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# MAINE

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Tale of UMaine's  
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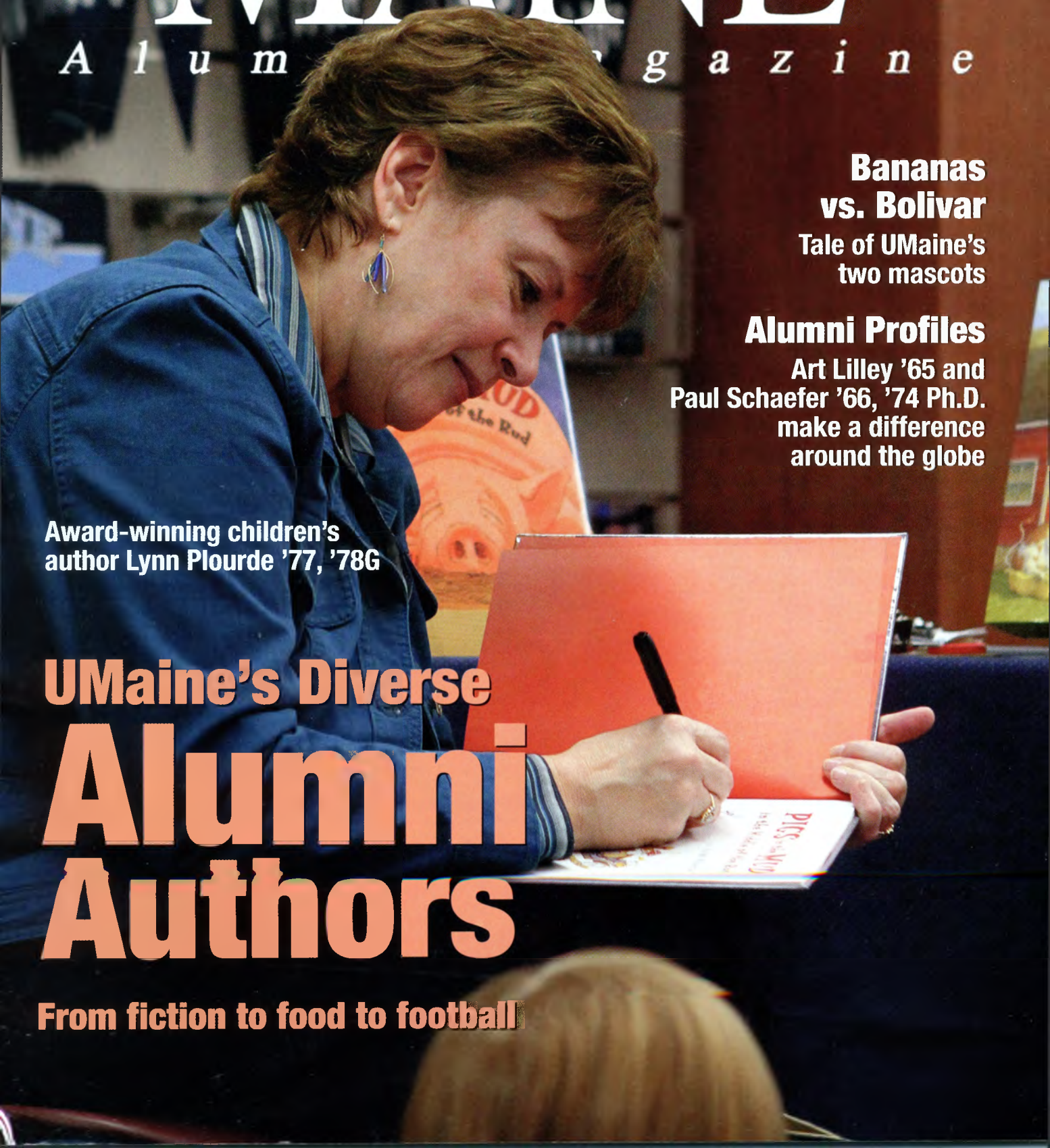
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From fiction to food to football





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**MAINE Alumni Magazine:** Read intriguing stories about fascinating people, places, and things related to UMaine.

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*Remember, 52% of every dollar that funds Alumni Association activities, programs and services comes directly from alumni like you.*

## 2012: A year for innovation and re-invention

On behalf of all of us at the UMaine Alumni Association, I'd like to wish you and your loved ones the very best for the New Year. We hope it brings you good health, happiness, and prosperity.

Here at the University, there is a significant planning process underway, directed by President Paul Ferguson. President Ferguson is diligently soliciting feedback and input from all sectors within the University and alumni community. He is being assisted in this task by the staff of the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center.

I am pleased to report that President Ferguson considers the alumni community an integral part of the University, its mission, and its future. Further, he is gratified by the degree of support his efforts have received from alumni so far. In his previous posts at other state universities he has never experienced alumni who are as loyal and devoted as UMaine alumni. President Ferguson is determined that the University of Maine will excel in its mission as the state's land and sea grant university as well as the flagship of the University of Maine System.

The Alumni Association is an active partner in this process and I have become inspired and encouraged. Our participation has motivated us to take a hard look at everything we are doing. We are asking ourselves: "What can we do better? What should we do more of? What should we eliminate? What can be rejuvenated? How can we serve our varied and geographically distinct alumni communities more effectively and more efficiently?" We are asking these questions as we prepare our new three-year strategic plan. All of you have a share in the success of this process. The answers to these questions will ultimately come from you. We have conducted some research and will begin other phases soon. Thank you to those who have contributed and we extend an invitation to those who wish to help!

In the coming months, we may be conducting other surveys. Some of you may receive an email or telephone survey. Some may be asked to participate in face-to-face focus group discussions. If you have the opportunity to participate and provide your insights, please say "yes."

The annual 2012 Black Bear Road Trip has begun in earnest with our first event in conjunction with Frozen Fenway on January 7! Additionally, we will host events in several locations and will ask, "How can we help you? What do you want and need from your Alumni Association?" On our journey, we will often be joined by President Ferguson. He will discuss his preliminary vision and developing plan for UMaine. I encourage you to attend one or more of these events for the opportunity to meet President Ferguson and enjoy the Black Bear camaraderie.

Be well! Be a Black Bear!

Todd D. Saucier '93, '97G  
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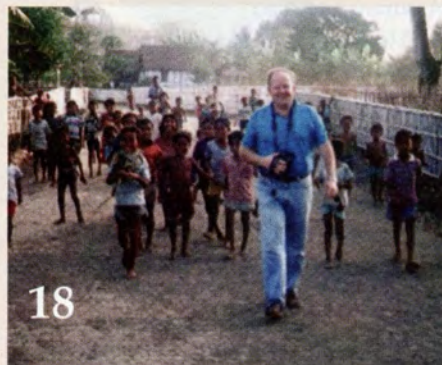


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### UMaine Students Receive Early Acceptance to Tufts

**F**ive University of Maine students have received early acceptance to Tufts University School of Medicine through the Maine Track Early Assurance program.

Honors College students India Stewart, a biology major from Verona Island, ME; Erica Hidu, a microbiology major from Hampden, ME; and Jenny MacDowell, a biochemistry major from Littleton, MA, were accepted to the program. Also receiving early acceptance were Leigh Johnson, a psychology major from Yarmouth, ME; and Margaret Varney, a biology major from Turner, ME.



During Homecoming 2011, a celebration was held to thank those who helped the Campaign Maine capital fund exceed its goal of \$150 million. As part of the program, several students who have received financial aid to follow their dreams addressed attendees on the impact of that support. Among those taking the podium were (l to r) Daniel Gerges '12, Abraham Hamilton '13 and Morgan Brockington '12. Daniel and Morgan both plan careers in medicine and were previously accepted to the Tufts Medical School early acceptance program mentioned above. Both students emphasized in their remarks how the financial support they are receiving at UMaine, thanks in part to alumni contributions, will enable them to return to Maine to practice medicine. The typical mountain of student loan debt facing new doctors usually limits their options to more highly compensated urban centers to begin their practices.



### Induction of 2011 Sports Hall of Fame

Seven former student athletes were inducted into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame in Orono. The new members represented a range of sports at the September ceremony. Left to right are: Tim Tobin '80 of the riflery team, football All-American Mark Coutts '86, soccer great Linda Consolante-Hathorn '06, basketball captain Dick Collins '59, track and field star and coach Jim Ballinger '66, '69G, and William Hunnewell, who accepted the award for his late father, cross-country captain William Hunnewell '37. All-American hockey goalie Jimmy Howard '06 was unable to attend the event.

### Three Class of 2010 Students Establish Competition

**T**hree graduates from the Class of 2010 have pooled their financial resources to start the UMaine Business Challenge Competition.

The three students were inspired by the generosity of the legendary Class of 1944 and by an established business plan competition at Rice University. The trio wanted to "give collegiate entrepreneurs the support to transform their business dreams into a reality," states Owen McCarthy, a Patten native who majored in biological engineering.

McCarthy, along with biology major James Morin of Lewiston and financial economics major Matt Ciampa of York, have partnered with the Maine Business School and the Foster Center for Student Innovation to offer a \$5,000 cash reward and \$5,000 in consulting services to help finance the business goals of student entrepreneurs.

"Matt, James, and I all feel very passion-



**Matt Ciampa, Owen McCarthy and James Morin at the Foster Center for Student Innovation.**

ate about both the State of Maine and the University of Maine," says McCarthy. "We wanted to find a way to give back to our alma mater as soon as possible. The UMaine Business Challenge gives us this opening." Prospective competitors are invited to email [umainebusinesschallenge@gmail.com](mailto:umainebusinesschallenge@gmail.com) to participate and to learn more about the competition.



## Project Reach Helping Teachers Reduce Language Barriers

**T**he number of school children in Maine for whom English is a second language increased by more than 53 percent in the past year. At the same time, the number of students enrolled in kindergarten through high school declined by eight percent. To reduce the language barriers, UMaine's Project Reach is helping teachers address the needs of these children.

The Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center and the College of Education and Human Development have received \$1.8 million from the U.S. Department of Education to continue and expand efforts to better prepare current and future teachers of children who speak no English, limited English, as well as Franco-American or Native populations whose culture is embedded in language. Project Reach includes core courses on English as a Second Language methods in the classroom as well as testing and assessment, curriculum development, and multiculturalism.

## Amos Orcutt to Step Down

**U**niversity of Maine Foundation president Amos Orcutt '64 has announced his plan to retire in 2012. "It's the right time and I want to go out on top," he told the *Bangor Daily News*. "The Foundation is doing well and it's time for another person to take it to a higher level."

Orcutt joined the Foundation in 1990. During his 22-year tenure, the assets at the Foundation grew from \$25 million to about \$200 million and the staff increased from two to ten people. The Foundation, which shares Buchanan Alumni House with the University of Maine Alumni Association, has a second office in Falmouth.

The Foundation solicits, administers, and invests endowment gifts to benefit the University of Maine. During the past decade it raised \$98.9 million, added 685 endowed funds for a total of 1,365 funds, and paid over \$54.3 million to the University in support of its students, faculty, and programs.

"Amos has contributed in ways that will have a lasting impact on the University he has served so well," said UMaine president Paul W. Ferguson.

The Foundation board has formed a selection committee to conduct a national search for the organization's next president.



## Maine Business School ranked "The BEST"

The Maine Business School was ranked among the BEST business schools in the world for a fourth consecutive year. Eduniversal ([www.eduniversal-ranking.com/](http://www.eduniversal-ranking.com/)), a Paris-based organization that provides global rankings for business schools, included the Maine Business School in their category of "excellent" business schools. A total of 154 U.S. schools were included among the 1,000 ranked worldwide in the various categories.

## PIKE Fraternity House Reopened



The brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha (PIKE) fraternity returned to their fraternity house in late November following extensive repairs to the structure.

After town officials discovered a number of code violations, the 22 PIKE brothers in residence moved out so the house could be brought up to code. Workers repaired the fire alarm, exit signs, leaky bathroom floor, and eliminated other safety concerns, and the brothers were allowed to return to the fraternity house. "It's a fresh start for us," noted John Armstrong, PIKE's president-elect.


**In retirement, UMaine Foundation president Amos Orcutt plans to spend more time at his blueberry farm in Orland.**



## 2011 William S. Cohen Lecture

**G**eneral James Jones, a retired U.S. Marine Corps general and President Barack Obama's first national security adviser, gave the William S. Cohen Lecture at the Collins Center for the Arts on November 17, 2011. General Jones discussed how the security of the United States could soften or strengthen based on the outcome of the Arab Spring — the string of revolts and uprisings by the people of the Middle East against their longstanding leaders. "The epicenter of most of the world's major difficulties, whether you're talking about Iraq or Afghanistan or Pakistan, all the way to west Africa ... is still in the Middle East," Jones said. After his lecture,

General Jones participated in a discussion with former U.S. Senator and Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen '75 Hon. L.L.D., who developed the lecture series. The two men answered questions concentrating mostly on the withdrawal of troops from the Middle East by the end of the year as well as the state of the Iraqi nation. The two also discussed the suggestion of Rep. Ron Paul of Texas to withdraw troops from various military bases in Germany, Japan, and Korea as a way to cut down on the nation's expenses. At the conclusion of the lecture at the Collins Center, the speakers and guests attended a reception at the Buchanan Alumni House.



Former U.S. Senator and Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen (left) and retired Marine Corps General James Jones participated in a forum moderated by A. Mark Woodward '69 (right), former executive editor of the *Bangor Daily News*.





School of Nursing December 2011 graduating class at Buchanan Alumni House.

## \$80,000 Grant Awarded to the School of Nursing

**T**he University of Maine School of Nursing has launched a nurse educator's certificate program, which is expected to help ease the shortage of nurses by producing more nursing clinical instructors in Maine.

The school also received an \$80,000 grant from the Maine Department of Labor Health Care Sector to offset tuition and other expenses for the first 10 nurses who enroll in the program.

The funding is part of the Department

of Labor's initiative to increase the supply of nursing clinical instructors, and to help eliminate the waiting lists for admissible nursing students in Penobscot, Hancock, and Piscataquis counties. The new program will increase the number of qualified nursing clinical educators who can teach the growing number of students who wish to enroll in the nursing programs at UMaine, Husson University, and Eastern Maine Community College.

## Honors College Accepted to the National Genomics Research Initiative

**F**irst-year students in UMaine's Honors College are taking part in live genomic research through the Science Education Alliance of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. The Alliance develops resources for undergraduate science educators so they can present innovative courses and projects to their students. It also seeks to introduce research to students at an early point in their college careers, retain students in the sciences, and help faculty gain experience in presenting experiment-based science teaching. UMaine is

one of 26 educational institutions accepted to the competitive program this year.

During their participation in the National Genomics Research Initiative, the students will isolate and analyze the DNA sequences of soil-dwelling bacterial viruses known as phage. They isolate the phage and then purify it, characterize it, and extract its DNA. A research center sequences the DNA samples and sends a digital file of it back to UMaine where the students learn to use bioinformatics tools to analyze and annotate the genomes.

## Honors College Hires Four

**T**he Honors College selected four faculty members to work jointly with the Honors College and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences as Honors preceptors.

Justin Martin, of the department of communication and journalism, has experience reporting in areas of the world including Egypt and the Middle East and is interested in freedom of expression in developing locales.

Robert Glover from the department of political science is conducting research in democratic theory, human rights, international relations theory, and the politics of immigration.

Sarah Harlan-Haughey of the English department is studying the medieval English outlaw tradition as nature writing and the depictions of the North Atlantic land- and seascapes in Old Norse literature and later Scandinavian balladry.

Jordan LaBouff, a member of the department of psychology, studies topics regarding factors affecting prejudice, success, and addiction.

## UMaine Recognized

The *Princeton Review's Best 376 Colleges: 2012 Edition* has named the University of Maine one of the nation's best. This is the eighth consecutive year that the *Princeton Review* has included UMaine in its compilation of the nation's top colleges.

"This is welcome recognition, which reflects positively on UMaine's faculty, students, and staff," said UMaine president Paul W. Ferguson. "These guidebooks provide independent verification of our belief that UMaine represents exceptional quality and value."

The University also appeared on the *Princeton Review's "Green Honor Roll"* for its commitment to sustainability, including its recycling programs, green-certified buildings, and free shuttle bus service.





### Researchers Discover New Chemical Process for Producing Biofuel

**T**reetops and limbs left as waste by the forest products industry, along with municipal solid waste, agricultural waste, and construction waste may be transformed into a hydrocarbon fuel oil, thanks to a new process developed at the University of Maine. M. Clayton Wheeler, associate professor of chemical and biological engineering, and undergraduate students in his lab have discovered a chemical process that can turn these waste products into biofuel. The process, thermal deoxygenation (TDO), will work on the cellulose found in wood or substances that contain cellulose or carbohydrates.

Researchers used grocery store waste such as banana peels, cardboard boxes, and shelving to successfully make a batch of the fuel. Since the fuel does not require an uncontaminated cellulose source, the TDO process and its resulting oil are less expensive to produce than a purified source would require.

The fuel has properties that make it suitable for use in a number of fuel tanks and pipelines. Further refining would be required to upgrade it for use as transportation fuel.



Men in canoes and a bateau on South Branch Lake, Maine, ca. 1900, photo courtesy of the Maine Folklife Center.

### UMaine Collaborates with Library of Congress

**T**he University of Maine and the Library of Congress's American Folklife Center have entered into an agreement that will allow for the preservation of an invaluable collection held at UMaine's Folklife Center. The collection, known as the Northeast Archives of Folklore and History, was developed by the late, legendary UMaine professor Edward "Sandy" Ives over the course of 50 years. It documents the history and traditions of fishermen, loggers, mill workers, and diverse people living in Maine, New England, and the Canadian Maritime Provinces.

The collaboration will enable the collection to be preserved at optimal conditions. The Library of Congress will digitize the collection, which will greatly expand access to the audio files, video files, photographs, and other materials. Digital forms of the collection will remain at the Folklife Center.

"This is an acquisition not just for the Library of Congress, but it is an acquisition for the nation," said David Taylor '74, a former student of Ives who is head of research and programs at the Library of Congress. "It is a national treasure for all Americans to use to better understand the regional culture of the Northeastern United States and Maritime Provinces of Canada."

Paige Case '11, who earned a degree in chemical engineering, holds a bottle of biofuel which she helped develop while working in the laboratory of UMaine chemical and biological engineering professor M. Clayton Wheeler.





Baruch Fischhoff

## 2011 Senator George J. Mitchell Lecture on Sustainability

**P**rofessor Baruch Fischhoff of Carnegie Mellon University spoke to a full house at the Wells Conference Center at the University of Maine on October 13, 2011. His lecture was entitled "Helping Science to Speak for Itself: Improving Communication Between Scientists and Citizens."

Professor Fischhoff began the lecture by putting up a slide of medical information that was purposely illegible. After the laughter subsided, Fischhoff discussed his research on using "non-persuasive communication" to explain science to the public in ways that help people make more informed decisions about complex issues. He discussed how what people decide in their lives affects the environment as well as how their decisions are dependent on their environments. He discussed the "Principles of Judgement" — how people who are not scientifically trained are not good at detecting sample bias and "have limited ability to evaluate the extent of their own knowledge." In closing, he emphasized that scientists should "give the evidence" to the public and communicate the risks and benefits of that evidence.

Innovation engineering was developed at UMaine by Doug Hall '81, one of the world's leading innovation researchers and trainers. Doug is a volunteer professor at the Foster Center.

## Foster Center for Student Innovation Partners with Blackstone Charitable Foundation

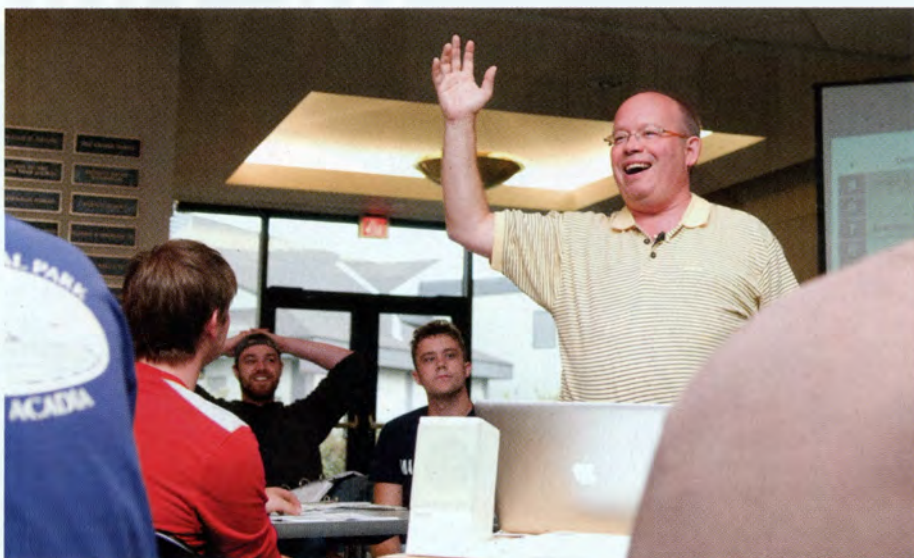
**T**he Foster Center for Student Innovation recently benefited from a \$3 million grant awarded to the State of Maine from the Blackstone Charitable Foundation and the launch of Blackstone Accelerates Growth. The initiative aims to help Maine transition to an innovative economy that supports sustained economic growth. The goal is to help Maine companies add an additional 10,000 quality jobs over the next 10 years.

This new program also expects to add an additional \$664 million in new revenues to Maine's economy in the next 10 years. In the first three years of the program, 250 companies will be served and more than 400 students will be prepared for work with innovative companies in regional centers around the state.

Portions of the grant will be used to develop innovation hubs throughout the state where a group of companies will receive training and coaching to bring new ideas to the market and grow businesses. A large part of the funding will also go toward providing scholarships to Maine students to take innovation engineering courses so that the state's future workforce can lead the innovation and change that will help the state and the country be successful.

The Blackstone Accelerates Growth program will assist the Foster Center for Student Innovation to prepare student interns who have studied an innovation curriculum to support hub companies as well as offer innovation engineering/jump start, an intensive coaching program that works with existing companies on growth strategies.

Innovation engineering was developed by Doug Hall '81, one of the world's leading innovation researchers and trainers. Doug is a volunteer professor at the Foster Center. The program gives students the confidence to create their own opportunities, whether they wish to start their own businesses or work in established organizations. The Foster Center for Student Innovation at the University of Maine is striving to build a more innovative and entrepreneurial culture in the state by giving students and businesses the inspiration, tools, resources, and knowledge to innovate. The Center provides informal and for-credit learning opportunities for students as well as counseling services to help students develop their innovation and business ideas. Students learn how to identify obstacles that could prevent their ideas from being successful and develop ways to test their ideas quickly and inexpensively.





*Dr. Peter Cummings '97, forensic pathologist, medical examiner, expert witness and author*

# New Group of UMaine Authors Joins the Ranks

By Susan E. Mullaney, CBC

Photo by Schwarzc Photography



The works of well-known alumni authors grace the walls of the Allain Library at Buchanan Alumni House. There's a bookcase dedicated to works of UMaine's most famous and prolific writer, Stephen King '70, '87 Hon. L.H.D. You'll also find the fictional works of A. Manette Ansay '87 and Tabitha Spruce King '71, '87 Hon. L.H.D.; non-fiction works by journalism professionals David Lamb '62 and Janine Di Giovanni '83; business books by Doug Hall '81; and natural science books by Bernd Heinrich '63, '66G. Now a new generation of writers are making their marks. Several of them joined us to answer questions and sign their books during Homecoming for a first-ever UMaine Alumni Authors' Day. The event was organized by the UMaine Bookstore in cooperation with the Alumni Association.

### A real-life "Bones"

Peter M. Cummings, M.D. '97 exhibits a boyish presence as he sits signing copies of his brand-new horror novel, *The Neuropathology of Zombies*, published by Sinister Press. The novel follows his recently published university textbook, *Forensic Histopathology*, from Cambridge University Press.

When asked how he went from a scientific treatise to a zombie thriller, Peter laughs and says, "Well, I was pretty burned out after finishing the textbook. But I was still in writing mode and I needed a creative project. So I thought I'd try my hand at something interesting but fun. At first, I thought I'd do a novel about a dashing forensic pathologist who solves mysteries and set it in my hometown of Millinocket. I was going to call it 'Magic City Murders.' I even started it, but soon realized that the genre was pretty well covered by other authors. However, I'm a horror movie buff. So one night I'm watching *Night of the Living Dead* for the hundredth time and said to myself, 'I'll do a zombie book. But I'll do it from a scientific perspective.' It would let me combine my two favorite things — horror stories and science. Readers would be entertained, but they'd learn a little something too, while they're at it."

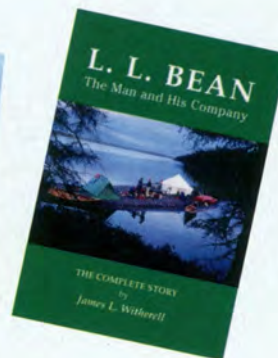
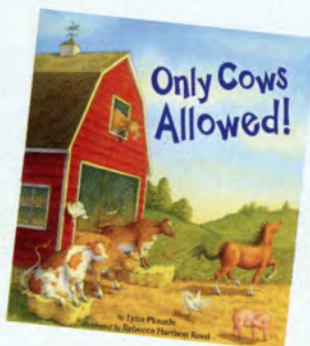
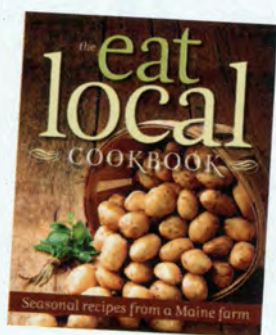
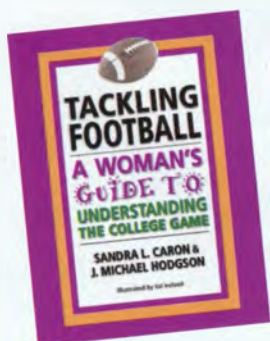
Peter has earned his "scientific chops" the old fashioned way. After receiving his degree from UMaine in zoology, Peter earned his master's degree in pathology from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1999 and his medical degree from the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland, in 2004. Peter

currently serves as a medical examiner and director of forensic neuropathology for the Boston medical examiner's office.

"I have to credit UMaine for setting me on my professional path. I wouldn't be where I am if I hadn't made the decision to go to UMaine. My favorite chemistry professor, Bruce Jenson, inspired me to go deeper into biochemistry and that led me into the field of pathology. My semester abroad in Ireland during my junior year led me to the Royal College of Surgeons," Peter states emphatically. "I really loved my time in Ireland and wouldn't have gotten there without the UMaine semester abroad program."

Peter was asked if he had met UMaine's most famous novelist, Stephen King and if he had sent him a copy of his book yet. Peter answered, "Yes, I have dropped off a copy with Mr. King's assistant and I'm hoping to hear back from him. I have this planned as a series of three books, and any insights a giant like Mr. King could provide would be greatly appreciated."

"But here's a funny footnote to that," Peter continued. "I graduated from John Baptist High School in Bangor. Senior year I got to know this new student, Joe Hill, who had just transferred in for his senior year. One afternoon, a bunch of us were talking about going to see the movie 'Dead Poets Society.' I asked Joe if he wanted to go too. Joe replied that he didn't have a ride, so I volunteered to give him one. When I got to Joe's house in Bangor, I finally realized just who this Joe Hill really was. He was already using his nom de plume rather than Joe King because he was determined to make





his way on his own, even at that age. Today, Joe is a successful writer in several genres. I've sent him a copy of my book as well. I hope he remembers me."

According to Peter, his fictional story is based on the premise of a virus that attacks the amygdala, an area of the brain that controls reasoning and adaptive choice making. "There's a whole system of connections in the brain, called the mesolimbic system, that are responsible for our emotional memories and responses. Our behaviors come out of that. If those connections get disrupted or lost, people can do very crazy things," Peter explains. "It is not beyond belief that certain medical conditions could produce zombie-like behaviors. For example, there's one called Kluver-Bucy syndrome." It's this taut balance between real science, imagination and skillful story-telling that has brought Peter's book some excellent reviews. Besides the film work of George Romero, director of *Night of the Living Dead*, Peter claims that his other major influence was the television series, "The X-Files." "I loved that show. I particularly loved the Scully character. Here was a character who had to take things that were beyond belief and rationalize them. I was always surprised and dismayed that no writer had done more with a character like that. So I did."

The hero of Peter's book is Benjamin Hawk, MD, a pathologist who is described on the book jacket as "an unassuming, regular guy who happens to cut up dead bodies for a living." Hawk's involvement begins as a sort of joke when he gives a tongue-in-cheek lecture on the neuropathology of zombies to a group of medical students. Next thing he knows, he's drafted by the government and sent to a resort island to deal with an outbreak of zombies at a luxury hotel. "The plot revolves around a scientist trying to overcome his fears and using his knowledge to save the world. Does he have the confidence to pull it off? You'll have to buy the book to find out," Peter concludes.

*The Neuropathology of Zombies* is available from the UMaine Bookstore's Website, or from Amazon.com if you want an eBook version. It is also available from Sinister Press.

### From sports biographer to investigative journalist

How does a retired sportscaster find himself in the middle of exposing a closely guarded secret left over from the Vietnam conflict? According to Terry Tibbetts '63, it happens when you go the extra mile in your research. Terry's new book, *A Spartan Game*, reveals the story of Don Holleder, the quarterback of the 1955

## UMaine authors with new books

### Tackling Football: A Woman's Guide to Understanding the College Game

By Sandra Caron '79, '82G and  
J. Michael Hodgson '79, '82G



Sandra Caron, UMaine professor of family relations and human sexuality, and Mike Hodgson, former UMaine tight end, college coach and now UMaine's assistant athletic director for development, have joined forces to help women football fans get a greater appreciation of the game.

"I was your classic, 'Oh the whistle blew. I wonder what that means,'" Sandy says. "From my experience, some women football fans – and some men football fans

for that matter – are not well versed in the intricacies of football. Most are avid spectators, but some are not knowledgeable avid football spectators. There are very few resources that are as user-friendly and colorfully appealing as our book," Sandy explains. "We designed the book for women who are enthusiastic fans and want to learn more about the game. Most books are written for young boys wanting to play the game. And they take the perspective of someone who actually plays the game. Ours is a more casual, visual approach geared to women spectators."

The book was conceived by Caron and Hodgson back when they were UMaine students. But the two went their separate ways after graduation and nothing ever came of the idea. The two met again at a UMaine-UNH football game last year in Orono. In the midst of reminiscing, the idea of the football guide came up again, and the two set to work on it. The book, with illustrations by Val Ireland of UMaine's creative services department, is published by Maine College Press. It is available at the UMaine Bookstore's Website, and as an

eBook on Amazon.com. The Website [www.tackling-football.com](http://www.tackling-football.com) has more details.

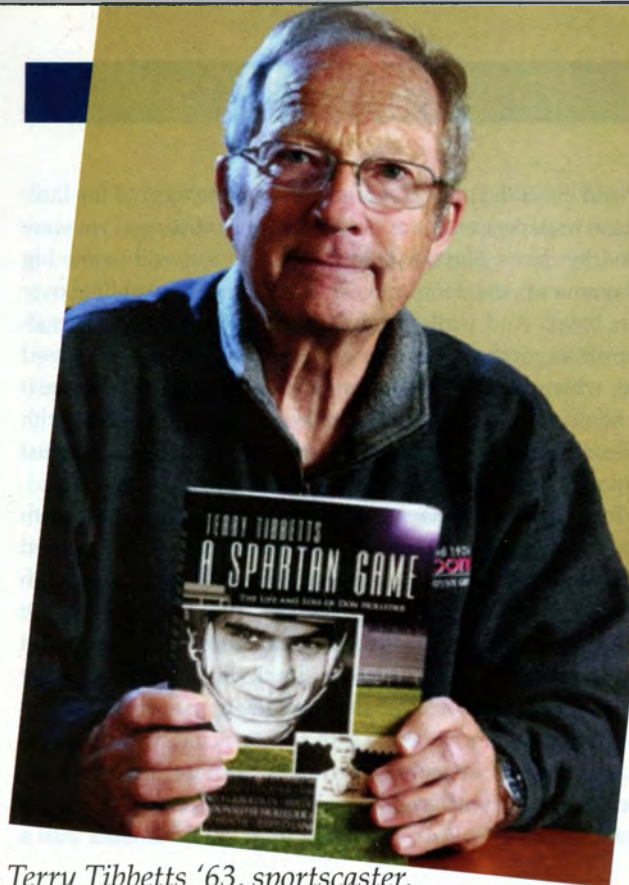
### The Eat Local Cookbook: Seasonal Recipes from a Maine Farm

By Lisa Leclair Turner '85



So what is a civil engineer doing writing a cookbook? Lisa and her husband, Ralph, own Laughing Stock Farm in Freeport, Maine. Now in their 15th year of farming, they farm 10 acres of certified organic vegetables and herbs plus five greenhouses they heat in the winter with used cooking oil. In addition to supplying 18 Maine





*Terry Tibbetts '63, sportscaster, safe-driving advocate and author.*

restaurants from Freeport to Wells, the couple operates a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program and a farm stand rated one of the top 50 in Maine by *Down East Magazine*.

"This cookbook is the result of our appearance in *Down East*. We were ranked #28 in the survey done by the magazine's food editor. When the editor visited, I showed him my Xeroxed recipe handout I had been giving to CSA members. When you buy a membership in a CSA you share in the harvest, week by week during the summer and fall. Whatever types of vegetables or fruits are harvested that week, every CSA member gets a share. No picking and choosing. I got tired of people saying to me, 'what is that thing there and what do I do with it?' So I started soliciting recipes from local Maine people on how to cook everything we would be growing. When I showed the recipes to the editor, he said that I had half a cookbook and why didn't I finish it. And he told me that *Down East* would be interested in publishing it if I would finish it. That conversation resulted in another year's research and what I think

is a beautifully simple, useful book." And a humorous one as well. Lisa's dry Maine wit is apparent throughout the pages.

The book's 125 recipes are arranged by season with subcategories for appetizers, salads, side dishes, entrees and desserts. The recipes feature both ordinary and exotic produce available in Maine, as well as meats and seafood. If you've decided to improve your diet and your health by going organic, this is the book for you. The book is published by Down East Publishing and is available from the UMaine Bookstore's Website as well as from the publisher.

