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THE DIRIGO SPIRIT LIVES HERE!

This is one of my favorite times on campus. Everything is green and the gardens at Buchanan Alumni House were particularly beautiful at the 10th anniversary celebration. This spring, from the inauguration of our 19th president to commencement to Reunion Weekend, the emphasis has been about one thing: leadership. *How will UMaine capitalize on its tradition of leadership and find courage to confront the challenges ahead?*

We graduated nearly 2,500 students the first weekend of May, one of UMaine's largest classes ever. They were enthusiastic and eager to get on with the next phase of their young lives and to go out and make a difference. Honorary degrees were presented to alumni George Sakellaris '69, president and CEO of the energy company, Ameresco, and Owen W. Wells '65, vice chair of the board of trustees of the Libra Foundation, a philanthropic organization. Owen spoke to the students about the multiple kinds of success. He told them that success to him means being part of progress toward important goals. We all look to these new graduates to fulfill their leadership potential. As a society, we need their energy, ambition, motivation, and fresh thinking.

Our other big occasion was Reunion Weekend, May 30 to June 2. Several hundred alumni from the honored Classes of 1952, 1957, 1962, and 1967 participated in off-campus activities to celebrate their milestones. About 400 alumni came to join us on campus for more fun and to renew their connections with classmates and the university. A highlight was the All-Alumni Dinner where President Paul Ferguson shared with everyone his vision for the future of UMaine, detailed in the Blue Sky Project Report. This innovative approach to tackling the very real challenges facing the university and the State of Maine certainly impressed the alumni present. You'll find some features of that vision in the presidential interview in this issue. After you read that, I urge you to go to the university's Website at www.umaine.edu and review the Blue Sky Report.

Finally, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the opening of Buchanan Alumni House along with the retirement of Amos Orcutt '64 of the UMaine Foundation. Amos was a driving force behind the design and construction of Buchanan Alumni House. It was also a chance to re-introduce Jeffery Mills '82, former president of the UMaine Alumni Association and now president of the UMaine Foundation. It was a chance for the architects, engineers, and builders of the project to recall some of their experiences in making Buchanan Alumni House a reality. One story was about the search for a mosaic artist able to create the Great Seal of the State of Maine with its motto: "Dirigo" (I lead). It was a long and difficult search for someone skilled enough to create the detail in the seal, but it was worth it. From the foyer of Alumni House, that seal with the word "Dirigo" continues to challenge people who enter to tap their leadership potential.



Be well! Be a Black Bear!

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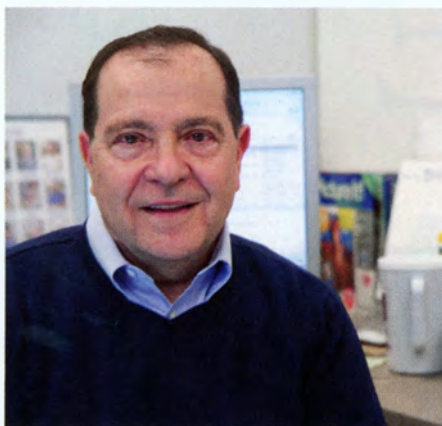
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Joe Genco named 2012 Distinguished Maine Professor

Joe Genco, professor of pulp and paper science and engineering, was recognized as the 2012 Distinguished Maine Professor (DMP). The annual DMP award recognizes outstanding achievements in teaching, research, and public service.

Genco teaches many of the undergraduate core chemical engineering courses, all of the core pulp and paper technology courses, and advises all of the fifth-year pulp and paper certificate students. Students appreciate his enthusiasm, conversational teaching style, and the respect he shows for them. They admire his ability to explain complex concepts as well as his accessibility and efforts to ensure that they succeed.

International and study abroad programs flourishing

By Jennifer Stoudt

During the 2011-2012 school year, a record number of 423 international students studied at the University of Maine. Besides this influx of international students, about 120-150 UMaine students study abroad each year.

Orlina Boteva '04G, '05G, advisor for the study abroad program, and a native of Bulgaria, studied at the University of Maine during her undergraduate career. Boteva has a passion for broadening the minds of UMaine students and helping them think internationally. She states, "My hope is that every student at UMaine will have an international experience during college. It can start with getting involved in International Coffee Hour, Culturefest, or International Dance Festival, and culminate in spending a semester or year abroad. It's amazing to see the growth that happens in a student in just four months spent abroad. Sometimes I feel like students have spent years away from campus when I hear how eloquent, mature, and worldly they have become."

Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium on campus

The University of Maine's steam plant parking lot on College Avenue will become an open-air sculpture studio late this summer. The fourth annual Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium, an artist-in-residency program, will take place in late July through the end of August. The program brings together artists, visitors, and communities to create public sculpture in eastern Maine. Using Maine granite, the selected eight sculptors from Maine, Taiwan, New Zealand, the Netherlands, and other countries will create six large sculptures for placement in public sites in Maine. Three of the completed sculptures will be located on the UMaine campus: at Buchanan Alumni House, Nutting Hall, and Fogler Library.



Giving hope, shaving heads

By Mallory Lavoie

For the second year, students had an opportunity to support the St. Baldrick's Foundation charity on Maine Day. The charity supports research on childhood cancers.

This year, 99 male and female students had their heads shaved in support of the cause. "I wanted to do something for these kids," said student Katelyn Dufour. "I wanted to give them a fighting chance and give them hope."

Before the event, participants raised money through both online and cash donations. This fundraiser proves that sometimes making a difference can be as simple as shaving your head!



2012-2013 TUITION RAFFLE WINNER: Ethan Hibler '15, a second-year civil engineering student from Turner, ME, is the lucky winner of this year's tuition raffle. Ethan said, "This news was a good way to end a really good year." Above, Ethan is congratulated by Todd Saucier '93, '97G, UMAA president and executive director (left).



ASB provides service opportunities

By Scott Burian

Alternative Spring Break (ASB), a student-run organization, provides opportunities for students to participate in service projects both in the U.S. and overseas. This year ASB provided seven spring break and two winter break trips for students.

ASB trips are run by site leaders and projects include working with underprivileged youth, children's hospitals, AIDS,

environmental work, Habitat for Humanity, endangered animals, and homelessness. Students are responsible for fundraising to help cover the costs of the trip.

This year eight members of the Catholic Student Association volunteered for Bridgeport, Connecticut's, Habitat for Humanity program. Sophie Ouellette reported, "I put up insulation, dug holes for a porch, moved a lot of furniture in warehouses, and helped build a wall."

Killam Foundation supports United States - Canada student exchange

By: Mallory Lavoie



The Killam Fellowships Foundation, a non-profit organization, is dedicated to fostering Canada and U.S. relations by providing scholarships to American and Canadian undergraduate students so they can participate in a semester or year-long educational exchange in the opposite country. Studying abroad is an opportunity for University of Maine students to experience a whole new culture, learning environment, and way of life.

Graeme Cunningham, manager of strategic development and partnerships, explains that the Killam Fellowships Program is merit-

based. It makes awards to students who possess outstanding academic credentials, with above-average grades, previously granted scholarships, fellowships and internships, or other recognition. They seek students who show ambassadorial qualities, strong interpersonal skills, compassion, and community engagement. University of Maine student, Sarah Denslow, was awarded a Killam Scholarship to attend the University of Ottawa for the 2011-2012 school year. She is a third-year international affairs and French double major and a sister of Alpha Omicron Pi, Gamma chapter.



Jeff Mills named head of UMaine Foundation

Jeffery N. Mills '82 has been named president/CEO of the University of Maine Foundation, succeeding Amos E. Orcutt '64, who retired after serving the organization for 22 years.

"Jeff has extensive experience as a nonprofit fundraising and alumni relations leader in higher education," said Ellen Greig Stinson '68, chair of the Foundation board of directors. "I believe Jeff is truly the right person to lead the Foundation and take it to the next level."

Mills has been vice president of University Advancement at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, NJ, for the past seven years. He is returning to UMaine where he previously served as vice president for University Advancement and president/CEO of the Alumni Association. In both positions he worked closely with the Foundation.

A Maine native who graduated from the University of Maine, Mills earned an M.Ed. in higher education administration and Ph.D. in educational leadership and policy studies from Arizona State University.

At Monmouth, Mills was a member of the committee responsible for the investment of the university's \$125 million endowment and plant funds. He increased overall fundraising to the highest levels in university history, which led to Monmouth University winning the 2009 CASE-WealthEngine Award for Educational Fundraising.

Our Breast Cancer Journey: How to Kick Cancer's Ass

Corey '97, '98G and Michelle Lefevre Joyce '97



Corey and Michelle Lefevre Joyce provide a painstakingly realistic account of the battle they went through together, dealing with breast cancer. Michelle, a former Division I softball player for UMaine, discovered a lump in her breast on

New Year's Eve in 2009, and a week later received the devastating news that it was cancerous. Corey, obviously devastated by his wife's diagnosis, sought literature for advice on how to cope. They both realized there was no literature that offered a pragmatic insight in dealing with cancer, and there was no material published about easing the grief of a spouse. During Michelle's eight-month ordeal, which included many surgeries, a partial mastectomy, and weeks of chemotherapy, Corey found writing to be a therapeutic outlet. Although publishing a book was never the couple's original intention, Michelle's matter-of-fact attitude, and Corey's blunt and satirical writing proved to be entertaining as well as a great resource for others battling cancer.

- Review by Jennifer Stoudt '12



Scuba Gold

Ben Thomas
'56, '61G

From the first few pages describing the sighting of a German submarine in the Gulf of Maine to a race

against the clock in the final pages, *Scuba Gold* is a fast-paced book of

scuba diving, espionage, and young love.

When a member of a diving team finds a gold pendant in Casco Bay off Portland, Maine, the discovery makes news around the globe. Two people with conflicting interests arrive in Portland to search for the remainder of the treasure lost in Casco Bay. Lee Thomas McCall, a young woman from western Montana, is seeking the pendant for her family as a lost heirloom. German military officer Heinrich von Brockner is seeking the pendant for more sinister reasons. A member of the team is murdered shortly after the find, team leader Matt Banner is the prime suspect, and there is a race against the clock to find the missing pendant and clear his name.

Thomas uses his knowledge of the Casco Bay area to describe the region. His research into scuba diving will appeal to scuba diving enthusiasts, while his story of conspiracy and espionage will appeal to those hooked on conspiracy theories. And for those who enjoy reading of young hearts and passions, well, there is a little of that too.

- Review by Mellissia Richards '02, '12

Dreams of Wolves: Adventures in the Carpathian Mountains of Transylvania

Alan E. Sparks '80



Eleven years ago, Alan Sparks '80 had a bit of a mid-life crisis. He qualified for a voluntary early retirement package from the large telecommunications firm where he

had been employed for nearly 21 years. His original plans of unwinding from "40 years of continual effort and stress" rapidly changed. Within 10 months of retirement, he lost his two best friends and spent a few months drifting. The drifting eventually led to Zamesti, a small village in Romania, and the Carpathian Large Carnivore Project (CLCP), deep in the heart of Dracula Country.

Sparks dove into the project, which entailed tracking wolves through deep snow and rough terrain, while interacting with the team he joined and immersing himself in the community. The book transports you to a place where religion is ruled by superstition and death is not hidden away and whispered about. Sparks describes the daily activities of the CLCP in detail, and describes the history of the area, combined with rich scientific history and information. His interactions with the wildlife, the community, and the wolves of the CLCP show not only a fascinating place, but how a jarring change of scene can help a man heal.

-Review by Mellissia Richards '02, '12



The Dam Committee

Earl Smith '62

The Dam Committee is a captivating, comical mystery novel based in a small, fictional Maine town

called Belfry. Anyone who is familiar with small town life in Maine can identify with the setting, the characters, and the lifestyle. Earl Smith, former dean at Colby College and public relations journalist, writes a humorous novel about a murder mystery that takes place in this small town.

Smith says, "If the book has any attraction, it is because people who live in Maine can easily identify with the characters." Smith uses colorful characters to bring his story to life. The plot unfurls when two friends, Harry, a neat and somewhat unsettled man; and Nibber, the exact opposite; witness a murder scene. And then they discover a suitcase full of money. Smith's first novel brings humor and life to his fictitious small town.

-Review by Mallory Lavoie '12

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by Susan E. Mullaney, CBC, '59H

The Dirigo Spirit is alive and well

A conversation with
Paul W. Ferguson, UMaine's
19th president

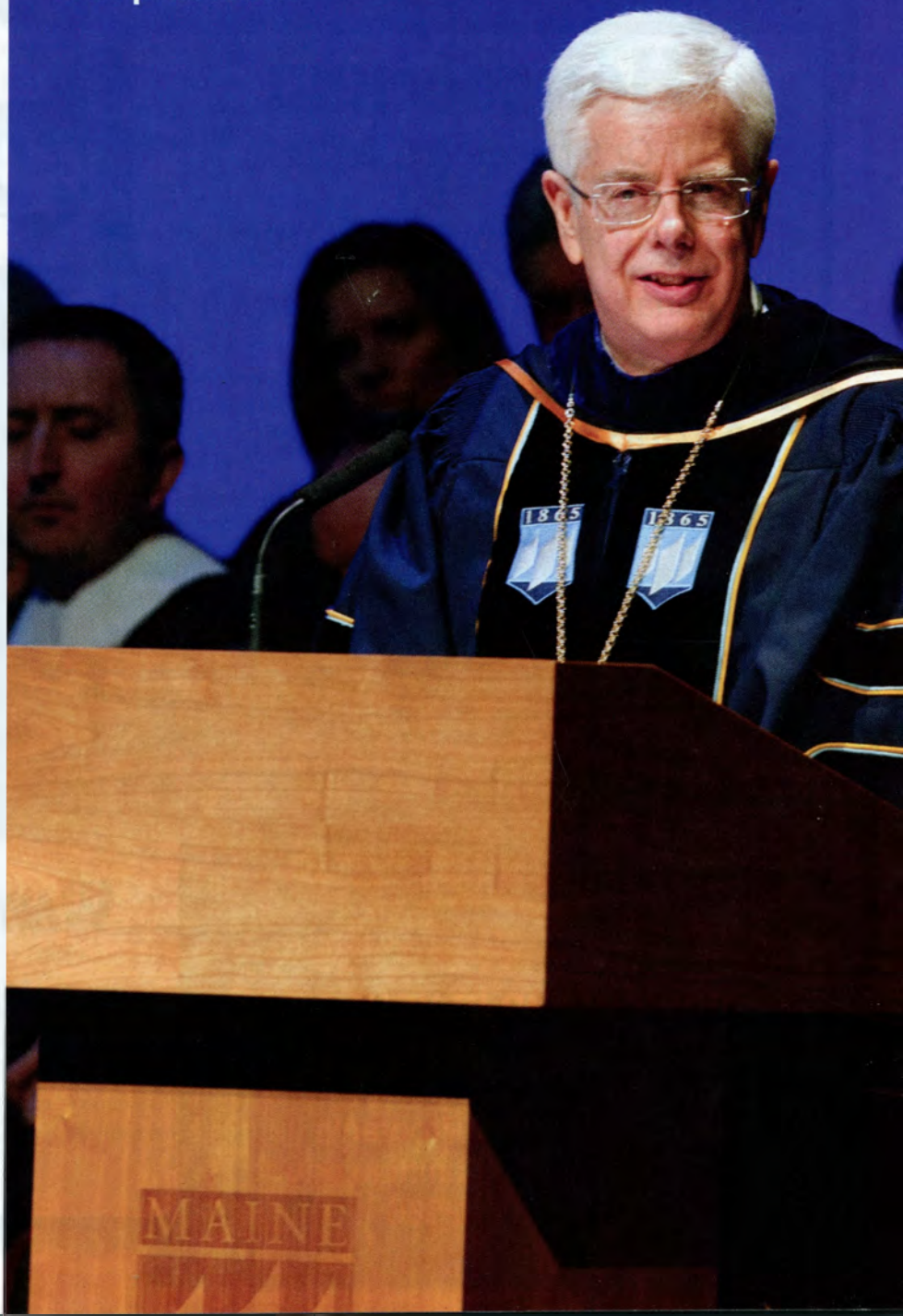
When Paul W. Ferguson arrived on campus in July 2011, he looked forward to a new challenge. Morale appeared low in some quarters. Skepticism seemed high in others. The economic downturn impacting all public universities across the nation had taken a toll on UMaine. He was assuming the helm of one of America's historic land- and sea-grant public universities, the backbone of the nation's 20th-century progress and economic growth. Alumni, students, faculty, and citizens were looking to him with high expectations to develop a bold new vision and strategy to help the university realize its potential as a 21st-century public research university. They wanted a reaffirmation that "the college of our hearts always" still has what it takes to be a leader for the new century.

Paul Ferguson fully appreciated the scope of the challenge and embraced the opportunity to bring his style of leadership to Maine to address the issues facing the university. He understood that UMaine has a strong foundation, a tradition of leadership, high-quality people, and a sense of place: solid starting materials. And, in his 25 years in higher education, he had developed an approach that has served his previous institutions well in achieving a record of success: "First, you ask the right questions. Then you listen closely."

MAINE Alumni Magazine sat down with President Ferguson recently to talk about his first year and the high expectations he has faced.

On the "Dirigo Spirit" and what it means to UMaine's future

UMaine's tradition for producing leaders in all fields—from government to business



to the arts and sciences—is noteworthy. The state and university’s seal with its motto, “Dirigo” or “I lead,” is a call to personal responsibility and initiative. The seal harks back to an earlier century when the state’s economy depended on agriculture, forestry, and fisheries for its prosperity. The seal depicts the independence, self-reliance, and determination that are the heritage of all Mainers. It recalls a time when members of rural communities were literally each other’s keepers, reaching out to those who needed help. This is the heritage of the University of Maine, where young people transform into the next generation of business and political leaders, educators, engineers, healthcare providers, researchers, artists, and many other professionals who sustain our society. This heritage was the reason for our theme of Leadership Week and the presidential inauguration.

Leadership Week in April, which concluded with the presidential inauguration, was envisioned from the beginning as a celebration, not only of outstanding leaders past and present, but a celebration of this transformational process of education that develops new leaders for today and tomorrow. We were looking to establish something that could extend years beyond the inauguration of the 19th president.

Student engagement is a critical component of the educational process. It is more than just classroom learning. It is the opportunity to develop connections not only with classmates and professors, but also with alumni who can provide additional opportunities for learning and experience. So for me, leadership development is, and needs to be, occurring in every corner of this university community.

About his special perspective as a Black Bear parent

Having our daughter, Jenny, here as a student was a wonderful value-added experience for me as a new president. At commencement, while we were celebrating the achievements of almost 2,500 students from all disciplines, Grace and I knew personally many of those crossing the stage as Jenny’s friends and classmates. For those who may have

visited the President’s House, we’ve had great times of candor and engaging conversations about their experiences and their hopes. There has been an atmosphere of mutual respect that has contributed deeply to my views on many topics and initiatives. These are wonderful young people and they should know that we continue to be committed to them. They may have graduated, but as alumni, they remain important members of the Black Bear family.

His thoughts about reemphasizing the public good in public universities

UMaine is one of the historic land-grant universities created by the Morrill Act that was signed by President Lincoln. As Doris Kearns Goodwin reminded us in her talk during Leadership Week, Abraham Lincoln was an entirely self-educated man. He probably spent a grand total of 12 months in a classroom his entire life. Yet Lincoln believed strongly in the transformative nature of education and its power to impact lives. At the time, an education at Harvard or any of the other historic private universities was a privilege only for the privileged. The Morrill Act was passed to provide greater access to higher education for all citizens, based on the principle that education and research could be a driving force for equality and economic development.

I focused on this topic in my inaugural address stating: “The public university has drifted, in part, away from its visible, interconnected partnership with the public sector. In turn, the state and federal government, as well as many citizens, have lost sight of the critical role that the public research university plays in preparing their children for successful careers, for enhancing the quality of life, for spurring imagination through the arts and humanities, for creating new knowledge to fuel new technologies and businesses, and for continuing to partner with the state to create jobs and promote ongoing economic development.

“This result has been an uncertain relationship of uncertain mutual benefits lead-



Some Points of Black Bear Pride

- UMaine is among the top 100 public universities for research in the nation
- UMaine is ranked in Tier 1 of America’s top national universities
- The UMaine Honors College is one of the oldest in the country
- The UMaine College of Liberal Arts and Sciences offers the state’s most comprehensive liberal arts experiences and is a major cultural hub for Maine
- UMaine is the home to the Foster Center for Student Innovation and is the birthplace of Innovation Engineering
- UMaine’s day-to-day operations and student and visitor spending contribute \$780.9 million to Maine’s economy and support 9,951 full-time and part-time jobs. Every \$1 invested by the state in UMaine is associated with \$8 in total statewide economic activity.

Facts are from The Blue Sky Plan, a draft of which can be found online at umaine.edu/blueskyplan. The plan provides a comprehensive overview of the future direction for the University of Maine. We urge all alumni to visit the university’s Website to read either the executive summary or the complete plan.

ing to a misunderstanding of the roles and impact of faculty and their workload, a limited understanding of operational challenges we face and the efficiencies we achieve, and of critical importance, the loss of mutual respect of the public and its university both fiscally and, yes, with emotional support and loyalty. I am not here to defend the status quo. I am here to defend this university's importance to the State of Maine and to reemphasize the public good inherent in the mission of the public university. I ask you all to join me during our 150th anniversary in recommitting to the inherent, mutually beneficial partnership between the citizens of Maine and their university."

Thoughts on the Blue Sky Project

The Blue Sky Project, UMaine's new strategic process and plan, was intended to produce a vision, guiding principles, and strategies for a new UMaine. The process has been collaborative and very open. We have logged many miles traveling around

the state to listen and gather input. We have received ideas from all sources — students, faculty, staff, alumni, business leaders, legislators, and friends of the university. The result of this inclusive and engaging effort is a new hope, a new optimism, and a new belief that we can reaffirm public higher education as a transformative force in the State of Maine.

I believe we have achieved our goal of a bold yet pragmatic vision. It will take such a grand vision and a united effort to address the many challenges facing the State of Maine and our university.










On why President Ferguson is so optimistic for the future of the University of Maine

This first year has been characterized by many diverse and substantive highlights, such as student scholarly presentations and artistic performances, campus lectures from noted scholars, and Leadership Week. Also, exciting athletic events and team successes in and out of the classroom, significant

research and stimulation grants for innovation engineering, sustainability science, biomedical sciences, the Humanities Center, and new partnerships such as with the Library of Congress and the Folklife Center, the GigU Consortium of 37 universities nationwide promoting high-speed communications, the Margaret Chase Smith Library and Museum, and the new UMaine Forest Bioproducts Research Institute Technology Research Center in Old Town.

These are a few of many examples that represent the best of what is ahead for UMaine. One aspect of this first year that has been particularly positive is the Blue Sky process itself. At first, people were understandably skeptical due to issues of morale and budget, yet open to engagement. They were discussing issues that had been talked about before, but remained to be adequately addressed. We encouraged people in the process to reflect on the past, but engage for a positive new future. Through many group and individual

Timeline of University of Maine presidents

1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930		
									
<p>1862 Morrill Act Land Grant College Act passed by Congress establishes the Maine College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts</p> <p>1870 Fernald Hall built as "Chemical Hall"</p>	<p>Charles Frederick Allen 1871 – 1878</p> <p>1873 President's House built</p> <p>1875 University of Maine Alumni Association established</p>	<p>Merritt Caldwell Fernald 1879 – 1893</p> <p>1881 First master's degree conferred</p> <p>1887 Agricultural Experiment Station established; Holmes Hall constructed</p> <p>1892 First intercollegiate football game</p>	<p>Abram Winegardner Harris 1893 – 1901</p> <p>1897 Name changed to University of Maine</p> <p>1901 Alumni Hall, originally a military drill hall, chapel, auditorium, and women's gym, built.</p>	<p>George E. Fellows 1902 – 1910</p> <p>1904 Lord Hall built</p> <p>1906 Senior Skulls established</p> <p>1907 Carnegie Hall built; first Maine Masque production</p> <p>"Stein Song" written by Adelbert Sprague '05 and Lincoln Colcord '05 becomes UMaine college song</p>	<p>Robert Judson Aley 1911 – 1921</p> <p>1912 Maine Cooperative Extension begun</p> <p>1914 Black Bear becomes official mascot of the University of Maine</p>	<p>Clarence Cook Little 1922 – 1925</p> <p>ca. 1924 Compulsory chapel attendance abolished</p> <p>1925 All Maine Women established</p>	<p>Harold Sherburne Boardman '95 1926 – 1934</p> <p>1927 Home economics department established</p> <p>1933 Memorial Gym built</p> <p>1934 Intercollegiate sports for women suspended</p>	<p>Arthur Andrew Hauck 1934 – 1958</p> <p>1935 Maine Day established</p> <p>1938 Fogler Library constructed</p> <p>1941 3,882 alumni serve in war effort</p> <p>1946 Returning GIs cause spike in enrollment; housing is quickly constructed to accommodate them</p>	<p>Lloyd Hartman Elliott 1958 – 1965</p> <p>1960 First doctorate conferred</p> <p>Oct. 19, 1963 President Kennedy speaks on campus</p> <p>1964 UMaine's baseball team's first trip to the College World Series</p>

discussions, members of the UMaine community contributed to building our new model for the 21st-century.

On his most memorable experience since becoming UMaine's 19th President

Although I have enjoyed numerous highlights in my first year, I was blessed to participate in a very special event the week after commencement. The experience clearly brought home to me what the University of Maine represents, and demonstrated the impact and the spirit of the Black Bear Nation.

I received a call from Richard Barron, UMaine's women's basketball coach, asking me to assist him in fulfilling an important request. Jackie Blanchard, his team's student manager and a civil engineering major from Corinth, Maine, had missed commencement because she was in the hospital due to medical complications. Jackie has been fighting cancer since she was 11 years old. A major source of encour-

agement and motivation for her during these difficult times had been the goal of becoming a Black Bear engineer and standing with her classmates in the traditional UMaine blue hard hats at commencement. Heather Gooley, a nurse and long-time source of encouragement and friendship to Jackie and her family, felt strongly that Jackie should graduate. She made the call to Coach Barron and my office.

Coach Barron, engineering dean Dana Humphrey, and I went to Eastern Maine Medical Center. Although I had originally expected a small gathering in her hospital room, I was stunned to see a gathering of about 90 people filling the hospital auditorium that included teammates, classmates, family, and friends. Jackie walked in with her sister, not expecting this event, and took her seat next to her engineering classmates wanting to share the moment with her. Dean Humphrey inducted her into the Francis Crowe Honor Society and civil engineering chair Eric Landis awarded her the UMaine hard hat. Jackie immediately

removed her baseball cap, replacing it with her new hard hat. Then, with the "authority vested in me," I formally awarded her diploma of graduation with a handshake and a hug.

Jackie Blanchard, her family, and friends represent the best of Maine and UMaine. Characteristics evident that evening were courage, tenacity, determination, excellence, compassion, and spirit—all aspirational characteristics of the Black Bear Nation and the University of Maine.

I was humbled to be invited to an event that honored the depth of pride and commitment of a young woman who loved the University of Maine and all it represents. For her, an individual model of courage and excellence, the University of Maine played a role in developing her strength and purpose to face a challenge more than many of us will ever face. I can think of no greater honor for any University president than to award a diploma to a new alumna such as Jackie, the exemplar of Dirigo Spirit. 🐾

1940 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010



Hugh Edwin Young '40, '42G
1965 – 1968

1965
Dormitory curfews abolished
1968 Hilltop dormitories and dining commons completed
1968
University of Maine System established:
University of Maine becomes the University of Maine at Orono



Winthrop C. Libby '32
1969 – 1973

1972
Women's Intercollegiate athletics reinstated at UMaine (Title 9)



Howard R. Neville
1973 – 1979

1974 Witter Teaching and Research Farm opens
1977 Alford Sports Arena constructed



Paul H. Silverman
1980 – 1984

1980 UMaine becomes Sea Grant College



Arthur M. Johnson
1984 – 1986

1986 Flagship campus recognized as The University of Maine
1986 Maine Center for the Arts (MCA) opens



Dale W. Lick
1986 – 1991

1989
Construction begins on Doris Twitchell Allen Village



Frederick E. Hutchinson
'53, '58G
1992 – 1997

1993 UMaine hockey's first national championship
1995 Faculty Five grassroots advocacy campaign
1997 Bryand Global Sciences Center opens



Peter S. Hoff
1997 – 2004

2000 Hutchinson Center opens in Belfast
2000 Patch Hall constructed
2002 Buchanan Alumni House opens
2002 UMaine Museum of Art in Bangor opens



Robert A. Kennedy
2005 – 2011

2007 New Balance Student Recreation Center opens
2008 Resurfacing of Morse Field and Mahaney Diamond; Kessock Field upgrade
2009 MCA is renamed Collins Center for the Arts, reopens after renovation



Paul W. Ferguson
April 19, 2012

2012
Leadership Week held
Opening of Technology Research Center
Opening of AEW Windpower Lab
Blue Sky Plan unveiled

Turning Tragedy into Triumph

George '71, '82G and Sylvia Brackett Ritz '74 build clinics and schools in Paraguay's most remote jungles in their daughter Andrea's memory

by Susan E. Mullaney, CBC, '59H

I am only one person and I cannot do everything. But just because I cannot do everything does not mean that I will refuse to do that which I can.

-Helen Keller

WHEN YOU first arrive at the home of George and Sylvia Ritz, mostly what you see is an unassuming farmhouse in rural Bradford, Maine. You could drive by it every day and not ever know that two extraordinary Black Bears live there. The Ritz family bought the 72-acre wooded farm back in the early '70s after they married in 1972 while Sylvia was still finishing her degree at UMaine.

George thought he had graduated from the University of Maine in 1968 with a degree in forestry and went off to join the Peace Corps in Chile. When he returned from South America, he discovered that he was actually one course shy of his degree. So, he registered to complete the remaining coursework in 1971. It must have been destiny, because that was when and where he met Sylvia, who was studying child development and elementary education. Later, George went back to UMaine, completing his master's degree in 1982 while working full time as a forestry consultant.

After finishing his master's, George was back in the Peace Corps as a staff member. This time his assignment was Paraguay, where he became director of forestry. Sylvia joined him in Paraguay shortly afterward with 4-year-old son, Jeremy, and 3-week-old baby, Andrea.

"English was not Andrea's first language," Sylvia explains. "She spoke Guarani' the language of the people. It surprises people to learn that Spanish is not



the dominant language there, but is largely spoken only in the capital city, Asuncion. My two kids went native really quickly and loved it there," Sylvia asserts.

The family returned to the farm in Bradford after five years in South America and started building a "normal, usual" family life. George went back to work for the State of Maine as a forestry specialist and Sylvia returned to teaching special education in local schools, ending her teaching career recently at the Mary Snow School in Bangor.

Coping with the unthinkable

Jeremy went on to complete school and graduate from the University of Maine in 2005. Andrea became involved in the usual activities like Girl Scouts and school sports



Above:

Andrea and Jeremy in 1984 at home in Asuncion, Paraguay

Opposite page, clockwise from top:

George and Sylvia Ritz

Andrea Renee Ritz clinic at Kaaguy Kupe opened in 1998

Dr. Laurel Parker '05, George Ritz, and Dr. Jack Forbush, at the inauguration of the clinic at San Blas-KM 16

Dr. Laurel Parker and patients under the "Gathering Tree" in Mby'a settlement at Tacuaro

Paraguayan family

Mby'a children experiencing clean, running water for the first time in their settlement at Tacuaro

George and Dr. Laurel Parker with members of the Mby'a tribe at their settlement, Tacuaro, after receiving donated jackets

teams, making many friends in the close-knit Bradford community.

Then the unthinkable happened. Andrea developed sudden onset Type 1 diabetes and died of complications at age 12. It was a parent's worst nightmare come true for George and Sylvia. Friends, relatives, and members from their church made contributions to a fund in Andrea's name and the Ritz family had to decide how to use the money to best honor Andrea's memory.

"We spent a great deal of time thinking about what would be the best thing we could do to honor Andrea. We wanted something with a lasting, direct impact. There were many options," George explains. "Then we thought of Paraguay, a small, landlocked country wedged between Brazil and Argentina. Andrea had grown up and been happy there playing with the native children. We knew firsthand just how great the needs are there. So we decided on building a clinic in a remote village with the funds.

"We got a start-up grant from the Peace Corps. We also held additional fundraisers with the help of friends and family. I sold everything that was non-essential. And then I reached out to my contacts with the Peace Corps in Paraguay and asked them to solicit 10 proposals from villages that displayed enough commitment to see the project through. In 1997, I took a leave of absence and traveled down to make the selection and start the building project," George continues.

Overcoming primitive conditions

The primitive conditions and logistical challenges facing him came as no real shock to George Ritz. He already knew about those. No electricity. No roads. No transportation except horse, mule, and ox cart. No communication. No clean water. No accommodations. Very much in evidence was the people's deep distrust that promises made to them would be kept.

"In the end, I couldn't decide between two proposals and so we decided to build two clinics. These two villages are strategically located at crossroads for their region.

There are about 500 people in each village, but today the clinics serve thousands from the surrounding countryside.

