed his degrees and began a remarkable engineering career.

Ruby Young Hussey '34 turned 100 in April. Congratulations! Ruby, who was born in Alton, ME, lives in Waynesboro, PA.

In past issues, I have told of **Frank Knight '30**, 102 years young, who perpetuates the story of "Herbie," the majestic elm tree he so lovingly cared for in Yarmouth. Although it has been cut down, a victim of Dutch elm disease, it lives on in artfully crafted wood products, which were auctioned from the DeLorme mapping store.

We have a new author! **Winifred Paulin Collins '47** of 456 Orange Road, Orange, NJ, has published *Pushaw Lake: An Historical Profile*, relating the 19th-20th century history, including the resort area happenings and the ties to Bangor residents.

Recently I had dinner with **Mary-'Vesta Marston-Scott '46**. I knew she had associations



Looking very fit at age 98, Ken Ireland represented his 1936 class at Reunion 2011 in June. Accompanying Ken to Orono was his daughter Julie Ireland Childs.

with the University of Maine, so queried her on her background—and what a fabulous background she has!

Mary-'Vesta graduated from UMaine with a degree in psychology, and earned a master's in nursing from Yale and a master's in public health from Harvard. Later, she earned another master's as well as a Ph.D. in psychology at Boston University. Prior to her studies at BU, she worked as a research assistant at Jackson Lab in Bar Harbor, staff nurse at Yale-New Haven Hospital, and held public health nursing positions in Connecticut and Maine. On active duty with the Commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service for five years, she worked in Washington, DC, and on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona.

After earning her doctorate, she taught at Case Western Reserve, Boston University, and the University of Illinois at Chicago. She developed doctoral level courses and curricula in nursing and health behavior, chaired doctoral dissertation committees, and sponsored students for predoctoral fellowships.

Mary-'Vesta married Dr. John Paul Scott. She had been his first research assistant early in her career. Theirs was a wonderful relationship, and they traveled to many countries, usually when one of them was presenting a professional paper or attending a professional meeting. Mary-'Vesta now lives in a cottage at Dirigo Pines in Orono and has her dinner nightly at the Inn. She is able to spend summers in Bar Harbor. Now in her late 80s, she is still driving, current on all news, a great conversationalist, and a joy to know.

1937

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I just received a great book by **Beverly Rand**: *The Life of a Maine Potato and Dairy Farmer*. Beverly worked as a potato and dairy farmer for 40 years and his son also became a dairy farmer. He resides at 25 Woodland Heights Drive in Island Falls.

Hope Wing Weston left her Auburn, ME, home and flew to Englewood, FL, in March for a two-month stay.

William F. Bishop died on Christmas 2010 in Caribou. He was a retired rural postal carrier and his death was unexpected, as he was active right up until the end.

1939

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Loyal classmate, **Carl Toothaker**, writes that his nickname during college days was "Toot." He inscribed that and other writings on his "beer jacket" at that time and place. Remember having a beer jacket? They were a very big deal back then. Carl says that succeeding generations have replaced "Toot" with "Pappy" and with the advent of six grandchildren, he is now "Big Pappy." Thanks for communicating, Carl. It is much appreciated.

The *Bangor Daily News* recently headlined "Fair Haven Camps Celebrates 60 Years." **Hilda Weymouth Sheldon**, her husband, and others began the Central Maine Bible Conference in 1950. It has run the Fair Haven Camps ever since. Fair Haven hosted 637 children this year, from second to 12th grade. Hilda's son says that they have been in the right place for a lot of people over the years. At least 150 former campers and personnel turned up for the 60th year anniversary celebration. It is on land that was bought for \$5,000. The camp contributed to the spiritual growth of many young people.

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1940

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I wish, I wish, I wish but I have no news. How about a line or two so that we can have a bit in the next issue? I would love to hear from you. Have a good summer, everyone.

1941

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A Maine Hello to all '41ers wherever you are! I guess we all shall be happy to see the end of this winter because all parts of the US had bad weather conditions of some sort at some time.

Glenna Johnson Smith's book, *Old Maine Woman*, was published on November 12 and that weekend there was a book signing in her hometown, Presque Isle, which was a sell-out. There have been book signings throughout Maine and there was a second printing in January. I saw Glenna at bookshops in Portland and in South Portland; she was busy signing a greeting and her signature. The book has made the bestseller list for nonfiction paperback in the *Maine Sunday Telegram* on several occasions. The book is a collection of essays Glenna has written for *Echoes*, a quarterly magazine for The County, and some new material covering her childhood on the coast of Maine and her six decades living in Aroostook County. Congratulations, Glenna, and continued success with your book!

Two musical organizations of the University, University of Maine Singers and the UMaine Jazz Ensemble, presented a concert in mid-March at Merrill Auditorium in Portland. There was a pre-concert reception hosted by President and Mrs. Robert Kennedy for invited alumni in the State of Maine Room, Portland City Hall. I hope you have had an opportunity to attend an alumni event in your area, as the Black Bear van traveled the east coast and meetings were scheduled on the west coast. On April 14th the final meeting of the continental tour was in Portland, ME, with guest speakers: Todd Saucier '93, '97G, president of the UMAA; Anne E. Pooler '72, '75 Ph.D., dean of the College of Education and Human Development; and Edward Ashworth, dean of the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture.

It was sad to learn of the death of **Joanna Evans Bardo** in January; we shall miss her as she faithfully attended the UMaine alumni luncheon every September at the Highlands; we extend our condolences to her family. I note there are others from our class listed under

necrology and we convey our sympathy to their survivors.

1942

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Greetings, Class of '42. There are just a few news items to report this time. **Robert Deering** of Davis, CA., spoke to a student at the University of Maine just two months before his death in December. He mentioned his 90th birthday and said he had recently released a box of monarch butterflies. Bob earned a doctorate in landscape architecture and taught landscape architecture in California as well as Saudi Arabia, Australia, and India. He was active in his community and interested in landscape and environmental issues.

We are sorry to report that **Helen Thorndike Remick's** husband, Artis, died two years ago. Helen lives in Exeter, NH.

Robert Dalrymple of Port Clyde is pleased to report that he and his wife, Nancy Wright Dalrymple '43, are great-grandparents.

Frank E. Brewster, of upstate New York, died on Valentine's Day. Frank began his engineering career at GE and advanced through various management positions, retiring in 1983. He enjoyed chair caning, reading, golf, and word puzzles.

1943

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There was sadness in three families within the last year. Geraldine Foss lost her husband, **Warren L. Foss**, on December 4, 2010. Geraldine said they had a lovely marriage of 65 years, and Warren had celebrated his 89th birthday in November 2010.

Carlton L. Morse died on January 9, 2011, and Charlotte sent a copy of the obituary. He served in the Navy during WWII in Washington, DC, where he met his first wife, Evelyn, who died in 1984. He had three sons and one daughter. After his service he returned to the family business in Boston, MA (F. W. Morse Company), working as president until his retirement in 1989, and then moved to Saco, ME. In 1985 he married Charlotte Root Richards. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, digging clams and making chowder, making dollhouses, and oriental design rugs. He really enjoyed the summers they spent on Chebeague Island.

Cliff Sinnett also died last November. On campus, he was a Beta; later, he worked for

H. M. Payson in Portland. He and his wife, **Charlotte Gifford Sinnett**, were married for many years.

Constance King Barnes knows deeply the importance of music in people's lives. As a young woman, she played the harp with the Bangor Symphony Orchestra until she graduated from the University of Maine. Her father, Maurice P. King, also played with the BSO when he was a teenager. She never forgot her musical roots through the years as a teacher. Though she traveled the world with her husband, Dana, she always came back to Maine. She now lives in Belfast and has helped the BSO establish a permanent fund to allow visiting soloists to offer master classes with young area musicians through the Maurice P. King Endowment Fund. She says the difference between the orchestra of 1943 and today is that in 1943 the BSO was composed almost entirely of amateurs. Today's musicians are almost all professionals. She is amazed at what the orchestra is producing today. It has grown so much over 115 years. We are fortunate to have such a thing way up here in Maine.

Connie has also been a supporter of the Waldo County Humane Society for many years. She was honored for her philanthropic efforts—the Association of Fundraising Professionals of Northern New England named her the Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year. She was given her award at a ceremony in Portland on November 4, 2010.

I didn't get to Puerto Rico this year as I have in the last 30 years, but I did get to Florida, where it was warmer, for a couple of weeks. My daughter Mary Harrison Ray '80 came from Fort Collins, CO, and we drove to Lorton, VA, and took the auto train from there to Sanford, Florida (near Orlando). My other daughter, Margaret, and husband, Garry, met us and took us to the campground where we stayed. They are semi-retired and have decided to spend a couple of months where it is warmer. They live in western Pennsylvania. We visited Silver Springs, took a boat ride on the St. John River, saw alligators, and visited a large flea market. We had a good time, but I missed seeing all my friends in Rincon. I hope to go back next year.

1944

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I have not covered Christmas 2010 as my last class notes were written back in September 2010.

We did have some very nice Christmas cards from a few classmates:

Mary Billings Orsenigo, who I remember fondly during college days in Balentine Hall, wrote. Mary would go around each night and say, "Good night" to all of us in our fourth floor rooms. Mary said on her card that she was happy to have her sons nearby at Christmastime.

Midi Wooster Roberts is now back up north

in Saco, ME.

Al McNeilly was pictured, "still rowin' along" at Owls Head.

We heard from **Russ '47G** and **Barb Higgins Bodwell '45**, who we see quite often at southern Maine alumni events.

A nice, newsy Christmas letter arrived from **Rhoda Tolford Stone**.

We received a lovely holiday greeting from **Esther Holden Hopkins**. She wrote that her family is the center of her life and all the gatherings are at her house. The children and grandchildren still feel that "Jack is still there."

Ed and Rayle Ainsworth, daughter and son-in-law of the late **Dolly** and **Walter Reed**, sent a card. They live here in Yarmouth and we see them occasionally, though they do spend time in Fort Fairfield, where Rayle grew up.

The alumni office sent a clipping from the October 15th *Bangor Daily News*—a great picture of sod being placed in the Traditions Garden at Buchanan Alumni House in honor of **Al McNeilly** by the Class of 2010, whom Al has mentored since their arrival on campus and instilled in them the concept of giving forward.

Finally, a notice from a student who called **John Suminsby** indicates that John currently has a grandson at UMaine.

Joe and I see **Anita** and **Charlie Stickney** quite often and joined them in early January at the Portland Civic Center to watch the Black Bears win a holiday hockey game. On our way in to the game we were greeted by **Pat Cummings '89, '44H**, a pleasant surprise. We see **Don Bail** and **Pete Farnum** every couple of weeks during the winter at a fish chowder luncheon at the South Freeport Congregational Church.

So that's our news for now—again I say, keep those cards and letters coming!

1945

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Greetings from the northeast.

Recently I talked with **Roger** and **Gerry Keenan Oakes** in Presque Isle, where they seem to get the brunt of the snow up in The County. They make a point of getting outdoors daily and that seems to be a smart idea. Gerry's younger brother, Charles, passed away before the holidays, and her nephew Franklin Keenan '69 drove them down to Biddeford to attend the funeral. Gerry's brother had retired from the service as a lieutenant colonel, I believe.

And this brings to mind the death of my brother, Robert "Bob" R. Chaplin '47. He was the evening and weekend announcer on WLBZ in Bangor from 1944-1947. He was delighted to get this job his freshman year and was proud to say he earned his own way through college. He died in March from Parkinson's Disease. He was married to Betty Ambrose '48 of Bangor. Bob and Betty had four children and they took the four children and their families for a vacation



Dr. Robert Buchanan '44 paid a visit to the Alumni House named in his honor on May 2. While on campus he took time to visit with some of his younger UMaine Beta fraternity brothers. Left to right are: **Joel Martin '11**, **Ian McKinnon '11**, **Dr. Buchanan**, **Mathew Labonte '13**, and **Matthew Sevey '12**.

each year. Their favorite year was when they had a week together in Switzerland!

A recent phone chat with **Ada Minott Haggett '47G** in Phippsburg (near Bath) brought me up to date. Her son, Steve '74, who joined the Marines just out of college and lived almost 30 years in Japan, returned to Maine to spend some time with Mom and Dad! So this has been a delight to Ada and Fred '49 and has lightened their load tremendously. Ada still is in regular contact with **Maddy Nevers Boynton**, who lives in Camden. Maddy's husband has Alzheimer's Disease and is at the point that he needs constant care and she is there to do it. She was always a caring friend. I also had a phone chat with **Peg Brown Bunker**, who lives in Auburn and says she's still in good health!

A few more news items about our classmates:

A recent mailing from **Hubert Ranger** shows the cover of a book he wrote. *The Last Bugler: Experiences of a Private in the 79th Infantry Division, Europe, World War II* tells of his experiences as a bugler in Germany in World War II and his adventures from basic training to combat, post-war occupation, and adjusting to civilian life. It's an entertaining memoir that covers his experiences from basic training to combat, post-war occupation, and beyond. Interested readers can write to Merriam Press, Dept. A118, 133 Elm Street Suite 3R, Bennington, VT 05201 or contact merriam-press.com for information on ordering a copy.

Grover Condon of Aberdeen, MD, has a great-granddaughter, Riley Adams, who is about a year old. Congratulations!

I received a letter from Orono naming the recipients of scholarship from our class and they are most grateful. It's a delight to receive their thank-you letters!

We have several young East Indies residents

here, some single and some married with small children. These youngsters all call me "Grandma" and I love it! Sometimes they knock on my door and want to come and play with my kitty, and then ask for a cookie if I haven't brought any out yet.

Yesterday I had a call from **Dottie Currie Dutton's** daughter, Nancy '77. She wanted me to go shopping with her and her Mom! To even see a classmate is always a joy—so I immediately said, "Yes!" and off we went. Dottie and I were part of a large group of '45ers that enjoyed one another all through our years in Orono and we have had the advantage of our adult relationships continuing. Dottie was my daughter Cindy's home economics teacher in junior high school in Portland and her daughter Pamela was always close to me. She became a dietician too! The day she got her first job, she took the bus and came right to my office to tell me! And we were both happy and excited.

I recall Mrs. Murray, our housemother at N. Estabrooke, dearly loved her girls and vice versa. When she came to our Reunion in 1960 she was delighted to see how close many of us had stayed together—and many of us still stay in contact—even after our 65th Reunion last June!

For alumni news and events, class pages, Black Bear Sports, and more go to umainealumni.com.

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Oh my—I am excited—for the first time since accepting this position of co-correspondent of the Class of '48, I have had two notes from the publications office!

Donna Welts Wagoner is living in Cedar Rapids, IA. She is a retired special education teacher for the state of Hawaii. Donna was a member of Women's Student Government for four years and served as president in her senior year.

David Sykes II is living in Hopewell Junction, NY. He informs us that he has 13 grandchildren including one set of triplets and one set of twins. Holidays and reunions must be a lot of fun.

Alice Fonseca Haines lives in New Jersey and she writes that Maine seems to be on the weather channel a lot! Those of us who spend our winters in Maine agree that it was a long one, with a lot of snow, but looking at the weather elsewhere, it's not all that bad.

Alice sent an obituary column of **June Swanton Johnson's** husband, Evan Johnson '49. June is living in a senior community, where she has made many friends and will have plenty to keep her occupied when she is ready. Our deepest condolences to you, June. We will always remember Evan and his trumpet. Her address is 400 Seabury Drive, Apt. 3196, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

Those of us who live in central Maine were saddened to read of the death of **Robert G. Martin** (G). He lived in Belgrade and was a member of the Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter (KVAC). Bob's passion in life was gardening and he was well known in many horticultural societies throughout New England. He was very active in the Maine Gladiolus Society and hybridized and introduced three varieties of glads, including Lady Jester in 1985, Raspberry in 2003, and Dorothy S. in 2007, named for his late wife and the only completely double gladiolus on the market. Our sympathies go to his family members, including his son Russell '72, who is a member of KVAC.

On a much happier note, the kitchen cabinet ladies, plus a good contingent of '48ers, met recently for lunch at the Muddy Rudder Restaurant in Yarmouth. The '48ers in attendance were **Pauline Parent Jenness**, who orchestrated the gathering; **Aletha Meade Blackmore**, **Marguerite Sullivan Powers**, **Josie Libby Hays**, **Millie Morris Stengel**, **EdieAnne Young Hutchinson** '44H, **Lancy Carter Bradshaw**, and **Barbara Sullivan Knowlton**. Those from the Class of '49 were **Kay Kennedy Nickless**, **Barbara Thompson York**, **Libby Tufts Goodrich**, **Verna Wallace Andrews**, **Jodi Wakefield Moore**, **Eugenia Melzar Shepard**,

Priscilla Thomas Rines, **Nebby Kilburn Irish**, and **F.J. (Sasshy) Foster Addor**.

We had a great get-together and will try to repeat it and hopefully gather some new "old" faces.

EdieAnne is spending the winter in Yarmouth with her daughter, **Becky H. Joyce** '82 and has plans to go to Bristol, England, in April to visit with a friend who was sent here to escape the Blitz in London during World War II.

Josie is now living at Park Danforth on Stevens Avenue in Portland and loves it. Her granddaughter **Sarah Taylor** is doing her junior year in Australia and loves the people and country.

Lancy is still working on making the Pittsfield Library a wonderful place by serving as president of the friends of Pittsfield Library. Her family is also involved in restoring a one-room schoolhouse in Etna Center, ME. What a great project.

Millie writes that her grandson **Joel**, who is a senior at the University of Maine, is back at Orono after a semester at Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey. He had a week of hitchhiking in Romania and went to Egypt, which included seeing the pyramids on horseback and a three-day cruise on the Nile River. Makes me think of Dr. Seuss, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*

Sulli Powers brought our class graduation photo and we all had a chance to look for ourselves and our friends and reminisce. So interesting to look at and remember how young we were.

Sulli Knowlton was proud to report that her son **Bob** '82 had two daughters at Orono—**Whitney**, Class of '11 and **Audrey**, Class of '14. Son **Rick** '80 has a son who has been accepted and will start classes in September. This is three generations of Knowltons and so far, seven alums, plus two to go.

Had news that our previous class correspondent, **Ruth Preble Finney**, fell this winter and suffered a rotator cuff injury. She also had the misfortune to have had damage from ice to her dining room. I think you are not alone with ice damage, **Ruth**, but hope spring and warm sun will make things seem a lot better. Keep your courage.

Hope you all enjoyed this column, and wasn't it nice to get some news? Please remember your correspondents and send us an email, postcard, or letter (maybe carrier pigeon—but no texts, tweets, twits or whatever).

Love to hear from you. Happy summer.

1949

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Summer greetings, Class of '49.

In February, '48ers **Barbara Sullivan Knowlton** and **Pauline Parent Jenness** made

arrangements to get together for lunch at the Muddy Rudder in Yarmouth. They invited any interested '49ers to join them. The '48ers who attended were **Josie Libby Hayes**, **EdieAnne Young Hutchinson** '44H, **Marguerite Sullivan Powers**, **Barbara Sullivan Knowlton**, **Millie Morris Stengel**, **Aletha Meade Blackmore**, **Lancy Carter Bradshaw**, and **Pauly Parent Jenness**. The '49 classmates attending were **Jodi Wakefield Moore**, **Libby Tufts Goodrich**, **Verna Wallace Andrews**, **Priscilla Thomas Rines**, **Frances Jane Foster Addor**, **Barbara Thompson York**, **Eugenia Melzar Shepard**, **Emma Kilburn Irish**, and **Kay Kennedy Nickless**.

We had plenty of time to exchange news. **Libby Goodrich** is happy in their home in Foreside Commons in Falmouth. **Barkley** '48 is in poor health and the family comes for frequent visits. **Verna Andrews** is still in Cape Elizabeth. She is enjoying friends and family and feels fortunate to have both daughters in Maine. **Eugenia Shepard** loves living in Boothbay Harbor. "Bob and I feel so fortunate to have our son and his wife living in retirement in a house they built across the road from us. Our two daughters live in Maine also. We have been blessed with six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren." **Francis Jane** and **Roger Addor** '51G live at Piper Shores in Scarborough and like it very much. They have a son and a daughter and two grandgirls. **Priscilla Rines** has lived in the same house in Gorham since 1953. "I married **Bernard Rines** '46 62 years ago. We had three sons. The oldest passed away from cancer in 2007." **Emma Kilburn Irish** has lived at 75 State St. for two and a half years. She likes it very much. She says there are many activities available and they have a very caring staff. She has a lovely apartment with a view of Bug Light and Portland Harbor. All in all it was a most enjoyable day and I'm betting that everyone went home with some pleasant thoughts for their memory banks.

I had a call from **Joseph Cooper**, who now lives in New Haven, CT. He asked about classmates he remembered and I was able to give him updates on several people.

I was saddened to learn of **Evan Johnson's** death in January. We extend our condolences to his wife, **June Swanton Johnson** '48, and their daughters.

What is new with you? Let me know.... Best wishes—**Kay**

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I shall report on our 61st Reunion in the next column.

Seven Greatest Generation Awards were given at Reunion to the following heroes of

World War II:

Colby A. Davis from Canton, ME, who was a waist gunner aboard a B-24 aircraft attached to the 15th Air Force flying out of airbases in Italy; **Buel L. Merrill** from Amherst, NH, who was a member of a machine gun squad attached to the 88th Division during the Italian Campaign; **Clarence Leonard** from Rockland, ME, who was a radio operator flying with the 8th Air Force flying out of airbases in England; **Max Cohen** from Augusta, ME, who saw action with the 168th Combat Engineers in the European Theater of Operation; **Jay G. Benton** of Boca Grande, FL, and Bangor, ME, who was a P-47 pilot with the 366th Fighter Group of the 9th Air Force and saw action in the European Theater of Operations as well; **Elwin W. Thurlow** of Scarborough, ME, who was a waist gunner on a B-29 aircraft assigned to the 58th Bomber Wing of the 20th Air Force in the China-Burma-India and Mariannas (Tinian) Theaters of Operation; and **John Poli** from Biddeford, ME, who was a medic with the 3rd Infantry Division during hostilities in the European Theater of Operations, particularly during the liberation of Germany and Austria.

These classmates joined the other heroes in the Class of 1950 who have been honored with the Greatest Generation Award: **John E. Gee**, **Robert E. Dagdigian**, **Harold B. Gilbert**, **Earl S. Packard**, **Baxter C. Walker**, **George A. Foster**, **Colby G. Walker**, **Charles Broomhall** '55G, **James P. Jalbert**, **Willard C. Sawyer**, **Raymond C. Humes**, **Byron H. Meader** '52G, **John Bache-Wiig, Jr.**, **Harold L. Chapman** '54G, and **William H. Drisko** '56G. Congratulations!

Al "Hoppy" Hopkins broke his femur after a fall from an escalator at the Atlanta airport last fall. He has made a fantastic recovery with the help of physical therapy, an "up" attitude, and **Dottie's** tender loving care. He, **Dick Fairfield**, and **Henry Saunders** have been great sponsors/researchers/workers with the Greatest Generation Award project and we all send kudos to them!

Bill and **Nancy York** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Skowhegan with more than 100 family members and friends in attendance. Bill owned and operated York's Hardwood Saw Mill for more than 40 years!

Sorry to report the deaths of several of our Class: **Robert Spafford Spear** '62G, a veteran of World War II, died in September 2010. He was active in education, both in the public sector and as a teacher-counselor at the Maine State Prison. **Jack Whitmore** died at the Maine Veterans Home in Scarborough in early January. He was attached to a military police company in Germany during the war. He belonged to the honor guard at the lying-in-state for General George S. Patton after his death in Germany. Jack was a high school math teacher and coach.

Norman W. Worthing of Auburn died in January. He was also a veteran of World War II and worked for the Maine Department of Transportation as a civil engineer. US Navy veteran **Henry N. Tukey** died in September 2010. After graduation, he joined The Pineland Lumber Company of Lewiston and became its chairman

and principal owner until his retirement. **JoAnne Libby Olson** died in February. She taught home economics in Martha's Vineyard and in Melrose before settling in Swampscott, MA, and was devoted to her family and her community. We shall miss our friends and classmates...and savor great memories that we have.