### **Only Cows Allowed**

*By Lynn Plourde '77, '78G*

Award-winning children's author Lynn Plourde has written more than 20 books for kids, a job she calls "the best in the world." According to Lynn, she can't remember a time when she didn't love words and reading. Lynn attended UMaine, receiving both her undergraduate and graduate degrees in speech therapy. She then worked for 21 years in Maine public schools as a speech therapist.

Army football team that upset their heavily favored Navy rivals in a legendary Army-Navy game.

"I started out to write a magazine article about what I considered the greatest Army-Navy football game of all time. The hero of that game was the Army quarterback, Don Hollender, who proved to be an incredibly unselfish and self-sacrificing leader of men. Those values seem to be in short supply these days, and I thought that by telling Don's story I could shine a spotlight on those important leadership attributes," Terry states emphatically.

Don Hollender was an All-American end at Army who perhaps could have gone on to a Heisman trophy playing that position. However, the Army team's quarterback went out with a season-ending injury and legendary coach Vince Lombardi, then offensive coordinator for the West Point team, asked Hollender to fill the position. In an act of self-sacrifice, Hollender decided to accept the assignment and gave up his chance for the Heisman.

"I remember watching that game in 1955," Terry says. "That's the year we got our first television. It was incredibly memorable for me. So I decided that I wanted to write about it."

Terry, a speech major at UMaine, had his heart set on a career in broadcasting. He worked at radio stations WFAU and WRDO in



A native of Dexter, Maine, and graduate of Skowhegan Area High School, Lynn married her husband, Paul Knowles '89G, '99 C.A.S., '05 Ph. D., in 1984 and became an "instant" mom. "I gained a ready-made family, with my then three- and four-year-old stepsons, Seth and Lucas. Suddenly I had two boys to read to every night. I would go to the library and check out a big bag of picture books every week. I discovered that I loved the books almost more than the boys did and thought maybe I could write a picture book myself. And I tried for 13 years to do just that, collecting hundreds of rejection letters. Finally in 1997, I had my first book published, *Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of the Rud*. It was worth waiting for... especially since the illustrations



Augusta during the 1960s and returned to broadcasting in the 1980s for State TV, where he ran the defensive driving program. Terry was one of the first to broadcast basketball and baseball on WMEB-FM, the University's first non-closed circuit radio station. From there, urged on by a favorite UMaine professor, Terry earned a master's degree in broadcasting at the University of Indiana, where an investigative reporting class landed him and several classmates in *Sports Illustrated* magazine.

"At the time, there were a number of colleges and universities cited for violations of the fire laws in Indiana. For example, Butler University had to cut their seating from 18,000 to 4,000 to stay within code. If there had ever been a fire at a basketball game, because of the configuration of the exit doors, hundreds of students would have been killed and injured. So my classmates and I decided to investigate whether the field house at Indiana was in compliance. We researched the formula, took our measuring tapes, and went out to measure the field house. We did the calculations several times to be certain and sure enough, Indiana would either have to replace the doors or cut its seating capacity to 3,500. We really weren't trying to cause trouble, so we went to the athletic department and showed them our findings. We were dismissed

out of hand. So at the urging of our professor, we went to the Indianapolis newspapers with the story. From that coverage, we were contacted by *Sports Illustrated*. At that point, and with some big games coming up, the doors and exits got fixed in record time over semester break. And while I didn't go into investigative journalism, I never forgot the experience. As that professor had impressed upon us, when you find an important story, you have to pursue it to the end no matter what. And that's what I felt bound to do with the Holleder story once the facts started to come to light about just how and why he died in Vietnam."

As Terry started interviewing the Holleder family along with Don's teammates and roommates from West Point, a story started to emerge. In October of 1967, an ill-conceived battle at Ong Thanh in Vietnam cost the lives of 58 U.S. soldiers, including Holleder. Of the 147 members of the elite Black Lion fighting squad who went in, only 12 walked out on their own. Ironically, Holleder had not been part of the initial force. When it became apparent to Holleder that there were no officers left to direct the evacuation of the dead and wounded, he volunteered to go in to help out, something he considered the duty of an officer. He was killed by an enemy sniper after the battle. This battle had sent 150 Americans into a

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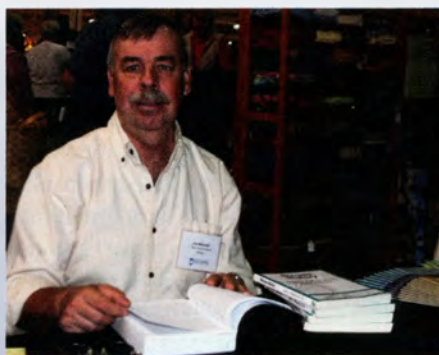
were done by Caldecott medalist, John Schoenherr. Since then, I've had the opportunity to work with wonderful illustrators and publishers. I write full time now from our home in Winthrop. Although the boys are now grown, Paul and I have a teenage daughter, Kylee, who was the inspiration for my book *Wild Child*."

Lynn's new book, *Only Cows Allowed*, is available on the UMaine Bookstore's Website and from Down East Publishers. Find out more about Lynn and her many activities at her charming Website, [www.lynnplourde.com](http://www.lynnplourde.com).

### L.L. Bean – The Man and his Company

By James L. Witherell '81, '82

Where do you go to look for a subject after you've written a definitive book on bicycle history? If you are Jim Witherell, sometime L.L. Bean employee, Master Maine Guide as well as cycling enthusiast, you turn to a definitive if unauthorized history of Leon Leonwood Bean and the company he founded in 1912. Jim remembers the Freeport store when you had to climb a



creaky set of stairs to get to it. That was decades before L.L. Bean's multiple retail stores and the crowd of outlet "Bean sprouts" that now dominate the center of Freeport.

"About five years ago, I was searching for a subject for my second book. With the 100th anniversary of the L.L. Bean Company coming up, I thought maybe that would make an interesting book that might interest some other people as well. So I approached the company, but they weren't interested. L.L. Bean himself had published an autobiography in 1960. And Leon Gorman, the former company president and L.L.'s grandson, published his book, *L.L. Bean: The Making of an American Icon*,

about five years ago. So I guess they thought the subject was pretty well covered. But I persevered," states Jim.

"It's been a fascinating process for me. I used all the published materials that were available. I probably have about two bookshelves full of articles and books. But then I started interviewing people. These were people who knew L.L. Bean and people who were longtime employees of the company. That unearthed a lot of interesting facts and stories. My research probably turned up some things even the company archivist doesn't know about," Jim asserts.

"About 50 percent of the book is L.L. Bean biography. The other 50 percent is about the company that bears his name, after he was gone. L.L. was mostly interested in the hunting, fishing and outdoorsy stuff. His cold, wet, sore feet on a hunting trip inspired him to invent his famous Maine Hunting Shoe. By the '60s, he was perfectly content making the famous Bean boots and offering clothes, tents and other related items for hunters and fishermen and being a \$4 million mail-order operation. It was his grandson and successor,




trap set by 1,400 North Vietnamese regulars without any U.S. air support or covering artillery fire. Ground support had been part of the initial battle plan, but was canceled at the last minute by the general in charge in a colossal misjudgment of the strength of the enemy.

In the course of interviewing participants of the battle, the story started to emerge of the cover-up that had occurred in 1967. The U.S. Army had actually declared that the encounter was an American victory and medals were awarded to the dead officers. "The battle was covered up just so they could pretend that no mistakes were made," Terry states. "This was the first time that American forces were truly outnumbered, outmaneuvered, and just totally blown away. And so the junior officers were pressured into supporting an untrue story at the risk of their careers. The fact that they caved in to the pressure and lied about the facts of the battle has haunted these men for decades. Many were relieved that I was finally giving them the chance to tell the truth about what really happened."

Holleder's memory is preserved at the Holleder Center at West Point, built by his classmates from the Class of 1956. Not only had Don Holleder sacrificed his chance at a Heisman, he had also given

up his chance to play professional football for Vince Lombardi and the New York Giants to serve his country and his soldiers. He had given up a "safe" assignment in Europe to serve on the ground in Vietnam because he feared that the instructors preparing U.S. troops for battle in Southeast Asia were poorly versed in tactics and unaware of the realities of the Vietnam conflict. That noble and unselfish decision cost him his life.

"One of Don's classmates has used my research to get Don's medal upgraded from a Silver Star to a Distinguished Service Cross. The family is planning to present Don's medal to West Point for display in the Holleder Center when it arrives. I'm pleased that I was able to make a difference for Don's family and friends and to demonstrate that putting in the extra effort to take a good story and turn it into an exceptional one is the responsibility of a good writer. What I thought would be a one-year project turned into a three-year journey with lots of travel. But it has been worth it, just for all the people we've met along the way. And to get Don Holleder the recognition he deserves for the honorable and heroic individual he was," Terry concludes. Terry's book is available from Amazon.com. 

Leon Gorman, who had the vision that turned L.L. Bean into the international brand it is today. Leon waited seven years for his chance to lead the company. And he made the most of it."

Jim's well-received book is available from Amazon.com and from his publisher, Tillbury House of Gardiner, Maine.

### **Prelude to Courage: An Air Warrior's Journey of Faith**

*By David Bergquist '66, '69G*

This is David's first book, a biography of UMaine alumnus Austin Rodney Keith, a member of the legendary Class of 1944. Austin Keith was a talented actor and writer, starring in many productions with the Maine Masque company at UMaine. His mentor was well-known theater professor Herschel Bricker, who was David Bergquist's theater professor as well. David, a retired college dean, has developed a reputation in his native Bangor, as a local historian and World War II aficionado.

"I have long been fascinated and inspired by the Greatest Generation, those fellow alumni of the classes of the 1940s



who put all their ambitions, dreams, hopes and goals on hold to risk their lives for their country in World War II. They quite literally helped save the world and the American way of life," David asserts.

"I discovered Austin Keith in the Bangor Public Library where a memorial book honors those who died serving in World War II. Each person had a photo and a small biographical write-up. In Austin's write-up it mentioned a play he wrote, 'Prelude to Courage,' and I became determined to find that play and read it. I knew that Austin had been a fellow UMaine alumnus. But I couldn't find a copy of it anywhere. That started me on a quest that led through the archives

of the Fogler Library and 95 boxes of Professor Bicker's papers and to the home of Nancy Marcoux of Guilford, N.H., who had cared for Austin's sister Marion in her last years. Nancy had kept a box labeled 'Austin's Things' which became for me the basis of my work which has inspired me for the last two and a half years. I hope other UMaine alumni will also want to share Austin's story of courage, self-sacrifice and faith," David concludes.

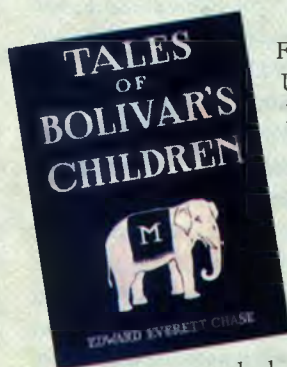
Members of the Class of '44 may have memories of Austin Keith, known by his classmates as "Aussie." Keith became a pilot of the famous B-29 Superfortress, the most expensive and impressive war machine of its time. Only the best of the best were allowed at its controls, of which Austin Keith was one, an actor turned winged warrior. Austin died in a crash over Japan. His name has been memorialized by his classmates on the plaque outside Class of '44 Hall. One of their own who never came home to Maine from the Pacific.

David Bergquist's book is available from Amazon.com and from his publisher, Heritage Books.



# A Tale of Two Mascots

By Susan E. Mullaney, CBC



Fans of UMaine athletics love to see the University's mascot, Bananas T. Bear, in his various attire leading the cheers at Alfond Arena or Morse Field. Thanks to the brothers of Alpha Phi Omega, Bananas comes to life on a regular basis and brings delight to everyone.

But Bananas, even when he was an actual live bear, wasn't the University's first mascot. That honor belongs to an elephant, dubbed The Great Bolivar. According to the legend espoused by Edward Everett Chase, Class of 1903, one Seldon and two fraternity brothers nicknamed Spike Stewart and Razoo Bunker, liberated Bolivar from a Bangor clothing store. Seldon had decided that as a lowly freshman, he needed to make a big impression on campus, and what was bigger than an elephant? With axes in hand, the young men cut the large metal sign loose and transported it back to Orono behind a trolley car.

The sign was painted light blue and white, and paraded around the football field during the next game. The delighted fans cheered their UMaine team on to victory, making Seldon the hero of the hour. However, word of Bolivar's appearance at the game reached the store owner, who came to campus with a police escort to reclaim his property. But word of his coming reached the fraternity house in time, and the brothers hid Bolivar in the Stillwater,



marked by a buoy. The following Saturday, Bolivar appeared again during the game. And again, the store owner vowed to return. The crafty brothers cut out a wooden replica, painted it and nailed it to the bleachers. When the store owner and police escort returned, all they found was the wooden elephant. Eventually the Bolivar sign was stolen or destroyed, legend has it by either the Colby or Bowdoin fans. Chase describes a brawl at the train station in Brunswick after a losing game, in defense of Bolivar. In the following 10 years, Bolivar appeared at games as a sheetmetal replica, powered by two students, that was paraded around the field at games and rallies until it was replaced in 1912 by the first Bananas. Legend has it that Bolivar was buried under the stands, or perhaps returned to the Stillwater. No one has ever found his remains.

A small bear cub named Jeff was presented to the University by police chief O.B. Fernandez of Old Town. He made his debut at a rally before the Colby game. The crowd's response was so enthusiastic to the bear's antics, it was said "they went bananas." And the

**Bolivar in 1908 was a painted wooden cut out (above). By 1911, Bolivar had become a sheetmetal mascot outfit worn by two students (below), which was paraded around the athletic field.**





name stuck. Since that fateful game, the athletic teams have been known as the Black Bears. In 1914, a new bear was introduced, presented by track team captain Lloyd Houghton. Some claim that this is the bear given the name Bananas by track coach Art Smith.

For the next 50 years, until a court ruling in 1966 banned the use of live bears as mascots, 12 live Bananas, along with a Sally Bananas and a Cindy Bananas, entertained and inspired football fans and teams at UMaine games. During those years, its legend grew. For example, it is said that in 1916, the midshipmen of the Naval Academy asked that Bananas make an appearance on their sideline during the annual Army-Navy game. And in 1921, Bananas made his movie debut in *The Rider of the King Log*. When this film star Bananas died, it is said he was stuffed and later placed in the Memorial Gym.

There are many more tales and legends surrounding the UMaine mascots. We're certain our readers are familiar with some of these. In fact, some may have even been participants in the tales, harking back to the notorious Seldon of 1903, immortalized in Edward E. Chase's delightful book, *Tales of Bolivar's Children*, published in 1914. Then of course, there is the tale of Mr. Spear's pig. Ever wonder why the Phi Gams have a pig roast in the spring and the sophomores have to get the pig? Ed Chase knew! 🐾

Bananas at a game



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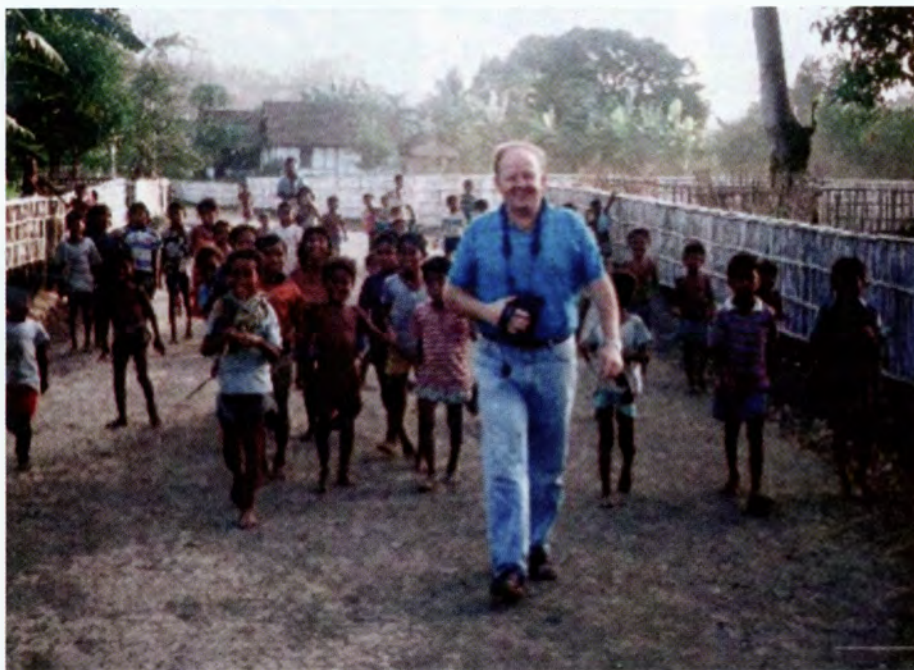
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"Every time we visited a village for the first time, kids would come out of nowhere to see what was going on. If nothing else, we provided a lot of entertainment for the children."

Scientists claim that black bears are territorial and not very migratory. Maybe they should consider adding the University of Maine Black Bears to their studies. Data would show that Black Bears are indeed very migratory!

Art Lilley '65 is one such migratory Black Bear. The child of an Air Force family, he attended 17 different schools when he was growing up. "I was taught a nomadic lifestyle," he said. When his parents were stationed at Loring Air Force Base in Limestone, Maine, attending the University of Maine was "a logical decision." Since earning a degree in mechanical engineering, he has been involved in the development and commercialization of renewable energy technologies for over 30 years and is responsible for the Community Power Corporation's business and strategic development activities. He is considered to be an international expert on renewable AC hybrids for remote village power as well as productive uses of renewable energy.

After graduation from UMaine he relocated to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and went to work as a mechanical design engineer at the Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory. He specialized in radioactive materials testing and later became manager of reactor fueling for the Advanced Submarine Project. He obtained an MBA from the Katz School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh in 1972.

In 1979 Lilley left Bettis and joined Westinghouse. For the next 17 years he held a number of positions at the company. He was responsible for developing the strategic plan for commercializing distributed generation technologies such as photovoltaics, wind turbines, fuel cells, and

## Power to the People

Art Lilley '65 brings renewable energy technologies to remote regions

By Mellissia Richards '02, '12



"We were a little concerned because we had to install this solar system on asphalt and were worried about the lack of reflection. Someone had the idea to paint the asphalt white."



"I had the opportunity to visit one of our systems in the desert of Abu Dhabi. This first-of-a-kind solar/diesel hybrid system was installed for Etisalat, the largest telecommunications company in the United Arab Emirates."



advanced batteries. He also worked with different nuclear power systems including reactors and fusion, coal gasification, and nuclear waste. He then began to work with solar energy power systems.

The experience he gained working with solar power has benefited smaller developing countries and he developed solar modules for small off-grid communities. The first modules tested were on Coconut Island, located in the Torres Strait between Australia and Papua New Guinea. The solar module system provided power to a community of 25 homes. However, the project was disheartening.

"When the modules were returned to us, we found that wet sand had accumulated up to a half-inch thick on each module, creating a complete barrier to sunlight," Art remarked.

He then installed and tested solar systems in the desert of Abu Dhabi, Indonesia, and Mexico.

In 1995, Lilley founded Community Power Corporation with Robb Walt. They began developing the concept of a Renewable Energy Service Company (RESCO) that would provide modern energy services to rural people. The first RESCO project was implemented on the island of Sumatra in Indonesia in 1997. Lilley and Walt installed solar systems in homes and the energy services were sold to homeowners for a flat fee per month. The solar panels provided enough electricity to light the homes and power a small television.

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When the financial crisis in Asia in 1998 severely affected the value of Indonesian currency, the solar modules became too expensive to continue operating and the program ended. At the same time, the U.S. Department of Energy saw a need for small modular biopower systems and Art's company was one of ten companies selected to perform a market assessment. Community Power Corporation

developed a system of biomass power for the village of Alaminos on the island of Panay in the Philippines. The system converted about 40 pounds of coconut shells, a common biomass source, into 12 kilowatts of AC electricity that powered the village of 80 homes.

Today, the biomass systems Lilley developed have been fine-tuned into

smaller and increasingly efficient units. The newest small modular biopower system, named the BioMax, converts about 200 pounds of woodchips per hour into 100 kilowatts of heat. The system is fully automated and can be run over the Internet. The systems are currently planned for installation in Colorado, Canada, and Hawaii. 🐾

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From Antarctica to Southeast Asia:

# Studying the Natural Enemies of Invasive Insects

Paul W. Schaefer '66, '74 Ph.D.

By Abigail Zelz

It was late fall in 1962 and the weather in Orono was raw and miserable. Freshman Paul Schaefer found himself outside in the bitter cold University of Maine forest measuring trees for a forestry course—measurements used to calculate board feet of lumber for commercial use. He was struck by how that perspective on trees contrasted with an entomology course he was also taking. In that course he was considering trees as food for insects.

Calculating lumber left him cold, but he found the food for insects perspective fascinating. So that December, after a particularly uncomfortable, frigid session in the forest when his gloved hands were too cold to handle the forestry measuring chain easily, the Rocky Hill, Connecticut, native changed his major to entomology.

He was glad to leave the sleet and wind of the forest. And the diversity of insect species as well as employment opportunities in entomology appealed to him. Looking back, he credits UMaine with providing him with the foundation for his “delightful career.”

Schaefer arrived on campus after four years in the Coast Guard, attracted by the

University's wildlife management program. He settled into campus life, devoting most of his time to his job as resident assistant in Oak and Hannibal Hamlin halls and to his studies.

## Fieldwork and graduate school

Graduating in 1966, he was accepted to the master's program at the University of Hawaii. But before moving to Hawaii, he contacted that state's Bishop Museum to inquire about becoming involved in some of their research. They replied with an offer of field research in Antarctica. So prior to working on a master's in the tropics, Schaefer joined other researchers at McMurdo Station and other locations in the vast, frozen landscape for an autumnal summer.

“I spent a lot of time lying on my stomach,” he recalls, looking for and preserving free-living mites. These tiny creatures feed on lichens and mosses, living wherever there is freestanding water. While admiring the dramatic geological features of the icy continent, he focused on the mites and parasites that live among the feathers of skuas and penguins or the fur of seals.

Shortly after his Antarctic experience,

he married his wife, Jane, who had been a Peace Corps volunteer in Valdivia, Chile. They moved to Hawaii, where they both earned master's degrees. Afterward, they celebrated by taking a circuitous trip through Asia and Europe, and back to Connecticut where Schaefer worked at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) in New Haven. He had spent summers at CAES as an undergraduate, working with the staff on infestations of the gypsy moth in Connecticut's oak forests. When one of his supervisors, David E. Leonard, left CAES to join the faculty at UMaine, he suggested Schaefer consider applying to Orono's Ph.D. program.

Schaefer returned to Orono in 1970 with his young family and pursued graduate studies under the guidance of Leonard, Eben Osgood, Geddes Simpson, and John Diamond. At the time, Leonard was researching the North American gypsy moth, a pesky species that was defoliating hardwood forests in New England and spreading. The population of the destructive gypsy moth was increasing, infesting densely populated areas and feasting on a variety of trees and shrubs in forests, neighborhoods, parks, and gardens. Because the gypsy moth survives on a wide variety of trees and shrubs—from oak, apple, poplar, willow, and hickory—it can migrate to different areas. In severe outbreaks, the moths consume enough tree leaves to weaken and sometimes kill the trees. The infestation peaked in New England in the early 1980s, but in the early 1970s, gypsy moths were a real nuisance, destroying





plant life and spreading both west and to the mid-Atlantic region.

Schaefer chose a close cousin of the gypsy moth, the browntail moth, as his area of focus. His thesis research on the browntail moth, also an invasive species that arrived in North America from Europe, led to his next adventure, which, like his fieldwork in Antarctica, combined entomology with travel.

### Research in Asia

Schaefer completed his doctorate in 1974, and was in Orono when Fred Holbrook at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) office on campus received a proposal.

"It's written for you," Schaefer recalls him saying.

The proposal was to study the natural enemies of the Asian gypsy moth. Schaefer sent a letter of inquiry, was hired shortly after, and was sworn in as an employee of the USDA, Agricultural Research Service in 1975 at the lab on campus. He headed to Japan shortly after, where he established a laboratory which became the Asian Parasite Laboratory in Sapporo. With a Japanese assistant entomologist and part-time secretary, he served as location and research leader, working to see if some species might be useful in the control of the North American gypsy moth. Though the Asian gypsy moth had traits that differed from the European variety common in North America, many similarities existed, and the challenges were comparable.

Schaefer was no stranger to Asian

culture. He had traveled to Japan three times on weather patrols with the Coast Guard and had explored the areas surrounding the port. He ended up spending nearly five years in Sapporo, where he first encountered a disease-causing fungus that is quite specific to the gypsy moth. The fungus has since spread widely in North America and has greatly impacted gypsy moths, helping to control their population.

After his assignment in Japan, he returned to the U.S. in 1979 and worked as a research entomologist at the USDA in Newark, Delaware. During his career at the Beneficial Insects Introduction Research Lab he was involved with a number of different projects, and although he was based in the U.S., he continued to travel, and specialized in exploration in East Asia.

Since his time in Japan, he has returned multiple times, and has also made numerous trips to rural parts of South Korea, China, Mongolia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, India, Australia, and Vietnam. In rural, often remote areas of these countries and regions he has studied specific insects and their natural enemies with an objective of using beneficial species for the suppression of invasive pests.

When he travels to Korea, he stays with Hai-Poong Lee, who was conducting post-doctoral research in entomology at UMaine during part of the time that Schaefer was a Ph.D. student in Orono. The two forged a friendship on campus and remain "like brothers" to the present. Schaefer has conducted moth-trapping experiments at Lee's rural farm. Lee is now professor

emeritus at Dongguk University in Seoul after a long teaching career.

Schaefer's frequent travels have included various adventures, such as playing in an exhibition game of basketball on a dried mud court in a remote Chinese village. "Dribbling was a challenge since the court was uneven, and during the game the backboard gave way and it all came crashing down," he recalls.

His work also brought him to Asian cities during historic moments. In Beijing, he was an official guest of the Chinese government at the time of the 35th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

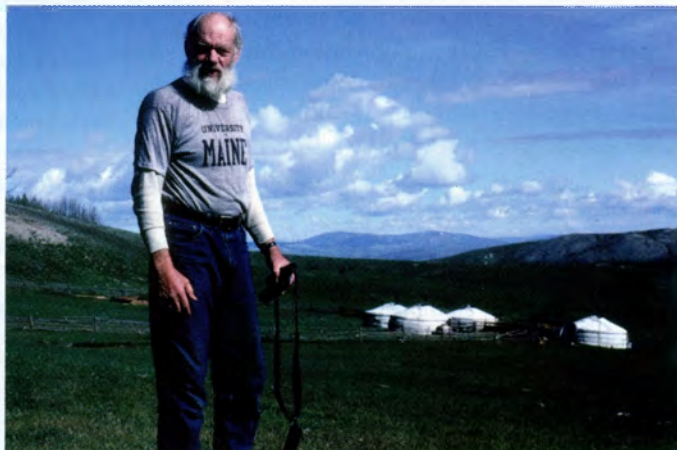
*Photos from left:*

**Paul Schaefer holds an emperor penguin he has just examined near Hallett Station, Antarctica. Schaefer was part of a team doing field research on free-living mites and ectoparasitic insects in 1966-1967.**

**Schaefer and Hai-Poong Lee preparing moth traps at Lee's Korean farm in 1996. The colleagues met when Lee was a visiting research associate in Orono in 1973-1976. He is professor emeritus at Dongguk University in Seoul.**

**Schaefer photographing adult moths on recently girdled Japanese larch trees, 1996.**

**Schaefer on the steppe of northern Mongolia in August 2003.**





sary of the Peoples Republic of China. And he was in Hong Kong during China's takeover of that territory.


But he says that these momentous events made less of an impression than the unique environments and spectacular scenery.

"What impressed me more," he notes, "was living in a tent for 17 days straight in the breathtakingly beautiful hills and grassy meadows in the wilds of Mongolia near the shores of Lake Hovsgol where we studied the Asian gypsy moth in the nearby Siberian larch forests."

### Mount Schaefer

Now retired and living in Maryland, Schaefer has collaborated with chemical ecologist Gerhard Gries at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, British Columbia. Together they have identified a number of the highly specific sex pheromones of close relatives of the gypsy moth. They are able to assess the population of these moths in a particular area by baiting traps and capturing the males. Schaefer and his colleagues are also making great strides in learning about the evolution of communication systems among these moth species.

But beyond his research in the U.S. and East Asia, Schaefer also left his mark, albeit unknowingly, on Antarctica. In December 2010, Jane Schaefer did an online search of her husband on Google and found, to their complete surprise, that Mount Schaefer on that continent bears his name. Researchers who traveled to Antarctica in the late 1960s had mountains, peaks, glaciers, and other geological features named for them. Although the naming occurred in 1970, Schaefer never received notification. Mt. Schaefer stands some four hundred miles from its namesake's former post at McMurdo Station, and is at the western end of Robinson Heights in the Admiralty Mountains of Victoria Land.

It is perhaps ironic that Mt. Schaefer, in the frozen extremity of the Earth, bears the name of a UMaine alumnus who changed the course of his academic—and consequently working—career based in part on unpleasant climate conditions in the autumn of his freshman year. 

## What are The ALUMNI FUND and The FUND?

### What is The ALUMNI FUND?

In September 2009 the University of Maine Alumni Association's fundraising model changed which brought an end to the dues-paying membership program and started the current donation-based funding structure. This change benefits our alumni because they can now claim their gifts to the Alumni Association on their taxes, where in the past, membership dues did not qualify as a charitable gift.

The ALUMNI FUND is the Alumni Association's annual fundraising campaign. The Alumni Association is an independent 501(c)3 that has to raise 52% of its operating budget each fiscal year in order to serve our alumni and offer the programs and services our alumni enjoy. Donating annually to The ALUMNI FUND ensures you will receive *MAINE Alumni Magazine* twice a year. All alumni are considered members of the Alumni Association and annual contributions will keep you connected to your alma mater and on the cutting edge of events to keep you involved.

#### Gifts to The ALUMNI FUND support:

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- **Programming** like the Class adoption program and alumni finder to name a few.

### What is The FUND for the University of Maine?

The FUND at the University of Maine seeks private support from alumni, parents, friends, faculty, staff, and from new and existing donors on an annual basis. Since the University of Maine is state assisted, not state funded, private support is critical to its ability to offer the best education and experience possible to students. Gifts to The FUND support areas such as scholarships, technology upgrades, student travel and research, classroom and laboratory improvements, new program development, and other campus facilities.

In the past fiscal year The FUND operated independently of The ALUMNI FUND and was soliciting funds for Presidential Priorities and college/department initiatives, to name a few, with the gifts going to current-year expenses incurred to educate our students.

### How do I direct my gift?

All gifts to The ALUMNI FUND and/or The FUND are processed through the same gift processing department here at the University of Maine. As a donor, it is important for you to clearly indicate to us where you wish your gift to go.

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- Make your check payable to either UMAA or the University of Maine and indicate in the memo line of the check your desired designation.

### Recent developments for fiscal year 2011-2012

In the 2011-2012 fiscal year the University of Maine and the Alumni Association have reached an agreement that The ALUMNI FUND campaign will be run under the umbrella of The FUND and will have a coordinated effort to raise funds. Gifts to The FUND will still go to campus initiatives and The ALUMNI FUND will support alumni-centric initiatives, but will work in synergy with one another rather than independently of one another.

***Thank you to all who contribute annually! Regardless of your philanthropic interest, your generosity leaves a lasting imprint at the University of Maine.***



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Photos from Homecoming 2011

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*When asked to donate to the UMaine Alumni Association, it was easy to say yes. A stronger network of alumni will not only improve the image of the University, but also will allow us to find ways to connect in the business and personal arenas. The conduit for this strong network is the Alumni Association.*

— Owen McCarthy '10



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# Alumni News and Activities



Doug Hall '81 (left) with Alumni Association president, Todd Saucier '93, '97G.

## Doug Hall '81 Honored at Homecoming

**M**aster inventor and loyal alumnus Doug Hall '81 received the Alumni Association's prestigious Black Bear Award during a ceremony at Homecoming 2011. The award is given for outstanding service to the University of Maine.

Doug played an important role in Great Aspirations, a program associated with UMaine's National Center for Student Aspirations. He has also served as an Alumni Ambassador, and has been the featured speaker at convocation and commencement. Throughout his highly successful career, he has never failed to express his enthusiasm and appreciation for his alma mater.

Most recently, he helped launch a new program in innovation engineering on campus with the goal of helping Maine become the nation's leader for innovation-driven economic development. Beginning with guest lectures and presentations at the Center, his commitment grew steadily. He took a sabbatical from his business to teach three courses in innovation engineering. His leadership and experience have benefited students and the University, and recently he made a 10-year commitment to work with students, faculty, and businesses at the Center, without a salary or any cost to the University.

## CALENDAR

**Stamford, Connecticut**—Thursday, February 2—6:00-9:00 p.m.  
Sheraton Stamford Hotel—Black Bear Road Trip event  
Special guest: Paul Ferguson, UMaine president

**Rochester Alumni Chapter**—Friday, February 10  
Winter banquet, Daisy Flour Mill—4:00 p.m. social, 6:00 p.m. dinner

**Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter**—Tuesday, February 21—11:30 a.m.  
Lunch and meeting at Granite Hill Estates  
RSVP 1-800-934-2586 to Cassie Tenan—\$10  
Guest speaker: Steven P. Abbott, UMaine athletic director

**Washington, D.C.**—Thursday, March 1  
Black Bear Road Trip event

**Sarasota, FL**—Saturday, March 10  
Black Bear Road Trip event at Polo Grill

**Naples, FL**—Sunday, March 11  
Black Bear Road Trip event at The Club Pelican Bay

**Jacksonville, FL**—Tuesday, March 13  
Black Bear Road Trip event

**Daytona, FL**—Thursday, March 15  
Black Bear Road Trip event at Halifax River Yacht Club

**Portland Alumnae**—Thursday, April 5  
Fireside Inn, 81 Riverside St. Portland  
Zachary's chicken luncheon—\$15  
Hostesses: Margaret "Wendy" Dow Ricker '55, '84G—207-892-9121 and  
Betty F. Honan '42—207-799-0874

**Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter**—Tuesday, April 17—11:30 a.m.  
Lunch and meeting at Granite Hill Estates  
RSVP 1-800-934-2586 to Cassie Tenan—\$10.00 per person.  
Guest speaker: Elaine Clark, executive director of facilities, real estate, and planning at UMaine

**UMaine Alumni of the LowCountry**—Saturday, April 28—2:00 p.m.  
Lobster Mainia—Summerville, SC  
Contact Scott '89 & Jennifer Dill Ouellette '89—843-475-4006 or email  
tizhobab@aol.com.

**Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter**—Tuesday, May 15  
Annual meeting and dinner  
5:30 p.m. social, 6:00 p.m. dinner. More details to follow.

**Reunion 2012**—June 1 & 2  
University of Maine, Orono  
Classes of '37, '42, '47, '52, '57, '62, '67, and Senior Alumni honored.

**Watch for more details on these and other alumni activities or visit:**  
[umainealumni.com](http://umainealumni.com)





UMaine president Paul Ferguson (left) with his wife, Grace, and Dick Collins '59, who with his wife, Anne Adams Collins '61, are major donors to the Campaign.

## Celebrating the Success of Campaign Maine

Current UMaine president, Paul Ferguson and recently retired UMaine president, Robert Kennedy joined almost 300 alumni and friends at Homecoming 2011 for a thank-you celebration for donors to Campaign Maine.

During the celebration, Campaign co-chairs, Allen '54 and Sally Carroll Fernald '55, were recognized for their outstanding leadership. A total of \$157,231,400 has been raised from 23,000 donors from all 50 states. Seventeen donors gave \$1 million or more.

Attendees were treated to a BBQ lunch and entertained by UMaine vice president for development, Eric Rolfson's Old Grey Goose band.

## Attention Alumni: Call to Annual Meeting

The University of Maine General Alumni Association, Inc. 2012 Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 3, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the McIntire Room, Buchanan Alumni House. All UMaine alumni are welcome.

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### Correction:

We apologize to the Watson family and our readers for our mistake regarding the Fogler Legacy Award, which was mentioned in the summer 2011 issue.

The Watson family legacy began with Harry D. Watson '20 and continued with his son Richard '50, and Richard's children David '77 and Martha Watson Deane '78. David's wife, Joan Vernon Watson '76, and Martha's husband, Peter Deane '78, are also University of Maine graduates. Martha and Peter's two daughters, Jessica '06 and Jennifer '07, are the fourth generation of UMaine alumni.



# Homecoming 2011

*A football victory, tailgates, reunions, a craft show, and more all made for a grand day.*



Top left photo: UMaine students known as the "Naked Five" helped cheer the Black Bear football team to a Homecoming victory.

Top right photo: Joining the Alumni Band for the Homecoming game halftime performance were sou-saphone players Ryan D. Brickett '08 (left) and Alex Lessard '08.

Photo at right: Enjoying the pre-football tailgate at Homecoming 2011 are, front row (left to right): Codi Slike '07 and Jennifer Deane '07. Back row (left to right): Gary Zemrak '76, Sarah Penley '04, Bill Penley '77, Patti McDonough Penley '79, Martha Watson Deane '78, Peter Deane '78, and Patrick Penley '91.



Members of the Class of 1981 celebrated their 30th Reunion at Buchanan Alumni House during Homecoming 2011 in October.



## Senior Alumni

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Even though there are now only two editions of this magazine, the deadline always creeps up on me. As I write this, the campus is a-buzz with all the new students and the anticipation of a scholarly but fun-filled year at UMaine.

I can't help but compare this year's incoming class and mine way back in 1945. I only had one pair of slacks for weekend wear. Regardless of the weather, we wore skirts to walk to classes. I remember one day at minus 40 degrees, and we still wore skirts!

We were most decorous in comparison to some of the scantily clad freshmen. We certainly had few social issues due to dress, no drugs, and little drinking. I'm so glad I went when I did!

I live at Dirigo Pines in Orono, a fantastic retirement community. Many of the residents either taught at UMaine, attended UMaine, or received degrees there. Since I receive so little mail from alums, it's a great source for me.

Until his recent death, **George Carlisle '35, '86 Hon. Sc.D.** was one of our senior residents. George was a keen man, always so knowledgeable about current events, the financial reports, and forever noting any words he was not familiar with, looking the word up, and learning its usage.

George was still active at 98 directing the Prentiss and Carlisle forestry business. Sharing his wealth, he recently donated \$500,000 to the Cancer Center. Diagnosed with leukemia last spring, he fully realized the need for cancer care.

When someone lauded George for his generous gift, his response on being named a millionaire was, "Not any more!"

We loved George here at Dirigo Pines and miss him. He was always friendly, upbeat, and an inspiration to us all.

We just received an update on **Frank C. Waterhouse '33**, who was the first band manager at the University. His two sons and daughter presented him with a framed document stating they donated money for the purchase of a band instrument in his honor. Frank just turned 100 in mid-August. He lives in Melrose, MA.

Frank was married for 57 years to Ruth Pitcher Waterhouse and they had three children, all of whom attended the University of Southern Maine. He was employed at Midland-Ross (Cambridge Division) as a purchasing agent for approximately 20 years, and prior to that, he spent 10 years as a teacher.

There are so many wonderful senior

classmates out there who have stories to tell. Please share them with your fellow grads!

## 1937

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Greetings, Class of '37. There is little recent news to report about the Class of '37. When you receive future issues of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*, please check the Senior Alumni column for news of classmates. I'm sending wishes to all of you for a good 2012.

## 1939

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An earthquake, a hurricane, and long-continuing rains have done their best to dampen my spirits, but most of the time, my morale has been very upbeat. Remembering the good days at Maine so long ago always gives me a happy jolt. News of you all, from either long ago or of a current vintage, would go a very long way to make me happy.

I have the group picture of our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Perhaps seeing it again would give some of you all enjoyment, reconnecting with another time and place. In the meantime, please do connect with me while I am still here. All for now, ELD

## 1940

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It was such a lift to receive an email from **Margaret Steinmetz Mosher** with some 1940 news. Thank you, Margaret. She attended the funeral of our classmate **Marjorie Coffee Latus** in Camillus, NY, in July. (Our sympathy goes to Marjorie's family.) There she met Marjorie's grandson who entered the University of Maine

this fall and was excited about going to our great University. Margaret came to Maine in August. She, her son, two daughters, and a grandson had a great vacation in Harpswell. Their time there was sunny with perfect temperatures. While in Maine they did some traveling around the state. She visited with **Paul** and **Ruth Worcester Johnson** in Buxton and saw **Emily Blake McMonagle**, who lives in South Portland. Margaret had also talked with **Maxine Robertson Furbush**, who spent August in Maine. Maxine lives with her son and family in Iowa. Margaret hears from **Ruth McClelland Jewell**, who lives with her husband in Sun City, AZ. Their children and grandchildren are all in the west. Our sympathy not only goes to Marjorie's family but also to the family of **Richard Morton** of Farmington, ME. Dick was a very dedicated classmate who always attended our reunions. He died on August 14th.

Vicki Sullivan '73, who teaches English at Southern Maine Community College, wrote an article called "Remembering the Special Teachers" in an August *Maine Sunday Telegram*. In it she wrote about **Priscilla Thomas Perry**, who was her sophomore teacher at South Portland High. She thanked Priscilla for her help and support for her writing. Kudos to you, Priscilla.

Email is such a help. Please add me to your address book so I will have some news.

## 1941

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A Maine Hello to all '41ers wherever you are! Our 70<sup>th</sup> Reunion in June was enjoyable and successful. I had requested a printout of the mailing list for our class; we have about 70 classmates listed. Ten classmates registered and nine were in attendance with the assistance or transportation by family members for which we are deeply grateful. **Charlene Perkins Strang**, **Anna Verrill DeMunn**, and I had Charlene's son, Peter, as our chauffeur. **Martha Hutchins Schelling** flew up from Florida and visited with her brother and his wife who accompanied her. **Barbara Young Pullen** '60G came with her son and daughter. **Alice Christie Weatherby** and her husband, Beverly '43, joined us. **Meredith Dondis**, **Paul Townsend**, and **Forrest Whitman** represented the fellows in our class.

All of us attended the Senior Alumni Luncheon at the Wells Conference Center; after a welcome by president Robert A. Kennedy, the deans of all the colleges spoke briefly. Sarah McPartland-Good, director of planned giving





The Portland Alumnae celebrated the group's 85th anniversary last fall. Agnes Ann Walsh '41 was one of seven past presidents to attend the December luncheon. Left to right are: Doris Ramsay Smith '53, Faith Wixson Varney '56, Agnes, Joan Fuller Russell '56 (holding banner), Donna Grant Rauschke '59, Carolyn Bull Dahlgren '56, and Dolores Amergion Drivas '52.

of the UMaine Foundation, honored **Glenna Johnson Smith** with comments and a quote from Glenna's book; Glenna had to cancel her reservation at the last minute. The Dirigo Pines retirement community in Orono extended an invitation for a free pancake breakfast; we enjoyed it after our ride from Portland. There were several open houses at various venues on campus during the afternoon. An All-Alumni Reception, a very social occasion, took place at the Buchanan Alumni House before the alumni dinner Saturday evening; about half of us attended.

Glenna Johnson Smith spends a week every June at Higgins Beach in Scarborough; this year we had lunch here at Piper Shores and an afternoon of reminiscing. Anna Verrill DeMunn invited Charlene Strang and me to her cottage in Harpswell; we relaxed and enjoyed the scenery from the cottage porch. After lunch at the Dolphin Marina, Anna drove us on a tour of the Harpswell communities. She knows her way around that peninsula after many summers in residence. It was a great day!

In September the seventh annual UMaine alumni luncheon took place at the Highlands in Topsham. Charlene and Barbara Savage Thompson '42, '63G shared "mistress of ceremonies" duties. The guest speaker was Paul W. Ferguson, the new University of Maine president. The Class of '41 was tied with four other classes for attendance; the guests represent classes from 1932-1971. Yes, 1932, there is a resident at the Highlands originally from Norway, ME, who is 101 years old and will celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> Reunion from the University in 2012.

The first Saturday in June, the Maine Historical Society hosted "The Dave Astor Show Reunion" at the Port City Music Hall in Portland. The guest of honor was the genial producer, **David Astor**, and the event offered

an afternoon of nostalgia for the 200+ people in attendance. Between 1956 and 1971, "The Dave Astor Show (for Teenagers Only)" was a weekly Saturday TV tradition for teenage performers and listeners. We are sorry to report that David died in December.

The recipients of the Class of 1941 Scholarships for 2011-2012 are Jordann Hatfield, a junior majoring in English whose hometown is Jefferson, and Jennifer Arey from Steuben, who is a senior majoring in accounting. This fall has begun on a high U of Maine note for me; two luncheon programs in Orono, Charles F. Allen Society and the U of Maine Foundation; two alumni gatherings, the Highlands event and a Portland Alumnae meeting; and sports weekend on TV, the first hockey game of the season (a loss by 2-1) and a win in the second game, and a football game victory in overtime (25-24). What could be better?

**Charles B. Smith, Jr.** '53G, Alpha Gamma Rho, who received his bachelor's and master's degrees at Maine, died in October. He served four years in ROTC and for the duration of World War II and retired as a major with many awards and decorations. He taught in Maine, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, and retired to Orono for part-time farming on the family farm on Main Street. Charlie and our classmate, Julia Alice, had six children; Charlie and Alice were active members of the Page Farm and Home Museum.

**Camilla Doak Hurford**, Delta Delta Delta, died in August in Belfast, ME, after traveling throughout the world with her husband, a career US Air Force officer. In retirement they resided in Tucson, AZ. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families.

If anyone wishes a copy of the list of our surviving classmates, drop me a note at the address heading this column.

## 1942

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I hope your winter is going well, Class of '42! If you didn't send along a Christmas card, we'd love to hear from you, even though the holidays are over.

In the future, you might check the Senior Alumni column for news of classmates. We have all been Senior Alumni since our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Wishing you a happy, healthy 2012!

## 1943

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We were saddened to learn of the death of longtime class correspondent, **Betty Bearce Harrison**, in August. A loyal alumna, Betty received the Black Bear Award in 1991 in recognition of her service to the University of Maine. Future Class of '43 news will be included in the Senior Alumni column.

# GO BLUE!





### Class of 1944 Reunion

The Class of 1944 got together in July at the Class of '44 Bear's Den. At the meeting the class was introduced to UMaine's new president, Paul Ferguson. Among those attending were (left to right): Al McNeilly, UMaine Engineering dean Dana Humphrey (honorary '44 member), Don Bail, and Pete Farnum. Below are (left to right): Bill Bodwell, Al Ehrenfried, and UMaine president Paul Ferguson.



were several in attendance representing the University, including the college's new president, Paul W. Ferguson, and his wife, Grace Ferguson.

Bangor newspaper and TV coverage at the Bear's Den that day recognized our class and our 67<sup>th</sup> Reunion. On camera, the class was credited with giving the University more than \$14 million and it was said that you cannot walk on campus without seeing our class's good works. Al McNeilly stated on camera, "It has been an honor to be able to give back." Todd Saucier '93, '97G, president of the University of Maine Alumni Association (UMAA), said our class epitomizes "Black Bears helping Black Bears."

At noon, President Ehrenfried called the business meeting to order and proceeded to introduce guests from the University. Todd Saucier introduced President Ferguson and his wife, Grace, both of whom had arrived on campus just a week earlier. President Ferguson said this was the first formal event he and his wife had attended. He commented on **Steve Jacobs's** book, *The Class of 1944 in World War II*, which he said he had just completed reading. Grace Ferguson said she would like to have members of the Class of '44 sign Steve's book so it could be made a part of the archive in the President's House.

Among others, Janet Waldron, UMaine vice president of administration and finance, was introduced, as she has been instrumental in reorganizing and redecorating the Bear's Den. She said that the new food and beverage services, plus an improved atmosphere, had

more than tripled sales, causing waiting lines morning and evening, and had attracted more meetings and events. She then displayed the Abraham W. Harris Award sculpture that the Class of '44 had won and said that it would soon be put on permanent display in the Bear's Den.

Pat Cummings reported that the Campaign Maine fund drive aimed at raising \$150 million had actually achieved \$157.2 million, and the success would be celebrated at Homecoming weekend at the Buchanan Alumni House.

Dana Humphrey, dean of the College of Engineering, stated that the College of Engineering is experiencing record enrollment. This incoming class will be the largest in UMaine history and will be 24 percent women!

During the meeting our president announced two new honorary members to the Class of '44: Janet Waldron and Valerie Mitchell, UMAA affinity programming coordinator. Both have served the class in many ways. They were presented with certificates confirming their appointments.

The treasurer's report was read by Al McNeilly in **Charlie Stickney's** absence. It shows a positive cash balance of \$19,352 after expenditures of \$650 and gifts of \$15,000.

Following the class meeting those in attendance moved on to the AWEC Wind Energy Laboratory for a most interesting tour of this facility conducted by Dr. Habib Dagher, director.

The day ended with all in attendance updated and more in tune with who and what is happening on campus.

That's the news for now—Happy Holidays and keep those cards and letters coming!

## 1945

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At a recent luncheon at the Cumberland Club in Portland with Betty Preti, we saw **Ralph** and **Hazel Gould!** Ralph was quite ill last winter, but has totally recuperated. He brought me up to date on **Ruth Higgins Horsman**. Ruth has had some difficulty with her heart and has moved to Schooner Estates in Auburn. **Peg Brown Bunker** is there too, so that's great to have a friend so close!

Ralph also brought me up to date on **Carleton Ring**, who had his veterinary office in Auburn. His wife, Barbara, had a stroke last winter and was placed in a nursing home in the Augusta area. So Carleton closed his vet office in Auburn and moved to the Augusta area to be close to his wife.

**Connie Carter Lamprell** had an unpleasant experience last January. While reaching for something that was just out of her reach, she snapped a "cord" in her leg and was hospitalized most of the winter. The pain was excruciating and she had doctors and physical therapists

## 1944

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Joe and I were sorry to miss the summer class meeting in late July in Orono, but thanks to our able president and Cassie Tenan of the UMAA staff, we do have a run-down on what went on that day at the Bear's Den.

Those attending were class members: **Don Bail**, **Pete Farnum**, **Bob Beverage** '50G, **Russ Bodwell** '47G, **Al McNeilly**, and **Al Ehrenfried**; and honorary class members: **Barbara Higgins Bodwell** '45, **Pat Cummings** '89, **Jim Frick**, **Doug Marchio**, **Len Minsky** '50, **Renee Minsky**, **Val Mitchell** '09, and **Janet Waldron**. There



trying to get her back on her feet. She has been moved to a nursing home in York. They serve three meals each day but she'd rather be back home!

Recently she had her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday and my daughter, Linda, took me down to see her and to have lunch. Connie is gaining and I do pray she will soon be able to return to her home in Kittery Point! She has come along and she seems encouraged.

My friends **Roger and Gerry Keenan Oakes** live in a home in Presque Isle and seem quite content. They get one meal a day (dinner at noon) and eat their own breakfast and supper (they know most everyone there).

As for me, I prepare all three of my meals daily. I had no idea who anyone here was when I arrived in May of 2010. However, I'm getting to know more people. The apartment complex where I live is spread out with eight buildings and residents of multiple nationalities. There are couples and plenty of single young people with fewer than 10 elderly people. I am the oldest (89 now).

It certainly is interesting to get acquainted with people of so many different nationalities. East India has the largest portion—they are very friendly and the cutest children I've ever known. The little toddlers all call me "Grandma" and I love it when they knock on my door and want to come in and play with my many teddy bears. They also like Grandma's cookies.

After noticing litter on the grounds, I decided to give myself a job. I pick up each day as I go over to the office to get my mail. A number of the young men stop and thank me, though few girls or women here ever mention it. I feel better to see it clean, get my daily exercise, and I keep my legs and my artificial knees in good shape.

**John Wilbur** passed away last summer and I am so sorry. He and Susan had built a beautiful home in Kennebunk. John was a modest soul, a gentleman, and never tooted his own horn. He and a classmate made a very special gift to the college several years ago. John was a cousin to **Bob Chase's** wife. He was one of the three young men who managed to return from the war in Europe to attend what would have been their graduation with the 110 graduates we had in 1945.

I sent my daughters to Orono and they both enjoyed it and I've had a grandson and two nephews who also went once they heard how much Aunt Carolyn loved it. It provides a good basic foundation for anyone—as a registered dietician, I don't believe I could have had a better background.

## 1948

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The '48ers and '49ers met at Granite Hill Estates on July 12th on a hot and humid day with the threat of thundershowers. For some reason that didn't bother the folks who gathered there to have a delicious lobster roll lunch and spend a few minutes catching up on the events that had transpired since our last meeting. The thundershowers didn't materialize, the luncheon was delicious, and it was such fun seeing the following: Class of 1948: **Lancy Carter Bradshaw, Millie Morris Stengel, Barbara Sullivan Knowlton, Will Moulton** '50G with his son Peter and Peter's wife, Susan; **Bob Buck** and his wife, Janet Malcolm Buck '57; **Al Burgess, Will Tozier, and Pauline Parent Jenness.**

From the Class of 1949 were: Francis Jane Foster Ador, Verna Wallace Andrews, Barbara Thompson York, and Kay Kennedy Nickless.

From other classes: Barbara Smiley Healy '45, Cynthia Bean (**Ralph's** widow), Evie White Desmond '47, Mary Marble Burgess '46, and Gladys Clark McLeary '43.

Then there were those who had planned to attend but were sidetracked by unforeseen circumstances. The following have been faithful attendees for all our summer meets and were missed: **Joanne Libby Hays, EdieAnne Young Hutchinson, Marguerite Sullivan Powers, Althea Meade Blackmore, and Ruth Preble Finney** from the Class of '48 and **Nebby Kilburn Irish, Priscilla Thomas Rines, Libby Tufts Goodrich, Jody Wakefield Moore, and Gene Melzar Shepard** from the Class of '49.

EdieAnne sent word that **Alice Fonseca Haines** was expected for her annual visit to Maine in August. Mary and Alan Burgess were looking forward to the wedding of a grandson, Colby Smith, in Seattle later in July. Bob and Janet Buck went on a cruise to the Panama Canal in February. They loved going through the canal and thought it a marvelous engineering feat.

I received a wonderful letter from **Connie Adams Coulter** from Wisconsin. She hasn't met a single person from the University of Maine since she's lived in Wisconsin. She said she kept a Maine sticker on her car window for several years, hoping, but no such luck. She did visit Betty Harriman Larson '49 in a nearby town several months ago. Connie camps with her daughter Susan and family and her son, Andrew, and family. Another daughter, Nancy, lives in Winnetka, IL, so they are able to visit there. She keeps busy with two book clubs and a couple of bridge marathons, so that helps keep her winter seasons busy. They camp on Lake Superior in the summer in a small family

camp but don't swim there because the water of that big body of water is cold, cold. Thanks for the news, Connie. We're glad you're well and happy.

I heard from **Bob MacDonald** from Bozeman, MT. He wanted to start receiving the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* and I contacted the Alumni office for him. Sadly, he reported the loss of his wife. Our sympathies, Bob. **Hubert O. Ranger**, a chemistry major at UMaine, wrote in response to the article about the Maine "Stein Song."

As for me, I was thrilled to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at Maine Central Institute here in Pittsfield on August 5th. My entire family came to the induction ceremony and dinner following. Good friend and classmate Barbara Sullivan Knowlton also came. I've been a long-time supporter of the education of students in our community, serving on the school board and as a trustee at the school. Here's wishing you all good health and happiness.

Lancy

## 1949

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We were saddened to learn of the death of **Barbara Haney McKay** on June 6, 2011. **Marion "Lexey" Carter** has written the following: "I just wanted to share with any '49er who remembers Barbara, that I shall be forever thankful that she became my roommate for our junior and senior years, along with Nancy and Val Esty. What wonderful memories I am left with!" We extend our condolences to Keith and his daughters, Ann and Jane.

## 1950

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We enjoyed our 61<sup>st</sup> Reunion last June! **Alton "Hoppy" Hopkins** orchestrated a moving Memorial Service honoring 44 classmates who had died since June 2010. Of that number, 35 were veterans of World War II. Following the service, **Dick Fairfield** and Hoppy presented *Greatest Generation Awards* to: **Elwin W. Thurlow** '70G from Scarborough, **John Poli** from Biddeford, **Colby Davis** from Canton, **Clarence Leonard** from Rockland, **Jay Benton** from Bangor, and **B. Leonard Merrill** from Amherst, NH. We are mighty proud of the members of our class who have received this award! We are still receiving applications for

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the *Greatest Generation Award* to be awarded in June of 2012. You can contact Dick Fairfield at [rfairfield@fullchannel.net](mailto:rfairfield@fullchannel.net). Also present were **Doug and Joyce Wilson Morton**, **Len Minsky '44H**, **George Gonyar**, and **Edie Snow Cole '53**, **Sherm's** widow.

Six students each received approximately \$752 from our scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year: **Ezra Juskewitch**, granddaughter of **J. Walter Allen**; **Benjamin Hartlett**, grandson of the late **Sanford Bartlett**; **Ian Maines**, grandson of the late **Norman Foss**; **Alexander and Zachary Briggs**, grandsons of **Allison Briggs**; and **Catherine Andrews**, granddaughter of **Albert A. Andrews**.

Our annual August meeting took place in Falmouth, and included **Harold Gilbert** from Lewiston, and **Al and Joye Levesque** of Topsham, ME, and **Fort Pierce, FL**. **Geri Lamb Kenneally** of Avon Park, FL, joined us. She stays busy with golf, tennis, and lots of bridge. **Hank and Eva Burgess Newell**, who live in Melbourne, FL, and summer in Liberty, also came. We were also pleased to see **Roger Percival** of Cape Elizabeth, plus **Henry Saunders**, **Dick and Flo Maddocks Fairfield**, **Maggie Mollison McIntosh '52G**, **Hoppy and Dottie Lord Hopkins**, **Ellie Hansen Brockway**, **Leonard Merrill**, **Jay Benton**, and staff members from Orono.

We were interested to learn about **Paul W. Ferguson**, the new president of the University. Traditionally, the president of our University has been named an honorary member of the Class of 1950—and we did just that! We shall look forward to meeting him at Reunion 2012. We already have reserved a block of rooms at The University Inn. When you call to reserve a room, indicate that you are part of the Class of 1950!

I was interested to read that two filmmakers are in the process of acquiring the rights to make a feature film of **Donn Fendler's** story, entitled *Finding Donn Fendler: Lost on a Mountain*

## Robert Chute Honored for Poetry

**C**lass of 1950 member **Robert Chute** was recently honored by the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance. He is also a past recipient of the **Chad Walsh Poetry Prize** from the **Beloit Poetry Journal** for his poem, "Heat Wave in Concord."



**Robert**, who earned a D.Sc. from **Johns Hopkins University** in 1953, is a professor of emeritus at **Bates College**. He currently lives in **Poland Spring**.

*in Maine 72 Years Later*. The film will tell two stories—that of **Don** lost on **Mount Katahdin**, and the struggle of the filmmakers to acquire the rights to make the film.

Via an online contest for alumni couples, we learned that **Harold and Betty Noyes Hopkinson** met in 1947 when they went on a blind date just before **Maine Day**—the spring clean-up day when **Prexy Hauck** would be out with his broadest smile and a rake or broom. **Betty** says she flirted with **Harold**, sweeping and getting better acquainted. **Betty**, a home economics major, and **Harold**, who received a degree in mechanical engineering, were married in August of '48. They have six children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren and live in **South Manlius, NY**.

**Paul Sackley** wrote, "My son, **Charles**, and daughter, **Paula**, both graduated from

the **University of Iowa**." **Paul** has a number of grandchildren—some are in college, some have completed college, and others excel in sports.

"My grandson **Joshua Stern** is an attorney in **Chicago**. My granddaughter **Arianna Stern** works in **Chicago**." The proud grandfather adds, "I really lucked out with children and grandchildren."

Congratulations to **Robert W. Chute** of **Poland Spring**, who received the inaugural **Achievement Award** from the **Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance** last summer. **Bob**, a retired **Bates College** professor of biology, has written more than a dozen books of poetry, and also a novel, *Coming Home*. He has received awards for his poetry, and "The Thirteen Moons" has been translated into French and **Passamaquoddy**. As a married **Air Force** vet, **Bob** lived in a trailer off campus and majored in zoology.

Please send us your news. We look forward to seeing you in **Orono** in **June!** **Ruthie**

## 1951

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Greetings, classmates

We began our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion with a stay at the **Kimball Terrace Inn** in **Northeast Harbor** on **Mt. Desert**. Joining **Forrest** and me on the boat ride to **Little Cranberry Island** and up **Somes Sound** were **Floyd and Pepper Burbank Milbank**, **Mary Hastings Dumas** and **Bruce Folsom '49**, **Charles Grant '56G** and **Hope Cantell**, **Claire** and **Nadia Shirley**, **Dick** and **Connie Lincoln**



The Class of 1950 met on August 4, 2011, at the Regional Learning Center, the new UMaine facility in Falmouth. The meeting included class business, reunion planning, and plenty of time for socializing.



Sweetser '52, Elwood and Ginny Norton Beach '52, Russ Meade, John Bodey, and Larry Robinson. John Ryder and Dick Noyes spent a relaxing afternoon ashore. The salt air whetted our appetites for the lobster dinner we enjoyed that night. Arriving in time for dinner were Henry '62G and Doris Laskey, Penny Guptill Higgins, and Wendell and Claire Levasseur Hodgkins.

On Friday in Orono some of us attended the Distinguished Professors dinner, and some opted for Pat's, once the scene of undergraduate get-togethers. Attending the Senior Alumni lunch on Saturday with us were Amo Kimball, Carolyn Andrews Cavanaugh, Milt and Joan Vachon Victor '52, Janet Bannister Reilly, and Ronald Noyes.

Following lunch, president Woody Beach conducted our class meeting. There being no other nominations, the officers agreed to continue in their positions: president, Elwood Beach; vice president, Claire Shirley; secretary, Mary Hastings Dumas; treasurer, Ronald Noyes; and class correspondent, Frances Pratt Caswell. Prizes were awarded as follows: visiting the most foreign countries, John Bodey; living in the most states, Mary Hastings Dumas; most relatives attending U of M, Carol Andrews Cavanaugh; playing the most musical instruments, Woody Beach; oldest grandchild, Henry Laskey; youngest great-grandchild, Mary Hastings Dumas. John Bodey traveled the farthest to attend Reunion, coming from his home in Bath, England. John is retired from a career in the paper industry and hopes you will look him up if you are traveling in the "old country." Woody Beach was sporting a kilt in the new official Maine tartan. This was a gift from the Alumni Association in honor of his playing the bagpipe at alumni memorial services.

Dick and Connie Lincoln Sweetser have offered to host a picnic at their home in Cumberland on August 1, 2012. Watch for a mailing about this event.

Clair and Nadia Shirley's granddaughter, Christie Rand, entered the University of Maine with the Class of 2015. Clair and Nadia winter in Sun City Center, FL, and spend their summers in Old Town.

Roger Hoyt Brown passed away 1-16-11. Roger served in the Army Air Force in WWII and also as a 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant in the Army in the Korean War, receiving the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Stars and the United Nations Service Medal. After graduating with a degree in civil engineering, he was employed at Boston Naval Shipyard designing torpedo booms. Later, he worked for Pratt and Whitney doing stress analysis on the first experimental turbo jet engine. He worked for ABCO doing dynamic analysis of the reentry heat shield systems for the Gemini, Apollo, and Space Shuttle programs. He also was employed by Stone and Webster in charge of engineering support on the construction of multiple nuclear power plants. In retirement, Roger and his wife, Charlotte, lived in Indialantic, FL. He is also survived by his daughters Carol Wehle and Joyce Grover, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

We also send our condolences to Joan Wiswell Beach, whose husband, Dale, passed away in April 2011. We remember Dale fondly

as a participant in our Class of 1951 activities. In July, Joan, Paulina "Boo" Robbins Gosse, and Pepper Burbank Milbank had a mini Phi Mu reunion at Pepper's cottage on Lake George, NY.

Amo Kimball lives in Fryeburg, ME. She is retired after a career in teaching speech and lip reading to the deaf and later in social work. Jan Bannister Reilly lives in New Harbor, ME. Penny Guptill Higgins is very active with the Senior College at the University of Maine at Augusta. She continues to teach an Internet course in nursing for St. Joseph's College.

Larry Robinson lives in Gray, ME, and is retired after a career in sales and project engineering at ABB in Ottawa, Canada.

## 1952

60<sup>th</sup> Reunion June 1-2, 2012

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By the time you receive your alumni magazine we will be settling in for winter in Maine, but I am writing this in September where we are enjoying cooler nights but glorious days with practically cloudless skies. Of course, we are having a few rainy days as well as the tornadoes and hurricanes that continue to graze the coast!



Class of 1952 member Bill Currie received the prestigious *Pine Tree Emblem Award* from Alumni Association president Todd Saucier '93, '97G in September. The award is presented once a year for outstanding service and leadership to the UMaine alumni body. Bill has served on the Alumni Association board, as co-president of his class, as an officer in Senior Alumni, and as a leader of the Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine. In addition to giving his time, Bill is a generous donor to the Alumni Association and the University.

A meeting of your class officers was held on September 15th at Orono with plans being made for our 60th Reunion. Have you made your reservations yet? We have and we are looking forward to getting together in Northeast Harbor and again in Orono.

A recent item in the *Kennebec Journal* was the 60th wedding anniversary of **Raymond Fisher, Jr.** and his wife, Louise. Attending the celebration were their four children and spouses, their eight grandchildren and their spouses, and one great-grandchild. The Fishers live in Clinton, where Ray was employed for 38 years by Scott Paper Company. Besides being active in town affairs they traveled to all 50 states and the 10 provinces of Canada as well as 20 other foreign countries!

We had a visit from **Mary Snyder Dow** of Andover, MA, and her daughter, Ginny, in late August. It was fun to reminisce and get acquainted over dinner with Ginny, who lives in Georgia (where she is a hospital administrator for the nursing department). Mary and Ginny were on their way to a family reunion with Mary's two brothers and their families in Bar Harbor.

A note from **Sally DeLorme Pedrick** (formerly Sally Arsenault) arrived too late to get in the June issue. Sally had an art exhibit opening on July 17th in Round Pond, ME, where she and her husband own a home. They live in Prince Edward Island for three months in the spring and again for two months in the fall in their atelier in Maximeville. I am sorry not to be able to get the news into the alumni magazine in time, but maybe next year?

As of this writing, we plan to attend Homecoming in October along with other members of the Class of '52 and are looking forward to that event. Hope to see you there!

## 1953

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Hi! Classmates met September 13 in Camden for our 58<sup>th</sup> Reunion: **Carol Prentiss Mower, Leta Strickland Young, Hank and Dawn Miller Woodbrey, Trudy Harriman Metzger, Helen Strong Hamilton, Shirley Stillings Keene, Larry '54 and Dorothy Booth Dimitre, Doris Ramsay Smith, Jean Libby Alex, Signe Swanholm Gardner, Ruth Mitchell Hartley, Al and Phyllis White, Bob McTaggart, Isabelle Stearns Foss, Woody '54G and Jean Grindle Carville '54, Joan Dunton Strout**



and husband, Kendall, **Warren Moody**, **Dave** and **Dee Field**, **Dave** and **Marcia Beppler**, **Tom Laskey**, **George** and **Rita Yardumian Weatherbee** '54G, and yours truly. Also present were **Paige Eggleston** '13, class secretary/acting president, and **Allie Pastore** '13, vice president (we are the alumni mentor class) as well as staff from the Alumni Association and UMaine Foundation. The class authorized a gift of \$1,000 to the 1953 Scholarship, \$2,000 to the Alumni Fund, \$1,000 to the Senior Alumni Fund, and \$1,000 to the Patrons of the Arts.

**"Dee" Draper Weidemeyer** and **Woody** have four children, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandson and do the "grandparenting thing."

**Ron** '55 and **"Noni" Lenore Dinsmore Mills**, of Kittery, are parents of three, grandparents of five. **Noni**, who lived in East/Estabrooke halls, had her own dance studio.

**Peggy Given White** summers in Sebago and winters in Reading, MA. "Eighty last week, I can't believe it. Mentally 12."

**Leo LaChance** lives in Fargo, ND. His wife, **Joan**, died in 2007. He's done research, editing, and writing. Father of three, grandfather of two, **Leo** did ice-dancing and still judges figure skating.

**Charley Plumly** emailed: "Terrific piece on the 'Stein Song.' That picture of the band is like one taken two years later with my dad in it. He played the French horn and taught me the 'Stein Song' when I was five. We used to sing it right up until his passing in '73."