"Quite literally, we had nothing to work with except hope and faith. To make matters worse, we had much skepticism to overcome. In their parlance, outsiders were all liars. Many had come, made the villagers a lot of promises, and then disappeared. Worse still was the fact that the villagers had no tradition of working as a group. The 40-year-long dictatorship in Paraguay had helped maintain its control by prohibiting the assembly of more than three unrelated adults for any reason," George asserts.

"And here was I proposing to build health clinics for people with no experience of modern medicine and this deeply ingrained distrust due to the multitude of previous disappointments they'd suffered," George elaborates. "I would have to train and educate my workforce as I went along, before we could accomplish very much."

George brought his know-how from his UMaine training and his years in the Peace Corps, an ability to speak Guarani' and Spanish, a lot of patience and determination, a chain saw, and not much else with him into the jungle. All the tools and supplies had to be hauled in from the capital before work could begin. Local people donated trees for lumber. George cut them up into useable lengths and used the branches and waste material to heat the kilns where they made their own bricks for the project. Then they had to dig the foundation by hand and haul water uphill from the river to make the cement.

George elaborates with a story on what it was like building that first clinic. He had instructed the villagers to come the following morning, shovels in hand, and be prepared to dig the hole for the foundation. When he arrived the next day, he laid out the boundaries, but no one came to help dig. So after about an hour's waiting, George began digging the hole himself. Finally, someone else showed up and began digging too. Soon there were 50 shovels hard at work. When George asked what the hold-up was, the workers told him that they needed to see that George

was telling the truth... that he really meant to dig that foundation and build the clinic.

"We have also begun to work with some of the indigenous people of the Mby'a tribes, who have lived the traditional hunter-gatherer lifestyle in the jungle for millennia. That is rapidly changing as the government and developers want to exploit the natural resources in those rich areas leaving many tribes virtually homeless. We have been able to provide clean running water systems, medical attention, shelters, and school buildings for two Mby'a settlements."

Newfound lobbyist skills

Over these last 16 years, George's role has changed. He's not so much a hands-on builder anymore. With help from friends and supporters that he has gained in the Paraguayan government, George has brought electricity, clean water systems, and wireless communications to the outlying villages. In appreciation, George was honored this year with the title of "illustrious citizen" of the San Juan District.

"We have built enough trust among the villagers that now they come to me to help them negotiate what they need from their government. They have grown tremendously in their self-confidence and recognize that they are able to communicate with officials regarding their communities' needs.

"We have now built three schools. The first is in the original village where we built the first clinic. But the next two are in other remote areas. The government pays for and sends the teachers, just like they pay the nurses, doctors, and dentists at the clinics. I now go down to Paraguay for the month of April every year. I save up all my vacation time and use it during mud season when there isn't a lot to do in the Maine forests. I really appreciate the support I have received from the State of Maine in allowing me the time and flexibility to do this once a year. And the rest of the year I'm on the phone or Internet communicating with officials or our local volunteers and coordinators to get support for the schools and clinics or talking with doctors or whatever," George points out.

Bringing modern medicine into the jungle

Nurses mainly have staffed the clinics. A new Paraguayan government initiative has added a doctor and additional nurses to each clinic staff. American doctors come to Paraguay once a year, but are also consulted remotely regarding diagnoses and treatment plans. Communication is now possible by cell phone and Internet. As George points out, sometimes they have to go up on the clinic roof or climb a tree to get a signal, but they manage. And people get treated.

"We're indebted to the wonderful doctors from Maine who help out. Dr. Tom Adams of Southwest Harbor has joined me for 10 of the last 15 years and looks forward to going again in 2013. Dr. Jack Forbush of Hampden has gone twice, closing his practice for two weeks in April to come along, but he also consults frequently by phone and Internet. This year, I was joined for the second time by Dr. Laurel Parker of Bradford."

Making a difference

I am a member of the community and as a member it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can before I die. Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch that I want to make burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.

- George Bernard Shaw

EVERY DAY across America and across the globe, thousands of UMaine alumni contribute to the larger community in a wide variety of ways. Making a difference is at the heart of the Dirigo Spirit. The contribution may be large and life-changing like a medical breakthrough. Or it may be quiet and life-affirming like helping young people get themselves on the right path through education, sports, travel, and opportunities to learn about other cultures. Here are just a few examples of what recent alumni are doing to make a difference.

Paujo Bornstein '06 works as a microfinance consultant for the microfinance institution AMK in Cambodia, one of the poorest nations in the world. Paujo helps AMK develop policies that allow

poor people, mainly women, to start their own businesses and become self-sufficient. The big challenge is the risk of over-indebtedness because there are so many microfinance operations in

Southeast Asia and little coordination between the organizations to understand the clients' true indebtedness picture. Paujo hopes to start his own business teaching financial literacy to microfinance clients so they can make better economic decisions.



Abby Schrader '06 is helping bring Australian teens to the U.S. to take advantage of athletic opportunities while they learn about another culture. Abby attended UMaine on a basketball scholarship and continued to play professionally in Denmark, Sweden, and Australia after

"We were particularly pleased when Laurel joined us. The Parker family, who own and run Parker Lumber, are almost all UMaine graduates. They've been our friends since we moved here. Laurel was a friend of Andrea's and they were classmates and in Girl Scouts together. It means so much to us to have someone else who knew Andrea join the effort," Sylvia comments.

Making progress against the odds

According to Sylvia, who handles the communications, promotion and finances for the Andrea Ritz Clinics in Paraguay, they are grateful to the many people who have lent a hand over the years. The Andrea Ritz Clinics in Paraguay is an official 501(C)3 non-profit corporation that accepts tax-deductible donations.

"We take no salaries. George pays his own transportation down to Paraguay. Every cent we raise goes into the effort. Now that I'm retired, I'll have more time to spend on getting the word out. We have our own Facebook page at www.facebook.com/paraguayclinics where I have

posted photos from all the trips, starting with the first clinic in 1997. I have not been down there since 1998. I feel that it is more important that a doctor or medical professional has the seat on the back of the ATV or on the cart that I'd take up. I can do more good here," Sylvia emphasizes.

"This is a long-term process and we are committed to it for the long haul," George states emphatically. "The villagers know it and are responding. They appreciate that we know they can't make the gigantic leap from the Stone Age to the 21st century in only a few years. It will take decades. But we have been able to put down a foundation and put a few solid building blocks in place. It's something we intend to give the rest of our lives to. And along the way we've been picking up others, like the doctors and like a shipping company from New Jersey owned by Paraguayan expatriots. The shippers are now able to ship our medical supplies down to Paraguay in their containers along with their other goods." George concludes.

"People support us because they know that what might be a small contribution to

other organizations is more important to us. To date, we have not gone after large grants or other big-name support because of the small scale and slow pace at which we work, due in part, to our personal involvement. It takes generations to foster progress in a culturally appropriate and sensitive manner. To do otherwise is to invite failure. We cannot take a large team to Paraguay, as many missions are able to in other parts of the world. The infrastructure and extreme poverty in the areas in which we work will not support it. The logistics of travel, moving construction equipment and materials is very difficult. Rain quickly turns the red clay roads to mud and makes them dangerous or impassable.

"For example, it was a gargantuan effort to move the two drilling rigs, borrowed from the government, from the capital to the villages where we drilled the new wells. We currently have nine running water systems in place with over 15 kilometers of water line. Each year we lay a few more kilometers of water line to bring safe water to more families," George concludes. 🐾

graduation. Abby is now the sports travel coordinator for Aussie Basketball Travelers striving to bring the world's basketball community together. Abby arranges for thousands of Australian teens to travel to different states to focus on their competitive basketball skills as well as create lasting, positive friendships with their host families.



Ryan Tewhey '05 graduated with dual majors in molecular and cellular biology and biochemistry. After graduation, Ryan worked at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard researching genetic risk factors for Type II diabetes. While earning his Ph.D. in biology at the University of California, San Diego, Ryan has been exploring the use of DNA sequencing to understand what makes MRSA (methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*) so deadly. The MRSA microbe is a constant threat in hospitals and nursing homes and Ryan's work on the subject recently earned him a place on the *Forbes Magazine* "30 under 30" list for science.



Kristen Sheppard '07 is making her mark with the Peace Corps in Botswana. After graduation, Kristen moved to New York City and interned at the Highbridge Woodycrest Center in the Bronx, a mental health facility for people who are HIV positive. She subsequently worked at Germaine Lawrence in Arlington, MA, a residential treatment center for girls ages 10-18.

Combining these experiences Kristen now works in a social work office in Werda, Botswana, where she educates teenagers about HIV and its prevention.

Casey Johnson Bromberg '02, '04G was named one of the Top 10 people shaping Maine's economic future in 2010 by *Maine Biz* magazine for her work as development director for the Kennebec Valley Community Action Program (KVCAP). In 2011, she was appointed a commissioner of the Maine Commission for Community Service. Casey now serves as the project manager for the Emergency Homeowner Loan Program, a federally funded program at KVCAP, which is helping financially troubled Mainers avoid foreclosure.

One person can make a difference.

UMaine Alumni and the Peace Corps

Helping people build better lives around the world

By Abigail Zelz

IT'S A LONG WAY from Orono to Indonesia. Or Tanzania. Not just in miles, but in language, culture, and customs. And these are just a few of the countries where UMaine alumni have served in the Peace Corps. Since President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps in 1961, hundreds of UMaine alumni have served as Peace Corps volunteers.

The Peace Corps helps people in other countries meet their need for men and women trained in specific areas while promoting understanding between the United States and other nations. Becoming a Peace Corps volunteer means committing to 27 months in a foreign country, including three months of intensive cultural, language, and technical training.

In the summer of 2011, 13 alumni were serving in Albania, Burkina Faso, Fiji, Gambia, Macedonia, Mongolia, Nicaragua, South Africa, Thailand, Uganda, Ukraine, and Zambia.

According to Elizabeth Chamberlain '83, public affairs specialist for the Peace Corps in the New England regional office, more Americans are serving as Peace Corps volunteers today than at any other time in the last 40 years.

"Maine residents tend to be very supportive of Peace Corps, interested in public service, and equipped with skills our host countries need," she observes.

Opening a huge window

The Peace Corps provided Colin Beckwith '80 the first step in an international career. At UMaine, the forestry major never considered a career overseas and, except for crossing the Canadian border, had never been out of the country. After learning about the Peace Corps, he spent over four years in Guatemala, first as a volunteer and later as a trainer for new volunteers.

Peace Corps "changes the way you see yourself and see the world," he observes. "It opens up a huge window."

As a result of his experience, Beckwith shifted his focus from soil conservation to health and joined CARE USA, working in Panama and Niger. He spent 25 years with CARE in several countries and regional offices in Africa and Latin America as well as in the United States. Now deputy director of the International Trachoma Initiative program, he manages the annual Pfizer donation of antibiotics used to treat trachoma, an infectious eye disease that plagues people in parts of the developing world.

Gerry Hawkes '71, who served in the Republic of Niger in 1971-1973, recalls, "I had many highly unusual experiences and close calls in the Peace Corps. I learned the power of humor and a smile to diffuse many tense situations."

A forestry major, Hawkes undertook a project to plant native

Simon Williams '04 (center) in Ukraine with students Vika and Dema.

Mario Teisl '90G (foreground) in Papua New Guinea.

Cody Snow '11 in Indonesia with Dara, a student in his English club, at a cultural festival.



shade trees near the city of Zinder's outdoor market. In the developing nation, the project presented some unexpected hurdles.

Customs officials demanded an 80 percent duty charge, and the only chainsaw ceased to function. The supplier of fencing doubled his price when the materials arrived, leaving Hawkes to arrange for fencing through a local smuggler who acquired it in Nigeria.

Later, as blacksmiths forged axes and wedges, a piece of steel flew off and imbedded in Hawkes's leg. Using his bicycle as a crutch to walk the two kilometers to the hospital, the young volunteer arrived to find unsanitary conditions and an attending doctor with questionable medical skills. Partway through the surgery, lying on a filthy, bloodstained sheet, Hawkes instructed him to simply stitch up his leg—he still has the shrapnel in his thigh.

Helping to define career goals

Despite intensive training by the Peace Corps, Mario Teisl '90G observes that volunteers face inherent cultural challenges. Learning about the local customs is one thing, but understanding why people behave in certain ways is another. Because of that, "You learn to watch and listen more before you do something."

For Teisl, the Peace Corps "changed what I wanted to do." A biology major in college, he spent three years in Papua New Guinea, where he worked with fishermen and farmers to send their fish and produce to larger markets. His service involved helping the residents to implement quality control, marketing, accounting, and reinvesting to grow their business. As a result of his experience and travel, Teisl shifted his focus to agricultural and resource economics. He is now an economics professor and director of the School of Policy and International Affairs at UMaine.

Like Teisl, Hazel Groce '07 revised her career goals as a result of her Peace Corps experience. Although she majored in international affairs with a focus on environmental issues, she is now enrolled in

a nurse practitioner program. "My work as a Peace Corps volunteer really sparked my interest in clinical and public health," she notes.

Groce worked with the Ministry of Health in Nicaragua as a community health educator focusing on maternal and child health, as well as the prevention of HIV/AIDS. She worked in schools, with women's groups, and gave presentations at pool halls. She also taught nutrition, reproductive health, and cooking to pregnant and nursing mothers.

Teaching in a foreign school challenged Cody Snow '11. An English major, he taught in a rural Indonesian school which was "lacking in organization and leadership."

Beyond the problems in the educational system that Snow felt unequipped to address in a comprehensive way, he calls his experience, "one of the most powerful and formative experiences in my life. I met amazing people, both American and Indonesian, who expanded my mind and showed me friendships in new ways."

Alumni currently serving overseas

Kathryn Card '11 teaches at a secondary school in Tanzania, and like Snow, has been introduced to a very different educational system.

"In America we are told to 'think outside the box' and ask questions. Here it is all about memorizing and the teachers lecture."

Besides English, computer, and civics, she has taught her students the "Stein Song."

"My kids sing their song everyday so they asked for mine. They just learned from hearing me sing it over and over again. They love the clapping," she reports.

Card, who lives without electricity or running water, majored in international affairs with a minor in women's studies and always wanted to work internationally. Her experience has helped her focus her future goals on earning a graduate degree and applying to the Foreign Service.

"Being here has made me so grateful I am American. I had not realized what I had until I came here," she says.

After six months in central Ukraine, Simon Williams '04 wrote, "My language skills are slowly getting better, but my charade skills are now off the charts! It's amazing how much communication can be done without a spoken word and it is usually way more fun too."

A former baseball team captain at UMaine and past member of the St. Louis Cardinals, his house has electricity but no plumbing. Besides teaching, Williams is working to build an athletic field at the school, which is the hub of the community.

"My favorite part of service is being part of this village," he says. "It seems that every day I have a new Ukrainian mom wanting to feed me, making sure I dress properly, and that I wear a hat on cold mornings."

"I can't even begin to tell you how great this experience has been so far, how Ukraine and this village is and always will be a big part of my life. Traveling is one thing but it is the living day in and day out that makes this unforgettable." 🐾

Hazel Groce '07 (2nd from right) in Nicaragua met this group of girls through the nurses she worked with.



The world was his beat

From the 1969 Battle for Hamburger Hill to the ongoing conflict in Afghanistan, journalist David Lamb has brought global events to life and into perspective for millions of Americans.

By Jim Frick '44H

YOU COULD GET jet lag just thinking about the number of countries that David Lamb '62 worked in during his brilliant career as a journalist—145 in all. Some of those countries didn't even exist when he graduated from the University of Maine in 1962—many that existed then, no longer do today.

But even more impressive than the dizzying number of countries he covered is the list of major world events and conflicts he witnessed. That list includes the 1969 Battle for Hamburger Hill in Vietnam's Ashau Valley, the fall of Saigon, the Iranian Revolution, the landing of Marines into the turmoil of Beirut in 1982, the fall of Idi Amin, the Rwanda Massacres, the First Gulf War, the 1998 uprising in Indonesia, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Lamb did much more than just report on the headlines. His colorful and insightful writing brought world events to life, and into perspective, for millions of American readers. And in the tradition of all great journalists, he never settled for second-hand reports, but insisted on being an eyewitness, often putting himself in harm's way. Over the span of his career Lamb was nominated for eight Pulitzer prizes.

In addition, his experiences eventually led to six critically acclaimed books, ranging in subject from his cross-country journey by bicycle to his late 1990s discovery of a Vietnam he never knew as a young correspondent covering that country's civil war in the '60s.

In recognition of his outstanding journalistic work, the University of Maine Alumni Association presented Lamb with



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its prestigious Alumni Career Award during ceremonies at Reunion 2012 in June. Lamb says he was both thrilled and surprised by the honor.

"I was completely stunned," he said. "But the folks who are really stunned are my classmates! I know they're all saying, 'that guy's getting what award?' I wasn't exactly known as an model student."

Although he grew up in Massachusetts, choosing UMaine was an easy decision for Lamb. His father, Ernest, was a loyal member of the Class of 1910.

"My dad loved the university," he noted. "I gave him a lot of cause for concern when I was a student at UMaine,

but I know he would have been extremely proud of my getting this award."

At UMaine, Lamb joined Beta Theta Pi fraternity, served on the staff of the *Maine Campus*, and studied journalism under the tutelage of legendary professor Brooks Hamilton.

"I think we had maybe eight journalism majors back then, and I believe all of us went into print journalism," he recalls. "Brooks taught everything the department offered—he *was* the journalism department. We all loved him—and in turn he nurtured our love of journalism."

After graduation, Lamb was commissioned and served a two-year stint in the U.S. Army. When his military obligation was over, he headed west in search of a newspaper job. He found one, albeit for \$90 a week, with the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. A year later he moved on to a slightly better paying job at the *Oakland Tribune*.

Exhilarating and horrifying

His first foreign assignment came in 1967, shortly after joining United Press International. Lamb was sent off to Vietnam to cover what would turn out to be the most intense period of that long war. As a front-line reporter he was never far from the action. Indeed, he covered some of the highest profile events of the war, including Hamburger Hill. In fact, it was Lamb who gave that battle its name.

"Vietnam was both exhilarating and horrifying," Lamb explained in an earlier *MAINE Alumni Magazine* interview. "I often felt the futility of the war. It was a haunting experience, knowing what the Marines and soldiers had been through, and that in the end it was all for nothing."

In 1970, Lamb began a 34-year association with the *Los Angeles Times*—America's second-largest daily newspaper. When reflecting on the numerous battles, uprisings, and invasions he covered in that career, he says that being in Beirut in 1982 probably ranks as the scariest experience.

"When the Israelis invaded in '82, there was absolute anarchy in the city," he remembers. "More than 100 militias were running around, and the Israelis were dropping bombs everywhere. Some of

those militias didn't like the American press. There was literally nowhere to go where you could feel safe. Things happened without warning or reason."

How does a reporter function under such conditions? "It's tough and scary," he admits. "It was a time when my life was in danger on an almost daily basis. But you're so intent on getting the story that you just deal with it. Even when the diplomats from the U.S. Embassy were evacuated from Lebanon, and advised us to leave too, we journalists stayed. We stayed because it's sort of a time-honored tradition—journalists are the first in and the last out."

Lamb now looks back on those harrowing times in Beirut as well as other assignments all over the Middle East, Africa, and Asia and realizes just how different the world of journalism is today.

"When I first went to Africa in the '70s there were no computers, no faxes—heck, our telephone almost never worked," he remembers. "Most communication was done by telex. One good thing about that was that your boss couldn't contact you instantaneously, at any time from the home office—we worked pretty independently. Now reporters are connected to the home office literally 24 hours a day."

Lamb doesn't think that all of the big changes in journalism are for the better. He's especially sad about the demise of American newspapers.

"Occasionally when I talk to high school or college students about journalism, I'm asked if I think they should go into print journalism," he says. "I have to admit that I'm hesitant to give them an answer, because the newspaper industry is in such abysmal condition."

He believes newspapers remain important because the major networks have really given up covering the world.

"When I first became a foreign correspondent, the networks had reporters everywhere in the world," he says. "Now they just jump in for crisis stories, but overall the networks have no world coverage anymore. Lots of fluff stuff now. We really need broad news coverage to be able to obtain a rational understanding of what the world is about."

David Lamb has certainly made his contribution to our understanding of the world—through outstanding reporting and his insightful books such as *The Arabs: Journeys Beyond the Mirage*, *The Africans*, and *Vietnam, Now: A Reporter Returns*. The latter book was the result of one of Lamb's last assignments with the *L.A. Times*, opening one of the first American news bureaus in Hanoi. It was an assignment that Lamb believes is his favorite. It was also one that brought his career full circle.

"I think probably the nicest and most satisfying assignment was my last one—going back to Vietnam—which I had only known as a country at war when I covered it back in the '60s," he says. "Most of my time was with the Marines at the DMZ. It was really the discovery of a brand-new country. I knew nothing about Vietnamese history or culture. I had spent almost all of my time during the war with American troops."

Discovering the real Vietnam

Lamb says that when he went back in '97 he discovered the real Vietnam and he made friends for life.

"Both my wife and I loved it," he says. "We loved the people, the food, and the culture. My career really came full circle. The war had been my first overseas assignment and then to come back and discover the Vietnam I'd never known toward the end of my career—well, it was very special."

In addition to his book, Lamb's return to Vietnam led to three critically acclaimed documentaries for PBS, produced and directed by his wife, Sandy Northrop.

Although officially retired from the *L.A. Times*, Lamb is still in demand as a freelance writer and a speaker. Despite having dealt with some serious health issues, he's returned to Vietnam numerous times in the past decade, often being featured as a speaker on cruise tours to that country.

You might expect a 50-year newspaper veteran who has witnessed more than his share of war, rebellion, and injus-

tice to be something of a curmudgeon and cynic. In David Lamb's case, nothing could be further from the truth. He remains enthusiastic and curious about everything going on in the world. Most of all he's appreciative of a career that was a perfect fit for his wanderlust, his personality, and his abilities.

"I never woke up a single day wishing I was doing something else with my life," he says. 🐾

Lamb's first foreign assignment came in 1967, shortly after joining United Press International. He was sent to Vietnam to cover what would turn out to be the most intense period of that long war.





On April 3, 1993, the Maine Black Bears captured their first national NCAA Division I hockey championship. The State of Maine erupted in joy and celebration.

March Inspiration

Recollections of an encounter with the '93 hockey team

By Cheri Wing-Jones '75

STRODE DOWN the hall of the pediatric unit to greet the visitors waiting at the front desk. It was a gray day in March at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester, MA. The year was 1993. As a child life specialist for the unit, it was my job to coordinate volunteers and visitors to the patients. As a member of the medical team, I helped children cope with hospitalization through play and diversion; and helped them get through painful and scary procedures. While it was not unusual for a Red Sox player undergoing a procedure at the medical center to visit the patients, or the occasional semipro mascot, even a WWF wrestler or two, we did not get the kind of celebrity visitors in Worcester that often

visit the Boston hospitals.

The day before I had taken an unusual call.

"Hello, I'm Shawn Walsh, coach of the University of Maine hockey team. We're in Worcester for the NCAA quarterfinals. We have some down-time before the game and I think it would be a good distraction for the team to visit the kids at the hospital."

"Sure, we'd like to have you visit the patients, but, did you say, 'the whole team?'"

"The whole team. Tomorrow at 10 good for you?"

"Yes. Meet me on the fourth floor. Pediatrics."

I hung up. *A whole hockey team?*

The 1993 University of Maine Black Bears men's hockey team consisted of 29

players. I must confess that I had not been following this team, or any other team for that matter. Born in hockey-loving Lewiston, and an alumna of the University of Maine, I had graduated before Alford Arena was built. We didn't have varsity hockey while I was at Orono. I admit, I did not know that this team thus far had compiled an impressive 39 wins, 2 ties, and only 1 loss. I did not know that among these athletes were five finalists for the prestigious national Hobey Baker Award, presented to the year's best collegiate hockey player for superior ability and sportsmanship.

The visit

As I looked down the hall, I saw a Maine sea of navy and light blue hockey jerseys. The players smiled shyly, shifting from foot to foot, likely wishing they could be on the ice right now, instead of in a hospital. Head coach Shawn Walsh had eyes that sparkled. His thick white hair and mustache made him appear wiser than someone in his thirties. Walsh shook my hand and introduced his team and staff.

They followed me to the playroom, where they greeted the children in johnnies and slippers. Some children were attached by tubes to bags of IV medicine hanging from poles on wheels. Some were undergoing treatment for cystic fibrosis, cancer, burns, broken bones, or infections. The athletes autographed drawings of themselves in coloring books for the children. The children in turn smiled shyly at these big athletes.

I smiled. I understood Walsh wanted his athletes to be more than mere hockey technicians. He was teaching them to become poised public speakers; to use their sport and newfound celebrity to help others; and to persevere in the face of adversity, just as these patients were doing.

"I need volunteers to come with me to the pediatric intensive care unit. So, who among you are the bravest?" Laughing nervously, they all pointed to an 18-year-old freshman from Vancouver, British Columbia, Paul Kariya '96. I could tell he was used to his teammates' teasing. I now had one recruit. Soon, goaltenders Mike



Dunham '94 and Garth Snow '92, '94G stepped forward, as did Jim Montgomery '93, Dave LaCouture '99, Cal Ingraham '94, and Michel Latendresse '95. This line followed me to the ICU, laughing nervously. I stopped at the ICU doors to prepare them for what they were about to experience.

Braving the ICU

"These children are our sickest patients. You will see monitors and hear alarms. Some children are intubated, which means they are breathing with the help of a respirator. Some will be getting oxygen through a mask. You can talk with the patients and family members." I smiled at these now very young-looking guys. Most, if not all of them, had never done this before. "The children and their families will appreciate your visit."

They nodded, serious now. I hit the automatic door opener. The double doors blew open. Monitors flashed. Alarms beeped. Medical staff in scrubs and white coats conferred at the center station, surrounded by individual rooms with beds, patients, IVs, tubes, monitors, oxygen, bandages and respirators. Patients who were able, smiled at the visitors. Family members perked up and welcomed the athletes to their bed spaces.

The guys chatted with patients and autographed pictures. Staff stopped writing in charts long enough to meet them, too. We headed back to join their teammates, leaving behind us a trail of smiles, having given families a momentary respite.

Years later, I watched *Into the Woods*, a film about this team's run to the Frozen Four. In one scene, Walsh uses the image of one of the patients they had visited, bald from chemo treatments, to inspire his players to continue to play through adversity.

The Centrum was sold out that night. My husband, Chris, managed to acquire tickets. He knew I needed to see this game, whatever it took! The seats turned out to be a few rows behind the Black Bears' bench. The players seemed more confident, larger, and more powerful on the ice. Quick and focused, they handled the puck with ease,

passing to one another in warm-ups. I felt proud of each of them. Coach Walsh, looking intense and dressed in navy jacket and a tie, stood behind his players. They beat Minnesota 6-2 that night. They would advance to the Frozen Four, a first for the University of Maine.

A few days later, the Hobey Baker Memorial Award was presented to the first freshman in collegiate hockey history. The recipient was none other than the eighteen-year-old with the shy smile who had accompanied me to the ICU: Paul Kariya. On April 3, 1993, the Maine Black Bears captured their first national NCAA Division I hockey championship. The State of Maine erupted in joy and celebration.

Adversity and inspiration

Eight years later, in March 2001, Chris and I returned to the NCAA hockey quarterfinals in Worcester. On this night, my University of Maine Black Bears were matched against the Boston College Eagles. In the interim years, an NCAA investigation of university athletics had found violations at Maine and had placed a ban on post-season tournament. Walsh had been suspended for one year. Despite this, he had remained at Maine, guiding the Black Bears to four more Frozen Four tournaments and coaching yet another team to an NCAA championship in 1999.

We watched the Black Bears with excitement and pride. On the bench, behind his players, was Shawn Walsh. Nine months before, he had been diagnosed with kidney cancer. He had spoken candidly to the press about his surgery and treatments. Despite all he had gone through in recent months, Walsh was here tonight with the same passion he always brought to the game.

Twelve thousand fans packed the Centrum that night. The teams played with speed and intensity. With 2:29 minutes left in the final period, the referee issued Walsh a 10-minute misconduct. He was ejected from the game. Jacket off, shirtsleeves rolled up, he walked off the ice at the corner of the rink opposite us. The crowd went wild as the play resumed and the clock ticked down. I spotted

Walsh standing behind some fans, edging his way as close to the Plexiglas as he dared. He never took his eyes off the action on the ice. The buzzer signaled the end of the game. The BC fans erupted victoriously. The Black Bears had lost.

Shawn Walsh slipped his blazer back on. He stepped onto the ice for the post-game tradition of handshakes. As they glided through the line, he shook the hand of each BC player: words and back slaps for some, hugs for others. Here was respect for the game well fought; and graciousness in the face of loss. But even more: resilience in the face of serious illness. They were to be Walsh's final moments coaching a game. He died on September 24, 2001, at the age of 46, from complications of kidney cancer.


Guided by Tim Whitehead '92G, the

team hit the ice the day after Shawn's funeral. The 2002 University of Maine Black Bears made it all the way to the final NCAA championship game, where they lost to Minnesota 4 to 3 in overtime. This was a heartbreaking loss in a season of grief, yet a season to be proud of.

Lessons well learned

Many players from the 1993 team, as well as subsequent teams, have distinguished themselves in the National Hockey League, Canadian and American teams in the Olympics, the minor leagues, and coaching. A few years ago, I noticed that the NHL's Colorado Avalanche helped to renovate an infusion center at the Children's Hospital in Denver with proceeds from the NHL's Hockey Fights

Cancer foundation. On hand to celebrate the opening of a special "Av's Room" to benefit children with cancer, hemophilia, sickle cell anemia, bone marrow transplants, gastrointestinal and genetic disorders, was none other than Avalanche forward Paul Kariya, the young player I had introduced to a pediatric ICU on a March day in 1993.

One never knows where one will draw inspiration to weather the inevitable adversities of life. My own inspiration comes from University of Maine Black Bears hockey teams with a long legacy of facing adversity. It all started, though, with one hockey team who showed up at a hospital on a gray day in March to cheer up some patients. And to get some inspiration. 

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The Class of 2012

UMaine's newest alumni leave a lasting gift to their alma mater as they move on to the next chapter of their lives.

The cool, cloudy weather on May 5th didn't dampen the spirits of the 2,487 happy UMaine graduates making up the Class of 2012—one of the largest classes in the university's history.

Two distinguished University of Maine alumni received honorary degrees and served as keynote speakers at the commencement ceremonies. Owen Wells '65, vice chair of the board of the Libra Foundation in Portland, spoke to the graduates at the morning ceremony. And George Sakellaris '69 addressed the afternoon commencement gathering.

Alumni Association chair Kurt Marston '74, '79G welcomed the graduates to the ranks of the 100,000-plus alumni body.

The Class of 2012 has worked closely with the Alumni Association and the Class of 1952 in planning and building a blueberry garden as their class gift to their alma mater. This project is the result of much research and preparation. The garden will be located near the New Balance Student Recreation Center. Class member Zachary Campbell, who majored in environmental horticulture with a concentration in landscape design, designed the garden, which will be a lasting gift for the UMaine community to enjoy.



The Class of 2012 Blueberry Garden will feature a variety of blueberry plants sourced from Maine. The main feature of the garden is a Berkley blueberry plant that will be in full bloom throughout the summer months, with nearly a dozen other varieties that display attractive bark in the winter. Other elements of the gar-

den include Ann Magnolias, a weeping pine, and hydrangeas that make this a year-round spectacle. With the addition of Maine stonework throughout, visitors will be able to sit and enjoy the landscape.

If you're interested in contributing or want more information, please contact Val Mitchell '09 at 207-581-1144.



Contributors to the Class of 2012 Blueberry Garden as of May 23, 2012. Thank you!

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REUNION 2012



Class of '62 officers get together before the class dinner. Left to right are: Nancy Nichols Hogan '65G, president; Diane Ingalls Zito, secretary; Gary Cran, class agent; Millie Simpson Stewart, vice president; and Susan McNeary Billings, treasurer.

'62 is Golden

It was a 50th Reunion to remember—reacquainting with old classmates, sharing memories, reconnecting with the campus, celebrating the 10th anniversary of Alumni House, and just plain having fun.



Left to right: Lois Murdock Libby '63, Larry Libby '62, Mary Lou Smullen, and Bill Smullen '62 (recipient of the 2007 Alumni Career Award).



Left to right: Pat McCourt DiTata '62, Alethe Flint Donaldson '61, Rosemary Rich Leonard '62, and Peg Boothby Lyon '62.



Gathering at the Class of '62 dinner are, left to right: Eli Karter '63G, '68 Ph.D., Kitty and Dill Paiste, Trudy Chambers Price, and Ron Price.



Diane Ingalls Zito '62 (left) received both the Golden "M" for her outstanding work on Reunion, and the 2011 Hilda Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award. Jane Fitz Wilcox '62 was recognized for coming the greatest distance—all the way from her home in Wasilla, Alaska.



Hope Wing Weston '37, who returned to campus for her 75th Reunion, talks with recently retired UMaine Foundation executive director, Amos Orcutt '64.