I received a quick note from **Ken Chatto** (75 Magnolia Lane, Lugoff, SC 29078) who is an adjunct math instructor in the South Carolina Technical College System. He sent along an article written by **Richard J. Weymouth, M.D., Ph.D.** who is Professor Emeritus at the USC School of Medicine in Columbia, SC. The article related to the founding of the School of Medicine in South Carolina back in 1975. Richard lives at 413 Turkey Pointe Circle, Columbia, SC 29113.

I am about to become president of the National Continuing Care Residents Association, NaCCRA. There are some 1,800 continuing care communities throughout the country, which offer varying degrees of continuing care service for us, the Greatest Generation...as we seek to find a community where we can "age in place" from independent living, assisted living, and health care to memory care and more.

Please keep me posted on all of your activities.

Until next time,
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1951

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Ralph Jewett, a retired athletic director and principal, was inducted into the Bucksport High School Hall of Fame in 2010. He coached boys' and girls' basketball, softball, and track and assisted in football.

Bill and **Barbara Foster Duplisea** write that after Bill's retirement from Colorado Kodak, they spent several years traveling before settling at 287 Verde Hills, Center Point, TX.

Marion Waterman Meyer, retired assistant dean of Syracuse University School of Management, has moved to The Lodge at Otter Creek, Middlebury, VT. She enjoys the proximity to Middlebury College and is planning a trip to the Yukon.

Virginia Nickerson Cooney recently traveled to Egypt with family members. Fortunately they went before the overthrow of the Mubarak regime and were able to do a lot of sightseeing.

Elton "Gus" Gosse, a retired research engineer at S. D. Warren, passed away on January 21, 2011, in Green Valley, AZ. We send our deepest sympathy to his wife, **Paulina "Boo" Robbins Gosse**, and their family.

The following students were recipients of The Class of 1951 Scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year: Kyle Horgan of Clayton, NC, a

sophomore studying kinesiology and physical education, is the grandson of **Bernice McKiel Whatley**. **Brooke McCrossin** of Yarmouth, ME, a sophomore studying athletic training, is the granddaughter of **Burt F. Brown**. **Sarah Watts** of Bowdoin, ME, a sophomore studying environmental science, is the granddaughter of **Frances Pratt Caswell**. **Cassandra Robinson** of Gray, ME, a sophomore studying elementary education, is the granddaughter of **Lawrence Robinson** '55G. **George Bragdon** of Madawaska, ME, a senior studying economics, is the grandson of **Patricia Murphy Bragdon**. And **Kristin Elliott** of Holliston, MA, a senior studying elementary education, is the granddaughter of the late **James** and **Barbara Grover Elliott**.

A report of our 60th Reunion activities at Northeast Harbor and Orono will appear in the next issue of *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. Still having fun in your eighties and nineties? Send an item about it for our column.

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In February **Al Pease** and I attended a meeting of the Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter. There were nice displays by students and faculty, great appetizers, and speeches by President Kennedy and Todd Saucier '93, '97G (who represented the Alumni Association). Members of the Legislature were also invited but were late in arriving because their hearing at the State House extended to a longer session. They finally made it!

Klemens Burdzel and his wife, Patricia, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Augusta. Klemens retired from government service, including 34 years in the military. The couple divides their time between Augusta and Edgewater, FL.

We recently heard from **Donald Huston** '53. This led to our obtaining **John D. Gibson's** email address, which Al could add to his list for the new website. Very confusing but nice to talk to both gentlemen and a chance to connect with alums! John D. Gibson lives in Norridgewock, ME, and is not in very good health but Don Huston, who lives in Lynn, MA, is quite active and enjoys getting copies of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* and catching up on news of former classmates. He formerly owned a Friendship sloop and enjoyed sailing the Maine coast. We swapped sailing stories and found much common ground with him and his wife.

I had a note from **Beth Leighton Furlong** along with a clipping from her local newspaper about six members of Delta Tau Delta who gathered for lunch in York with their spouses. We tried to get the glossy photo so we could have it printed but unfortunately the paper had changed hands and we could not get a glossy of



Celebrating Their 60th

Class of 1951 members and their spouses celebrated their 60th Reunion with a luncheon and business meeting on June 4 at UMaine's Wells Commons.

the event. Present on that occasion were: **Dave and Jen Fox** '54, '79G, **Andy Mezoian** '65G, **Mike Dodge** and wife, Nancy; **Phil Cameron** '60G and wife, Annette; Bainbridge Parsons '53, and **Pat Hurley**. Beth also mentioned that their granddaughter is a freshman at UMaine. She is from Michigan and is very happy with her college choice!

My husband, Al Pease, has been working on the new website, which has led to many conversations with our class president, **Bill Currie**, and also with **Ron Schutt** '57G (who has been most helpful with proofreading). We appreciate hearing from any of you with news of your activities. We hope many of you are planning to attend our 60th Reunion in 2012!

A note from Al about the website:

A web alert: Our new website (umaine52.com) is up and running! We want your comments, news, and photos. You can also keep up on the plans for our 60th Reunion 2012. Searching for a classmate? Maybe we can help. Contact us at classof1952@me.com.

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Hi everyone—how's your summer going? I hope you 534 classmates of our original number will keep the class going. Please come to reunions, class gatherings, Homecomings—or write/call/

visit.

Sharon Clark '55, originally a member of our class (Pasadena, CA) wrote. Highlights: adopted at age 12 by the Wixson family, graduated from Winslow High, UMaine Elms girl (roommates included **Marie Boyton Poulin**, **Eini Riutta Johnson**, **Jean Libby Alex**). Sharon was a cheerleader, band member, PE major, ran for Miss Maine (lost), left (no funds), and returned to graduate in '55.

Sharon taught here and abroad, earned a master's in psychology/sixth-level dance, a doctorate—dance anthropology, co-authored *Techniques of Dance in Labanotation*, and met her husband, Glenn Gruber. She spent 20-plus years doing a wide variety of projects including Los Angeles Light Rail and Metro Rail. Mostly retired, she volunteers, travels, and has been a host family to 300-plus international visitors.

Don LaRochelle is taking a 10-week course at Maine College of Art, Portland, and developing a new technique, "underpainting."

Bill Chaisson (Auburndale, MA) was resting for his 80th birthday celebration when I called. The father of 11, Bill, an avid reader, is in the process of passing on his company, Capitol Engineering Co., which was his father's business.

Ann Twombly Bonang (Brunswick) and her Estabrooke roommates (at various times), **Mary Maguire Riley** (Lewiston), Helen Coughlin Armstrong '52 (Winthrop), and Elaine Martin Moreau '54, '78G (Lewiston), met at Friendly's in Lewiston in March.

Barbara Kneeland, wife of the late **Doug Kneeland** '05H, has moved to Williston (near Burlington) VT, at 115 Meadow Run Road. Good to hear from you, Barbara.

Zeke Mavodones (Poughkeepsie, NY) wrote

that **Walter "Gene" (Eugene) Pease** '54G, his roommate his junior and senior years, died at home, in Millinocket in March.

Don Huston (Lynn, MA) mentioned **Harold Hutchinson**, **Woody Carville** '54G, and **Hank Woodbrey**.

"**Ron Bishop** '53 Gift a Highlight of Annual Meeting" was the title of an article in the newsletter of the Page Farm and Home Museum, Orono. "A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a painting of Ron Bishop's father sitting on the porch of the family farm, drawn from a photo taken by the famous photographer, Harry De Zitter.

In Florida, **Trudy Harriman Metzger** volunteers at the wildlife refuge and makes quilts at church for servicemen, babies, children, and teenagers placed in the guardian ad Litem program. Retiring from jelly-making in "huge" quantities, she says, "I'm admitting that I am no longer young!"

Fred Dolan (Junction City, KS) a Sigma Chi, talks with some fraternity brothers, including **George Weatherbee**. He was in the Army 33 years. Boxed five years, played football 15, and "could have tried out for the Colts, but Uncle Sam had a different idea."

Cliff Cunningham (Acton, ME): "Swung for a 200 par on 78th birthday!"

Dick McGee, former Colby College and Lawrence High coach, was among the Hall of Honor inductees recognized by Maine Sports Legends at the Alford Youth Center. "One of McGee's crowning achievements is his involvement with the Police Athletic League in Fairfield, an organization he helped found 53 years ago." Dick was inducted in the Maine Sports Hall of Fame in May.

Maine Central Institute recently created a

sports hall of fame, and **Al Card** was one of the six inductees honored. Al played football, basketball, and baseball at Paris High and MCI. After an illustrious football and basketball career at the University of Maine, two years with the Army, and a long coaching career at MCI, he became head football coach/director of education at Cony in Augusta until retirement.

John Goulette was the recipient of The Class of 1953 scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year at the University of Maine. John, a senior, from Albion, ME, is majoring in history.

You know what I wish? We'd all live to be 100. Not realistic, but we can try. Meanwhile, have yourself "a summer to remember" and we'll see you in Camden in September for a class gathering (details coming).



Four Elms girls of '53 (from left): Isabelle Stearns Foss of Temple, Ruth Mitchell Hartley of Islesboro, Jane Mitchell Waltz of Levant, and Shirley Stillings Keene of Auburn got together at the Viles Arboretum in Augusta last September.

1954

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As we prepare for our summer issue, the first day of spring delivers another wonderful reminder that we still need to remember a very long winter this year, another wet and ample snowstorm! This brings us to a recent telephone conversation with **Pat Parsons Fales**, who is still living in Damariscotta, ME. Pat had just returned from a trip to nowhere else but to Antarctica! The great trip was made with a good friend by all means of travel—cruising, flying, and by smaller boats visiting smaller islands. She tells us that temperatures varied between 0 and 40 degrees above.

Pat lost her husband of many years, Bob '55, this past January. Bob, who had suffered with Alzheimer's, had been a resident at the Maine Veterans Home in Augusta for a year and a half, and she had visited him faithfully all that time. She says she is quite forward-looking and had just returned from a book group that she finds stimulating. Pat also serves as secretary for the local historical group. She tells us that she often sees **Marge Robbins Lalime**, who also lives in Damariscotta, ME.

A "long lost" classmate has emerged with a recent letter received from **Ron Herzberg**! He apologizes for not being computer savvy but brings us lots of news. He says he always reads the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* but never thought he had anything to contribute. So, classmates, if Ron can write so can you! Ron goes on, "After 55 years I was called by my TEP House little brother, Stan "Rusty" Freedman '56. We ended up spending a couple of reunion days at my house in Plymouth, MA, along with our wives,

of course. What a great surprise!

"And if that was not enough, just weeks later another dear friend from UMaine, Sal Scarpato '55, and I found each other. We only live 15 minutes from each other. So we and our wives got together with the Mert Robinsons '55 for another evening of laughing over things that we thought were quite serious 50 years ago. We continue to swap off dinners." We know that Ron would love to hear from classmates. His address is 19 Fore Street, Plymouth, MA 02360.

We recently ran across a new business publication named *Maine Ahead* and discovered an article on **H. Allen Fernald** '02H. That in itself wasn't unusual; Allen is written about regularly. And, we would add, always in a complimentary way. What caught our eye was that Allen is a dancer. He says, "In high school I was a tap dancer and exhibition ballroom dancer. My partner and I used to do minstrel shows and church fairs." He met his very special dance partner, wife, Sally Carroll Fernald '55, at a



Sharon Clark '55 and her husband, Glenn Gruber, of Pasadena, remain very active after retiring from the academic world.

freshman mixer and has been dancing with her ever since.

Asked if Al and Sally are still dancing, he responded, "We've both slowed down a bit. I had open-heart surgery in March, though I could tap dance right now. The dancing today, you don't hold the woman, you sort of jog around. I can do that, but it's no fun. The fun is holding a girl in your arms and really moving and listening to the music and having your steps match each other; that's dancing!"

On a sad note, we find that with greater distance from graduation in 1954, and moving farther into the Golden Years, increasing numbers of our good friends

pass on. October of this past year saw us lose two of our more active alums who are familiar to our regular column readers. **Herbert Russell Doten** '66G of Augusta, ME, died after an extended illness. Herb was a prominent civil engineer and may be remembered from an earlier column describing how he and his family were honored by the University during our 55th Reunion. Our sympathies are extended to his widow, Pat Fortier Doten '56, and family.

Our second significant loss was that of **John Alvord DeWilde**. John, of Sun City, FL, and Union, ME, died suddenly in Portland, ME. John was active in our class activities—he was currently serving as Class of '54 vice president and was a huge Sigma Chi supporter. We extend our sympathies to his widow, Nancy Cameron DeWilde '55, and the entire family.

In closing, we often make a pitch to encourage classmates to remember the University as estates are planned. A recent note from the Foundation notes that in spite of the horrible economy we have experienced, the Foundation's general endowment has grown by 12% in 2010, so investments in scholarships are solid. Proceeds of our class fund help deserving students of today. Keep involved! Do as Ron Herzberg did above—send us your news!

1955

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Well, believe it or not, I was correct in my statement in our last column when I said you would probably be receiving your next *MAINE Alumni Magazine* when we had five feet of snow. We just got our copy the other day, and there was more than five feet of snow. It was more

like eight feet. And believe it or not since writing the last paragraph, there is now more than 14 feet of snow in the Portland area. Oh, my!

Speaking about snow reminds me that on Christmas Eve of 2010, we were sitting in church in Windham with one of our daughters and her family when someone tapped me on the shoulder. I was surprised and so pleased to find out that person was **Margaret Dow Ricker** '84 Ph.D. Margaret and her husband, George '54 '68G, live in Windham. Margaret has had a remarkable life since graduation. (See our 50th Reunion "Memories" book). Hope we'll see you again, Margaret, the next time we visit the North Windham Union Church. I'll be looking for you.

An article in the *Bangor Daily News* concerns one of my roommates our senior year, and that is **Ethelyn Gerrish Treworgy**. Ethelyn is a member of the Three Rivers Kiwanis Club of Milo-Brownville and she was installed as the new Division Two lieutenant governor at the 92nd annual New England District Convention in Mansfield, MA. She has a very formidable task in this position, and we congratulate you, Ethelyn, and wish you luck in this position. You will be a very busy person promoting inter-clubs with Kiwanis family members and promoting Kiwanis in general.

I received very sad news in January when Peggy Libby Standley '53 informed me that her husband, **Peter Standley**, had died in January. We heard in her Christmas card that Pete had been ill since September, but we thought he was doing better and were very saddened to hear the news of his death. In my last column, I reiterated about Pete and Peggy coming to almost all of our reunions and they were there for our 55th. In a telephone call I made to Peggy, she said she was doing okay, and we all extend our deepest sympathy to her and her family.

From the alumni office via the *Kennebec Journal* comes the news that **Charles Packard** '57G was awarded the American National Standards Institute Elihu Thomson Electrotechnology Medal. This award "honors an individual who has contributed in an exceptional, dedicated way to the field of electrotechnology standardization, conformity assessment, and related activities at the national and international levels." He had an illustrious career with IBM Federal Systems and Unisys Corp. Charles also was a joint recipient of the Al Gore Hammer Award "when he served on the team that revolutionized the quality oversight process for US Department of Defense contractors."

Our class agent, **Mary Atkinson Johnson**, emailed me to say that she has a report on our Class of 1955 Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$7,459, which will go to student support in the 2011-2012 academic year. Way to go, classmates! Mary said that a few classmates attended the University of Maine vs. USA Jr. Olympic hockey game at the Portland Civic Center in January. She was hoping to see a number of classmates at the University Singers and University Maine Jazz Ensemble in Portland as well as a concert by the University Symphonic Band in Saco. She and Bill '56 flew to Arizona in March to spend a week with their daughter and family who were taking a six-



Ron Herzberg '54 (left), Mert Robinson '55 (center), and Sal Scarpato '55 recently got together at Mert's home in Massachusetts. "After 55 years, I was called by my TEP House little brother Stan "Rusty" Freedman '56," Ron says. "And a few weeks later another old friend from UMaine, Sal Scarpato, and I discovered we only lived 15 minutes from each other! So, along with our wives, we got together with the Mert Robinsons for another evening of laughing over things that we thought were quite serious 50 years ago."

month cross-country trip around the United States. I am certain they were very excited to see their family.

I went to my Facebook page, which I don't do very often, and found that **Nancy Littlefield Stine** had left me a message. I answered her and she said that she lives in Arizona in the wintertime and is in Maine in the summer. I hope she will email me on my AOL account and provide me with some more information. Thank you for thinking of me, Nancy. How many more of you are on Facebook? It's a good way to get in touch with me.

That's all the news for this time. I would love to hear from you.

1956

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Greetings, '56ers.

Thank you so much for your notes. News is a bit thin this time. Please keep me informed of your email address changes and let me know your happenings. We have received letters from Laura Pirruccello and Ethan Hawes, grandchildren of **Patricia Fortier Doten** and **Robert Hawes**, respectively, thanking us for the '56 scholarship money. With the Class of '56 donations this year we should be able to do even better next year. Can you believe it! Our 55th Reunion is over. I hope to have all sorts of news for our next column. We missed having **Jerry Pangakis** with us. He was kept away by knee replacement surgery. Also amongst the missing was **Jan Lord Mott**. She was in Bethel last October.

Dave and **Darlene Grundy** drove over from East Montpelier, VT, to have lunch with Jan and son Roger. Speaking of sons, **Betsey Harvey Ruff** and son James flew to Tokyo in February. This was a chance for Betsy to satisfy her Asia wanderlust. Another of our wandering classmates is **Peggy Flynt Haskell**. Her March trip down the Baja Peninsula to Cabo San Lucas has a romantic twist—her son was married on board amid a raft of family and friends. **Foster Shibbles** '63G wrote that **Hans van Leer** passed away in early December. Foster and **Mickie Mitchell Shibbles** '58 enjoy watching two of their grandchildren skiing on their respective ski teams, Oxford Hills High School and Greely Middle School. They met their Colorado family in New York City in March when grandson Elliott played in his high school orchestra in Lincoln Center. **Richard "Doc" and Betty Brockway Nevers** were in Pasadena for the Tournament of Roses Parade. They have decided once was enough. They'll watch it on TV next year.

Rev. Dr. **Richard B. MacDonough**, Society of St. Sulpice, was honored at a "50-years" reception at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, according to the August 5, 2010, edition of the *Ellsworth American*. Ordained in Portland in 1960 and with a doctorate in French language and culture from the University of Kentucky, Rev. Richard taught in several seminaries and started his summer ministry at St. Joseph's in 1964.

The February 4, 2011, edition of the *Journal Tribune* carried a great article about **Bill Johnson's** receiving of the A. William Kany, Jr. Leadership Award for his many years of service to the community. Besides serving three years as a councilor and three terms as Saco's mayor, Bill has served on many other community committees. He is currently a trustee for the University of Maine System and of Thornton Academy.

Linwood "Woody" and Myrilla "Rilla" Daley

Carson have been in their Rocky Mountain home for 11 years. Woody has new knees and a stent that allows a free flow of blood to his legs and is walking better than he has for years. He has many projects, including a big garden, to keep him busy, and Rilla is a speaker for Christian Women's Connection.

Joanne "Jody" Owen Bingham has been appointed DAR chairman for Opportunity Farm, a privately run boys' and girls' home in New Gloucester. One of their granddaughters has been invited to participate in the honors program at UMaine.

Howard Jackson '62G sent me a "You'll know you're a Floridian if ..." that included "You know what a snowbird is and when they leave." I hope many of you snowbirds made it back for our Reunion and brought me lots of news. I want some different names in this column.

Stay cool,
Faith



Class of 1956 officers at the class business meeting following the Senior Alumni luncheon at Reunion 2011 in June. Left to right are: Faith Wixson Varney '65G (class correspondent), Dana Devoe (treasurer), Joan Fuller Russell (secretary), Bill Johnson (president), Betsy Harvey Ruff (class agent), and Richard "Doc" Nevers. Doc's wife, Betty Brockway Nevers, made all the bears.

1957

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Reporting 50 years of marriage and some progress in reducing the weight gain that matched it, **Paul Taiganides** continues to travel a great deal, keeping up with business interests and his far-flung family. Also celebrating their 50th anniversary were **Eleanor Small Williams** and husband, David '58, in 2009.

Tom Cashman is very proud of his sons T. Michael Cashman '86, a captain, commodore of a helicopter air wing in Virginia, and T. Matthew Cashman, director of facilities at the Concord school system in Massachusetts.

When you watch the Patriots, two of those cheerleaders are **Rod Spearin's** daughters!

David Ward wrote that he had healed up pretty much from an auto accident in 2010, and enjoyed competing in his Porsche at Sandia Motorsport Park on 2-26-11, coming in sixth of 72, the top-placing car running noncompetition tires. He hopes to drive it to Maine next year for Reunion.

John Bridge '63G, former owner and CEO of BridgeCorp, retired last year and qualified for the Boy Scouts of America's Star Scout Award in the role of fundraiser. He and his wife, Charlene, were honored as the 2010 Scout Citizens of the Year at a reception in Augusta.

In recognition of his late twin, **Jack Biscoe's** long-term activity in/support of The Alaska Wilderness League, **Mark Biscoe '67G** was invited to the 2011 Wilderness Week in Washington, DC. "It was my honor to meet with several Congressmen and Senators—including Maine's Olympia Snowe '69—and to hear such wonderful compliments about Jack and his devotion to Alaska. Senator Snowe was particularly warm in her comments," Mark



Old friends and Class of '56 classmates **Nancy Witham Huntzinger** and **Dee Livingston** chat at Buchanan Alumni House following Reunion 2011.

wrote. "On the trip I was also able to spend a very enjoyable hour with Rep. Charles Bass (R-NH), a man I taught history to at Fenn School in Concord, MA in 1966."

Spring was enthusiastically welcomed by 32 UMaine "girls," even as fat, puffy flakes fell occasionally outside the Muddy Rudder. The attendance list is all sorted for you this time. Midge Grispi '60, '71G and Connie Atherton Martin '60 held up "youth." The '58ers add much to the group with Jane Quimby Biscoe, Marilyn Graffam Clark, Sandy Daley Denman, Ginny Freeman, Berta Wyer Morrill, Janet Hill Musk, Rosalie Chase Ober '80G, Jane Pomroy Jacobson, Mary Jane Glidden Provencher,

Carole Buzzell Ranco, and Ann Dunne Snow, who requested votes for her husband in the Port Clyde selectman's race. The Class of '57 held on to a slight majority—"Miss Janey" **Barker** chauffeured from Bar Harbor by Babette Gwynn; **Janet Malcolm Buck**, **Pat Wade Fraker**, who again organized this gathering; **Carole Thomas Fryover '71G**, **Claudie Halle Higgins**, **Ann Dingwell Knowles**, **Marilyn Pennell Johnson**, **Margaretmary McCann '66G**, **Janet Higgins Nolan**, **Dru Nesbit Pedro**, **Barbara Swann Pineau**, **Mary Lou Hughes Richardson**, **Carolyn Frazier Skolfield**, and **Lois Whitcomb**, Pat Fortier Doten '56 and Jean Partridge Mason '56 were the slightly senior contingent. It was very nice to have some faces we had not seen for a while, as well as those more familiar.

We're looking forward to seeing many of you a year from now at our 55th Reunion on June 1, 2, and 3, 2012.

We'll start off with the Jiggs Open on Friday morning and hope to have a relaxed gathering before the class dinner and meeting Friday evening. Saturday we would participate in the University events and leave on Sunday for the "after" location. Keep your eyes open for further information and the registration materials!

Homecoming 2011

Black Bear football, tailgating,
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1958

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By the time you receive these notes, summer will be well on its way, which will be a welcome change from this past winter. If anything would send me to sunny climes, 70-plus inches of snow would do it. Trust all of you finally dug out from however many inches of snow or rain that you shoveled, drained, pumped out, etc. this past winter.