**David Bates** of Annandale, NJ, wrote: **"Al Card's** election to MCI's Sports Hall of Fame brought back great memories as we were teammates on the U of M baseball team. The players that year included **Ellis Bean**, **Al Hackett** '59G, the late **Jack Butterfield**, **Hank Woodbrey**, **Dave Wiggin** '54, **Chan Coddington** '54, **Wally Gagnon**, and a host of others." **Wally**, of Lynnfield, MA, plays tennis "most every day." He and **Eileen** winter in Naples, FL.

**Lloyd Oakes** of East Longmeadow, MA, wrote: "My day of infamy as the grand marshal of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was exciting and the weather could not have been better. The two local papers carried pictures of me—not bad for an oldie."

**Zeke Mavodones** received the 2011 Lifetime Membership Award from The New York State Association for Continuing and Community Education. Congratulations!

**Ruth Partridge Pelletier** is "still very much a Mainer (or Maniac) at heart." She lives at 2160 Bleecker St., Apt. B346, Utica, NY 13501. Tel: (315) 724-4953. She sent a postcard of Estabrooke Hall and wrote, "Someone who resided there might like to have it." Also, a poem "Onward" by classmate **Mary I. Hood**. **Mary**, I'd love to send it along, but don't have your current address or phone number. Please write or call. And three yellowed sheets of words to songs: "East Hall Serenade" (by songwriters **Barbara Jackson**, **Diane Draper Weidemeyer**, **Noni Dinsmore Mills**, and **Peggy Given White**), sung to the tune of "There is Nothing Like a Dame," "Dearie," and one title-less song that starts with "Hello dear chicklets." I'll be glad to send copies. Thanks, **Ruth**.



Among those attending the Class of '53 get-together at the Whitehall Inn in Camden in September were (left to right): **Tom Laskey**, **George Weatherbee** '54G, **Woody Carville** '54G, and **Dave Beppler**.

**Woody** and **Jean Grindle Carville** '54 won the online Valentine's Day "Bear Pair" contest last winter. **Robert** and **Cynthia Cowan Dunlap**, of Orono, were among the contestants. It was all about how the couples met.

**Carolyn** and **Richard Pierce** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **Richard** is "retired from Lipman Poultry Company and the town of Oakland." They have three children, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

**Richard McGee** was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame at the Augusta Civic Center in May.

Recipients of the Class of 1953 Scholarship for 2011-2012 are: **Hannah Hudson**, a senior majoring in international affairs from Columbia Falls; and **Luke Finnemore**, a senior majoring in financial economics from Caribou.

Take care and enjoy your life.

## 1954

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As we write, we are about to enter fall, the most beautiful season of the year. As you read this in the winter, wish that you were back at the campus to enjoy the January winds and the drifting snow!

To begin, we'll report the winner of the Bear

Pair contest in February 2011, the romantic story of how UMaine students met and became couples.

**Jean Grindle Carville** wrote: "When I was in my junior year, I dated a basketball player named **Bob Churchill** '53. He had a teammate named **Woody Carville** '53 that he wanted me to find a date for so that we could double date with them. I thought to myself, 'if this guy can't get his own date, he must be a loser, so I had better interview him to see who of my friends I could prevail upon to be with him for an evening.'

"We met at Estabrooke Hall, which in those days was an all-girl dorm. The housemother called to tell me there was a young man caller for me downstairs. When I got to the top of the stairs and saw this handsome 'hunk,' I nearly fell the rest of the way. The interview lasted for hours. We had so much in common—sports, family, outdoor activities, etc. By the end of the evening, I had decided that I wasn't going to fix this guy up with anyone but me! "We were married in 1954, served in the Army for two years, and worked in other places but came back to work at the University in 1961. Incidentally, **Bob Churchill** remained a good friend to both of us until his untimely death in 2009."

A few months ago our local UMaine alumni group met at Granite Hill Estates in Hallowell. We were surprised to see **Ed Pert**, who had come at the invitation of **Millie Morris Stengel** '48. **Ed** still lives in Georgetown, ME, but is less active in town affairs. He enjoys spending time during the summer months in the Downeast Maine coastal areas with friends.

Later, *The Cryer*, a local paper, had a story about Sagadahoc County legislators welcoming **Ed Pert** back at the State House. **Ed** is the only person in the history of the Maine State Legislature to have served as both clerk of the House of Representatives (1975 to 1983) and secretary of the Maine State Senate (1964 to



1966). He also represented Bath in the House of Representatives in the 99<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

A recent issue of the *Maine Turnpike News* included news about **Roger Mallar**, who serves as a consultant. Roger served as the commissioner of the Maine Department of Transportation with three Maine governors and also served on the Governor LePage '75G transition team. He came out of retirement from his firm, Mallar Associates, to serve the Turnpike.

Our class statistician, **Jerry Hallee**, has compiled some data on our class. At graduation day we had 953 individuals receiving diplomas. Today we have 430 classmates whose addresses are known, while the whereabouts of 131 are currently unknown. Thirty-one classmates don't want contact with the University. Sadly, we have 361 members of the Class of '54 listed as deceased. Thanks for the continued great work, Jerry!

**Sterling Pomeroy** keeps active in church activities and volunteer work. He wrote of a project involving his grandfather's diaries: "He was a pharmacist in Gardiner, ME, and kept a diary from 1892 when he was 12 until he died in 1954. I transcribed and edited them into four volumes which I had printed for family members and some historians." Copies of *The Diaries of Alfred P. Manson of Gardiner, Maine* are housed in libraries in Augusta and at UMaine, with the originals at Fogler Library's Special Collections.

We have been notified that Susan Priest, of Orono, a senior majoring in ecology and environmental science, received \$2,492 in scholarship aid this year from our '54 Class Fund. Please remember how important it is to help future students by funding your class fund.

## 1955

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Hello, everyone. I received an email from our president, "MAINELY, **Marion**," that she took 24 of her framed photographs to the Arts Council Gallery, which was her very first one-woman photography show, and opened in June. She was very excited, and I am anxious to hear how things went. She was also excited about having many members of her family visit with her and Willie '56 during the month of August.

News from the office of student financial aid announced the recipients of the Class of 1955 Scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year. This year our class fund provided \$7,459 in scholarship assistance to three students. Matthew Mayberry, a junior who is majoring in mechanical engineering from Mechanic Falls, ME, is the grandson of **Harry Wilson**. Cassandra Robinson, a senior majoring in elementary education, is from Gray, ME, and is the granddaughter of **Lawrence Robinson** (G).

Megan Stevenson is a sophomore majoring in accounting and is from Raymond, ME. She is the granddaughter of **Dana Stevenson**.

I received a note from Megan and want to share it with you so that you too can see how grateful she was to receive a scholarship, and this column is the only means by which you can receive this information as to the importance of the Class of 1955 Scholarship Fund.

Megan writes:

"I am writing to thank you for your scholarship from the Class of 1955 for the 2011-2012 school year. I was thrilled when I opened the letter from the financial aid office and learned that a generous scholarship from the Class of 1955 was awarded to me for the upcoming year.

"I am currently enrolled in the Honors College and business school at the University of Maine. I thoroughly enjoyed my freshman year and continued to learn more about business operations throughout the summer as I managed a small retail shop for a local Maine employer.

"The financial assistance provided to me from the Class of 1955 will be a great help to me in paying my educational expenses. It's inspiring to see how support from alumni can make a significant difference in helping students. I hope one day to be able to help others achieve goals, just as you have helped me.

"Thank you again for your generosity and support."

Congratulations to you all. We wish you good luck in your studies this year.

I imagine that most of you have enjoyed your 60<sup>th</sup> reunions from high school. **Ken Woodsum**, **Cynthia Hammond Grady**, and I just had our 60<sup>th</sup> from South Portland High School. The three of us have been on our reunion committee for 35 years. I was hoping to see more of our SPHS graduates who also went to Orono with us, but for one reason or another, we were the only three that attended. **Pat Gill Chick** had hoped to attend, but she was unable to be there at the last minute. However, **Doc Harris** and his wife, Mary, joined us, and we enjoyed talking with and seeing them.

We had a surprise visit from Donna and **Mert Robinson** and had a great time talking with them on their visit to Cape Elizabeth. Mert had come to Maine for his 60<sup>th</sup> reunion from Lisbon High School. Mert and Donna were looking forward to going on a Rhine River cruise in October and we're anxious to hear all about it. (Hope the brownies were edible, Mert!) We sure enjoyed your visit with us and hope that you, as well as anyone who is in the area, will visit us again really soon.

Do send me some news of your happenings, as I would love to hear from you.

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## 1956

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Greetings '56ers.

It was a great 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion! Some met in Belfast for pre-Reunion festivities led by **Ed Plissey** '58G. **Carolyn Bull Dahlgren** visited with **Betty Kononen Berry**, who was very knowledgeable about the Hutchinson Center. At Orono, **Rhoda Wood Frederick** and she enjoyed their room at the University Inn, situated where the Elms was. Others who were in Belfast but couldn't make it to Orono were **Arthur** and **Fritzie Page Thompson**, **Foster** '63G and **Mickie Mitchell Shibles** '58, and **Barbara Willey Keyes**.

At our Reunion banquet **Todd Saucier** '93, '97G announced that the Reunion class with the largest percentage of classmates who annually support the University of Maine, with 21.44 percent of their 499 current addressable classmates contributing goes to—the Class of 1956! That's great, but I think the percentage could be higher. I believe at least half of us could write a check for at least \$10. Yes, I know, some could do a lot better, but I'd like to see us win that support award every year! Do you realize how much our scholarship money is now helping our grandchildren? For the year 2011-12 our fund provided \$3,612 in scholarship assistance to seven students, the grandchildren of: **Paul Holyoke**, Paul Holyoke and Ryan Urquhart; **Clarence Hamilton**, Abraham Hamilton; **Evelyn Whitney Foster**, Gabriel Vachon; **Patricia Fortier Doten**, Laura Pirruccella; **Robert Hawes**, Ethan Hawes; and **Natalie Earley Desmond** '55, Matthew Desmond. Enough said. You can do the math.

It was great to see **Dana Devoe** looking better. Over 30 classmates attended the noon banquet. If I missed naming you please forgive me. Classmates in attendance but not named in this article were: **Jody Owen Bingham**, **Gloria Trafton Early**, **Elsie Colby Mann**, **Max McCormack, Jr.**, **Fred Otto**, **Kay Fletcher Mosher**, **Patricia Flynt Waldman** '60, **Evelyn Whitney Foster**, **Ed and Sally Gay Blodgett**, **Jean Partridge Mason**, **Alice Kelson Longmore**, **Carroll "Charlie" Brown Marino**, **Al Belisle** '60G, **Bob Foster**, **Joan Fuller Russell**, **Grace Libby McKinlay**, **John and Laura Krueger Schwartz**, and **George Field**. OK, whom did I miss?

Some classmates who couldn't make it but sent their warmest regards are: **Jim Ervin**, **Ken Henrikson**, **Pat Nelson Madach**, **Jim Victor**, **Nancy Sinclair Wilson**, **Carol Loud**, and **Jerry Pangakis**.

**Ann Keyo Lounsbury** wrote about the megaphone on the cover of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. When they left Orono for Rangeley she gave some of her college mementos to the alumni office. "The biggest surprise to me was the fact that **Merle** '66G read the magazine first and noticed it." He recognized the crack made





Dave '54 and Joan Cunningham were the official hosts of a Sigma Chi reunion last August at the home of Bob Weatherbee '54 on Deer Isle. Left to right are: Al Bancroft '54, "Mac" MacLean '54, "Perk" Gould '53, Bill Johnson '56, Bob, Lew Clark '54, '56G, Gerry Smith '54, '56G, George Weatherbee '53, Dave Cunningham '54, Phillip "Bill" Johnson '54, Neil McGowen '54, Bill Tiedemann '55, Al Bingham '54, and Harry Yates '54.

during her senior year of cheering.

Honors keep coming to our classmates. **Giles E. Auger** '61G and his wife, Clair, were inducted into the Maine Franco-American Hall of Fame by the State Legislature last March.

After a 57-year wait, Korean War veteran **Carl A. Seaward, Jr.** finally got his service medals, according to a story in the 3-14-11 *Bangor Daily News*. US Rep. Mike Michaud presented Carl with The Presidential Unit Citation, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal and Bronze Service Stars attachment, and the United Nations Service Medal.

**Stu Haskell** was honored with the prestigious Founders Medal from Hockey East according to the 2-10-11 *Bangor Daily News*. Stu served five years as the Hockey East commissioner plus many years as UMaine's athletic director. On a sad note, Stu's wife, Gloria, lost her battle with cancer on May 28.

The **Doc and Betty Brockway Nevers** family had a mini family reunion in Patten for Patten Pioneer Days. The Lumberman's Museum is the big attraction, plus a bean-hole supper.

**Dave Grundy** has two new adopted twin granddaughters. Ava Mirembe (means peace in Ugandan) and Esme Ssanye (means joy) were born on June 2.

**Judy Barker Carducci** went to Greece to paint and then to Italy where she and her son visited her late husband's relatives. They traveled to France where she teaches painting every year. She would love to have visitors in Ohio.

I had a nice note from Bob Hawes. "I'm writing to say thanks for the scholarship that was given to our grandson Ethan Hawes for the year 2010-2011. A total of 12 of us have connections to Orono."

**Peggy Flynt Haskell's** cruise from San Diego to Cabo San Lucas began with her son's wedding on the crow's nest. Later was the whale watch cruise on a small boat out of Cabo.

**Gerry Wallace Williams** serves on the advisory board of the Collins Center for the Arts and on the board of the Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium. **Bob Williams** is a trustee of Maine Coast Memorial Hospital.

**Bill Johnson** is termed out as a University of Maine System trustee. He and Mary Atkinson Johnson '55 attended the Class of 1954 Sigma Chi-Rho Chapter lobster bake on Deer Isle in August. They had a super time seeing Brother Sigs and remembering the "good old days" in Orono.

It was an uneventful summer in the Adirondacks for **Betsy Harvey Ruff** with lots of swimming, walking, kayaking, and reading.

Ian and **Hank Brodersen** traveled the Inside Passage via the Alaskan Marine Highway ferries. They spent time in Ketchikan, Petersburg, Sitka, Skagway, and Juneau before flying on to Anchorage where they rented a car, drove up to Denali National Park, took a flight up to the summit of Mt. McKinley, and spent their 48th anniversary in the park.

Roy '55 & Leora Cummings, Erlon '55, and I flew to Copenhagen and spent a day in Tivoli Gardens. The next day we boarded the *Eurodam* for a North Sea adventure. We visited Oslo, Kristiansand, Bergen, and Alesund, Norway; Invergordon and South Queensferry (Edinburgh), Scotland; Zeebrugge, Belgium; and Dover, England (yes, those cliffs are white) before flying home from Heathrow. The highlight of the trip for us was when Scottish friends and fellow musicians Ewen and Margaret MacLean came on board at South Queensferry.

I hope you have a wonderful, fun-filled winter. Drop me a note and tell me your news.

After this column was written, we were shocked and deeply saddened to learn of Ed Plissey's death in November after a brief battle with leukemia. **Richard W. Thompson**, of that same class at Washburn High School, also died in November.

## 1957

55<sup>th</sup> Reunion June 1-2, 2012

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The Eastern Area Agency on Aging has named **Richard Fickett**, of Cherryfield, Life-Long Learner-Entrepreneur. He is president of Fickett Property Management and is active in town and church affairs and the Eastern Maine Development Corporation. He initiated a meals program so that area seniors could socialize and get a hot meal twice a week, helping to strengthen the fabric of Cherryfield.

From LA comes the news that Ritt '60 and **Jean White Conroy** '60G have completed 50 years of marriage, first enjoying a festive dinner out with her brother. A few weeks later, a neighboring family was invited over to enjoy their "edible bouquet," which gave Ritt great enjoyment watching the preschoolers figure out how to eat each edible "flower." Their pastor and his wife hosted a group of 22 at their house after church the Sunday following, saying that it was up to them to plan the celebration, as the Conroys had no children. They plan to celebrate all year until July 2012, if possible. Celebrate life! That is also an advertising phrase but I'm not certain what for—the idea is good regardless.

**Jiggs Cecchini** '63G will continue as the Connecticut state boys' basketball tournament director for as long as they'll keep him. The fourth year of being the Region 1 representative to the National Federation of Basketball Rules Committee is coming up as this issue reaches you. The Jiggs Open golf tournament celebrated 28 years of playing this past July with 46 players



and five socializing. The '57ers there were **Turk, Hutch, Kosty**, and **Jiggs**.

A 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party given by their four children's families honored **Harland** and **Shirley Bragg** of Sidney at the Rainbow Valley Farm they purchased in 1968 and ran until 1999. Harland still makes pickles and produces compost. They enjoy 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Richard Gay** has facility in several foreign languages spoken in Europe and Asia. His knowledge of these languages led to a career in the CIA. He writes during the slow season at the Blue Hill bed and breakfast that he operates with his wife, **Mardi Byers-Gay '89**, when he is not teaching or consulting. To read about his life in the CIA on the UMAA website, scroll over Get Informed, click Class Pages, and find the Class of '57 page.

Congratulations to **Emily West**, who once again has the '57 scholarship award. She is the granddaughter of **Hank** and **Carleen Stone Morton**.

The Atrium of Portland was the place where 32 of the '57 girls and friends got together on August 25<sup>th</sup> for an excellent buffet lunch, arranged by our hostess **Margaretmary McCann '66G** and catered by the Atrium. As usual, **Pat Wade Fraker** handled the directions, list, and other aspects very capably. **Mary L. Cook Abell**, **Pat Gill Chick '55**, **Frances Rich Secord**, and **Doris White Smith '58** arranged their trips to Maine to match the date and visit with **Jane Barker**, "B" Gwynn, **Janet Malcolm Buck**, **Sandy Daley Denman '58**, **Ginny Freeman '58**, **Carole Thomas Fryover '71G**, **Charlotte Bourret Hart**, **Claudie Halle Higgins**, **Jane Pomroy Jacobson '58**, **Marilyn Pennell Johnson**, **Ann Dingwell Knowles**, **Connie Doe Leslie**, **Connie Atherton Martin '60**, **Jean Partridge Mason '56**, **Berta Wyer Morrill '58**, **Kay Fletcher Mosher '56**, **Jan Higgins Nolan**, **Dru Nesbit Pedro**, **Barbara Swann Pineau**, **Mary Lou Hughes Richardson**, **Carolyn Skolfield**, **Norma Smaha Truman '54**, **Emily Smaha Delmonaco '51**, **Lois Whitcomb**, and **Cyn Rockwell Wright '58**. **Dorothy McCann '52** came for a short visit.

Your reunion committee: **Lois Whitcomb**, **Pat Fraker**, **Ann Knowles**, **Barbara Pineau**, **Janet Nolan**, **Claudie Higgins**, **Mingie McCann**, and **Valerie Mitchell '09**, **Chris Corro**, and **Dan Willett '69**, '70G from the University, with **Les Smith '63**, and I met July 7 at the Muddy Rudder and resolved the schedule you received in September. Fundraising is being handled through the Development Office and we aim to complete \$55,000 in the class scholarship fund—we're starting with about \$34,000 so that ought to be a doable goal. Five percent of that amount is available for the use of students, with a preference to those with '57 connections. Kindly remember to note your class year on any donation you make to the University. Please plan to arrive by Friday afternoon for the social time, class meeting, and "plated" dinner at the Black Bear Inn. **Ann Knowles** will chair the displays in the Allain Library at Buchanan Alumni House—let her know if you have found something interesting to share in your clearing and sorting.



**Barbara Coy Thaxter '57 (far right)** and her son-in-law **Rich Vannoizzi '84, '06G (far left)**, came to Orono this past April to watch **Emily Vannoizzi '13 (center)** play for UMaine's club lacrosse team. **Emily** is **Barbara's** granddaughter and **Rich's** daughter. The three family members are standing in front of the bear skin coat, donated by **Barbara**, that is now on display in the Class of '44 Bear's Den.

## 1958

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Did you survive the rains, floods, tornados, hurricanes, tropical storms, drought, etc. that seemed to be plaguing our country this year? Hopefully you were as lucky as **Leo** and I. We had electricity, no floods—in or out—and just small branches in the yard.

**Gene ('85 Hon. L.L.D.)** and **Judy Kittredge Carter '59** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a renewal of their vows at the same church in which they were married.

The recipient of the **Charles F. Bragg Rotary Club of Bangor Leadership Award** was **Linwood E. Lufkin**. The Bragg Award recognizes "continuous and exemplary leadership and service to the club and the community it serves." **Lin** joined the Rotary in 1996, has been a Paul Harris Fellow since the late '90s, and has served as president of the Club. **Lin** is known for his distinguished military career and his years with **Cianbro** and **Nickerson & O'Day** as a civil engineer. In 2010 he was inducted into the University's **Francis Crowe Society**. **Lin** is also well known for the hours of volunteer service that he has given to **Habitat for Humanity**, the **Camden Public Library**, the **Bangor Public Library**, and many other non-profit organizations.

A note from **Rosalie Chase Ober '80G** related that she and **David** were about to leave the state of Maine for a lovely home in **Savannah, GA**. Said they were hoping that a lot of time in the sun would give **Dave** the "exercise and good health" that he had been looking for the past five years. They left around the first of October and can be found at 2 Middleton Rd., Savannah, GA 31411. **Rosalie** extends an invitation to come see them. After last winter, it sounds like the

thing to do.

The **Ladies Who Lunch** on the fourth Friday in June met again this year at **Cyn Rockwell Wright's** summer home in Round Pond. The meal, excellent as usual, was provided by the **Anchor Inn**. Twenty-eight of us gathered at **Cyn's** at noon and proceeded to enjoy each other's descriptions of what we've been doing for the past year. Coming from **Bristol, CT**, and picking me up on the way led to **Patti Dessler Ewen** being the classmate who traveled the longest distance to be there.

Also coming from far, far away was **Ginny Freeman's** sister, **Brenda Freeman Kuich '62**, who was visiting for several weeks from **Texas**, and **Tade Osier Cross '60**, who resides in **North Carolina** but had been visiting in **Maine** since early June. As usual, a good time was had by all.

**Patti Dessler Ewen** dropped a note to say she spent the summer traveling. Beginning with our trip to **Maine** where we had a chance to catch up with **Paul '61** and **Patti Hayes MacDonald** at the **Highlands in Topsham**, she has been to **London** to see her daughter, **Susan**, and family, and spent a week on the **Denmark coast** joining her son-in-law's **Scottish** family. Then she was visited by friends from **Britain** and they proceeded to travel through **New Hampshire** to **Quebec**, then on to **Bar Harbor** and down the coast back to **Boston**. Said it was "wonderful to share her state with people who were entranced by its beauty." One stop made was the **Botanical Gardens in Boothbay**. The **Gardens** were dedicated in 2007 and are well worth a visit. Next on the list is a trip with friends to **Niagara on Lake Ontario** for the **Shaw Festival**, to see three plays in two days, and at the end of September she visited friends in **New Hampshire**. Then **Patti** says it's a collapse on the couch to rest after a wonderful summer.

A chat with **Sandra Daley Denman** tells me that the **Mid Coast Maine Alumni Association** (formerly called the **Merrymeeting Alumni**) has been rejuvenated. **Sandy** serves on the committee and says they have meetings around the midcoast area—spring, summer, and fall. The October meeting was in **Harpswell** with **Dave Mallet '73** as the entertainment.

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# 1959

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Hello '59ers! Please note my new address above; email remains the same.

After living in Florida since 1987 when **Bob** was transferred there for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft and driving back and forth every year to summer on Cape Cod, we have finally decided to make Cape Cod our permanent home. For many reasons it is time to have only one house and we decided our hearts were really in New England. Though not thrilled with the idea of winter, we will return to Florida for a few months and rent. Our move was a challenge with trying to fit belongings from one complete house into another.

I received some great news items this time. First of all, it was announced that classmate **Dick Collins** has been selected as one of seven 2011 inductees into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. Dick was basketball captain and has been a great benefactor of UMaine sports. Congratulations, Dick!

Also on the sports scene, current class president **Evie Stevens Smith** '87G was selected as a member of the search committee to find the next women's basketball head coach. Evie is a member of the Black Bear Board of Advisors and former president of the Friends of Maine Women's Basketball Booster group.

A nice article from the *Portland Press Herald* featured classmate **S. Clyde "Kikie" Ross** '73G and his career in education but focused on his retirement career of helping others. He spent 37 years teaching at Leavitt and Mount Blue junior and senior high schools. Since retiring, his days are filled with volunteer activities from serving as deputy fire chief to portraying Chester Greenwood, Farmington's famous inventor of earmuffs, in the annual parade. Other activities include public information officer for Franklin County Emergency Management Agency, life member of Kora Temple, 50-plus year member of the Masons, church work, and more. He has been featured on TV on Charles Kuralt's "On The Road" and in *Parade* magazine.

An article in the *Bangor Daily News* relates **Torrey Sylvester's** story of serving in the Navy on the destroyer *USS Conway* during the Bay of Pigs incident in 1961. The mission was shrouded in secrecy and the crew didn't know their intended location until they arrived. During that time, Torrey became friends with a young Cuban who was taking part in the coup which ended in failure. Torrey was on one of the rescue boats which picked up a small group of survivors, including his new friend. Years ago, he tried to contact the young man but never heard back. Imagine his surprise when a few months ago he received an email from the same man, who had tracked him down on the Internet. They planned to meet in the fall at the *USS Conway* reunion in Pittsburgh. Other missions on the *Conway* included tracking Russian subs near

Greenland and as a down range recovery ship for the Mercury 7 astronauts. In an additional letter, Torrey tells of his latest trip with wife, Jennifer, to England and to France to visit the D-Day beaches.

# 1960

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Happy New Year!

First of all, the names of the 2011-2012 Class of 1960 Scholarship recipients have been announced. This year the fund provided \$1,302 in scholarship assistance.

Joshua P. Nickless is a junior majoring in electrical engineering at Orono. He is from Gardiner, ME, and is the grandson of the late **Robert Jenkins**.

Ryan M. Hardiman is a sophomore majoring in finance and zoology and is from Brookline, MA. He is also an athlete.

The recipient of the scholarship for 2010-2011 wrote us a thank-you letter as well. Margaret Hilton, who is originally from Vermont, transferred to UMaine after her freshman year. She is a senior majoring in financial economics and plans to go to law school. She also is on the varsity softball team, and has "very little extra time and therefore can't get a job." She is grateful, as the scholarship allows her to "play and study without the stress from money worries."

**Joe and Peg Dion** were on the Cape this summer for a few weeks of fishing and digging clams. Joe usually comes to Maine for some deer hunting in the north woods each fall. A little bird told me that **Mark Shibles** was in Montana in late September and early October for some fly-fishing with a high school friend. Joe also caught up with fellow Theta Chi **Herb Applin** at a bluegrass festival in Vermont last summer. Way back in our Orono days, Herb played and sang in bluegrass music groups. Herb has been inducted in the International Bluegrass Music Museum in Owensboro, KY, as a pioneer and legend in bluegrass music in the New England area. Congratulations!

Over in the Pacific paradise of Hawaii, **Rich Lloyd** says we are moving closer to an "awesome gathering" in 2012. The travel agent he is working with, Peggy Chock, has been looking out for those who are going on the trip, and has reserved a room for all to meet from 5-6 each evening. "Aloha" to you, Rick. You have put a lot of work into this gathering—and bless you for doing so.

This past year, yours truly took two courses at "OLLI," which is a separate department of the University of Southern Maine, and provides courses for people over age 50. The faculty is all volunteers, and OLLI offers 130 courses a year. Last spring, as my class on the women in the "Canterbury Tales" was finishing up, I saw **Dick**

**Sturgeon**, who is chair of the OLLI advisory board. The official name is Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Our class has some devoted Black Bear hockey fans. Bob '57, '59G and **Sharon Ward Fuehrer**, along with **Dick** and **Martha Butler Dudley**, attended Hockey East in Boston in March 2011, the NCAA in Manchester, NH, in March, and the Frozen Four in Minneapolis, MN, in April. They have planned another gathering in Boston for Hockey East's "Frozen Fenway" when the Black Bears face off with the University of New Hampshire for a double header on January 12. Dick worked for 42 years for Fairbanks Morse Engine Company and Martha worked in medical technology, and later on for L.L. Bean. They summer at Branch Lake in Ellsworth. The Fuehrers live in Peacham, VT, and summer on Orrs Island. Bob, a pulp and paper major, worked as president of EHV, a specialty paper company in St. Johnsbury. Sharon worked as a substitute teacher and has done extensive volunteer and charity work.

In September the Class of '60 Phi Kaps held their biannual reunion in Augusta and Vassalboro where they played golf and enjoyed a lobster feed at Natanis Golf Club, as well as Sunday brunch at the Maple Hill Farm Conference Center. Attending with their spouses and others were **Joe Carroll**, **Bob Sterritt** '63G, **Steve Howe**, **Bruce Johnson**, **Dave Gagnon**, **Dick Jack**, the Fuehrers, and the Dudleys.

The following is a quote from Garrison Keillor: "Be well, Do good work. And stay in touch." This one is from me: "Send news!" Again, a very happy and healthy New Year to all of you.

# 1961

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Reunion: It was 1961 again, and we were as we were, not as we are. Thoughts of arthritis and bypasses and hip replacements paled as we relived the joys of college days. More than 100 classmates along with guests returned to Maine—one of the largest 50<sup>th</sup> Reunions in the University's history. Stretching the Reunion to four days, many of us started our celebrating at Point Lookout in Northport. **Anne Adams Collins** and **Meg Thompson Villarreal** made the arrangements for us to enjoy the lovely cabin site and that truly remarkable scent of pine trees. **June Toulouse Heintz** stepped in to help Meg with hostess duties at the hospitality cabin. During the first evening, we enjoyed an indoor picnic at the Penobscot Bay home of Anne and Dick Collins. It was the perfect place to kick off the activities and play the old reunion game "you haven't changed a bit." During the picnic Meg and Anne tested our knowledge of the class's history. All I recall from the quiz was that **Will Spencer** seemed to be the class president most of our years!

After a cozy night's sleep, we split up the



next day with some of us touring Rockland and Camden while others participated in a class golf tourney. **Marcia Sayward Blake** told me there were four groups of men and women within a stroke of each other on the front as a scramble team. Displaying sportsmanship, they didn't declare a winner. The back nine was played not as a team, just for fun. The evening of the second night we met at a lobster pound restaurant and enjoyed Maine's favorite crustacean. After that, it was time to travel inland to Orono.

Once on campus, we met in our class lounge, located in the Allain Library of the Buchanan Alumni House. The library was established by **Stan Allain** and his wife, Kathleen, in honor of Stan's parents, Robert W. and Evelyn Chase Allain. **Shirlene Heath Gosline** '73G, with assistance from **Ellie Shibles**, set up the most interesting display of class and University memorabilia—everything from fraternity favors to tee shirts and photos (and all the girls were in skirts!). There was a collection of yearbooks and I had made up a notebook with all the bio sheets classmates had sent in. **Larry Schiner** '62G presided over a short meeting during lunch that included recognizing classmates who have served in the military. The nominating committee announced class officers for the next five years—Larry for president, **Andy McGarry** for vice president, me for secretary, **Jean McNeary Woodard**, treasurer, and Meg Thompson for Senior Alumni representative. On the executive committee, tasked to make the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion even more special than this one, are Anne Collins, **Richard Drisko**, **Jane Goode**, **Robert Kelleter**, **Ian McKinnon**, **Ernie Ridlon**, and June Heintz. During the afternoon there were tours and visits to favorite places.

That evening we attended the class dinner in Wells Commons where **Pete** and **Gail McLain Berry**, class agents, announced that our class gift since last Reunion totaled \$3,149,936. **Peter Haynes** received a Black Bear Award for outstanding service to the University and I was honored with the Golden "M" Award. We had our class group photo taken which turned out fantastically. If you didn't order a copy and want one, email me and I'll tell you how to get a copy. The athletes met early on Sunday at the annual "M" Club breakfast. The "M" Club is for varsity letter winners and honorary members. Larry Schiner and Bob Kelleter represented our class.

The last day of Reunion began on a solemn note as we shared in a service of remembrance at the Newman Center for the more than 300 classmates who have passed away. Peter Haynes played the organ while Fr. **Bernard "Bud" Welch** conducted the service. **Nancy Woods Rearick** organized the tribute that concluded with Woody Beach '51 on bagpipes leading us from the chapel with a heart-wrenching "Amazing Grace." Reunion concluded with an all-alumni dinner Saturday night where our class was inducted into the Senior Alumni group.

Once again, a big thank you to Barbara Schiner for putting together the class photo CD which also includes the "Stein Song." There is not enough room in the printed column to include all the news gleaned from the bio sheets



Three long-time friends enjoy their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion together last June. Class of '61 members Jean McNeary Woodard (left), Ellen Banks Shibles (center), and Carolyn Sleeper Williams grew up as neighbors in Orono. They went all through grade school, junior high, and high school together and then all enrolled at UMaine in 1957. They have remained friends since graduation.

that so many of you sent to me. Therefore, go to [umainealumni.com](http://umainealumni.com), click on Get Involved, and then go to Class Pages and click on 1961. There you will find news from every single bio sheet I received. Happy reading, and joyful remembering of a time when we were all so young, innocent, and full of hope.

## 1962

50<sup>th</sup> Reunion June 1-2, 2012

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Our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion is just a few months away. If you have not responded to the University and locked in your reservations both in Bar Harbor and Orono, it is time to do so now. We have four wonderful days planned for you.

The pre-campus event will take place in Bar Harbor on May 30 and 31. Contact the Bar Harbor Inn to reserve your room. We are having a lobster bake on Wednesday evening to get things started off in true Downeast style. Luncheon on Thursday will be at the Jordan Pond House. Don't forget to pack an item for our class auction.

This tradition was started at our 40<sup>th</sup> and has proven to be a great fundraiser. Acadia will be open at that time, so bring your Golden Age pass with you for free entrance into our national park. We have not scheduled every moment of your time on the island, as we know

that reconnecting with classmates is the most important part of Reunion. Weather permitting, a boat ride will be available. Information on other activities such as kayaking, biking, and tours of Bar Harbor and the island will be provided for those interested. FYI: Pat's Pizza opened an establishment in Bar Harbor this past summer.