Taverner nontraditional scholarship recipients attending the Saturday lunch during Reunion are, left to right: Rhonda Whalen, David Huffstutler, Kathy Zerrien, Alexander Rutherford, Sara Tryzelaar, Tania Fraser, and Dora McCarthy. Nontraditional students often attend UMaine after working, military service, or raising families. Recipient Tania Fraser addressed the alumni, saying, "I am glad to have the opportunity to thank you all for your generosity. With this scholarship, students like me are able to achieve their goals."



Standing, left to right: Bill Currie '52, Ginny Norton Beach '52, and Woody Beach '51. Sitting, left to right: Jean McIntire White '52, Dolores Amergian Drivas '52, and Lin White '54G, '65 C.A.S.



Perry Hunter '52 received a Black Bear Award for his outstanding service to UMaine and the Alumni Association.



Enjoying their 60th Reunion celebration are '52 members, left to right: Al Pease, Marnie Murray Pease, Prescott Johnson, and Darolyn Johnson.



Edie McVay King '67 presents a stein for Alumni House to UMAA president Todd Saucier '93, '97G during the 1967 class luncheon.

Alumni News and Activities



Another Successful Black Bear Invitational

Taking part in the 2012 Black Bear Invitational at Belgrade Lakes Golf Club are (above, left to right): Calista Wiberg-Hannigan '89G, dean of students Bob Dana '80, and Sarah Hart of Tartans of Maine (one of the tourney sponsors).

Calista and Bob were the finalists in a putting contest playoff which Calista won. The tournament was organized by the UMaine Alumni Association. The lead sponsor for the event was the University Credit Union.

Call For UMaine Alumni Award Nominations

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

Contact Valerie Mitchell '09 at 581-1144 or Valerie.mitchell@umit.maine.edu or visit umainealumni.com to complete a nomination form. The deadline for first submission of nominations is August 31; final submission deadline is November 30, 2012.

CALENDAR

Class of 1944 Summer Gathering—July 25—11:00 am

Bear's Den, UMaine campus

10th Annual Shawn Walsh Memorial Golf Classic—July 30

Martindale Country Club, Auburn; starts at 8:15 am

Portland Alumnae—August 2—11:30 am

Potluck luncheon, UMaine Regional Learning Center, 75 Clearwater Drive, Suite 202, Falmouth; bring dish and \$5 donation

Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine—August 6

13th Annual UMACSM Golf Classic, Spring Meadows Golf Course, Gray

3rd Annual Cocktails on the Coast—August 24

Harbour's Edge, 6 Custom House Wharf, Portland

Rochester (New York) Alumni Chapter—September 15

Alumni Picnic & Downeast Feast; more information to follow

New Jersey Alumni Chapter Lobster Maine-ia—September 30

Homecoming Weekend—October 19-21

Black Bear football, alumni tailgating, Homecoming Craft Fair, and more

Watch for more details on these and other alumni activities or visit: umainealumni.com



Thank you, retiring board members!

Alumni Association chair Kurt Marston '74, '79G (far right) recognized eight retiring UMAA board members for their outstanding service at the Association's annual meeting on June 3. Left to right are: Irv Marsters '63, '71G, former chair Suzanne Hart '68, Amanda Haines Goslin '04, and Karen Rosello Boucias '71. Also recognized were Joanne Bodwell Ferreira '73, Michael J. McInnis '68, Caroline Seastrom Bowman '07, and Brooke D. Wagner '86.

Classnotes

Senior Alumni

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It is wonderful to come back on campus during Reunion and experience nostalgia and recall the places so important to us way back then. Today it is an awesome experience to see all the new class buildings, dormitories, athletic facilities, and research center where unbelievable things are being done, things we never even heard of "in our day!" Freshmen don't wear beanies anymore and the Maine "hello" isn't heard much, but the wildly clad students are eager and accomplish so much. Yes, it's a whole new generation!

As Senior Alumni, we have the chance to impact this generation through the Donald Taverner scholarships that we present to deserving nontraditional students. Through the generosity of the alumni who have passed their 50th Reunion, we are able to help make it possible for these deserving, more mature students to realize their educational dreams. Many have incredible stories to tell about what brought them back to UMaine to pursue higher education after raising families or serving in the military, or whatever other diversion kept them from going straight from high school to college. Last year we presented over \$58,000 in scholarship assistance to 34 students. These students are so appreciate of our support.

The Senior Alumni association was created to keep in touch with all of us and to give us a special role to play in the future of the University of Maine. When you meet the incredible Taverner Scholars at the Senior Alumni luncheon, and hear their stories, I can't think of any more important thing we can do than to provide a scholarship that could be the difference between being able to continue or not with their UMaine education.

I like to think of our time as payback time. We've had good lives due to our education and preparation for life's challenges, and now it's our turn to support others who have the same dreams we once had.

I'm often kidded about my being such a loyal alum. I chose to move back to Orono to finish my life. It's so great to volunteer at the Alumni House and attend sports events, concerts, and plays. I hope that each of you will choose to become involved in some way with "the college of our hearts always," supporting our Taverner Scholarship fund is just one way to make a difference.

**Reception before hockey game
with student scholarship
recipients—October 19.**

1939

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I recently came across a photo of our great 55th Reunion in Orono. We all had a wonderful time in those memorable days. Going back in time can be very special. BUT then we must come back to today. Which brings up the subject of sending me an old memory or picture of yours, classmate—from 1939 or more recently.

Please send a memory, photo, or simply a greeting.
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1940

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Greetings, classmates. I hope everyone is having a good summer. I'd love to hear your news and report it for everyone to read. Please drop me a line, call, or send me an email so I can include you in the magazine. There must be something to share for the Class of '40. Enjoy the warm temperatures!

1941

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A Maine Hello to all '41ers wherever you are! I had hoped that someone who didn't attend our 70th Reunion in June 2011 might have written a note to say you were "alive and well." Yet I came up with an empty mailbox! After a slow start, the U of Maine ice hockey team rose to the occasion and made the Hockey East semifinals and the first round of the NCAA playoffs. We, the viewers, had three weekends of outstanding hockey by our Black Bears. One of our players, Spencer Abbott, was honored as Hockey East Player of the Year and runner-up for the national Hobey Baker Award. The University of Maine Symphonic Band performed at Merrill Auditorium in Portland this spring with the Westbrook High School Wind Ensemble as special guest. There was a reception by invitation only before this event and we met the new president, Paul Ferguson, and his wife, Grace. (His inauguration was in mid-April.)

President Ferguson, in his welcome, spoke about how impressed he was with the pride and loyalty of alumni and students of the University of Maine; he said it was evident by the representation of the Class of 1941 on down to a student from the Class of 2013. It made my heart beat faster to hear those words Class of 1941.

Jean Peirce passed away in January 2011. Jean was a home economics and education major who later earned a M.A. in nutrition from UNH. She worked as a dietician at hospitals and schools before serving as director of food services for St. George's School in Newport, RI, for many years. She also enjoyed oil and watercolor painting, bridge, and traveling with her sister, the late Charlotte Peirce '43. Jean left a very generous contribution to the University. We extend our condolences to her family.

Karla Edmunds Christensen '70 sent me the obituary for her father, **John J. Edmunds**, who died in Towaco, NJ, in December 2011. John served in the US Navy and was sent to MIT to work on a new technology—special equipment to detect and destroy enemy ships—all of this was top secret. After the war Professor Clarence Bennett invited John to join the faculty of the University where he stayed for five years. Then he moved to New Jersey where he worked as an engineer for DuPont and later became a contractor/builder of elegant custom built homes. Many thanks to Karla for being so thoughtful to send this information. Our deepest sympathy to Karla, her siblings, and their families.

Paul Townsend phoned in April as he was visiting his sons in New York state and looking forward to his return to Blue Hill, his Maine home. He reported that his Theta Chi fraternity brother **Robert McDonald** died in March. Bob was married to the late **Edith McIntire McDonald**. Classmate **Harold "Haddie" Ham**, a Phi Delta Gamma member who resided in Lucerne for many years, passed away in April. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Alice Noyes Hamm '51, and their children.

We were saddened to learn of the death of **Barbara Young Pullen** '60G in March. Barbara had an outstanding career in education. She studied at MIT, Boston University, Heed University in Florida, and also in England, earning her master's and doctorate degrees. She taught elementary and secondary schools in Gardiner, Monmouth, and Waterville and also at both college undergraduate and graduate levels. In 1970 she co-founded with her son, Charles A. Peirce III, and became president of the American Institute for Creative Education, an in-service teacher training institute. For 30 years she developed hundreds of seminars, workshops, and graduate courses held in New England, mid-Atlantic states, as well as abroad. She served on Governor's Advisory Boards of Education and Mental Health and was a member of Who's Who of Women Executives. Our sympathy to Barbara's son and daughter, whom we fondly remember from reunions.

GO BLUE!

1944

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Checking my Class of '44 file, I find that my last notes were written way back in September 2011, so I have a lot of ground to cover. President **Al Ehrenfried** has been on top of things with his letter to classmates in February 2012. Some of my notes may be a repeat of what you already know. Al is already planning for our summer get-together (class mini reunion) to be held on the Orono campus at the Bear's Den with a date already set at Wednesday, July 25 at 11:00 AM. He is urging us all to attend.

Christmas 2011 came and went. **Joe** and I did have cards from classmates: **Russ** '47G and **Barbara Higgins Bodwell** '45, **Esther Holden Hopkins**, **Al McNeilly**, **Rhoda Tolford Stone**, **Pat Cummings** '89, '44H, and **Dana Humphrey** and **Todd Saucier** '93, '97G and his office staff.

Accompanying **Russ** and **Barb**'s card was a nice long letter with highlights from their year and family events. **Russ** was honored last year when he received the UMaine President's Award at the Stillwater Society Dinner. Also the Dean of Engineering Conference Room was named the **Barb and Russ Bodwell Room**. Our congratulations to **Russ** and **Barb**!

A letter with **Rhoda**'s card says that she is exercising daily in the pool and playing bridge two or three times a week. **Esther Hopkins**'s card mentioned that she misses the state of Maine. It sounded as though both she and **Rhoda** wouldn't be getting to enjoy vacations in Maine as they have in years past.

Sadly, we mention the sudden passing of **Charlie Stickney**. Probably **Joe** and I spent more time socially in recent years with **Stick** and **Anita** '44H than anyone else in our class, so we have truly missed skiing and attending all kinds of events with them here in the Portland/Yarmouth area; to say nothing of **Stick**'s famous "adjustment sessions" aka cocktail gatherings. Again, we extend condolences from the Class of '44 to **Anita** and their family. On the day of **Stick**'s funeral at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, **Russ Bodwell** invited friends and classmates to lunch with him at the Muddy Rudder in Freeport before going on to the service in Portland. At lunch that day we saw **Midi Wooster Roberts** and her daughter, **Jean**, **Don** and **Jo Blake Bail** '42, '44H, **Russ**, **Al McNeilly**, **Pete** and **Edie Farnum** '44H, **Al Ehrenfried**, and **Pat Cummings**.

I trust that I have not overlooked other items of interest but this seems to deplete my file. Our best to all, enjoy the upcoming summer, and keep those cards and letters coming.

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Retired Aroostook County farmers **Bernard Shaw** '49 (far right) and his wife, **Norma Shaw**, were honored with the Distinguished Service Award from Maine Governor **Paul LePage** '75G (left) during the Maine Agriculture Trades Show in January. Also present was agriculture commissioner **Walt Whitcomb** '74. (Photograph courtesy of the Maine Department of Agriculture.)

1945

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Hello, everybody! This was essentially a snow-less winter! Imagine that for the state of Maine. However, the ski slopes were busy, thanks in part to the late **Otto Wallingford** '48 who developed the production of artificial snow. He was tending the family apple orchard in Auburn when he felt something not functioning correctly so he followed the hose back to the shed only to find a mountain of snow (in early summer). He realized the sprayer wasn't functioning properly. The problem turned out to be an invention of sorts. **Otto** and his family built a ski resort on the former orchard property and opened a new business, **Lost Valley**.

It had ski classes and a gathering place with a ski clothing shop and a refreshments bar. I took classes there at age 50! I filled a desire I had had since seeing that marvelous movie *Sun Valley Serenade*. The night our instructor took us down the slopes from the top was a thrill beyond expectation!

Good news about **Connie Carter Lamprell**. After nearly a year of hospital care and physical therapy for her spine she's able to walk well with her walker. My daughter took me down to visit her in York last fall and we spent the day together. I ate in the lovely dining room with **Connie** and met some of her new friends.

A chat with **Ada Minott Haggett** '47G recently brought good news and sad. The sad part was the loss of our dear **Peg Brown Bunker** at Thanksgiving. **Peg** was a gentle soul—always kind and caring—and she will truly be missed.

Ada's son has returned from the Marine Corps and came home to ease the burden

for his aging parents. They are finding it a great relief to have him there to be so kind and helpful!

My children have become even more involved in my life recently. I am in an independent living facility so I must take care of myself. During recent months I seem to feel little energy for preparing my dinner at the end of the day. However, my daughter **Cindy** is now preparing larger meals at home and freezing a portion for me. She brings a week's worth of dinner meals and they are fine in my freezer and so easy to prepare in my microwave oven! It's a major help for me for

sure.

At present I have no classmates around greater Portland. But if you give me a call (207) 899-3430 I'd love to see you! I do talk with **Gerry Keenan Oakes**. She and **Roger** are comfy in a nice home in Presque Isle.

Willard Moulton's '50G wife, **Polly Wadsworth True Moulton** '48, died in March. She was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and a great athlete. We offer our sincere condolences to **Willard**, who lives at Gorham House. She and **Willard** met and were married on campus, so the University held a special place in their lives.

Also, our thoughts are with **Delbert McCrum**, whose son, **Delbert**, died last year.

When we were freshman girls in **Balentine Hall**, **World War II** started in early December, after we had been in college only 92 days. **Mrs. McGinly** brought her portable radio (a new fangled instrument to us) so we could hear President **Roosevelt**'s speech. Several of our classmates and those of other classes went downtown in **Bangor** and signed up to join some branch of the military the very next day.

Have you read about the new president who was inaugurated in April? He was introduced to us at an alumni meeting in Portland last October and he is looking forward to this new challenge. Actually so very much has changed up in **Orono**! I expect it will be a very busy time for him this first year or so. We wish him much success in this new position.

I still recall our dear **Prexy Hauck**—he seemed to call each of us by name (absolutely amazing to me with the number of students we had)!

All-Alumni post-game
social,
Saturday, October 20.

1948

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I have just returned from a meeting of the Taverner Scholarship Committee at the Buchanan Alumni House in Orono. It will be my last meeting with this committee in my capacity as a member of the Senior Alumni. It is a tremendously heart-warming committee to serve with and also distressing because of limited funds. These scholarships are awarded to nontraditional students who are so deserving of financial assistance. This year we received 50 applications but gave only 22 awards. I wish you could all have the opportunity, as I, to read their bios. You would want to reward all of these dedicated persons. How about sending a small check to the UMAA and indicate on the memo line Taverner Scholarship. No mater the amount, it adds up and no gift is too small. I am sure it would be gratifying.

The alumni office tells us again that we have had no correspondence since the last issue. Don't you look for something to read about your classmates? Don't you wonder whatever happened to so and so? Just a postcard that you are alive and as well as can be at our ages would be a very pleasant thing to hear. We all have good memories of our years at Maine. Please take time to drop a line to Lancy, the alumni office, or me. Thanks in advance.

Our thoughts all go to Willard Moulton '45, '50G and his family in the recent loss of his beloved **Pauline True Moulton**. Peen, as we knew her, was also a member of the Kitchen Cabinet and we will miss her.

As of this writing, Lancy is planning to travel to Chicago in May to attend a Heritage Reunion sponsored by her great-granddaughter's second-grade class. These children have been comparing then and now with correspondence from older family members and their childhood experiences. Lancy selected her life in a one-room schoolhouse in Etna, ME. Am sure this will be an eye-opener to a child in a schoolroom in Chicago, IL. Maryjane Christie Stafford '69, '95G will accompany her mother on this journey. As an aside, Lancy and her family members are in the process of restoring that one-room schoolhouse so typical of many small towns in our big state.

In closing, I want to tell you of a great evening I spent on January 21st. I went to the UMaine vs. Boston College hockey game with my son Robert '83, his daughters Whitney '10, and Audrey '14; also grandson Jay '15, whose dad is Rick '80. Three generations of alums and two present-day students. The frosting on the cake was the fact that Maine won.

Please, please, please write to us.

1949

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On October 9, 2011, **Jim Beaudry** '52G was one of 13 men and women who were elected into Maine Sports Legends Hall of Honors. A 1941 graduate of Cheverus High in Portland, Jim was athletic director at St. Francis College (now University of New England) in Biddeford for 21 years. He coached baseball, men's basketball, men's soccer, cross-country, and golf. He was inducted into the NE Basketball Hall of Fame in 2004. The new basketball gym at UNE was dedicated to Jim on December 3, 2011. We congratulate him on these well-deserved honors.

Former Aroostook County potato farmers **Bernard** and **Norma Shaw** received the 2012 Agriculture Commissioner's Distinguished Service Award at the 71st annual Maine Agricultural Trade Show on January 10. Agriculture Commissioner Walter Whitcomb '74 described the Shaws as "two of the most accomplished, yet humble, contributors to Maine's agricultural community." Bernard Shaw served as agriculture commissioner from 1988 to 1996.

The Shaws, married for 61 years, not only ran a busy and successful farm while raising three children, but also managed to extensively participate in local, state, and national organizations.

Now living in Augusta they are still active in volunteering. Notable volunteer efforts are their many years of work in helping to run the Windsor Fair, and their work with the Augusta Food Bank, helping to expand its service from 20 to 900 families.

1950

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This past winter was the winter of "no winter" as we experienced unusually warm weather in Connecticut...after a "wicked" snowstorm on October 31st! Truly an experience and a half—particularly when the peepers started peeping in late February! Everyone was confused!

Our class celebrated its 62nd Reunion on June 1st and 2nd on the Orono campus; we were pleased to honor six classmates who received the Class of 1950 Greatest Generation Award this year. Our celebration began on Saturday morning as **Alton "Hoppy" Hopkins** emceed a moving memorial service honoring classmates who had died since our Reunion service last

year; of that number, many were veterans of World War II and Korea. Immediately following that service, we were honored to present the Greatest Generation Awards to the following classmates: **Leslie D. Ames** who hails from South China, ME, for his exemplary service to the United States during in the European Theater of Operations in World War II; **Robert F. Burt**, who is living in Scarborough, for his valor and bravery during the Korean War; **Murry Cunningham** from Ipswich, MA, for bravery above and beyond the call of duty in the Rome-Arno Campaigns including the liberation of Rome; **James F. McNiff** from Salisbury, MA, for courage and bravery during the battles of North Sach'ang-ni and the Imjin River in North Korea; **Ralph C. Wharff**, who hails from Dover, DE, for meritorious service with the First United States Army in France and Belgium during World War II; and **Max S. Cohen**, from Augusta, for his courage and valor both in Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. Their awards bring to 27, the number of heroes from the Class of 1950 who have been honored. Our honorees were toasted with a champagne toast as we viewed the Greatest Generation Award plaque that is hanging in the Class of 1950 Suite on the second floor of the Buchanan Alumni House. And we are so very proud of all.

Len '44H and **Renee Minsky** '44H of Bangor were honored at the Stillwater Dinner this spring in Orono. Congratulations—we are proud of you! The Minsky Recital Hall adjoining the School of Performing Arts is a very busy area for performances and meetings. Len and Renee are surely among the most loyal supporters of the University of Maine.

I recently talked with **Betty Friedler Wexler** who lives at 301 CodFish Falls Road, Storrs, CT 06268. Betty reported that she and Imanuel had a marvelous time in March while aboard a cruise ship that took them through the wonder of the Panama Canal. They noted that the Canal is an engineering masterpiece—all constructed with no heavy diesel machinery, just muscle, skill, determination, and inventive genius. True—and if you haven't been through the Canal, you should make the trip! Truly an awesome experience! And it was topped off before they flew back to the East Coast with a quick but wonderful visit with their two grandchildren and their families who live in the Los Angeles area.

Irv '56G and **Dottie Butler Marsden** are happily at home in their continuing care community known as Park Point Village in Rock Hill, SC. Dottie said that they spent last July on Peaks Island in Portland Harbor with family and friends and then attended a Butler family reunion at an Elderhostel in Rehoboth Beach, DE. She said the family had a great five days remembering the excellence of "the golden years of radio and Broadway!" Dottie said that Irv has experienced increasing difficulty walking, but is loathe to give in to a wheelchair—and thus they take it one day at a time. Their address is 4206 Ormston Circle, Rock Hill, SC 29732.

Donn Fendler recently published a book, *Lost Trail: Nine Days Alone in the Wilderness* that tells his story as he survived nine days lost in the Maine wilderness in 1939—and just think, that was 73 short years ago! This new edition



Jean Boomer Emerson '52, '62G

Harness Racing Hall of Famer

Jean Boomer Emerson '52, '62G may not have gotten up close and personal with a horse until her junior year in high school, but that trip to the Blue Hill Fair from her Lubec hometown started a love affair that has spanned 70 years.

Those seven decades culminated with a tremendous honor on July 1, 2012, when Jean was inducted into the United State Harness Racing Hall of Fame as a Communications Corner inductee—only the fourth woman to receive this honor.

Jean and her husband, Chet, lived in southern Maine where they founded a horse farm and began racing Standardbreds for harness racing in the late 1960s. They raced the entire New England circuit, while Jean began her promotion of the sport with her own newspaper, *Northeast Harness News*. She was editor, publisher, writer, manager, and circulation director!

This gave a springboard to her involvement in the formation of the Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association and her work to help build a Sire Stakes Racing Program for the State of Maine. Since the 1970s it's been the backbone of better breeding and an exciting racing schedule for Maine-bred horses.

When the Emersons wintered in Florida, Jean handed out copies of the newspaper all along the east coast at winter training venues and transferred her United States Harness Writer's Association membership to Florida where she has served in every office in the organization. She and Chet had three daughters and three grandsons; Chet passed away in 2010 after a long battle with bone cancer. Jean continues her unflagging support of the sport of harness racing in both Florida and Maine.

is an illustrated version and is available from Down East Books. For more information, please visit www.downeast.com/bookevents.

Please drop me a note. We would so like to share your news as we try to bring us all up to date with the Class of 1950!

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1951

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Greetings, classmates. Would you like to get in touch with classmates but do not know how to reach them? Check out the Website www.umainealumni.com. You can learn of alumni activities in your area and also update your own information. Or, you can contact me at the address heading this column, and I will pass on the information.

Kinley '56G and Mary Linn Roby moved to Naples, FL, 10 years ago after Kinley retired as chair of the English department at Northeastern University. They both continue writing and editing. Kinley's sixth Harry Brock mystery, *Death's Long Shadow*, was published this year. He has written *The King, the Press, and the People: A Study of Edward VII* as well as other biographies. Mary has written over 50 novels—gothics, mysteries, and regencies—some under the pen names Pamela D'Arcy and Mary Wilson. Her novel *The Herrick Inheritance* (1982) sold 125,000 copies.

Mary Hastings Dumas and Bruce Folsom '49 enjoyed a cruise in the southern Caribbean in 2011.

Floyd and Pepper Burbank Milbank enjoyed a cruise down the Danube, with a stop in Budapest, to the Black Sea. They wound up their adventure in Transylvania.

In 2011 **Peter Feeney** of Southern Pines, NC, attended a luncheon at The Highlands in Topsham honoring president UMaine president Paul Ferguson.

Virginia Nickerson Cooney, as a member of the D.A.R., has been asked to attend the naturalization ceremonies held in Maine. Sometimes there are as many as three a month with as many as 40 candidates each time. Recently most have been from Sudan.

Millard "Red" Fairley retired from Eastman Kodak as a senior supervising engineer in 1989. In 2012 he was honored by the Spencerport, NY, Firemen's Association for 60 years of service to the Ogden-Parma Fire Department. During that time he served as an assistant chief and also as a fire commissioner. As firefighting is a job for younger folks, in later years he served on the fire police squad. Red has also served as a national trustee for the Sons of the American Revolution, a position that entailed much traveling around the country.

Martha Given Lambert, 82, died on January 15, 2012. Martha was a graduate of Brunswick

High School and received a BS in medical technology from the University of Maine. Later she switched careers and taught sixth grade at the Weatherbee School in Hampden for 25 years. She is survived by her daughter, Martha Jordan, of Machiasport, and her son, David Lambert, of North Yarmouth. She was predeceased by her husband of 33 years, Clayton F. Lambert.

Class of 1951 scholarships for the 2011-2012 school year were awarded to the following: Cassandra Robinson of Gray, a senior majoring in elementary education, who is the granddaughter of **Lawrence Robinson '55G**; Ellen Juskewitch, a senior majoring in studio art, and Ezra Juskewitch, of Dedham, a senior majoring in English and philosophy. Ellen and Ezra are grandchildren of **Bertha Clark Allen**.

On a personal note, Gallery Framing in Brunswick will feature a solo exhibit of watercolors and oils of **Frances Pratt Caswell** during the month of August 2012. The show will include scenes of Maine from Katahdin to Cadillac. Frances also exhibits with Casco Bay Art League in Harpswell and Maine Art Gallery in Wiscasset.

News of our August 1, 2012, luncheon in Cumberland will appear in the next issue.

1952

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By the time the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* arrives in your mail we will have celebrated our 60th Reunion. With all the wonderful plans our reunion committee planned for us I am sure we all enjoyed a wonderful time renewing acquaintances with classmates. What a wonderful way to start the summer!

It's a joy to be at the University during the spring season and remember the days when we were there together. **Alan** and I have been so fortunate to be able to attend many events at the University over the years and hope we have many more to attend! We recently attended a hockey game where our University of Maine team competed for their spot in the Frozen Four. What an exciting event with a lot of students and fans cheering the team on!

There is not much news this issue since all class activity is focusing on our 60th Reunion, which took place in May and June. There were a lot of activities, starting with the lobster bake in Northeast Harbor at the Kimball Terrace Inn and winding down after several days on the Orono campus where there was a memorial service for our late classmates, various banquets, and class meetings. Since this column has a March deadline, I will note what little news I have to date!

A recent call from **Perry Hunter** alerted me to a correspondence he had with another classmate—**Marshall Burk**. Perry, Marshall, and six other students made a trek west in 1949 for a



Class of 1952 members met with Class of 2012 officers at Alumni House on Maine Day in April to make plans for the Blueberry Garden near the New Balance Fitness Center. Seated are class agent Perry Hunter (left) and co-president Al Cole '69G (right). Standing, left to right are: 2012 class members Zachary Campbell, who designed the Class of 2012 Blueberry Garden; secretary, Kaylee Michaud; vice president class gift, Sarah Pacheco; and treasurer, Nate Kinney.

summer working for the Federal Forest Service.

Perry drove a carload of these classmates in his four-door sedan. They spent their first night at Cornell camping in a small campus picnic area, then went on to Niagara Falls, then to Detroit via Canada, crossed the Mississippi, and headed for Yellowstone National Park where they saw elk and bears. (Marshall invited a bear to share his peanut butter sandwich, which encouraged the bear to try to join the group.) Perry took the men to Portland, OR, where he spent the summer looking out for fires from a mountain watchtower.

The rest of the group went on to California where they had work with the Forest Service in Sierra National Forest working to stop pine blister rust. Shortly after this they were sent to Montana to fight forest fires and spent several weeks traipsing through rough country avoiding bear and snakes. They were supplied with meals, which came by pack mules, and were served by prison trustees. Needless to say they were happy to get back to Dinkey Creek Ranger Station. Sounds like a great experience for soon-to-be upperclassmen.

We recently heard from **Anthony Merry**, who planned to attend our Reunion with his wife, Marilyn. They summer on Lake Huron and planned to make several stops on their way to Orono, visiting friends and then returning in time for Marilyn's Keuka College reunion.

Don Spear wrote to inform us of **Tom Lydon's** recent death. He and Don had attended law school at Georgetown University and roomed together during that period. Don knew a lot about Tom's background since they were fraternity brothers while at Orono. Tom retired as senior judge, U.S. Court of Federal Claims. He and his wife (who died in 2008) resided in Fort Washington, MD.

This will be my farewell as your scribe. After five years at the job I look forward to

hearing someone else's slant on the affairs of our classmates! Thanks for being such good correspondents!

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The fall Reunion is set for Wednesday, September 12, at Linekin Bay Resort in Boothbay Harbor. Postcards will be sent to all classmates sometime in July/August with full details. Mark your calendars now and plan to enjoy all the Maine coast has to offer, including the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in nearby Boothbay.



Congratulations to John '54 and Hazel Brown Standeven '54, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Another date: Homecoming on Saturday, October 20.

Mary Noyes Robbins, Barefoot Bay, FL (winters), Madison, NH, Rangeley cottage (summers). She walks, bikes, aquatic zumbas, and golfs. A home ec major, she roomed in S. Estabrooke with the late **Anne Libby Kneeland** sophomore year; **Lois Keirstead Butler**, junior year; and home management house (part of her senior year). Her email: mrobbins64@cfl.rr.com.

Ron Bishop, Cornelius, NC, said, "I'm an old geezer and officially in a few years I'll be a crotchety old geezer." They're still doing their "bucket list:" China in July and polar bears in Churchill, Canada, in October. In between: Stockton Springs, ME, in June/August/September, cutting grass, clearing meadows at the farm (in the family since 1858). Also his surprise 80th party.

Isabelle "Izzie" Stearns Foss, Temple, ME (near Farmington), is "still here." She volunteers weekly on the patient support team at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington; took chaplain assistant training; made four baby quilts for the hospital; is on the board for the Senior College based at UMaine Farmington; no computer—she guesses she belongs in the Amish country.

Harold Eames, Bonita Springs, FL, is in an over-55, five-star park, with all the activities, "I certainly don't appreciate your cold Maine weather." (This from a classmate originally from Lowell, MA, who lived in North Hampton, NH!) He does venture to his son's at Sugarloaf and to his sister-in-law's in North Hampton, and then goes back to "paradise." Harold does a lot of swimming/walking, and goes around and "bugs the neighbors." He saw his oldest granddaughter, Jessica, graduate UMaine in May, and her sister Emily, a snowboarder in national competition in Colorado, graduate from Carrabassett Valley Academy.

Sally Pray Fogler, Exeter, ME, is off to Africa on a safari the end of August with her daughter Martha Fogler and husband. In April she went to Switzerland. Like Sally said, her big thing is celebrating 80. Mother of six (four in Maine, one in San Francisco, one in Switzerland), she "finally stopped working two years ago," having worked 26 years in a lab at Dover-Foxcroft Hospital. Sally grew up in Massachusetts and New York, with all her relatives in Maine (thus UMaine). In college, she roomed two years with **Mary Gerrish Canning**. She also spoke of **Pat King Berke** living near Del Mar, CA.

Charles "Bubba" Barrett, Shalimar, FL, said he'd make "every effort" to be in Boothbay Harbor this fall. (His wife, Barbie, from Alabama, has never been to Maine.) When I said I don't know if I'd recognize you, he said: "I'm as pretty as I ever was." Charles finally retired in 2006, having taught 13 years at the University of West Florida, College of Business. He retired from IBM in 1989, sent his wife to find a place on the water, hadn't been there two hours when he got a call from IBM, which led

him to the loaned executive program. That put him promoting a charity with the governor's wife; he raised \$3M in three years. The governor moved, thus the 13 years at the university. He's now officially "unemployed."

Joan Russell Mogilevsky, Titusville, FL, and her husband, Michael, were privileged to have president Arthur Hauck as a wedding guest some 59 years ago in Winslow. Joan, home ec, met Michael (who grew up in Japan, the son of Russian parents) on a blind date. Michael went to Maine 1951-'52 and University of Washington two years, before embarking on his career. Parents of three, grandparents of four, and owners of "Scamp," a Westie, they haven't been to reunions. (Must work on that.)

A January *Kennebec Journal* article noted that **Norman Bourget** and his wife, Margaret, own 64 State Street, an Augusta building that has housed numerous attorneys including generations of Bourget lawyers.

See you on September 12, I hope.

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We often complain that classmates are remiss in keeping us up to date with things we can share with our fellow retirees. However, this time we are grateful to have heard from three individuals you'll remember.

A newspaper article announced that **Ed Coffin** was not seeking re-election to the Augusta city council. He was elected to his at-large seat in 2005 and was Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime Achievement Award winner in 2009.

At Christmas we received a letter from Janice and **Howard "Howie" Ainsworth '55G**, who celebrated their 56th year together in June 2011. As you may remember, Howie and Janice travel the country by motor coach visiting family and doing various ministry programs. Last summer their daughter Ann, a chiropractor in Texas, developed serious medical complications, which were eventually diagnosed as an autoimmune disease. Because of that the Ainsworths put their motor home in storage and moved to Texas to care for Ann. They have become members of a local church, which provides them with service opportunities. They would love to hear from classmates at: 5210 Bagby Avenue, Apt. 417, Waco, TX, 76711 or by email at: ainsworthh@wwdb.org.