Appointed to serve as interim athletic director last August was Steve Abbott, son of **Walt Abbott '65G**, who, between playing football and holding other positions in the athletic department, spent 55 years with the University. Bucksport High School has created a Sports Hall of Fame and among the first inductees was **Robert G. Carmichael**. Bob was named Athletic Director of the Year in 1992. During his time at Bucksport, Bob served as coach and athletic director, winning three state football championships, five Penobscot Valley baseball titles, and one Eastern Maine track championship. The football field at the school is named in Bob's honor. Nominated for reappointment to active retired status for the district courts in Maine was **David B. Griffiths** of Presque Isle. This appointment will allow David to work part-time where needed, even though he has retired. **Nancy Richards Grant**, along with hubby, **Charles**, has been busy over the past 33 years. Not only have they raised four children, but they have been actively involved with the international student exchange program AFS as a host family. Beginning in 1977, they began serving as hosts for a girl from Israel, and some 400 kids later, they are still involved. Nancy says the struggles of raising children are the same be they international or not. The Grants have made several trips to Europe to visit their former students and have had several come back to Maine for a visit bringing their families with them. Charlie says it is very interesting to see the exchange from another point of view. Charlie and Nancy have been an important part of the AFS program in Maine and are known to the AFS as "the parents heard round the world." Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2010 were **Philip T. Martin** and his wife, Patricia. Phil says he is a retired teacher and completed 53 years of coaching baseball.

Notes from the back of envelopes—**Barbara Hasey Andrews** and hubby, Tom, took part in a couple of Elderhostels and spent time in California last year. On the docket for this year is a river cruise on the Rhine and Danube. They have six grandchildren who keep them hopping and they are still actively involved in volunteer work, church activities, theatre, opera, etc. Barb says things are the "same-o-same-o" just a little slower. She took a bad tumble off her bike last fall, breaking her left wrist. She says since that is her dominant hand, things were quite interesting. **Sandra Daley Denman** writes that her daughter, Diane Denman Johanson '93,

has been appointed chief of staff of the Maine House Republicans Office. Another classmate planning a river cruise in Europe this year is **Larry Thurrell**. He and wife, Helen, will be traveling from Amsterdam to Budapest with a group of friends. **Dave** and **Rosalie Chase Ober '80G** report that in 2010 they had a grandchild in every education level—college, high school, middle school, primary, and nursery schools. Rosalie says they claim "bragging rights" to two very good swimmers.

Just received a letter from Prexy **Herb Cohen** in his position as secretary for the Senior Alumni. Many of you probably received this letter also and have already contributed to Taverner Non-Traditional Scholarships for this year. If you have not, please keep it mind. Remember we all became members of the Senior Alumni by virtue of surviving as alumni for 50 years.

Keep me posted on your activities. Keep our 55th Reunion in mind; it's not that far away. Hope you have a healthy and happy summer and fall.

1959

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Hello, '59ers! I have a very short column this time, as I haven't heard from any of you this winter. I guess you were all snowed in. It is March here in sunny Florida as I write this.

At a Bangor Chamber of Commerce annual dinner held in January, **Gary Smith** of Brookings-Smith funeral homes was presented the Chamber's most prestigious honor, the Norbert X. Dowd Award. This award recognizes a member of the business community whose commitment of time, resources, and talent have made the Bangor area a better place.

An article in the *Kennebec Journal* tells of **George Gustin**, who still operates a full-service wood mill he built on his property in Wales. He also designs and builds machinery and runs the mill alone. He says he is doing by himself what his father had five men doing. After working on various construction jobs throughout the country, George returned to Maine 49 years ago to run the mill. Visitors can tour his current operation, which can cut 2,000 board feet in an hour. George plans to retire when he is 85 but until then wants to work every morning.

That's it for now—hope to hear from you.

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Happy summer, classmates!

It seems people have Hawaii on their minds. Mr. Hawaii, **Rick Lloyd**, has been putting together an awesome mid-March sail of seven islands in 2013. Imagine rain forests, giant tropical flowers, volcanic craters, and a luscious luau with 44-plus classmates.

Last winter, **Fred** and **Diane Tatlock Pierce** were at their condo on Kauai. For three weeks in February, **Kay** and **Pete Hannah '59** revisited big island, having lived there in 1996 for five months. Rick chauffeured them to see the sights of Honolulu from his antique red Studebaker convertible.

Bill and **Joan Currier Parker '59** were also in Kauai in February. In late summer and again in October, Bill visited from the school of engineering only to learn he was selected as "an Eminent Engineer in the Francis Crowe Society." In November, Bill received the prestigious award at Buchanan Alumni House. Congratulations, Bill!

Norris Thurston and wife, Margaret, have been traveling—from Florida to North Carolina last winter, to New England, Acadia, and Orono, and then off to Denmark for three wonderful weeks visiting some 60 Danish Nielson relatives. They were "treated royally with visits to their homes and with great meals." In October, they drove to Mountain City, TN, for a visit with friends and rode bicycles back down the mountain on the Virginia Creeper Trail.

The University of Maine Alumni of the Low Country started out with six members and now has 36. A lot of credit goes to **Donna Fritz Brunstad**. They have raised \$1,000 for scholarships to assist students in need of textbooks, and funnel their funds through the Alumni Association for student aid. During Charleston Days, John Petzold '61 arranged a golf tournament, and Bob '70, '77G and Lucy Levesque Scribner '71, who run tours in Charleston, hosted a harbor cruise aboard the *Carolina Belle*. Donna and Bill arranged a dinner get-together in February. They were joined by **Nancy Small Moran** from Sarasota, FL, and **Diane Wiseman Linscott** of Anna Maria Island.

And now to the north. Remember the silent auction during the 50th Reunion? In March, Don and **Nancy Morse Dysart** embarked by snowshoes and snowmobiles to T8R9, Munsungan region, in the North Maine woods. Led by a wildlife biologist who is the bear crew leader of the state, they tracked radio-collared black bears, tranquilized the mother, removed the cubs from the den, measured and inoculated them, and put them back. Nancy most likely is the only Maine woman to go to the *real* Bear's Den this year.

After 67 years of tearing up the slopes skiing, **Bruce Johnson** of Rangeley fell and broke his

collarbone in February. By the end of March, Bruce was back on the slopes skiing with his seven year-old granddaughter. Last September, Bruce spent three wonderful weeks in France visiting twin grandsons, now ten. After a stint in the military, Bruce worked as a civilian near Versailles. He and his family traveled to Paris, Nice, and Normandy.

President **Joe Dion** and wife, Peggy, took a road trip through Tennessee and Kentucky. Joe reports that **Ace Conro** '63G and vice president **Fred Pierce** have signed on as class agents for the next four years. Now, we know Fred could sell snowballs to the Eskimos, and with Ace's creative ideas, they are indeed a team. Thank you, guys.

Harold "Tank" Violette of Winslow was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. From 1969-1985, he coached Winslow football and won five state championships. His hockey teams won six state championships. Tank also has coached wrestling, golf, and baseball.

This year's Class of 1960 scholarships provided \$1,300 to two UMaine ladies. Lydia McMullen, a first-year student majoring in business administration, is from Kennebunkport. Margaret Hilton is a junior majoring in financial economics. By the way, Joe and others have moved funds and reinvested the scholarship funds. Instead of two percent interest, we now are making twelve percent.

Bob Sterritt '63G reports that money specifically designated for the class fund consists of \$55,000 raised since the previous (45th) Reunion, as well as another \$45,000 in outstanding pledges for a grand total of \$100,000!

Now classmates, please give me an "N" for news. When you write a Christmas letter, send or email me a copy of your news. Every good day of health is a blessing. Seek out forgotten friends in our class, write letters of hope and love to those classmates we hear have lost loved ones or are ill. To Rick Lloyd, "Mahalo," which is thank you in Hawaiian. As always—Gail

1961

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I've found that guilt works with kids, German shepherds, and classmates. Heeding my plea, I heard from many of you in time for this column, which warms my little heart.

Bill and Jane Libby Littlefield '60 celebrated their golden anniversary at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs with the weekend event arranged by their Korean daughter, 1st Lt. Kim Su, a US Army Reserve nurse. To add to the celebration was Bill's birthday. All four kids were present, along with friends from Jane's child development career in Germany. Bill had many assignments in Germany during his Army years with the US and German Pershing missile forces. The Littlefields move between Topsham and their NY home outside of Ft. Drum, where

Class of 1961 celebrates its 50th Reunion in June

Congratulations '61ers



Class of 1961 50th Reunion organizers, left to right: Peter Berry, Anne Adams Collins, Gail McLain Berry, June Toulouse Heintz, Judy Ohr, Larry Schiner '62G, Meg Thompson Villarreal, and Father Bud Welch. Judy was awarded the Golden "M" for her work in connecting with classmates.



Looking over the Class of 1961 book are, left to right: Mary Irving Fantucchio, Will Spencer, and Shirlene Heath Gosline '73G, who put the book together.



Peter Haynes received a Black Bear Award for his outstanding service to the University and its alumni.

Bill serves as a village trustee and president of the fire company.

Ruth Bouchard Klein continues her in-depth studies of the plight of the French Canadians who came to New England to improve their lives, not being able to make a living farming in Quebec Province. From her studies has grown a course she teaches at adult education in Brunswick. Ruth is also caretaker for her husband, Walt, who is quite ill. Met **Mary Irving Fantucchio** and Phyllis Warren-Briggs '60 for lunch outside of DC. Phyllis is a volunteer at the Newseum, while Mary is on the board of directors of Arlington's (VA) Independent Media, the community television station. Mary's most recent production is a four-part series on brain health.

Charlie Chapman is hoping to start an

alumni group in the Virginia Beach area, home of the largest naval base in the world. Charlie has been retired for 18 years after an interesting career providing technical assistance to all east coast Navy ships. During retirement, he's been active with ham radio, civic league, cruises, politics, and spending summer at Raymond Pond. Sounds like tough duty to me! Virginia Beach area alumni can contact Charlie through my email.

Living in Nokesville, VA, is **John Bouchard**. John is an investment broker but on the side he and wife, Sandra, raise and breed alpacas. **Gingee Buckley Franco** and dentist-daughter, Elizabeth, joined husband/dad, Vince Franco '62, '70G on his trip to Los Angeles for his training on the National Assessment of Educational Progress. While Vince toiled, Gingee and

Elizabeth rented a car and "did L.A."

Harvest, the magazine of the Catholic Diocese of Portland, had an interesting article on the retirement of Father **Bud Welch**. Although retired from naval chaplain duty, Bud is still on-call as a substitute for priests on vacation or other leave. Bud shared the news that **Frank Merrill** '68G and wife, Alice, are in Windsor, CT, where Frank teaches math at Loomis Chafee School. Alice is a retired French teacher. They own rental cottages at Owls Head and spend their summers there.

With so many of us retired now, why not contact the alumni association and volunteer to be an alum ambassador? An ambassador sends emails to newly accepted students in their home area and also "sits" recruitment tables at high school college nights. I'm still working part-time in social research, right now on an international literacy study. Also became a member of Statistics Without Borders and over Skype provided guidance on training interviewers for an agricultural study in Kenya. Youngest went to Afghanistan (Kandahar) for her third tour. Only one percent of Americans have someone involved in the war. You can all adopt my kid with thoughts and prayers.

Thanks to Connie Ridlon, **Jane Harding Goode**, and Barbara Schiner for shooting Reunion photos and double thanks to Barbara for creating the Reunion CD and absorbing the expense as a gift to the class. Extensive Reunion news will appear in the next issue of the alum magazine.

1962

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It is time to save the dates May 30th through June 2nd 2012 to celebrate with classmates at our 50th Reunion. Your committee promises you a great time, with many enjoyable activities planned on both Mount Desert Island and the Orono campus.

Class fiscal agent, **Gary Cran** '63G, writes: "Our 50th Reunion is a good time to consider our legacy, both as a class and individually. Many of us credit UMaine for changing our lives. How can we memorialize this effect? As a class, we are planning to do so by significantly adding to our class scholarship fund so that future students may share our experience. Please help us reach our goal. If you have another specific area of the University that you would rather support, it will also be considered as part of our class legacy."

Our class can indeed be very proud of the difference we have made in the educational lives of UMaine students through our donations to the **Val Beck Sterritt Scholarship**. The 2010-2011 recipients were, once again, all grandchildren of '62 classmates. Freshman business student, Lydia McMullen, is the granddaughter of Philip Curtis '60, '62G. Katrina Bansmer, a junior from Augusta majoring in child development, is **Robert Jordan's** granddaughter. Another junior

receiving the award was engineering major April Bolstridge, granddaughter of **Floyd Bolstridge**. Senior Kevin Price, grandson of **Ron and Trudy Chambers Price**, was awarded the scholarship this year for the fourth time. An honor student in economics and political science, Kevin was elected president of the Senior Skulls this past year. Thank-you notes from these recipients emphasized how the scholarship helped make their education dream a reality.

More congratulations go out to Ron and Trudy Chambers Price, who were remarried this past winter. On December 19, 2010, surrounded by friends and family members, the happy couple was joined together once again in a simple, tender wedding ceremony at their new home in Freedom. We also extend our best wishes to Arthur and **Annette Briggs Miles**, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last summer at a festive party at the Crocker House near their home in Hancock.

Wally Witham '67G writes that he has retired after 44 years of teaching. He has been living in the Tampa Bay area for the past 30 years, but recently has been spending a great deal of time in mid-coast Maine researching his family genealogy. In the process, Wally had the opportunity to reconnect with classmate **Ann Sleight Harrison** '86G at her workplace, the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath.

Frank and Mary Shorey have been spending the last few years rehabilitating Mary's family farm in Anson. This farm has been in the Hilton family since 1790. Mary emailed to say that it is a large project with over 100 acres of meadows and woodlands to care for. She writes that while, "There are barns to be rescued, fields to mow and orchards to save, life is good in the country."

Len MacPhee '72G came out of retirement for the second time this past September to become the coach of the Greater Portland Christian School basketball team. Len was the basketball coach at the University of Maine Farmington for many years and after retirement from that job, took the head coaching position in Rangeley, where his teams qualified for the state tournament three out of his five years. He says he is glad to be back on the bench once again. Another classmate who took a new job this past year is **Kenneth Smith** '70G. Ken, who took over as superintendent of schools in Millinocket last July, has dedicated his life to education. He distinguished himself as a teacher, principal, superintendent, and educational consultant in more than 15 districts in Maine and New Hampshire. This new position brings Ken's career full circle. Fifty years ago he started teaching in Medway, only 10 miles from Millinocket.

Well, folks, that's it for now. Circle those calendar dates, contact your friends, and make plans to join us for our 50th.

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Lee Bingham '66G writes, "All is well here in VA except for the heat. I keep busy with my consulting business, working mainly in Central America right now and it amounts to about half my time. I'll be back in Alaska at the end of August for a week of fly fishing."

Tom Austin was honored with the John Baronian Lifetime Contribution to Football Award by the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston. Tom was head coach at Colby for 18 years and retired after the 2003 season.

Jim Sibley, in Augusta, creates miniature intricate relief carvings or wood inlays in a process known as intarsia. Since his retirement, he works in the basement from October to the Christmas holidays, creating a collection of holiday crafts.

John Martin and Justice Leigh Ingalls Sausley '76 have set up a traveling educational program in high schools throughout the state. Each fall, the Maine Supreme Court packs up its work and goes to several schools around the state. They meet in auditoriums to hear oral arguments on appeals in front of the students who have studied the briefs as part of their social studies coursework. The students then have a period of asking questions of lawyers on each side. "It is a roaring success," says John.

While in Florida this winter, I was able to make contact with **Marge Bowen Roberts**. I had not seen her for several years after she had a stroke and retired from her teaching job. I was very pleased to see her come out of her home with a quick step and smile on her face! We spent about four hours together, catching up on her sons, her life as it is today, and talking about Maine friends. Her speech is something she has worked very hard on, and although halting, was easy to understand. She says her life is good, she has the food and comforts needed, her sons take care of her (although not living with her anymore), and friends get her around where she needs to go. She does not drive anymore. It was a very satisfying visit and reminded me of the positive attitude she maintained during her younger years when she was left to raise her two young sons after her husband fell off a roof and remained in a coma for eight years before he died. She is one resilient MAINE woman.

1964

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A big Maine hello to all our classmates! Our class president, **Ken Beal**, writes the sad news of the

passing of his roommate and friend, **Norman Henry Dodge**. A native of Damariscotta, Norman was a 35-year veteran of the National Park Service and retired as chief ranger of Acadia National Park. He was a nature lover and also served at Vicksburg National Military Park and Yellowstone. Norm's wife, Martha Reed Dodge '66, of 44 years, would love to hear from anyone who knew Norm, and condolences may be expressed at www.jordanfernald.com.

Someone I remember well, **David Farrar**, wrote that he and wife, Ruth, still live at 16 Herrick Street in Beverly, MA, should anyone be in the "hood," and last year he welcomed their 11th grandchild (they have five children of their own), and retired after 44 years of teaching social studies—at least that must be one course that changes all the time—while Ruth is still a professor at Bridgewater State.

For some reason most of my column last issue was lost in the electronics world, so forgive me if some of this is a little late. **Joyce Harburger Bennett** reports that her husband (of 41+ years) and she are retired, working part-time jobs now, and living with two cats in Contoocook, NH, a small town about 11 miles west of Concord. She is a morning receptionist at a law firm in Concord for over two years now and loves having her afternoons free. She and husband, Richard, are active in their church, have three grown sons, and three sweet grandchildren, which means frequent trips to Houston, TX. Joyce has been taking piano lessons for some 12 years now and piano is her passion. During the summer of 2009 she visited her roommate **Marcia Hebert Doherty** at Marcia's summer home in Scarborough, ME, at Higgins Beach, and they had dinner with **Sharon Taylor Murphy** and husband, Tom '65, who also live there. Professor **G. Bruce Wiersma**, a member of our class executive board and husband of our classmate **Ann Becker Wiersma**, is the father of four and grandfather of four. Having been dean of the College of Natural Sciences Forestry and Agriculture at UMaine and director of the Main Ag and Forest Experiment Station, he is now professor of forest resources and director of the Center for Research on Sustainable Forests at UMaine. He proudly reports that Ann was fund development director for Community Health and Counseling Service in Bangor and "sort of" retired.

Faith Vautour, who was part of our 50th Reunion committee, and perhaps you remember her as a sister of Chi Omega or as a poli sci major, has been teaching history since graduation and mentoring new Advanced Placement US history teachers, upgrading her own skills with computer courses, and cheering on the women's basketball teams. Faith is now "devoted" to golf and gardening, and reachable at Faith_Vautour@fivetowns.net. **Amo Paul Bishop** lives with her brother, Bob '63, on Anna Maria Island in Florida, walks more than 25 miles each week, and only sees Maine in her memories now. **David Wiggins** '67G, of Rockport, ME, wrote a cogent item in the *Portland Press Herald* asking Maine people to demand why the University doesn't cut core administration and fewer programs for students.

And may I mention that, although he is

NOT Class of '64, Black Bear Stephen Cooper '03 is linebacker and the San Diego Charger's leading tackler with 119 stops on the season and received the Emil Karas Award as the Most Inspirational Player. He played more snaps than any other defender this past year, and is defensive captain. I get so excited when our UMaine grad is on the field—how many Maine football players are NFL pros? We are limited to 680 words so please see a longer version of this column at www.mainealumni.org including news of **Mary Goucher Macomber**, **Earle Peter Cooper**, and **Clayton Rogers**.

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I thought the publications staff did a great job with our 45th Class Reunion pages in the winter issue.

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Hank Garfield is in his 39th year with Driscoll Construction Co. in Philadelphia, currently a project manager. He likes distance running and gardening.

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Visit www.wildblueberryproducts.com to view a line of blueberry products that **Lenore "Lee" Higgins Worcester** and her husband, Everett '66G, sell as part of their 30-year-old family business. lee.worcester@yahoo.com

Roberta "Bobbie" Jones Mulazzi is a

retired teacher. Besides her family, she enjoys traveling to Italy, Spain, and Puerto Rico. rmulazzi@juno.com

Brent Keene was a standout high school athlete and lettered in football at UMaine. In 2010, Brent was a first inductee in the Bucksport High School Hall of Fame.

Steve "Spider" Merritt admits to being a hermit mostly on Lone Elm in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He has no electricity, central heating, or running water. Steve rides three miles on his bike to the local library for an Internet connection. It has been written that Steve is the best folk singer in Canada. shmspider@hotmail.com

Michael Miller has been employed at Merrill Lynch 40 years, and is currently a senior vice president in the Global Private Client Group. He likes photography. mikebevmler@hotmail.com

Vince Puleo is now a realtor and spends time golfing and cutting wood.

Stan Sloan's latest book has been published: *Permanent Alliance? NATO and the Transatlantic Bargain from Truman to Obama*. As a Fulbright specialist, Stan was recently part of a lecture tour at the University of Ljubljana and the Military Academy in Slovenia.

Gretchen Thomas Stark has retired as a K-12 physical ed teacher and sports coach. She is an avid hiker. gstark6@verizon.net

Dave Tyler and his wife, Rebecca Weed '86G, live in Belgrade, MT, and operate a sheep and cattle ranch. dave.tyler@lambandwool.com

Linda Waterhouse-Lawton retired in 2000 from the Hartford, CT, public schools. She lives in Eatontown, NJ, and volunteers at the Monmouth County Park System.

Carolyn "Zack" Zachary lives in Belfast, ME, doing public relations consulting, managing seasonal rental cottages, and substitute teaching. A favorite college memory of Zack's is playing guitar and singing folk songs with York Hall pals, including **Pat "Trish" Sheehan**, Louise Tapley-VanPelt '68 (my sister), and Ellen Toomey '66.

I had a long telephone visit with **Jacqueline Fournier Curley**, who lives in Falmouth and teaches French in Brunswick. She is very proud of her first grandchild, Ryan.

Doris Carpenter Barnes (G), of Laconia, NH, turned 100 years old on March 16. She wrote to say that her former students gave her a luncheon at the Lyon's Den in Gilford, NH. Doris taught in Dover, NH.

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Remember to access our class website: under the tab "Get Informed" go to the drop-down "Class Pages" and choose Class of 1965.

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1966

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Barry Ellis of Parkman recently retired after 21 years as a rural mail carrier. He once retrieved a package from the back seat of his car and when he turned around found himself eyeball to eyeball with a pigmy goat. The goat had hopped onto the hood of his car and was looking at him through his car windshield. Barry has a lot of stories to share over the years and really enjoyed his time with the postal service, but added, "I will miss serving the senior citizens."

Darryl Brown '69G has been appointed director of the State Planning Office in Augusta. Darryl, of Livermore Falls, is the founder and president of Main-Land Development Consultants, which has been in business since 1972. He served in the Maine House of Representatives from 1978-86.

Joseph Ferris, of Brewer who served as local mayor in 2004, accepted the nomination again late last year. His goals are to save money and find ways to work together with Bangor.

Maj. Gen. **John W. "Bill" Libby** '67G has agreed to continue serving as head of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, a post he has held since 2004. As commander of the Maine Army National Guard, he has seen many of his 3,200 troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Despite his plans to retire last year, his decision

to stay on was not difficult: "These soldiers are part of my family and I could not walk away from them under these circumstances."

Bob Stairs, vice president and treasurer for the *Bangor Daily News* for the last two decades, retired last December after spending 43 years with the company. He first came to the BDN shortly after graduating from UMaine with a business degree and began working as an accountant in the business office in April 1967. As for retirement, he has plenty of hobbies to keep him busy.

Charles Prince lives in Berwick, has a daughter attending UMaine, and has been teaching physics for 30 years.

And there's something that I want to mention following our Reunion weekend—One of the most memorable moments at the Saturday auction was **Gifford Stevens** '68G presentation on the dulcimer. Gifford retired after many years at Hampden Academy and is an accomplished musician. He has personally hand made over 200 of the instruments and they are being played around the world. Many thanks for a wonderful donation.

Emil Swift wrote this following our 45th Reunion:

Fellow '66ers:

Thank you for a fantastic, fun-filled, and enjoyable 45th Reunion.

There was no better way to begin our Reunion Friday evening than a night of pizza and conversation in the Red Room at "world famous" Pat's Pizza. "Hey, how are you? Great to see you again! Are you retired? You have HOW MANY grandchildren? It's been how many years? Wow! You look great! This is definitely worth the trip! You haven't changed a bit! Do you know who came from as far away as

Hawaii? And Australia? Wow! Promise me you'll be back for our 50th!"

Our class business luncheon and raffle/auction and logo denim shirt sales earned over \$2,900 for our '66 scholarship fund. It was a fun time and "cantankerous" bidding on some excellent auction items.

This event was especially successful thanks to many of you responding to our request to provide items for our raffle/auction. Your efforts in providing items for the event made it the largest number of raffle and auction items in the long history of this unique class tradition. Again, thanks to all who provided items as well as those who purchased raffle tickets and generously bid in the fun-filled auction.