Campus activities start Friday afternoon, June 1. Accommodations are at the Black Bear Inn. Friday night, classmate **David Lamb** will be the featured speaker at our class dinner. David's career as a journalist and author is well known. We are excited that he has agreed to share some of his experiences with us.

Saturday morning has been set aside for our class meeting and a memorial service to honor all those members of our class that have passed away during the 50 years since graduation. Rev. **Barbara Spiller Currie** has agreed to help us with the service. Barbara is minister of the Deering Community Church in Deering, NH. At noon our class will be welcomed at the Senior Alumni luncheon as the "new kids on the block." The weekend concludes Saturday evening with the All Alumni banquet.

We hope that you all will be able to make the weekend. But remember, whether you will be with us in person or not, please take the time to fill out the profile sheet that will be sent to you by the Alumni Association. Include your life story and some pictures if possible. It would be fun to have both a recent photo and one taken during your campus days. Committee members are compiling a memory album that will be circulated during Reunion weekend. We are still looking for a classmate to help us get the information gathered for this album online for everyone to enjoy.

I have already heard from several classmates that are planning to attend. **Jeff** and **Peg Boothby Lyon** are looking forward to joining us. The couple wrote to tell me that they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at a wonderful party given to them by their children at Point Lookout in Northport this past summer. The Lyons divide their time with summers at their lake home in Swanville, ME, and winters in Naples, FL.

Also planning to be at Reunion weekend are **Ed** '81G and **Pat Smith Ranzoni** '76G, '91 CAS. They emailed to share a great experience of their own. "We are renewed from a journey to ancestral grounds in Northern Italy, a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift given to us by our children." This summer Pat was a featured poet at the American Folk Festival. Her seventh book, *Bedding Vows, Love Poems from Outback, Maine*, is due to be published this winter by North Country

# GO BLUE!



Press. **Earl Smith** has just finished his first novel. *The Dam Committee* was scheduled to be out in November. Also published by North Country, Earl's book is a comic murder mystery set in Maine. **Ron and Trudy Chambers Price** send their best to all and are excited about the prospect of seeing many friends on Reunion weekend. **Millie Simpson Stewart** is terrific about keeping in touch. Millie is president of the Mid-Maine Alumni group. **Kay Fraser, Marti Haskell Collins, Bill Lawlor, and Lin '69G and Sue McNeary Billings** are on the committee with Millie to help make Mid-Coast one of our most active alumni groups. Mid-Maine will be well represented at our 50<sup>th</sup>.

I close the column with this reminder from the Reunion committee: "It is *your presence* that is the most important part of our 50<sup>th</sup> celebration. Help us make this the best Reunion ever." See you in May!

## 1963

### 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2013

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It's barely fall and I am ready to leave on a New England to Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island to Quebec and Montreal cruise with **Marcia Roak Fitzgerald** and **Elaine Farashian**

for a week. And I am writing the winter edition of the column.

**Nancy Starrett Watson** writes that she had "left hip replacement, which I share (below), for someone who might benefit or have friends who might, because of the miracle surgery. Two of my acquaintances have since changed surgeons and been very pleased. I researched hip surgeons throughout New England, expecting Boston. Then I found a hip specialist in Portland, called a top-notch doctor (who I see there) and he highly recommended this surgeon." Contact her for the info at NSWATSON063@aol.com.

**Lee Bingham** '66G has been working in Detroit for almost a year getting a waste to energy power plant operational. He finished up in October and headed for Everett, WA, to work on the acquisition of a paper mill.

**Norma Townes Clayton** has moved to Hockessin, DE.

**David Field** '68G has written a book, *Images of America: Along Maine's Appalachian Trail*. He has maintained a six-mile section of the trail for 54 years.

**Leila Marks Burgess** has been inducted to the Bucksport Academic Wall of Fame. She taught in Bucksport from 1966-1997 and is also a graduate of Bucksport High School.

Now that's my part. Here's a brief note from class president **Jim Goff**:

"It's hard to believe but in less than 20 months our Class of 1963 will gather at Orono for our 50th Reunion! Save the dates: May 29 and May 30, 2013. We'll have plenty more details as we get closer to the dates. In the meantime, our Reunion committee is seeking your thoughts about events you might like. While the traditional reunion days are Friday and Saturday, there's thought about some events and gatherings as early as Thursday the 28th and a Sunday morning get-together on the 31st. We welcome your thoughts. There will be lots of the traditional happenings; please do let us know what may be of interest to you. One thing for sure: we feel spending lots of informal and 'down' time together in settings where we can engage old and new friends is important.

"We will be reaching out with the usual mailings of course, but we are excited about the opportunity to stay in more constant touch with emails. While we have some email addresses, which we have already tested for accuracy, we are encouraging each of you to send me your current email to update our lists. And please pass the word to all your 1963 friends! A Facebook page is in the works as well.

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## 1964

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Back when we were in school and television featured petticoats, there was a commercial warning us not to make Mother Nature angry. Whew! We sure could use that warning now. I hope you and yours have all been safe from the various tumults she has wrought this past year!

**Jerry Ellis** wrote me that he and wife, **Ronnie Delano-Ellis** '72, '76G, '92 C.A.S., drove from Bangor all the way to La Jolla, camping two-thirds of the time, to meet up with his son Lucas, who had biked from Vancouver to Imperial Beach (San Diego). As he said, "What could be better than spending five weeks with your son, his friend, and your wife seeing the West Coast."

Classmate **Earle "Pete" Cooper** was one of six inductees at the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Maine Sports Hall of Fame, having been a football coach at both Madison and Lawrence High Schools. Pete coached for 31 high school seasons, compiling a record of 216-96-4, earning Coach of the Year honors four times! Way to go!

**Robert Jordan** and wife, **Nancy Hiester Jordan** '66, have honored the memory of their late bipolar son, **Seth**, by endowing a full-time position at Shalom House to ease people's transition from hospital to outpatient and other support systems, hoping that this care, eliminated in many places now because of

economic scale-backs, will prevent someone else from losing the battle. They honor their son and improve the world at one swoop!

Another giver is **Lester Young** '75G, '82 C.A.S. After five decades of work in the educational field from Vanceboro to Brewer, from teacher to principal and many administrative jobs along the way, he has come to his second retirement! He tried Florida and retirement for a year and a half and was lured back to Brewer. Last year he married **Janet Selinske McIntosh** '78G, '04 C.A.S., who is also retiring from being a principal, and this time they hope to make retirement stick!

**Bonnie Masterman Curtis** reports a fascinating career at Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, MA; a social worker for the Bureau of Child Welfare in NYC; and with her master's degree in counseling, worked as a school counselor in North Carolina. Having married right after UMO graduation, she has two daughters and a son all happily married and thriving, and she loves returning to Maine each summer to see friends and family, still considering herself a Mainer. And that's the truth—how many places infect us so wonderfully that we never want to let go of our association!

**David R. MacDonald** writes that he has gone from chemical engineering to welding tools and supplies, to musician. Having summered at Higgins Beach as a youngster, and DJ'ing at the Higgins Community House in the '50s, it came naturally. You can find concert videos of his band on YouTube, but better email him at [drm10@maine.rr.com](mailto:drm10@maine.rr.com) to get the name of the band he left out!

**Amos Orcutt** announced his retirement as president and CEO of the UMaine Foundation. Amos has led the Foundation since 1990, and overseen tremendous growth in its assets and staff. The Foundation oversees approximately \$200 million in endowed funds that benefit the University, faculty, programs, and students.

**Raymond "Joe" Jenkins** '77G reports that he found his perfect partner 11 years ago, **Malen Hsu**, the love of his life, and he now operates **Jenkins' Beach** in Green Lake during the summer, skiing at Sugarloaf in winter where he is also an ambassador, still golfs, and fishes. A contented man permeates his letter.

**Ginny Bellinger Ollis McGibeny** (c'est moi) is happily married to a marvelously courageous survivor of life's issues, and he has taught me to view life as an adventure. In December 31 I am SO out of my 34-year real estate career and looking forward to a real life, where I am not constantly at someone else's beck and call. We look forward to driving around the country, trading homes with someone in England and France for a while, and doing all the things that my compulsive, perfectionist business life has pushed out. You will know me by the huge smile.

Happy 2012!

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# 1965

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Lots of news coming from classmates who have attended their 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunions.

Ellsworth High School: **Sally Austin Archer** is trying to stay ahead of tremendous changes in marketing for her main clients and a nonprofit.

**Alfred Chamberlain** has been married to Sandra Dow Chamberlain '66 for 43 years "and counting." He spent 41 years at a paint manufacturing business and retired in 2006 as the vice president of manufacturing. (sandal168@comcast.net)

**Caroline Fuller Hutchinson** is semi retired as an adoption caseworker at the Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers. She was recognized as Employee of the Year at Maine Children's Home.

**Patricia Ramsdell Foster** worked at the Ellsworth Public Library for 23 years before retiring as director. (patricia.foster92@yahoo.com)

**Kenneth Shea** '69G is an engineer for the construction company E. L. Shea, a business started by his grandfather 85 years ago. He enjoys taking seminars to earn the necessary continuing education units to maintain his three professional licenses. (kjshea@myfairpoint.net)

**Sylvia Tapley**: my biggest achievement is continuing to live semi-independently in my wheelchair-accessible home. Without a personal van and no wheelchair-accessible public transportation, I am "property bound." However, I did "roll" over a mile for the Hancock County CROP Hunger Walk in Ellsworth in September.

Traip Academy, Kittery Point: **Carrie Burton Floyd-Wiles** of North Carolina had a great visit with **Jean Woods Boobar** of Rockport, ME. Carrie's granddaughter Abby is a freshman at UMaine.

Edward Little High School: **Roberta Roak Foltz** of Grants Pass, OR; **Pat Carlin Bruce** of Franklin, ME; and **George Buker** of Minot, ME, attended their reunion here.

Orono High School: **Pam Woolley Viehweg** lives in Marietta, GA, and **Joyce Britton Stevens** has lived in Washington state for 42 years. She retired in 2009, her last position was a mathematics coach for K-12 teachers. Her husband passed away last April, so she is readjusting to single life. Joyce still enjoys hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing, which she can access within a few miles of her house on the east slope of the Cascade Mountains.

Joyce reconnected with college friends **Rosemary Pelletier Merchant**, **Cynthia Duncan Armstrong**, **Donna Weaver Stephen**, and **Bruce** '64 and **Camilla Guerette Corson**. Rosemary retired as a Hancock County Court clerk in 2009. She moved to Portland to be close to her daughter, Jennifer. Her son, David '05, lives in Bangor and his daughter, Kayla

Merchant, is a freshman at UMaine. Cynthia is a retired teacher living in Haverhill, MA. Donna is a retired elementary principal living in Scarborough, ME. Camilla and Bruce are retired from the Beverly, MA, school district.

**Lisbeth Wiley Chapman** has launched Extra Daughters, a senior move manager and organization business based in Wellfleet, MA. (bethchapman@extradaughters.com)

I am pleased to announce that Christine Gilbert, granddaughter of **Raymond A. Jean**, received the Class of 1965 Scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year at the University of Maine.

An email from **Susan Harburger Scott** recapped news that she and **Lorna Peabody Philley** had a great time catching up with **Sue Holmes Bornstein**, **Sandy Foss Brown**, **Cathy Gaw Savage** '88G, and **Marty Milliken Round** '64. Susan and Lorna stayed at Cathy's house in Brunswick and went into Topsham and met **Carolyn Robertson** '67G for lunch. Later that night, they went to **Alan** and **Cindy Romano Sawyer's** home in Harpswell and saw **Stu** and **Maggie Edgar Gerald** and **Waleria Lukas Swift**.

**Gib Chase** '68G emailed that he retired in '05 after 43 years of federal service. His career included the US Fish and Wildlife Service, where he did the planning and public coordination associated with the establishment of the Sunhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge in Milford, ME.

I had a phone call from **Steve Merritt** in St. Isadore, Ontario. He had recently spoken with **Ron Calef**, living in California.

**Priscilla Easter Missita** is greatly missed by her UMaine friends. She passed away on January 10, 2011. Pris graduated from Wilton Academy in 1961.

Remember to access the UMaine Alumni Website for more in-depth 1965 classnotes.

# 1966

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By now the memories of our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion may have faded a bit, but thanks to **Roland "Chip" Cyr** we can turn the calendar back to June and view his video of the weekend events. Chip's email is chipcyr@yahoo.com and he'd love to hear from you. Again, Chip, many thanks and it was great to see you again after so many years.

We are sorry to report the death of **Dean Stoddard** in May of 2010. Dean majored in mechanical engineering and was a letter winner on the track team. He began his career in the corporate world, and later started two businesses. The first one was in Maine, and then in the early 1990s, he founded Stoddard Construction in Spokane, WA. He belonged to

the Spokane polo club as well as a Canadian polo team. Dean and his wife, Dorothy, bought and restored an old home on Prince Edward Island, and a week's stay there was part of our Class of '66 auction last spring.

**James "Jim" Ballinger** '69G was inducted into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame for his outstanding contributions as a member and coach of UMaine track and cross-country teams.

**Michael Kessock** '73G purchased a popular local restaurant in June. The Muddy Rudder in Brewer seats 230 customers and hosts wedding receptions and banquets. Mike donated \$300,000 to his alma mater in 1998 and was honored the next year when a lighted softball field was named in his honor.

**John Violette** was honored as president and chief engineer of Rotating Composite Technologies. His company shared the 2010 Collier Trophy Award with the Silorsky X2 Team for work in the aerospace industry. John's company provided the Pusher Propeller that helped it achieve high speed. John and his wife, Jean '69, both grew up in Rumford, and reside in Granby, CT, where they raised four children. They have six grandchildren and return to Maine where they have a summer house in Weld.

**Curt Brown** '66 is semi retired and continues his 20-year career as a designer and seller of antique mirrors in New England. Curt and his fiancée, Kathryn, started a special needs school in 2009 in Honduras called Honduras Outreach Providing Education. You can access their website under Hope School Morazan, Yoro, Honduras, CA. (curtbrown@aol.com)

Congrats to **Paula Noyes Singer**, who continues to write about tax law. She recently published an article on tax issues for foreign nationals.

Last May, we received news that **Nancy Hiester Jordan's** son Seth was remembered by gifts to fund a mental health case manager at the Shalom House in Portland. Nancy told friends, advocates, and consumers of mental health services that her son's death will always make her sad, but talking about the illness that affected him and so many others helps reduce the stigma of mental illness. I hope you'll pray for Nancy and her family.

**Janet Rogers** '71G wrote: "I've been volunteering for the Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society in Salisbury, MA, for almost nine years and have been volunteer coordinator for the past six years. MRFRS is a nationally recognized, nonprofit volunteer-driven organization devoted to the care of feral and domestic cats. We get our money through donations, grants, and fundraising and most of the work is done by volunteers; half the small staff is unpaid (I am one of those).

"I recruit, train, and schedule the 100+ volunteers at the Salisbury headquarters adoption center. We provide low-cost spay/neuter services to people in northeastern/central MA and southern NH through a mobile surgical clinic. I am also a foster care provider and specialize in the very shy, terrified cats as well as do hospice fostering, providing those cats care in a home for whatever time they may have left.





A UMaine alumni gathering at the summer cottage of Monty Vogel '67 in August featured many members of the 1965 Black Bear Tangerine Bowl team. Monty and his wife built the summer house themselves on an island off West Bath. It's accessible only by boat and utilizes only solar power and propane.

Among the attendees were back row (left to right): Zack Longley '67, Tom Meiser '68, Don Chretien '67, John Peters '69, Sandy Peters '69, Walt Nelson '67, Jean Nelson, Paul Keany '67, Helen Huard, John Huard '67, Tom "Bear" Ackley '69, Monty Vogel, Pat Doyle, Bill Libby '66, '67G, Cindy Fuller Libby '67, Dennis Doyle '67, Maryann Pendleton, Paul Pendleton '67, Tom London '66, Lee Ann Carey, and Rick Woods '67. Front row (left to right): John Sherry '67, Gerry Kelley Sherry '67, Beth Vogel, and Gail Woods.

Besides the kitty stuff, I'm president of the board of directors of my credit union—have been on that board for 20+ years; volunteer one morning a week at the Newburyport District Courthouse, and spend time with the five great-nieces and a great-nephew.

**Emil Swift** adds: "To all of you who attended our 45th and helped make it our best Reunion ever—thank you! For you '66ers who did not attend, please look far, far ahead to 2016. Stay healthy, stay happy, and plan to take part in the largest and best 50th Reunion ever! Take good care of yourself and stay young. Remember, folks in their 70s are now the new 50s. Enjoy life and stay in touch with your class officers. Let us know how you are doing. Be well and sing the Maine 'Stein Song,' our lively alma mater's, at least once a month to stay sharp and focused."

As we begin 2012, let's be thankful for all the blessings we have and look out for those who need a hand up. Happy New Year!

## 1967

45<sup>th</sup> Reunion June 1-2, 2012

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Save the dates for our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion, June 1-3, 2012! Make plans to join your classmates at Friday night's Dining with Distinction, Saturday class lunch, All-Alumni Reception and Dinner, and post-Reunion send-off at **Dave Ames's** '68G home!

Robbins Lumber Company of Searsmont was honored by the Maine Department of Conservation and the Maine TREE Foundation with the eighth annual Austin H. Wilkins ('26) Forest Stewardship Award for outstanding contributions to forest management and stewardship. The award was presented to **James L. Robbins**, president. The company owns and manages 30,000 acres of its own forests and operates a sawmill complex and warehouse. At the presentation ceremony held at the Blaine House, Gov. LePage '75G said, "The Robbins family is a testament to forest stewardship. They have demonstrated that Maine family businesses can compete in a global economy, protect wildlife, conserve resources, and be successful." Present at the

ceremony was **Douglas Denico** '75G, who was recently appointed Maine's new state forester. In this new position, Doug will oversee the Maine Forest Service within the Department of Conservation. A former paper company official, he owns and manages 1,300 acres of working forest in central Maine and is the immediate past president of the Maine Forest Products Council.

**Dick Ackerman** retired from IBM. He and Linda Cullen Ackerman '73G have a home in Texas and a cottage in New Hampshire. On special weekends Dick volunteers as a brakeman on the new Downeast Scenic Railroad in Ellsworth (jackerman@yahoo.com).

**Ivan Braun** '68G is now the principal of the Bucksport Middle School. Previously he was principal for 10 years at the Orland Consolidated School and athletic director at Bucksport Middle School for seven years.

**Louie '60 and Edie McVay King** were involved as volunteers during the Fall Welcome Weekend, helping to welcome the Class of 2015. In July I joined Edie and Louie for the Schoodic Lepidoptera BioBlitz in Acadia National Park, sponsored by the National Park Service, SERC Institute, University of Maine, Maine Forest Service, and others. For 24 straight hours, we joined 50+ other volunteers to collect as many species of butterflies and moths as possible for the park service's permanent collection. A very interesting weekend!

## 1968

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I am thrilled to be serving as class correspondent.

I have many fond memories of my college years on the Orono campus. During my freshman year, I became friends with a classmate, **Charlotte Glidden**, from Bucksport. By our senior year, Charlotte had met and married my brother, James Loew. During August of this year, Charlotte and Jim's daughter, Jenny, married Michael Machnowski in New Hampshire. During November, our daughter, Amanda, married Richard Arsenault in Ada, MI.

Here is some information I received about some of our classmates:

**Alfred Bushway**, a faculty member at the University of Maine for 33 years, was named the 2011 Distinguished Maine Professor. He teaches and was formerly chair of the department of food science and human nutrition. He is responsible for acquiring more than one million dollars in research grants. He has helped numerous industries develop safe handling and food processing techniques.

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**Kenneth Fletcher** has been appointed director of the state's Office of Energy Independence and Security.

**Blaine Jack** (G), who managed and directed youth baseball leagues for 40 years in Sanford, received a Special Achievement Award on the local level.

**Gregory Johnson** ('09 Hon. L.H.D.), retired US Navy admiral, was appointed to the University of Maine System board of trustees.

**Joy Billings Knowles** '72G retired from teaching the second grade at Holden Elementary School. She taught for more than four decades. She will continue to serve as the gifted and talented coordinator.

**Steve Rideout** bought a camp on Ambajeus Lake outside Millinocket last year and now spends his summers in Maine as much as possible. **Tony Filauro** '72G owns a camp in the same area and they both share fond school year and reunion memories with **Charlie Nichols**. Steve and his wife, Carol, are now proud grandparents for a second time, visiting baby Ella and her older brother, Griffin, in Portland as much as they can.

I am looking forward to hearing from many of my classmates. Please keep us informed as to your activities.

## 1969

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Greetings to Class of '69 classmates. We'd love to hear your latest news. Let us know what you are doing and where you are. MaineToday Media, the largest media company in Maine, honored 15 women as Great Women of Maine. Senator **Olympia Snowe** ('82 Hon. L.H.D.) received the Margaret Chase Smith Award for female pioneers who have had distinguished careers. **Donald Siviski** '77G, '93 C.A.S., who had been superintendent of Regional School Unit 2, is bridging the gap between serving as a superintendent and retirement by serving as a consultant for the Maine Department of Education on instructional programming. **Connie Barber** wrote that in August, three Class of '69 members who are Alpha Chi Omega sisters met in Maine for a day at the beach. Connie is a retired social studies teacher who resides in Rhode Island, **Sue Garfield** has retired from the Rockefeller Foundation and now lives in Portland, and **Barbara Leyden Piper** has retired from the Albuquerque School Department and lives in Nevada.

Also in August, **Bill** and I dined with **Ray** '71G and **Sue Pepin**, **Jim** '71G and **Ginny Farwell Weaver**, and **Bruce** '70 and **Linda Nobert Hills**. Ray, Jim, Bruce, and Bill were in engineering, Ray, Bruce, and Bill are Tau Epsilon Phi brothers, and Ginny, Linda, and I are Alpha Phi sisters. Sadly, we report the death of **Nancy H. Smith Sullivan**, who died on July 7,



Alumni Association president **Todd Saucier** '93, '97G presented a Block "M" Award to **Margaret Wilde** '67 at the New Jersey Alumni Chapter's LobsterMainia event in September. **Margaret** has been instrumental in building the chapter and currently serves as the group's treasurer.

2011. Nancy lived in Westwood, MA, had taught French, and became a librarian in later life.

## 1970

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Greetings! I had a newsy email from **John McGrail** telling me that he has retired after 31 years of service with the City of Detroit (MI) Water and Sewerage Department. He retired as head civil engineer and group leader of one of two construction groups. He managed construction of three of the city's water treatment plants. He has been married to his wife, Mary Ann, for 41 years and they have three sons who live in the Detroit area. They also have two grandchildren, Elinor and Rian. His email is redstar1970@att.net if anyone would like to contact him.

Coach **John Wolfram** '71G had a successful 2010 season at Cheverus High School in Portland, ME. He led the team to the state championship and was named Class A Coach of the Year. Sportscaster **Gary Thorne**, who has been writing a column for Maine's *Bangor Daily News* for the past 17 years, has written his final column, at least for now.

The Robert Lahey Athletic Director of the Year Award was given to **Dennis Kiah** '93G, athletic director at Brewer (ME) High School. He was recognized at the annual spring meeting of the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

Be looking in 2012 for a ghost musical

from **Stephen King** ('87 Hon. L.H.D.)! Titled *The Ghost Brothers of Darkland County*, it will feature haunting melodies by John Mellencamp. It is based on a legend about the deaths of two brothers and a girl at a rural cabin.

## 1971

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The Alumni Association has received a delightful message from **Nancy Boyington Corliss** and **Arthur G. Corliss, Jr.** telling of their UMO connection that began in 1969 when they met in Bar Harbor and continuing now through over 40 years of marriage. Nancy is now manager of an insurance agency in Bar Harbor and Art is a banker at Bar Harbor Savings and Loan. They have two married sons and a granddaughter.

We have several career changes in the news among the members of our class. Governor Lynch of New Hampshire announced in June that **George Campbell** '79G, who has served as Department of Transportation commissioner since 2008, has made plans to transition into the private sector. **Daniel B. Coffey** was appointed president and CEO of the Acadia Hospital in Bangor. He has worked within the Eastern Maine Healthcare System for 34 years, recently serving as executive vice president, treasurer, and chief financial officer of the seven-hospital system. **Quenten Clark** '92G, '97 C.A.S. is now superintendent of schools in Union 113, welcoming the opportunity to remain in the Katahdin region where he was born and raised. "It just seems like home," said Clark of the region in the *Bangor Daily News*.

Further career choices include that glorious term "retirement." Life is good when you can take charge of your own time and do whatever you choose to do. **Edward "Skip" Rowe, Jr.** has left his position as road commissioner in Farmingdale, having dealt with snow and winter maintenance for close to 30 years. He has a grounds-care business and plans to enjoy his semi-retirement, desiring no more responsibility dealing with snow. **Roberta Searles Smith** announced in June that she would retire in October as Camden's town manager. After 24 years, **Charlie Heinonen** (G) retired in April from his post as Old Town's code enforcement officer. **Paul Michael** '74G wrote recently that he will be retiring to the Hilton Head area. In Brownville, the local historian and author **Bill Sawtell** was recognized in April with a day in his honor at Brownville Elementary School. He "retired" from teaching his Brownville history lessons at the end of the 2011 school year, just one of the many things that he has done voluntarily for that school. **Charles Stanhope** has retired from The Library of Congress and has relocated to Maine. I retired in July from many years of teaching, and this is the first column I have written as an official resident of the state of Maine. I have looked forward to this for 40



years, and finally I feel that I am home. Those of us who live in this breathtakingly beautiful state can understand why life in Maine is truly "The Way Life Should Be." We have been, in just a few weeks, continually astounded by the gracious kindnesses of the people of Maine.

Please keep your classmates in the loop about what you are doing. We should have Reunion updates in the next column.

## 1972

### Honored class at Homecoming

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Our 16-year-old-daughter and I visited the Orono campus last June on the way to a rafting trip on the Kennebec with another mother-daughter pair. Freshman orientation was in full swing, and my-oh-my those freshmen looked young! As we walked up the steps to the Fogler Library, I described the candles we lit along that wall to memorialize the Kent State shootings in 1970. My daughter replied that she had just studied that event in U.S. history last spring. Interesting that we have lived long enough for our college experiences to be in the history books. It puts it all in a different perspective!

After nearly four decades as a municipal employee, **Jim Ring** stepped down from his job as city engineer of Bangor. According to the *Bangor Daily News*: "Nowhere is his work more evident than on Bangor's waterfront, which has undergone a renaissance in the last decade under Ring's watch and is now the city's most prized asset."

**Ray Convery** '73G stepped down as coach of the Winthrop High School girls' basketball team. Winthrop athletic director, Mike Jack, said, "Ray is the epitome of a great coach, truly. I can't say enough positive things about him. He's a great role model for the kids. What he brought to Winthrop will never be forgotten."

**Catherine M. Palmer** was promoted to executive director of the Marginal Way Preservation Fund in Ogunquit, ME. She works to generate resources for the long-term conservation of the mile-long, accessible ocean footpath. If you'd like to contact her, here's her email address: cpalmer@marginalwayfund.org.

Bangor Savings Bank has appointed **Charles "Chuck" Osgood** as senior vice president and commercial market manager. He will manage commercial lending and development for eastern and northern Maine.

The recipient of the Class of 1972 Scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year at the University of Maine is Sean A. Kennedy from Pemaquid. Sean is majoring in psychology and is a member of the Honors College.

There was precious little to report from the Alumni Association this time! This column is published only twice a year now, so send me an email with your news!

## 1973

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I had an email from **Ruth Fongemie Baker** from St. Paul/Minneapolis where she has lived since graduation. She and her husband, Bob, completed graduate degrees at the University of Minnesota. Ruth has recently retired from the St. Paul school district after 32 years as a speech/language pathologist. She is hoping to reconnect with **Claire DiBello Thompson**, **Elaine Marquis Brong**, and **Norma LaPierre McInnis**. You ladies can email Ruth at ruthbakerfonge@gmail.com

**Roxanne Moore Saucier** was one of the *Bangor Daily News* staffers to receive an award from the New England Associated Press News Executives Association. **Steve Cottrell** (G) filled in this past summer in his old job: superintendent for the Winthrop and Fayette consolidated school districts. **Mike Thurston** '74G retired after 37 years in the Old Town elementary schools. **John Bernard**, athletic administrator at Mountain Valley High in Rumford, received the Past Presidents' Memorial Award from the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. **Priscilla Gray Platt** (G) teaches as part of the Living Well program for seniors. Associated Press staffers surprised **Glenn "Buzz" Adams** with a party on the occasion of his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the Augusta bureau. **Andrew "Willie" Gavett** was reelected to the Orono town council. He has stepped down after his second stint as boys' varsity basketball coach at Orono High.

**Stephen and Brenda Peterson Perkins** entered the "Bear Pair" contest with their Marching 100 love story. Five children and four grandchildren later, they write from Williston, Vermont, about the romance that bloomed in the brass section. Congratulations.

## 1974

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We had a hot summer in the south but were able to get to Maine for two weeks and enjoy the comfortable days. Fall has arrived and football season is in full swing—good luck to the Black Bears. Now for the news.

**Bill Fairchild** has retired. Say it isn't so. Wasn't it just yesterday that he was on the field at Mahaney Diamond? He has spent his career in various positions at Oak Hill High School, most recently as athletic director. He has been a teacher and coach in the school system and is responsible for upgrading the school facilities and many successes with the baseball

program, including three state championships. "I'm looking forward to sitting on my porch and deciding what club to hit on hole #1," he told the *Kennebec Journal*.

The recognitions and awards are still coming for **Katherine Musgrave** (C.A.S.), '06 Hon. Sc.D. She is a professor emerita of foods and nutrition. She was awarded the American Diabetic Association's 2011 Medallion Award. In addition, she was selected to the Maine Women's Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was organized in 1990 by the Maine Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs to honor women who have made a significant contribution to improving opportunities for women in Maine. Katherine is a strong force and hardly retired at 91. Congratulations!

Cold River Vodka continues to make the news thanks to our class entrepreneurs **Bob Harkins** and **Lee Thibodeau**. *The Spirit Journal* named Cold River Vodka in its 2011 list of "Top Five-Star Spirits in the World." The list was assembled by F. Paul Pacult (one of the world's leading spirit experts), who noted that it is "so good on its own that I hate to mix it in anything." A five-star rating is given to spirits that are considered classic and is the highest rating he awards. Founded in 2005, Cold River Vodka and Maine Distilleries continue to make a splash in the spirit world. This is a Maine company with Maine-made products. Cheers!

Former Maine track and field star, **Steve Pelletier**, is still going for gold in the Maine USA Track and Field Open/Masters Championships. Steve threw the javelin 144 feet 10 inches, which ranks him 11<sup>th</sup> nationally in his age group. He has coached at Orono High School.

Classmate **David Townsend** '81 Ph.D., chairman of UMaine's athletic advisory board, was a member of the search committee that selected Richard Barron as the new head coach of women's basketball. Reading about Coach Barron on goblackbears.com shows he has an impressive resume.

Great teachers bring their unique experiences to the classroom and **Stephen Whitney** is no different. This teacher at Asa Adams Elementary School in Orono spent a week at the Honeywell Rocket and Space Academy in Huntsville, AL, during his summer break. He was able to participate in a simulated space walk and a simulated space shuttle mission. The "campers" learn about how to make science fun, interesting, and even affordable. As part of the program, he will be making presentations to other schools and teachers. Roger that!

**Walter Whitcomb**, who is married to our classmate **Nancy Gagne Whitcomb** '75G, got the nod to become Maine's agricultural commissioner last spring. Walt owns Springdale Jerseys in Waldo, which is now managed by his daughters. From 1984 to 1996, Walt served in the Maine House of Representatives, and was a member on the agriculture committee, taxation committee, and was elected Republican house leader from 1990 to 1996.

The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources is the state's lead agency dealing with all aspects of the food system from the field to the table. Agriculture has a \$1.2 billion impact on the Maine economy. The



Department maintains a mission of fostering opportunities for the agriculture community and of promoting stewardship of Maine's natural resources. Maine farmers care for 1.25 million acres of land. Farmland brings the added public benefit of open space with many recreational opportunities.

Please send me an email and let me know what is new and exciting in your world.

Go Blue!

## 1975

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The news from the Class of 1975 doesn't include much information to pass along this time. Please send me career, personal, and family news.

**John Kimball** of Holden has been named vice president and indirect lending manager at Skowhegan Savings. He is heading up the bank's initiative to create indirect lending packages directed at businesses. John comes to Skowhegan Savings with 32 years of banking experience. He previously was vice president and senior indirect lending officer at Bangor Savings Bank.

**Paul Coulombe** is CEO of the Portland-based White Rock Distilleries, a company involved in liquor bottling, branding, and distribution, and owns over 100 liquor brands. Paul took over the business from his father and now co-owns it with his daughter. Paul is fortunate to be able to run the company from anywhere, including his Boothbay home, Florida, and the Bahamas.

In May, Gov. **Paul LePage** (G) delivered the commencement address at Husson College and also received an honorary doctorate. Gov. LePage graduated from Husson in 1971 before continuing on to graduate school at the University of Maine.

**Dick Bowden** '89G has recently moved to Tolland, CT, from Orland, ME. He and two colleagues were awarded a U.S. patent for a watertight wrapping material for big rolls of paper shipped from the paper mills to newspaper pressrooms. Dick is employed by Cascades Sonoco.

## 1976

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Hello, '76ers!

I hope you were able to make our 35th Reunion this fall. It's still hard to believe so many years have gone by since our years at the

University of Maine. When we first graduated, all our alumni news was about weddings, then babies, then job changes, followed by our kids' graduating, getting married, and us becoming grandparents!

We received a news clipping about me! **David Theoharides** '89G was appointed the new superintendent of schools for the Sanford School Department last July. David had been the assistant superintendent in Sanford for the past five years, after a 29-year career as a teacher and principal in Lincoln, ME. He and his wife, Jane Goodwin Theoharides '75, '81G, '97 C.A.S. live in Sanford where Jane teaches math at the junior high school. They have one daughter, Caroline, who is currently completing her Ph.D. in economics at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Our Class of '76 TV celebrity, **Bill Green** of WLBZ in Bangor, was the commencement speaker at the 2011 York County Community College graduation held in Ogunquit last May. Bill is the host of the popular weekly TV feature, "Bill Green's Maine." He is one of Maine's best-known storytellers, and was inducted into the Maine Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame last fall!