Last winter we received a wonderful letter and picture from **John and Hazel Brown Standeven**, who live in Scio, OR. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in February. John

and Hazel met at a MOCA (Outing Club) trip to Chimney Pond, Mt. Katahdin. A fond memory they have is from their wedding at Kittery Point when the Sigma Chi brothers sang during the reception. **Em Colby** was John's best man.

John was commissioned in the Army Artillery, and retired as a lieutenant colonel after a career with 29 addresses on three continents. He became a district executive with the Boy Scouts of America.

At UMaine, Hazel crammed her four years into three so that they could graduate together in 1954. She was the first woman at UMaine to earn a degree in geology, which she taught at high schools and community colleges. For 40 years she has been a genealogy researcher and instructor. Hazel closed by saying they had enjoyed the picture of the Sigs in the recent winter issue. She also added deep thanks to **Lew Clark '56G**, who is often the Sig's only communication line when happy, sad, or fun events occur.

Finally, we were so surprised to get a long-distance call from **Norm Schlaack**! Norm is a faithful reader of the alumni column and decided it was time for him to contribute! After we had reminisced, we encouraged him to send us more details about himself. Norm told us that he lost Alice in 2008 after 51½ years, which was a devastating thing. He says he is now back in the pink if a 79-year-old can be. He has a son, Norman the 3rd, in St. Louis.

After UMaine, Norm went into the USAF and ended up in the Strategic Air Command. After that he did graduate school at Southern Illinois University. Upon graduation in 1959 he was hired by the Florida Game and Fish Commission and worked in the Everglades with waterfowl and 'gators. He "wouldn't recommend being a driver for a six-foot 'gator in a four-door Ford car. Mouth was not taped. It was a little hairy because I didn't have any duct tape!"

"Next step was my own landscape business in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. After 12 years, I got into heavy equipment sales and believe it or not, was the top salesman in the USA (Bobcat Skid loader) in August 1978." Norm retired in 1988 and he and his wife traveled. He enjoys his retirement in North Carolina. Norm does not use a computer but would like to hear from classmates. He particularly recalled good friends who were wildlife majors at UMaine, **Bob Toth** and **Jack Wood**. Norm lives at 75 Fox Meadows Road, Columbus, NC 28722.

Classmates, as you can see, others sent us updates. We'd love to have you do the same. As Norm Schlaack wrote, "Fill a stein to me."

1955

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News from **Jon and Lois Pratt Pulsifer** is very exciting. They decided to sell their house in

Downington, PA, and move closer to their family in the Pittsburgh area, namely, Valencia, PA. They are in a retirement community and have a lovely carriage home with lots of room. They are enjoying it very much and find the residents very friendly. They indicate that the nicest part is being able to do things and see their family, which includes four wonderful grandchildren, more often without driving for five hours. Lois and Jon still come to Maine to spend their summers.

Dick Eustis has noticed that since his retirement, there never appears to be sufficient time to do all of the things that he would like to do and has suggested that, "the best way to get a vacation is to go back to work on a full-time basis, then someone can keep reminding you of the number of vacation days that you need to take or you may lose them." I like that strategy, Dick. He did travel some during the year, once to Montreal and also to Chicago for the Construction Specification Institute annual convention, where he was nominated for the Distinguished Member Award, the highest award bestowed by CSI. This award is presented to recognize long-term contributions to the entire design and construction community. Congratulations, Dick, upon receiving this prestigious award.

Muriel Verrill Gade is very busy doing volunteer work at a local hospital, playing bridge, pinocle, and hand and foot once a week, remaining active with her AAUW organization, and participating in the Wanderers Group and the dine out program—a different restaurant each month. She counts her blessings that she is able to be involved in so many activities, and with many great friends. Muriel enjoyed her month-long trip to Maine last summer, but it always seems to go too quickly. She really enjoyed her friend visiting her last summer and her granddaughter making a short visit as well.

Paul and I had a lovely visit with **Bill Calkin '60G** when he was in Maine. We went to dinner in Wells, and I think we were the last ones out of the restaurant. So nice to see you, Bill. We look forward to seeing you when you next come to Maine. Bill stayed with "big" Bill '56 and **Mary Atkinson Johnson** in Saco, but he toured the state visiting relatives and also made a stop at "little" **Bill** and Marilyn Pennell **Johnson's '57** home in Cornish.

It is always nice to receive a Christmas letter from **Ted and Ruth Dow Durst** who live in Walnut Creek, CA. This year their letter included wonderful pictures of their grandchildren and an entertaining trilogy in the life of two of her eight cats—very cleverly done, Ruth.

Mary Atkinson Johnson is hoping that members of our class will consider making a gift to our Class of 1955 Scholarship Fund, as scholarship applications are in great demand. So, folks, let's do what she is suggesting, and if you are able to do so, please consider sending in your check in order to support the University.

As I write, we are off to Florida for our six-week stay. We are going to be living in Sarasota this time, which is going to be different for us after having spent 10 years in the Venice area. We'll let you know how we liked Sarasota.

In the meantime, please write, email, or call me, as you would make my day.

1956

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Greetings '56ers.

Our classmates continue to receive awards.

Malcolm "Mac" Knapp, a native of Kingfield and now resident of Lynn, MA, who received a degree in mechanical engineering from UMaine, was inducted into the University of Maine College of Engineering's Francis Crowe Society as a distinguished engineer. Mac is retired from the automotive industry.

We have received lovely thank-you notes for our scholarship help from Gabriel "Gabe" Vachon, Ryan Urquhart, and Laura Pirruccello. Remember—this is your donation to our scholarship funds at work.

Dave and **Darlene Grundy** wrote that in February 2011, the final papers were signed to make their adopted twin granddaughters legally belong to their daughter-in-law. The timing is good as their biological twin granddaughters by their older son are preparing to leave for college next fall.

Art Thompson is recovering from his health setback. We all wish him a speedy recovery!

Mary and **Bill Johnson** attended the funeral of his friend and our classmate **Bob Foster**. Bill attended the inauguration of the 19th University of Maine president, Paul W. Ferguson, in April.

Richard "Doc" and Betty Brockway Nev-ers went to Nassau for a day, and then on to St. Thomas with a side trip to St. John. Their last stop was to Saint Maarten (Dutch spelling) and a side trip to St. Marten (French spelling), other side of the island. They got together at a luncheon that **Howard Jackson '62G** put together in mid-March in Naples. **Betsy Harvey Ruff** and **Ed Blessing** were with them for a couple of nights in March on their way to their time-share on the Keys.

Jerry and **Martha Pangakis** stay occupied every day. He is still involved on the board of a senior housing facility that provides subsidized housing for seniors who qualify for federal assistance. He was very pleased and surprised to be named Father of the Year (another award) by his church community. All his kids and grandchildren came from Massachusetts and Connecticut to surprise him. Jerry and Martha sing in the church choir and serve on several committees at St. George. He's been secretary of the Senior Golf Association in Berlin, CT, for the past six years. They visit Florida several times a year to look in on his mother!

Our hearts go out to the family of **Dana Devoe**, who passed away March 25, 2012. Not only was Dana very active in the Alumni Association and the Class of '56 committee, but I remember him as a violinist who played with me in the UM orchestra and the string ensemble. Keep heaven in tune, Dana.

Ben Thomas '61G has a second adventure novel, *Scuba Gold*, which follows *Code*

Breaker, released in 2009. He and wife, **Sue Stiles Thomas '61G**, did some fly-fishing as guests at Lakewood Camps on Lower Richardson and Grants Camps on Kennebago. This fall he taught creative writing at the University of Maine's Senior College on the Augusta campus. Sue is trustee chair for the Winthrop United Methodist Church.

Peggy Flynt Haskell sent a neat story, which I have included in the Website version of our notes, as it is too good to shorten but too long to include here.

Jody Owen Bingham and **Bing '54** attended the UMaine Singers concert in Saco.

Thank you again for sending along your news. I have been awarded the University of Maine Alumni Association's Hilda Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award for 2012. It's a great honor but I know it's because you keep me posted on all the happenings of our classmates. Please keep it up!

Faith

1957

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You will recall the green 1957 bio form that appeared in your first mailing about our 55th Reunion? At the beginning of spring they are still dribbling in. As of this writing 11 women and 25 men have returned something. **Alton B. Earle '56G** responded with a nice note explaining that a grandson's wedding took precedence, wishing for us all to stay "in relative good health" for our 60th, and hoping that as many as possible can attend both occasions. I found the letter a much more readable format—next time, try it! They will all be available to you in our display area.

Twenty "girls" met at The Muddy Rudder near the close of the late March warm spell, thanks to **Pat Wade Fraker's** organization, exchanging delighted smiles and warm greetings. Joining the group for the first time were **Caroline Locke Golden '56**, **Ellie Hansen Brockway '50**, and **Marguerite Sullivan Powers '48**. Also attending were **Sandie Page '60** and **Midge Grispi '60**, **'71G**, **Jane Quimby Biscoe '58**, **Marilyn Graffam Clark '58**, **Sandra Daley Denman '58**, **Ginny Freeman '58**, **Jane Pomroy Jacobson '58**, and **Carole Buzzell Ranco '58**. The '57ers attending were **Claudia Halle Higgins**, **Ann Dingwell Knowles**, **Jan Higgins Nolan**, **Dru Nesbit Pedro**, **Barbara Swann Pineau**, **Carolyn Skolfield**, **Lois Whitcomb**, and **Liz Hibbard Smith**. Also stopping by for a quick look on her way to a "grandchild-minding gig" was **Anne Dunne Snow '58**. News of those who were unable to join us was exchanged, along with 55th Reunion bulletins and other reminders.

A *Bethel Citizen* newspaper article mentioned that **Leon Akers** of Andover, purveyor of quality cross-country ski equipment since 1958 at Akers Ski, was named after his great-grandmother's

brother **Leon Lenwood Bean**.

Jane Barker and friend "B" have been on quite a peregrination, questing for birds. They set off for the West Coast and stayed a few months in the Morro Bay area having great viewing. Then they charted their return trip to hit Yosemite, Sequoia, Death Valley, and Joshua Tree parks on the return trip, planning to take the time to really see each of them.

1958

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Last September at our "tween reunion" at **Prexy Herb Cohen's** home in Kennebunk it was the general consensus that our 55th Reunion should be held in September 2013 rather than in June. It was the general feeling that there are too many functions taking place at the end of May and first of June to allow many members to make Reunion. Please let one of your class officers know your thoughts on this.

Most of you received **Herb and Judy's** letter relative to the "tween reunion" and if you go to the Alumni Association's Website/Get Informed/Class Pages/1958, there may still be some pictures that were taken that day. It was a beautiful fall day with lots of fun and plenty of classmates to catch up on their lives. My congratulations to **Judy and Herb** for a marvelous day. As **Herb** told you, those officers and board members who were present held a short meeting before we ate. Top discussion of course was our 55th Reunion in 2013. As I said in the above paragraph, holding the Reunion in September rather than the end of May seemed to be the consensus of those present. Also discussed was fund raising. **Bob McKown**, our class agent, has several ideas on doing something a little different for this Reunion. Remember: more '58ers have donated in the past, so that we have given 15 percent of the gifts given by the classes that make up the '50s decade. Only the Class of 1950 has done better. We most certainly want to keep up our reputation. So if you have any good ideas regarding fund raising, please get in contact with your class officers.

Over the last two years, 12 students received monies from the Class of 1958 Scholarship Fund. In the 2010-2011 academic year, \$10,613 was distributed to four seniors and two juniors. During the 2011-2012 year, \$10,378 was given out to three seniors and three juniors. Their fields include education, mechanical engineering, English/Honors, journalism/Honors, music, communication science, and physical education. Monies from your donation to the Alumni Association allotted to the Scholarship Fund help students each year.

In October 2011, **Allen Ross '66G** of Dexter was honored for his 23 years of service as a family mediator with the Judicial Branch

Special Service Award. The award is given to a person who consistently contributes above and beyond expected job responsibilities to further the mission of the court system. Allen became a court mediator in 1998 after completing 33 years as a history teacher in the Dexter school system. He began serving in the Foxcroft district court and was recently at the Newport court. Allen also served many years both as a volunteer and a member of the board of Womancare. Based in Dover-Foxcroft, Womancare aids victims of domestic abuse.

Bidding on and winning the opportunity to have Maestro Lucas Richman compose a piece especially for them were **Molly Inman Nagle** and husband, Robert. The piece *Through the Azure Ether* had its world premiere performance by the Bangor Symphony Orchestra in January. The piece was dedicated to the Nagles' son, Arthur, who passed away in 2009 from cancer.

Spent some time on the river this past fall—the Rhine that is. We took a river cruise from Viking Cruises, traveling from Amsterdam, Holland, to Basel, Switzerland. Nice weather, fantastic sights, tremendous meals, and good companions. Would highly recommend these river cruises.

Remember to send your donations to the ALUMNI FUND—particularly to the Class of 1958 Scholarship Fund. Also remember that you are members of the Senior Alumni and should donate to the Senior Alumni Fund, which supports the Taverner Nontraditional and meritorious scholarships.

Let your class officers know how you feel about a Reunion in September.

1959

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Hello again, '59ers.

We have an honorary class member! The class officers recently voted to make **Susan E. Mullaney** an honorary member of the Class of 1959.

Susan is director of marketing and communications for the UMaine Alumni Association. In this role she serves as editor of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* and produces UMAA's monthly electronic newsletters, *Bear Tracks* and *Bear Buzz*. One of her first accomplishments upon joining UMAA was the launch of the Website www.umainealumni.com, which was designed as a portal for "all things Maine" for alumni and friends of the University.

She is also involved in marketing initiatives including the Black Bear Business Network. Before moving to their farm in Atkinson, Susan and husband, **Don Cookson**, co-owned a Massachusetts-based marketing and communications firm for over 30 years. After attending our Class's 50th Reunion they decided to retire to Maine and Susan joined the Alumni



Alumni Association director of marketing and communications **Susan Mullaney** (second from left) was made an honorary member of the Class of 1959 in February. Left to right are: **Nonni Hiltchey Daly '59**, **Susan**, **Evie Stevens Smith '59, '87G**, **Susan's husband, Don Cookson '59**, and Alumni Association executive director, **Todd Saucier '93, '97G**.

Association. Susan says that she is grateful and appreciative of the honor bestowed upon her by our class. Welcome, Susan!

Ken Perrone '60G announced his retirement. At the end of the 2012 season Ken will retire as Salem State University baseball coach after 30 years of coaching. He has decided 30 would be a good number on which to end his long and illustrious career. He will have coached 2,000 games between baseball and football with 1,400 career wins. His record places him among the top 30 coaches all-time victories in NCAA D3 history. One of his career highlights was when Salem State won the MASAC championship in 2006 as well as the NCAA Division 3 tournament victory. To add to his many achievements he has been elected to five halls of fame—Massachusetts State High School Coaches, State of Maine All Sports, Southern Connecticut Diamond Club, Greater New Haven, and John Bapst Memorial High School.

Paul Odegard and wife, Polly, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November. Their family had a celebration for them the previous summer on a scenic cruise along the Connecticut shore. The Odegards winter in Jupiter, FL, and Paul still travels around the state participating in sailboat racing events.

The U.S. Patent Office has granted **Ernest E. Hollis '61G** a patent for improving the speed, power, density, and production yield of state-of-the-art microchips. He is a mostly retired Engineering Fellow and adjunct professor at major universities, is the author of a 527-page book on custom microchips, and has other patents on microchips that have been granted or which are pending. He is an amateur military historian and occasionally interacts in that area with his younger son, who has a doctorate in history. His older son is a practicing attorney.

I have been notified that our 1959 scholarship for 2011-2012 has been awarded to

Elizabeth Higgins of Knox. She is a senior elementary education major and is the granddaughter of classmate **Wesley Kinney**.

Bob and I celebrated our 50th anniversary in January. We also celebrated at a party given by our children in May on Cape Cod.

1960

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Greetings to the grand Class of 1960!

Class president **Joe Dion** wants special kudos

to go to **Rick Lloyd** in Hawaii. Rick is refining details for the 2013 cruise. Joe is considering putting together a second mini Reunion in 2013, somewhere along the Maine coast. A date has not yet been set, but it would not conflict with the March trip. Everyone would be welcome. Please let Joe, myself, or another class officer know of your wishes.

Ace Conro, one of our class agents, is working with **Fred Pierce** on class giving. Ace says he gets more nostalgic every year about our college experiences and the terrific people we shared them with. This was more than evident at the 50th. You would think we had never left.

Please consider giving something to the ALUMNI FUND. This ensures you will receive this magazine twice yearly. The ALUMNI FUND supports all programs and events, including Homecoming and the Black Bear Road Trip.

The FUND for the college supports scholarships, technology upgrades, research and development, and several other campus programs.

Ace is still very active. He officiates at all the major college track meets, for America East, and the New England championships. The bonus of this is that he sees the Maine coaches and interacts with the students as well.

Mark Shibles continues to do educational consulting for state governments, universities, and city school districts. He and **Betty Colley Shibles** live in Connecticut and Maine and also often visit daughters and grandchildren in California and Louisiana, near New Orleans.

Bob Sterritt and his wife are permanently at 10682 North Laughing Coyote Way in Tucson, AZ 85737. Bob is proud of his grandson who is training in Fort Drum, NY, and will become part of a newer "greatest generation," to be deployed to Afghanistan.

Also, this summer Joe and Peg Dion are traveling by rail across the USA. Joe continues

to monitor his many activities in Walpole, NH.

Rick Lloyd and friend Herbert will be in Maine to visit relatives near Warren a few days before departing on a cruise to the Mediterranean Sea. While they are in Maine in early August, **Connie Atherton Martin** will host a small gathering of classmates at her home at Higgins Beach.

Sandie Page has been "skiing for light." Ski for Light is an international organization with the purpose of enhancing and increasing independence for individuals who are visually impaired or have mobility issues. The group meets somewhere in the US each February. This year they were in Utah. The volunteers are one-on-one with the skiers. In cross-country, a double set of tracks is made, and they ski alongside the skiers, and narrate the trail. They also do evening activities, playing games like Braille Scrabble, and have shuffleboard tournaments.

Joe Sulya was inducted on Bucksport High School's Academic Wall of Fame. Congrats! In Augusta the *Kennebec Journal* had a large feature article on **Harold "Tank" Violette**, who was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame.

Star basketball player and coach **Terry Spurling** was among 13 men and women who have been elected to the Maine Sports Legends Hall of Honors. Terry starred at Ellsworth High School. After graduation, he taught physical education and coached.

Last summer in Readfield, **Ed and Sylvia Stooddy Dodge** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Celebrations included a family reunion on Maranacook Lake, and trips to Leesburg, VA, and New York City.

In Van Buren, **Daniel LaPointe** was endorsed for the Loring Development Authority. This former strategic air command base also houses the Maine School for Science and Mathematics. Growing up we County people were very aware of the air base, with B-52 bombers continually coming and going over the potato fields.

Megan Antonucci wrote a very nice letter saying how much she appreciated the support of her husband, **Frank's**, Phi Kap brothers coming to support the family at his funeral service. It would be appreciated if each fraternity and sorority could appoint one of their own to collect and send me news.

Again, all best wishes. As always I plead for any news you can send, just like sending a "little something."

Have a great summer and fall.

1961

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This alumni magazine is published twice a year. Therefore, the Alumni Association has a Website for updating class news on an "as needed" basis. For us that means I may post photos, news items, meeting updates, etc. as I



Four journalism alumni who graduated between 1960 and 1962 got together for lunch in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, in April to share memories of legendary UMaine professor **Brooks Hamilton**. Left to right are: **Judy Ohr '61**, **Mary Irving Fantucchio '61**, **David Lamb '62**, and **Phyllis Warren-Briggs '60**. David was presented with the 2012 Alumni Career Award at Reunion in June (see page 18).

get them. This is a super way to keep in touch in real time. I encourage you to go to www.umainealumni.com, go to Get Informed tab, click on Class Pages, and click on 1961. Make this a "favorite." And email me news and photos throughout the year. To start off your new habit of checking the Website, please see **Meg Thompson Villarreal's** report on the activities of the Senior Alumni group, information on renovations to the art department, and plans for the Midcoast alum group to gather.

Recently heard from **Jane Chiarini Grant**. Teaching was her career, the majority in Marblehead, MA, except for one year in Maine and one year in Tehran, Iran, at Farabi University and Tehran's American School. She writes that "a little revolution" got in the way. She thinks **Dick '59** and **Ann Adams Collins** were there at the same time. Ann, confirm? After teaching, Jane married **Alden Grant '64** and together they own and operate Nicholson Inn in Freeport. Between the two, they share six kids. Both Jane and Alden graduated from Freeport High. Class veep **Andy McGarry** led a 10-person bowling team this spring in raising funds for an overall Lockheed Martin contribution to Junior Achievement of Central Florida. Scores didn't matter but gratification did. In February, Andy and Sherri joined **Vinnie '71G** and **Peggy Hersey Wills** in an 83-person golf scramble at Magnolia Plantation, FL. Vinnie bowled in a Pro-Am tournament in April. Andy and Sherri also spent the BCS Championship weekend in New Orleans. While we are on the subject of golf, **Dick Drisko** played in the UMaine tourney with **Dave Baribeau** at Natanis Golf Course. Also played at Pinehurst, NC, with **Dave Cloutier '62** and two other high school classmates.

Heard from both **Jane Goode** and **June Toulouse Heintz** that their summer plans include stays in Maine: Jane at her camp in Enfield and June at Lake Ossissippi. **Wally Hinckley**, who travels up and down the seaboard from South Carolina to Maine, writes that he attended the

Augusta alumni meeting and was pleased to have time to visit with **Shirlene Health Gosline '73G**. **Charlie Chapman** submitted the photo of himself with the Old Dominion University head football coach, **Bobby Wilder '88** that appears on our class's webpage. The photo was taken at the Celebration of College Football awards banquet in January. Charlie will be at his cottage on Raymond Pond this summer and is interested in meeting with other classmates for a lobster feed. Contact me and I'll contact him! On the subject of sports, **Joseph Linscott** was inducted into the Maine Sports Legends Hall of Honors. He has been responsible for maintenance of McGuire and Morton fields in Augusta since 1979; also managed Augusta East Little League and Babe Ruth League.

Richard '62 and **Deane Quirion King**, who split their time between Florida and East Madison, celebrated their 50th anniversary in September. Deane taught junior high at Wappingers Falls, NY, until retirement. **Fred Stubbart** was elected chairman of the Waterville City Council. He is also on the board of directors of the Boys and Girls/YMCA/Alfond Youth Center, which is the largest Boys and Girls Club in the world. Also celebrating their 50th this year were **Regina Murphy** and **Dick Ruhlins**. While waiting for guests to arrive, the Ruhlins, Vince '62, '70G, and **Gingee Buckley Franco '66G**, and Stan and **Jeanine Gagnon Stewart** drove around Bangor in a limo sampling champagne. Tough duty! **Etta Libby Davenport**, never one to rest, cruised and explored seven Greek islands last fall. The trip started in Istanbul and ended in Athens. For Etta, excitement never stops. While raking her leaves in Old Town, a lady moose walked within a few feet of her. Etta tried to start a conversation but Mrs. Moose turned and wandered off. **Danny '58** and **Nancy Woods Rearick** visited with **Norma Currie** in December when all were in Houlton. When I heard from Nancy, she mentioned that Danny had a spill and broke a rib but mended nicely!

Ernie Ridlon is active in the NJ alumni group and wants to invite Eastern PA, NY, Delaware, and other NJ alums to Lobster Maine-ia scheduled for September 30 in the Princeton area. Email me and I'll forward to Ernie and/or June Toulouse Heintz, also a committee member. Just this minute the mailman brought me a letter from **Artie Zalkan**. Artie, now legally blind, lives in Davis, CA, with his cat, Destiny. He said Maine is still in his heart and he has many friends in California singing the "Stein Song."

And finally, you might have noticed that there are now two ways to contribute tax-deductible money to the school—the ALUMNI FUND and the FUND. An annual donation to the Alumni Fund ensures receiving this magazine as well as supporting reunions and homecoming. The Fund supports academic endeavors, technology upgrades, lab improvements, and research. As a donor, indicate where you want your donation to go but I suggest sending to both! You'll find more information on the two funds elsewhere in the magazine.

1962

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It is early April as I write this column. By the time you all get to read it, our wonderful 50th Reunion will be over and we will all be basking in the summer sun. The next magazine issue will have all the information about the classmates who joined us on campus and at the pre-events in Bar Harbor, so stay tuned!

I would like to thank all of you who sent your bios to the Alumni Association so that we could update your contact information, and catch up on what you are doing now. Dave '61 and **Dorothy Dickey Selleck** wrote that they are sorry not to be able to attend Reunion, as they will be spending most of May and June in Norway at a family gathering. The Sellecks, now retired, live in Topsham, and are active in their church, the Sons of Norway, and their local square dancing club. Also traveling during Reunion time and unable to join us are **Donald** and **Carole Warren Spiller**. The Spillers live in Audubon, PA. Carole writes that she is not yet ready to retire. In 1995 she started her own company, CWS Artist Management and Consultant. Today Carole manages eight bands and artists. Two other classmates who send regrets are **Dave Hebert** and **Richard Gross** '64G, '71G. Dave and wife, Bea, live in Lee, NH. Dave is in his 45th year on the faculty of UNH as a professor in the graduate counseling program. He is a competitive roadrunner, having completed 21 marathons, including five Bostons. Richard Gross writes from Turner, ME, that he and wife, Yvonne '64G, love to travel and collect antiques. Richard is especially interested in old Maine books.

Jack Collins and wife, Kate '88, could not join us due to previous plans with family at their



A group of '62 members gather after breakfast during the class's pre-reunion trip to Bar Harbor in late May. Left to right are: Diane Ingalls Zito, Pat McCourt DiTata, Don Ouellette, Mary Gay Baldyga, Carol Lovejoy Gay, Marcia Dolley Connolly, Marge Littlefield Hathaway, and Betty Goulden Kimbrell. In the background the cruise ship *Maasdam* greeted the group with a long blast on its horn. For more Class of '62 photos see page 26.

summer lake house in Rockwood. Jack writes that he has been doing a lot of traveling during retirement. He also finds time to volunteer with many organizations in the Bangor area. **Bob Bogdan** writes that after over 35 years on the faculty at Syracuse University, he is enjoying retirement on his Vermont farm. The author of several books, Bob continues to write daily. His latest book, *Picturing Disability*, published by Syracuse University Press, is due to hit the bookshelves this fall. **Ron Caselden** is living in South Portland and summers on the west side of Sebago Lake in a camp his dad bought years ago. In the winter, Ron and wife, Patricia, like to travel to their condo in Fort Meyers, FL, where Cass enjoys golf. **Lynne Josselyn** wrote to say that she most likely would not be able to make Reunion because she was moving to a new home in Lubec at the end of May. Lynne stays active these days with golf, tennis, and running. She has also kept up her passion for music as a member of her church choir and several bands. Classmate **Peter Crooker** sends his best to everyone. Pete and wife, Jill, are living in Pittsford, NY. After almost 30 years of teaching, Pete retired to start an interior painting business with his daughter. "Life is good in the Finger Lakes" region.

Norris Nickerson '70G retired as principal of Bangor High School in June of 2011 after more than two decades of service in that capacity. Norris started his career in the Bangor school system right after graduation as a high school English and science teacher. He was also a football coach and tapped as an assistant principal in 1974. Norris lost his wife, Linda, in May of '11 and said in an interview with the *Bangor Daily News* that her passing had a lot to do with his decision to retire. We send our condolences to Norris and his family.

Richard and Deane Quirion **King** '61 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last

September at their son's family cottage on Lake Wesserunsett in East Madison. Dick and Deane now live seven months of the year in Hudson, FL, but enjoy summers back home in Maine.

Post script: The editor of the class notes left room for a short paragraph to be submitted immediately after Reunion. Briefly stated, it was an amazing four days both in Bar Harbor and on campus. We had quality time to reconnect, laugh, and remember. Your classmates attending our 50th also had the opportunity to sign off and give permission for their biographies to be put up on our class page through the UMaine Alumni Association Website. You can catch up on what they have been doing for the past 50 years by going to umainealumni.com. Click on "get informed" and then "class pages," and "1962." Then scroll to the short paragraph about class bios. Click on that link. You might have to wait a few minutes as it is a very large file. Some of the stories of antics during college days are really fun. If you send a bio to me, but were not in attendance at Reunion, your biography can be put on line with the others. Just email permission. We plan to update the information periodically. My column in the winter issue of this magazine will have all the details about our fabulous 50th Reunion. Needless to say, from lobster to popovers, David Lamb's keynote speech to Pat Ranzoni's memorial poem, Earl Smith's story of "our bear" to Tom Patrick's auctioneering skills, it was an amazing, wonderful, fabulous reunion! Class of '62 Reunion 2012 was our very best ever!

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50th Reunion in 2013

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While in Florida this past winter, I saw several of my UM friends. In January I had lunch with **Lee Bingham** '66G. He is retired, but still consulting. He had just completed a job in Detroit helping to get a trash to energy plant up and running. He says he can't see himself not working, therefore he keeps accepting offers. In February, **Doug** and I traveled to Palm Beach Gardens to see **Judy Shaw Furlotte** and her husband, Paul. Judy is active with her golf club and had just chaired a charity auction for the local children's hospital. She also was involved with the planning of the Honda Classic in March at their club.

Also in March, I hosted a gathering of **Marcia Roak Fitzgerald**, Judy Shaw Furlotte, **Cynthia Huston Srebnick**, and **Judy Suds Karam**, along with several of our high school friends. It was a full house that night!

The American Academy of Water Resources Engineers recently awarded **Keith S. Dunbar** the Honorary Diplomate status in the Academy. Keith was only the 21st person in the nation to receive such status. Right after graduation, Keith moved to California to begin his professional career working on the California State Water Project. For the past 33 years he has been the CEO of K. S. Dunbar & Associates, Environmental Engineering.

Donald Berry of Belmont, ME, has been selected as one of the 10 umpires for the Olympic trials at the end of June in Eugene, OR. "I also serve as a member of the executive board of the USA Track & Field Officials as the parliamentarian. Here in Maine, I am the certification chair of the officials and am a Master Referee in the sport," he writes.

Pierce Atwood LLP attorney **Malcolm L. Lyons** was honored at the Maine Trial Lawyers Association Legends dinner. (Yes, we've reached the point where we are now "legends.") Mal received the MTLA Legend Award for his extraordinary contributions to the Maine legal community and civil justice. Mal's abilities and sense of fairness are recognized by attorneys statewide, who request him to serve as a mediator and arbitrator.

Bill Chandler was named the 2011 American Resort Development Association winner at the Surf Club of Marco. Bill lives in Dartmouth, MA.

Our 50th Reunion is being planned by the committee. Many questions have come up about what class members would like, so here are some things to respond to Jim or me about:

Are you planning on attending? Would you attend pre-Reunion activities (or post)? Would you be willing to call some of your friends (fraternity, sorority, sports team members, music group, drama, or even a roommate) about going to the Reunion? Should we as a class join the Senior Alumni (those who graduated 50 or more years ago) instead of having future 1963 Reunions?

Here is a message from our president, **Jim Goff**.

"Planning for our 50th Reunion celebration (May 31-June 2, 2013) continues. Chairman **Gina Barnes Grogan** has recruited a good group of volunteers and we are ahead of schedule. **Lois Murdock Libby** and **Anne Weymouth LaBossiere** '67G, '72 C.A.S. are looking into hotels and activities in advance of the weekend in and around the Bar Harbor region for those interested in making our Reunion a part of a real Maine vacation; **Gail Hoxie Brown** is planning our Friday evening banquet; **Marcia Roak Fitzgerald** and **Pat Small Flaherty**, along with Rev. **Jane Parmalee Harmes** and Rev. **Thomas B. Chittick**, are planning a memorial service to remember our classmates who have died; **Irv Marsters** '71G is generously donating printing services; class agent **Dana Dolloff** '64G is gathering as many names and addresses as possible, chasing down those with whom we have lost contact. He's beginning to make contact with some of our class affinity groups such as the Greek communities, athletic teams, and various clubs and organizations. There's always more to be done. Care to help out? Please contact me at goffmaine@myfairpoint.net or **Gina** at vbrogogan@gmail.com. What can you do right now? Spread the word and if you learn of classmates who may not be getting our mailings, send us their contact information and we'll update our records. See you at our 50th!"

1964

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Boy, this retirement gig is something. While it is wonderful not to have the obligations and stress, it is a little strange feeling separated from a lifetime of associates, but then, the big lesson of graduation in 1964 was that the friends who are important will be "keepers," and others were just convenience, not so critical, regardless of geography. Tom and I formally retired concurrent with the New Year, and were amazingly pleased that our area realtors of all companies gave us a huge retirement party, which was a nice opportunity to say thank you to my extraordinary colleagues, and the San Diego Association of Realtors gave me a surprise lifetime membership. These were very rare occasions and I was double-very excited.