The results of the election of class officers is as follows: president, **Emil Swift**; vice president, **Bruce Staples**; secretary, **Janet Rogers** '71G; treasurer, **Dan Hillard**, class correspondent; and **Nancy Erikson Ladd**, class agent.

While our 50th is five years away, we will soon begin planning for this very special event. We sincerely ask you to keep this long-term event in mind and mark your 2016 calendar (early June).

PLEASE plan to attend. PLEASE! Make every effort.

We are open to any and all suggestions. We will try to make this a true event, including pre-Reunion ideas such as Bar Harbor excursions, lobster/clambakes, etc.

Please feel free to contact any class officer with your thoughts and ideas. All will be welcome and considered.

Stay young, stay healthy, and stay happy.
Best wishes, Emil



Class of 1966 members celebrated their 45th Reunion during a luncheon in the Bear's Den in the Memorial Union on June 4.

1967

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Dave Ames '68G was among the Hall of Honor inductees who were recognized by Maine Sports Legends at the Alford Youth Center. Dave was a four-sport letter winner at Camden High School and at UMaine was a three-year undefeated pitcher. Currently he is a popular basketball official.

Ivan Braun, Jr. '68G became one of the first inductees of the new Bucksport High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Ivan played football for four years at the high school and then received first-term Yankee Conference honors in 1965 and 1966 at the University. He was also a member of the only UMaine team to play in a bowl game (Tangerine Bowl).

Norris Bryant '72G, of Brewer, won a bronze medal in the Cowboy Action Shooting competition at the Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, UT. The Huntsman World Senior Games, founded 24 years ago, is an Olympic-style international sporting event for athletes age 50 and over.

George R. Ezzy (G), of Augusta, was confirmed by the Maine State Senate to be a member of the Loring Development Authority.

Earlier this year, **H. Sawin Millett, Jr.** (G) joined the LePage administration as commissioner of the Maine Department of Administration and Financial Services following a unanimous endorsement by the state legislature's Appropriations Committee and full Senate confirmation. He is a veteran of Maine state government who previously served in several positions, including education commissioner and associate commissioner of the former mental health department, under three previous governors. His department manages the state budget, collects taxes, administers lottery and alcohol sales, and oversees Maine's civil service system. Millett is a state budget expert who sat on the Appropriations Committee and was the principal budget adviser to incoming governor Paul LePage '75G prior to his January inauguration. "He's an institution in himself," the governor stated. "Without him, I don't know where we'd be." Sawin was a math teacher before launching a career in public service.

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1968

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Ed Zizmor writes: "My wife, Linda, and I have four grandchildren. Julie and Daniel (twins) (5), and Benjamin (1½) are the children of my daughter and son-in-law, Arlene and Jay Shiner. My son Joshua and daughter-in-law Joie have a son Henry (1). My youngest, Andrew, is graduating from the University of Michigan's MBA program this April. I am busy in legal practice in both New Jersey and New York, specializing in criminal law and collection law. Last November, Linda and I spent two fascinating weeks in Peru visiting Macchu Picchu, Lake Titicaca, and various other sites. I enjoy reading the class comments."

Anthony Filauro '72G writes: "Since retiring (somewhat), I don't have extra time on my hands. Retirement does not involve doing less, you just don't get paid for it. I continue to do some forestry work in the Telos area for Gerald Pelletier. I enjoy getting outside and feel I am being paid to get some exercise. For three years running, the Discovery Channel has filmed logging operations that have been shown on American Loggers. The program has generated a fair amount of tourist traffic to the Millinocket area and has given a boost to the local economy."

Priscilla Beaulieu Larose writes that she has seven grandchildren and has just finished redoing an old abandoned farmhouse in Bridgton, ME.

John Rohman has been elected to the board of directors for Camden National Corp. He is also chairman of WBRC, the largest and oldest architectural firm in Bangor.

Jon E. Morse is a proud grandfather.

Ellie Kent Peavey received the 2010 Rinearson National Honor Society Adviser of the Year. There is only one adviser named for the year out of 23,000 chapters.

This will be my final class correspondent update as I pass this task on to **Betty Loew White**. Betty has agreed to assume this role and she brings some new energy and enthusiasm for our class. She is married with three children and has homes in Michigan and Maine. She is an educator with amazing credentials and I know she will do a great job. So please take note of her contact information and keep her posted on your activities. Her address is: 1849 Ludlow Road, Ludlow, ME 04730 and her email address is: bejuwi@aol.com.

Here is my most recent update: married over 37 years, two grandchildren so far, run my PR firm BlaisdellCooper, serve on several boards, sail the coast of Maine every summer, and our daughter is getting married in Nantucket this fall. Life is busier than ever but I will continue to work with our class officers on our upcoming 45th Class Reunion. Stay tuned.

1969

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Hello, classmates! It is nice to begin to see the grass again here in Maine in mid-March. Please be sure to update us on your news.

Donald Siviski '77G, '93G, superintendent of Regional School Unit 2, retired in June after a 39-year career in Maine education. **Jerry Goss** '75G, '77G is serving as deputy mayor of Brewer. **David Daniel** (G) of Westford, MA, is a writer who has published *Coffin Dust*, a collection of horror stories. **Bruce Stafford** has been inducted into Maine Central Institute's Sports Hall of Fame. At MCI Bruce lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. Classmates will remember that Bruce played both football and baseball for UMaine. Barbara Bracy Hochadel-Heintz '70 wrote that she and other alumni from Somerset Hall met for a reunion luncheon in fall 2010 in York Beach. In attendance were **Barbara Perry** and **Pamela Smyth Baker** from our Class of '69, and Valerie Ludwig Griffin '79G, Christina Hough Hutchins, Madeleine Tardif Martel, Nancy Pizzo Boucher, and Susan Stanley from the Class of '70. Let us know when you get together with other UMaine alumni.

1970

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Greetings, classmates!

I received an email from **George Smith** and he tells me that he and his wife, Linda Hillier Smith '75, have started writing a travel column that appears in the Sunday *Kennebec Journal* and *Waterville Morning Sentinel*. Their columns also appear in the publications of the Maine Tourism Association. Also they have a travel blog on their website: www.georgesmithmaine.com. **Brainard Tripp** (G) and his wife, Charlotte '71G, '85G, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary last August. Both have retired from careers as teachers and they live at Embden Pond in Maine. **Nancy Pizzo Boucher** has written a book about her journey as a mother and her family's journey since her youngest son got sick with a mental illness 19 years ago just as he was in his freshman year at Bard College. The title of the book is *Getting My Night Vision* and is available through Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Nancy has written a second book, *The Power of Family to Promote Healing*, for patients, family members, health care professionals, and others who know people who suffer from mental illness. "I'm happy to mail anyone an excerpt from my next book at

pizzoboucher@gmail.com," she writes.

James McKenna (G) has been conferred the "professor emeritus" title by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors. He was a professor of crop and soil environmental sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences where he began teaching in 1979. The Maine Irish Heritage Center has honored **Cynthia Murray-Beliveau** '73G with the Claddagh Award for her lifelong commitment to advocacy on behalf of Maine people, especially women and children. **Gil Blais** has made a generous donation of a \$150,000 mobile command center to the Maine fire marshal's office. His business, La Boit, that is based near Columbus, Ohio, builds mobile dental clinics and veterinary clinics and after 9/11/01, the company branched out into specialized mobile command posts for laws enforcement agencies. The donation is being made in honor of his and his wife's parents. **John** and **Pamela Tabbutt Elwell** of Smithfield, ME, became grandparents twice in 2010! **Robert Hart** and his wife, **Cynthia Ellis Hart** '71, now living in Branford, CT, became the grandparents of triplets in 2009!

1971

*40th Reunion at Homecoming
October 14-16, 2011*

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Hello to all of you who are enjoying this wonderful summer. I warned you in the previous column that we have now reached the 40-year mark post-graduation, and so we have a Reunion planned that I think all of us can enjoy.

Of course, we will expect everyone to wear bell-bottom madras patchwork pants, or bell-bottom jeans, arrive in your VW van with the flower-power stickers still attached, along with the "Make Love, Not War" bumper-stickers all over it.

Let's face it; we attended the University at a difficult time that I'm sure everyone recalls as a stress-filled era. We were often confused and fearful of what our country was involved in overseas. I remember too well sitting in a car, listening to the draft numbers being called, and the elation or abject horror when a birth date was announced. Perhaps that's what so many of us had in common, the confusion and the fear when we heard about what had happened at Kent State, and the whole concept that we couldn't seem to understand why so much had gone wrong with our world.

Nothing will ever assuage all of that confusion that we endured, but we need to think of the times that we enjoyed at "the college of our hearts always." Pat's Pizza is still there, serving the same exquisite fare that was served while we were there. The campus mall is still beautiful, and the same lovely buildings still line the streets, although there are a whole lot of



Pam Smyth Baker '69 and **Barbara Hochadel-Heintz** '70 helped organize a September 2010 reunion of 1969 and 1970 second floor Somerset Hall alumni. Left to right are: **Valerie Ludwig Griffin** '70, **Madeleine Tardif Martel** '70, **Barbara Hochadel-Heintz** '70, **Christina Hough Hutchins** '70, **Barbara Perry** '69, **Nancy Pizzo Boucher** '70, **Pam Smyth Baker** '69, and **Susan Stanley** '70.

new buildings that you need to see. Please plan to come. We will meet on Friday, October 14 through Sunday, October 16. In addition to our Reunion get-together, we'll have a huge craft fair, a superb winning football game, and the usual balmy October-in-Orono weather! COME ON!

Several days ago, I had a call from a student at UMaine requesting a financial pledge, which he got immediately. I didn't realize that he was supposed to get information about me, as I was so busy asking questions about him. In the packet of correspondence received here at my home, I have a bunch of information about my classmates, gleaned from those phone calls.

R. Frederick Ehrlenbach, married to **Elizabeth Ray** '72, is retired, enjoying his two grandchildren and his retirement in Trenton, ME. **William Sawtell** is in Brownville, ME, writing books, speaking to various classes, and is involved in a history project with elementary school kids. **Ken Wieder** '75G is a photographer in Norcross, GA, married to **Ruth Allen Wieder** '73 and has lots of pets. **John Haskell** is in Bangor, directing the music for the spring production of "Tommy" at Husson University. **Jim** and **Pam Randlett Cleveland** are in Swampscott, MA, with two grandchildren to enjoy. **Carol Bridges Bouchard** lives in Saco and spends her winters in Mexico. **William Stoy** will be a guest instructor at our University in the fall of this year in project management and systems engineering. **Lynn MacFarland Izzi** has been appointed principal at the Thompson School in West Gardiner, and **Jeanne Kita Burke**, who lives in Kennebunk, is employed as a Biddeford middle school librarian.

And that's all the news from the Class of 1971 that I have. Plan on coming to Reunion and giving me more information to share with everyone!

Go Blue!

1972

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I was delighted to hear directly from two classmates after the last issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* was published. **Beverly Mann Lessard** wrote: "I graduated from UMO in 1972 with an associate's degree in mechanical engineering. My husband and I got married halfway through college and lived in University Park behind the football field. We are both originally from Maine—Gorham and South Portland. In 1978 we moved to Acton, MA (for eight years), then to Boxboro (for 24 years), and most recently to Stow. Over the years, in addition to owning and operating Boxboro Children Center, I have been writing a column for the Acton area *Beacon*. For the past three years, my columns have appeared almost weekly. (In February) I released a book of 50 of my columns. The book is titled *Relentlessly Upbeat*. (You can find it on Amazon.)"

Beverly and I didn't know each other in college, but after we discovered that we live in nearby towns, we decided to meet for coffee on a slushy February Friday morning. We had a great time comparing our experiences at UMaine and the paths our lives have taken. With three daughters in their 30s and nine grandchildren, Beverly is on a different trajectory than I am: our one daughter is a sophomore in high school! Ah, well, I always was a late bloomer!

Catherine M. Palmer wrote: "I spent another summer looking for a job. BULLSEYE! In September I was hired as development director of the Marginal Way Preservation Fund in Ogunquit, ME. The Marginal Way is a mile-long

path by the sea, accessible and paved, between Perkins Cove and Ogunquit Beach. Come view the Atlantic from our majestic Marginal Way!" Photos are online at www.marginalwayfund.org. In her new position, Catherine works to generate resources to help Ogunquit beautify and preserve the walkway.

Some of our classmates have retired. (Have we really been out of college that long?) **Harold Wood** of Manchester, ME, is newly retired from an engineering career.

About a year ago, **Russell Martin** of Bath, ME, retired from state government and started a consulting business called Public Health Solutions.

Not only has **Cherie Maestretti Martin** retired from teaching, but she also lost 82 pounds. Cherie lives in Tiverton, RI.

Suzanne Hutchinson Hoyt of Spruce Head, ME, has two daughters at UMaine.

In Belfast, ME, the RSU 20 board of directors unanimously voted to extend the contract of superintendent **Bruce Mailloux '00G** for another year. Bruce was hired as superintendent in 2007.

That's it from me until next time. Let me know what you're up to!

1973

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In amongst the emails for products I don't or can't use, I was so happy to hear from old friends—and I mean that "old" in the nicest of ways. **Jim and Susan Steckler Turner** wrote from Montpelier, VT, sharing stories of their traveling children and new endeavors: Jim with Hartford Life and Susan's retirement as a children's book specialist to devote time to family, music, and poetry.

Stephen Parker writes from New Mexico, where he landed after retirement from "Ma Bell," to work first in landscaping/greenhouse/compost production companies in Albuquerque and Tijeras and now back inside as a data technician for the Albuquerque public school. Thanks so much for the notes.

Alan Parks is the director of college success programs at UMaine (in East Annex). **Theresa Dilando '74G** is president of the Harvard University Extension Association. **John Bernard** directs athletics at Mountain Valley High School in Rumford. **Gabby Price** has gone from the gridiron to the griddle as one of the new co-owners of Jimmy V's restaurant on Hammond Street in Bangor. **Barry Hobbins** assumed the duties of the minority leader of the Maine Senate.

Gary Palman practices anesthesiology at Maine Medical Center. **Alison Leck Smith** recently retired after 31 years as a probation officer. **Sandra Newman** published a collection of memories and stories about Island Falls: *Life and Times on Pleasant Pond*. **Robert Andrews**



Alumni Association chair Kurt Marston '74, '79G (right) presented a pewter dish to Jeff Harris '72, '87G on June 5 in honor of his outstanding service as a member of the UMAA board. Jeff served on the board for 10 years.

'76G launched a new real estate business venture: www.reagentfinder.com. **Robert Gardner** has joined the mortgage team at People's United Bank in Bangor. **Scott and Gail McGuire Anderson** continue to teach school in Brunswick and have sent two daughters to Orono. **Phyllis Katzenstein Guerette** has been reelected chair of the Bangor School Committee for a fourth term. **Trish Riley '78G** has cleaned out her office as director of the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance; the new governor intends to dismantle the office.

1974

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Summer at last for all of you diehard Mainers!

I was happy to host Todd Saucier '93, '97G, from the alumni association, back in March.

Rosemarie DeAngelis, mayor of South Portland, has ambitious goals, including: bringing a farmers market to South Portland, working toward the elimination of pesticide use in the city, and encouraging community gardens. **Bob Harkins** was recently inducted into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame. Bob began working on the ski patrol at Sunday River in high school.

Brenda Harvey served as commissioner of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services for five years, and later became the executive director of the New England States Consortium Systems Organization in Shrewsbury, MA. She has served in various capacities in Maine government and received the William Twarog Award for distinctive management.

Author **Ralph Kirshner's** (G) book, *The Class of 1861: Custer and Ames and Their Classmates*

after West Point, is now in paperback. It has received rave reviews from historians. **Charles LaVerdiere '76G** of Wilton was sworn in as chief judge for the state's district courts. He was first appointed to the district court in 2003. **Dianna Kilby Emory** (G, '92 Ph.D.) of Blue Hill has joined the board of trustees of the College of the Atlantic. She is the founder of the Behavioral Medicine Center for Clinical Counseling.

Lawrence High School's athletic administrator, **Bill MacManus**, was honored by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association as a certified master athletic administrator. After working in recreation management and then 20 years at Bangor Savings Bank, **Kent McKusick '89G** is the minister at the Unitarian Universalist Society in Laconia, NH. He looks forward to working with the interfaith community

and incorporating his other passions—art and music.

The new director of human resources for Portland, **Michael Miles**, has more than 30 years' experience working in human resources management. **Daniel Daigneault** of Rockport and **Kurt Marston '79G** of Standish are new board members to the University of Maine Board of Visitors. The board advises the UMaine president on a wide range of issues and they serve as public advocates for the University. The Garrard communications firm has hired **Ted O'Meara** as manager and principal of public affairs. Prior to this position, he was with Pierce Atwood Consulting.

Wendy Legg Pollock '81G of Portland went to the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania last winter to work with Health in Africa, a nonprofit organization that treats AIDS patients. Her area of expertise is homeopathic medicine that is used to stimulate the body's immune system. She went on a previous mission trip to the Dominican Republic. **SueEllen Mink Roberts** has lived in South Portland for the past nine years. She and her husband have two sons and she recently inherited her family farm. The first class of the Bucksport High School Athletic Hall of Fame includes **Joel Sankey**. He is the current football coach at Bucksport with a state title in 2004. He also coached indoor and outdoor track and girls' basketball.

Tom Saviello (G, '78 Ph.D.) is serving in the state senate representing the Wilton area and he chairs the Natural Resources Committee. He calls himself a conservationist, not a preservationist. He earned a score of 63 from the Maine League of Conservation Voters, which tracks each legislator's votes on key environmental issues.

I had an email from **Nancy Gagne Whitcomb '75G** telling me about her husband, **Walt Whitcomb**, who was confirmed as head of the Maine Department of Agriculture. Walt is a dairy farmer and is past president of the Maine Dairy Industry Association. He lobbied in Washington on behalf of dairy farmers, served in the Maine legislature for 12 years, and was Republican

floor leader for six of those years.

Jeff Wren (G) resigned as head swim coach at Husson University. He sustained a head injury in a biking accident in the summer of 2010 and his recovery has been slower than hoped. He has reduced his workload and is still on the faculty at Husson.

We love to hear your news. Have a fantastic summer and remember, Go Blue!

1975

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Good to see that spring has finally arrived as I write this. News of my family includes the marriage of my oldest daughter, Meredith, to Benjamin Strahl. They are living in Baltimore where Meredith is in law school and Ben is in dental school. My son, Christopher, is living and working in Denver and Emily, at 14, is very active and growing way too fast. Peter and I are as busy as always. Now on to other class news.

After 27 years as the tax assessor for the city of Augusta, **Don Cadwell** has left for a half-time tax assessor position in Winthrop. All together Don worked 35 years for the city, starting in 1975 soon after graduation. The part-time position will allow Don to spend more time skiing, gardening, and enjoying his grandson.

Ruth Jewers McInnis (G) lives in Eastport and has run a bed and breakfast there for 26 years.

Martha Witham '86G, '92 CAS has left her positions as Regional School Unit 2's assistant superintendent and Dresden Elementary School principal to become the interim principal at Mount View Middle School in Thorndike.

In December, the Maine State Archives held a reception and book signing featuring Civil War historian and writer, Ned Smith '82G, of Holden. Ned had recently published *The 22nd Maine Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War* (McFarland & Co), which uses first-person accounts to present the story of the infantry as it joined fighting in two attacks on Port Hudson. Ned is a history professor at Husson University and this is his first book.

Becky Jacques Brink has joined the Goodall Hospital's board of trustees. Becky and her husband, William '74, live in Sanford where she is the principal of Sanford Junior High School.

Debra Goulette Carter is living in Falmouth and has been inducted into the Maine Central Institute Hall of Fame.

In recognition for his commitment to the health and well-being of students and faculty in SAD 22, superintendent **Rick Lyons** '79G, '88 CAS was presented with the 2010 School Health Leadership Award from the American School Health Association. What a great honor as this award is given to only one school administrator in the country. Rick has been superintendent of



Former Black Bear basketball star **Bob Warner** '76 (center) had his number 52 retired during a ceremony at the Alford Arena on February 6. With Bob is former UMaine coach **Skip Chappelle** '62 (left) and UMaine athletic director **Steve Abbott**.

SAD 22 for 19 years.

In January, **Paul LePage** (G) was sworn in as Maine's governor. Prior to becoming governor, Paul was the general manager of Marden's discount chain store and served as mayor of Waterville. We wish him well.

Again, I would love to hear from other class members and be able to include news of you in this column. Please feel free to email me at schweitzer53@yahoo.com. Enjoy the summer months ahead. Isabelle

1976

*35th Reunion at Homecoming
October 14-15*

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Hello, '76ers. After a long snowy winter, summer has finally arrived in Maine. Please take a moment and send an update to include in our next column.

Steve McLaughlin writes that he has retired after 34 years at the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. **Timothy King** has been reappointed to the State Board of Corrections. Tim is the executive director of the Washington Hancock Community Agency. **John Boland** has been promoted to director of the Bureau of Resource Management. John lives in New Gloucester with his wife, Sandy, and two daughters, Lindsay and Alex.

Maine Supreme Court Chief Justice **Leigh Ingalls Saufley** was recognized last December by the Maine Women's Forum for an award she received in Canada from the international

arm of the organization. The International Women's Forum gave Leigh a 2010 Women Who Make a Difference Award in October 2010 in Montreal. In a press release from the Maine Women's Forum, Leigh was characterized as a "trailblazer in the legal field, and in government, in Maine and nationwide, for two decades." Leigh was appointed to the state's highest court in 1997 and sworn in as chief justice in 2001.

Enjoy your summer.

1977

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As I glance out the window while writing this column, it looks like winter may finally be relinquishing its hold. Despite the lack of flowers or green grass I know it's spring because baseball season has started. I hope by the time you read this column summer will be in full swing and the Red Sox will have rallied from their less than stellar season opener!

Here are the notes that have come my way since I last wrote. **Francis Conroy** of Windham is director of the alternative education program at Bonny Eagle High School, **Anne Hugill** is working as a surgical veterinary technician, and **Michael Thorne** (G) of Otisfield retired as town manager of Paris this past January.

In Greenville the new town manager is **Gary Lamb** '83G, who until recently had served as director of planning and community development in Old Orchard Beach. Last October **Robert A. Clark** '83G was officially inaugurated as president of Husson University, though he has been on the job since January 2010, and **John Diamond** '89G, who for 21 years worked in the University of Maine System, has taken the position of associate vice chancellor for university relations at the University of Arkansas.

That's all I have for now. Please keep in touch. You can drop me an email anytime, or better yet, look me up on Facebook! Have a great summer!

**Black Bear football, tailgating, and
Maine's largest craft fair
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Happy spring to all of you. It's April break as I write this, and I'm in Florida with my sons as the older one's high school baseball team is here for a preseason tune-up. Today I was at Sea World and saw a boy wearing a UMaine hockey tee shirt—I high-fived him. He said that he's a big fan and wants to go to UMaine when it's time for college. Smart kid.

Do you know that none of you write to me? And because you don't write, I have no news to share with your classmates. How about this? If your last name—either current or maiden—starts with the letters L, M, N, O, or P, you send me a brief email with info about your life, family, business, or whatever. I'm begging here, folks! I look forward to many emails from the middle of the alphabet people.

Cornell Knight has changed jobs from the town manager of Winthrop, a position he held for 12 years, to the town manager of Harpswell. He has devoted his career to public management, starting upon his graduation with the town manager's job in Baileyville, which he followed with tenure at Jay and Hallowell. Cornell and his wife, Kay Rand, are the parents of two and the grandparents of three. In addition to his management skills, Cornell is still a formidable baseball pitcher. He plays each fall in a Florida tournament besides playing in the Pine Tree Men's Baseball League.

Andrea Cotton Nicknair reports that she is busy with the Tim Horton's shop she owns in Bangor. She is married to another '78 grad, **Marc Nicknair**, and has two children. Her daughter, a physical therapist, graduated from Husson University while her son studied sports medicine at the University of Southern Maine.

John Madigan is living in Rumford and awaiting the birth of his 11th grandchild. Wow! Congratulations and have fun playing with all those little ones.