One of my dorm mates from Dunn Hall freshmen year, **Dennis Castonguay**, has been appointed to the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation executive committee. Dennis is manufacturing support manager for Verso Paper.

**Carol Nordstrom Toner** (G), '89 Ph.D. is one of the editors of *Somalis in Maine: Crossing Cultural Currents*, a new book that looks at the cultural encounters between the recent Somali immigrants to Maine, particularly in Lewiston, and the local population. The anthology includes research about the Somalis' departure from their war-torn homeland and resettlement in Lewiston as well as stories from Somali immigrants. Carol became part of The Somali Narrative Project, a group of UMaine faculty, UMaine Somali students, and Somalis living in Lewiston. The students and faculty read background materials, interviewed Somali immigrants, wrote about their experiences, and performed Readers Theatre in Maine and beyond.

Nancy Schott Plaisted '53, who writes her class's column, wrote, "I met **Jeff Cole** outside a local bar in August. Since my car has a 'UMO 53' bear license plate, Jeff stopped to talk. Jeff, of Kennebunk, a business administration major, is president of Cole Harrison, a local insurance company. He's married to Kim Heineman Cole '79, 'still in the medical field,' he said. His daughter, Rachael, who works for SRM in Colorado Springs, was married in August. He also has a son, Ben, a Plymouth State grad."

**Cynthia Petersen Curtis** '94G, principal of the Windham Manchester School, was featured in the *Portland Press Herald*, Lakes Region Section, for her participation in a "Dancing With the Stars" fundraiser for Project Graduation. **Jane Searles**, regional manager of and micro enterprise trainer for the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community, was honored with the prestigious G. Clifton Eames Award by the Bangor Region Leadership Institute.

The Eames Award is given annually to a person who has been through the leadership institute's training and has made a positive impact as a leader in the community.

Last February, UMaine basketball legend, **Bob Warner**, was honored when he had his No. 52 jersey retired during a ceremony before the America East game against Maryland Baltimore County. Remember 35 years ago when we packed the pit to watch Bob, as a freshman, and senior Pete Gavett '73 dominate the court under coach Skip Chappelle '62? Bob becomes the fourth UMaine player to be so recognized, joining Chappelle, Rufus Harris '83, and Keith Mahaney '57, '68G, '71 C.A.S.

## 1977

Honored class at Homecoming

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Since I am not sure exactly when this issue will be delivered, please allow me to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy holiday season, happy winter, and an especially happy and healthy 2012! Many thanks to those of you who have emailed me or sent in notes since our last column.

The Vincent A. Hartgen Award is given each year in recognition of outstanding contributors to the advancement of the arts at the University of Maine. The 2011 recipient was **Elizabeth Downing**, a member of the University's music faculty and flutist with the Bangor Symphony Orchestra. She is also senior associate director of New Student Programs at the University.

**Curt Carleen** wrote that he and Cheryl Lillenthal were married in Wickford, RI, on February 7, 2005, 30 years exactly to the day they met in Hannibal Hamlin Hall!

**Rick Coyne** of Wells has joined EXIT Key Real Estate in Shapleigh. Vice president of Sappi North America, **John Donahue** '80G, has been elected secretary of the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation. **Paul Violette**, the former executive director of the Maine Turnpike

Authority, lives with his family in Portland.

**Joyce Beckley** is director of employee services for the Portland Water District.

**James Lynch** is vice president of Maine Commercial Tire in Hermon. He and the company's president were honored as Maine's Small Business Persons of the Year in Washington, DC, by the US Small Business Administration.

After several years of working with the United Way of Sarasota County, **Rebecca "Becky" Petra Higgins** is now director of development for Catholic Charities in Naples, FL.

Finally, I received a note from **Jackie Murphy Luciano**, who reminded me that our UMO days were "a great time in our lives and we have made unforgettable and unbreakable friendships!" I



can think of no better way to end this column but to leave you with that lovely sentiment. Stay well, everyone, and stay in touch!

## 1978

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Dear Classmates,  
Oh why won't any of you send me information on your lives? How about this? If you lived in a dorm served by Wells Commons, please send me a little note about yourself, your career, and your family. If you ate together, chances are you knew each other, and if you knew each other, chances are you will be interested in reading about each other. The big variable? Sending in your info!

All right, enough begging and on to the news of our fellow '78ers.

**Jeffrey Woolston** has been recently hired as the new Winthrop town manager after retiring from a 30-year Air Force career. Jeffrey, a Winthrop native, most recently served as deputy director of communications, installations, and mission support for Air Force Material Command, Ohio.

**Meredith Strang Burgess** was among 15 women honored last spring with a Great Women of Maine Legacy Award. The awards were started this year by MaineToday Media, the largest media company in Maine and the publisher of the daily newspapers in Portland, Augusta, and Waterville. Editor and publisher Richard Connor said the awards grew out of his belief that responsible corporate citizens have a duty to recognize good things that are happening in a community. Meredith is president of Burgess Advertising and Marketing and a state legislator representing Cumberland.

**Michael Roberts**, the deputy district attorney for Penobscot County, has moved into the same corner office used by his father, David Roberts, when he was a Superior Court justice from 1967-1980. In a *Bangor Daily News* article, Michael remembered that he first visited his father in their mutual office when he was 12 years old. Sadly, because the senior Roberts died suddenly in 1999, he was never able to share his memories of the office with his son; however, there is a chance that the desk which Mike is using is the same one used by his father.

Don't forget: If you ate in Wells Commons, send me some scoop!

**Black Bear Pride!**  
**Support the**  
**ALUMNI FUND!**

## UMaine alumni honored by UVM Medical School

Two Class of 1977 members were recently honored by the University of Vermont College of Medicine. Ann Marie Lemire, M.D. and Bruce Leavitt, M.D. were presented with the College's Service to Medicine and Community Award last June. The award is given to alumni of the College who have maintained a high standard of medical and community service.



**Bruce Leavitt**



**Ann Marie Lemire**

Bruce, a professor of surgery, is an active international volunteer. He has deployed his surgical skills on Doctors Without Borders missions to Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Panama, Russia, and China.

Ann specializes in internal medicine, pediatrics, and HIV medicine. She is director of the India Street Clinic, an HIV/STD prevention and treatment service of the Portland Division of Public Health, and is a former medical director of Portland's Health Care for the Homeless and Homeless Youth Clinics. She also serves as a board member of Konbit Santé, a Maine-based Haitian health partnership.

## 1979

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Happy winter!

Hope your new year is a healthy and productive one!

When I started this "job," I didn't know what to expect, but it's been fun hearing about all the things people have been up to, and the personal messages are great. Keep sending me stories!

On to the news:

**Michael Verrier** has been inducted into the Maine Golf Hall of Fame. For 22 years, Mike has been the coach at Thornton Academy in Saco, ME. His teams have won three state titles, 13 divisional titles, and five SMAA championships. He has also been program director for the Tri-City junior golf program.

**Sandra L. Caron '82G** and **J. Michael Hodgson '82G** recently published the book *Tackling Football: A Women's Guide to Understanding the College Game*. Their website is: [www.tackling-football.com](http://www.tackling-football.com). The book is available at the UMaine Bookstore and Bear Necessities.

**Richard G. Higgins** has been named the 2011 Tau Beta Pi Distinguished Alumnus. Tau Beta Pi is the engineering honor society, and this award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated adherence to the ideals of the organization. Richard spent 26 years at the Boeing Company, retiring in 2005 as vice president for the Americas. He was a leader and innovator in the area of airplane safety. He won the Aviation Week Safety award in 1999. In addition to his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Maine, he

has received a master's in history from Norwich University in Vermont. Richard and his wife, Jean Horgan Higgins '65, recently endowed the Richard and Jean Higgins Materials Testing Laboratory at the University of Maine, where engineering students test materials to determine their strengths.

Here's a follow-up to a story from the last column. **Dan Warren** ran in the Boston Marathon, completing the run with a time of 3:49. He raised \$8,500 for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, in memory of his late mother, Elaine Stimson Warren. He also reached his goal of having 1,000 people donate a dollar. He is passing along his thanks to all his UMaine friends for their support. He would like to specially mention **Steve Bishop**, his Beta Theta Pi roommate, who donated very generously to the effort.

**Dave Verrill** is an instructor in exercise physiology at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He is currently president-elect for the Clinical Exercise Physiology Association and past president of the North Carolina Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Association. Dave has published a number of book chapters and research articles in the field of exercise science. He has been married to his wife, Susie ('90 Wake Forest University) for 20 years, and they have three children: Chris (13), Katie (10), and Thomas (8). Dave sends a message to the 3-North Gannett Hall gang: Remember the raid on Hilltop!

Got an email from **Bob Cowdrick**. He tells me that he's been living in Georgia for the past 28 years, after being at Purdue for grad school. He doesn't cruise timber anymore, but sells computer software for a company called Logility. He says he still cuts trees in the backyard when they get out of control! Bob and his son were up in Baxter and Matagamon last spring. Bob stopped at UMaine and met John Wiebe, who is in charge of the alumni ambassador program,



and Bob is now an alumni ambassador down in Georgia.

**Rolf Estela** (G) wrote: "Ever wondered about that copper-roofed, three-story house on College Avenue between Stillwater Apartments and Dick Hill's house? I designed and built it for Carroll Terrell '50G (Professor Emeritus of English) from 1986-1988."

I received thank-you notes from Emily Miliano and Michael Marino, who are this year's recipients of the Class of '79 scholarships. Emily is majoring in nursing, and Michael in forest operations science. To donate or find out more about the award, please contact the Alumni Association.

**Dale T. Phillips** studied writing with Stephen King '70, '87 Hon. L.H.D. in his UMaine days, and has finally published his first novel, a mystery titled *A Memory of Grief*, through his publisher, Briona Glen. The sequel, *A Fall From Grace*, is due out soon. Dale has also recently published more short stories. Info can be found at: [www.daletphillips.com](http://www.daletphillips.com).

## 1980

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Greetings, classmates! Although we are in the middle of winter, I am somewhat still within the warm days of fall during Homecoming weekend, where I had the chance to catch up with some of you. Plan to return home to the University of Maine this coming fall. What a lovely tradition, and one I hope we can continue year after year. Some information from recent newspaper clippings I've received: **Susan Gibson Lougee** (G), a coach and athletic trainer at Presque Isle High School, recently received an Unsung Heroine in Maine Sports award during the Mentoring Women in Sports XIII conference hosted by the Maine Principals Association.

Lt. **Wallace N. Veilleux, Jr.** of the Lewiston Fire Department was recently promoted to the rank of fire captain. A resident of Greene, Wallace has served the department since 1983.

**Robert King** writes that he and his wife, **Crystal Hamilton**, met at the University of Maine and were married in Seoul, Korea, in 1988. They have a son who is currently attending the University of Oklahoma.

I am already planning a trip to Homecoming 2012, and I promise I will not get lost in the tailgate area this time! Looking forward to your emails. Send one today!

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## 1981

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If there was one common theme that I heard following our 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion at Homecoming, it was that the weekend went by much too quickly! Guess that's what happens when you're reconnecting with so many old friends and trying to cram 5, 10, 20, or even 30 years of catching up into just a few hours! We had a great turnout of classmates and I only wish that you all had signed a guestbook when you first came on to campus. If I tried to mention everyone I saw, I'd be sure to miss someone!

The tailgate area was packed in the mild October weather. We only wish we had all been clumped together, as it was challenging to find all the '81 gang that was spread across the parking lots. My friends at the Alumni Association assure me that they'll work with athletics to remedy that situation the next time around. The football team added another big win to their record, and then many of us moved on to Buchanan Alumni House. First, we honored **Doug Hall** with a Black Bear Award for his many contributions to UMaine. I've mentioned Doug numerous times over the years and you've read about him in articles in this magazine—he's a successful author and inventor and more recently has donated his time and talents to his alma mater in the innovation engineering program on campus. A much-deserved award for a valued member of the Class of '81!

After the award in the McIntire Room, we corralled a few classmates for a brief class meeting in the Treat Room. Your officers for the next five years remain the same: Yours truly as president, vice president, **Mark Gnade**; secretary, **Brad Peters**; treasurer, **Elaine Currier Blake**; and class agent, **Kathy Littlefield Reynolds**. It was great to see a real interest in starting to work more diligently on our class scholarship fund, which currently has a balance of around \$8,500. We set a goal of \$30,000 for the fund over the next five years, with a suggested donation of \$81 from each classmate who is in a position to donate. Those in attendance at the meeting will serve as a steering committee and offered their

email addresses for future correspondence. It was noted that many classmates' children had received our scholarship in recent years, although the awards have been small. Just think—beefing up that fund will be helping grandkids before long! Yikes! We're not that old, are we?

Following the meeting, some headed off to fraternities, the Bear's Den, Pat's Pizza, and other parties. I had a great weekend entertaining my Hart Hall roommate, Rosemary Hydrisko Dougherty '80, and we eventually wound up at Pat's, too, and caught up with **Ed** and **Barb Beem Miller**. Congrats to them on tying the knot this past year! They live in Portsmouth, NH. Now I know I'll get in trouble if I start naming names, but it's oh so tempting! How 'bout if I challenge those in attendance to now send me an email! I talked with so many of you that I know I won't remember all your details—where you live, your jobs, families, etc. That will give me some good material for the next issue! I do want to commend all the Greeks for turning out in good numbers as usual! And I must mention our two Student Government presidents, **Dick Hewes** and **Dave Spellman**. Dick's a regular at Homecoming, but I hadn't seen Dave in years. Both live and work in the Portland area. Although the class was torn between events, we did have a record turnout and the trend is for reunion numbers to now increase as more classmates become empty nesters. Let's vow to keep in touch (love that social media—visit our Facebook page!) and work on making our 35<sup>th</sup> even bigger and better!

I wanted to recognize a couple of classmates who entered the "Bear Pair" contest last year that was featured in the Alumni Association's e-newsletter, *Bear Tracks*. Both couples met while students on campus and the rest is history! **Susan Wakefield** and Tim Michalka '82 met in '79, while both were living in Stewart Complex. They celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011, and now live in San Diego. They have two sons. **Lynne Buckley** and **Mike Roughton** met at a dance for the service fraternity APO and service sorority Gamma Sig. They married in May 1980 and have two sons and a daughter, and live in South Plainfield, NJ. If you're not receiving *Bear Tracks*, make sure the Alumni Association has your current email address. It's a concise, monthly update on what's happening at your alma mater!

You'll read this in the midst of hockey and basketball seasons and, wherever you are around the country, I hope you'll be cheering on our Black Bears! Those who attended Homecoming should have a renewed spirit after seeing all the great things that have happened on campus in the last 30 years. Please, continue to share your stories with me for upcoming issues. I know that UMaine laid the foundation for many successful careers and wonderful families—now let's hear about them!

## GO BLUE!



# 1982

## Honored class at Homecoming

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This spring will mark 30 years since graduation—wow! To celebrate this special event, plan on returning to Orono in October for Homecoming. More information about Homecoming will be available in the summer issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*.

Congratulations to **Richard Allen Partridge, Jr.**, who was named the 80<sup>th</sup> Assembly District's 2011 Veteran of the Year. Rick enlisted in the US Marine Corps two years after graduation and was stationed in Jordan during Operation Desert Storm. During his 15-year military career, he received various awards and honors including the Southwest Asia Medal, Good Conduct, Certificate of Commendation, and the National Defense Medal. He left the Marine Corps in 1997, settled in California, and began working for the State of California Employment Development Department. For more than a decade, he has served as a veteran representative in the disabled veteran outreach program, helping local veterans find jobs and identify resources. Rick and his wife are active volunteers in their community and have a three-year-old son.

Many thanks to **Ellen Randall Dunn**, who wrote this column for two years. Ellen is stepping down from her post, so the Class of '82 needs a new correspondent to write this column. If you'd like to help, it's a simple twice-a-year task that doesn't take much time. Writing is a great way to stay informed about your classmates and keep everyone in touch with each other and UMaine. Please contact the Alumni Association at the above address if you are interested in being the magazine's newest writer.

Have a great winter and hope to see you at Homecoming!

# 1983

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The year 2011 was a year of milestones for many of us who graduated in '83, as we all are now AARP eligible! Not sure about you, but each time the envelope arrives with my card signifying my 50 years it gets tossed. And how any of us at 50 can join a group called "retired persons" is beyond me!

Catching up on some class news I heard from **Sandy Kingsbury Sanzaro**, who reported that her business, the Top Hat II Dance Studio in

**John Wadach '83G**, who teaches engineering science and physics, was recently honored as the Distinguished Professor at Monroe Community College. The college, located in Rochester, New York, is part of the State University of New York.



Holden, ME, just celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Sandy also was proud to report that her Top Hat II Tap Team competed in a national competition in Hershey, PA, taking home three Elite Awards. Sandy and her husband, Dave Sanzaro '85, who starred for the Black Bears on the football field, will be heading back for football games for the next few years. Their daughter Krysti, who danced with Top Hat for several years, is a freshman at Maine and will be performing with the University of Maine Dance Team.

Staying on the sports theme for a moment, classmate **Tim Prescott '01G** stepped down in May of 2010 after a 26-year run coaching varsity boys' basketball at Presque Isle High School. Tim's career included 321 wins, 22 winning seasons, and four trips to the Eastern Maine championship game. Tim will continue to work at the high school in physical education, but indicated he is looking forward to taking more than a three-day vacation at Christmas for the first time in his adult life!

**Ralph Huff, Jr.** and his wife, Darlene, were proud University of Maine parents this past year. Their daughter Kristy, who was in her sophomore year, was crowned Miss Maine Collegiate in February at the Newport Recreational Center. The Huffs reside in Burnham; meanwhile Kristy is studying psychology with a minor in legal studies.

If you are looking for a realtor in the Portland area look up classmate **Karen Williams Jones**. Karen rejoined Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage as an associate in March of last year. Karen resides in Falmouth and has been a Portland area realtor for more than 12 years.

Finally, this will be my last class notes column. I took on this task several years ago when my daughter Melissa was about to enter her freshman year at the University of Maine. She graduated in 2009, is gainfully employed with the help of her UMaine education, and is now engaged to marry in 2012. Over the course of these years I have enjoyed reporting on friends and classmates, but it is time to turn this over to someone else who remains connected to fellow classmates and to our alma mater. Enjoy your winter and always remember to "Fill the Steins to dear old Maine—the college of our hearts always!"

Editor's note: The Class of '83 needs a new correspondent. If you are interested in writing this column, please call the Alumni Association at 1-800-934-2586 or email abigail.zelz@umit.maine.edu.

# 1984

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Hi, all! I hope all is well with every one of you. I heard from **Bob Gordon**, who lives in San Francisco. He just earned his master's in public health from San Francisco State University, where he received the Graduate Student Award for Distinguished Achievement! Bob works at the California LGBT Tobacco Education Partnership in San Francisco. Congratulations, Bob!

**Jack Turcotte (CAS)** resigned from his job as town manager of Old Orchard Beach. He had been in that role since August 2009 after serving as superintendent for the Old Orchard Beach schools. Sports reporter **Bob McPhee** has received more favorable press coverage. Many of you may know that during a football scrimmage while at Rumford High School in 1976, Bob suffered a brain stem injury that left him unable to walk or talk. After three years of rehabilitation, Bob enrolled at UMaine. In addition to football, Bob wrestled in high school and now covers western Maine sports, particularly wrestling. In June 2011, Bob was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame at Oklahoma State University. At the ceremonies, Bob was also given the Hall's 2011 Medal of Courage. Bob's story is truly inspirational!

For those of us on Mount Desert Island, we have reason to rejoice. There is now a Pat's Pizza in Bar Harbor! **Gerry Nasberg (G)**, who owns the Ellsworth Pat's Pizza, opened the Bar Harbor restaurant in April 2011 at the former Miguel's Restaurant location. I have already been there several times!

I ran into **Carl Soderberg** at the 2011 Biathlon World Cup in Fort Kent last February. Carl has joined the Savings Bank of Maine board of directors. Carl is vice president and partner of C.S.S. Development, a real estate holding company in Caribou; treasurer and director of Sure Winner Foods, a New England-wide distributor of ice cream and frozen foods based in Saco; and owner and president of Nordic Properties LLC, a real estate holding company based in Caribou.

I received a quick note from **Cynthia Renaud Alexander '04 CAS**. She married P. Scott Alexander '86 in 1985. They have three children: Cassandra (25), Peter (23), and Matthew (20). They also have one grandson, Joshua.

**Amanda Bost '87G** has joined Camden Financial Consultants. She works with clients within the Bangor and Ellsworth regions to find solutions to their financial concerns and help prepare them to meet their future financial needs. Amanda previously spent 10 years providing independent financial services as a registered representative with Commonwealth Financial Services.

Thank you all for your news! Send me an email and I'll get your news in the next issue. In the meantime, enjoy the winter!



## 1985

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So—did you go to your 30<sup>th</sup> high school reunion? I did, and I had a fabulous time!

The University of Maine Office of Student Financial Aid has informed me that the Class of 1985 Scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year was awarded to Kaitlin Crockett from South Paris, ME, daughter of **Ann Marie Hardy** and **Randolph Crockett**, and to Paul Holyoke from Brewer, ME, son of **Glen Holyoke**.

**Cathy Porter Stoup** and her husband, Dennis, have opened Daybreak Bakery on Main Street in Old Town, ME. It's a true family affair with their son and daughter-in-law also assisting with the business. Whoopie pies and donuts are their specialty!

**Emily Ellis** served on the search committee to recommend the next UMaine women's basketball head coach. After graduation, Emily played professional basketball in Finland and Austria, was the first UMaine women's basketball player to have her uniform number retired, and became a member of the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame.

**Harley Knowles** '87G has been selected as the 20<sup>th</sup> president of Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, TN, after serving since 2007 as vice president for institutional advancement at the University of New England in Biddeford and Portland, ME.

Nurse practitioner **Jean Bugbee** has joined the staff at Penobscot Pediatrics in Bangor, ME, after relocating to the area from New Hampshire.

Rep. **Doug Damon** serves in the Maine House of Representatives representing Bangor. Doug was recently awarded the Charles Sullivan Community Service Award from the Breakfast Kiwanis Club of Bangor recognizing his fundraising work for the Bangor Senior League World Series, the Fourth of July parade, the University of Maine athletic board of advisors, and work with the Bangor planning board.

So great to hear from **Rob Bowerman**! He and Robin Hull Bowerman '86 live in Falmouth, MA, have two children, and have been married for 25 years. Rob recently struck out on his own and formed The Bowerman Group, an executive search company, with clients all over the globe. Rob says that his daughter has UMaine on her list of potential schools—and so does my son! Maybe they will paint those bear paws all over campus in the middle of the night like we used to!

Wishing you many blessings during the holiday season and in 2012. Please zip me an email, so we can know what you're up to. Happy New Year!

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## 1986

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Football All-American **Mark Coutts** was inducted into the University's Sports Hall of Fame in September. Mark was captain of the '85 team, a 1<sup>st</sup> team All-Yankee Conference, All New England, and All American.

**Scott Tilton** '97G was sworn in as Chelsea, ME, interim town manager. Scott will be very busy as the position also includes the responsibilities of treasurer, tax collector, clerk, voter registrar, general assistance administrator, and road commissioner.

Recently, Gov. **John Baldacci** was awarded an honorary doctorate by Bowdoin College and was appointed to the Department of Defense position of director of military health reform. The position will focus on ways to reform the health care system used by military, military families, and veterans. John served eight years as Maine's governor and previously served four terms in the US House. His administration created the Dirigo Health Program for uninsured Mainers and he hopes to now focus on prevention, wellness, and improving delivery of health services.

**Brian Molloy** has joined the law firm of Lanham Blackwell PA in Bangor, ME.

**Lisa Marlowe Branagan** wrote for the online "Bear Pairs" contest that she first met husband, **Patrick Branagan**, in calculus when she was upset to learn that she would have to repeat Calculus II. Patrick wrapped his arms around her and told her he would tutor her. They began dating their sophomore year and married in York in September '90. They moved from Orono to Boston to Dallas before returning to Boston in '96. They have three beautiful children—Ashley (13), Cole (11), and Michael (8 ½). Last year, they celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

**George Macdougall** (your other class correspondent) spent almost two weeks in Central Vermont with a team of 150 engineers and maintenance personnel from the Maine Department of Transportation (DOT) to help with road and bridge recovery after Hurricane Irene. I went to visit and though I have seen natural disaster pictures before, seeing them in real life was terrible and awe inspiring! Maine and Vermont workers pulled together and made a huge difference in the area in only days. It was amazing to see how the small communities pulled together with shelters, public dinners/entertainment, and public picnics. There was much appreciation and support of victims and for workers and for the out-of-state volunteers. George also just celebrated 25 years with the Maine DOT. And, we recently had our 23<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary!

**Kathleen Neville** '91G wrote that she recently completed her doctorate in higher education administration at UMass Boston. She received her master's in '91 at UMaine, and is currently serving as special assistant to the

dean at Salem State University.

**Lisa Clough Traub** and husband, Jerry '83, are the proud parents of Eric, Krista, and Matt. All three kids are terrific swimmers like their UMaine swim team captain parents. At column time, Eric planned to attend and swim for Columbia University.

The latest recipient of the Class of '86 Scholarship is **Conner McFarland**, a senior in international affairs. Connor is from Ashland, ME, and is the son of **Charles McFarland**.

By the time you read this, I hope there still won't be any snow! I know, my skiing and snowmobiling classmates won't agree. Homecoming and our 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion (imagine!) will have passed. We hope lots of you got there and had a wonderful time!

George and I have decided to take a break from being class correspondents. When I started, the Alumni Association actually mailed us sheets of paper with thick black margin lines to type (and I mean type!) your news between. Because the early columns are not in our computer, I am only guessing, but I think it's been almost two decades of writing! If you are interested in being class correspondent(s), you only need write the column twice a year. It's easy and fun. Please let Abby Zelz at the Alumni Association know.

We have really enjoyed it and all of you,  
Donny

## 1987

### *Honored class at Homecoming*

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Hello, Class of '87. I recently attended a meeting of the Boston Executive Club of UMaine (BECUM) at the UMaine Club in Boston. The Club is located at The UMass Club at 225 Franklin Street in Boston. Any alum in the Boston area should consider joining. It is a great way to meet fellow alums.

The event was to hear a presentation by our new UMaine president, Paul W. Ferguson. I was very impressed with our new president and his plans for the future. I was also impressed with the current student body and their achievements and the research that is going on at our University. There is a lot of exciting, cutting-edge research being done on campus.

I only have a few items of note to report this time around. **Susan Davies** (G) was presented the 2011 Environmental Stewardship Award by the Society for Freshwater Science at their annual meeting in June. Susan is a biologist with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The Society specifically cited her collaboration with Susan Jackson of the EPA to develop a model or "yardstick" of freshwater condition called the biological condition gradient that measures changes in freshwater habitats that are damaged by disturbance. **Helen Plourd**



'92G, '97 C.A.S. was inducted into the Maine Golf Hall of Fame this September. Helen is a two-time state senior champion and has been the ladies champion at the Rockland Golf Club for 20 years. **Will Wedge** has purchased the Edwards Shop 'n Save in Dover-Foxcroft and has renamed the store "Will's Shop 'n Save."

**Patrick Phillips** (G) is the new superintendent of Regional School Union 23, which serves Saco, Old Orchard Beach, and Dayton schools. Previously, Patrick was with SAD 61 for three years, was Maine's deputy education commissioner for three years, and was executive director of the Civic Mission of Schools in Washington, DC. **Scott Worcester** is the owner of Sips restaurant in Bar Harbor. As of this writing, **Mathew Dunlap** '94G was considering a race against Senator Olympia Snowe '69. Matthew is the former Maine Secretary of State. A few weeks ago I had lunch with **Theresa Joyce Lee** in Cambridge. She is director of the MIT Annual Fund and is married with two children. **Helen Dawe Latham** wrote a note to us. She married KC Latham '89 in June of 1990. They have two children, Deanna (19), and Kiera (17). I also received a note from **Shawn Seeley**. He is a health physicist with the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission and in August his family moved to the Philly area. His middle daughter is now attending UMaine!

Many of us have children who are now college age. Hopefully many of them are considering UMaine as their first choice. Even with in-state tuition we all know that getting a good education is expensive. In 1996 the University of Maine Foundation established the Class of 1987 Scholarship. Through the year 2037 first preference is given to direct descendants of members of the Class of 1987. Unfortunately, at this time the fund is so small that we cannot award a scholarship. We need to have at least \$20,000 in the fund in order to award a \$1,000 scholarship. If each of us gave \$10 we would be able to provide this assistance. As you know, not everyone will read this article and fewer will act. So I ask you to donate more than \$10 in the hope that we can stand proud with the other classes at UMaine and award a scholarship in the next year. There are two ways to contribute. You can send a check payable to the UMaine Foundation with Class of '87 Scholarship written in the memo. The address is: University of Maine Foundation, Two Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04469-5792—or you can donate online at [umainefoundation.org](http://umainefoundation.org).

That's all for now. Please consider sending a check to the scholarship fund and as always send us your news. Our 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion is next year and we only have about 20 percent of your email addresses. Could you forward your email to me or to the alumni office?



Carol Nordstrom Toner '76G, '89 Ph.D. (left) and Mazie Hough '90G, '97 Ph.D. were among the editors (along with UMaine faculty members Kim Huisman and Kristin Langellier) of *Somalis in Maine: Crossing Cultural Currents*, a product of the Somali Narrative Project. The book combines academic analysis with personal stories of Somali refugees in Maine. It can be ordered by visiting [www.randomhouse.com](http://www.randomhouse.com).

## 1988

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Hello, Class of '88. How long ago and yet how recent those years at the University of Maine remain in my mind. I well remember walking from my dorm room in Aroostook Hall to my class in Neville Hall as the winds of winter blew. Oh, how I longed for graduation that year. And graduation at UMaine came and went for our class, but for some of us, the desire to graduate again has led to further fields of study. Congratulations go out to **Julie Watson**, who earned a master's in divinity from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis this year. May she be called by a welcoming and loving congregation.

Congratulations also are sent to Mary K. Coffin, a current sophomore at the University of Maine majoring in communication science and disorders. She is the recipient of the Class of 1988 Scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year as the fund provided \$142 in scholarship assistance.

More congratulations are sent out to **Kevin Sjoberg** of the *Aroostook Republican* for receiving a media award from the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association for his efforts at promoting interscholastic athletics in Maine (*Bangor Daily News*) and to **Becky Bowden**, display desk editor at the *Bangor Daily News* for her first place award in the category of feature page design in the 2011 New England Associated Press News Executives Association contest. Well done, both of you.

The last bit of news to share is the February 2011 purchase of Brick Oven Bangor Rye Bakery by brothers Paul and **Peter Huston**. The bakery was run by Reuben and Clara Cohen, parents of Senator William Cohen, from the 1920s to the 1990s. Paul and Peter bought the company from Ralph Beckwith and will use their sales and marketing experience from careers at GlaxoSmithKline to continue the fine reputation the bakery has in the Bangor area. The fresh bread made at the bakery has a limited shelf life because it is made without preservatives. They sell mainly in the Bangor area, and according to Paul and Peter, the bakery is the only kosher retail bakery operation in Maine (*Bangor Daily News*). So, Class of 1988, if you are in the Bangor area, be sure to pick up their bread at one of the stores that sells their products or stop by the Brick Oven Bangor Rye Bakery at 183 Hancock Street, Bangor, to enjoy some delicious bread.

Do you have news to share? Send it my way, and have a nice winter, Class of 1988. Enjoy all that life has to offer.

## 1989

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Hello to my fellow Class of 1989 UMainers.

I hope that life has brought many times of happiness and joy for you over the last few months. As the leaves change color and we move into winter, I am reminded of the new beginnings that life has in store for us. Some news about us:

**Eric Weinrich** got a new position as a regional scout with the Buffalo Sabres.

**Bob Corkum** directed and served as head coach of the United States Under-17 national team in the Five Nations Cup Tournament in Ann Arbor, MI, this summer.

**Carolyn Neighoff** '96G, who is retiring as principal of Farrington Elementary School, is taking on a new role as the service learning coordinator for the Augusta public schools. She also received the Community Service Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce.

**Walter McKee** was recently named the recipient of the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyer President's Award. The award is given each year to the one criminal defense attorney who best exemplifies the goals and values of the Association and the legal profession.

**Scott Atherley** served on the search committee to select the UMaine women's basketball head coach.

**James Bigl** '91G was inducted into Bucksport High School's Wall of Fame. He was selected because of his solid career as CEO and president of a health services organization that saw its revenue substantially increase under his

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leadership.

**Michael Bourque** has been promoted to senior vice president for external affairs for the Maine Employers' Mutual Insurance Company.

After serving as associate vice president for college relations for the past five years, **Deborah Dutton** is the new vice president for development and alumni relations at Colby College.

**Kevin** and **Jennifer Andrews Rancourt** '91, both UMaine graduates, celebrated their 20-year marriage and became part of the "bear pair" group.

Another bear pair is **Jim** and **Paula Rizzo Baines**, who met at UMaine and are also celebrating their 20-year marriage.

**Jack Capuano**, who took over for a fired coach, went 26-29-10 with the New York Islanders.

**Chris Smith** left the *Bangor Daily News* to pursue his accomplished writing career. He has signed a contract to write a trilogy of novellas.

**Kristin Gilbert** is the new principal for Warsaw Middle School.

**Lydia Jordan** was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Maine Army National Guard.

Be sure to write me with updates about your life. I can be reached on Facebook or at [ksilsby@gwi.net](mailto:ksilsby@gwi.net).

## 1990

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I hope this column finds you well and that you are enjoying your winter. Of course, our elementary school-age children love winter so they can go sledding and ice-skating!

**Greg Cronin** (G) is the assistant coach at the NHL Toronto Maple Leafs. Most recently he was the men's ice hockey head coach at Northeastern University.

**Beth Staples** is a newsroom staff member at the *Morning Sentinel*, a daily paper published in Waterville, ME. She covers the Belgrade, Fairfield, Oakland, and Sidney areas. Beth is also a color analyst at the radio station WZON for high school and college sports broadcasts.

**Todd Hardy** sold his Winterport business, Hardy Construction, to Bowman Constructors, a Newport-based general contractor. Todd brings his project management and business development expertise to the new company.

**David Whitney** bought Tri-Town Marine, a coastal business for area fishermen that sells and services boats. This retail business is located in downtown Machias and augments David's other downtown business, Whitney's Tool Shed, an equipment rental business. Tri-town sells Honda motors, services all other motors, and offers new and used boats for sale. Tri-Town Marine was renamed Whitney's Tri-Town Marine.