All of you '64 classmates, please send me

your news, I would hate to have to use my imagination! We have a few pieces of good news, however. **Peter M. Bourque** also retired recently after 46 years as a fisheries professional. His friends and colleagues have been having a series of celebratory retirement parties for Pete, with just enormous appreciation and fun. Some of his accolades mentioned his total support to his colleagues, and shepherding the department through very tough budget times. **Lester Young** '75G, '82 C.A.S. was awarded the Citizen of the Year by the city of Brewer, retiring after 47 years dedicated to serving area children. He did his student teaching at Brewer Middle School and has been a teacher, principal, superintendent, and business manager as well as director of finance and owner's representative for the newly completed Brewer Community School. **Errol "Abe" Additon**, a selectman in Leeds, was reelected to the executive committee of the Maine Municipal Association.

Did you know that the Class of '64 is participating in the class adoption program? The program connects the Class of '64 with the Class of 2014 to continue UMaine traditions, offer support and mentoring, and provide a link with alumni. For more information, visit the Alumni Association Website or contact **Ken Beale**. You can also talk to Valerie Mitchell '09 at the UMaine Alumni Association or email her at Valerie.j.mitchell@umit.maine.edu.

Y'all put down those fishing poles, garden gloves, cookbooks, golf clubs, artist materials, and other sundry articles and write or email your news. We want to know!

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Joni Weeks Averill White was overseeing a new *Bangor Daily News* nonprofit online section and a once-a-week print page titled "Positively Maine." Joni has now retired after 32 years with the Bangor Publishing Company.

Raymond "Larry" Varisco has been temporarily filling the position of Veazie town manager. He had retired in 2007 after a nearly 17-year career as manager of Holden.

Henry "Hank" Schmelzer has been named chairman of Maine Public Broadcasting Network's board of directors. Before getting involved in philanthropy, Hank spent many years in the legal and financial industry in Boston. Hank and his wife, Cynthia Livingston, live in Somesville, ME.

Wayne Dennison (G) and his wife, Winona, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in June 2011. Wayne attended Washington County Normal School under the GI bill. Those of us who grew up in Ellsworth remember "Mr. Dennison" as a well-liked elementary school teacher and then principal of the Bryant E.



Jerry Ellis (left) on a 2011 Pacific Coast bike tour with his son and son's girlfriend.

Jerry Ellis '64: Retired but Hardly Resting

When you meet volunteer Jerry Ellis '64 at the front desk of Buchanan Alumni House, don't assume that he is content to sit still. In fact, a bicycle seat might suit him better. The former director of UMaine's College Success Programs is an avid bicyclist who rode across the country four years ago to raise money for UMaine scholarships.

Jerry's weekly shift at the front desk puts him in contact with prospective students and their families, members of the UMaine community, and the general public. For his dedication and contributions to the Alumni Association and UMaine, Jerry received the Block "M" Award.

In high school, Jerry was president of his class and Maine state cross-country champion. A college education was not a topic of discussion at home, but his high school principal encouraged him to apply to the University of Maine.

On campus, Jerry thrived. He ran track and cross-country, joined Phi Eta Kappa fraternity, and became a Senior Skull. After graduating with a degree in education, he received his commission in the Army and served as an infantry officer in Vietnam. He later received his master's in counseling.

Returning to Orono, he joined the Onward program (now the College Success Programs) where his personal and professional background made him ideally suited to counseling first-generation and academically under-prepared students. During his career, he mentored hundreds of students.

"I felt I understood what the students were going through," he notes.

He remained with the program for 34 years, becoming Onward's director.

The summer after he retired (2007), Jerry and John Hwalek, professor of chemical engineering, both cycling enthusiasts, embarked on a cross-country trip from Anacortes, Washington, to Sand Beach in Acadia National Park. Jerry also used the opportunity to raise more than \$6,000 for a UMaine scholarship fund.

Although a heart attack and by-pass surgery in November 2010 sidelined him temporarily, he took another bike trip, purely for fun, the following summer. In 2011, at age 69, he pedaled the West Coast from Vancouver to the Mexican border with his son and son's girlfriend. Jerry's wife, Ronny Delano-Ellis '72, '76G, followed in a car with food, camping gear, and supplies, and made arrangements for overnight accommodations.

When biking locally, Jerry's favorite ride is a 28-mile loop that follows both sides of the Penobscot River. From his Bangor home, he bikes to Brewer and continues north, crosses the river at Milford, and heads south, returning to Bangor along Route 2.

The UMAA is looking for volunteers to assist with alumni chapters, class activities, at Buchanan Alumni House, and other ways. If you would like to help, contact Chris Corro at christine.corro@umit.maine.edu or call 1.800.934.2586.

Moore School for 23 years.

The Alumni Association has to raise 52 percent of its operating budget. Through its ALUMNI FUND, it supports areas such as scholarships, student travel and research, and new program development. It also ensures you will receive the alumni magazine twice a year. If you wish to financially support the Alumni Association, you need to designate gifts to the ALUMNI FUND.

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Carol Jesraly Josel lives in the Philadelphia area and is now supervising student teachers from both Gwynedd-Mercy and Ursinus colleges, while continuing to write for examiner.com. She occasionally makes presentations for CBS Philly "Top Spots" and does some consulting. Her website is www.schoolwisebooks.com.

Arthur Ray earned his degree in electrical engineering and recently retired from Central Maine Power in Augusta after 35 years. Art, who lives in Sidney, ME, and is involved with UMaine Augusta Senior College, recommends the Senior College experience for retirees to keep your mind sharp. His hobby is local history and he puts together PowerPoint slide shows that he has presented to historical societies and at the college. He keeps physically fit by hiking, biking, and skiing.

Mayor **Joseph Ferris** easily won a 10th consecutive term on the Brewer city council last November. Joe was not able to attend our Reunion last June as he was traveling to be with the Black Bears baseball team in playoff action.

Maj. Gen. **John "Bill" Libby** '67G received the Honored Patriot Award from the Selective Service. He retired earlier this year after 44 years of service.

Darryl Brown '69G resigned as the state planning office director with plans to create an Office of Management and Policy for the state of Maine.

Rick Small, who served as president and chief executive officer of Good Shepard Food Bank in Auburn, the state's largest hunger relief network, stepped down last fall. During his six-year tenure, the amount of food that the food bank acquired and distributed to 600 partner agencies throughout Maine grew from nearly 9 million pounds a year to 13 million pounds.

David Bergquist '69G's curiosity about Bangor history led him to write a book based on the life of another UMaine grad, Lt. Austin Keith '44, a B-29 Superfortress pilot lost with his crew after a mid-air collision in 1945. Both the author and subject are Bangor boys. Bergquist, through his research and readings, found out that Keith had written a one-act play

titled "Prelude to Courage." After many hours in the Special Collections department at UMaine's Fogler Library going through 95 boxes filled with material, he finally found letters from Austin and other UMaine students who had gone off to war. If you enjoy a great read, check out *Prelude to Courage: An Air Warrior's Journey of Faith* by David H. Bergquist.

In recent years there have been many questions about the difference between the ALUMNI FUND and the FUND for the University of Maine. For many years, the Alumni Association was contracted to fundraise on behalf of the University of Maine, so there were not competitive fund drives. A few years ago, the University began fundraising again, so now both it and the nonprofit Alumni Association are engaged in raising money for University-related activities and projects. I have a more detailed breakdown of the two funds that might give you more insight as to why and how this happened. In any case, whenever you receive a request for support, I hope you'll consider directing some of your gifts to the Class of '66 Scholarship Fund.

Finally, alumni awards are presented both during class reunions and at Homecoming. If you know of an alum from any class who you believe deserves recognition, log on to www.umainealumni.com, go to "Get Involved," and click on the drop-down "Alumni Awards."

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We had a great time at our 45th Reunion! Wonderful to see everyone and we hope more will attend our 50th. Plan to get involved! It will come sooner than we think! We need you!

Congratulations to **Dave Ames '68G**, who was inducted into the Midcoast Sports Hall of Fame. He was a four-sport athlete at Camden High School, played baseball for the Black Bears, and is one of the top basketball officials in Maine.

Best wishes to Gervaise and **Bob Lapierre**, who recently celebrated their 40th anniversary.

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A warm "Maine Hello" to my 1968 classmates! There is a lot to tell you about our class.

A November 2011 article in *The Ellsworth American* announced that **John Moore '90G** was re-elected to the Ellsworth City Council.



Gathering at the Bear's Den for lunch as part of their 45th Reunion were Class of '67 members, seated, left to right: Edie McVay King, Cheryl Ashe Kugel, Carol Snyder Drummond, and Patricia Cochrane '81 C.A.S. Back row, left to right: Dave Ames '68G, Patty McKay Kelly, Pam Vaccaro, and Asimiyu Oyetunji.



Class of '67 member Sim Oyetunji, of Lagos, Nigeria, returned to Orono in early June to attend Reunion 2012. At the Class of '67 picnic, Sim enjoyed his very first lobster. He was in the United States in anticipation of the birth of a grandchild to his daughter in Kentucky. Attending UMaine is something of a family tradition for the Oyetunji family—two of Sim's daughters are also University of Maine graduates.

Last fall, the *Kennebec Journal* reported the confirmation of six Governor LePage '75G nominees. Among these nominees was **Clark Granger** (Ph.D.) of Woolwich. Clark was appointed to the Board of Pesticides Control.

A late-October college report in the *Bangor Daily News* announced the acceptance of a \$500,000 donation to the University of Maine from **Tom and Sally Savage**. The donation will be used to help fund improvements to the Alford Arena, home to the UMaine ice hockey and basketball programs, and the Memorial Gymnasium and Field House. Tom is a retired attorney. He and his wife, Sally, reside in Key Largo, FL, and Searsport. In 2007, Tom and Sally were recognized with UMaine's Stillwater Society Presidential Award for extraordinary professional and personal endeavors.

On a personal note, for the past 10 years, I have been serving the Michigan Department of Education, most recently as a test item writer for the English Language Proficiency Assessments. In addition to writing, I have been designing and developing clothing, accessories, and household items for Creativerinds.com, an eco-friendly "green business" founded in 2007.

Feel free to send news, updated email addresses, and photos to me. I will be happy to include your information in our class column for the fall alumni magazine.

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It's hard to believe that we will celebrate our 45th class Reunion in 2014. We'd like to have many of you return to join in the fun, so please email us to indicate whether a late spring date (May/June) or a fall date (Homecoming in October) would best fit into your plans. We have tried both dates in the past but would like your input. Just email with either spring or fall and also send us your news.

For 33 years, **Jim Collins** '71G has been in admissions at the University of Maine Farmington, and he retired in January of 2012. Jim is a selectman in Livermore Falls and has previously served on the school board. **Alan Bradstreet** is the host of MPBN's TV show "Incredible MAINE." **Robert Dunphy** of North Anson has been appointed to the State of Maine's Land Use Regulation Commission. **Mike Siviski**, longtime Winslow High School football coach, reached his 200th victory in September 2011. **Jerry Goss** '75G, '77 C.A.S. is mayor of Brewer and is also chairman of the Brewer High School district trustees.

Duncan Moore '96 Hon. Sc.D., University of Rochester professor and vice provost, has been elected president of the International Commission for Optics. Duncan is just the fourth American elected president of the commission, which was formed in 1947.

Keep in touch and let us know your preference for our 45th Reunion.

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I was pleased to hear from **Eric Nuse**, who took some time to send me an email catching me up on his life since leaving Orono. After getting his degree in wildlife management he went on to work for 32 years with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department as a game warden and hunter education coordinator. After retiring in 2003, he served as executive director for the International Hunter Education Association in Colorado. At this time he is executive director of a think tank, Orion-The Hunter's Institute, a consultant and expert witness for hunting-related shooting incidents, and he is also chair of the Vermont Wildlife Partnership. Eric's spare time is spent hunting and fishing and getting outdoors as much as possible and doing habitat improvement on town forest and state wildlife management areas. He has been the subject of two books, **Vermont Wild**, Volumes 1 and 2, by



Suzanne Hart '68 received the Alumni Association's prestigious Pine Tree Emblem Service Award at a special ceremony at Buchanan Alumni House in April. Suzanne served on the Alumni Association board for nearly 20 years, including terms as treasurer, vice-chair, and chair. Her thorough research and thoughtful deliberation made her a valued alumni leader. Suzanne also served the university as an advisory member of the Board of Visitors, a member of the Development Council, and as an ex-officio member of the UMaine Foundation board. A generous donor, she belongs to the Stillwater Society, the Charles F. Allen Society, and the President's Club.

Megan Price, which relate his adventures (and misadventures) as a game warden. Eric's email address is ericnuse@gmail.com, if you would like to reconnect.

John Wolfram '71G added to his coaching legacy last fall by leading Portland's Cheverus High School football team to its second straight Class A Championship. This was John's 10th state title.

Dave Wing '75G resigned as football coach at Oak Hill high school in Wales, ME. He had held the position for three years. Previously, Dave coached at Brewer and Skowhegan.

Gerry Palmer decided not to seek re-election last fall to the Bangor City Council. He first ran for office in the mid 1990s and has served as mayor as well as councilor. Gerry and his wife have seven children and three grandchildren and are building a new house in Bangor.

Dave Pearson, who was the town manager of Dexter, ME, has swapped towns and is now the Sangerville town manager. Dave had been the Dexter town manager since 2008 and before that was the tax assessor for 22 years.

That's all the news that's fit to print for now!

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Happy summer, everyone!

Dennis '76G and **Holly Ramsdell Violette** are in the news for having donated, on behalf of the Violette family, a 25-volume set of scrapbooks compiled by Dennis's family, which are full of information about the St. John Valley from 1921 to 2005. They donated the collection to the UMFK archives. **Pia Varanelli Holmes** '93G, '04 C.A.S., who has taught at Manchester Elementary School since 1988, is now the principal at Mount Vernon Elementary School and Manchester Elementary. **Elbridge Cleaves** is one of 13 members of a new commission which will recommend solutions for dealing with land-use planning of the Unorganized Territories in Maine. Elbridge is currently president of the Woodie Wheaton Land Trust.

Pamela Murphy White, who began a career of public service in the Peace Corps in Cameroon, has been serving as the UN ambassador to Gambia. She has now been nominated by President Obama to serve as the US ambassador to the Republic of Haiti.

Gerry Hawkes of Vermont has been developing Wheeled Hand Tools, called WHaTS, that are efficient, strong, and have a variety of applications. Gerry's career includes natural resource management and consulting in Africa, Asia, Europe and North America. "I became keenly aware of the need for well-designed, extremely durable hand tools," he writes. "When the Haitian earthquake struck in January 2010, scenes of desperate survivors attempting to move rubble with their bare hands was the final motivating force that led to the development of Wheeled Hand Tool Systems."

Gerry's tools can be used to haul firewood, remove stumps, move large items such as barrels or panels of plywood, and more. Visit his website: <http://www.wheeledhandtoolsystems.com/index.php>.

Dave Leland of Sangerville announced that he was engaged to Sue Jardine, also of Sangerville, and an October 2011 wedding was planned.

That's all the news we have for the Class of 1971. If you contribute a bit of news, perhaps you will inspire a friend to do likewise. We love hearing about each other's travels, career changes, or any get-togethers that are going on. Do let us know what you and your friends and family are doing. Any news is welcomed here!

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I was really pleased to hear directly from a few classmates with news to include in the column this time.

Judith Frost Gillis, retired middle school language arts teacher, is the volunteer project manager for The Curran Homestead Living History Farm and Museum in Orrington, ME. The Curran Homestead celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2011, renovated the first floor of the farmhouse, completed a two-forge blacksmith shop, and added vintage farm artifacts to the collection. Check scheduled events at the website: curranhomestead.org or on Facebook. Volunteers of any age and ability are welcome.

Tom Guter sent in some news "for the first time since I graduated. After graduation, my wife, Karen Damon Guter '71, '73G, and I moved to Portsmouth, NH, where she began her teaching career at Portsmouth Junior High School. I completed my master's in public administration at the University of New Hampshire in 1975. In 1975, we moved back to Maine. Karen worked for 31 years as librarian/media specialist in the Yarmouth school department, retiring from the Harrison Middle School in Yarmouth in June 2006. I retired as human resources director at the town of Scarborough in February of 2007, having worked there for nine years. Prior to that, I worked in a variety of capacities at BCBS of Maine (in Portland) for 19 years, leaving BCBS as VP of claims administration. In June of 2007, we sold our home in North Yarmouth, which we had built 26 years before, and moved to Fort Collins, CO, where we now reside. (Fort Collins) is about an hour north of Denver and 45 minutes south of Cheyenne, WY, along the Colorado Front Range. We're having a glorious time here, hiking, backpacking, biking, snowshoeing, fishing, and enjoying 300+ days of sunshine annually. It has been a great move for two lovers of the mountains and the outdoors. We've been fortunate to have had numerous Maine visitors, including Karen's sister, Pam Damon '73, Doug '73 (an ATO fraternity brother) and Barbara Sirois Babkirk '73, Priscilla Marsh Vandermaast '70, John '66 and Barbara Marks Chandler '68. We also had a chance to connect with **Bruce '00G** and **Becky Harvey Mailloux '95G**, '02 C.A.S. in Denver, where Bruce, who is superintendent of the Belfast area school district, had an education conference. Bruce and I were ATO fraternity brothers at Maine, as well." Tom would "love to hear from old friends at tpguter@gmail.com."

Roxanne (née Rodger) and Margo Zittel-Roy Ellis '93G sent greetings from Key West where they have lived for the past two decades. Margo



Gerry Hawkes '71 is developing **Wheeled Hand Tool Systems (WHaTS)**. The concept is to multiply the effectiveness of hand labor and to mitigate fossil fuel consumption by making manual power a viable alternative to fossil fuel-powered tools. Gerry had a forestry business in Vermont and also consulted overseas. "I'm having a lot of fun developing this product. I keep thinking of more applications and designing more components," he says.

teaches behaviorally challenged elementary students and Roxanne, who transitioned in 2009, runs their small independent cigar business in town. They have two grandchildren who live in Dallas.

Gary Cole, president of the Cole Land Transportation Museum in Bangor, ME, was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2005. At present there is no cure for this disease and over 7,000 people in Maine have it. Gary is now president of the Maine Parkinson Society, whose primary mission is to help provide respite care to those with Parkinson's. For more information about Parkinson's disease, visit www.maine Parkinson Society.org. Also visit the Cole Land Transportation Museum Website to learn about Maine transportation history at www.colemuseum.org.

Believe it or not, our 40th UMaine Reunion is this year. Homecoming weekend is October 20-21 so start thinking about Reunion. The Class of 2002 has inquired whether our class might like to meet with them at some point during Homecoming weekend to share UMaine stories and to network, offer career advice, etc. They would like to utilize the Class of 1972 as an alumni mentor class. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Valerie Mitchell, affinity programming coordinator at the UMaine Alumni Association, at Valerie_J_Mitchell@umit.maine.edu.

Now on to the clippings from the Alumni Association. **Barry Gates** was installed as potentate of Kora Shrine in Lewiston, ME, for 2012. Kora Shrine is a fraternal organization that supports hospitals that provide care for children

without financial obligation to patients and their families. Barry leads a group of nearly 2,600 Shriners in central and southern Maine. He lives in Turner with his wife, Bobby Jean.

Diane Monroe Smith and her husband, Robert "Ned" Smith '75, '82G of Holden, ME, are authors who write about Maine's participation in the Civil War. Diane's books include *Fanny and Joshua: the Enigmatic Lives of Frances Caroline Adams and Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain* and *Chamberlain at Petersburg: The Charge at Fort Hell*. Ned has written *The 22nd Maine Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War: A History and Roster*.

Sarah Medina of the Maine Tourism Commission and Seven Islands Land Company represents the tourism or outdoor recreation industry on a panel selected by Gov. Paul LePage '75G. The panel consists of a 13-member commission created to recommend solutions for "reforming the governance of land use planning" on the more than 10 million acres that comprise the unorganized territory.

Here are two links that might interest you: the University of Maine Class of 1972 Facebook page and the 1972 class page on the Alumni Association's site. Both can be found at umainealumni.com: go to the Get Involved tab, Class Pages drop-down, and choose 1972.

I'll close on an administrative note. Have you even wondered about the difference between the ALUMNI FUND and the FUND for the University of Maine? Here's an explanation from the Alumni Association.

The FUND at the University of Maine seeks support from alumni, parents, friends, faculty, and staff to support areas such as scholarships, technology upgrades, student travel and research, classroom and laboratory improvements, new program development, and other campus facilities.

The ALUMNI FUND is the Alumni Association's annual fundraising campaign. The Alumni Association is an independent 501(c)3 and 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. Gifts to the ALUMNI FUND support programs and events like Reunion and Homecoming weekends, The Black Bear Road Trip, *MAINE Alumni Magazine*, website, Bear Tracks e-newsletter, and more. Both funds support good work that ultimately benefits the University of Maine.

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Jack Cashman, a former member of Gov. John Baldacci's '86 administration and local Bangor businessman, is a partner in the new ownership group of the *Bangor Metro* magazine. **Ray Graham** and his wife, Beth, are owners of the Restaurant Barn selling new and used restaurant equipment in Ellsworth. **Jeffrey Dow**, a dentist in private practice in Newport, is a new trustee of the American Dental Association.

Phyllis Katzenstein Guerette was re-elected to the Bangor School committee. **Betty Moore Lamoreau** retired from her position as acting director of the Bureau of General Services after 31 years in state government.

Steve and I will take our first trip abroad this summer to celebrate both the marriage of our daughter Claire to Dan Burdge of Chelmsford, England, and our 40th anniversary.

1974

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The Jacksonville Alumni group had a great visit from Todd Saucier '93, '97G during the annual Black Bear Road Trip. It was so much fun to gather with other Black Bears and talk hockey, baseball, and football. We even had Dennis Doyle '67, who played on the 1965 Tangerine Bowl team!

Lynn Olsen Brown of Houlton, ME, wrote: "I self-published *Alice, Frankenstein and Saturday Night Beans....a young girl's memory of Bradford Farm*. It tells many stories of what it was like to visit my aunt's farm during the late 1950s and '60s. My late aunt, Irene Bradford, ran the farm by herself after her husband died." Lynn and her husband, **Wayne Brown**, have three children and four grandchildren. She has a Facebook page for *Alice, Frankenstein and Saturday Night Beans*.

Deborah Nelson Averill (G), a librarian at Bangor High School, helped David Bergquist '66, '69G, research a book about WWII pilot Lt. Austin Rodney Keith '44. Keith and his crew were lost in a mid-air collision in a B-29 in 1945. The research provided enough material to write *Prelude to Courage*. The book is available at www.heritagebooks.com or www.amazon.com.

After 38 years with the National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and the last 16 as manager at Agassiz NWR, in Minnesota, **Maggie Campbell Anderson** is retiring. Some of her other positions were at Petit Manan NWR in Milbridge, ME, and



Helping Children in Ghana

Two former teachers at Bangor's William S. Cohen Middle School, Betty McElwain Jamison '74 (left) and Kris Reid '87G, have been helping children in Ghana since 2007. That year they were on a tour of African schools when they stopped at a Baptist School and Orphanage Complex (known as BASCO). The teachers were moved and impressed by their visit and have returned several times since. In addition to training teachers and offering instruction to the children, they have raised money to supply the school with clothing, laptops, a projector, and even a generator. This past year they started making plans for an enclosed kitchen for BASCO. They raised \$10,000 from friends and family for the project, which is now nearly completed. Betty and Kris both retired this spring.

Lee Metcalf NWR in Stevensville, MT. Maggie plans to volunteer at various national wildlife refuges across the country. Best wishes.

Sumner Memorial High School's new assistant principal is **Brian Carpenter**. He has held various positions in Calais, Lubec, Hermon, Penquis Valley, and Madawaska.

Alan Casavant became the new mayor of Biddeford and continues to represent House District 137 in the Maine Legislature. He ran on a "Positive, Professional" campaign slogan which appealed to the voters.

Ellsworth chief of police, **John DeLeo**, was recognized by the Ellsworth City Council for his 35 years of service to the community. He joined the department in 1976 and rose through the ranks to become chief in 1998.

E. Paul Eggert '75G was appointed to his third term as district court judge by the Maine Senate.

Congratulations to **Bill Fletcher** (G), '77 C.A.S. for his induction into the Sports Legends Hall of Fame. Bill coached basketball and was athletic director at various schools, retiring from Brewer High School in 1992.

Cold River Vodka is back in the news with **Lee Thibodeau** and **Bob Harkins**. During January, February, and March of 2012, Cold River donated a pound of potatoes to food banks in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts for every bottle of vodka sold.

Jeff Ingalls retired from coaching after more than 30 years. Most recently he was head girls' soccer coach at Hampden Academy.

Steve Pelletier is still throwing the javelin, maybe better than ever! Last summer he received a silver medal in the Granite State Senior Games in the 60-64 division with a throw of 139' 8".

Estate planning attorney **Harold "Hal" Snow** is an owner of the firm of Garvey Schubert Barer in Seattle, WA. He is an author and speaker and active in the legal communities of Alaska and Washington State.

Not many people can say they started teaching in a two-room school, but **Patricia Watts** '98 C.A.S. did. Today she is the assistant superintendent and curriculum director for the Regional School Unit 12 in the Sheepscot Valley.

Final Notes: Please consider making an annual contribution to the Alumni Association's The ALUMNI FUND or The FUND for the University of Maine. For more information about these two programs, go to www.umainealumni.com or www.umaine.edu/development.

The Class of 1974 extends its condolences to Coach Walt Abbott '58, '65G on the death of his wife and partner, Carol. Know that we all love you and hold you in our thoughts and prayers.

Hope you are having a great summer. Don and I look forward to spending a month at our little piece of Maine heaven! Oh, and most of us have reached a new decade this year – relish it!

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1975

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After a very mild winter in Ithaca, spring is here. Life is busy as always with keeping up with a teenage daughter, my running, and our home and work schedules. We just returned from a visit to Colorado to see my son and will head to Baltimore in a week to visit daughter Meredith. I would love to hear any news of you and your family.

In January, the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce named **John Finnegan** Business Person of the Year in recognition of John's efforts to make his business and community a better place. John has worked 36 years for the Macomber, Farr, and Whitten Insurance Agency where he is now a partner and president. He also organized the annual Whatever Family Festival, taught at the University of Maine at Augusta (UMA), and served on UMA's board of visitors. John also finds time to serve on the board of directors of the UMA Foundation, Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Augusta Parking District, on the Lithgow Library board of trustees, play the organ and volunteer in his church, serve as chairman of the steering committee for the Maine Families Network, and be part of the classic rock band, Cahoots.

Joe Sekera retired this past year after 43 years at John Baptist Memorial High School. Almost 150 friends, family, including all nine of his children; and past students were present to honor the naming of the Joseph W. Sekera Auditorium. During Joe's tenure at the school, he served as principal for 30 years, math teacher, athletic director, coach, adviser, and director of alumni relations.

Last August, **Mark Plummer** won his third Maine Senior Amateur golf title. Mark has also won a record 13 Maine Amateur championships and two New England Amateur awards.

Ned Smith and his wife, Diane Monroe Smith, have been married 42 years and share a common passion for Civil War history. They began their study of Fanny and Joshua Chamberlain when their son, a civil war re-enactor, was an extra in the film *Gettysburg*. In 2010, Ned's book, *The 22nd Maine Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War: A History and Roster*, was published by McFarland & Co.

Gov. **Paul LePage** (G) was inducted as a Project Employer Advisory Board honoree during the Employment Expansion Project Celebration in Washington, D.C., for work with the High Hopes Clubhouse in Waterville. The High Hopes Clubhouse offers educational, social, and employment opportunities for people with mental illness. LePage has been involved with this group since 1996.

John Silvia wrote, "I became chairman of the board of International Manufacturing Services, in Portsmouth, RI, and recently completed my Ph.D. in business management from the School of Business and Economics of Atlantic

International University.

"I was inducted into Alpha Iota Mu Chapter (Providence College chapter) of Theta Alpha Kappa, National Honor Society for Religious Studies/Theology as a candidate for master of theological studies as part of my formation for permanent deacon in the Diocese of Providence. Graduation will be in the spring of 2013. I will be receiving the minor order Acolyte from the Diocese of Providence on May 23, 2013. If all goes as planned, I will be ordained as a permanent deacon in the Diocese of Providence in February of 2013, at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral in Providence, RI.

"Best of all, my first grandchild, Gabrielle Kim Silvia, was born to my son John III in January. Both my sons are now engineers and Eagle Scouts, and John III completed his MBA last year. So, we try to keep busy."

I wish everyone a great summer. Please write and let me know about special events in your life.

1976

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Hello '76ers! You all have been fairly quiet lately. After you read our column, send me an email updating your status for our next issue.

Joe Gallant was featured in the *Bangor Daily News* as he started his new position as principal of All Saints Catholic School in Bangor. Joe had previously been principal of Old Town High School. **Robert Merrill** has been elected to serve on the Camden National Bank's board of directors. He also was recognized last fall by the Maine Coast Memorial Hospital board for his work as chair of the board of trustees. Bob is the president of Merrill Furniture in Ellsworth.

Maine television personality **Bill Green** was inducted into the Maine Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame. Bill has worked at WLBZ since 1972, starting out as a cameraman and debuting as a sportscaster in 1975. In 1981 he moved to Portland to anchor the weekend sports statewide on WCSH and WLBZ. In 2000 Bill launched an original series, *Bill Green's Maine*, which explores and archives Maine life. **David Gordon**, president of Katahdin Cedar Log Homes, announced a new deal to build

houses in China. Dave's Oakfield-based company will build 20 single-family homes as part of a deal with Syswin, one of the largest real estate development companies in China.

Have a wonderful summer.
Dave

1977

*Honored class at Homecoming
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Hello, classmates, and happy summer! It hardly seems possible that this year marks the 35th anniversary of our graduation. How time does fly! So mark your calendars now for Homecoming October 19-21.

Just a few notes to pass along, thanks to the friendly and very helpful folks at the Alumni office. **Steve Kahl** '82G, '98 Ph.D. has joined the James W. Sewall Company of Old Town, where he is directing a multidisciplinary environmental sciences group. **Stephan Bunker**, operations manager for Maine's Emergency Services Bureau, has been elected vice president of the Maine Municipal Association.

Winthrop author **Lynn Plourde** '78G teamed up with Donn Fendler '50 and an illustrator to create a graphic novel, *Lost Trail: Nine Days Alone in the Wilderness*, an illustrated rendition based on Fendler's classic chapter book, *Lost on a Mountain in Maine*.

That's it for the news. Again, don't forget Homecoming October 19-21. Let's make it a great turnout for our 35th!

1978

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I'm so excited! Classmates responded to my pleas, and I therefore have news to report.

In the last edition of the magazine, I had asked to hear from people who ate at Wells Commons, and **Chris Lowe** was kind enough to reply. Chris was married for 30 years to Carmen Courtois '79, who sadly passed away in December of 2009; for two years they ate dinner together every evening in the little dining room behind the main area. After being widowed, Chris decided to take his life in a new direction and is currently in the first of a four-year program to become a priest. He is studying at Blessed John XXIII Seminary in Weston, MA, and plans to be ordained in the Catholic Diocese

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of Boston in 2015.

Martha Gonya Humler and two of her best friends, **Martha Watson Deane** and **Patty McDonough Penley '79**, wrote to say that they still get together regularly and that nothing can compare with the value of their UMaine friendships.

Martha Gonya Humler spent 18 years climbing the corporate ladder in the human resources area at Jordan Marsh, and is currently living in the Washington, DC, area with her husband, Herve, and two children. She said her children love coming back to Maine each summer, and that her son enjoys attending basketball camp at the University of Maine each year.

Martha Deane's family was honored last year with the Fogler Legacy Award for having four generations of University of Maine graduates, starting with her grandfather, and culminating with her two daughters. Her husband, **Peter Deane**, was also a member of the fabulous Class of '78. They have two daughters: Jessica '06 is a second-year resident in OB/GYN in Charlotte, NC, and Jennifer '07 is a physician assistant.

Although their pal **Patty McDonough Penley '79** is, unfortunately for her, not a member of our class, I'll give her the ink that I'd give all of you if you'd only write. She is a teacher in the Scarborough school system and has raised three children with her husband, **Billy Penley '77**. Her daughter, **Tricia '06**, is a nutritionist working in Auburn. Their second child attended UMF and is a second grade teacher, and their youngest child "lost his mind and went to school in Massachusetts," according to Martha.

As always, I'd love to hear from you.

1979

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Greetings to the Class of 1979! Hope everyone is well and happy! If anyone has any news to report please send it my way. We would enjoy hearing from you.

Vern Baillargeon has joined Professional Disability Associates (a provider of specialty risk management services) as its senior vice president of strategic performance solutions.

Sgt. **Peter Barton** has retired from the Farmington Police Department after 29 years of service. He was promoted to sergeant in 1996. Peter was instrumental in the formation of the bike patrol that still serves the greater downtown area of Farmington.

Karen Heck (G) was elected mayor of Waterville, ME. Karen is a senior program officer for the Bingham Program (a charitable endowment established to promote health and advance medicine in Maine) and a founder of Hardy Girls Healthy Women (a nonprofit organization dedicated to the health and well-being of girls and

women). She is the city's 52nd mayor. In 2008, Karen was inducted into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame.