Brenda Nasberg-Jepson, filmmaker and president of Crown of Maine Productions, is again making news with a fascinating new documentary featuring the all-but-extinct Swedish dialects of Maine's Swedish Colony. Brenda, a resident of Madawaska Lake for the last 17 years, is of Swedish descent and is very active in the preservation of Swedish culture and language. When she realized there were less than 30 Swedish speakers left in her area, she decided to capture their voices and dialects before they were lost forever. The resulting documentary, "Old Maine Swedish Farms," contains interviews conducted in Swedish by Dan Olson, a Scandinavian scholar, along with photographs unique to the person being interviewed. For a listing of Crown of Maine's documentaries, you may visit their website at: crownofmaineproductions.com. On a personal note, Brenda has been a dear friend of mine since 7th grade. She has shown many

of her documentaries to me, and they are all fascinating.

Classmate **Ned Lightner** is very busy volunteering to run Belfast Community Television (BCTV) because he believes it can bring people together and add to the overall quality of life in an area. He spends 20-30 hours per week with BCTV, which he founded in 2006. Ned and his local team produce original content programs such as "Where In Waldo County," which shows locations and activities of local interest. They even broadcast such fun events as Halloween trick-or-treating on Cedar Street, where many Belfast children roam in costumes looking for their treats. BCTV is on the air 24/7, with six hours of locally produced shows each day; the remainder of the time is filled with programming shared with PEGMedia in Rockport, a national and international media transfer site for public, education, and government community television stations and producers of media for these stations. This sharing arrangement allows for Belfast-produced shows to be shown on community television around the country. Ned says that he feels he is doing his bit for his hometown by having a "cool little TV station that helps people to stay connected."

On a sad note, I am sorry to report the death of our classmate **Steve "Reg" Register**, who died of a brain tumor on March 1st at his home in Yarmouth. Although Steve's paid career was in printing, his equally important volunteer profession was empowering people of all ages and walks of life. Steve spent his summers on Heron Island off Winter Harbor, where he became an enthusiastic tennis player and developed a love of boating. Steve is survived by his wife, Gena Canning, whom he married in 2000, as well as by his three children, David, Holly, and Christopher. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

1979

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Hopefully everyone has recovered from our long winter and is enjoying some sunshine! Don't forget that we'd really enjoy hearing news from you.

On to class news:

Dan Warren ran the Boston Marathon in April, in memory of his mom, Elaine Stimson Warren. He raised money for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in her name. He qualified for the marathon last October by running in the Maine Marathon in Portland (time 3:33:51). Because this article had to be sent in before the marathon was run, there is no news to report on either how he did or how much money he raised. I am sure he did well on both counts!

Michael Chaney was named executive director of the Yarmouth Historical Society. Previously, he held senior leadership positions

at the New Hampshire Humanities Council and the New Hampshire Historical Society, and served as president and CEO of the Political Library of New Hampshire. Michael is the author of *White Pine on the Saco River: An Oral History of River Driving in Southern Maine* (University of Maine: Northeast Folklore), for which he received an American Association for State and Local History Commendation.

Tim O'Neil, of Monks O'Neil Associates in Portland, has joined MEREDA's (Maine Real Estate and Development Association) Council of Directors Emeritus. His firm, Monks O'Neil Development, is involved with real estate development, ownership and management in both commercial and residential markets. Tim is a board member and a past president of the Maine Real Estate and Economic Development Association, and a founding board member of Community Housing of Maine.

Cynthia Talbot of Falmouth has opened CJTalbot Services to provide freelance project support services to environmental and energy consulting firms and governmental agencies. Cindy has over 30 years of environmental consulting project management and marketing experience. She previously worked as project manager for ABB Environmental Services (now MACTEC) and at L.L. Bean.

Edmund and Lauren Chenard Folsom have the right to be proud of their daughter, Shannon, who was crowned Miss Collegiate America 2011. Shannon attends the University of Maine, and is majoring in kinesiology, and fulfilling pre-med requirements. Contestants were judged on their academic achievements, community service, and a personal interview. Shannon previously represented Maine as Miss Outstanding Maine Teen in 2008.

Dale Phillips has had a number of short stories and poems published, and will soon have his first novel in print from Briona Glen Publishers. His website is www.daletphillips.com.

1980

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The warm weather is lovely, and will soon be passing into fall. Hope you can make our annual Class of 1980 tailgate at Homecoming! Save the date for October 14, 15, and 16, and come home to the University of Maine! Stop by our tailgate before or during the football game, and share some memories and renew friendships. I am hoping we can have our tailgate near the Class of 1981 (including college roomie Barb Brown Dalton '81) who will be celebrating their 30th. Save the date for Homecoming 2011!

GO BLUE!

1981

30th Reunion at Homecoming
October 14-16, 2011

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Hey, classmates! It's almost time for our 30th Reunion! As I write this column, the plans are still being finalized. I encourage you to go to our class page on the alumni association's Website, www.umainealumni.com, to get the latest information. Or, if you're a Facebook junkie, go to our page—University of Maine Class of 1981—to see what's happening and who's coming! Please spread the word to all of your friends and send them the links. Everyone should update their addresses online so that our email blasts will reach you or, if you're still communicating the way we did in '81, so that the snail mail will reach you! Post old photos, revive old memories, search for old friends, and most importantly, join us on October 15th! The years fly by too quickly. Don't wait another five years!

On to a little news—

Annette McCauley Griffin and husband, **Jeff**, live in Hampstead, NH. After UMaine, Annette received her RN from Northern Essex Community College and is now the school nurse at a private Catholic school. **Coleen Smead** is a dental hygienist and lives in Barrington, NH. She is past president of the New Hampshire Dental Hygienists' Association. **Barb Beem Tiernan** joined the business development group at Centrix Bank and will serve as business development officer throughout the Seacoast region in New Hampshire. **Linda Novak** is now director and curator of Old Fort Western in Augusta, New England's oldest surviving wooden fort.

Some news from the basketball court—**Mari Warner** has returned to Maine to coach the girls' basketball team at Falmouth High School. She spent 20 years coaching at the University of Albany, and also coached at the high school level in New York. Many of you may remember Mari and her brother, Bob '76, when they played at UMaine. **Bill Nemer** came out of coaching retirement this past year to serve as interim coach of the boys' varsity basketball team at Ashland High. Bill has taught physical education for years and had retired from his 30 years of coaching baseball, basketball, and soccer back in 2008.

I suspect I'll have much more to report in the winter issue following our Reunion and encourage you to email updates, as I'll never remember everyone that I run into and every detail of your lives! And let me give one final "rah-rah" for our class fund and scholarship! If you're in a position to send along a donation, it is greatly needed and appreciated. Think of all the good times you had at UMaine, the wonderful memories, life-long friendships, and the invaluable education that launched you



A group of nine of the "founding mothers" of UMaine women's ice hockey got together for a mini-reunion at the Sebago Brewing Company in Scarborough on April 30. For some it was the first connection back with the team in 32 years. Front row, left to right are: Diane Leblanc Sedler '83, Rebecca Good '84, Alicia Johnson Nichols '82, and Barbara Jean LaRoche '83. Back row are: Lynne Robertson Clark '80, Jean Bingham '81, Barbara Pulsifer Plummer '83, Nancy Quint '81, and Dawn Munn Latendresse '83.

into your career and truly made a difference in the rest of your life. Giving back is a way to say thanks and to ensure that others will have the same opportunities that we had as students. Plus, our great University contributes to the economic well-being of our state and her people through research and development that directly impacts our businesses and industries. How about sending \$81—\$50 for our class scholarship and \$31 to help with Reunion expenses? If just 25 percent of the class would do that, we'd raise nearly \$35,000! Let's not let '80 or '82 get ahead of us!

Looking forward to see YOU at Homecoming! Go Blue!

1982

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Hey, Class of '82, we're looking for news to report in this column. Please write, phone, email, or use any communication method that works for you. Of course, an actual visit is best, especially one in Orono. Next year will mark 30 years since graduation. Keep Homecoming 2012 in mind for a time to get together!

1983

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It's summertime as you receive your new edition of *MAINE Alumni Magazine*, which is a nice thought as I look out at large piles of melting snow on this gray March Sunday. So remember to enjoy the sun and grab a chair and head out on your deck or porch and spend a few minutes getting caught up on your classmates!

The University of Maine, and more importantly our class, was represented in February at the Grammy Awards. Classmate **Judy Labbee Pancoast** was nominated for Best Musical Album for Children for her "Weird Things Are Everywhere." Pancoast, formerly of Waterville and now a resident of Manchester, NH, spends time on the road singing on lawns and at festivals for groups large and small. Judy and her husband, Philip, traveled to Los Angeles' Staples Center for the ceremony along with their 16 and 21-year-old daughters.

While in L.A. Judy also had the opportunity to perform at a showcase of family entertainment and met a few Hollywood stars. Ultimately she lost out on the Grammy to legendary folk singer Pete Seeger, who is 91. Judy's comment was, "If I were going to lose to somebody, I might as well lose to a living legend." As a former Waterville resident, she still comes back to the area once a year to sing at local libraries! You can follow Judy on both Facebook and Twitter!

Staying with a children's theme, classmate **Rebekah Raye Kearns Woisard** of East Blue Hill published her third children's book in 2010,

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Bear-ly There. Published by Tilbury House, the book written and illustrated by Rebekah won a 2010 Moonbeam Children's Book Award. The book received the Silver Medal in the category of Environmental Issues Book. The winning titles were selected from more than 800 entries.

Rebekah describes herself as a full-time artist, illustrator, and private art instructor to adults and children. Her website, www.rebekahraye.com, showcases her artistic talent and provides you with the opportunity to purchase some of her work.

In December, I heard from classmate **Christopher D'Amico**, who was a biochemistry major while at Maine. Chris and his wife, Tami Doyle D'Amico '82, had a busy 2010. The D'Amicos, who reside in Brewer, attended two graduations last year. Son James graduated from Brewer High and followed in his parents' footsteps to the University of Maine where he has probably just completed his freshman year.

Their daughter, Jennie, graduated from Harvard College in May 2010, magna cum laude with her thesis and concentration in folklore and mythology. On 10-10-10, she married David Christopher Haluska '08; during the festivities, they also celebrated his 10-10 birthday! David is in the middle of his dental school studies at BU and Jennie is now employed by Harvard College Libraries.

If you have news like Chris's to contribute, it's not difficult to do. Simply send me an email at rdiffita@gmail.com. Enjoy your summer with friends and family and raise your stein to the college of our hearts always!

1984

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Hello, Class of '84! I hope you are all enjoying the summer!

I received an email from **Troy Harrison**. He tells me he has been a senior sales engineer at BP Castrol Americas for the past 16 years. He lives in Hampton, NH, and has three children. He spends time biking (both road and mountain), traveling, woodworking, and landscaping.

Maine Governor Paul LePage '75G has appointed **David Bernhardt** as commissioner of the Maine Department of Transportation (DOT). Dave has worked at the DOT for 26 years, where he gained a reputation for getting the most mileage out of scarce dollars. He lives in Vassalboro with his wife, Carmen, and has two daughters and a son, ages 22, 20, and 19.

David Pooler shared the news that he remarried five years ago and has a two and a half year-old boy named Landen. They live in Holden, ME.

Late last summer, **Jay Carlsen** resigned as girls' basketball coach for the Camden Hills Windjammers after 23 seasons! His son Adam played for the boys' team and he wanted to watch his games. Due to the schedules



Joseph Shumaker



'83 alumnus's new game receiving attention

Class of '83 member, Joseph Shumaker's new game, Flickin' Chicken, was recently nominated Toy of the Year in the outdoor category.

Although it didn't take the top award, Flickin' Chicken received a lot of attention. Shumaker's latest game involves tossing rubber chickens toward a flat disc on the ground. Since the rubber chickens bounce, rather than land perfectly on the target, there's a fun, unpredictable element to the game.

of the boys' and girls' games, it would have been nearly impossible to do both. Under his leadership, the Lady Windjammers won a state championship in 2000 and an eastern Maine title in 2004. Incidentally, the Camden Hills boys' basketball team won the Maine Class B State Championship this past March!

Jeff Paul '94G was inducted into the 2010 class of the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame. Jeff captained Maine's 1984 baseball team and played a key role on Maine's College World Series teams in the 1980s. He was named to the NCAA All-Regional Team in 1982 and 1984, and was drafted by the Texas Rangers in 1984. He is currently an assistant principal in Glenburn, ME.

Barry Dana, along with his wife, Lori '87, '95G, and daughter, Sikwani (17), built a wigwam, which is on exhibit at the Hudson Museum inside the Collins Center for the Arts at UMaine. It took about three days to build the wigwam,

about half the time Barry said it took to gather the materials from his tree farm in Solon, ME. Barry also constructed a wigwam at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay Harbor last summer. Barry was chief of the Penobscot Nation from 2000 to 2004, where he stressed a return to traditional lifestyles. He now works as an educational consultant.

A number of our classmates are involved in civic matters. **Amanda Hidu Bost** '87G serves on the Brewer School Committee and was recently selected as vice chairwoman for the third year. **Cindy Mitchell** was elected to the SAD 22 board of directors for a third term. SAD 22 includes the Maine towns of Hampden, Winterport, and Newburgh. Each community has representation on the 13-member board of directors.

Thomas Bickford is executive director of Maine Robotics and received the Phillip Marcoux Award at the Maine Science Teachers Association's annual conference in November 2010. The Marcoux Award recognizes outstanding efforts in science education outside the classroom. Tom received the honor for continued work in getting elementary, middle, and high school students working with robotics and programming in an effort to encourage engineering and technology in their education. Maine Robotics is a nonprofit organization founded in 2004 and based in Orono.

Mary Lyons Calawa sent along the news that her oldest child went to Grove City College in Pennsylvania. Mary lives in Londonderry, NH.

Lynn Wilson has joined Rayonier as vice president, forest resources, bringing with her 24 years of forest and management experience. Prior to joining the company, she served as vice president, operations support, with Plum Creek. She began her career in 1986 with Scott Paper.

Kevin French has started a company that will provide professional construction services to clients throughout Maine. The new company is called Landry/French Construction and is located in Scarborough.

Thank you all for the news! Send me an email and I will get it in the next issue. In the meantime, enjoy the summer!

1985

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Like most of you, I'm getting ready for my 30th high school reunion. Wow! How did that happen? Thirty years ago I was excited and scared about leaving my small town for UMaine. Great decision! Terrific education, lifelong best friends, and memories.

Orono (ME) High School recently inducted **Jeff Topliff** into its Athletic Hall of Fame. Jeff was a four-sport letter winner while in high school playing football (three undefeated seasons),

basketball (passed the 1,000 point mark), track and field (state record in javelin), and baseball (all conference pitcher). Jeff lives in Stow, OH, and works for Polymers in Akron.

Darryl (Dewey) Hendricks and **Holly Holman Hendricks** have been married for 24 years. Darryl is the director of information technology for a Portland, ME, law firm. Holly is a stay-at-home mom/domestic goddess. They live in South Portland, ME, with their two children, Kaycee (20) and Joey (17).

Ran into **Sue Frost Morin** recently in Augusta, ME, and didn't even know that we lived so close together! Sue is living in Gardiner, ME, with her husband and three children. Her daughter is a student at UMaine. Her sons attend Gardiner H.S. and Gardiner Middle School. Sue is involved with hospice nursing for Maine General Health System.

All for now. Please drop me an email. Not receiving as much news as I used to. You know this is the first column you read when you get the magazine. Let's make it a good one!

And really, no one cares what you look like—go to your high school reunion and have fun!

1986

*25th Reunion at Homecoming
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We are getting ready for the mud season to end and summer season to start along with fly fishing right now, but I imagine when you read this we will be well into summer.

Congratulations to **Pete Warner** of the *Bangor Daily News*, who has been named Maine Sportswriter of the Year for the second year in a row and sixth time overall by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. Pete is a Bangor native who attended Bangor High and has worked for the BDN sports staff since 1979 and serves a dual role as writer and editor. He is responsible for the college coverage, including football, basketball, and baseball.

We have received some information from the telephone this time around too:

Anne Burnham Fuehrer and her husband, Robert '87, of Freeport, reported that she has a daughter who graduated from UMaine in June of 2011.

Virginia K. Steele of Florida has just returned from Israel, where she was on a trip with her church.

Laurie Hall Albert and her husband, Madison, let us know they have a son who is at the University going into his senior year.

UMaine Professor **Mary Madden** '94G, '00 Ph.D. is one of two professors who launched a "National Agenda for Hazing Prevention in Education." This effort has come after

extensive research into college and high school hazing prevention techniques and finding they were not working. Their new effort will look at communicating new strategies that work.

Our 1986 class president, **Jon Sorenson**, was honored for his contributions to the University at a ceremony of the Stillwater Society. The Stillwater Society honors those who have made a significant contribution to the betterment of the University, the people of Maine, and beyond through demonstrated leadership, loyalty, and dedicated service on the University's behalf. Jon has served on the Maine Business School Board, College of Engineering Board of Advisors, and the UMaine Alumni Association board. He has also promoted alumni organizations in the Boston area. With experience gained through working at Competitive Energy Services he is credited with saving millions of dollars for the University!

The Penobscot Nation of Indian Island elected **Donna Loring** to the Tribal Council.

Candace Sanborn of Auburn has been elected to the board of directors of the Maine Community Foundation. Candace is a managing partner of Encompass Marketing and Design, LLC in Auburn. She is also on the board of the United Way of Androscoggin County and College for ME—Androscoggin. She is also co-chairman of the Maine Community Foundation's Androscoggin County committee.

A recent piece of "sweet" legislation was introduced by Rep. **Paul Davis** of Sangerville. The legislation was to make the whoopie pie the Maine State dessert. Paul claims this confection originated in Maine and it can be found in almost every mom and pop store and restaurant. There appears to be a lot of support for this, as there was even a whoopie pie festival in Dover-Foxcroft last year.

Former Governor **John Baldacci** recently received the Catherine Lebowitz Award for public service at a ceremony with the Bangor Chamber of Commerce. This was in recognition of his service to the public. John credited a question that his father always asked for his impetus to do his best in his career of public service. The question was, "What have you done to help the people today?"

Donny believes that we received a thank-you note from the Class of '86 scholarship recipient but she cannot find it and wants to apologize and say, "Congrats!"

Take care and keep the news coming in!
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1987

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Hello, Class of '87. I hope everyone is enjoying summer and has finally forgotten last winter! It seemed like every day another roof somewhere was collapsing. Our fellow classmates have been doing all kinds of things over the past six

months or so. **Lori Dana** '95G and her husband, Barry '84, and daughter, Sikwani, built a birch bark wigwam at the Hudson Museum inside the Collins Center for the Arts last summer. Lori and her family are members of the Penobscot Nation and the wigwam will be part of the Maine Indian section of the museum on the second floor. **Jonathan D. Rice**, who teaches at Caravel Middle School in Carmel, was appointed SAT test center supervisor last fall.

In January, **Matthew Dunlap** was named interim executive director of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine (SAM). Matthew is a lifetime member of SAM and served four terms in the Legislature and spent three of those terms as House chairman of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

In November, **Amy Everett Cotton** was elected president of the National Gerontology Nursing Association. The Association represents 1,700 nurses nationwide and is dedicated to improving the quality of nursing care given to older adults. Amy is director of operations and is a nurse practitioner at Rosscare. **Nancy "Lynn" Cochrane Wilson** was promoted to vice president, forest resources at Rayonier. She brings over 24 years of forest and management experience to Rayonier. **Dan Tremble** is part of an ownership and management team that recently took over ownership of Jimmy V's The Place to Be. The restaurant, founded by long-time local restaurateur Jimmy Vardamis, is located on Broadway in Bangor.

Bill Faucher earned the title of registered roof consultant this past summer. Bill works at Allied Engineering in Portland. Also last summer, Gov. Baldacci '86 appointed **Connie Russell** to the Maine Rural Development Authority board of trustees. Sgt. **Mike Burgess** was named Special Response Team Member of the Year by the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department. Mike has been with the Department about five years and has been on the special response team nearly that long. His wife, Stephanie, was named Corrections Officer of the Year also. It was the first time that a husband and wife received an award from the Department. Congratulations to both. In October, **George S. Morse** and his wife, Tracy, were divorced.

Let us know what you have been doing. I'm sure that many of us have new jobs with the recent economic turmoil. Let us know about your recent promotion or successes.

1988

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Hello, Class of 1988. Once again I pause to share news from those who shared our time at the University of Maine. I wanted to say I had news to share of those in our class both near and far, but unfortunately, I only have news from

classmates still residing in Maine (sigh). So for those of you nearby, I say thank you for sharing your news and that I hope to hear from more of you. For those of you far away, send your news my way such that other 1988 graduates can catch up!

On the job front, in November of 2010 as published in the *Bangor Daily News*, **James Nixon**, a partner in the law firm of Gross, Minsky and Mogul in Bangor, was appointed to the National Criminal Justice Act Panel, which "oversees attorneys assigned by federal judges to represent indigent defendants who are charged with federal crimes."

In education, **Douglas Parker** just finished his fourth year as assistant principal at George E. Jack and Steep Falls elementary schools located in Standish, ME, within the Bonny Eagle school district.

At Acadia Hospital in Bangor, **Jeanne Skehan Wypyski** was promoted to administrator for adult inpatient services in the fall of 2010. She is "responsible for the long-term growth and business operations for the hospital's adult inpatient units (*Bangor Daily News*)."

Winning an award at work goes to **Becky Bowden** for her contributions with her co-worker in the Page 1 Design category in the New England Associated Press News Executives Association contest that was announced in August of 2010. Becky and her co-worker were awarded third place for their work with "text and images detailing an old plane wreck on a mountain in Baxter State Park," according to the *Bangor Daily News*.

In sports, **Liz Coffin** won in the ladies division of the inaugural 2010 Bangor Golf Classic, and **Mary Phillips Hunt** has finished at least two sprint triathlons. By the printing of this column, I would not be surprised to hear that she had finished more, but in September of 2010 she participated in the Pumpkinman Triathlon Festival in South Berwick, ME. This two-day festival was sponsored by a non-profit organization with the proceeds to benefit area youth athletic programs and student scholarship programs. Congratulations to all!

And finally, if any of you 1988 graduates are able to tune in to WABI-TV, Channel 5 in Bangor at 11:30 PM on Saturday evenings and in the Portland area at midnight on Saturdays to WPME-TV (35) for "The Nite Show with Danny Cashman," you will be able to see one of our own Class of 1988 graduates, **Joe Kennedy**. Joe is the sidekick on the show to the show's host, Danny Cashman '00. As reported on the show's website, this locally produced late night talk show is modeled after the shows that Johnny Carson and David Letterman created. If you are able to catch the show, you might recognize Joe's voice. Joe is also the voice of the Maine Black Bear Hockey team at Alford Arena.

Enjoy what is left of summer and drop me a note. I'd enjoy hearing from you.

Homecoming 2011
October 14-16



Six UMaine alumni were among the performers in a fundraising concert at the Hampden Congregational Church last winter for the benefit of the Help for Hampden Fund. The fund provides emergency financial assistance to residents of Hampden, Winterport, and Newburgh. Front row (left to right): Molly J. Webster '07, Amy E. Maier '04, and Pat Cummings '89, '44H. Back row (left to right): Heidi Fogg Corliss '83, '02G, Dale L. Jellison '70, '72G, and Diana Tibbetts Richardson '93.

1989

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Happy days to all of you in the Class of 1989! I have been thoroughly enjoying my new position as the assistant principal of Cony High School. As our seniors of the Class of 2011 get ready for their next adventures, I am reminded of my great experiences at good ole UMaine. I sometimes long for the carefree days of college life! Here are the happenings of our class.

Michele Wehrwein Albion has a new book out, *The Quotable Edison*, and is currently on a book tour in New Hampshire and Florida. She is also planning a New York swing. The book is a collection of the inventor's fascinating quotes on everything from inventing and science to his opinions on art and women's clothing.

Tamara Davis Stockwell was the winner of a Spirit of America award for her amazing work with building the Reading Buddies program in the town of Readfield.

Jack Capuano, a Bangor resident and former UMaine All-American, has been selected as the head coach for the New York Islanders in the National Hockey League.