**Pamela Proulx-Curry** is the academic dean at Eastern Maine Community College. She was most recently the executive director at the Wisconsin Campus Compact located in Madison, WI. She previously held positions in Maine at Unity College and UMaine Machias.

**Gerry Chasse** is the president and chief operating officer of Maine & Maritime Corp. and their parent company, Maine Public Service Co., an electric transmission and distribution utility which has approximately 36,000 customers in northern Maine. Previously, Gerry was the president and chief operating officer of Bangor Hydro-Electric Company.

**Mazie Hough** (G), '97 Ph.D. is one of the four editors of *Somalis in Maine: Crossing Cultural Currents*. Mazie wrote a chapter on Somalia in the late 20th century and some of the factors that prompted Somalis to leave their homeland. In another chapter, she and coauthor Carol Nordstrom Toner '76G, '89 Ph.D. describe employment challenges in Maine for the recently arrived Somali immigrants. Their book combines research with interviews and other writings by Somali immigrants living in Maine.

Share your news with me so I can share your news in this column. I would love to hear from you.

## 1991

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Where did the year go (or the last 20 years for that matter)? Here is the latest from some of our classmates. Don't forget to send your news, too.

There were some comings and goings in the Augusta State House as **Bonnie Gould** left her position as assistant Senate secretary and joined the law office of Senator David Hastings in Fryeburg. **George Gervais** was sworn in as the new head of the Department of Economic and Community Development. George had worked in the department as assistant commissioner, development program manager, and business development specialist. Prior to government positions, he worked in the private sector as a senior loan officer at Carteret Mortgage Corp. and Dedicated Mortgage Associates.

A few classmates were recognized this year for outstanding accomplishments at work. On Nurse's Day, May 11, 2011, **Michelle Bittrich** (G) was honored by Acadia Hospital with a Collaborative Award. Michelle is a licensed clinical social worker at the hospital. **Paula Mrozicki** (G) was honored with a Surry Community Service Award for her 22 years of teaching at the Surry Elementary School. Paula retired from her position without ever taking a sick day!

**Dawn Stiles** (G) received a Women of Influence Award at the premiere Great Women of Maine ceremony in April, organized by

MaineToday Media. Dawn is president of Spurwink, a community-based program that provides services for people with emotional, behavioral, and developmental challenges.

In an interesting addition to her resume, **Angela Helton** collaborated on a video public service announcement project for the FBI which helped lead to the capture of fugitive gangster James "Whitey" Bulger, who had been on the run since 1995, wanted on charges of murder and conspiracy to commit murder. Angela is president of Northeast Media Associates and worked with Blackfly Media on this project. Less than 36 hours after the PSA had begun airing in television markets around the country, Bulger was caught.

**Danny Williams** '94G donned his dancing shoes for a "Dancing for the Stars" competition to benefit Phillips-Strickland House, a nonprofit senior residential care center in Bangor. Novice dancers from the community were paired with advanced dancers and performed international styles of dance.

In the "Bear Pairs" contest sponsored by the UMaine Alumni Association, classmate **Jennifer Carpentier Sandusky** wrote about meeting her spouse while at UMaine. She and her husband, Donnie '90, were set up on a blind date by a mutual friend. The couple went to Margarita's in Orono for their first date with Jenny driving rather than relying on Donnie's Schwinn beach cruiser bicycle. He called her a few days later, they met for lunch, and have been together even since. They were married May 22, 1992, and have two children, Lily (9) and Luke (6). The family lives in Landenberg, PA.

Congratulations to another couple in love—**Tina Lane** was married to Jeremy Shaw '01 on September 10, 2011, in Portland, ME. Weddings are always a great time to catch up with old friends. **Jennifer Crotty Davis** and husband, Stu, made the trip from Mansfield, MA, **Terri Lambert** came from Portsmouth, NH, and I was there from Kansas. Another college roommate, **Stephanie Burchill Love** had recently relocated back to the Portland area from many years in Anchorage, AK, so it was truly a mini-reunion.

Speaking of reunions, I hope many of you were able to return to campus for our 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion in October. We'd love to hear the stories—what memories did you relive, what has changed the most, and what has stayed the same? Send me a line so I can put it in the next column.

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

## 1992

*Honored class at Homecoming*

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Greetings, Class of '92. As your new correspondent let me catch you up on the news that's been gathering for the past year.



Kudos to **Rori Knott** for her continued participation in the Beach to Beach Swim for Breast Cancer. Her commitment to this cause is much admired. Speaking of admiration, lots of our classmates have received honors and awards, including: **Jessica Braun Archer**, who teaches in the Orono School Department. Jessica was a 2005 nominee for Teacher of the Year and was recently inducted to Bucksport High School's Academic Wall of Fame. In March **Gwen Ames Bacon** (G), co-principal of Messalonskee High School in Oakland, was among five named as Unsung Heroines in Maine Sports by the Maine Principals Association. **Jack Frost** (G), executive director of the Maine Coast Healthcare Foundation, received the Paul Harris Fellow award from the Ellsworth Rotary Club at a ceremony held in June. Most recently, in August brothers Chris and **Peter Ferraro** were named together as #9 in the *North Shore Sun's* list of 20 Greatest Athletes in area history.

In the world of career and work, in August 2010, **Melissa Reynolds O'Dea**, former assistant attorney general, opened her own law practice in Augusta with colleague and good friend Maria Woodman. The new firm, O'Dea Woodman P.C., specializes in representing people and companies in dealings with regulatory agencies, healthcare, and employment law.

In October 2010, Lt. **Mark Brooks** was sworn in as the commanding officer of the Maine State Police Troop F in Houlton. Mark is a lieutenant colonel with the US Army Reserve and an Iraq war veteran. In 2010 **Matt Merrill** was hired by Tilson Technology Management as a senior developer. He previously worked as a senior software engineer at NMI Info-Security Solutions in Portland.

Bringing in 2011, former Maine state Senator and US congressional candidate **Ethan Strimling** joined the news team at WCSH-TV Channel 6 and WLBZ-TV Channel 2 as a political analyst. Later, Ethan declared his candidacy for the Portland, Maine, mayoral race. Based on his efforts as a candidate for UMaine student body president, we expect a big voter turnout. Update: Ethan ran a great campaign and came in second in a field of 15 candidates for mayor.

Also starting off the new year, **Jenine Serviolo** opened SMART Management Consulting, a training and consulting company specializing in strategic planning and leadership. After 14 years of working with the federal government and Department of Defense in the DC metro area, she will be returning to live and work in the Northeast.

Last spring, after serving 18 years, **Charles Colgan** Ph.D. moved on from the Maine Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission. **Jason Simcock** '96G, after six years as the City of Gardiner's planning and development director, became a part of Androscoggin Bank's business and government services team. **Mike Hammer** '02G is resigning this year as principal at Hancock Grammar School to be superintendent for School Administrative District 29, which includes Houlton, Hammond, Littleton, and Monticello. **Scott Bell** left as principal at Monmouth Academy to take an assistant principal and teaching position at Hall-Dale Middle School in Farmingdale.

**Amy Forbes Houghton** has been named manager of the Blue Hill Memorial Hospital's imaging department. Best wishes to all on their endeavors.

In a bit of harrowing news, **Karen Johns Douglass** sustained significant bruises and injuries after being rammed by a young bull moose last winter. Karen was out blazing a new snowshoe trail when her three dogs ran ahead, instigating the event. We wish a full recovery with many happy snowshoeing outings in the future.

The only engagement I have to announce is that of **William Sheehan III** who had a planned wedding date of August 27, 2011. Congratulations and best wishes.

I hope all of you enjoy the upcoming holidays and seasons. I look forward to hearing from you and sharing your news.

## 1993

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I hope this issue finds all well with you and yours. It was a very slow news period for our class, apparently. Please allow me the gentle admonition to email me or the alumni folks with any interesting news.

One of our history graduate program alums delivered a well-received lecture as part of the 2011 Bethel Historical Society series. **Andy DeRoche's** (G) talk was entitled "From Bethel to Norway via the Congo: Margaret Tibbetts and US Foreign Relations, 1949-1964." Andrew is currently a lecturer in American history at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Last March he was named Front Range Community College Faculty Member of the Year.

We had a very nice note from **Danielle "Dee" Daigle Saucier** '96G and **Todd Saucier** '97G, relating the story of their meeting back in undergraduate days. Dee began working in Wells Commons in the fall of 1990, with her first role in the dish room. Todd was the student supervisor, and joined friends in friendly wagers to see how long Dee would last in the role. To the surprise of all, she survived not only the dish room, but a number of other roles as well. Their business relationship became a friendship, the friendship a relationship, and the relationship became a marriage! They included in their note an interesting architectural note—the wall at which they met was the structural wall that could not be torn down in the redesign of the Commons! Apparently, so long as the wall stands . . .

## 1994

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Greetings, classmates! We hope you had wonderful summers and are all bundled up for winter. Sadly, another year has passed and Beth and Stacey have missed Homecoming, so if you have some good stories, or even bad stories, let us know.

**Lanissa Weisleder Nadeau** (Stacey's freshman, ahem, first-year roommate in York Hall!) directed the Brewer Middle School jazz band to a first-place finish at the 2011 State Middle School Instrumental Jazz Festival. **Julie Turcotte Boucher** was named the *Kennebec Journal* Softball Coach of the Year. Julie coaches softball at Oak Hill, where her team made it to the Western Maine Class B championship game. Coincidentally, this is Julie's last season as coach, however, she will continue to teach biology and anatomy at Oak Hill.

**Alice "Tilly" Atkins** (G) has been named Medical Social Worker of the Year by the Maine Chapter of the Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care. Tilly works for the Bangor Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice of Eastern Maine.

**Sam McGee** has been promoted to vice president of business banking at Bar Harbor Bank & Trust. Sam develops and manages relationships with business owners throughout the state. Thirteen Bucksport High School graduates and retired educators were inducted into the school's Academic Wall of Fame. Among them was **Angela Bennett Cushman**, an engineering manager at C.R. Bard in Georgia. Bard develops medical technology.

**Robert Berry III** has been named president of Maine-Land Development Consultants of Livermore Falls. Robert is a licensed professional engineer and project manager at the firm. Among other projects, he has led site development efforts for the Oxford Resort Casino and the Livermore Falls Medical Arts Building. **Amy Newfield Breton** and her husband, Joe '97, '99G entered the "bear pair" contest sponsored by the UMaine Alumni Association. Amy and Joe met while attending UMaine and were married in 2002. Amy wrote that she and Joe have "no human kids—just furry ones" and have been "busy traveling the world."

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# 1995

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Here's hoping that this column finds you well. My news is fairly light this time around; I hope you can find some time to share your news with us soon.

**Jason Charland '07G** has been appointed to the board of directors of the Greater Old Town Communities That Care, or GOT CTC, as executive director. The GOT CTC is a locally based nonprofit whose mission is to promote healthy youth development and to reduce problem adolescent behaviors such as substance abuse, violence, delinquency, school drop-outs and teen pregnancy. Congratulations on the new position, Jason!

The Hall-Dale Elementary School said goodbye to **Joline Cushman Rees (G)** last year at her retirement from the school system in Hallowell. During her time at Hall-Dale, Joline served on the board of the Maine Science Teachers Association, was invited to present at state and national education conferences, and earned the Presidential Award for the Teaching of Science in 1998. She was also involved in the leadership team of the school as well as the district's curriculum development process. Congratulations on a successful career, Joline.

Last summer **John Whitesides '97G** had the pleasure of sharing the Stanley Cup trophy for one day with Children's Hospital and Perkins School for the Blind in Boston. John has served as the strength and conditioning coach for the Boston Bruins for the last 12 years, and as a member of the team, got to have the Cup for one day. He chose to bring it to Children's Hospital, as his son John had spent some time there with a lymph node infection. On June 29, 2011, the *Bangor Daily News* had a great article on John's career path leading up to his current position, the team dynamic, and how pivotal his education at UMaine was. While at UMaine John played football as a linebacker, but his career was hampered by shin and elbow injuries. Congratulations, John, on being part of such a successful team!

In other sporting news, I'm pleased to share the news of the promotion of **Brian Gaine** to the director of player personnel with the Miami Dolphins. Brian joined Miami in 2008 as assistant director of player personnel after having served as assistant director of pro scouting for the Dallas Cowboys. Prior to that, he was with the New York Jets' scouting department and before that played in the NFL on various practice squads. Brian played football at UMaine as a tight end, and was captain of the squad when he was a senior. Brian and his wife, Tricia, have a daughter, Kelsey, and two sons, Ryan and Connor. Congrats on the promotion, Brian!

**Kara Chappelle Grant** was promoted recently at Patriot Insurance Company to a commercial lines senior field manager. Kara joined Patriot in 2008.

**George Nelson** has been selected as the manager of the International Space Station Technology Demonstration Office at NASA. After UMaine, George went on to receive his master's and Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from the University of Kentucky. George joined NASA in 1998 and had recently served in the station's program planning and control office. In his new position, John will establish and lead the technology demonstration office and lead the implementation of technology demonstration payloads aboard the space station. Congratulations, George!

Lastly, I was selected to take part in the Tau class of Leadership Maine, a program developed and supported by the Maine Development Foundation. I've been working with some really wonderful people from all over the state of Maine and if any of you have completed the program and would like to compare notes, give me a shout.

That's all from here, for now. I hope this finds you well and I look forward to hearing from you all soon.

# 1996

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Our classmate **Paul Kariya** has retired from the National Hockey League after a stellar 15-season career. After winning an NCAA Championship with the Black Bears and the Hobey Baker Award as the top US hockey player in 1993 (as a freshman!), Paul was chosen by Anaheim as the number 4 draft pick. He scored 402 goals and assisted on 587 others while playing with Anaheim, Colorado, Nashville, and St. Louis. Congratulations to Paul for an amazing career, including his minor hockey days in North Vancouver, college hockey at UMaine, playing with the Canadian National Team, and entertaining countless fans in the NHL. Your classmates are very proud of you!

**Kristin Coffey Canders** participated in the "Dancing for the Stars" benefit at the Bangor Civic Center last May. The event benefited the Phillips-Strickland House, a nonprofit, senior resident care center in Bangor.

After serving the state of Maine for many years, **Tarren Bragdon** has moved to Florida to start an organization similar to the Maine Heritage Policy Center, where he served as CEO. Tarren said the Florida organization would focus on Medicaid reform and healthcare. Tarren has also been a close adviser to Maine's Republican Governor Paul LePage '75G as co-chairman of LePage's transitional team and co-leader of a team that helped put together a \$6.1 billion budget proposal.

After 21 years as a teacher and administrator, **Tim Doak (G)** is the new superintendent of AOS 95 in Fort Kent. Tim had previously worked in the Madawaska school department as a teacher, principal, and basketball coach, and was the

Fort Kent Community High School principal. He is a native of Fort Fairfield.

**Tom Sheridan '04G** keeps himself very busy during the school year as a teacher at Messalonskee High School and a three-sport varsity coach at the Oakland School. Tom is the head coach of the boys' soccer, swimming, and lacrosse teams. And if all of that isn't enough to keep him busy, Tom and his wife, Ellie, are raising four wonderful children.

People's United Bank of Bangor has promoted **Justin Jamison '09G** to commercial banking officer. Justin had previously filled the roles of credit analyst, commercial lender, and assistant vice president at the bank. In addition to his bachelor's degree in sustainable agriculture, he also holds a master's degree in business administration from UMaine. He is a graduate of the Northern New England School of Banking and a board member of the Maine Grass Farmers Network. Justin also volunteers with the Boy Scouts of America. He and his wife, Eliza Currie '00, and their daughter, Zoe, live on a farm in Benedicta.

PublishAmerica has published **Shannon Risk's (G) '09 Ph.D.** second book, *The Madame*. The work of historical fiction follows a historian who travels back in time to learn about a mysterious female healer and clairvoyant who gave performances in the countryside and parlors of prominent women during the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The historian wants to discover why Madame Gravari vanished shortly before the stock market crash. While Shannon was writing *The Madame*, her mother asked to be written into the story as an evil character. And so the character, Ella Bly, is based on an evil version of her mother!

# 1997

## Honored class at Homecoming

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Hello Class of 1997!

I hope this finds you all well. As you can see from above, yes, I've added an extra name. David and I got married on September 30 at the Poughkeepsie Grand in Poughkeepsie, NY. We appreciate everyone's well wishes. We were fortunate to have **Andrea Poole Hauck '04G** stand up for us and it was great catching up with **William Bates**, CJ Colletti, Ben Hauck '98, Forest Small '91, and Joanne Young-Small '91. And, the out-of-town guests loved our UMaine Bookstore bags.

You know the drill—send me your news at yolandasly@gmail.com or find me on Facebook under **Yolanda Sly Kozuha**.

The Katahdin Area Council, Boy Scouts of America awarded its 2011 Silver Beaver Award to Col. **James D. Campbell (G)**, '03 Ph.D. of Old Town. It is the highest award given to a



scouting volunteer for his years of hard work of implementing the scouting program and performing community service, reports *The Weekly*.

**Eva O'Reilly Wagner** '98G is the education coordinator at the UMaine Museum of Art. In addition to being an artist and teacher, she served as the education coordinator at the Farnsworth Art Museum in Rockland.

**William Furbush** was named principal at Cooperative Middle School in Stratham, NH, reports Seacoastline.com.

**Kristen Gwinn** published her first book, *Emily Greene Blach: The Long Road to Internationalism*. Blach won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1946. Kristen is currently an independent historian living in Chicago. Her work also includes designing and developing biographical and historical databases and websites.

## 1998

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Hearty Maine Hello! I hope everyone had a great summer and fall. Here are some highlights on what our classmates have been doing.

Congratulations to fellow Senior Skull, **Nate McLaughlin**, for his promotion to vice president of Woodard & Curran. Nate was a project manager for the firm's office in Bangor where he worked on civil engineering projects, specializing in municipal water and wastewater facilities. Berry Dunn McNeil & Parker, CPAs and Management Consultants hired **Ryan Wisley** as a senior consultant this spring to work in the government consulting group. Ryan previously worked with Tyler Technologies. This spring, Rev. **Leslie Nesin** retired after seven years of serving as the priest of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Houlton. During her tenure, the church experienced steady growth and membership doubled. Congratulations to **Adam Fisher**, spokesman for the Maine Department of Labor, for being named Employee of the Year for the department. Adam and his family live in Farmingdale, ME.

In the world of sports: Last July, **Chris Preble** was named the Maine Class C Football Coach of the Year. Last fall he led the Stearns football team of Millinocket to the Eastern Maine Class championship game. He also was an assistant coach for the East team in the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic. **Paul Withee** (G) returned to coaching high school football this year at Oxford Hills after a two-year hiatus. Paul previously coached at Foxcroft Academy for 19 seasons, where he led the Ponies to a 150-56 record, which included three Class C Maine state titles and seven Eastern Maine crowns. Track star from our era, **Derek Treadwell**, won the Newton's Revenge bicycle race up the approximately 8-mile long Mount Washington Auto Road on his first attempt this past July with a time of 57 minutes and 14 seconds.

He now lives in Laurens, NY, and is a licensed pro triathlete. **Cindy Blodgett** was hired as an assistant women's basketball coach at the University of Rhode Island.

In the world of books: **Lacy Simons** bought the book-side of the business of Rock City Books and Coffee in Rockland this spring. She was the long-time manager of the business. She plans to change the name, move to a larger location on Main Street in Rockland, and expand the store's inventory. This summer, **Courtney Cianchette Harvey** '10G published her first book, *Open Window: Truth from the Shadows*, set in Bangor. She and her husband, Wayne Harvey, have three girls and live in Bangor. She also has her master's in art education, and teaches three days a week at the Veazie Community School and part-time at the Between Friends Art Center in Brewer.

I received a note from **Edward "Spider" Williams**. He's doing well, enjoying life with his three grandchildren (and hopefully four by the time this is published) and is recovering from surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff. Spider is the program coordinator for the electrical engineering technology (EET) program at UMaine and has been with the department since 2003.

Welcome new Black Bear cubs: **Jenn** and **Jason Chasse-Fernald** '97, '99G had their first child, Blair Louise Chasse-Fernald, on April 27. On June 16, **Dan LaMontagne** and his wife, Tiffany, welcomed their sixth baby, Evangeline Faith. Evie is welcomed by big brothers Connor and Cameron, and big sisters Hannah, Lily, and Gabrielle. Dan works for Plum Creek Timber Company. Congratulations to fellow Beta **Eric Simonds** and his wife, Kate, on the birth of his second son, Peter Jay, on August 29. Eric is the assistant safety director at the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. My wife, Lottie, and I welcomed the birth of our second child, Johann Everett, on September 15.

Lastly, I would like to thank the athletic department for their outstanding hospitality at the football game at Pittsburgh this fall. It was a great game, and especially great to watch with Maine camaraderie!

## 1999

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Hello, Class of 1999! The column is rather short this time around, but thankfully we have a bit of news to share.

**Scott Pelletier** was named head coach of the boys' varsity basketball team at Fort Kent Community High School after spending four years coaching at Wisdom in Saint Agatha. He teaches middle school physical education in Fort Kent. Last May, **Jon Gallant** was named the head coach of the Deering High School football team in Portland. Jon was a defensive

lineman at UMaine. He currently teaches physical education and health at Freeport High School.

Please email your updates to [aldq75@netscape.net](mailto:aldq75@netscape.net) or contact the Alumni Association directly with your news. We'd love to hear from you. Best wishes for 2012!

## 2000

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Can you believe it has been over 11 years since we graduated from Maine? Many classmates have exciting news to share. Please contact me to share your personal news. Several classmates have made big jumps in their lives.

In the sports field, classmate **Amy Vachon** was appointed as the University of Maine assistant women's basketball coach under the new head basketball coach, Richard Barron. Amy was previously the head coach at Portland's Catherine McAuley High School and guided them to the state Class A Championship. She also worked as a guidance counselor at Westbrook Middle School. **Rob Jarvis**, an assistant pro at Bangor Municipal Golf Course, was recently designated by the Maine Chapter of the New England PGA as its 2011 Maine Golf Teacher of the Year. Rob started in the golf industry in 1994 and has worked at The Golfer's Club in Fort Pierce, FL. Rob turned pro in 2000 and is also the Bangor High golf coach. Last September, he married Jamie Cooke '02, '07G, the girls' track coach at Bangor High.

Science teacher, **Jennifer Vose**, was recently appointed the new principal at Hancock Grammar School. She has been teaching biology, honors biology, AP environmental science, anatomy and physiology, marine biology, and chemistry at Ellsworth High School since 2004.

The commencement speaker at Beal College graduation this past spring was classmate **Dan Cashman**. Dan is a business owner, a local late-night television host, and former Baldacci administration spokesman. During the speech he described his path to personal and professional success, including his longtime dream of working in television.

I hope the holiday season was special for the Class of 2000, and I look forward to hearing from you in 2012.

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## 2001

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Well, 2001 graduates, this is the year. Our 10-year Reunion was this fall! For those of you who were able to attend Homecoming weekend for a celebration, please tell me about it so I can report on it in the next column!

Bucksport High School recently added **Jana Wardwell Gray** to its Academic Wall of Fame. She is currently working as a physical therapist at Fusion Medical Staffing Co.

**Jon Caron** (G), principal of St. Michael School in Augusta, has been proven to be a good sport. After losing a bet with his students, he stood out in traffic for two hours in a clown suit!

Wilmington, Vermont, hired fellow graduate **Fred Ventresco** as their new town manager last spring. In August, he was interviewed on National Public Radio about the devastation left by Hurricane Irene. The destruction in the southern Vermont town included the heart of the downtown as well as residential areas, roads, and nearby bridges.

"The amazing thing was, it was just so rapid how the water rose. By 10:00, one of our bridges was flooded out and we were evacuating the town office," he said. "And I was one of the last ones that actually left the town office building. And the brown water was hitting my feet as I ran out the door."

In August's issue of *Better Homes and Gardens*, I was featured as an organizer. I have also recently been published in *Parents* and *Ladies Home Journal*.

Please take a moment to share your news with us!

## 2002

### *Honored class at Homecoming*

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A warm Maine Hello once again to my fellow 2002 classmates.

Congratulations are in order for **Jeffrey Giallombardo** '04G, who became engaged to Kasie Richards '07 last winter. The couple had an August 2011 wedding.

Keeping tabs on the careers of fellow classmates always leaves me impressed. In August, **Matthew Small** '07G became a school counselor at Methuen High School in Methuen, MA. This came after spending the previous four years working as a career counselor at Emerson College. In May, **Kathleen March** (Ph.D.) was one of four professors to receive UMaine's top



### **Bringing Soccer to Tonga**

Last June, Keith Moore '04 (center) took his extensive soccer experience to the Kingdom of Tonga, a South Pacific Island, where his younger brother, Conner (left), serves in the Peace Corps. Keith played soccer for four years at UMaine and is now head soccer coach at Keystone College, where he was named 2011 Coach of the Year in his conference. Keith spent two weeks in the village of Faleloa, where he brought soccer supplies and offered clinics at the village school.

faculty award at the annual Academic Honors Convocation. She was honored with the Presidential Public Service Achievement Award for serving as an interpreter in courts, bringing UMaine students on five aid trips to Honduras, and her language proficiency efforts in local public schools. Kathleen has been a faculty member since 1984 and is currently a professor of Spanish. Congratulations to Kathleen!

In mid-March 2011, Major **John W. Nelson** (G) was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Maine Silver Star in recognition of his 29-year military career. A survivor of the mess hall bombing in Iraq in 2004, John was instrumental in directing emergency efforts despite being injured. We are all very thankful to John for his dedication and service to our country and offer congratulations on these well-deserved honors.

On a personal note, I myself was promoted to senior treasury analyst at The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, ME. I have been with the Laboratory for over nine years, which is hard to believe!

Speaking of time flying by, keep an eye out for information regarding the Class of 2002 10-year Reunion. While I don't have any concrete information to provide at this point, I know we will be working diligently over the next 12-14 months to put something together. If you have an interest in helping with the Reunion, please don't hesitate to contact me and I'll get you pointed in the right direction.

Finally, for those of you who have been receiving the new Bear Tracks newsletter put

out by the Alumni Association, you may have noticed the Bear Pair contest for the most romantic story. I'm happy to report that **Charles Buker** and **Whitney King-Buker** were runners-up for the contest. Their great story about meeting at the University's Page Farm and Home Museum and subsequent love story was great! Congrats to them both!

If you do not receive the Bear Tracks newsletter and would like to, please make sure we have your current email address by logging on to [www.umainealumni.com](http://www.umainealumni.com). Click on the box at the right that says, "Get Connected, Re-Maine Connected!" and send us your updated information.

Feel free to send me updates at the addresses above or track me down on Facebook. Please send news, updates, and photos for inclusion in future class columns—the Class of 2002 would love to hear from you!

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It may be winter, but soccer is on the mind of **Adam Leach** (G), who recently became the Hermon High School girls' varsity soccer team coach. Adam was previously the Bangor High School boys' soccer team coach. **Tracy**



**Guerrette** is back at the University of Maine as the director of basketball operations. Tracy took this job after coaching the University of Maine at Presque Isle women's basketball team as well as being the sports information director. **Jen Johnstone** is the new field hockey coach at Husson University after coaching at several different colleges. And a big congratulations goes out to **Sarah Guerrette** for running the Boston Marathon in an effort to raise money for the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program.

## 2004

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Hearty Maine Hello!

As the spring semester reconvenes on campus, some of our Black Bear classmates have been moving up in the ranks of collegiate coaching. **Julie Veilleux** was recently named the new head coach of the Colby women's basketball team. Julie brings a growing body of expertise to her new role after serving as an assistant coach with the Bowdoin program for four years and most recently as an assistant coach with the Navy women's basketball program.

Still other members of our class are turning heads in literary circles. **Leonore Hildebrandt** (G) was recently the recipient of the Martin Dibner Memorial Fellowship. Leonore's works have been published in the *Beloit Poetry Journal*, *Denver Quarterly*, and the *Salzburg Poetry Review*. Leonore's first full book of poetry is currently forthcoming with Pecan Grove Press. **Silas Rossi** recently earned the most prestigious distinction possible in his capacity as a professional mountain guide. Silas was recently certified by the International Federation of Mountain Guides Association, or the IFMGA. Silas is the first Maine resident to achieve certification, and one of only 80 IFMGA certified guides in the United States. The IFMGA certification opens the door for Silas to be able to lead his own trips internationally, and he's planning on offering ski and ice-climbing trips to Italy and Spain in the future.

Wedding bells have been ringing for some of our classmates recently and are just over the horizon for others. **Cari Powers** married Allen Orsi this past summer in Bar Harbor. Both Cari and Allen are engineers with the Foxboro, MA, firm Pare Corporation.

**Andrew Matson** is engaged to Elizabeth Mayhew. John is currently employed at P. F. Changs, and Elizabeth is an editorial assistant with the publishing firm Wiley-Blackwell. A summer 2012 wedding is planned on Mount Desert Island.

Please keep the updates for the column coming, and try to keep warm!

## 2005

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Ten years ago, many of the undergrad members of the Class of 2005 were just beginning their collegiate careers. A lot has happened since then and the Gauvins are no exception: I'm happy to announce that my husband, Nick, and I welcomed a new Black Bear to our family this past July, Robert "Robby" Nicholas! I hope all of you are enjoying the winter months—let's find out what our class has been up to.

Wedding and engagement season found our class quite busy. Congratulations to **Ashley Bickford** and Matthew Jackson '07 on their July 16 wedding. Ashley and Matt were married at the Littlefield Ornamental Gardens on the UMaine campus. They reside in Levant. **Beth Bragdon** married Benjamin Reining '06 on July 24. An additional congratulations to Beth on her Ph.D. in molecular biology! **Alexandra Roberts** married Daniel Robert on August 28 in Mount Hood, OR. Alexandra is the owner of Alexandra Roberts Photography in Charlestown, MA. I would also like to congratulate **Rachael Hilgar Lyall** and Cameron Lyall '04 on the birth of their son, Carter, who arrived January 24, 2011. Rachael and Cameron entered the Alumni Association's "Bear Pair" contest and were both athletes at UMaine—field hockey and men's ice hockey, respectively.

**Douglas Thompson** has been named the vice president/portfolio manager in commercial workout for TD Bank in Portland. He joined the bank in 2005 and has held a variety of positions with the company, most recently as an assistant vice president in commercial workout. **Joseph Greaves** was hired to coach the Presque Isle High School boys' varsity soccer team. He previously coached the Wildcats girls' junior varsity soccer team. Bangor High School also has a new principal, **Paul Butler** (G). Paul was the director of gifted and talented programs for the Bangor School Department.

The Class of 2005 athletes have been busy as usual! **Missy Traversi** is the new girls' basketball head coach at Attleboro High School in Massachusetts. **Dustin Penner** was traded from the Edmonton Oilers to the Los Angeles Kings. **Dave Cusano** '08G was recently selected to replace legendary Wheaton track coach Paul Souza. Dave was a four-year student athlete in both track and field and football for the Black Bears, and went on to play professional football for the Dresden Monarchs in 2005. He also spent one year as a member of the United States bobsled team.

Congrats to all of our classmates on their career moves!

I was glad to read in the *Bangor Daily News* that **April Perkins** made it safely back to Maine after fleeing Libya in March. April was working as an English professor. The paper reports that she is eager to go back to Libya and I wish her safe travels, should she have the opportunity to

return.

I am looking forward to the next bout of news about our class! Stay warm and let me know what is new with you!

## 2006

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Can you believe it has been five years since we graduated? I just recently drove through campus for the first time since graduation, and it was amazing to see that although the campus has changed a bit, it still feels so familiar. Sometimes I feel like college was a lifetime ago, and other times it feels like just yesterday. I miss it!

My husband, **Jeffrey Philip Mason**, accepted a new position as electrical engineer at CTG Engineering in Portland, ME. Last April, my family moved from Baltimore to Scarborough. We are so happy to be back in Maine!

**Rachel Duplessis**, and Joshua Charles Meakin '07 are engaged. The couple lives in Phoenix, AZ.

**Amanda Blodgett** and Larry Violette, Jr. were married on August 6, 2011. Amanda is an English/language arts teacher and varsity girls' basketball coach for RSU 24. **Kristina MacKenzie** and Bradley Wheaton, Jr. were married on August 20, 2011. Kristina is a registered nurse at St. Joseph Hospital and Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth.

Those of you following the story of **Ashley Hebert**, "The Bachelorette" on ABC, already know she accepted a proposal from J. P. Rosenbaum, a construction manager from New York. The couple hasn't set an official wedding date yet, but they report that their relationship has been going well off camera. Last year Ashley was eliminated in the final three on "The Bachelor." She has completed dental school in Pennsylvania and moved to New York City for her residency.

**Mike DeVito**, a former lineman at the University of Maine, now plays for the New York Jets. In the off season he has been a guest preacher, and he is considering a faith-based career after his football career ends. Former University of Maine hockey star **Jimmy Howard** recently signed a two-year deal with The Detroit Red Wings. He was inducted into the 2011 University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame. **Linda Consolante-Hathorn**, who played women's soccer, was also inducted. She is now an assistant women's soccer coach at the University. Linda previously worked as an assistant at Valparaiso University in Indiana.

**Melanie Craig** (G) is the new softball coach at Westbrook High School. She was previously a coach and athletic director at Gray-New Gloucester.

**Lynel Winters** ran the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, DC, in October, in honor of her late husband, James Zimmerman '08. Lynel ran with a team of James's friends and



other soldiers to raise money for the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS). Lynel, we're thinking of you and your family!

Class of 2006, please don't hesitate to contact me by email or mail with your news! Your classmates would love to hear from you.

## 2007

### *Honored class at Homecoming*

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Greetings, Class of 2007! Hope the winter months are joyous and this issue finds you well. As usual, there is much good news to report about the happenings of our classmates.

In the realm of education, there are new hires to share. **Patrick Vetere** began teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade at W.L. Morse Elementary School in Sleepy Hollow, NY, this fall. **Dan Clifford** (G) was named the principal of Bucksport High School. Before becoming principal, Dan was the vice principal and athletic director at Bucksport High. We wish good luck to Pat and Dan this school year.