Mike Hodgson '82G is now the assistant athletic director for development at UMaine. In this new position Mike will, among other things, organize the football team's charter trips and be responsible for the Sports Hall of Fame. He is also the co-author of *Tackling Football: A Women's Guide to Understanding the College Game*.

Shaw & Tenney, owned by **Steve Holt '93G** and **Nancy Forster-Holt '90G**, has been hand-crafting wooden oars and paddles since 1858. It has been selected by L.L. Bean to help it celebrate its 100th anniversary. They have teamed with West Branch Heritage Timber of Millinocket, which harvests centuries-old logs that lie at the bottom of Quakish Lake in the north woods, to produce special paddles for the occasion.

Stephen M. Leackfeldt '80G has been promoted to the position of executive vice president of the retail banking division for Bar Harbor Bankshares, the parent company of Bar Harbor Bank & Trust. He is also an owner of State Cinemas located in Calais, ME.

Judith Smith Lucarelli (G) retired as superintendent of RSU 13, which serves the Rockland and Thomaston areas. She now works with the University of Maine's Muskie School of Public Service.

Everett O'Neill has been promoted from vice president of operations and manufacturing to president of Great Northern Paper Company, LLC. He oversees the management and operations of GNP's East Millinocket paper mill.

Dale Phillips has published a number of books (which can be found in the Buchanan Alumni House library). He's got two series mysteries published by Briona Glen Publishing, and has six short story collections, available in print and ebook format. (www.daletphillips.com)

Marc E. Violette and his brothers and sister have donated a 25-volume set of scrapbooks from the estate of their mother, **Marcella Bélanger Violette**, to the University of Maine at Fort Kent's Acadian Archives. The scrapbooks' 3,000 pages detail the social, cultural, political, and current events of the St. John Valley from 1920 through 2004.

1980

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Hi, everyone! I am enjoying your emails and Facebook postings.

Pam Burch and her husband, **David Ives '79**, have recently moved to rural West Newbury, MA. Pam has a new position as the library director in Newfields, NH. They are enjoying being empty-nesters.

Pam writes,

"We love living in the country—no streetlights and we have a beautiful view of a reservoir. Lots of wildlife and birds to watch! Our oldest son, **Graham**, just graduated from college and our youngest is a sophomore at Western New England University. Where did the time go?"

Cindy Peacock Gaylord was recently awarded the Grinspoon Excellence in Teaching Award. Cindy teaches fifth grade in Westfield, MA, and enjoys it immensely! Her youngest son graduates from high school this year, and will attend Boston University this fall. Congratulations, Cindy!

College roommate and friend **Gail Deabay Rucci** and husband, **Mike**, have to absolutely be the youngest-looking grandparents ever! Their lovely daughter recently gave birth to beautiful **Anna Grace**. Congratulations to all!

I am happy to be spending my summer at Camp Sno Mo once again. The campers, counselors, and camp staff keep a smile on my face. The best part of it for me is having another summer with my boys, now almost 17 and 20.

Please keep in touch! Your stories and your life are important to all of us. Take care, and let's connect at Homecoming this fall! (Anyone have the GPS coordinates for the tailgate area?)

1981

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Greetings, fellow Black Bears! You must have all be hibernating still as the mailbag doesn't contain much this time around! Even my Facebook plea only brought one response! Kudos to **Stacey Smith Guerin** for sending me a note! Stacey and her husband, **Joe**, bought R.M. Flagg, a food service equipment company, this past year, where Joe had worked for years. They're right down the road from me in Veazie, and they're doing a heck of a job with the business and want you all to know that they are not just wholesaler! If you're a cook and entertainer, you need to check them out at www.rmflagg.com! Stacey doesn't stop there! She also serves the communities of Glenburn, Levant, Kenduskeag, and Corinth in the Maine House of Representatives. She joins classmate **Dianne McLaughlin Tilton** in the House, so the Class of '81 is well-represented! Do we have any other classmates in Augusta?

Our Facebook page is up to 43 members, as of this writing. We're growing, but my calculator tells me that's only two and a half percent of the class! I know more of you are on Facebook, so go to the page and join us! You can send me a private message with your update for the next magazine or make a public post and I'll grab it from there. You don't have to be a Facebook junkie. I'm in the media business, so have to be there regularly, but admit that it is a great way to reconnect with old friends. How would you like to know something about **Kim Powell**

Ladue, Deb Sorrells Nelson, Bill Fraser, Steve Holden, Stan Eames, Kris Everett Stewart, John Terrio, or Michelle Amato? It's all on Facebook!

Snail mail still connects a number of us at holiday time and it is fun to see the photos that people send—especially now that it is so easy to attach personal photos to newsletters! **Val Haynes Morton** once again sends me her creative holiday newsletter from East Longmeadow, MA. Although she hates to admit that she's old enough to have a married daughter, she and **Robb** sent news of Rebecca's '10 wedding last September. Are there any other weddings going on out there?

The clipping service tells me that **Ronald Bourget** has left his family's law practice in Augusta and opened a solo practice at 185 State Street. He's been in the legal business for 26 years and practices in a variety of areas including criminal, family law, divorce, wills, estates, and property work. I know **Mark O'Brien** also practices law in that area, but haven't heard a peep out of him in years (that's a hint!). Also, received a clipping on the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce annual dinner, where **Bill Lucy** received the Community Service Award on behalf of People's United Bank. He is the Northern Maine president of People's.

Janice Newell Bissex has published another great cookbook aimed at helping parents provide nutritious meals that young children will enjoy. Anyone who knows kids who won't eat much besides noodles, white rice, and Cheerios would appreciate *No Whine with Dinner*. The book has 150 healthy recipes that have been tested by children, and is coauthored by Janice and her fellow dietitian author Liz Weiss.

That's all the news for now! But I'm counting on all of you reading this to shoot me a note via one method or another before the next magazine deadline. And while you're at it, please remember our class scholarship fund! At our Reunion last fall, we set a goal of \$30,000 over the next five years and we have a long way to go to reach that goal! Please, consider sending \$81 to boost the fund so that we can continue to help descendants of the great Class of '81 with their educations. Let's blow that goal away!

1982

Honored class at Homecoming October 19-21, 2012

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Class of '82—I hope you are planning to attend Homecoming! It's the class's 30th Reunion. Please mark your calendar for the weekend of October 20-21 and plan to come back to Orono for a fun time.

The Class of '82 needs a new class



Lyndy Martin Rohman '81 and dance partner **Matt Sevey '12** took home trophies at the **Dancing for the Stars** event to benefit the **Phillips-Strickland House** on March 17 at the **Bangor Civic Center**.

correspondent to write this column. Without someone to write the news, the class won't be represented in the magazine. If you are interested, please contact Abby Zelz at the above address.

Stephen Betts, who previously worked as a journalist in the Rockland area, has joined the *Bangor Daily News*. Stephen will continue to report on Knox County news for the paper.

Also at the *Bangor Daily News*, **Ernie Clark** received a first-place award for his sports columns on baseball and a controversial play call that determined the outcome of a high school football game.



Tim Powers '82 (right) was presented with the **GCSAA/Golf Digest 2011 Environmental Leaders in Golf Award** in February in Las Vegas. He is a certified golf course superintendent at **Crystal Springs Golf Course** in Burlingame, CA. The course operates under an integrated pest management/chemical application management plan that keeps it as chemical free as possible. Presenting the award was Golf Course Superintendents Association of America president, **Bob Randquest**.

Gregory Dalton was promoted to executive vice president of business banking at Bar Harbor Bank and Trust. He has been with the bank for 20 years.

Robin Kennedy '94G teaches middle school science at Seabasticook Middle School in Newport.

The new principal at 14th Street School is **Lynn Ronan Silk '95G**, who previously taught and was principal at Lewis S. Libby School in Milford.

Russell Smith lives in Monmouth.

Mutt Nose Best is the name of a natural products company for dogs, owned by **Doug Dwyer** and his wife, Jenny. Based in Bangor, Doug and Jenny produce different products, including a healing balm that helps prevent dry skin and sunburn in canines. Doug is also vice president of Chute Chemicals Company.

Beth Sturtevant is president of CCB, a multi-million dollar woman-owned construction firm serving New England and beyond. After graduation, she began as a field engineer with HE Sargent and later worked her way up to becoming principal owner of CCB. The company is located in Westbrook.

"**Deedy**" **Brown Frederick** emailed: "2012 will mark our 30th anniversary and my 30th year teaching fifth grade. I love my job and wake up every morning anxious to go to work with our future generation. I consider my job one of the most important things I do each day and I continue sharing this privilege with future teachers who are attending UMaine. I enjoy being a supervising teacher along with being on the alumni advisory committee for Pi Beta Phi for the past 25 years. I live in Dedham with my husband and two daughters, ages 16 and 14.

"I look forward to our 30th Reunion next year and invite ANY local alumni to contact the Alumni Association to learn about all the areas you may be able to offer support."

Remember, the class needs someone to write this column so that '82 news can be included in the magazine. Please consider helping!

1983

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Hello, Class of '83. A huge thank you to **Bob Fitta**, your class correspondent for the past six years. He has decided to move on, and as your class secretary, I will be taking on the task. Don't be afraid to share news with your classmates! What are you doing? How have you used your degree from UMaine to advance your career? Are your children attending the

University of Maine? Don't forget about the Class of 1983 scholarship fund. I graduated with a degree in journalism and after working 20 years for a Fortune 500 educational publisher I am currently a freelance graphic designer, art researcher, and started a small book-publishing company on the side.

Janine di Giovanni, one of Europe's most experienced war correspondents, has written a new book, *Ghosts by Daylight*, recently published by Knoff. **W. Edward Crockett** has joined Oakhurst Dairy as retail sales director. **Mark S. Ashton**, professor of silviculture, forest ecology, and director of school forests at Yale University, has been named to the American Forests New Science Advisory Board. American Forests is the oldest conservation non-profit in the country and is dedicated to protecting and restoring America's forests. Maine Governor Paul LePage '75G nominated **Bruce Flewelling** of Easton to the Maine Board of Pesticides Control.

Cancer survivor **Terri Doten Coolong** is now a facilitator for a newly formed support group for cancer patients and caregivers sponsored by Penobscot Valley Hospital. She recently completed the hospital's 5K Run-Walk for Wellness and 5K Champion the Cure Challenge at CancerCare of Maine. Terri says, "I want to do anything I can to ensure others beat breast cancer too. Let's go out and kick cancer to oblivion!"

If you are concerned about the health of your pet, **David Cloutier**, DVM, owner of the Veazie Veterinary Clinic, is now offering pet rehabilitation; there is an aquatic treadmill, massage therapy, chemotherapy, and other services for pets. **Karen Weston Baldacci** '01G, former first lady of Maine, received the Hope Award from the Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free Foundation in recognition of her leadership after leaving the governor's residence.

1984

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Hi, classmates! I am writing this column in the spring on a gray and dreary day, but I am imagining the sun and warmth of summer. I hope yours is fun and relaxing. Send me emails or postcards sharing travel and non-travel news! I love passing those on to your classmates.

Cem Giray '87G, '96 Ph.D. is the chief operations officer for Kennebec River Biosciences based in Richmond, ME. The company was founded in 1996 as Micro Technologies and operates a leading U.S. Department of Agriculture-approved veterinary diagnostic lab. The company's key partners include the University of Maine, Maine Technology Institute, and Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences. Most of its clients are small- to mid-sized fish and shellfish farmers throughout the U.S. who need certification to

move their animals around, either interstate or internationally. The company also helps clients diagnose the cause of sick fish or shellfish and determine what's killing them.

Kenneth Gignac has joined Ayers Saint Gross as senior landscape architect. The company is a top international architectural and planning firm based in Baltimore. Gignac is a landscape architect, a LEED professional, and is ASLA certified. After receiving an associate's degree from UMaine, he attained a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Syracuse University and a master's degree in landscape architecture from Harvard University.

Last fall, **Amanda Hidu Bost** '87G was named chairwoman of the Brewer School Board. She had previously served as deputy chair.

I got an email from **Tim Fram** on his 50th birthday! He looks great! Hard to believe most of us have reached or will soon be reaching that milestone.

Well, that's all the news I have for now. I hope to have more for the next issue. Have a great summer!

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By the time you read this, my husband and I will be gearing up for life without kids in the house everyday. How did those 20 years go by so quickly? Time to rekindle old friendships and explore new pastimes!

Congratulations to **Jim Grady**, new chief executive officer of Cellebrite USA (Glen Rock, NJ), a global company and leading provider of mobile forensics and mobile data transfer solutions. After earning his mechanical engineering degree at UMaine, Jim earned an MBA from Harvard University. Jim's career has included time with General Electric, The Boston Consulting Group, AirTouch/PrimeCo/Verizon Wireless, and Alcatel-Lucent Ventures.

Kerri Longval Prescott has joined Priority Group LLC as its marketing and communications director. Kerri is in her third term in the Maine Legislature, representing the Topsham area, serving on the labor, commerce, research, and economic development committee.

The Secretary of State appointed **Jay Martin** to serve as Maine's small business advocate. Jay is credited with expanding the Bangor-based *Coffee News* publication across the U.S. The position was created under a law aimed at removing burdensome business regulations.

Jim Tortorella has been hired as an associate head coach for men's ice hockey at the University of New Hampshire, after a 16-year career as coach at Division III Colby College. Jim is past president of the American Hockey Coaches Association and has been an assistant for the U.S. World Junior team.

Carol Cronin and **Fern Nadeau** were

recently married on a beach in Antigua. Carol is employed with Essilor of America, working as a consultant in the optical industry. The couple resides in Scarborough, ME.

When you're out and about, please speak highly of UMaine to prospective students, employers, the media, and, if you live in Maine, your state legislators. Support is needed now, more than ever! And if you have a few minutes, drop me an email so I can share your news with your old friends.

1986

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Paul T. Conway launched Generation Opportunity (www.generationopportunity.org) last year. The new social media and grassroots organization is designed to educate and engage young adults ages 18-29 on issues such as youth unemployment, American energy independence, and the federal debt. With over 2.4 million fans on their Facebook pages BeingAmericanbyGO and TheConstitutionbyGO, Generation Opportunity is now among the largest social media organizations in the country providing online voter registration, online media and grassroots training, and grassroots field activities nationwide.

"We were very active in Virginia last fall and are active nationwide on voter education and voter registration—we are a 501(c)4—non-partisan and nonprofit," Paul wrote.

Paul has been active in government and public affairs since his graduation and has served under four U.S. presidents and four federal Cabinet secretaries. He currently serves Virginia governor Bob McDonnell as an appointee on boards dealing with homeland security and the licensing of health professionals.

Last March, **Dave Robertson**, primary patent examiner from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, presented two sessions for students at UMaine. Dave offered a general overview of the patent process and discussed job opportunities with current students.

The Class of 1986 needs someone to write this column twice a year for the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. It doesn't take much time and it's a fun way to find out what's going on with your classmates. If you are interested in being the 1986 class correspondent, please contact Abby Zelz at the above address.

Enjoy summer and please let people know what's going on in your life!

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October 19-21.**

1987

Honored class at Homecoming October 19-21, 2012

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Hello, Class of '87. Here is all of our latest class news for this summer article.

In November **Lynn Hearty Coutts** was named the women's softball coach at UMaine. While most of us were at UMaine she was a standout pitcher for the women's softball team and was known as a fiery competitor who despised losing. In 1993 Lynn was inducted into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame. She spent the first few months of her tenure getting to know the players and putting them through their paces. Thus far it has been a challenging year for the team.

In December, **Becky Hobbs** was named executive director of The Next Step Domestic Violence Project in Ellsworth. Becky is a certified public accountant and has been involved in the domestic violence prevention and response movement for 20 years. Her solid financial background and experience in domestic violence will help advance the mission of Next Step.

In November, **Amy Everett Cotton** led the World Congress Leadership Summit on Innovative Care Delivery Models for the Aging Population. Over her 24-year career, Amy has devoted much of her time to improving the quality of senior health services. Nationally certified in gerontological nursing, she is the director of operations and senior service quality for EMHS Continuum of Care. She is also president of the National Gerontology Nursing Association. Also in November, **Joe Baldacci** was elected to the Bangor City Council. Previously Joe was a two-term city councilor and mayor.

Linda Boyington McLeod '01G was elected to the Old Town city council. Linda is the principal at Indian Island School. **Barbara McCleave** has been keeping busy as a volunteer, trustee, and secretary-treasurer for the Dorcas Library in Gouldsboro. A scientist, Barbara taught in the zoology department at UMaine and then went into social work for a decade before retiring. **Nathan Saunders** has been playing violin with the Augusta Symphony Orchestra for the past few years. He handcrafted the violin that he plays, "Cordelia" while studying the fine art of violin making at The Chimneys Violin Shop. Nate is a field services manager for the state drinking water program.

Kelly Tingley launched Hardcore Hoops so that she could share the joy of fitness hooping. She makes and sells weighted hoops that are designed so that anyone can hoop and get fit. Fitness hooping is a fun, full-body cardiovascular exercise. She teaches classes in the Bangor area and offers wellness programs to local businesses. Kelly says that exercise should be fun! For more info, see her Website: www.hardcorehoop.com.

Kimberly Dagher (G) is the owner of Savour Chocolatier in Veazie. She has re-introduced what she calls the "original" Bangor taffy. She uses a recipe that dates back to 1913 and that she believes to be the original recipe used to make Bangor taffy back in the days when it was sold on the Maine Central Railroad by porters. She also makes other confections using Maine flavors such as blueberries, maple, and blackberries.

As I mentioned in the winter 2012 article, our 25th Reunion is this year. We have a Class of '87 Scholarship Fund with just over \$4,000 in it. We need a balance of \$20,000 in order to award a scholarship. It would be great if we could make that happen this year. Let's just say it's been a few years since anyone made a contribution to the fund.

There are two ways that you can help out by making a contribution. You can send a check payable to the University of Maine Foundation with Class of '87 Scholarship written in the memo. The address is:

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Or you can give online at www.umainefoundation.org. When you make your online contribution please designate the money for the Class of '87.

I did receive a few emails from classmates with their email addresses. The Alumni Association only has about 20 percent of our current email addresses, so please send them in.

Let us know if you've invented something or opened a business or landed your dream job. Have a great summer and see you at the Reunion in October!

1988

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Hello—I hope you are having a chance to enjoy some of the season's fine weather. News for the Class of 1988 is a bit sparse this time, and I hope to have more to share next winter. If you have any news that could be included, drop me a line. I'd like to include you in the next *MAINE Alumni Magazine*.

First up, news about careers: Congratulations go out to **Jay Fortier** of Orono, ME, on his promotion to assistant vice president of member business services at the University Credit Union.

Congratulations are also sent to **Janet Boyle Hope** who was honored in 2011 by the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) with the 2011 Facility Leadership Award. Janet is the director at the Brewer Rehabilitation and Living Center, a 111-bed nursing and rehabilitation center, and the ACHCA award "recognizes administrators of nursing homes

who have met superior health care standards."

Steve Crane of Exeter, ME, deserves recognition for becoming the president of the National Potato Council for 2012. As a third-generation farmer and co-owner of Crane Brothers, Steve not only is dedicated to helping the potato industry nationally but also has served on the Maine Potato Seed Board, the Maine Potato Growers board of directors, and has been a member of his local school board.

Moving on to celebrity chef **Matthew Kenney** who, after graduating from college, moved to New York City and became interested in the culinary world. Today, Matthew is a leader in the raw food movement and the author of several cookbooks including *Everyday Raw Express*, which came out in 2011. While still maintaining a residence in Maine, traveling takes up much of his time, and his focus is often outside of Maine on the Matthew Kenney Academy in Oklahoma City and on his restaurant, Matthew Kenney OKC. "Both celebrate artfully prepared raw cuisine," reports the *Portland Press Herald*. After reading the October 12, 2011, article in the *Portland Press Herald* titled "Celebrity chef looks to open minds, palates to raw food," I realized that this is an area of cooking about which I know little. Thank you, Matthew, for broadening my horizons. I may have to check out your latest cookbook.

While some of us have career news to share, another Class of '88 graduate has made the news with his philanthropic work. **Doug DeAngelis**, the individual who "invented a computerized timing system that is used world wide," donated a scoreboard for the Brewer High School track that is valued at over \$100,000. Thank you, Doug, for your generosity.

And to all the rest of the Class of '88 who don't make the papers but who do their part to make the world a little better, thanks. Have a good summer and fall, everyone.

1989

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Greetings, fellow UMainers! I hope the last few months have been treating you well. I am looking forward to enjoying a beautiful Maine summer. Here are a few tidbits about our classmates. Please send along updates to me at ksilsby@gwi.net. Thanks!

Bill Reed served as the Veazie town manager for 19 years and is moving on to other opportunities. The late **Judy Kellogg Markowsky** (G) '89 Ph.D. served as the director of the Maine Audubon Society's Fields Pond Nature Center in Holden and was honored by the Maine Audubon Society.

Scott Haskell was honored by the *Bangor Daily News* after a 33-year career as a photojournalist and photo editor. He retired last August.

Martha Russell Gervais, owner, closed the City Park Grill on Main Street in Old Town. **Richard Kimball '97G** was named Maine Sportscaster of the Year for the fourth time. He will host a new drive time sports talk show that will air on Bangor radio station Fox Sports New AM 910 WAEI.

Michael S. Riley works for the new James W. Sewall Company, which is a multidisciplinary environmental science group offering innovative solutions to their clients. He is the company's senior project manager.

Pat Cummings '44H was inducted as an honorary engineer into the University of Maine College of Engineering's Francis Crowe Society. She is currently the vice president for development and alumni relations at UMaine.

Michele W. Albion published *The Florida Life of Thomas Edison* and *The Quotable Edison*. Her most recent work is *The Quotable Henry Ford* and she is working on a fourth book as well.

Eric Redard was appointed executive director of Hospice of York.

Carolyn Neighoff '96G was recognized for her service to the Bread of Life Ministries and other organizations by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. She received the Community Service Award.

Christopher Smith released a new novel on the Kindle and Nook titled *From Manhattan with Love*.

Peter Crichton (G) was elected to a two-year term as president of the National Association of County Administrators. **Peter Hallowell '91G** was elected to a four-year term on the city council of Presque Isle. **Janet Trombley Hughes '92G** won reelection to the town council of Hampden.

Susan Vento Griffis '92G joined the teaching staff at Scarborough Middle School as a resource room teacher.

Bob Corkum, who assists UMaine hockey coach Tim Whitehead '92G, had a successful first stint as the national hockey team head coach last summer. He coached the U.S. team to the gold medal in the Under-17 Five Nations Tournament in Ann Arbor, MI.

Walter McKee set up his own law firm called McKee Law in Augusta.

We have certainly been a busy class. Have a great season, all.

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I would like to share with you that unfortunately one of our classmates, **Timothy "Hales" Haley** passed away. Steve Tragakis '89 sent in the following about "Hales's" passing:

"At the age of 44, Timothy 'Hales' Haley '90, passed away on Feb. 27, 2012, following a



Steve Thomas '92, '94G is now the commercial regional manager for Camden National Bank in Penobscot and Piscataquis counties. Steve also serves as the president of the Bangor Humane Society. He lives in Hermon with his wife, Deborah, and their three children.

three-year battle with cancer. Tim was a devoted father, husband, son, friend, and brother to not only his sisters, but to his brothers at Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Tim's favorite motto toward the end was 'It doesn't matter how many times you get knocked down, it only matters that you get back up.' Tim demonstrated pride, courage, grit, and humor throughout his battle with cancer and he never complained. Tim is survived by his wife, Kimberly; daughter, Mia; parents, Frederick J. and MaryEileen Haley; and sisters Robin and Karen Haley. The world was a better place with Tim in it, and he will be greatly missed!"

Peter Chase '92G wrote that he and his wife, Jenny, adopted a son, Brandon, in September 2011. Brandon, age two, joins his almost seven-year-old brother Nikolas. The family traveled to Aruba last Thanksgiving and to Germany in March with 14 of Peter's students. Peter is a teacher at The Pennington School, a coeducational school serving day and boarding students in grades six through 12 located in Pennington, NJ.

R. Todd Walker took over the Farm Family Insurance Agency of Cumberland and Sagadahoc counties. Previously he was at UNUM/Colonial Life as a regional manager.

In fall 2011 **Laurie Miller** was hired as a third grade teacher at Bangor Christian Schools located in Bangor, ME. She has 19 years of experience in education and previously worked at Frankfort Elementary School, Penobscot Christian School, and Calvary Chapel Christian School. She lives with her husband and two children in Old Town, ME.

In fall 2011 **Donna Warren Chale (G)** was elected to Pittsfield's town council. **Andrew Neff** now covers greater Bangor news instead

of sports for the *Bangor Daily News*. **David Austin** was selected as the deputy chairman of the Brewer school board in fall 2011.

William Keleher is the CEO and president of Kennebec River Biosciences located in Richmond, ME. Kennebec River Biosciences has national and international clientele and is known for their customer service. The biosciences company initially focused on the needs of the salmon aquaculture industry, but has since diversified their services to areas such as veterinary services, bivalve shellfish testing, and contract research.

1991

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I haven't heard from anyone who went to the 20-year class Reunion. I'm still waiting for your stories of a wild or perhaps sentimental weekend in Orono. What left the biggest impression?

Kathleen Reddy Montejo was recently surprised by colleagues and friends when presented with a Maine Town and City Clerks' Association Ethelyn Stuart Marthia Memorial Award. The award honors a previous fellow clerk whom she'd greatly admired. Kathleen has served as city clerk and registrar of voters for Lewiston since 1999. She previously served as Bath city clerk and Woolwich town clerk.

Rachel Patterson Bailey has been promoted to director of finance at Hollywood Slots Hotel and Raceway in Bangor. In her new position, Rachel will oversee all accounting operations at the facility as well as information technology, compliance, player services, and purchasing. She began working with the company in 2005 on a team that was responsible for opening the very first gaming operation in Maine.

Maureen Healy Rothbacher, her husband, Rick, and their three children, Rose, Luke, and Anna, moved from Maine to Bartlett, IL, in August 2010. Maureen is employed as a school nurse for School District U-46.

The recipient of the Class of 1991 Scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year at UMaine is Alexis Scott, the daughter of **Roger Scott**. Alexis received \$169 in scholarship assistance from this fund. Alexis is a freshman majoring in biology and honors and is from Mount Vernon, ME. Funds for the Class of 1991 Scholarship come from contributions that classmates make and earmark for the class scholarship. So keep that in mind next time you make a donation to UMaine!

Another proud father is **Leon "Cynd" Dyjak (G)**, who coaches his daughter Analies Ross-Dyjak on the Orono High School girls' soccer team where Analies is the leading scorer. Cynd is continuing a family tradition. His father was his soccer coach. Cynd has been coaching the Orono girls for 29 years.

Summer fun is just around the corner. If you decide to do something wacky and adventurous—try bungee jumping for the first time, finish visiting all 50 states, hike the Appalachian Trail, move across the country, plant an awesome garden, or catch up with old friends at the beach, send me an email so we can congratulate you on your achievements and share your news. Go Blue!

1992

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Greetings, Class of '92. I haven't received many updates but would love to hear from you about what you're doing with work, family, friends, and community.

Kudos to **Steve Thomas '94G**, who was honored with the Commitment to the Shareholder Award by Camden National Bank. Steve is vice president and commercial banking officer in their Bangor market. **Steve Weston** was appointed music director and organist at the First Congregational Church of Camden, United Church of Christ. Currently residing in Belfast, Steve also serves as artistic director for the Bangor Area Children's Choir, and is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Maine at Orono, where he teaches orchestration.

While searching for a great fit with a company as an in-house attorney, **Debra L. Feldman** has been building on her seven years of corporate transactional attorney experience by working with Furr & Cohen, P.A. in Boca Raton, FL, on bankruptcy matters. Debra is also volunteering as a job mentor at Boca Helping Hands.

Congratulations to **Cynthia Hillman Forbush (G)**, who won her seat as an incumbent on the SAD 29 school board during elections in November 2011.

I am excited about attending various events, including TEDx in Penn Quarter, DC; The Sustainable Living Fair in Norfolk, VA; and the Green Festivals in NYC and LA. I have also applied to the Environmental Leadership Program's New England Fellowship, which will be taking place in the spring and summer of 2012.

Please do let me know what's new with you! I look forward to hearing from you and sharing your news.

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David Lytle '94G (botany and plant pathology) is now the director of the Southwest Biological Science Center in Flagstaff, Arizona.

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Hey, classmates, where is your news? I know you're out there, busily working at jobs, home life, and hopefully having some fun, but you're not sharing any information with the Class of '93. Please email or write with an update—even if your life hasn't changed much in the past two decades!

Anyone who appreciates good chocolate will be pleased to know that **Steve Shaffer** is chief operating officer and CEO of Black Dinah Chocolatiers on Isle au Haut out in Penobscot Bay. Steve and his wife, Kate, won a Small Business Administration award for their home-based small business. Steve combines his business background with Kate's chocolate expertise to create their business of hand-crafted, artistic, award-winning treats. To see their website, visit blackdinahchocolatiers.com.

Remember to send some news!

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Hello, classmates! We hope this column finds

you all well. Did you know you can also read this column and the rest of the *Maine Alumni Magazine* online at www.umainealumni.com? While you're reading and catching up on old friends, take a moment to drop us a line and let us know what you are up to these days.

Matthew J. Foster of Ellsworth is a candidate for the Republican nomination for District 38, comprising Ellsworth, Otis, and Trenton. Matthew is an attorney and previously served as a member of the Ellsworth city council. **Kathryn Dingley Gurney**, owner of Family Optometry in Farmington (and Stacey's former roommate), has been named the new president of the Maine Optometric Association. **Glynnis Libby** has joined Penobscot Community Health Care as a health and behavior coach. **Andrew Gilmore** has been hired as the town manager of Sabattus. Andrew is the owner of ABG Strategies, a private consulting firm in Yarmouth.

Chad Foye was recommended to be coach of the Cony High School hockey team—a position he held previously from 2000-2007. **Cary Weston** was chosen by the Bangor council to serve as chairman and mayor for 2012. Cary was first elected to the council in November 2009. **Todd Livingston** is the new athletic director at South Portland. Todd was previously the Falmouth High School athletic director for five years. **Katherine Schier-Webster** was hired to teach English as a second language at Scarborough Middle School. **Heather McGary Bowker** joined the medical staff at Brewer Medical Center. Heather is a psychiatric nurse practitioner. **David Lytle (G)** is the new director of the U.S. Geological Survey Southwest Biological Science Center in Flagstaff, AZ. David was previously Ohio's state forester and chief of the Ohio Division of Forestry.

1995

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With a very early spring and a quick snowmelt, I know we'll be in the throes of a fantastic summer by the time you read this. Let's get to it!

In a profile on the UMaine College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Website, **Karla Mae Bosse** writes, "I am now a public interest attorney, working for legal services in northwest Montana, advocating primarily on behalf of Native Americans, and other low-income clients in a three-county service area adjacent to Glacier National Park and the Blackfeet Indian Reservation." Karla lives in Havre, MT. After completing her B.A. in English and political science and her M.A. in English, she attended Georgetown University's Law School, graduating in 2004. She works at Montana's Legal Services Association.

Dream Local Digital, a digital marketing agency serving small to medium-sized businesses based in Thomaston, is the new

professional home of **Jeff Howland**. Jeff is an online marketing strategist and also currently serves on the board of directors at the Camden Conference as chairman of the technology committee. Jeff is also on the board of directors at Literacy Volunteers of Midcoast Maine where he serves as treasurer. Jeff lives in Camden with his wife and two young children.

Dave Kilborn stepped down from his Gorham High varsity football coaching position during the winter. Dave coached the team for 13 years and guided the Rams to two regional titles during his tenure. He hopes to go into educational administration and spend more time watching two of his three sons play college football; the third is entering high school this fall.

Constance Carter (G) was honored with a Maryann Hartman Award for being a woman of achievement at a ceremony at Buchanan Alumni House in October. Constance is the founder and director of Operation Breaking Stereotypes, an organization that brings together Maine students in grades seven through 12 with their diverse counterparts from New York City, Boston, and other Maine schools. A documentary film was made about her program, called *Welcome to My World*, and is still being played at film festivals. Constance also founded the non-profit organization Stillwater Community Arts, intended to stimulate, advance, and sustain the visual and performing arts in Orono, Old Town, and neighboring communities.

NachoTree Design, in Brooks, has been launched by **Christopher Quimby**. The company will offer logo creation and design of brochures, business cards, and other business items. Chris also performs standup comedy as "Chris Quimby, CPS—Certified Public Comedian." He was with the *Bangor Daily News* for 11 years, most recently as a graphic designer.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I hope to hear from you soon!

1996

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Hello, classmates!

Khalil Habib has published a new book, *Cosmopolitanism in the Age of Globalization: Citizens without States*. The book examines the consequences of globalization from numerous perspectives to offer a comprehensive evaluation of its theory and practice and provides a thoughtful analysis of the claims of cosmopolitanism. You can get more information on the book from: http://www.kentuckypress.com/live/title_detail.php?titleid=2612

Congrats, Khalil!