Eric Weinrich, native of Gardiner, renewed his contract with the Buffalo Sabres, the NHL parent club of the Pirates as the assistant coach. He also has participated in eight road races with the Portland-based OA/CycleMania masters cycling team.

Roland Narofsky was also selected to fill

a partial one-year term on SAD 22 board of directors.

Walter McKee has been reappointed to the Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Gregory Connors, of Gorham, has been hired by the Maine Municipal Association as the legislative advocate in the state and federal relations department.

Lt. Col. **Bridget Brozyna** '07G, who recently returned from a six-month assignment in Afghanistan, is a nurse practitioner and administrator of the US Department of Veterans Affairs on Hancock Street in Bangor.

1990

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Happy summer! My family and I are enjoying our summer and hope you are too. We went camping at Rangeley Lake State Park and also made a quick trip to Bar Harbor. In August we hope to camp at Lily Bay, a Maine State Park. A UMaine student spoke to **Jeffrey Callahan** during our friend-raising calls. He is well and flies people around in a private plane. Great to hear what you are doing!

Andrew Neff, a sportswriter for the *Bangor Daily News*, was honored by the New England Associated Press News Executives Association. He was given an award at the Association's

2010 fall conference in Chelmsford, MA. Andrew and a colleague won an award in the sports feature category for their article about the 50th anniversary of the New York Giants and Green Bay Packers playing an NFL exhibition game in Bangor in 1959.

Rhonda Edgecomb works as an educator and a health care administrator. She also organizes the annual Dinner, Dance, and Silent Auction for a Cure for Diabetes. The last event was held in September 2010 and there was a special celebrity host, Bob Crowley '76, also known as "Survivor Bob" from the "Survivor" television series. Bob shared how he survived during the "Survivor" series and Rhonda shared how families survive Type 1 diabetes. Rhonda's son, who is 14, has diabetes and was diagnosed when he was 10.

In November 2010, for the second year in a row, **Claire Kiedrowski**, president of Kappa Mapping, accepted the Small Projects Award at the fourth annual MAPPS Geospatial Products and Services Excellence Awards competition. Their winning project used photogrammetry to inventory the number of buoys marking lobster traps in Tenants Harbor, ME. This approach proved to be much more reliable than the traditional method of hand-counting lobster traps from a boat. The information gathered was provided to the Maine Department of Marine Resources. The number of traps was much higher than was originally thought. This information will help the Maine Department of Marine Resources study how traps affect the lobster population and sustainability; and be used to gather information about whale risk and shipping channels conflict assessments.

Joshua Tardy and partner, Jim Mitchell, have a lobbying company called Mitchell and Tardy Government Affairs. Some of their clients include CMP and Anthem Blue Cross. Joshua also has a private law practice and expects to run for office in the future but doesn't know when. He was the former House minority leader and was forced from office because of term limits.

David Whitney, who owns Whitney Wreath, opened a new 75,000-square-foot facility in Whitneyville, ME, in the fall of 2010. This new facility can produce a finished, bagged, and boxed wreath in less than 10 minutes and this is starting just with fir tips in their natural state in cold storage. His company supplies wreaths to QVC and L.L. Bean.

1991

*20th Reunion at Homecoming
October 14-16, 2011*

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Make your plans now to join us for Homecoming Weekend 2011—Friday, October 14 through

Sunday, October 16, 2011. The Class of 1991 will be celebrating our 20th Reunion!

We hope you will mark your calendar and plan to return to UMaine to see your classmates, cheer on the Black Bears, shop at the Alumni Association Craft Fair and Marketplace, and visit your favorite places on campus. Join your classmates at the all-alumni reception at Buchanan Alumni House after the football game, grab some pizza at Pat's Pizza or the Bear's Den, and reminiscence as you stroll down the mall.

Of course you can catch up with old friends at the Reunion this fall, but here is some of the latest news from other classmates. **Dan Johnson** (G) has been promoted to director of education at the Acadia Hospital in Bangor. In his new position, he will work with all disciplines to meet the educational needs of the Acadia Hospital staff. Dan has worked at the hospital for the past 17 years and has multiple clinical counseling certifications.

Sandra Walls Smallidge, of Surry, has received a national award from the Emergency Nurses Association. Sandra is the manager of the emergency department at Blue Hill Memorial Hospital. As part of the award, she received a scholarship to attend the national conference in San Antonio.

Jonathan Goodman has joined the Portland law firm of Troubh Heisler. Jonathan's practice is concentrated in the areas of civil litigation, criminal defense, and labor and employment law. He practiced previously at another law firm in Portland and served as a police officer for the City of Portland for 13 years.

Inspiring the next generation to make healthy food choices, **Jean Hylan** (G) has received a grant from Tradewinds grocery in Blue Hill to support the "Early Sprouts" program in the Brooklin Preschool, where she is a teacher. The program is designed to introduce young children to cooking and eating vegetables at school and at home. Each week, students take a recipe and some ingredients home to cook with their families, and parents return an evaluation form. The students will prepare selected vegetables six different ways throughout the year. Yum!

Think about that Reunion in the fall. Don't wait another 10 years. I hope to see you there!

M-A-I-N-E, Goooo BLUE!

1992

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Hey, Class of '92, you need someone to write this column. There is news to report, but no one is assembling it for all your 1992 classmates to read. Don't let this space stay blank—you need to be represented in the magazine!

Please contact the Alumni Association at the

above address if you are interested in writing a twice-yearly column.

It's easy, and you'll find out the class news before everyone else!

1993

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Hello, classmates. Here is hoping that this edition of our class notes finds you and yours well. Let's jump right to the news.

Jason Hoyt was recently named as an account executive for Black Bear Sports Properties, following stints with Verizon Wireless and RCC-Unicel in Bangor. He is also serving as a member of the Bangor Youth Hockey board of directors.

Our college town of Orono has recently named one of us as town manager! **Sophie Leotsakos Wilson** '96G began her new role recently after a successful 10-year run as the town manager of Brownville. You may have seen that her predecessor left Orono to take the reins in Bangor. Sophie has also been elected to serve as the vice president of the Maine Municipal Association.

Names from our storied hockey past continue to circulate throughout the sport. **Jim Montgomery**, our all-time leading scorer, has completed his first season as the coach and general manager of the Dubuque Fighting Saints of the United States Hockey League.

Former goalie standout **Mike Dunham** was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame last fall.

Diane Denman Johanson, who has worked in the Maine Legislature for 17 years, has taken over as the chief of staff in the House Majority Office.

David Desmond is now living in Charlestown, MA. He has a daughter, Liligrace, who celebrated her second birthday in April.

1994

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Greetings, fellow classmates! We hope you are all enjoying a beautiful summer wherever you happen to be.

First and foremost, congratulations to

Angela Martin-Giroux and Mike Giroux '95 who celebrated the adoption of their son, Deven, on February 8, 2011. Angela made our day by taking the time to email her news to us. Please, turn this into a trend and send us your good news!

Additionally, one-half of your favorite class correspondent duo has some exciting child-related news: Stacey and her husband, Justin, welcomed a new arrival to their home in London. Oliver Newton Britt was born on April 4, 2011. He arrived just in time for the big Royal Wedding, but unfortunately the invitations must have been lost in the mail.

As for the rest of you—here is what we were able to glean about your activities from various media reports. **Matthew Booker** is engaged to Keona Love '05. Matthew and Keona are planning a July 2011 wedding in Orono with a reception in Bangor. **Nicholas Laffely**, M.D. is an interventional cardiologist and has been appointed to the staff of the Central Maine Medical Center. He practices in association with Central Maine Heart Associates. Nicholas lives in Lisbon, ME, with his wife and their new son. **Alison Sucy** is the chief of staff for Maine's new House speaker, Rep. Bob Nutting of Oakland. Alison formerly served as chief of staff for the House Republicans. **Naomi Corson Brown**, a nurse practitioner at Acadia Hospital in Bangor, has been promoted to director of magnet and nursing research. Naomi also serves as co-chair of the hospital's nursing research committee.

Matt Wickenheiser has joined the *Bangor Daily News* as its business editor. Before joining the BDN, Matt worked at the *Portland Press Herald* for eight years. **Patrick Myers** has joined the Piscataquis Regional YMCA as director of marketing and membership. Patrick was the founding executive director of the Center Theater, a post he held before joining the YMCA.

1995

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On this bright, sunny, end of winter day, it is nice to be thinking about summer! After such a long, snowy season, I'm starting to feel optimistic that I'll see some green, soon. I hope that you are enjoying your own piece of sunshine while you read this.

The *Bangor Daily News* printed a nice story about a locally produced variety show called "The Nite Show with Danny Cashman." The talk show is filmed in Brewer and features local and out-of-state celebrities as well as Maine people and is based on Johnny Carson's "Tonight Show." **Brian Catell** and his band, Jump City Jazz, composed a new theme song for the show and presented it during the first filming. This led to performances by the band on each show. The show airs in Bangor on WABI-TV 5 at 11:30 Saturday nights and at midnight on

WPME-TV 35 in Portland.

Cape Elizabeth utilized the skills of former Yarmouth schools superintendent, **Ken Murphy** (G). Ken was approved by the school board in October to serve a term from January 1 through the end of the school year. Ken retired from Yarmouth schools last year after 18 years.

Blue Marble Geographics in Gardiner has appointed **Victor Minor** chief technical officer, as chair of the coordinate reference system working group of the Open Geospatial Consortium. Blue Marble Geographics offers GIS data conversion solutions.

MSAD 35 in Eliot is the new professional home of **Eric Waddell** (G). Eric began his educational career at Presque Isle High School (my alma mater, actually) as an English teacher working his way up to assistant principal and athletic director. He spent nine years at PIHS as principal before moving on to MSAD 35 where he is curriculum director. Congrats on the move, Eric, I hope the adjustment from one end of the state to the other wasn't too hard!

Another congratulations and Presque Isle tie to **Jeff Bearden** (G). Jeff has taken the position of school system superintendent at Fayette County Public Schools in Fayette, GA. Jeff was assistant principal at PIHS from 1996 to 1999, and prior to that was the district athletic administrator and social studies teacher since 1992. Jeff's most recent position was that of superintendent at MSAD 35 in Eliot—looks like Eric took over for Jeff—where he had been since 2007. Congrats, Jeff, and I hope you are enjoying the Georgia weather.

It must be Presque Isle news, this time around, because I have some from my PIHS classmate, **Clinton Deschene**. Clint is the manager for the town of Hermon and has recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from the International City-County Management Association. Clint has been town manager in Hermon for eight years and has more than 12 years of local government experience, previously serving as manager in Bradford. Clint and his wife, Jen, live in Hermon and have two children, Reagan and Duke. Great job, Clint!

So, maybe next time we'll have another tie like in this column. I hope it was as fun for you as it was for me! Please keep in touch—we'd love to hear from you!

1996

*15th Reunion at Homecoming
October 14-16, 2011*

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Nancy Marth (G) earned her master's degree in nursing from the University of Vermont, Burlington. She is a nurse practitioner at Brewer Medical Center's Extended Care Services, part of Penobscot Community Health Care. She previously worked as a supervisory nurse

at Wheelock Terrace, Hanover, NH. Nancy's practice focuses on all aspects of high-quality geriatric medical and nursing home care.

Karin Marshall Wilkes and her husband, Michael, own the Courthouse Gallery in Ellsworth and they recently were the only Maine gallery displaying at the Art Palm Beach Fair in Palm Beach, FL. Their exhibit highlighted Maine contemporary artists and painters. Other exhibitors came from places as far-reaching as Paris, London, Tel Aviv, Barcelona, Moscow, New York City, and many other locations. Approximately 20,000 people attended the fair over the course of six days.

Vaughn Woodruff lives in Pittsfield and is a green energy expert leading new solar energy technology training at Kennebec Valley Community College. Vaughn owns Yankee Solutions, a company that installs solar thermal systems that use the sun's energy to heat water in homes and businesses. Last year he worked with students to install two solar panels at Capital Area Technical Center in Augusta. He earned his master's degree in education from Prescott College in Arizona.

Tarren Bragdon, CEO of the Maine Heritage Policy Center, helped lead Gov. Paul LePage's '75G transition team. Tarren represented Bangor, serving two terms in the Maine House from 1996 to 2000. He lives in China, ME.

Nancy York Putnam (G) was recognized as one of Northern Maine Community College's "outstanding alumni." Before attending UMaine, Nancy graduated from Northern Maine Technical College in the licensed practical nurse program and earned a bachelor's degree from Husson College. She is a family nurse practitioner at Houlton Family Practice at Houlton Regional Hospital. She lives in New Limerick.

1997

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Hello, Class of 1997—

I hope this finds you well, enjoying summer and gearing up for Homecoming 2011—October 14, 15 and 16. My last visit to Maine was in the spring. Kicked it off at Hero's in Bangor, had a fabulous time catching up with **Kristen Andresen Lainsbury** at Maine Maven (read below for more) and was completely surprised by **Andrea Poole Hauck** '04G, who managed to pull off my surprise shower and bachelorette party with some of my favorite people. Starting the night at Margarita's (just like college) before hitting some of Bangor's local hotspots. Unfortunately or perhaps fortunately—a Geddy's speaker was missing. I had a wonderful time with dear friends. A precursor to Homecoming—until then, you can reach me or send me your news at (new email) yolandasly@gmail.com or find me on Facebook.

I like to vacation in Maine; Acadia National

Park, kayaking and maybe fishing. All lovely, but really aside from seeing friends, I go to Maine to shop. Those who know me shouldn't be surprised. I have a list of "must hits" before I head home and I'm thrilled to add the Maine Maven in Orono to the list. Located on Mill Street (right next to Park's Hardware) the boutique is owned and operated by Kristen Andresen Lainsbury and her husband, Jason '00. It features all things Maine at a variety of budgets, including: Sea Bags, Maddier Root linens, Angela Adams, Baxter Tea, jewelry by Maine artisans, and cute UMaine merchandise good for any age and a must for any UMainer. For store hours and additional info, check Maine Maven on Facebook, Twitter, or www.mainemaven.com.

Congratulations to Chi Omega sister **Tristine Martin Currie** on her new position as senior business services officer for business banking in the Maine District, Key Bank, reports *The Weekly*. She supports the Bangor, Augusta, central and coastal markets.

Best wishes to **Kathleen Steele** on her upcoming nuptials to Andrew Stevens. The couple is planning a fall wedding. They live in Peoria, Arizona, where Kathleen independently contracts with health care recruiting agencies as a speech therapist, reports the *Bangor Daily News*.

Congratulations to **Jeremy Dube** on his new position as the hiring and training coordinator of the Bangor branch of Care and Comfort. Jeremy has more than 13 years of experience providing mental health services to children and families, reports *The Weekly*. He also is a Registered Maine Guide, volunteer kayak instructor with Downeast YMCA, and a Squeaky Wheels board member.

1998

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Last September, Michelle Obama invited **Margaret "Miki" MacDonald** (G) to the White House to discuss the Affordable Healthcare Act. She was one of only five nursing professionals in the country invited for a panel with the First Lady for a call-in conference with 5,000 other nursing professionals. Miki is the Maine state representative to the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and a nurse practitioner at St. Joseph Internal Medicine in Bangor.

Sail magazine named **Belle Ryder's** Presto30 as the best cruising monohull boat under 50 feet for 2011. Belle works with her parents in their family business: Union River Boat Company in Bucksport, ME, and is the co-owner of their marketing company, Ryder Boats.

Chris Jackson recently joined Federle Mahoney's government affairs team. He previously served as the senior governmental affairs specialist with the Maine State Chamber of Commerce. He has also served as vice

president of the Maine Energy Marketers Association, special assistant to the president of the Maine Senate, and manager for a number of local and regional political campaigns in Maine. Chris lives in Bowdoinham, ME, with his wife and two daughters. He is also on the town's finance advisory committee.

Our classmates continue to excel in the area of education administration in Maine. Last fall, **Cathy Jacobs** (G) became the principal of Maranacook Community Middle School. She previously served as the school's dean of students. Also in the fall, **Deborah Emery** (G) became the principal of Dresden Elementary School, which has about 100 students. She is also the principal at Henry L. Cottrell School in Monmouth.

Greg Burns sent a note in March, "I'm still in Chile and will be for another couple of months. After that, my writing and climbing are hopefully going to take me to Brazil and Spain."

Thanks for sending me the notes with your updates. It is great to hear from all of you! Visit us on Facebook at University of Maine Class of 1998.

1999

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Hello, Class of '99. Hope all is well in your part of the world!

Congratulations are in order for Doug and **Tara Eisner Kennedy**, who became parents this winter. Their daughter, Cora, was born in March. Wedding bells will soon be ringing for **Christopher Labbe** and Lisa Nadeau. The couple lives in Concord, NH.

Ben Potenziano (G) is a strength and conditioning coach for the San Francisco Giants. He lives with his family in Chandler, AZ. **Jonathan Parker** recently graduated from the Maine Warden Service Training Academy. He is assigned to the Strong area district, which serves the Farmington area.

Dave LaCouture is the senior vice president for the Odessa Jackalopes. After college, Dave and his wife, Amy Henderson LaCouture '05, relocated to Cape Cod and then to Odessa, TX. Their son Christian plays football and has verbally committed to play at Texas A&M in two years.

Amy Hall True joined Acadia Trust, an investment advisory and trustee firm, in 2010. She is assistant vice president and manager of operations based in Portland. Amy lives in Portland with her husband and son. **Ryan Bishop** joined Kennebunk Savings Bank as vice president in corporate lending last August. He lives in Arundel and is an active member of the Portsmouth Rotary Club.

Stephen Dickson (Ph.D.) is a marine geologist with the Maine Geological Survey. **Kregg Jarvais** joined People's United Bank in February. He and wife, Nikki Reed Jarvais '00,

live in Windham. **Scott Gurney** is a partner in the law firm Ferris, Gurney & Crook in Waterville. He graduated from Franklin Pierce Law School and has been with the firm since 2008.

It's always great to hear from classmates. Send me a note or postcard with your update and I'll share it here in class notes. You can also find me on Facebook.

2000

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The weather has finally warmed up and now it is time to enjoy the summer months after a long winter. The change of seasons brings classmates' news to share.

Congratulations to former women's basketball Black Bear, **Amy Vachon**, as she coached the girls' basketball team of McAuley High School in Portland to her first state final basketball game as coach at the Augusta Civic Center this past March. Amy has a new position as assistant coach of the women's basketball team at the University of Maine.

Classmate **Eliza Currie** joined the medical staff at Helen Hunt Health Center in Old Town, ME, a part of Penobscot Community Health Care (PCHC). Eliza's practice centers on all aspects of high-quality family medical care, including patient physicals, acute visits, and health care maintenance. Eliza received her M.S. in physician assistant studies from the University of New England in Maine. Before accepting her new position she was employed by Katahdin Valley Health Center, Patten, Maine. She is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, has received NCQA Diabetes Recognition, the Maine Primary Care Assistance PA Excellence Award, and was chosen Physician Assistant of the Year by the Downeast Association of Physician Assistances. She is currently accepting new patients in the Old Town area.

I, **Heidi Dombrock Weaver**, have recently been accepted into the Million Dollar Realtors Association of Harford County, MD. I began my real estate career in 2008 and have excelled in sales since then. I am licensed in Maryland and specialize in buyer agency, seller agency, rental properties, and purchasing foreclosures. If any classmates are moving to Maryland, I would love to help you buy, sell, or rent a house in Maryland.

Hope all is well with the Class of 2000. Please contact me with news to share with your classmates.

Black Bear sports, alumni events, class and UMaine group pages, and much more—
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2001

10th Reunion at Homecoming
October 14-16, 2011

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Hello, fellow alumni! Summer is here once again and it's hard to believe that this year marks the 10th anniversary of our graduation!

This summer **Erin Quimby** will marry Gregory Knerr. Erin is a pediatric oncology nurse at Penn State Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, PA.

This spring, **Anna Kettell** married Terence Donahue. She currently works as a soil conservationist for the USDA-NRCS in Farmington, ME.

Matt Dewkett recently opened his own photography business, Matt Dewkett Photography. Matt specializes in sports photography.

Judson Cake was the winner of the Sugarloaf Uphill Climb. He won the three-mile, 2,500-foot climb with a time of 28 minutes and 2 seconds.

Please remember to drop us a line with your news! You can send it to the alumni office or directly to me at bonnie@thejoyfulorganizer.com. Thanks!

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A warm Maine Hello to my fellow 2002 classmates. Many thanks to **Katie Braggins**, who graciously served as our class correspondent for many years. I hope to represent our class as well as she did and wish her luck in her future endeavors. Please send news, updates, and photos for inclusion in future class columns to the address above—the Class of 2002 would love to hear from you!

Congratulations are in order for **Tyler McIntosh**, who became engaged to Deidra Ham. The couple is planning a July 9, 2011, wedding.

Fellow classmates are enjoying the fruits of their labors in their varying careers. Building on his experience as a supervisor and Island Institute Fellow for Cranberry Isles, the selectmen of Chebeague Island have appointed **Eric Dyer** as town administrator. **Mandy Cronin** is still passionately pursuing her love of hockey. While she serves as the director of goaltender development at the M-Power hockey school in Toronto, she became one of the goalies for the Boston franchise of the new Canadian Women's Hockey League. We wish her much luck!

Stephen P. Sawyer (G) has been named chief financial officer for Norton Community Hospital in Norton, VA. A former chief financial officer locally for St. Joseph Healthcare in Bangor, Stephen brings a wealth of experience to the position. One of our own, **Josh MacDonald**, has returned to our alma mater and has worked his way into the title of director of hockey operations for both the men's and women's hockey teams. Josh and several of his student assistants earned some press this past season by saving some significant money for the men's program by personally trucking the equipment out to Michigan State University for the series between the Spartans and Black Bears. **Jason Gwinn** has been promoted to superintendent of Morrow Mountain State Park in North Carolina. He'll be responsible for the operations and administration, which includes staffing, training, visitor services, and education.

Finally, after the last issue of *MAINE Alumni Magazine*, I would be remiss if I did not mention the recent accolades of **Emily Cain**. Late fall was a tremendous time for Emily, as first she was honored with the *Spirit of Maine Achievement Award* by the UMaine Alumni Association. The award is given to an alum who demonstrates outstanding initiative, commitment, and accomplishment within the first 15 years of graduating. No doubt Emily was a well-deserved recipient of the award with her track record of public service. As the Democratic legislator from Orono, she has served as a member of the education committee, appropriations committee, House chairwoman of the appropriations committee, and finally in November was elected House Minority Leader. Emily has truly served this state well and served as a tremendous representative not only to Orono, but also to the Class of 2002!

Please feel free to send me updates at the addresses above or track me down on Facebook. Your fellow classmates would love to hear from you!

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The Class of 2003 has been busy and there is a lot to catch up with! **Nicole Phair Rodway** gave birth to a baby girl, Abigail, in April and **Christopher Hurd** had baby Kylie in July of 2010. Congratulations to the new parents! We also have a wedding to announce. **Andrew Gaudet** was recently married. Congrats to Andrew!

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Wedding bells are ringing for a number of our 2004 classmates recently. An October 2011 wedding is planned for **Jessica Carter '08G** and Jessefa Murphy. Jessica studied human development and family relations and is now a special education teacher at the Veazie Community School. Jessefa is currently attending our alma mater, and he is majoring in construction management. Jessefa is also now working as a quality control manager for Atlantic Defense Contractors. An upcoming fall wedding is also in the works for **Andrew Kittredge** and Beth Gleason. Andrew studied engineering while in Orono, and is currently employed by CPM Constructors of Freeport. Beth graduated from the University of Southern Maine, and is a group facilitator at the Center for Grieving Children in Portland.

This past fall, **Natalia Mayhew** and Benjamin Hall '06 were married. Natalia received a degree in communications, and is currently an administrator with Sunbury Medical Associates. Ben received his degree in civil engineering, and is currently a project engineer with Cianbro. Earlier this spring, **Molly Johnson** tied the knot with Aaron Joyner. While at UMaine, Molly managed to receive degrees in journalism, advertising, and English. Aaron received a degree in recreation and leisure studies from the University of Georgia at Athens, and both the bride and groom are currently employed at Walt Disney World.