We are lucky enough to have another classmate on television this year! In the spring **Ashley Underwood** made it to the final four in "Survivor: Redemption Island." Also in the spring, classmate **Michael Merchant** was featured on the Discovery Channel reality show "Out of the Wild: Venezuela." Michael and eight others were dropped off in a remote area of Venezuela and had to work together to make their way back to civilization. We were glad to see Michael put his skills from his biology degree to use in an exciting manner!

We also have many classmates who are out trying to make a difference. One such classmate, **Adam Moskovitz**, made a donation to Bangor Parks and Recreation in order to build a new basketball court at Fairmount Park last July. The city and children of Bangor are very grateful for Adam's generosity!

In the world of sports, **Mike Lundin** was signed to the Minnesota Wild NHL team this summer. Mike spent the previous five seasons with the Tampa Bay Lightning, who made it to the Eastern Conference finals in the 2010-2011 season. Mike is a native of Minnesota.

**Patrick Healy** graduated last spring from Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis and has opened his own office in Brewer.

Of course, there are always engagements, weddings, and babies to share as well! Classmate **Carissa Stevens** was recently engaged to Patrick Bard. Carissa and Patrick live in South Portland and were married in the fall. Carissa currently works at Interim Healthcare in South Portland. **Mallory Boudreau** married Joshua Kowalaski in October at the Grand Floridian resort at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL. They honeymooned in the Mayan Riviera. Mallory and Joshua live in Orlando, where Mallory is a software engineer for Oracle. I

## New Loan Officer

**K**ennebec Savings Bank has promoted Nicolas G. Patenaude '09 to loan officer. Nick works at the bank's main office in Augusta. He joined Kennebec Savings Bank as a UMaine intern and returned as a management trainee after earning his degree in business administration and finance. Nick recently graduated from the Kennebec Leadership Institute and belongs to Le Club Calumet.



had the privilege of attending the nuptials of **Pauline Vasiliauskas** and **Richard Chaloff** this summer in Old Orchard Beach. The wedding and reception took place at Joseph's by the Sea and there were many members of our class present. Richard currently works for Stedman Ltd. in Brookline, MA, and Pauline is a history teacher at Weston High School in Weston, MA. They live with their dog, Josie, in Westwood, MA. **Caroline Seastrom Bowman** and her husband, Nathan, announce the arrival of their son Noah Samuel, in late November. The family lives in South Portland.

Congratulations to all!

As always, if you have any news to report please let me know and I would be happy to share it. See you in the summer!

## 2008

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Hello, class! I have a lot of news about our classmates to share this time around.

I was excited to receive an email from classmates **Derek** and **Kristin Lee Hersey**, who were married in the summer of 2008 and both work as contractors for the government. They welcomed their first child, Wyatt, in December. Congratulations!

Classmate **Ryan Guerrero** received a lot of press this summer regarding his graduate school thesis project. Ryan created a four-panel graffiti mural depicting Maine scenes. All the local news stations aired Ryan's graffiti art project on

the evening news. Ryan also has an airbrushing business, Goo's Kustom Airbrushin'.

I also received news that **Regina Rooney** (G) has been hired by the Maine affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure as their first community outreach manager. Congratulations, Regina!

Classmate **Rob Bellamy** was highlighted in *The Portland Press Herald*, but this time, not for his hockey skills he showed us all playing wing on our University of Maine hockey team, but for his singing. His YouTube videos have become very popular, and he was in Boston this summer training and hoping to record and perform more music.

This past May, **Donald McCann** (G) became one of 13 new inductees to Bucksport High School's Academic Wall of Fame. He is a senior project engineer for Environetix Technologies in Orono. Congrats, Donald!

I also have wedding news to report. **Katie Hill** of Thornton, CO, wed Ben Winsor '07, also of Thornton, on June 18th in Old Orchard Beach. Other UMaine sweethearts **Erin Donovan** and Joseph Burnham '09 wed on September 24th at St. Joseph's Church in Portland and **Michelle Alexander** and **Joseph Legee, Jr.**, both of Oakland, tied the knot on October 8th. **Elizabeth Tyler** married Michael Perry '09 this past fall at St. John's Episcopal Church in Bangor. On July 23rd, **Ashley Duncan** and Stephen Malloy got married in North Conway, NH. Also in October, **Angela Hamlin** wed Christopher Morgan. Congratulations and best wishes to you all!

The last classmate I have to report on is **Zachary Lenhart** of Lewiston, who, along with wife, Angela, welcomed a daughter to the world. Evelyn Alice was born on February 5th. Congratulations!

As always, keep the emails, letters, and phone calls coming so I can update our classmates!

Go Blue!

## 2009

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Happy winter! We are looking for someone to write the 2009 column for the magazine. There are only two columns a year, and it's a very simple task. If you like knowing the news before anyone else and you have a little spare time twice a year, this could be the job for you. The only qualifications required are a UMaine education, a little time, and some enthusiasm. Please contact the Alumni Association at the above address if you'd like to write the class column. Your classmates will be glad to have their news included in the magazine.

# GO BLUE!



## 2010

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Want to be a published author while keeping in touch with your alma mater and classmates? The Class of '10 needs a class correspondent to write this column for the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*.

You needn't be a journalism or an English major—you only need a little time twice a year, and an interest in representing your class. Please contact the Alumni Association at the above address to learn more! Happy 2012!

## 2011

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Hey, new grads—hope all is going well in your post-UMaine life. We're looking for someone to write the 2011 column for the magazine. There are only two columns a year, and it's a very simple task. If you like knowing the news before anyone else and you have a little spare time, this just might suit you. You only need a UMaine education, a little time, and some enthusiasm.

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Christi Holmes '10 on top of Mt. Katahdin at the end of her Appalachian Trail trek.

## Christi Holmes '10 Conquers the AT

Only 10 to 15 percent of people who try to complete the Appalachian Trail in one season actually complete it. Christi Holmes '10 of Machias is now among that elite group. Christi finished the 2,181-mile journey from Georgia to Maine on August 5, after starting in Georgia on March 19.

"I set out to complete the hike alone, which seems dangerous for a 23-year-old woman, but I was rarely alone and always felt safe," she said in a *Bangor Daily News* article in September. "But my knees and feet still hurt."

Christi hiked 15 to 25 miles a day, carrying 25 to 45 pounds of provisions on her back (she notes that it got lighter along the way) and living mostly on macaroni and cheese, Ramen noodles, and Snickers bars. She says every three or four days she stopped in towns to shower and buy supplies.

Among fellow hikers, Christi says the main topic of conversation was food.

"That's all we talked about on the trail," she told the *BDN*. "All we did in the towns was eat. We played a game: if you could have one food right now, what would it be? There were lots of eating contests."

Christi said that the experience made her appreciate the simple things in life. Off the trail, "It's all about if your cell phone is better than others. The AT is almost like a pilgrimage, really. It's going back to basics. You go into the woods, enjoy the birds, the sights. You don't worry about politics or news. It's a more pure life."



# Weddings

*Towns are in Maine unless otherwise noted.*

## 1993

**Matthew Edwin Libby** to Lynna Elizabeth Higgins on 5-27-11 in San Antonio, TX. They live in Belgrade.

## 2002

**Nicole Stephanie Goulet** to Christopher James Formidoni on 6-18-11 in Auburn. They took a minimoon in Harvey Cedars, Long Beach Island, NJ, and will be taking a February honeymoon in Argentina and Uruguay. They live in New York City.

**Kurt Bishop** to Shannon Allene Grund, on 9-9-11, in Temcula, CA. They honeymooned in Italy and the Greek Isles and live in Chino Hills, CA.

## 2004

**Seth Dromgoole** to Beth Cosgrove on 9-10-11 in Park City, UT. They are planning a spring wedding trip to Europe and live in Park City.

**Corey Stevens** to Amanda Greenspan on 7-30-11 in Providence, RI. Following a wedding trip to Hawaii, they live in South Kingstown, RI.

## 2005

**Angela Filauro** to Andrew Schroeder on 4-2-11 in Faber, VA. They honeymooned in Seattle and reside in Charlottesville, VA.

**Ashley Bickford** to **Matthew Jackson** '07 on 7-16-11 at the Littlefield Gardens, University of Maine. They honeymooned in Jamaica and reside in Levant.

**Nicole Day** to Gregory Johnston on 8-27-11 on Peaks Island, Portland. They live in Portland.

## 2006

**Amy Crosby** to **Nicholas Carter** on 8-8-11 at the Littlefield Gardens, University of Maine. They honeymooned at Acadia National Park and live in Durham.

## 2007

**Molly Perry** to **Brandon McCrum** on 6-19-10, in Bangor. They honeymooned in Mexico and live in Bow, NH.



Elizabeth "Libby" Tyler '08 wed Michael Perry '09 on September 17, 2011, in Bangor. They live in Melrose, MA. Libby works at Children's Hospital in Boston and Michael works for Boston Partners Financial Group.



**Holly L. Miller** to Jared A. York on 9-18-10 in Fayette. They honeymooned in Boston and Rangeley and live in Fayette.

**Alayna White** to **James Hebert** '10 on 9-17-11 in Bangor. They took a wedding trip to San Francisco and Napa Valley, CA, and reside in Portland.

**Pauline Vasiliauskas** to **Richard Chaloff** on 8-6-11 in Old Orchard Beach. They honeymooned in Fiji and live in Westwood, MA.

## 2008

**Elizabeth Tyler** to **Michael Perry** '09 on 9-17-11 in Bangor. They live in Melrose, MA.

**James McLellan** to Heather Miller on 6-11-11, in Winthrop. They took a trip to Prince Edward Island and live in Columbia Falls.

**Joshua A. Noll** to **Jennifer M. Bradbury** '09 on 9-3-11 in Poland. They live in West Gardiner.

**Alex Michael Rand** to Kristina Marie Kee on 8-20-11 in Cape Elizabeth. They are planning a honeymoon in Antigua and live in Windham.

## Recently Married?

Be sure to send your wedding information and a photo to us at  
[abigail.zelz@umit.maine.edu](mailto:abigail.zelz@umit.maine.edu).

Nicole Stephanie Goulet '02, '04G was married to Christopher James Formidoni on June 18, 2011. The bride earned a master's degree in communication from UMaine. She is employed at Ralph Lauren on their employee communications team in New York City. The groom is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire, where he received a bachelor's degree in political science. He manages the bar at Amber, a restaurant located in the West Village in New York City.





Pauline Vasiliauskas '07 and Richard Chaloff '07 were married in Old Orchard Beach on August 6, 2011. Many members of the 2007 class attended, including left to right: Amber Howard '07, Jennifer Coleman '07, '09G, Rebecca Heil Leary '07, Pauline and Richard, Peter Mehegan '07, Andrew Chapp, and Travis Griffin '07.

Richard works for Stedman Ltd. in Brookline, MA, and Pauline is a history teacher at Weston High School in Weston, MA. They live in Westwood, MA, with their dog, Josie.



Class of 2007 classmates Molly Perry and Brandon McCrum were wed on June 19, 2011, in Bangor. They honeymooned in Mexico and live in Bow, NH. Molly is a high school Spanish teacher in Pembroke, NH, and Brandon is in animal health sales.



Above: Ashley Bickford '05 married Matthew Jackson '07 at UMaine's Littlefield Gardens on July 7, 2011. Matthew works full time for the Maine Air National Guard in Bangor. Ashley is a kindergarten teacher at Carmel Elementary and is pursuing a master's in educational leadership through the University of New England.

Right: Amy Crosby '06 and Nicholas Carter '07 were married on August 8, 2011, at the Littlefield Gardens on campus. Amy, daughter of professor Herbert Crosby '69, teaches art at Hebron Station and Paris elementary schools. Nick works for Lanco Assembly Systems in Westbrook.





# Deaths

*Locations in Maine unless otherwise noted*

**1931**

**Margaret Grover Buck**, on 5-15-11.

**1933**

**Luthera Hilt Burton Dawson**, 100, on 7-27-11.

**1934**

**Madelene Bunker Russ**, 98, on 4-12-11.

**1935**

**George Davis Carlisle**, 98, on 11-10-11.  
**Charles Evans Hart**, 98, on 4-21-11.  
**David Rich**, M.D., 97, on 6-10-11.

**1936**

**Eileen Brown Parker**, 95, on 9-21-11.

**1937**

**Mabelle Elizabeth Ashworth Smith**, 94, on 6-20-11.  
**Ralph Eugene Wentworth**, 94, on 9-10-11.

**1938**

**Robert Loveland Baker**, 94, on 5-16-11.  
**Mary-Helen Hardie**, 94, on 7-1-11.  
**Louis Benjamin Prahar**, 97, on 10-27-11.

**1939**

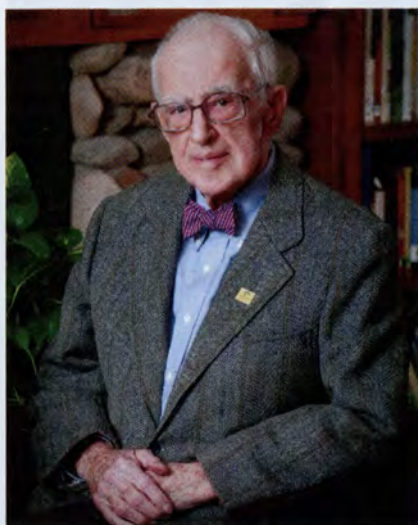
**Louise Burr Casey**, 93, on 6-25-11.  
**Robert Woodbury Jackson**, 94, on 3-9-10.

**1940**

**James "Jay" Irving Finnegan**, 93, on 4-22-11.  
**Camilla Doak Hurford**, 92, on 8-2-11.  
**Thomas Franklin Kane, Jr.**, 94, on 9-21-11.  
**Marjorie Coffee Latus**, 92, on 6-28-11.  
**Richard Gwynne Morton**, 92, on 8-14-11.  
**Louis Striar**, 96, on 9-30-11.

**1941**

**Roberta Elizabeth Rand Burr**, 94, on 5-26-11.  
**Franklin Dunbar Dexter**, 93, on 10-14-11.  
**Gordon Bush McKay**, 91, on 2-14-11.  
**William Frazier Parsons**, 92, on 3-25-11.  
**Charles Byron Smith, Jr.**, 92, on 10-4-11.



## George Davis Carlisle '35

Bangor business leader George Carlisle '35 died on November 10, 2011. He was 98. George served as treasurer, president, and chair of Prentiss and Carlisle, a timberland management company. He served on the Bangor City Council and a term as the city's mayor. George was also on the boards of numerous organizations, from banks and utilities to nonprofits. He was awarded an honorary degree by UMaine in 1986.

**1942**

**Robert Alfred Brandt**, 91, on 7-9-11.  
**John Everett Chandler**, 90, on 8-6-11.  
**Carl Forrest Davis**, 91, on 5-7-11.  
**Manuel Alan Gilman**, D.V.M., 91, on 11-25-11.

**Edward Francis Ruddock**, 93, on 10-4-11.

**1943**

**Nellie Marie Whitney Brown**, 91, on 11-18-11.  
**Elizabeth "Betty" Bearce Harrison**, 90, on 8-4-11.  
**Ernest James Hine**, 88, on 12-17-09.  
**Barbara Vesta Leadbeater Lincoln**, 90, on 10-31-11.  
**Dwight Campbell Moody**, 92, on 7-23-11.  
**Donald Manfred Robinson**, 90, on 11-8-11.

**1944**

**Hughene Ruth Phillips Hale**, 90, on 9-7-11.  
**Harold Lown**, 88, on 8-16-11.  
**Charles Pidacks**, 92, on 9-24-11.

**1945**

**Mary "Betty" O'Leary Beede**, 88, on 7-31-11.  
**Mary Elizabeth Day Caswell**, 87, on 4-23-11.  
**John Edwin Damren**, 89, on 7-25-11.  
**Muriel Hewett Demaine**, 87, on 9-28-11.  
**Donald Hugh Grindle**, 88, on 4-20-11.  
**Patricia Ludwig Hale**, 84, on 6-7-11.  
**Glenn Brackley Heath**, 88, on 9-17-11.  
**Delbert "Keith" McCrum, Jr.**, 88, on 4-18-11.  
**Lawrence "Mack" McGary**, on 6-24-11.  
**John Kenneth McIntosh**, 89, on 10-3-11.  
**Norma Althea MacKenney Peterson**, 87, on 11-19-11.

## Charles Byron Smith, Jr., Class of 1941



Charles Smith '41, '53G died on October 4, 2011, in Orono. Charlie earned an undergraduate degree in poultry husbandry and a master's in education. He was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho.

During World War II, he served under General George Patton, landing in France two days after D-Day. As a soldier, he earned three Purple Hearts, the Silver Star, and other decorations.

Charlie taught vocational agriculture in both Maine and Massachusetts. Later he became the director of audiovisual services for the Middletown, Connecticut, school system. He retired to his hometown of Orono and became an active supporter of UMaine's

Page Farm and Home Museum. He and his late wife, Julia Alice Smith '41, received a Block "M" Award in 1996 for their work on behalf of their class and Senior Alumni.



#### 1946

**Hilda Wing Grindle**, 86, on 8-14-11.  
**Allen Bedford Rowe, Jr.**, 86, on 5-5-11.

#### 1947

**Alberta Alice "Tunny" Haines**, 91, on 11-15-11.  
**Grover Bert MacLaughlin**, 98, on 11-22-11.

#### 1948

**John Gilbert Hamlin**, 89, on 6-16-11.  
**Hazel Marie Harrison**, 95, on 7-4-11.  
**Bruce James Kinney**, 93, on 11-24-11.  
**Malcolm "Mack" Ralph Kittridge**, on 4-26-11.  
**Edmund Kenneth Nock**, 89, on 8-12-11.  
**Eulah Steen Rand**, 89, on 4-25-11.  
**John Edmund Wilbur**, 88, on 7-21-11.  
**Venita P. Kittredge Young**, 85, on 7-12-11.

#### 1949

**Ronald Wight Clifford**, 85, on 9-23-11.  
**Judith Haynes Newton Crompton**, 83, on 7/19/11.  
**LaRoy Albert Derby**, 97, on 8-17-11.  
**John Owen Gray**, 86, on 7-11-11.  
**Rosemarie Jeanne Gagnon Hallsey**, 83, on 11-23-11.  
**Ralph Thorborn Jones**, 87, on 4-18-11.  
**Barbara Haney McKay**, 84, on 6-6-11.  
**Elbert "Al" George Moulton, Jr.**, 85, on 5-1-11.  
**Phillip S. Parker**, 90, on 7-34-11.  
**Clinton Keech Piper**, 85, on 6-30-11.  
**Ralph William Walker**, 89, on 10-20-11.

#### 1950

**Randolph Sherwood Adams**, 85, on 9-13-11.  
**John Phillip Ascher, Jr.**, 82, on 4-15-11.  
**Walter Ross Bisset**, 86, on 6-24-11.  
**Arnold John Buschena**, 90, on 5-6-11.  
**Homer Dwight Coombs**, 84, on 10-16-11.  
**Peter Francis Foley**, 90, on 10-28-11.  
**Pauline L. Harriman Gardner**, 94, on 10-11-11.  
**Augusta Terri Keith**, 91, on 5-14-11-07.  
**Colin Duart MacLean**, 84, on 10-24-11.  
**Albert Robert Meserve**, 90, on 6-7-11.  
**Ezra Carter Milliken**, 88, on 7-12-11.  
**James Gorman O'Connor**, 85, on 5-12-11.  
**Franklin Dana Payson**, 88, on 11-16-11.  
**Paul Grant Sheehy**, 85, on 10-20-11.  
**George Lawrence Smith**, 85, on 7-22-11.



### Elizabeth Bearce Harrison Class of 1943

Elizabeth "Betty" Bearce Harrison '43 died on August 4, 2011. She was 90. Betty was a loyal UMaine alumna who loved Black Bear sports and was active in the Alumni Association. She served many years as the 1943 class correspondent and in 1991 received the Alumni Association's Black Bear Award.

**Robert Edward Snow**, on 10-10-11.  
**Everett Arthur Strout**, 86, on 9-23-11.  
**Lawrence Merle Thompson**, 88, on 9-21-11.  
**Paul Forrest Treworgy**, 86, on 10-29-11.  
**Baxter Charles Walker**, 86, on 6-30-11.  
**Donald Boyington Weeks**, 84, on 7-30-11.  
**Edward Lee White**, 85, on 11-9-11.  
**Norman Weston Worthing, Jr.** on 1-3-11.

#### 1951

**Norman Alfred Anderson**, 84, on 7-6-11.  
**James Edward Ayer**, 86, on 9-16-11.  
**Robert Donald Brennan**, 85, on 7-1-11.  
**Burton Sill DeFrees**, 85, on 8-15-11.  
**Frank William Deininger, Jr.**, 83, on 8-13-11.  
**Mary Eunice Franklin**, 102, on 7-31-11.  
**Leslie Raymond Leggett**, 84, on 10-14-11.  
**Frederick Eugene Lombard, Jr.**, 86, on 9-19-11.  
**Donald Richard Lynch**, 84, on 7-10-11.  
**George Arthur Paradis**, 84, on 8-3-11.  
**Harold Chase Plummer**, 86, on 7-30-11.  
**Ovilla Fred Rossignol**, 85, on 9-29-11.  
**James Allan Silsby**, 82, on 9-23-11.  
**Rena May Thorndike**, 86, on 8-15-11.  
**William Francis Whitney**, 86, on 6-26-11.  
**Robert Eric Young**, 83, on 4-18-11.

### Charles Stickney, Class of 1944



Charles "Stick" Stickney, a loyal member and leader of the legendary Class of 1944, died on December 3, 2011. He was 89.

Stick served as an aviator in the Navy during World War II. That experience led to a lifelong love of flying. In 1956, Stick purchased Deering Ice Cream from his father and routinely worked six-day weeks until his retirement in 1989.

Throughout his life he was a loyal supporter of his alma mater and his class. He served on the University of Maine Development Council and the Alumni Association board. He was also a trustee of the UMaine Foundation and treasurer of his class. In 1999 Stick was presented with the Alumni Association's Black Bear Award and in 2010 he received the Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine's Outstanding Alumni Award.



# Deaths

## 1952

**Fernand Bolduc**, 83, on 6-20-11.  
**Bradford Bryant Brown**, D.V.M., 82, on 12-2-11.  
**David Almon Collins**, 80, on 10-7-11.  
**Lewis Roland Dubois**, 85, on 10-18-11.  
**Harold Rodney Footman**, 81, on 8-2-11.  
**John Dubose Gibson, Jr.**, 83, on 10-4-11.

**Robert Alfred LaFountain II**, 81, on 9-26-11.  
**Robert Gene Michaud**, 82, of on 8-20-11.  
**Frank Herman Peabbles III**, 81, on 7-22-11.  
**Clair Owen Pollard**, 80, on 11-20-11.  
**Richard Francis Rawson**, 82, on 11-29-11.  
**Walter Gordon Rockwell**, 81, on 10-16-11.  
**Robert Andrew Strickland**, 82, on 3-29-10.  
**Roberta Woodbury Wood**, 81, on 7-8-11.  
**Andrew Maynard Yakemore**, 81, on 8-9-11.

## 1953

**Peter Drivas**, 81, on 10-18-11.  
**Irene Tardiff Quirion Hamilton**, 101, on 4-21-11.  
**Harry Thomas Jose**, 80, on 10-5-11.  
**Jane Elizabeth Kimball**, 80, on 9-5-11.  
**Nancy Johnson Marsden**, 77, on 4-7-08.

## 1954

**Brenda Jennings Cook**, 76, on 9-27-08.  
**Earl Lane Hayford**, 82, on 8-19-11.  
**Paul Francis Higgins**, 78, on 6-20-10.  
**Roger Edward Mitchell**, 85, on 7-23-11.  
**Ronald Avery Pearl**, 78, on 8-14-10.  
**Winifred Diane Peoples**, 79, on 9-19-11.  
**Betty Jean Millett Small**, 80, on 7-10-11.  
**Davis Esmond Wiggin**, 87, on 11-13-11.

## 1955

**Alexander McGregor**, 80, on 8-17-11.  
**Omar Paul Norton**, 78, on 10-10-11.  
**Paul E. Page**, 78, on 7-27-11.  
**Gloria Emily Wiles**, 79, on 8-12-11.

## 1956

**Richard Elliott Alper**, 77, on 8-4-11.  
**Denis McCarthy**, 77, on 8-5-11.  
**Roderic Norman McKenney**, 77, on 11-15-11.  
**Edwin Stanley Plissey**, 77, on 11-14-11.  
**Richard Wendall Thompson**, 76, on 11-18-11.

## 1957

**Norris Hoit Bussell**, 80, on 11-8-11.  
**Philip Arnold Dugas**, 82, on 10-4-11.  
**Wallace Milo Evans**, 78, on 11-23-11.  
**Edgar Mareiniss**, 75, on 4-17-10.  
**Kenton James Nadeau**, 75, on 8-4-11.  
**Kenneth Melvin Nelson, Jr.**, 80, on 11-9-11.  
**Charles Frederick Sewall**, 76, on 9-8-11.

## 1958

**James Patrick Callan, Jr.**, 80, on 5-7-11.  
**Paul Normand Chaloux**, 79, on 10-29-11.  
**Barbara Jane Kelly**, 74, on 7-19-11.  
**Lawrence Vincent Kiley, Jr.**, 76, on 8-25-11.  
**Stephen Jay Law**, 84, on 10-30-11.  
**Jacqueline Currier Mortland**, 83, on 8-12-11.  
**Alberta Vivian Mount**, 88, on 2-25-11.  
**Carleton Edward Plumer**, 81, on 8-20-11.  
**Robert Edward Savage**, 79, on 11-11-11.  
**Barry Keith Thibeau**, 73, on 11-23-11.  
**Raymond Albert Webb**, 79, on 10-5-11.  
**Lee Kenneth Wetzel**, 75, on 8-19-11.

## 1959

**Fernand Charette**, 75, on 8-17-11.  
**Sheldon Walter Craig**, 74, on 9-3-11.  
**Catherine Dobbins Curtis**, 93, on 9-14-11.  
**Weston Albert Dyer II**, 78, on 11-18-11.  
**Richard Lloyd "Duke" McKeil**, 79, on 9-16-11.  
**Richard Hurd Pierce**, 95, on 6-8-11.  
**Allison Eugene Troy**, 81, on 6-6-11.  
**Joseph Richard "Dick" Vachon**, 74, on 11-11-11.

## 1960

**Eugene Anthony Bennett**, 77, on 9-7-11.  
**Christopher Hayes Clancy**, 76, on 10-23-11.  
**Winfred Harold "Bill" Crocker**, 73, on 11-13-11.  
**David Paulsen Dorr**, 87, on 7-11-11.  
**James Kenneth Harder**, 80, on 10-30-11.  
**Bernice Ruth Holbrook**, 85, on 8-3-11.  
**Neil Edward Larochelle**, 80, on 9-4-11.  
**Chalmer Loud Lewis**, 73, on 10-13-11.  
**Herbert Leslie Lush**, 87, on 11-7-11.  
**John Edwards MacKenzie**, 77, on 7-28-11.  
**Leroy Wilfred "Bill" Paul**, 79, on 11-15-11.  
**Lynne Ellen Marble Piper**, 73, on 10-11-11.

## 1961

**Gilbert Lawrence Esty**, 72, on 8-22-11.  
**Thomas Scott Robinson**, 73, on 8-14-11.  
**Michael Paul Roussin**, 72, on 9-11-11.  
**Harold Kimball Stanwood**, 88, on 8-12-11.

## 1962

**Avis Woster Harkness Black**, 71, on 8-15-11.  
**Francis Louis Cameron**, 71, on 9-6-11.  
**Dennis Kimball Hodsdon**, 73, on 11-1-11.  
**Joan Cole Pederson**, 81, on 7-27-11.

## 1963

**Louise Catherine Gould Grant**, 100, on 7-2-11.  
**Sally Sue Pearson**, 70, on 11-16-11.  
**Wendell Arthur Strout**, 68, on 10-6-11.  
**Guy Sturgis**, 72, on 10-20-11.  
**Mary Louise Young**, 88, on 11-6-11.  
**Peter Mark Zacharias**, 68, on 10-7-11.

## 1964

**Mary L. Johnson Ganske**, 90, on 7-16-11.  
**Leona-Mae Pratt Lord**, 81, on 9-5-09.  
**Ardern Mace Pendleton**, 76, on 9-20-11.  
**Nelson Brian Prince**, 70, on 7-12-11.  
**J. Raymond Scammon**, 72, on 5-16-11.

## 1965

**Alvey Paul Dubois**, 79, on 11-26-11.  
**Elizabeth Madar Earle**, 85, on 11-24-11.  
**Paul Arthur Flaherty, Jr.**, 68, on 10-14-11.  
**Richard Floyd Larrabee**, 67, on 8-24-10.  
**Delmar Richard Raymond**, 68, on 11-10-11.  
**Allen Jay Tozier**, 69, on 6-20-11.

## 1966

**Gary Curtis Osborn**, 67, on 9-23-11.  
**Wallace Smart Reed**, 65, on 7-3-11.  
**Jean Amy Crawford Sass**, 84, on 6-11-11.  
**Alonzo Ginn Sherman, Jr.**, 64, on 3-22-11.  
**James Wallace Tarbox**, 71, on 11-2-11.

## 1967

**Joseph Chandler**, 90, on 7-2-11.  
**Philip Thomas Gilman**, 67, on 6-27-11.  
**Karen Ann Kunz**, 65, on 6-27-11.  
**James Edward Paul**, 64, on 7-29-11.  
**Charles "Roy" Leroy Peers**, 64, on 10-22-11.  
**Kathryn E. Rollene Richards**, 91, on 7-15-11.



**Barbara Louise Corey St. Onge**, 66, on 9-9-11.

**Robert John Tancredi**, on 9-7-11.

**1968**

**Michael John Adams**, 63, on 11-14-11.  
**John Russell Croxford**, 65, on 9-28-11.  
**Sally Hichborn Page**, 64, on 6-28-11.  
**Jean Shanks Welch**, 96, on 8-18-11.

**1969**

**Raymond William Langmaid**, 64, on 8-16-11.  
**Linda Ann Milvaney Nuesse**, 64, on 11-24-11.  
**Vaughn Dee Rasar**, 69, on 7-11-11.  
**Shirley Arveen Klimavicz Richard**, 82, on 9-25-11.  
**Nancy Harriet Sullivan**, 64, on 7-7-11.

**1970**

**Michael Edward Barriault**, 64, on 9-18-11.  
**Cynthia Doris Putnam Sexton**, 63, on 10-5-11.  
**Bruce Ward Shaw**, 62, on 7-27-11.

**1971**

**Ralph Marchetti III**, 61, on 12-21-10.

**1972**

**Samuel Wayne Beal**, 66, on 9-17-11.  
**Robert Stanley Johnson**, M.D., 62, on 11-5-11.  
**William Dennis Mattson**, 63, on 9-2-11.  
**Lucy Spalding Mehta**, 60, on 9-19-11.

**1973**

**Sharon Drisko Rolfe**, 67, on 8-16-11.

**1974**

**David "Duke" Warren Lint**, 59, on 10-5-11.

**1975**

**Ellen Keough Hodosh**, 59, on 6-26-11.  
**Steven Harrison Parker**, 58, on 7-13-11.  
**Margaret Soper Witham**, 89, on 11-2-11.

**1976**

**Stephen Richard Aylward**, 57, on 10-6-11.  
**Richard Paul Faucher**, 57, on 8-21-11.  
**Paul Houghton "Hote" Holliday, Jr.**, 58, on 6-14-11.  
**James "Steve" Umel**, 63, on 9-17-11.

**1977**

**Olga Sinexon Brigham**, 76, on 11-15-11.



### Barbara Jane Kelly '58

Barbara Jane Kelly, 74, died on July 19, 2011. Following her UMaine graduation she enlisted in the Navy where she served for the next 25 years, retiring as a commander. Among her many assignments were instructor of women officers in Texas, director of community relations in Washington, D.C., and associate professor of naval science in Idaho. Following her retirement from the military, Barbara did a good deal of volunteer work for the Episcopal diocese of Virginia.

**Stephen Carl Coleman**, 59, on 9-21-11.  
**Raymond Sean Finley**, 55, on 11-23-11.  
**Suzanne J. McIntyre**, 65, on 6-20-11.  
**Peter Emerson Perry**, 55, on 7-22-11.  
**Timothy Francis Shannon**, 61, on 7-7-11.  
**Ralph Gibbs Whedon, Jr.**, 93, on 10-21-11.

**1980**

**Betty Lou Baulch**, 77, on 8-10-11.  
**Gregory A. Carter**, 54, on 10-28-11.

**1981**

**Janice Irene "Rene" Attean**, 68, on 8-5-11.  
**John Edward Harrigan, Jr.**, 85, on 7-12-11.  
**Scott Michael Osgood**, 52, on 7-3-11.

**1982**

**Theresa Ann Dobek DeMaio**, 51, on 6-

19-11.

**Thomas Torrisi**, 51, on 10-27-11.

**1984**

**Nancy Anne Kane**, 50, on 9-29-11.  
**Christina Louise Tabarini**, on 7-29-11.  
**Daniel H. Tracy**, 49, on 6-24-11.

**1985**

**Gerald W. Wallace, Jr.**, 50, on 10-14-11.

**1986**

**John T. Harrington**, on 4-22-10.

**1987**

**Juliet "Judy" Kellogg Markowsky**, 65, on 8-3-11.

**1992**

**Linda Tammany Pluard Estes**, 57, on 9-13-11.  
**Weston Bradford Haskell III**, 58, on 8-18-11.

**1993**

**Betty Jean Shields Brown**, 56, on 8-29-11.  
**Stephen James Stinson**, 40, on 11-22-11.  
**Wallace A. Winchell**, 54, on 11-8-11.

**1994**

**Norma T. Applebee**, 62, on 6-30-11.  
**Susan Desire Lundquist Carroll**, 39, on 10-4-11.  
**Sharon Howard**, 60, on 9-29-11.

**1995**

**Elizabeth J. Berger**, on 10-29-11.  
**Maj. Cheryl R. Marquis Esty**, 38, on 7-5-11.  
**Sister Margaret Marie Walsh**, 58, on 7-24-11.

**1997**

**Andrew James Lumb**, 38, on 3-22-11.

**1998**

**Robin Leigh Vedder**, 59, on 10-8-11.

**1999**

**Christopher "Kip" Keeling**, 36, on 6-14-11.

**2003**

**Bruce R. Carter II**, 44, on 10-8-11.

**2008**

**Heather M. Pelkey**, 34, on 7-15-11.



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