Laura Drew Farragher and her sister, Tammy Drew Hoidal '93, have also published a book, *My Mother Is a Rock Star*. It's a young adult novel that draws upon the opposing worlds of Beverly Hills and small towns like Bridgton,



Scholar and TV Consultant

Shannon Risk '96G, '09 Ph.D. was recently featured on the NBC genealogical reality program "Who Do You Think You Are?" On the March 23 episode of the show she was featured with well-known actress Helen Hunt. Shannon was chosen for the assignment because she had written about Hunt's great-great-grandmother's participation in the 19th century women's suffrage movement as part of her dissertation. She is currently an assistant professor at Niagara University in New York. (Photo by Adam Sikora.)

ME, where the sisters grew up. After teaching at private schools in Hollywood and Beverly Hills, the sisters compiled their experiences in this book. The main character is a rock star's daughter, who spends two weeks with her pen pal on Chebeague Island in Maine.

Douglas Folsom (G) is the plant manager at GE Aviation in Hooksett, NH. He had previously run aviation plants in Connecticut, Vermont, and Florida. The Hooksett plant produces parts for GENx engines used by Boeing 747-8 and 787 Dreamliner aircrafts.

And **Steve Coombs** was inducted into the Lee Academy Hall of Fame, along with his brother Ron '98. Steve held the school record of 1,384 points in basketball and threw a no-hitter in Lee Academy's first-ever Eastern Maine baseball championship. He went on to play baseball for the Black Bears at UMaine.

1997

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Hello, Class of 1997!

I hope this finds you all well. Right now, I'm dreaming of my next trip to Maine: lobster—check; stop at Maine Maven—check; stop at the Holy Donut in Portland to pick up a batch of **Leigh Kellis's** gourmet potato donuts for the road—check. Now, to actually go on my trip! Thanks to Facebook for sponsoring my column. Feel free to share your news at yolandasily@gmail.com or find me on Facebook under **Yolanda Sly Kozuha**—just remember it's a family show.

Best wishes to Leigh Kellis on the opening of The Holy Donut in Portland. The shop features potato donuts in a variety of flavors such as Buttermilk Mocha, Sweet Potato Ginger, Buttermilk Maple, Bacon Cheddar, Molasses, and other selections that vary daily. Check out The Holy Donut on Facebook or www.theholydonutmaine.com.

It is nice to see alumni making news for the right reasons: **Jeffrey** and Dawn Wright **Schweitzer** and their family were featured on the cover of the Hockomock YMCA 2012 winter program guide. Jeffrey was also on the cover of *Life Insurance Selling* magazine, which profiled his business strategy of utilizing new media (blogging, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn) and community

involvement to promote Northeast Financial Strategies. Jeff's and Dawn's business specializes in an array of personal and business financial services. You can find them on Facebook or www.nfsnet.com.

Own a business? Sign up for the Black Bear Business Directory (www.umainealumni.com under Marketplace). Everyone is talking about shopping locally. One great way to start is to use the network to support alumni businesses in Maine or "away."

1998

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Hearty Maine Hello from Norfolk, VA! In December, I completed my master's in public policy and management and a graduate certificate in Russian studies at the University of Pittsburgh. At the time of submission of this article, I am in a course at the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk. While here, I have had the opportunity to catch up with a fellow Beta, Peter Paine '99, many times.

Congratulations to these classmates honored for their accomplishments! **Vaughn Wildfong**, Ph.D. was inducted into the University of Maine

College of Engineering's Francis Crowe Society in December. Vaughn is vice president of sales and technology at JohnsonFoil/Paperchine and has spent his career in the papermaking industry.

Last September, baseball player **Ron Coombs** and his brother, Steve '96, were inducted into the Lee Academy Hall of Fame. They were members of the inaugural class inducted, which was part of the school's homecoming celebrations. Lee Academy selected Ron for his performance as a guard in basketball and as a pitcher and a catcher in baseball, as well as his follow-on success in baseball at the University of Maine.

Thank you to our classmates who are dedicating themselves to public service!

In October, the Maine State Board of Education appointed **Marilyn Temple Tardy** as an initial member of the State Charter School Commission. The seven-member commission will help shape public charter schools in the State of Maine, which can authorize 10 public charter schools over the next 10 years. Last November, **Susan Tortello** '99G was re-elected to the town council in Houlton. She received more votes than any other candidate running for the three open seats. The position is for a three-year term.

Some of our classmates have recently started their own ventures. In December, **Scott Labby** co-founded the New York and Boston-based boutique law firm Greenfield Labby LLP. The firm specializes in individual client services, including matrimonial and family law, crisis management, and family office matters. Scott previously served as vice president and special counsel in the office of the chairman of D.D. Shaw & Co., L.P. He is a member of several bar associations, including the family law sections of both the New York State and Massachusetts bar associations. He earned his J.D. from Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the *Yale Law and Policy Review* and *Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law, and Ethics*.

Jason Syversen recently founded Siege Technologies in New Hampshire. The company focuses on research and development in offensive and defensive computer security. He previously worked in the engineering leadership program at Sanders/Lockheed Martin and at the Defense Advanced Research Program Agency. He received his M.S. in electrical engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 2001. He lives with his wife, Bethanee, and their four children in Dunbarton, NH.

I hope you all have a great summer! Thank you for your updates and keep sending them in!

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Hello, Class of 1999! I hope you are having a wonderful summer. We were treated to a mild winter and early spring in New England. Let's get straight to the news!

Scott Morelli has been the city manager in Gardiner for two years and his contract was recently extended for another three years. Prior to Gardiner, Scott worked for the towns of Waterboro and Framingham, MA. **Beverly Coursey** (G) is the principal at Ocean Avenue Elementary in Portland. **Pat Spekhardt** is a prominent reporter for drive time sports talk radio in the Bangor area. He has experience on both local television and radio sports programs, including live play-by-play reporting.

Nate Leaman is the head coach for the Providence College men's hockey team. In 2010, he won the Spencer Penrose Award while coaching at Union College, an honor that is given to the top men's Division I coach. Nate got his coaching start as a graduate assistant under Shawn Walsh during the 1998-1999 championship season. **Ben Potenziano** (G) is the assistant athletic trainer for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Mary Forbush Chabot and husband, Bob, welcomed twins this fall: a girl Lily and a boy Ronin. The family lives in Austin, TX, where Mary works for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Congratulations! **Mark Morrison** of Windham helped his parents celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at the Black Bear Inn in October. Congratulations to the elder Mr. and Mrs. Morrison!

Don't forget to mark Homecoming on your calendar for October 19-21! Drop me a note and your news will be featured in a future column.

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Summer has arrived and with that is often a much-needed summer vacation. To many classmates that means a trip back to Maine or Orono to visit. This is a great reminder of the ALUMNI FUND, which is the Alumni Association's annual fundraising campaign. 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, aware of events, and involved. Check out the website site: www.umainealumni.com for more

information.

Two classmates have made big strides in their respected careers. **Sarah MacKenzie** (Ph. D.) of Brunswick, ME, an associate professor of educational leadership in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Maine, was awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant at the Vietnam National University (VNU) in Hanoi for the spring 2012 semester. She taught at the VNU College of Education's Department of Research and International Relations and also consulted with government officials and others throughout Vietnam on school reform, teacher preparation, and leadership development. Sarah is a widely published author on educational leadership and has worked extensively with school leaders in Maine and nationally. She is one of about 1,100 U.S. faculty and professionals who traveled abroad through the Fulbright Scholar Program in 2011-2012. Classmate **Steven Blackett** (G) of Bar Harbor, ME, has been promoted to vice president of credit administration of Bar Harbor Bank & Trust. He is responsible for managing the bank's commercial loan underwriting function, supervising a staff of two, and coordinating workflow with other departments. Steven volunteers regularly at the Bar Harbor food pantry and enjoys spending free time with his wife and daughters.

Wedding bells are ringing for classmates this summer. **Gerald Brown III** of Windham, ME, married Breanna Bardwell '06 on June 12th. Gerald is employed by Proctor and Gamble in Auburn as a senior research and development engineer. **Karl Gifford** plans on marrying Emily Graham in August on Emily's family farm in North Baldwin, ME, where the couple is making their home. The farm has been in her family for six generations. Karl is the owner of Sebago Stonework. We wish these couples the best!

Stay in touch and feel free to drop me a line with any happenings in your life to share with your classmates. Enjoy your summer.

2001

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Once again summer is upon us and it's time to catch up with your fellow alumni. Remember, we want to know what's going on with you so please don't forget to call or email us so we can share your great information!

Aaron Zurek was recently honored for five years of service with the Ellsworth Wastewater Department.

Christine Thibodeau, who is currently working as an area operations manager in the greater Boston area for Lowe's Home Improvement, will marry Andrew Sangalang in the fall of 2012.

Matt Dewkett has opened Matt Dewkett

Photography, a professional photography business specializing in sports photography.

On March 5th I appeared on TV Land's series "Best Night In" giving tips on organizing. It was a lot of fun filming!

This past September, **Bruce Pratt** was inducted into John Bapst High School's athletic hall of fame! Bruce worked at Bapst as a coach.

Congratulations to **Josh McNaughton '04G**, who is the new principal of Windsor Elementary School. Josh has worked very hard to develop the district's emergency response plan as well as accelerated student programs.

Judson Cake won the Bangor Labor Day road race for the fourth time running! His time for the five-mile race was 25 minutes and 48 seconds.

Congratulations to all of our alumni who are achieving greatness! Don't forget to share your joys and successes with us!

2002

*Honored class at Homecoming
October 19-21, 2012*

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What a crazy winter this was! On one March day, a light dusting of snow covered the ground, and the following weekend saw temperatures in the 60s.

Congratulations are in order for **Anthony** and **Jessica Shirley LeBlanc**, who became the proud parents of their second child, Emily Megan. She was born November 17, was 8.3 pounds and 19.5 inches long. All are doing well.

Success continues to grace members of our class as well. **Eeva Hedefine '06G**, a staff engineer at James W. Sewall Company in Old Town, is part of a newly formed multidisciplinary environmental services group that will be focused on water resources and quality and delivering solutions to various industries. The story of **Curt Johnson's** change in career path was featured in the *Bangor Daily News*. After completing his first degree in business administration and having a brief stint with Hannaford, Curt went back to school and got a second degree in wildlife ecology. Now working for the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, he serves as the park superintendent for the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray.

Scott Oxley (G) has taken on the role of senior vice president for support services at Affili-



Sharing Experiences

Four UMaine graduates who majored in women's studies returned to campus in April to discuss the influence of that major on their chosen careers in a presentation "What Can You do with a Women's Studies Major? Alumnae Share Their Career Paths." The four participants were Charley Martin-Berry '99 (left front), coordinator of Passages, a program that helps teen mothers complete high school at the Cobscook Community Learning Center in Lubec; and Sally Curran '02 (right front), an attorney in Gorham who specializes in family law. Mia Ho Baker '04 (standing, left) currently manages the Hannaford store in Brunswick. Her women's studies work was a major factor in her being hired because she manages mostly female employees. Sydney MacKay Haggerty '02 is an early childhood consultant who has also started a martial arts program in Dover-Foxcroft.

ated Healthcare Systems after having served as vice president and chief accounting officer as well as interim chief financial officer for Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems. Finally, classmate and former fellow UMaine Alumni Association board member **Jonathan LaBonte** made headlines after becoming the youngest mayor in Auburn's history. Congratulations to all!

In my last column, I mentioned that more information would be forthcoming on the Class of 2002's 10th Reunion. I'm happy to announce that we plan to celebrate the weekend of Homecoming 2012, October 19-21, so mark your calendars! We have had a few individuals step forward to help but we're always looking for more volunteers. Please contact me if you're interested in lending a hand. Be on the lookout for additional details. If you haven't already done so, check out the "University of Maine Class of 2002" page on Facebook, as we'll try to keep you posted on updates there as well.

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 to the addresses above; the Class of 2002 would love to hear from you!

2003

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The Class of 2003 has news! Congratulations to **Eric Russell** who was honored by the Maine Press Association in the environmental story category for his reporting of the status of the Hampden landfill. Eric previously wrote for the *Bangor Daily News* and is now employed by the *Portland Press Herald*.

A number of 2003 graduates have accepted academic positions. **Heather Bache Ball (G)** has been named assistant professor of special education at the University of Maine at Machias and **Adam Gudroe** is the new assistant principal for grades 5-8 and the athletic administrator at Ridge View Community School in Dexter.

Viktoriya Rybalko has accepted a job as the assistant track and field coach at the University of Maine. **Jef Fitzgerald** is the new assessor for the town of Bucksport and **Jessica Beane Fitts** is joining the admissions office of Hebron Academy as the new operations manager. **Jasmine Ireland** is the new director of education and outreach for the Penobscot Theatre. **Joshua Smith (Ph.D.)** has been elected vice president of the North American Society for Oceanic History. And finally congratulations to **Steven Barteaux '06G**, who is getting married this fall. I'd love to hear from you!

2004

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Wedding bells have been ringing for a number of our fellow classmates recently. **Matthew Randall** tied the knot this past winter in the White Mountains of New Hampshire with Heidi Freeman. Matthew has earned his P.E. designation since graduating, and is currently the principal engineer at Talmage Solar Engineering in Arundel. Late last year, **Christopher Parks** was married to Audrey Gould. Christopher is now working for TransCanada on the Kibby

Wind Power Project in Coburn Gore.

For other fellow Black Bears wedding bells are just on the horizon. Right around the time you'll be receiving this, **Shane Achey** will be getting married to Nicole Brennan. Shane is now a systems engineer at Water & Earth Technologies in Fort Collins, CO. Later this fall, **Kate Trinward** and Akanimo Udo will be tying the knot. Kate went to law school following her time in Orono and is now with the firm Hunsucker, Goodstein & Nelson PC in Washington, D.C.

Many of our fellow Black Bears continue to make headlines with new positions and promotions, such as **Matt Lindsay**. Matt was recently named the new coach for the Mattanawcook Academy wrestling team. In addition, he currently teaches health and physical education at Katahdin High School in Staceyville. **Keith Moore** was named the 2011 Colonial States Athletic Conference men's Soccer Coach of the Year. **Kevin Keller** is currently a corporate packaging systems engineer with the Hershey Company. Speaking of engineers, **Ryan Beaumont** '07G was recently showcased in the *Bangor Daily News* regarding a number of projects his firm has recently taken on. Ryan has been doing innovative design work for a variety of green energy projects ranging from offshore wind turbines to tidal generators. A fellow Black Bear who probably runs into other Black Bears frequently is Maine Forest Ranger **Samuel Heffner**. Samuel recently won first place at the Regional Games of Logging, besting his peers from central and northern Maine. As a result of his finish, Samuel has qualified to attend the National Game of Logging Finals in Ohio.

Senior Skull **Andy Geaghan** recently made waves by crafting some new brews for Maine's Queen City. As the manager of Geaghan's Pub in Bangor, Andy decided that he could bring his love of craft beer to the Bangor area, and he's been very successful doing so. In late 2011, Andy celebrated the opening of Geaghan Brothers Brewing Company. If you find yourself in Bangor anytime soon, stop by Geaghan's for a pint!

Go Blue!

2005

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Hello, Class of 2005! Winter (if you could call it that) has come and gone. I hope the sunshine and warmth of the next season finds you well. Our classmates have been busy so let's get to it.

Congratulations to **Adam Gillespie** on his professional engineer licensure. Adam is a structural engineer employed at WBRC Architects-Engineers. He specializes in analysis and design of building foundations and structures and also performs fieldwork. He has recently done work at our alma mater and other

area building projects. **Ned Crockett** is now the pastor at Winthrop Methodist Church. An article in the *Kennebec Journal* talked about his unique journey from running a restaurant to spiritual guide. The Winthrop church is Ned's home church, making the job even more rewarding. **Adrienne Pelletier** '08G completed a marketing the nonprofit class at the Hutchinson Center and was awarded a certificate in nonprofit management. Adrienne is the former director of stewardship for the Alumni Association and now works for MPBN.

Wheaton College is lucky to have **Dave Cusano** '08G as their track coach. Dave was the assistant track coach at UMaine for seven years and received the UMaine Coach of the Year award in 2009. **Adam Goode** is now the Bangor High School cross-country coach. Adam ran cross-country as a student at Bangor High and is currently serving as a state representative for Maine House District 15. Another Bangor High School athlete and UMaine alum, **Joe Campbell**, is a project engineer for the Bangor event center construction project. Joe helped Bangor win the Class A Boys State Championship at the Bangor auditorium in 2001. The *Bangor Daily News* had a great feature story about Joe's journey from high school basketball star to engineer. The Bangor auditorium holds a lot of history (I have many fond memories of the Y Fair, the Shrine Circus, and of course tourney time) and it will be exciting to see the finished product!

Wedding season is upon us and the very best wishes are extended to two newly married



Patrick Michaud '03, '04G (business, accounting) is now a partner of the newly named **Nicholson, Michaud & Company**, an accounting firm in Waterville. Patrick also serves as president of the board of **Waterville Main Street**. He is married to his college sweetheart, **Sarah Woehler Michaud** '04, '09G (English).

couples: **Eric Fyre** and **Kallie Mehuren** '07 and **Morgan Foster** and **Christopher Laplante** '07G. Eric and Kallie were married on September 16, 2011, in Belfast and live in Lawrence, KS. Both are employed by Grandstand Sportswear and Glassware. Kallie is a graphic artist, while Eric is a print specialist. The pair met while on the work crew at Alford. Morgan and Chris were married on April 14 of this year. Morgan is a school counselor at Weatherbee School in Hampden and Chris is employed by Verso Paper in Bucksport.

Matt James formed Flat Cap Apps in 2011. Matt is based in Old Town, ME. Headlines Reader, his company's first application, was officially released in March. Headlines prioritizes news articles you're most likely to enjoy and uses your existing Google Reader account.

Please don't hesitate to send your news my way through regular mail or email—you can also find me on Facebook! I love learning and sharing about what is going on with you. Until we meet again!

2006

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Greetings, Class of '06! I hope you are all having a fabulous summer.

As always, there are many weddings and engagements to report! My good friend **Meagan Connolly** is now engaged to Ben Murphy '05. Meg works in fundraising at USA Field Hockey, as part of the Olympic Movement. **Maulian Dana** and Sean Smith are engaged and are planning a September 22, 2012, wedding. Maulian is a human resources director for a contracting company. **Pierre Huntress** (G) is engaged to Buffy Thibodeau. He proposed in the Limestone Community High School gymnasium with the help of cheerleaders performing a routine to the song "Isn't She Lovely" by Stevie Wonder and holding signs that read, "Will you marry me, Buffy?" The proposal occurred during a fundraiser to benefit the local cancer organization known as Caring Area Neighbors for Cancer Education and Recovery. **Emma Brejwo** and Roque Balina were married on October 17, 2011, in Temecula, CA. Emma is working as a development associate for Pacific Ridge School in Carlsbad, CA.

Congratulations to **Anna Faloon**, who recently received her professional engineer license. Anna is a civil engineer and has worked at WBRC in Bangor for the past five years.

Caleb Curtis is the new councilor-at-large in Pittsfield. He previously served as the District 2 councilor.

Jared Browne is the new boys' basketball coach at Winslow High School, where he played basketball and graduated in 2002. He previously coached at Oak Hill. **Kasey Spencer Danforth** '07G is now the varsity field hockey coach at

Bangor High School. Kasey was a second-team Division I Northeast all-star during her senior year at Maine in 2005, selected by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association. She also has her own consulting business and works as a registered dietitian.

Jimmy Howard, a goalie for the Detroit Red Wings, was named an NHL All-Star. He was one of 26 players added to the game on January 29, 2012, in Ottawa. This is Jimmy's third season with the team. Jimmy and his wife, Rachel Miller Howard '07, are now the proud parents of James Russell Howard IV, who was born last fall.

I wrote in my last column that **Lynel Winters** ran the Marine Corps marathon in Washington, DC, in October 2011, in honor of her late husband, James Zimmerman '08. Lynel had hoped to raise \$2,500 for Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS). She exceeded her goal, raising \$4,250! We're proud of you, Lynel! She ran the Boston marathon on April 16, this time to support the Run for the Fallen Maine, a volunteer organization with the mission to keep alive the names and memories of our fallen heroes from Maine and those who had strong family ties to Maine.

Hope to hear from you soon, Class of 2006! Feel free to send me an email if there are any updates you'd like to share.

2007

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Hello, Class of 2007. Hope this column is finding you well rested and enjoying a wonderful summer.

Classmate **Ashley Underwood** is still in the news following her recent appearance on "Survivor." She recently visited the Teen Voices group at Mt. Blue Middle School in Farmington to drop off journals for the students and to share her experiences setting and achieving goals through basketball, Miss USA, and "Survivor" experiences. Teen Voices is a group of female students who meet regularly with college students and read female-centered books with the goal of promoting positive self-esteem in young teens. Ashley also climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in January to raise money for the Flying Kites Leadership Academy, a home and school for abused, orphaned, and abandoned children in Kenya. She not only raised thousands of dollars for the program but also volunteered time with the children in the program. Ashley will be moving to New York City soon to pursue a career in modeling and entertainment.

In the world of sports, former Black Bear **Daren Stone** spent the fall and winter playing for the Calgary Stampeders in the Canadian Football League. By playing in the CFL, Daren



Abby Coulter '09 recently received the 2011 Staff Recognition Award from the Virginia Association of Community Rehabilitation Programs, also known as vaACCSES. Abby was recognized for her excellent service to Virginians with disabilities.

hopes to gain valuable experience in order to return to the National Football League for the 2012 season. Daren played for the Atlanta Falcons and the Baltimore Ravens during the 2008 and 2009 seasons.

Congratulations are in order for our classmates who were recently engaged or married. **Jacob Ouellette** is engaged to Caroline Donahue. They live in Cambridge, MA, and are planning a July wedding at the Westin Copley in Boston. **Joshua Randlett** and Megan Magoon planned a June wedding in Bar Harbor. Josh and Megan graduated from the Maine School of Law in Portland and are both attorneys in the Bangor area. **Holly Miller** married Jared York in September at Camp Vega in Fayette, where they live. The couple honeymooned in Boston and Rangeley. Holly is currently employed at Turner Veterinary Services.

As usual, if you have news to share please send me an email. Hope to see many of you at Homecoming this fall to celebrate our fifth Reunion. Can you believe it's been that long?

2008

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Hello, classmates! I hope this column finds you well! I have some brief news and wedding announcements to share with you.

Penobscot Community Health Care has announced that two of our classmates, **Teagan O'Toole-Roy** and **Dallas Marquis**, have been hired as physician assistants. Teagan and Dallas

will both focus on all aspects of family medical care. Congratulations!

Kristy Albee is the fitness director at the University of Maine at Augusta in Bangor. A qualified Zumba fitness instructor, Kristy coordinated an afternoon of exercise and fitness activities to celebrate the beginning of Move and Improve. She writes, "I love teaching Zumba classes. The reason is simple: every class feels like a party!" Kristy also offered a free Zumba class to the Alumni Association staff, only requesting a donation to help support her participation in the Trek Across Maine. The annual Trek, a bike ride that begins at Sunday River and ends in Belfast, raises funds for the American Lung Association.

Best wishes are extended to our classmates who have recently gotten engaged and married.

Stephanie McCoy of Enfield and **Matthew Mulligan** of Florham Park, NJ, tied the knot on February 18th in Lincoln, ME. Stephanie is a teacher at Mattanawcook Junior High School and Matthew is employed by the NFL.

Steven Blake of Groton, CT, married Megan Thibodeau of Winterport on June 23, 2011, in Bangor. Steven graduated summa cum laude with a degree in civil engineering and received his master's degree in civil engineering as well. He is currently a structural engineer at Electric Boat in Groton.

July weddings are in the works for three of our classmates as well. **Christopher Wilson** of Groton, CT, will marry Melissa Cardoso, also of Groton, on July 21st. Christopher is an electrical engineer at Electric Boat in Groton. **Ryan Brown** of Richmond, VA, will marry Kristina Dubay, also of Richmond, on July 28th at the Lucerne Inn in Dedham, ME. **Patrick Norton** of Scarborough will wed Andrea Morrill of Gorham, also on July 28th, in Gorham.

Congratulations and best wishes to you all!

As always, keep the email, snail mail, and pictures coming so I can share your news with our classmates.

Go Blue!

2009

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The Class of '09 needs someone to write this column so that the news can be shared. If you'd like to become the author of class news, please contact the Alumni Association at the above address to write the 2009 column for the magazine. It's a twice-yearly commitment. There are lots of engagements and other news as well.

Chelsea McCaslin is engaged to Robert Hendrick. They are planning an early fall wedding in Waterville.

Last summer, **Sarah Robichaud** married

Mathew Carvel, and **Andrew Frost** planned to marry Lindsey Simons in Georgia. **Kevin LaFlamme** and Ashley Thibodeau were married in October 2011 in Old Town. Also last fall, **Amanda Wood** married Robert Gallant.

Adam Aucoin '10G married his UMaine sweetheart, Kyla Bailey '11, of Brewer, last October. **Hannah Brissette** and Joseph Young '10 were also married in October.

There's plenty of other news, so please write and tell your classmates where you're living, what you're doing for work and fun, and what's happening in your life. And remember, the Class of '09 needs a writer to keep everyone informed!

2010

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Greetings, Class of 2010! I hope everyone had a great winter.

Michael Burgess (Ph.D.), who received his doctorate from the University of Maine, has relocated to Chestnut Hill, PA, with his wife, Susannah, and their daughter. Michael has begun work as a research botanist at the Morris Arboretum. He will be responsible for conducting fieldwork and research in addition to redesigning the website for the Pennsylvania Flora Project.

One of our classmates on the University of Maine baseball team has taken his talent to North Carolina to be the volunteer assistant coach for High Point University. **Joe Mercurio** is working with the outfielders while serving as the first base coach for the Panthers. Joe was a three-year member of the Maine baseball team, who hit .363 with 12 home runs his final season. **Matt Howard**, a key starter for the 2010 baseball team, decided to not play his last year of eligibility and instead decided to attend graduate school at Northeastern. In 2010, Matt started in right field and had a .358 batting average in 41 games for the Black Bears. Good luck to Joe and Matt!

Congratulations are certainly in order for our classmates who have wed since the 2010 commencement. In August, **Jamie Moses** married Ryan Wrobel of Bar Harbor, ME. **Nathan Ellis** (G) wed Candace Kelley of Harrington, ME, in June at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ellsworth. In February 2011 **April Snow** married Chad King of Winslow, ME. **Marina Fodnaess** and Tyler Kirk of Hampden tied the knot in August and have since relocated to Chicago. Also, congratulations go out to **Michela Ann Fyler** and **Kevin Lessard**, who announced they will have a wedding in Maine this fall. Congratulations to all of our classmates!

Finally, please feel free to send me any updates on yourself or a classmate. I know everyone is excited to hear how friends from the University of Maine are doing. I hope everyone has a great summer!

Weddings

Towns are in Maine unless otherwise noted.

1997

Yolanda Maria Sly to David Kozuha on 9-30-11 in Poughkeepsie, NY. They took a honeymoon trip to Walt Disney World and live in Greenwood Lake, NY.

2005

Katie Charpentier to **Randen Baker** '07 on 7-30-11 in Orono. They honeymooned in Bora Bora and live in Bangor.

Beth Bragdon to **Benjamin Reining** '06 on 7-24-11 in New Gloucester. They took a wedding trip to the Dominican Republic and live in Weymouth, MA.

2007

Joshua Ross LaPierre to **Erin Elizabeth Maschino** '08 on 10-8-11 in Bangor. They honeymooned in the Bahamas and live in Winterport.

Benjamin Robertson Winsor to **Kathryn Marie Hill** '08 on 6-18-11 in Old Orchard Beach. They honeymooned on Martha's Vineyard and Hawaii and live in Thornton, CO.

Colleen Morgan to Kasey Keenan on 8-6-11 in South Portland. They took a wedding trip to Florida and reside in Scarborough.

2008

Stephanie Elizabeth McCoy to **Matthew Ben Mulligan** on 2-18-12 in Lincoln. They took a honeymoon trip to Kauai, Hawaii, and reside in West Enfield.

2009

Katharine Amy Farrell to **Robert Jacques Moriarty** on 6-11-11 in Portland. They honeymooned in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, and live in Portland.

Recently Married?

Be sure to send your wedding information and a photo to us at
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Yolanda Sly '97 and **David Kozuha** (not pictured) were married on September 30, 2011, in Poughkeepsie, NY. Yolanda works in marketing and David is a telecom engineer at UPS. Among the UMaine alums in attendance were, left to right: **Ben Hauck '98**, **Andrea Poole Hauck '97**, '04G, **Bill Bates '97**, **CJ Coletti '97**, **Yolanda**, **Joanne Young-Small '91**, and **Forrest Small '91G**.

Deaths

Locations in Maine unless otherwise noted

1930

Frank Addison Knight, 103, of Yarmouth, on 5-14-12.

1931

Katherine Jackson Adkins, 102, of Weems, VA, on 2-29-12.

Doris Curtis Eaton, 100, of Huntington, WV, on 1-10-12.

Viola Purinton Giffin, 102, of Orono, on 3-8-12.

1932

Beatrice Erdine Robbins, 102, of Hallowell, on 3-28-12.

1933

Barbara Sawyer Nelson, 101, of Greene, on 3-17-12.

1935

Horace "Hockey" Stanley Field, 101, of Yarmouth, on 2-9-12.

Donald Merritt Gay, 98, of Linneus, on 4-9-12.

1936

Rena Maria Allen, 96, of Hampton, NH, on 2-3-12.

James Alden Boardman, 97, of Bangor, on 1-15-12.

1937

Jeannette MacKenzie Wilson, 95, of Tempe, AZ, on 2-4-11.

1938

Solveig Heistad Hennings, 95, of Yarmouth, on 12-13-11.

Antoria "Tory" Rosen Houghton, 96, of Fort Fairfield, on 1-15-12.

William Everett Veague, 96, of Harborside, on 12-28-11.

Mary Deering Wirths, 96, of Falmouth, on 4-25-12.

1939

Robert Edward Bishop, 94, of Belfast and Caribou, on 1-18-12.

Frederick Hudson Sylvester, 94, of Sarasota, FL, on 1-13-12.

1940

Robert Harlan Bonney, 93, of Peoria, IL, on 4-8-12.

Lillian Herrick Crowell, 96, of Eliot, on 10-9-11.

John Frederick Dequine, 94, of Leesburg, FL, on 11-27-11.

Fred George Johnson, D.M.D., 91, of Hudson, MA, on 6-5-10.

Robert Stanton Merrill, 93, of Sarasota, FL, on 2-16-12.

Harriet Brann Morrison, 92, of Bowdoin, on 11-26-11.

Edgar Fayette Powers, 94, of Milton, MA, on 8-15-10.

Hugh Edwin Young, 94, of Madison, WI, on 1-2-12.

1941

Wilson Merriman Alford, 92, of Windsor, CT, on 2-28-12.

David Astor, 92, of Falmouth, on 12-10-11.

John Joseph Edmunds, Jr., 92, of Towaco, NJ, on 12-21-11.

Harold Isaiah "Haddie" Hamm, 92, of Lucerne, on 4-16-12.

Robert Skillings McDonald, 93, of Burnt Hills, NY, on 3-16-12.

Barbara Alice Young Pullen, 91, of Veazie and Augusta, on 3-18-12.

Rev. **Harry Earle Trask, Jr.**, 94, of Ellsworth, on 1-10-12.

Forrest Giles Whitman, 94, of Greenville, on 2-22-12.

1942

Cortna Mae Kingsley Billings, 90, of Sun City, AZ, on 7-29-11.

Priscilla Ann Tozier Briggs, 92, of Scarborough, on 4-12-12.

Susan Abbott Farris, 90, of Searsport, on 12-22-11.

Kenneth Adelbert Field, 93, of York, on 1-25-12.

Hulet Clark Hornbeck, 92, of Martinez, CA, on 1-7-12.

Vaughn True Lovley, 90, of Clarks Grove, MN, on 2-14-12.

Clifford Alvin Priest, Jr., 92, of Rye, NH, on 6-28-11.

George Douglas Roben, 91, of Duaneburg, NY, on 2-21-12.

Forrest Wilson Truland, 93, of South Yarmouth, MA, on 7-10-10.

Jane Page Wells, 91, of Damariscotta, on 12-29-11.

Jeannette Berry Whitten, 91, of Presque Isle, on 3-30-12.

1943

G. Milton Carter, 92, of Caribou, on 3-28-12.

Gordon Iver Erikson, 92, of Bar Harbor, on 3-16-12.

Dorothy Elizabeth "Betty" Flanagan, 90, of Bangor, on 2-3-12.

John Douglass Kelley, 90, of Manchester, CT, on 12-18-11.

Asenith Kelley Sechtman, 89, of Livermore, on 1-17-11.

Parker Scott Trefethen, 92, of Seattle, WA, on 11-23-11.

Ada Alpert Tussing, 90, of Peterborough, NH, on 9-9-10.

Helen Mullen Varnum, 89, of Seattle, WA, on 12-8-11.

Celia Goos Viner, 89, of Bangor, on 1-20-12.

Beverly Brawn Waller, 90, of Oxford, MS, on 3-31-12.