Some of our Black Bear athletes have also been making waves recently. **Heather Ernest** was one of six Black Bear student athletes to be recently inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame. In addition to already having her jersey retired, she led the team in scoring four straight seasons (2000-2004) and ranks fifth on Maine's all-time scoring list. Another former basketball star was able to have a belated homecoming when the women's basketball team hosted Navy this past fall. **Julie Veilleux** came back to Alford arena, but this time as the assistant coach of the Navy team. After her prestigious career as a Black Bear, Julie embarked on a coaching career. Julie is in her third year of coaching the Midshipmen, and previously was a coach at Bowdoin. Also, **Jeff Ross** was recently named as the new head coach of Gardiner High School's varsity hockey team. Jeff coached high school hockey as recently as 2008 at Lewiston.

Some other members of the Class of 2004 have also been earning some professional accolades off the court as well. **Shelly Moody** was recently named the 2011 Maine Teacher of the Year. As Teacher of the Year, Shelly will be traveling around the country, speaking to various groups and schools. **June Usher** was recently promoted to the position of branch manager of the new Bangor Savings Bank on

Middle Street in Portland.

Dan Cavallari is the author of *Confusing the Seasons*, a novel that takes place in Northern Maine. Dan, who previously taught high school English, lives in Flagstaff, AZ, with his wife, Rachel, and is working on his next book, *Men Waiting for Sleep*.

2005

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Summer greetings, Class of 2005! By the time you read this, there may be a future Black Bear newly arrived at the Gauvin household. Nick and I are expecting and due the beginning of July! It was a very snowy winter here in upstate New York, not unlike the UMaine area. Here's hoping you had a wonderful spring and are enjoying summer to the fullest.

As usual, our class has been busy! To kick things off, I would like to congratulate some happy couples! **Adam Turner '06G** married Ashley DeZurik on October 16, 2010, in Greenville, SC. **Debra Larrabee (G)** married Andrew Golden in December of 2010. **Samantha Jones '06G** married Joshua Rosen in May of this year, while **Angela Filauro** and Andrew Schroeder also had a spring wedding. In engagement news, congratulations to **Katie Charpentier** and Randen Baker '07!

Emily Dooling is currently the tobacco coordinator for Healthy Androscoggin, an organization that works to improve the public health of communities in Androscoggin County. Dr. **Rebekah Blanchette** has joined Dr. Mark Eggleston's family dental practice in Bangor. The practice was also featured in a November 2010 *The Weekly* article in regards to their donation of a Bioscan Phase Contrast Microscope and flat panel Neovo monitor to University College at Bangor's Dental Health Program. **Adrienne Pelletier '08G** works at the alumni association as the director of alumni giving.

Christina Wentworth has started a business with Janyce Boynton. The duo, whose company is called Madder Root, makes hand-stitched and hand-printed tea towels and napkins that are eco-friendly and will soon also offer grocery bags. Their offerings can be found at www.madderroot.etsy.com and the business is based out of Old Town. **Barbara Bourgoine (G)** has become the literacy coordinator for grades three through eight for RSU 38. She previously worked as a literacy specialist at Readfield Elementary. **Marcus Williams**, a running back standout, was inducted into the 2010 UMaine Sports Hall of Fame.

If you have access to the *Bangor Daily News*, you can see **Leamen Allen** in action, repairing the front gate at **Stephen King's '70 '87H** Bangor home. The gate was damaged in a September accident. Leamen has vast experience with metalwork and has worked on the Kings' property before.



Jason Houle '05, who recently earned his doctorate at Pennsylvania State University, has been accepted to the Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars program at the University of Wisconsin. Jason's primary areas of research and teaching are social stratification and mobility, the sociology of mental health, and medical sociology.

Congratulations to an all-UMaine alum a capella group, Sidecar Heroes, on the release of their CD. The group, which includes **Dennis Boyd**, can be found on Facebook as well as at www.sidecarheroes.com. I highly recommend checking them out!

As another Class of 2005 column comes to a close, I look forward to the next bunch of news! Please don't hesitate to send me an email or Facebook message—I love hearing from you!

2006

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Hello again, Class of '06! I have some exciting news to share! My husband, **Jeffrey "Phil" Mason**, and I are now the parents to twin boys Oliver Michael and Noah James. They were born on February 25, 2011, and we are busy adjusting to life as a family of four!

Jonathan Drew and **Melinda Patterson-Drew** welcomed their first son into the world on June 2, 2010. His name is Jonathan Emery Drew and he was born at Virtua Memorial Hospital in Mount Holly, NJ. Jonathan recently graduated from Columbia Southern University with his MBA in healthcare administration. He has also been selected for a commission in the US Air Force as a medical service corps officer. This year there were only 25 active duty military

selected for these commissions.

Chris Austin and Heidi Choate '11G are engaged after a newsworthy proposal on Alford Arena's center ice during the Boston University game in January. The couple lives in Bangor, where Chris manages the Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar. Congratulations to **Leah Balentine** and Benjamin Smith '07 on their engagement! Leah is a first grade teacher at McGraw School in Hampden, and is working on a master's degree in literacy. Leah and Benjamin plan to be married on August 6, 2011. **Katharin Maureen Rodrigue** is engaged to Richard Ian South. The couple met in Mokpo, South Korea, where they were both teaching English as a foreign language. Katharin is now employed as a case manager for the Children's Center and a dance instructor at Dance Unlimited in Augusta. The couple is planning an October 28, 2011, wedding.

Joshua Taylor and Robin Albert were married on December 4, 2010, at First Baptist Church in Bangor. The reception was held in Orono. Joshua is working as a foreman for Sargent Corp. **Cornelius Sullivan** (Ph.D.) and Kathryn Davis '10G were married on July 23, 2010, in East Millinocket. Cornelius is a postdoctoral cancer researcher for the Maine Institute for Human Genetics and Health in Bangor. **Amy Mason '08G** and **Christopher Sweeney** were married on December 4, 2010, in Las Vegas, and the couple honeymooned in Cancun. Amy and Chris live on Long Island, where Amy works as a hall director and Chris will be finishing up his last year of medical school at Stony Brook University next year.

Congratulations to Dr. **Alison Pease**, who is now working as a veterinarian at Madison Animal Hospital in Madison, ME. She received her doctorate of veterinary medicine from the University of Minnesota in 2010, where she was class valedictorian.

Abel Gleason II recently received a promotion in the National Guard to Chief Warrant Officer 2, Hampden, Company C, 1st Battalion, 126th Aviation Regiment.

Fans of ABC's television show "The Bachelor" already know that St. John Valley native **Ashley Hebert** was a contestant during this past season, hoping to win the heart of bachelor Brad Womack. Hebert was one of the final three contestants on the show, and was eliminated when the two finalists were chosen. Ashley then became the Bachelorette in ABC's next season. Ashley lives in Philadelphia, PA, where she studies dentistry.

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2007

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Happy summer! After a snowy winter it's nice to see the sunshine and warm weather once again. Hopefully you all are having a great summer. As always, there is wonderful news about our classmates to share.

In February, CBS started airing "Survivor: Redemption Island" featuring classmate **Ashley Underwood**. Ashley was originally a member of the Ometepe tribe, which included returning castaway "Boston" Rob Mariano. Ashley quickly joined in an alliance with Rob, which brought her all the way to the final six with the rest of the Ometepe tribe who made it to the merge with the other tribe, Zapatera. Ashley, who finished fourth, was voted out in May. Even though she didn't win the million-dollar prize, a huge congratulations goes out to Ashley for making it as far as she did!

In other news, **Samuel Belknap III**, who is currently a graduate student at UMaine in anthropology, was involved in an interesting discovery. Sam found a bone fragment from the earliest confirmed domesticated dog in the Americas while analyzing a dried-out sample of human waste. This discovery provides evidence that dogs were eaten by humans. Another anthropology student and classmate, **Andrea Groves**, was caught in the recent revolution in Egypt in February. Before things got too bad, Andrea voluntarily left Egypt for Jordan. We're glad to know that Andrea made it through the revolution safely!

In the realm of new jobs, classmate **Eric Ouellette** was hired as an assistant football coach at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY. Previously Eric was an assistant coach at Northeastern University in Boston. Former basketball standout **Kevin Reed** was offered the head coaching position at Bangor Christian Academy. After graduating, Kevin played basketball professionally for three years in Europe. **Leanne Condon** was hired as the new supervisor of curriculum, instruction, and assessment in the Mount Blue Regional School District. Leanne will be returning to Mount Blue, where she began her teaching career, after serving as the curriculum coordinator for RSD 52 in Turner. SAD 35 in South Berwick hired **Renee Liepold** to be its newest English teacher at Marshwood High School. Before teaching at Marshwood, Renee taught for three years at Erskine Academy in South China and she received the NCTE 2010 High School Teacher of Excellence Award by the Maine Council of English and Language Arts. Congratulations to all on your new jobs!

Of course, there are lots of engagements and weddings to celebrate. **Stephanie Lauer** is currently engaged to Alex Baltos. **Gregory Marston** proposed to his fiancée, Kristen Albert. They plan a 2012 wedding. **Alayna White** was recently engaged to James Hebert.

Alayna is currently a product manager and web developer at Hal Web Services in Portland. They are planning to wed this July. **Jamie Breard** and Daniel Bibeau got married on June 25. Jamie is an elementary teacher at the James Bean School in Sydney. Classmates **Taryn Buckley** and **Raymond Barlow** wed on October 9, 2010, in Milford, MA, where they currently live. Taryn and Ray recently earned their master's degrees from Framingham State and Worcester State University respectively. **Kristen Benn '08G** and **Benjamin Briggs** were married on April 16, 2011, in Woolwich, ME. They honeymooned in Jamaica and are moving to San Diego, CA. Ben, who recently graduated from medical school at the University of Vermont, will be completing his residency at the Naval Hospital in San Diego.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer. As always, if you have news to share please send me an email and I will be happy to write about it!

2008

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Hello, classmates!

It is with a heavy heart that I share with you the news of the passing of US Marine 1st Lt. **James Zimmerman**. James died while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was based at Camp Lejeune, NC, and assigned to 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force. James was from Houlton and graduated from the Greater Houlton Christian Academy in 2003. James enlisted in the Marines when he was still in high school on March 21, 2003, which was the first day of Operation Iraqi Freedom. James' awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and NATO Medal-ISAF Afghanistan. In reading all the articles I have been sent, it is clear James was well loved and left behind many people who cared deeply for him, including his wife, Lynel Winters '06, who he married in 2008. More than 1,000 people paid their respects at his funeral, including John Baldacci '86, Mike Michaud, and Olympia Snowe '69. On behalf of the Class of 2008, I send our thoughts and condolences to all who knew and loved James.

In other news, wedding bells are ringing for some of our classmates. **Samuel Roy** of Old Town wed Teagan O'Toole, also of Old Town, on June 4th. **James McLellan** also planned a June wedding to Heather Miller. James is currently employed by the Department of Marine Resources in Jonesboro and Heather is employed by the Bella Vita Salon in Machias. **Amanda Fitzpatrick** and Adam Jandreau

'09 are getting married on September 10th at Sacred Heart Church in Yarmouth. Amanda graduated from Hodgdon High School in 2004 and Adam graduated from Fort Kent Community High School in 2005. Amanda and Adam both received degrees in civil engineering. Congrats and best wishes to you all!

Congratulations also go out to **Karen Hadley Keim (G)** of Veazie for being appointed to serve on the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women in Maine. This announcement was made by the Girl Scouts of Maine, as Karen is the president of the Girl Scouts of Maine board of directors. This appointment was made by Governor John Baldacci '86.

As always, keep the updates coming and I will see you next time!

2009

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Hey, Class of 2009, who would like to write this column? It only takes a little time twice a year—for the summer and the winter magazines. The Class of '09 needs a presence on these pages! As classmates move, change jobs, go to grad school, and marry, we want to keep track of people and their news. Tell us what's happening in your life! Please use the contact information above to find out about contributing to the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*.

2010

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Happy summer, Class of 2010! We'd like to create a column for your class. There's lots of news out there—it just needs to find its way into the alumni magazine.

Besides someone to write the Class of 2010 column, we'd like lots of you to write and tell us what you're doing and where you're living. You needn't be an English or journalism major to write the column. You only need a little time and an interest in sharing news beyond some Facebook updates. Please contact the alumni association at the above address to share your news or to become the 2010 class correspondent.

Go Blue!

Thanks, Alumni Association Interns!



UMAA interns Sara Rowe '11 and Megan Look '11.



UMAA interns, left to right: John Ames '12, Meryl McLellan '12, and Joe Lawlor '09, '11G get together outside Buchanan Alumni House.

Many thanks to our Alumni Association's spring interns. During the spring 2011 semester, five students from the Maine School of Business joined the UMAA marketing and communications team to help with market research, social networking, and the Grad Fair. These students did a great job and their enthusiasm and energy gave the UMAA staff a real boost. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors!

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Weddings

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1982

Alicia Johnson Nichols to Dave Snyder on 4-8-11 in Belfast. They honeymooned in Ashburnham, MA.

1999

Jason Baltes to **Erin Campbell '03** on 12-9-10 in Camden. They are planning a honeymoon to Crete and live in South Portland.

2003

Marie Dionne to Jeremiah Gamble on 6-5-10 in Bangor.

2004

Jake Wildes to **Heather Swanson '05** on 10-10-10 at Saddleback Mountain in Rangeley. They live in Jonestown, PA.

Heather Petley to Bryan James on 7-17-10 in Waterville. They live in Eagle Mountain, UT.

Sam Irish to **Michelle Cormier '05** on 10-3-10 in Scarborough. They honeymooned in Bar Harbor and reside in Hollis Center.

2005

Jennifer Avery to Christopher Albert on 6-26-10 in Old Town. They honeymooned in Mexico and reside in Belfast.

Debra Larrabee to Andrew Golden on 12-18-10 in Augusta. They took a wedding trip to New York City and live in Waterville.

Samantha Brooke to **Benjamin Baron-Taltre** on 11-10-10 in Honolulu, HI.

2006

Heather McLean to Nate Boutin on 6-26-10 in Auburn. They took a wedding trip to St. Lucia and reside in Brookline, MA.

Amy Marie Atkins to Joseph David Robitaille on 7-17-10 in Newry. They took a wedding trip to Maui and live in Oakland.

Amy Mason to **Christopher Sweeney** on 12-4-10 in Las Vegas, NV. They honeymooned in Cancun and live on Long Island, NY.

2007

Bethany C. Asquith to Davis M. Walsh on 7-10-10 in Pine Point. They traveled to Paris and reside in Old Town.

Taryn Buckley to **Raymond Barlow** on 10-9-10 in Milford, MA. They honeymooned at Sandals Grande Antigua and live in Milford.

Diadem Strout to Jesse Washburn on 10-9-10 in Eddington. They honeymooned in Mexico.

2008

Brian Andre to Jenny Lynne Beaulieu on 8-14-10 in Hinckley. They took a wedding cruise to the Caribbean and live in Skowhegan.

2010

Thomas Provencal to Samantha Michaud on 10-23-10 in Winslow. They live in Sartell, MN.



Groom Jake Wildes '04 is carried away by his new wife, Heather Swanson '05 (front), and her bridesmaids (left to right) Lauren Swigart, Araceli Rey, Katie Tweedie '06, Ashley Lamoreau '07, '10G, and Shannon Bowen. Jake and Heather were married on October 10, 2010, at Saddleback Mountain. They were high school sweethearts at Cony High and had an extra long engagement so they could be married on 10-10-10. The couple now lives in Jonestown, Pennsylvania.



Alicia Johnson Nichols '82 and Dave Snyder of Newport, ME, were married at the gazebo on the harbor in Belfast, ME, on April 8, 2011. Alicia's consulting firm, Alicia J. Nichols Fundraising Counsel, advises nonprofits throughout Maine and Dave is a musician and song writer.



Amy Mason '06 and Christopher Sweeney '06 were married on December 4, 2010, in Las Vegas, and the couple honeymooned in Cancun. Amy and Chris live on Long Island, where Amy works as a hall director and Chris will be finishing up his last year of medical school at Stony Brook University next year.

Send your wedding information 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.com include all alumni deaths of which we are aware.

1928

Mary Agnes McGuire, 104, of Stonington, on 1-15-10.

1931

Arthur Carlton Warren, 102, of Lexington, MA, on 2-19-11.

1932

Josephine Carbone Beckwith, 99, of Veazie, on 6-17-11.

Marion Findlen Duesing, 89, of Fort Fairfield, on 11-27-10.

Erma Gross Haley, 96, of Morro Bay, CA, on 3-11-05.

Francis Davidson Murphy, 101, of Windsor, on 1-20-11.

1933

Bernard J. Mann, 101, of Bangor, on 4-26-11.

William Corliss Staples, 98, of Presque Isle, and Fort Myers, FL, on 11-18-10.

1934

Richard Carter Alden, 97, of New Harbor, on 1-14-11.

Lillian Russell Foster, 79, of Norwalk, CT, on 10-93.

Henry James McCusker, 99, of Fort Lauderdale, FL, and Yarmouthport, MA, on 12-15-10.

1935

Elizabeth Schiro Baker Bensley, 94, of Riverdale, NY, on 6-6-10.

Isobel Josephine Freeman, 97, of Lynn, MA, on 2-12-11.

1936

John Frederick Adams, 95, of Dixfield, on 10-26-10.

Ann Laure Scherneck Engler, 90, of Los Angeles, CA, on 12-10-03.

Philip Porter Snow, 96, of West Palm Beach, FL, on 6-7-11.

Phylis Hamilton Webster, 95, of Englewood, FL, on 6-8-11.

1937

William Freeman Bishop, 94, of Caribou, on 12-25-10.

Lloyd Allen Buckminster, 96, of Hudson, WI, on 11-26-10.

Martha Simmons "Patty" Garroway, 96, of Scarborough, on 12-23-10.

1938

James Oliver Armstrong, 93, of Norfolk, VA, on 12-10-09.

Edwin Stanley Costrell, 97, of Gaithersburg, MD, on 12-8-10.

Alice Marcia Harvey Hunt, 94, of Williamsburg, VA, on 12-17-10.

Madeleine Davis Johnstone, 95, of Selma, AL, on 10-3-10.

Charles Henry Lang, 95, of Belfast, on 12-24-10.

Robert Hall Plimpton, 95, of Asheville, NC, on 21-31-10.

Barbara Brown Roundy, 93, of West Bath, on 1-10-11.

Charles Stanward Russell, 91, of Muskegon, MI, on 6-8-08.

Rudolph Charles Sadler, 94, of Albuquerque, NM, on 1-26-11.

Richard Ward, 94, of Mill Valley, CA, on 1-25-11.

William Bell Watkins, 92, of Berryville, VA, on 11-30-09.

1939

Josephine Luella Greene Atley, 94, of Crescent, PA, on 12-27-10.

Ralph Lewis Demont, 96, of Orleans, MA, on 3-22-11.

Robert Wendell Doe, 93, of Westernport, MD, on 3-10-11.

John Sherwood Edwards, 93, of Easton, CT, on 11-17-10.

Ann Quincy Bartlett Fox, 91, of Rocky Face, GA, on 5-30-10.

Harry Horn Halliday, 93, of Yarmouthport, MA, on 2-5-11.

Althea West Jacobs, 92, of FL, on 11-21-09.

Charlotte Edith King Pierce, 94, of Wooster, OH, on 2-16-11.

1940

Lincoln Brudno, 92, of Advance, NC, on 11-18-10.

Philip Edward Curtis, 92, of San Antonio, TX, on 1-29-11.

Barbara Ellen Crocker Goodrich, 90, of Holden, ME, on 2-18-11.

Thelma Brown Groth, 84, of Mercedes, TX, on 1-21-02.

Ramona Hincks Leighton, 93, of Lisbon Falls, on 5-29-11.

Robert Elwood Murphy, 92, of Manchester, NH, on 5-12-11.

Richard Simmons Piper, 92, of Roseville, MN, on 7-1-10.

1941

Joanna Holmes Evans Bardo, 91, of Wiscasset, on 1-29-11.

Gordon Elms Chase, 92, of San Jose, CA, on 11-10-10.

Robert Burrill Goodwin, 91, of Newton, NJ, on 3-30-11.

Jean Margaret Peirce, 91, of Newport, RI, on 1-24-11.

Gorham Homer Wilbur, 90, of Wilsonville, OR, on 10-28-10.

1942

Frank Eugene Brewster, 90, of Burnt Hills, NY, on 2-14-11.

Arthur Chester Crapo, 94, of Weymouth, MA, on 1-18-11.

Robert Bowman Deering, 90, of Davis, CA, on 12-1-10.

Samuel Dyer, Jr., 91, of Framingham, MA, on 6-12-11.

Warren Hamlin Fish, 93, of WA, on 12-9-10.

Vincent John LaFlamme, 92, of Westfield, NY, on 11-16-10.

Virginia May Mansfield, 90, of Medway, MA, on 7-2-10.

Clarence Sidney Nichols, 89, of Richmond, VA, on 7-14-10.

Crosby Gardner Patterson, 97, of Verona Island, on 4-11-11.

Robert Rider Washburn, 92, of Augusta, on 1-11-11.

1943

Rachel Alden, 91, of Dover-Foxcroft, on 1-3-11.

Millard Otis Boss, 90, of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, on 12-17-10.

Warren Lincoln Foss, 89, of Indian Harbour Beach, FL, on 12-4-10.

Robert Fiske Keniston, 90, of Bethel, on 3-29-11.

Ralph Anthony Kluchen, 90, of Marietta, GA, on 12-23-10.

Carlton Lorin Morse, Jr., 90, of Scarborough, on 1-9-11.

Martin Mortimer Scher, 88, of NYC, NY, on 12-27-10.

Janet Grace Monohon Watson, 89, of Sandwich, MA, on 1-27-11.

1944

Carol Irvine Adams, 88, of Bangor, on 6-3-11.

Ester Randall Bacas, 87, of Washington, DC, on 6-11-11.

Howard Edward Dimitre, 88, of Rowley, MA, on 12-1-10.

Marjorie Louise Butler Rich Olsen, 87, of Hillsborough, OR, on 12-20-10.

Earland Kingsley Sleight, 88, of Orono, on 1-7-11.

1945

Verne Allison Byers, 83, of Farmington, ME, on 3-7-11.

Allen Robert Crooker, Sr., 87, of Mechanic Falls, on 1-13-11.

Elizabeth Leighton Collis Eck, 87, of Kissimmee, FL, on 12-25-10.

Jennie Manson Hermanson, 88, of Paso Robles, CA, on 2-16-11.

Robert Goodale Martin, 87, of Belgrade, on 2-13-11.

Josephine Isabelle Clark Meloan, 86, of Lunenburg, MA, on 12-3-10.

Deaths

Claranne Hamilton Pitt, 86, of Winter Harbor, on 1-22-11.

Mary Elizabeth Hurley Rissel, 87, of Florence, SC, on 12-8-10.

1946

Kenneth Lester Cobb, 86, of Green Valley, AZ, on 12-30-10.

Thomas Garvin, 85, of Strong, on 3-30-11.

Albert Simon Povich, 86, of Bethesda, MD, on 2-11-11.

1947

Robert Rogers Chaplin, 85, of Southern Pines, NC, on 3-1-11.

Frances Catherine George, 83, of Dennisport, MA, on 11-20-10.

Proctor Wayne Ransden, 88, of Marstons Mills, MA, on 12-29-10.

Florence Evelyn Sawyer Roberts, 85, of Clermont, FL, on 11-21-10.

1948

Leroy Wendell Chase, 83, on 7-29-10.

Robert William Coffin, 92, of Harrington, on 2-20-11.

James George Wilson Garvin, Jr., 89, of Palmetto, FL, on 2-6-11.

Helen Beckler Mooers, 85, of Orono and Durham, on 4-2-11.

Evelyn Shur Rudy, 84, of Falmouth, on 2-1-11.

Bertram Ellis Thorne, 87, of Peabody, MA, on 6-11-11.

1949

Albert Alfred Arcand, 87, of Bainbridge Island, WA, on 12-3-10.

Clifton Scribner Clarke, 87, of Augusta, on 2-5-11.

Barbara McFarland Cummings, 84, of Keene, NH, on 3-25-11.

William Ross Gowen, 84, of Casco, on 1-27-11.

Jack Merle Hiltz, 85, on 3-19-10.

Evan Raymond Johnson, 85, of Bloomfield, CT, on 1-10-11.