Evelyn Greci Wing, 91, of Myrtle Beach, SC, on 2-10-12.

1944

Samuel Wilson Collins, Jr., 88, of Rockland, on 3-22-12.

John Joseph Donohue, 92, of Danvers, MA, on 9-22-11.

Roman Evdo, 89, of Stanardsville, VA, on 4-6-11.

George Piers Gunn, D.M.D., 88, of Boothbay, on 2-8-12.

Quentin Herbert MacCabe, 92, of Brewer, on 4-22-12.

Virginia Goodrich McIntire, 89, of Devon, PA, on 3-1-12.

George McLean, 89, of Venice, FL, on 12-6-11.

1945

Joan Helen Shea Agnew, 87, of Bangor, on 1-5-12.

Verne H. Bovie, 88, of Springvale, on 3-31-12.

Margaret Brown Bunker, 87, of Auburn, on 11-30-11.

Daryl Scott Crane, 88, of Melbourne, FL, on 12-23-09.

Charles Carroll Norton, 87, of Brewer, on 4-7-12.

Hubert Orcutt Ranger, 87, of Bayside, WI, on 3-1-12.

Brother **Leo Joseph Rossignol**, 87, of Notre Dame, IN, on 12-5-11.

Barbara Phyllis Rozelle, 89, of West Paris, on 4-15-12.

Ellwood Arthur Titcomb, 87, of Lake Helen, FL, on 12-17-11.

1946

Elaine Enman Winslow Bean, 88, of Brewer, on 12-12-11.

David Lewis Manter, 88, of Candia, NH, on 2-4-12.

1947

Peter Noyes Crockett, 84, of Saugerties, NY, on 11-6-10.

Laurel Whitney Ham, 85, of Howland and Lakeville, on 1-25-12.

Thomas Alfred Harrington, 87, of Merrimack, NH, on 4-14-12.

Jane Crowell Morse, 88, of Bangor and Hancock, on 12-6-11.

1948

Roger Polson Bean, 89, of Fryeburg, on 4-15-12.

Barbara Day Bryan, 84, of Fairfield, CT, on 1-29-12.
Douglas Holmes Culpon, 88, of North Andover, MA, on 1-6-12.
Alberta Closson Freeman, 84, of Midlothian, VA, on 5-13-11.
Marie Crane Harrington, 85, of Suffolk, VA, on 11-26-11.
Sheila Babson Varnum Howard, 86, of Blue Hill, on 4-15-12.
Edward Everett Little, 84, of Presque Isle, on 12-20-11.
Pauline Wadsworth True Moulton, 87, of Portland, on 3-1-12.
Robert Edward Phelps, 90, of Sidney, on 4-13-12.
Clinton Blanchard Savage, Jr., 87, of Farmington, on 2-16-12.
Thomas Ware Wight, 85, of Boulder, CO, on 12-24-11.

1949

Joyce Anna Kemp Boutilier, 84, of Edina, MN, on 12-7-11.
Wallace Edmund Brown, 87, of East Falmouth, MA, on 2-23-10.
Robert Stanley Gilchrist, 87, of Suffield, CT, on 3-12-12.
Frank Fountain Gorham, 88, of Sacramento, CA, on 2-23-07.
Athill William Irvine, 86, of Winthrop, on 4-2-12.
Vella Eloise Meisner, 95, of North Chesterville, on 3-24-12.
Clarence Del Pierce, 90, of Beverly, MA, on 3-27-12.
Carleton Blair Ring, 87, of Augusta, on 4-24-12.
Charles Whitcomb Shaw, 84, of Hillsborough, NC, in March 2012.
Theodore Raymond Sherman, 84, of Mount Laurel, NJ, on 1-7-12.
Calvin Warren Simpson, 87, of Windham, on 3-16-12.
Maurice Albert Sylvester, 88, of Gorham, on 4-27-12.
Louise Hilton Varnam, 84, of Leesburg, FL, on 3-25-11.
Bruce Hanson Wheeler, 84, of Albuquerque, NM, on 2-3-12.
Robert Martin Woodside, 86, of San Antonio, TX, on 8-4-10.

1950

Edwin Allen Cormier, 92, of Bangor, on 1-20-12.
Lewis Bertram Delaware, 83, of Farmingdale, on 1-6-12.
Neal Albert DeWitt, 85, of Punta Gorda, FL, on 4-9-11.
Howard Leland Dow, Jr., 85, of Livonia, MI, on 10-31-10.
Patricia Albert Duplissa, 90, of Camden, on 1-31-12.



Frank Addison Knight '30 died on May 14, 2012, at the age of 103. Frank studied forestry at UMaine and worked for paper companies in New York and Maine before establishing his own forestry business. He was active in town affairs in Yarmouth for decades, and later became particularly well known for his efforts to save a local 217-year-old elm tree, "Herbie," from Dutch elm disease. The Maine Forest Service's Frank Knight Excellence in Community Forestry Award, given annually to individuals who share Frank's concern for trees, was established in his honor. (Photo by John Ewing/Portland Press Herald.)

Edward Rice Hawkes, 90, of Tucson, AZ, on 3-4-12.
Emanuel Leo Horn, 90, of Hyannis, MA, on 2-7-12.
Frederick Russell Johnson, 87, of South Portland, on 1-26-12.
Donald Oliver Kennedy, 83, of Livermore Falls, on 12-5-11.
Douglas Treat King, 88, of West Yarmouth, MA, on 4-11-12.
Donald Clifford Kominsky, 85, of Newport, RI, on 4-30-12.
Charles Chester Libby, 88, of Sandy Point and Belfast, on 3-5-12.
Ernest William Martikainen, 86, of Smithtown, NY, on 4-24-12.
Roger Burton Mooers, 87, of Wells, on 2-3-12.
Eugene James O'Brien, 85, of San Clemente, CA, on 6-21-11.
Earl Spofford Packard, 89, of Rochester, NH, on 2-4-12.
Reginald Kermit Page, 88, of Portland, on 1-9-12.
Mary Gildersleeve Phippen, 85, of New London, NH, on 6-26-11.
Gerald Carl Pickard, 85, of Hermon, on 1-

15-12.
Clark Potter, 83, of Kearneysville, WV, on 7-2-11.
Richard Arland Spencer, 83, of Bangor, on 3-21-12.
Raymond Ellsworth Titcomb, 83, of Chesterville, on 1-5-12.
Carroll Bruce Totman, 82, of Englewood, FL on 11-29-11.

1951

Robert Carleton Boston, 82, of North Berwick, on 4-12-12.
Clarence Edward "Bunk" Bunker, M.D., 82, of Essex Junction, VT, on 2-15-12.
Francis Stewart Harvey, 85, of Kenduskeag, on 2-14-12.
Justin "Rocky" Earle Hinds, 85, of Bucksport, on 2-2-12.
Robert Burns Hutchinson, 85, of Cape Elizabeth, on 12-14-11.
Willie R. Jacques, 90, of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, on 11-6-11.
Richard Edward Jones, 83, of Bokeelia, FL, on 2-15-12.
Abbott Bacon Ladd, 86, of Belgrade, on 3-18-12.
Martha Louise Lambert, 82, of Hampden, on 1-15-12.
Roland DeWolf Mann, 85, of Newton, NJ, on 3-11-12.
Lloyd Edward Mills, 86, of Canton, MA, on 4-29-12.
Philip Winston Pendleton, 90, of Melrose, MA, on 8-28-11.
William Carroll Rochon, 84, of Union, on 1-24-12.
Paul Edward Rourke, 85, of Winthrop, on 12-8-11.
Mary Elizabeth Marsden Shedd, 82, of Auburn, on 4-14-12.
Ruth Watson Signorino, 78, of South Dennis, MA, on 3-4-08.
Frank Dale Speed, 82, of Princeton, on 12-27-11.
Maxine McCready Wells, 86, of Spring Hill, FL, on 1-8-12.

1952

William Theodore Boas, 83, of Clearwater, FL, on 12-31-11.
Donald Chesebrough, 82, of Gilford, NH, on 2-29-12.
Raymond Joseph Cormier, 86, of El Dorado Hills, CA, on 3-20-12.
Richard Herman Cole, 81, of Centre Hall, PA, on 12-7-11.
Allen Howd Fielder, 81, of Claremont, NH, on 3-9-12.
Robert Donald Hyers, 88, of Brownville, on 12-9-11.
Hilston Thomas Kilcollins, 95, of Mapleton, on 1-28-12.
Paul Denis Levesque, 81, of Lewiston, ME,

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and Cochituate, MA, on 11-7-09.

Thomas John Lydon, 84, of Fort Washington, MD, on 3-1-12.

Sherman Royce Rowles, 85, of Canton, CT, on 2-7-12.

Ronald Anson Schutt, 81, of Pelham, NH, on 4-17-12.

1953

Daniel Paul Davis, 80, of Acton, on 2-1-12.

Lawrence Rudolph DeLois, 83, of Miami Township, OH, on 8-11-11.

Gene Drolet, 80, of North Conway, NH, on 1-9-12.

1954

Alexander Peter Athas, 90, of Utica, NY, on 2-18-12.

Rev. **Sarah Griffiths Beaman**, 91, of Catasauqua, PA, on 11-13-11.

Benjamin Albert Bowerman, Jr., 79, of Livermore, on 1-30-12.

Barbara Pillsbury Bradstreet, 79, of Gloucester, MA, on 12-24-11.

Clyde Lawrence Drew, 79, of Framingham, MA, on 1-12-12.

William Walter Haynes, 89, of Sarasota, FL, on 12-28-12.

Olin Kenneth Johnson, 77, of Gorham, on 1-24-12.

Donald Frederick Kerr, 84, of Upton, RI, on 2-21-12.

Helen Fox Krause, M.D., 79, of North Hills, PA, on 10-4-11.

Vaughn Averill LaCombe, 80, of Auburn, on 1-3-12.

Robert Joseph Smith, 78, of Leominster, MA, on 1-7-12.

1955

Benjamin Albert "Al" Bowerman, Jr., 79, of Livermore, on 1-30-12.

Muriel McLellan Flagg DeShon, 90, of Perry, on 12-6-11.

Frank Wesley Fenno III, 78, of Corning, NY, of 2-16-12.

William Bonney Moore, 74, of Bowling Green, KY, on 3-22-10.

Franklin Lewis Roberts, 77, of Somesville, on 1-1-12.

1956

Dana Charles Devoe, 79, of Orono, on 3-24-12.

Robert Horatio Foster, 77, of Portland, on 12-8-11.

Gilbert Barkley MacLaren, Jr., 78, of Ridgefield, CT, on 4-19-12.

Myles Leo O'Donnell, Jr., 77, of Portland, on 12-24-11.

Robert Michael Quinn, 80, of Bangor, on 12-19-11.

Donald Wallace Ripley, 77, of Portland, OR, on 1-5-12.

David Cates Switzer, 77, of Plymouth, NH,



Loyal alumnus Dana Devoe '56 died on March 24, 2012, in Orono. Dana was treasurer of the Class of '56, president of Senior Alumni, and a member of the board of the UMaine Foundation. A lifelong Orono resident, Dana served in the state legislature for six years and often phoned the campus to consult on how proposed legislation would affect the University of Maine. He also served on the Orono town council for six years and was involved in fundraising for and planning the recently built Orono Public Library.

on 2-10-12.

1957

Robert Francis Anderson, 77, of Clifton Forge, VA, on 7-3-09.

Donald Freeman Axelsen, 82, of Venice, FL, on 12-11-11.

Floyd Francis Burrill, 83, of Lincoln, on 3-12-12.

Nicola Anthony Calandrello, 80, of Andover, MA, on 11-5-11.

Charles Edwin Cameron, 78, of South Easton, MA, on 11-10-11.

Edward Libbey Farrar, 76, of Pemaquid, on 3-1-12.

Ann Duerr Hayes, 75, of Bangor, on 1-1-12.

Roy Marvin Sanborn, 81, of Newbury, VT, on 4-19-11.

Rev. **Harold LeRoy Shepard**, 84, of Windham, on 4-19-12.

Florence Evelyn Tash, 94, of Lincoln, on 10-25-10.

1958

Edwin Marshall Batson, 75, of Oakdale, CT, on 11-7-11.

Dana Scott Kierstead, 75, of Orange County, VA, and Monmouth, on 1-17-12.

Nancy Carroll Weaver Mello, of Topsfield, MA, and North Port, FL, on 3-14-12.

Rodney Wayne Page, 74, of Glenburn, on 1-27-12.

Jane Behringer Richard, 64, of Vassalboro, on 1-5-12.

1959

Carol Stevenson Abbott, 74, of Orono, on 3-2-12.

Marieta Garey Andrews, 74, of Saco, on 2-6-12.

Ronald Coombs Boynton, 75, of Nobleboro, on 3-17-12.

Weldon Samuel Brackett, 81, of Bridgton, on 2-7-12.

Andrew Lenard Caswell, 77, of Luray, VA, on 8-5-11.

Raymond Phillip Cloutier, 74, of Fort Myers, FL, on 12-13-11.

Peter Arthur Ibold, 74, of Paris, France, on 8-20-10.

Raymond Gustave Lebel, 78, of Clifton Park, NY, on 3-30-12.

Clair Howard Lewis, Jr., 75, of Unity, on 2-11-12.

Francis Joseph "Mike" Pettis, 81, of Portland, on 3-6-12.

George Francis Riley, 80, of Charlottesville, VA, on 2-15-12.

William Laughlin Robinson, 78, of Marquette, MI, on 3-8-12.

Frederick William Walter, 74, of West Orange, NJ, on 3-13-12.

1960

Gerard Charles deGrandpré II, 75, of Scarborough, on 3-5-12.

Elizabeth "Betty" Lunt Even, 74, of Bay City, WI, on 2-19-12.

Madalyn Avis Jordan, 85, of Waltham, on 2-22-12.

Graham Lewis Nuite, 73, of Sangerville, on 12-30-11.

Myles David Sclair, 73, of Lakewood, WA, on 7-26-11.

1961

Ruth Moir Abbiati, 72, of Gorham, on 4-16-12.

Dorothy Isaacson Bader, 93, of South Portland, on 1-14-12.

Gerald Alan Hinckley, 81, of Williamstown, VT, on 12-29-11.

Janet Smith Hoyt, 76, of Gorham, on 4-11-12.

Dale Louise McLaughlin, 72, of Edmond, OK, on 2-8-12.

Viola Sudds Osgood, 97, of Bath, on 12-11-11.

1962

Judith Ann Marie Brooks, 71, of Tucson, AZ,

on 4-23-12.

Betsey Hall Cooper, of Sterling Heights, MI, on 2-27-12.

Robert Marshall Goodspeed, 74, of The Villages, FL, on 3-16-12.

Bryce William Grindle, 75, of Orono, on 1-25-12.

Arthur Henry Kelley, 71, of Sarasota, FL, on 2-13-12.

Mary E. Perkins, 93, of Corinna, on 2-9-12.

1963

Carolyn Vickery Burks, 72, of Southborough, MA, on 4-18-12.

Ruth Strode Carsley, 88, of West Yellowstone, MT, on 1-25-12.

James Farnham Carter, 70, of Washburn, on 12-28-11.

Philip Lawrence Clockedile, 75, of Tampa, FL, on 3-2-12.

Charles Edward Gero, Jr., 75, of Orrington, on 1-9-12.

Freda Roberta Foss Kilcollins, 91, of Presque Isle, on 3-16-12.

Gordon Willis Lund, 72, of Auburn, on 10-16-10.

Kathryn Hunt Stafford, 71, of Morro Bay, CA, on 4-4-12.

Barbara Ward Stuhlmann, 71, of Pittsfield, MA, on 2-10-12.

Patricia Harvell Thurston, 93, of Bass Harbor, on 4-26-12.

Constance Perkins Trott, 98, of Rockwood, on 12-2-11.

1964

Elaine Edith Grant, 70, of Cordova, MD, on 3-14-12.

John Emery Hill, 69, of Biddeford, on 2-13-12.

Donald Calvin Holsapple, 85, of Dexter, on 4-1-12.

Mabel Lee Nickerson, 70, of Skowhegan, on 3-27-12.

Gordon Gilbert "Pete" O'Donnell, 73, of Saco, on 2-17-12.

Anna Elizabeth "Betty" Rogers, 81, of Unity, on 11-4-09.

Dorothy Norma Twitchell, 94, of Oxford, on 12-15-11.

1965

Raymond Bisbee, 68, of Kensington, NH, on 12-20-11.

Vernon Augustus Blackstone, 76, of Caribou, on 12-15-11.

Bennett Foster Files, 69, of Cumming, GA, on 12-9-11.

Normand Richard Fournier, 70, of Lewiston, on 3-17-12.

Irvinia Gould, 76, of Waldoboro, on 4-10-12.

Madeline McCauley Hayden, 90, of Windham, on 2-17-12.

Lila Mae Richmond, 80, of Bangor, on 4-22-12.

Ruth Chamberlin Schleicher, 86, on 8-10-11.

Allan Mason Shaw, 68, of Norfolk, MA, on 12-17-11.

Donald Leo Wilson, 67, of Largo, FL, on 3-26-12.

1966

Clifford Arnold Sharpe, 67, of Sacramento, CA, on 1-8-12.

1967

Thomas John Allen, 69, of Cape Coral, FL, on 8-9-10.

Charles Armitage, 66, of Aiken, SC, on 2-27-12.

Bruce Fox Edge, 71, of Plainville, CT, on 4-26-12.

Eva Crawford Estey, of Bangor, on 12-12-11.

James Gibson, 66, of San Antonio, FL, on 3-3-12.

Elizabeth Peirce Randel, 66, of Biddeford, on 11-28-11.

Ruth Evangeline Rouse, 87, of Caribou, on 2-26-11.

Gerald Witham Small, 75, of Dover, NH, on 11-25-11.

Patrick James Wolford, 71, on 7-29-11.

1968

Deborah Elizabeth Noyes Gillespie, 65, of Scarborough, on 12-3-11.

Ellen Elizabeth Proctor, 66, of Harpswell, on 1-31-12.

Richard Spear Sallinen, 65, of Camden, on 3-24-12.

Gary Donald Sullivan, 66, of Sanford, on 1-8-12.

1969

Elizabeth Ann Coombs De La Vega, 64, of Texas, on 3-20-12.

Grant Terance Lundeen, 62, of Mars Hill, on 2-3-12.

Mary Louise Pattison, 65, of Augusta, on 12-25-11.

Geoffrey Ralph Powell, 65, of Damariscotta, on 4-24-12.

Michael Charles Shannon, 66, of Santa Rosa Beach, FL, on 4-7-12.

Marion Sweet Wilson, 63, of Corinth, on 12-20-11.

1970

Margaret Baldwin Easton, 83, of Wakefield, MA, on 2-6-12.

Ernest Gilbert, 65, of Dallas Plantation, on 1-7-12.

Jerome Charles Kaul, 76, of Orrington, on 4-7-12.

William Austin Martin, 76, of Milbridge, ME, and Inverness, FL, on 1-16-12.

Kenneth Myron Morrison, 65, of Florence, OR, and Millinocket, on 1-7-12.

Margaret Evelyn Williams, 94, of West Bath, on 1-22-11.

1971

John Joseph Daly, 63, of Harwich, on 12-17-11.

Kenneth Benjamin "Ben" Dresser II, 63, of Bucksport and Old Town, on 2-7-12.

Robert "Pete" Varney Porter, 63, of Island Falls, on 12-14-11.

Philip Lee Winters, 63, of Spokane, WA, on 12-29-11.

Vitauts Knuble '72, Soldier and Artist



Artist and highly decorated Green Beret, Vitauts J. "Vits" Knuble '72 died on April 8, 2012. He was 67. Born in German-occupied Latvia, he escaped with his family to Hamburg, Germany, and settled in Bangor as a young boy. After high school, Vits joined the Army and volunteered for Special Forces. He served in Vietnam as a medical specialist for the 5th Special Forces Group A-233 A-Team and saw heavy combat in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. Following his distinguished Vietnam service he attended UMaine and earned a degree in political science.

After graduation, Vits spent an additional 12 years on active duty both in the U.S. and Germany, completing the infamous Navy SEALs UDT/BUDS course. He was engaged in special operations in Central America, the Middle East, and the Mediterranean. He returned to Maine, retired as a major, and began working full time as an artist. He was a highly successful portrait artist and worked in oils and watercolors. He had many clients and contributed portraits and artwork to numerous charities and youth programs, among them the UMaine ice hockey program.

Deaths

1972

Thomas Alton Hanscom, 62, of Rio Rancho, NM, on 1-28-12.

Vitauts Janis Knuble, 67, of Brewer, on 4-8-12.

David Allen Phillips, 61, of Salem, MA, on 9-6-11.

1973

David Trafton Bartlett, 61, of Rochester, MN, on 3-13-12.

Cynthia Ann Chassie Johnson, 59, of Franklin, on 3-31-12.

George Dennis Johnson, 58, of Franklin, on 3-31-12.

Michael Andrew Manson, 61, of Stonington, on 4-9-12.

Nelson Russell Neil, 73, of Wilton, on 3-20-12.

Neva Maxine Thompson, 89, of Limestone, on 3-25-12.

Deborah Wood Violette, 60, of Mapleton, on 3-22-12.

1974

Sandra Styrna Griffin, 59, of Orono, on 12-20-11.

Barry George Hanson, 59, of Livermore, on 2-16-12.

Faye Pelletier Hayes, 73, of Bucksport, on 2-14-12.

Thomas Arthur Merrifield, 59, of Duxbury, VT, on 1-9-12.

Ira Sheldon Moscovitz, 65, of Tampa, FL, on 8-27-11.

Jean Hascall Walker, 84, of Monmouth, on 12-14-11.

1975

John Joseph Bohner, 62, of Torrance, CA, on 2-16-12.

1976

Sherwood L. Campbell, 64, of Canton, on 2-8-12.

Helen "Becky" Demetra Koulouris, 58, of Brunswick and Lubec, on 12-1-11.

1977

Richard W. H. "Koz" Kozlowski, 57, of Susquehanna, PA, on 7-12-11.

Arthur Richard Willis, 76, of Ellsworth on 12-30-11.

1979

Carmen Courtois Lowe, 52, of Ayer, MA, on 12-6-09.

Paul A. Paulson, 84, of San Diego, CA, on 5-5-11.

Ralph Scott Sawyer, 54, of Natick, MA, on 3-19-12.

1980

William A. Holmes, 53, of Farmington, on



Captain John "Jay" Brainard with his wife, Emily.

Captain John "Jay" Brainard '08 died on Memorial Day, May 28, 2012, when his Apache helicopter crashed in Kabul, Afghanistan. Jay, of Newport, earned a degree in political science and became a commissioned officer through UMaine's ROTC program. He attended flight school at Fort Rucker, AL, graduating in 2010.

Brainard was an active-duty helicopter pilot with several units before being assigned to Headquarters Company of the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade based in Katterbach, Germany. He was piloting an AH-64 helicopter when it went down on patrol. Brainard is survived by his wife, Emily Southwick Brainard '09.

Hundreds of people turned out on June 15 to pay tribute to Jay as his remains were returned to Maine and brought in a motorcade from the Bangor tarmac to Newport. A military funeral service was held in Dexter on June 16.

3-12-12.

1981

Nancy "Lisa" Betit-Schultze, 60, of Augusta, on 2-24-12.

Lynette Lois Seekins Cameron, 52, of Cumberland Center, on 12-23-11.

André James Ouellette, 50, of Frenchville, on 4-30-12.

1982

David G. Kleinschmidt, 58, of Orono, on 4-20-12.

1984

Francis Reid MacDonald, 51, of Portland, on

1-31-12.

Agnes Marie Pelkey Whitcomb, 62, of Milford, on 3-15-12.

1985

Elizabeth L. More Hedgpeth, 75, of Topsham, on 3-11-12.

Steven G. Langlais, 51, of New Gloucester, on 4-14-12.

1986

James Edward Blanchette, 77, of Bangor, on 4-30-12.

Kent A. Kofstad, 49, of Nashua, NH, on 1-6-12.

1987

Jodi Ristuccia Kemos, 50, of Dracut, MA, on 1-23-12.

1989

Kelly Jo Ganeau Lovell, 45, of Corinth, on 3-17-12.

1990

Donna Eloise Fransen, 70, of Hampden, on 3-12-12.

Timothy Frederick Haley, 44, of South Portland, on 2-27-12.

Bruce Elliot Thulin, 62, of Ellsworth, on 2-19-12.

1991

Alice Motycka, 83, of Penobscot, on 2-28-12.

1993

Gordon W. Bowie, 67, of Bethesda, MD, on 1-5-12.

1995

Donald R. Biche, 70, of Oakland, on 2-6-12.
Maria Elena Preble, 59, of Old Town, on 1-10-12.

1996

Leah Ann Gay Kane, 37, of Santa Cruz, CA, on 11-28-11.

1999

Janet Grace Moore Spencer, 63, of Passadumkeag, on 12-13-11.

2001

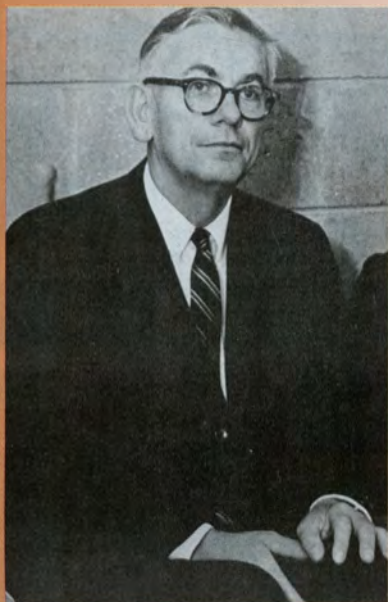
Claire L. Belisle, 53, of Auburn, on 1-11-12.

2008

John "Jay" Randal Brainard III, 26, of Newport, on 5-28-12 in Afghanistan.

Death notices from more than five years ago are not listed in the magazine. Check our online obituaries at umainealumni.com for all alumni deaths of which we are aware.

Guiding UMaine Through Growth and Change



The mid-1960s were a time of growth and change at the University of Maine. Enrollment rose sharply, the sights and sounds of construction filled the campus, and the whirlwind of political unrest and social change was making its way to Orono.

The president during three of those dynamic years, 1965-1968, was UMaine alumnus, H. Edwin Young. He returned to lead his alma mater after rising through the administrative ranks at the University of Wisconsin.

Born in Bonne Bay, Newfoundland, Ed Young spent his early years in Aurora and graduated from Bangor High School. As an undergraduate at the University of Maine, he joined Alpha Phi Omega, wrote for the *Maine Campus* newspaper, and participated in the International Relations Club. Ed went on to receive his master's in economics and later left Maine with his family to pursue a doctoral program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

After earning his Ph.D., Ed was offered a teaching position, and within a few years became department chair. He was appointed dean of the University of Wisconsin's College of Letters and Science in 1961. The University of Maine awarded him an honorary doctor of

laws degree in 1963.

Two years later, Ed returned to Orono as the successor to University of Maine president Lloyd Elliott. His three youngest children and his wife, Phyllis Smart Young '41, also a Bangor High School and University of Maine graduate, joined him in the President's House.

Back in Orono for a few weeks after his appointment as president, Ed told the *Bangor Daily News*, "I'm just a Maine boy who came back." To reacquaint himself with the campus he introduced himself by visiting classes, football practices, Memorial Union activities, and the cow barn at milking time.

"I sometimes get restless in the office and like to get out around," he explained.

When asked by someone who did not know him what he did on campus, he replied modestly, "Oh, I have a clerical job over at Alumni Hall."

UMaine's sharp increase in enrollment, a result of the baby boomers reaching college age, brought multiple challenges. Classrooms, dormitories, the library, cafeteria, bookstore, and other buildings became crowded. Financial aid was limited and taxpayers felt the pressure of increased funding needs. President Young sought to balance these economic and enrollment issues while also keeping tuition affordable.

As president, Young saw two state bond issues pass. One funded the construction of the Hilltop dormitories and dining commons and the other paid for renovations, expansions, and projects that would address the crowded conditions on campus.

One of Young's priorities was raising faculty salaries to make them comparable to those at other institutions and attract top professors. He worked to provide more resources to the library, and encouraged research opportunities that would help boost the state's economy.

Young described the goings-on in a letter in 1967: "Life goes on about as usual here at the University—more buildings, more students—more faculty—everything to keep us very busy."

Along with the enrollment increase, building construction, and financial

pressures came social and political shifts as well. The times, they were a changin'. While a dress code remained in effect, hemlines rose and sideburns grew longer. During Young's presidency, Senator Mike Mansfield, presidential hopeful Barry Goldwater, and vice president Hubert Humphrey spoke on campus. Louis Armstrong performed during winter carnival, and Simon and Garfunkle played for a packed audience in the "Pit." Like colleges across the country, the University of Maine wrestled with changing social customs. In a campus vote, students overwhelmingly rejected dormitory curfews. Similarly, the administration wrestled with and expanded free speech on campus.

Ed's presidency came at a time of teach-ins, sit-ins, and peace marches, with heated debates about the Vietnam War and the draft. About 40 students protested the recruitment of students by Dow Chemical, the manufacturer of napalm, and occupied the space outside his office. In another event, students and faculty protesting an ROTC Review were attacked and pelted with eggs. But relative to activities on many campuses, UMaine was generally peaceful.

In 1968, Young left Maine to become chancellor of the University of Wisconsin, and later president of the University of Wisconsin System. His departure followed the Maine Legislature's approval of a restructuring of public higher education in the state—bringing UMaine and the other state colleges under a University of Maine System.

Young enjoyed a long and distinguished career at the University of Wisconsin before retiring. In retirement, he still kept tabs on the University of Maine. Writing to his UMaine classmates in 2007, he reported that at 90, he still read the *New York Times* and *The Economist* faithfully.

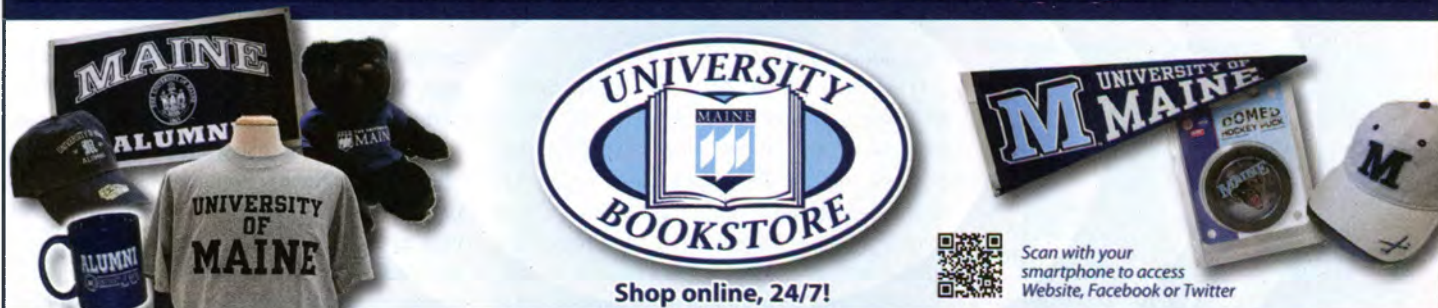
And despite serious health problems, his sense of humor remained intact.

"My right hand does not work very well since my last stroke," he wrote. "I cannot write or sign a check, which has saved me a lot of money."

Edwin Young died in Madison on January 2, 2012.

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Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Buchanan Alumni House

Alumni and friends gathered in June to mark 10 years since the opening of Buchanan Alumni House in 2002. Thank you to all who made it possible.



1. Dorain '68H and Bion Foster '68, '70G with Woody L. Carville '53, '54G. Bion and Dorain gifted the Foster Boardroom. The Class of 1953 named the University of Maine Alumni Association President's Office in honor of Frederick E. '53, '58G and Dione Williams Hutchinson '54, '71G. Woody and Jean Grindle Carville '54 also contributed at the Leadership Level.



2. Grace Ferguson, Lynda Martin Rohman '86, Edie McVay King '67, Louis C. King '60, Hope Wing Weston '37, and Warren M. Orcutt '66. Lynda and John Rohman made gifts to the Alumni House Campaign and the Alumni House Endowment Campaign. Many of the steins on display throughout the house are gifts from Edie King. Edie and Louie also contributed to the Alumni House Campaign and the Alumni House Endowment Campaign, and are regular volunteers for the Alumni Association.



3. Linwood Lufkin '58 was the Project Manager for the general contractor Nickerson & O'Day.



4. Henry W. Saunders '50, Amos Orcutt '64 and Al S. McNeilly '44. The Class of 1950 contributed at the Founders Level. In addition, Henry and Marjorie Higbee Saunders '50H were donors at the Builders Level. The Class of 1944 gifted the Dirigo seal mosaic in the Grand Foyer. Al McNeilly gifted an office in the University of Maine Foundation suite.



5. UMaine President Paul Ferguson, UMaine Foundation outgoing President Amos Orcutt '64, UMaine Alumni Association President Todd Saucier '93, '97G, and UMaine Foundation incoming President Jeffery Mills '82.



6. WBRC Marketing Director R. Michael Pullen looks on as former President and CEO John Rohman '68 proudly holds up one of the groundbreaking shovels used in 2002.



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