Arthur Dean Linnell, 82, of South Portland, on 12-1-10.

John Alexander Malcomson, 87, of Avon Lake, OH, on 11-30-10.

Elbert George Moulton, Jr., 85, of Townshend, VT, on 5-1-11.

Wray Dexter Simpson, 87, of Fort Myers, FL, on 2-22-11.

Kenneth Francis Stetson, 85, of Centerville, OH, on 4-22-10.

1950

Paul Emile Albert, 87, of Madawaska, on 1-16-11.

Louis Nelson Baker, 86, of Wilton, CT, on 2-22-11.

Harriet Elwell Barnard, 82, of Augusta, on 11-18-10.

George Herbert Bragdon, 84, Richmond, VA, on 5-17-11.



Harry Halliday '39 (right) receiving the Block "M" Award from Jim Goff '63.

Harry Halliday Class of '39

Loyal UMaine alumnus Harry Halliday '39 died on February 5 in West Yarmouthport, MA. He was 93.

A pioneer in the health care industry, Harry was owner and operator of Halliday Hospital Supply.

Harry served as Class of 1939 agent and for years was active in the Boston alumni group.

Philo "Burt" Burton Cressey, Jr., 85, of Portland, on 3-6-11.

George Roberts Gray, 84, of Vero Beach, FL, on 5-17-11.

Jerry Giles Haynes, 85, of Winslow, on 4-5-11.

Melvin Adelbert Lane, 84, of Millinocket, on 2-18-11.

Philip Hudson Lowell, Sr., 83, of Gorham, on 6-15-11.

Frederick Benedict Nicola, 86, of Old Town, on 4-9-09.

Joanne Libby Olson, 82, of Swampscott, MA, on 2-11-11.

John Russell Parker, 86, of Springvale, on 6-4-11.

Robert Gray Redman, 84, of Augusta, on 5-2-11.

Willard Clifton Sawyer, 85, of Daytona Beach, FL, on 12-7-2010.

Mark Warren Sewall, 85, of Nokomis, FL, on 1-2-11.

Lloyd Albert Skiffington, 86, of Ashland, MA, on 3-23-11.

Robert S. Spear, 84, of Wiscasset, on 9-30-

10.

Warren Edward Thurston, 87, of South Portland, on 12-17-10.

Frank Hunt Tingley, 91, of Fairfield, CT, on 2-28-11.

John Miller Whitmore, 83, of Ellsworth on 1-30-11.

Norman W. Worthington, 93, of Lewiston, in 9-10.

Linwood Frank Wright, 85, on 5-17-11.

1951

Ruth Wentworth Gilchrist Addison, 83, of Farmington, CT, on 3-23-11.

Vernon L. Bolster, 100, of New Gloucester, on 3-26-11.

Roger Hoyt Brown, 84, of Indialantic, FL, on 1-16-11.

Michael Caras, 89, of Saco, on 11-20-10.

William Alden Chase, 84, of Jackson, MS, on 1-11-11.

Mary-Agnes Clisham, 93, of Bangor, on 2-24-11.

William John Dawe, 89, of Brewer, on 3-15-11.

Richard Owen Emmons, 84, of Atkinson, NH, on 6-25-10.

Robert Elton Fales, 82, of Damariscotta, on 1-6-11.

Alden Garfield Finley, 86, on 10-23-09.

Mary Calkin Folsom, 80, of West Townshend, VT, on 12-26-10.

William Farnham Folsom, 83, of North Fort Myers, FL, on 5-29-11.

Robertta "Robin" Conant Foster, 87, of Ipswich, MA, on 11-11-10.

Jeremiah Patrick Gallagher, 83, of Presque Isle, on 3-5-11.

Harlan Brice Goff, 81, of Kennebunk, on 2-15-11.

Horace Hunt Gordon, Jr., 84, of Bangor, on 6-13-11.

Elton Raymond Gosse, 80, of Windham, on 1-21-11.

Jeremiah James Griffon, 83, of Derry, NH, on 5-18-11.

Harry Ripley Hulley, 82, of CA, on 8-3-10.

Harold Byron Jones, Jr., 81, of Brewer, on 3-4-11.

Julia "Judy" Lee Black Marden, 82, of Whitefield, on 1-19-11.

Barnaby Warren McAuslan, 81, of Warrenton, NC, on 4-22-11.

Kenneth Parker Miller, 86, of Auburn, on 3-9-11.

Richard Roger Plourde, 84, of Edinburg, on 1-28-11.

Charles Amos St. Onge, 85, of Orlando, FL, on 4-26-11.

Earl Martin Tibbetts, 84, of Portland, on 5-20-11.

Francis Ray Titcomb, 83, of Deland, FL, on 7-5-10.

Charles Willard Walls, Jr., 76, of Winter Spring, FL, on 3-30-06.

Robert Burton Whited, 82, of Bridgewater, on

4-22-11.

Ivan Washburn Whitney, 82, of Bar Harbor, on 11-20-10.

1952

Richard Douglas Crosby, 81, of Stockton Springs, on 2-26-11.

Yvonne Marie McCarthy Farnsworth, 81, of Hallowell, on 11-24-10.

Ronald Leroy Gerard, 83, of Madawaska, on 9-1-10.

Philip Newman Harris, 87, of Skowhegan, on 1-7-11.

Andre "Andy" Richard Hemond, of Falmouth, on 2-12-11.

Malcolm Edward Jones, 81, of Bangor, on 5-8-11.

Helen Pendleton Kenney, 80, of Williamsburg, VA, on 3-1-11.

George Edwin Kirk, 87, of Orlando, FL, on 2-23-11.

Paul Harriman Perry, 79, of Swanville, on 5-15-11.

Donald Joseph Regan, 83, of Berlin, CT, on 1-13-11.

Mose Angelo Russo, 83, of Sebago, on 12-20-10.

Walter Perker Schurman, Jr., 88, of Fort Pierce, FL, on 1-31-11.

Louis Edward Stone, 83, of Hampden, on 2-13-11.

Dana Earl Warren, 81, of Vero Beach, FL, and Avon, CT, on 2-6-11.

1953

Karl Michael Brooks, 84, of Thomaston, on 11-30-10.

Lehan "Pete" Allerton Edwards, 79, of Winthrop, on 1-13-11.

Donald Raymond Erickson, 81, of Cape Elizabeth, on 2-22-11.

Carole Griney Ford, 79, of Jensen Beach, FL, on 5-27-11.

James Herbert Hunter, 79, of Presque Isle, on 3-19-11.

Michael Louis Posner, 79, of Washington, DC, on 3-11-11.

Gainor Helene McGorrrill Ventresco, 80, of Deer Isle, on 3-27-11.

Bernard Jay Williams, 79, of Washington, DC, on 12-4-10.

1954

Doris Isabel Alexander, 77, of Dennisport, MA, on 6-29-10.

Natalie Rachel Barakat, 76, on 1-24-10.

Charles Kirby Barnes, 79, of Jefferson, on 1-13-11.

Clifton Ellis George, 79, on 12-19-10.

Calvin Frederick Grass, 84, of Standish, on 4-16-11.

Colwyn Fenton Haskell, 78, of Auburn, on 3-1-11.

Ralph Dayton Howard, 78, of South Portland, on 12-12-10.

Joseph Lawrence Kriteaman, 82, of Delray

Beach, FL, on 1-1-11.

W. Eugene Pease, 78, of Millinocket, on 3-6-11.

Albert Henry Ralph, Jr., 79, on 8-3-10.

Norris Williams Stilphen, 91, of Sanford, on 12-16-10.

1955

Richard Markham Bailey, 80, of Tampa, FL, on 11-28-10.

Gilbert Lauren Beliveau, 78, of Augusta, on 5-8-11.

Robert E. Fales, 82, of Damariscotta on 1-6-11.

John Jordan, Jr., 78, of St. Pete Beach, FL, on 5-21-11.

Althea Applebee Lowell, 76, of Enfield, on 2-23-11.

Frank Jordan Roberts, 77, on 2-17-09.

Frank Eugene Sleeper III, 76, of Columbus, OH, on 1-20-11.

Peter Gordon Standley, 77, of East Hampton, CT, on 1-8-11.

1956

Ernest Clifford Albin, Jr., 77, of Weston, CT, on 12-2-10.

Paul Raymond Belyea, 76, of Tucson, AZ, on 5-22-11.

Alice Joan Acheson Bridge, 79, of Augusta, on 11-14-10.

John Monroe Hardy, 80, of Port Charlotte, FL, on 4-10-11.

Richard Dennis Livingstone, 82, of Seminole, FL, on 3-31-11.

Freida Joan Clement McLaughlin, 76, of Mountain Home, ID, on 12-3-10.

Arthur Emerson Page, 74, of Eliot, on 10-23-08.

George Lougee Rogers, 76, of York Harbor, on 4-2-11.

Wilbur Benjamin Sadleir, 85, of Dover, DE, on 12-27-08.

Hans Alexander van Leer, 76, of Trumansburg, NY, on 12-11-10.

Germaine Myers Whitney, 76, of York, on 4-2-11.

Norman Frederick Wilson, 76, of Augusta, GA, on 3-19-11.

1957

Neal Hasty Bragdon, 78, of Scarborough, on 11-6-10.

Jerry Douglas Burkett, 75, of Richmond, VA, on 12-29-10.

Phillip Virgie Jacobson, 75, of Portland, on 12-18-10.

Bradford Leach, 73, of Wakefield, MA on 5-20-10.

John Lewis Libby, 74, of Bedford, MA, on 12-20-10.

John Arthur Stevenson, 75, of Mooresville, NC, on 11-8-10.

Garret Frederick VanWart, 76, of Scituate, MA, on 4-13-11.

1958

Richard Donald Bunt, 80, of Corning, NY, on 3-29-11.

James Chester Burnham, 74, of Naples, on 3-9-11.

Lois Marie Babkirk Comeau, 75, of Old Town, on 5-12-11.

Robert Crandlemire Farnsworth, 77, of Skowhegan, on 3-8-11.

Thomas Prince Hosmer, 75, of York, on 5-11-11.

Barbara Mary Leonard, 93, of Brunswick, on 6-9-11.

Joseph Franklin McBrine, 78, of Bangor, on 4-16-11.

Clifton Earle McLaughlin, 76, of Villanova, PA, on 1-8-11.

Horace Philbrick Rowe, 79, of Freeport, on 11-6-10.

Richard Shelton, 74, of Trenton, on 12-18-10.

1959

Philip M. Bryer, Jr., 79, of East Bridgewater, MA, on 12-2-10.

Robert Fred Cook, 74, of Bridgewater, on 6-14-11.

Corinne Anderson Garrett, 74 of Sarasota, FL, on 2-16-11.

Isabelle Florence Libby, 84, of Corinna, on 1-11-11.

Mildred Dorothy MacComb, 82, of Pittston, on 11-12-10.

Stanley John Norbert, 81, of Falmouth, on 1-14-11.

Paul Orcutt, 82, of Natick, MA, on 5-10-11.

Paul Joseph Pepin, 80, of Newport, on 11-20-10.

Donald Greydon Piper, 75, of Gainesville, FL, on 12-20-10.

John Warren Porter, 78, of Cumberland, on 11-14-10.

Thomas Henry Sawyer, 75, of Augusta, on 6-11-11.

Cecilia Rafuse Shurtleff, 96, of Rumford, on 11-20-10.

Bertrand Christopher Turmel, 77, of Jay, on 12-4-10.

1960

Frank Joseph Antonucci, Jr., 72, of Winthrop, on 4-17-11.

Harland W. Banks, 75, of Gorham, on 4-6-11.

Lawrence Sumner Cole, 72, of Saco, on 5-19-11.

Rodney Lewis Hill, 77, of Augusta, on 3-28-11.

Wallace Jaffee, 83, of Portland, on 1-9-09.

Almond Richard Jude, 80, of Grand Island, FL, on 4-28-11.

Frank Lionel Littlefield, 78, of Middleboro, MA, on 12-28-10.

Robert George McBurnie, 72, of Fort Fairfield, on 12-1-10.

Elliott Richard Sampson, 71, of Concord, NH, on 1-6-11.

Deaths

1961

Frank Edward Bishop, 72, of Sedona, AZ, on 4-22-11.
Shirley Frances Marshall Card, 90, of Auburn, on 11-19-10.
Paul Alfred Kimball, 71, of Framingham, on 5-6-11.
Martha Verne Webster Libby, 70, of Bedford, MA, on 8-20-09.
Mona Rae Smith Markie, 78, of Chandler, AZ, on 5-15-11.
Jean Carole Stalmuke McGuire, of Bethel, on 5-31-11.
Kenneth Donald Murch, 72, of El Paso, TX, on 4-24-11.
John Garfield Plummer, 71, of Crossville, TN, on 12-5-10.

1962

Harold Everett Halliday, 71, of Belfast, on 5-2-11.
Frederick Joseph Schwink, 75, of Bremen, on 2-14-11.
Terrence Arthur Smith, 71, of Hartford, on 1-24-11.
Beverly Joyce Tripp, 81, of Poland, on 5-10-11.

1963

Adelaide Look Damon, 92, of Jonesboro, on 4-18-11.
Mae Osgood Smith Gee, 69, of Crawford, on 3-3-11.
Stephen Farr Judy, 70, of Dedham, on 2-14-11.
Ann Louise Crichton Karter, 70, of Osprey, FL, on 4-29-11.
Eleanor Goodale Lord, 84, of Hampden, on 1-9-11.
Kenneth Filmore Morgan, 70, of Bangor, on 4-30-11.
Joyce Merrill Landon Rahim, 68, of Leesburg, VA, on 1-14-10.
Robert Patrick Tymoczko, 68, of Lewiston, on 5-9-11.

1964

Virginia Corbett, 70, of Austin, TX, on 4-26-11.
Norman Henry Dodge, 68, of Hulls Cove, on 3-14-11.
Gary Matthew Gilligan, 68, of Sheffield, MA, on 5-1-11.
James Wayne Grant, 72, of Oakland, on 12-11-10.
Ruth Virginia Hawes, 94, of Waterville, on 11-23-10.
David Thomas McLeod, 68, of South Portland, on 11-16-10.
Frances Irvine Mealey, 91, of Fairfield, on 1-27-11.
Judith Ward Raven, 70, of Palermo, on 1-4-11.
Anthony J. Smith, 67, of Nicolet, Quebec, Canada, on 4-29-10.
Louise Dirksen Watts, 92, of Machias, on 2-20-11.

Margaret Regina Weaver, 85, of Horseheads, NY, on 6-29-09.

1965

William Grant Fiedler, 68, of Oakland, on 1-14-10.
Peter Hopkins Fitzgerald, 71, of Houston, TX, on 12-9-10.
Jane Hormell Kiah, 68, of Meredith, NH, on 4-25-11.
John Douglas Kimble, 68, of Norway, in 6-11.
David James Lyon, 67, of Perham, on 12-24-10.
Priscilla Louise Easter Missita, 68, of Boca Raton, FL, on 1-10-11.
Jacqueline Gracia Tremblay Ryan, 67, of Richmond, on 2-7-11.
Theresa Margaret Carroll Seay, 67, of Wake Forest, NC, on 5-22-11.
Kenneth Arthur Willard, 67, of Limington, on 12-19-10.
Judith Ann Williams-Garcia, 67, of Gorham, on 2-24-11.

1966

Donald Malcolm Bisset, 84, of Jefferson, on 11-26-10.
John Burton Cahoon, 72, of Bangor, on 5-13-11.
George Edward Carver, 69, of Kingsport, TN, on 9-16-09.
Anna Marie Dipietrantonio, 66, of Portland, on 12-24-10.
Carol Pike Doane, 66, of Topsham, on 6-1-11.
Thomas Furman, 67, of Winslow, on 12-19-10.
Wayne Gilbert Harvey, 66, of Brewer, on 1-29-11.
Rachel Cyrenia Heath, 68, of Bangor, on 5-19-11.
Byron E. Kopel, 66, of Enfield, CT, on 1-5-11.
David William Libby, 67, of Greensboro, NC, on 5-23-11.
Karen E. Seaman, 56, of North Eastham, MA, on 1-14-01.
Dean W. Stoddard, 66, of Spokane, WA, on 5-22-11.

1967

Silas Stanley Hagar, 79, of Toms River, NJ, on 2-2-11.
Alice Bocquel Hartwell, 97, of Waterville, on 1-4-11.
Susan Ellen Ginn Hodges, 66, of Amherst, NH, on 1-31-11.
Barbara Jean "Bobbie" Jordan, 68, of Freeport, on 1-16-11.
Rev. Stanley John Parker, 91, of Hendersonville, NC, on 3-7-11.
Linda Lee Taylor, 65, of Lexington Township, on 3-22-11.

1968

Clyde Junion Haden, 84, of Greenville, RI, on 3-25-09.
John Michael Haskell, 66, of Bowdoinham, on

12-30-10.

Harvey Richard King, 69, of Searsmont, on 5-11-11.
Esther Staples Mair, 92, of Westbrook, on 3-14-11.
Thomas Allen McAllister, 66, of Buxton, on 2-21-11.
Louise Savage Moore, 93, of Grand Lake Stream, on 2-11-11.
Thomas MacLeod Rand, 64, of Falmouth, on 11-21-10.

1969

Geoffrey Belyea Bray, 61, of Lewiston, on 5-3-11.
Michael Allan Buchanan, 64, of Lake Worth, FL, on 6-7-11.
Nancy Ann Crane, 63, of West Grove, PA, on 3-11-11.
Ellen Norma Veilleux Didsbury, 64, of Jupiter, FL, on 12-18-10.
Eleanor Nelson Dorr, 84, of Lincolnville Center, on 1-11-11.
Frances Kowalzyk McInnis, 87, of Rumford, on 2-15-11.
James Lindley Peavey, 69, of Moneta, VA, on 2-3-11.

1970

Richard Viles Beedy, 77, of Auburn, on 12-7-10.
Michael Dona Chretien, 62, of Westbrook, on 3-31-11.
Jean Alice Connon, 62, of Hope, on 5-24-11.
John Russell Duym, 63, of Blue Hill, on 1-5-11.
Mary Ann Greenlaw Gardner, 62, of Bangor, on 12-30-10.
William Edward Jackson, 83, of Mendota Heights, MN, and Somerville, MA, on 9-24-10.
Carolyn Edmonds Lail, 62, of Siler City, NC, on 12-1-10.
Roger Michael Lane, 63, of Austin, TX, on 12-31-10.
Gail Lillace Hewett Merrick, 60, of Skowhegan, on 1-20-11.
Madeline Boles Reed, 95, of Rollinsford, NH, on 1-11-11.

1971

Judith Maunder Curran, 64, of Benton, on 2-17-11.
James Edward Day, 65, of Biddeford, on 1-28-11.
John Bruce Greenleaf, 61, of Monson, on 11-13-10.
Kathy Adams Iller, 61, of Northport, AL, on 1-16-11.
Marlene Rusell Light, 79, of Stockton Springs, on 1-10-11.
James Terrence Nahra, 65, of Old Town, on 3-3-11.
Kenneth Langeland Nyberg, of Bakersfield, CA, on 11-24-10.

1972

Barry Joseph McDonald, 60, of Jonesport, on 1-25-11.

Sylvia Gordon Gray Noyes, 85, of Sullivan, on 3-27-11.

Caroline Mary Vigue Taylor, 60, of Washington, on 1-11-11.

1973

Maurice Freeman Curtis, 92, of Bangor, on 12-1-10.

William Blake Goodwin, 60, of Portland, on 1-15-11.

Kenneth Alan Miller, 66, of CA, on 1-17-10.

Colburn Ray Welch, 59, of Bangor, on 12-19-10.

1974

Paul Michael Bourgoin, 66, of Mesa, AZ, on 2-9-11.

Norman Robert Buck, 59, of Old Town, on 3-17-11.

Simonne LaFlamme, 85, of Portland, on 6-4-11.

Richard Allen Ristau, 59, of Vero Beach, FL, on 5-1-11.

Maureen Redman Rodrigue, 57, of Augusta, on 6-9-11.

1975

Mary Freeman Blankstein, 79, of St. Petersburg, FL, on 3-3-11.

Thomas J. Dunn, 64, of Greenville, NC, on 12-16-10.

Ronald Phillip Renaud, 62, of Alexander, on 5-3-11.

Thomas Pat Sesto, 58, of Scarborough, on 12-8-10.

1976

Richard Armand Plourde, 54, of Auburn, on 12-5-10.

1977

Lawrence "Red" St. Louis, 65, of Hermon, on 2-2-11.

1978

Catherine "Kit" Willa Vinal Ames, 59, of Fort Fairfield, on 2-24-11.

Karen Sjostrom Hedger, 54, of Corea and The Villages, FL, on 2-19-11.

Steven Layton "Reg" Register, 54, of Yarmouth, on 3-1-11.

Lawrence Edward Roshto, 85, of Rockport, on 1-20-11.

Mary Angis Wolfahrt, 58, of Biddeford, on 1-21-11.

1979

Leslie Jane Luke Cormier, 54, of Westbrook, on 1-1-11.

Elmer Fred Degon, 92, of Augusta, on 5-10-11.

Franklin L. Emery, 59, of Orono, on 12-17-10.

Jamie Robert Sernatinger, 54, of Puruandiro,



Royston "Nickey" English Class of 2002

Royston O. "Nickey" English, 33, of Waltham, MA, died of lung cancer on February 24, 2011. Born in Jamaica, he immigrated with his family as a young boy and became an All Scholastic Football star at Waltham High School.

At UMaine, he was a star running back. His teammates described him as tough on the field, but with a positive outlook and an infectious laugh. He was the University's fourth career rushing leader with 2,842 yards. After graduation, he was employed as a personal trainer.

Mexico, on 4-23-11.

1980

Bonnie Lou Bush, 51, of Bangor, on 1-17-11.

Betsy Cooke McBride, 52, of Greensboro, NC, on 1-3-11.

Linda Myshrall Nickerson, 59, of Holden, on 5-31-11.

Jamie Robert Sernatinger, 54, of Puruandiro Michoacan, Mexico, on 4-23-11.

Rev. **Charles E. Woodman**, 57, of Stillwater, NY, on 12-27-10.

1981

Kevin Berry Prescott, 51, of Falmouth, on 4-23-11.

1982

Robert Stephen Bealin, 50, of Guilderland, NY, on 11-28-10.

John Eldon Renaud, 50, of Niles, MI, on 3-18-11.

Tina P. Weeks, of Bridgewater, NJ, on 6-5-11.

1983

Sally Murphy Bell, 72, of Tenants Harbor, on 2-16-11.

Maureen McFadden Mainen, of Castine, on

4-26-11.

1984

Jacqueline B. O'Roak, 80, of Sherman, on 11-26-10.

1985

Stephen M. Knight, 47, of Dillsburg, PA, on 1-14-11.

Marie Liberty, 76, of Lamoine, on 3-11-11.

1986

Cary Arthur O'Neill, 48, of Scarborough, on 11-18-10.

1987

Eric Beenfeldt, 66, of Belfast, on 12-15-10.

Thomas Henry Higgins, 48, of Sanford, on 4-2-11.

1988

Melissa S. Kleiner Pettingill, 45, of Scarborough, on 12-3-10.

1989

Cynthia A. Leach, 71, of Bucksport, on 11-21-10.

1993

Margaret A. Stanley-Small, 64, of Rockport, on 5-3-11.

Genie Genesis Verge, of Bangor, on 2-25-11.

1994

Brenda M. Benedix Whitley, 38, of Gardiner, on 2-11-10.

1995

Donald D. MacInnis, 78, of Jefferson, on 5-3-11.

1996

Mark Alan Sanborn, 51, of Brownville, on 3-17-11.

Margo Spaulding Shropshire, 61, of Veazie, on 2-21-11.

1999

George K. Kohl, 58, of Sidney, on 4-7-11.

2002

Royston English, 33, of Waltham, MA, on 2-24-11.

2003

Sharon Louise Anderson, 50, of Winterport, on 11-29-10.

2005

Paul C. Lynch, Jr., 28, of Knoxville, TN, on 11-22-10.

Hugh Dennis Violette, 28, of Presque Isle, on 4-30-11.

2008

Corey John Morin, 30, of Milford and Portsmouth, NH, on 3-27-11.

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