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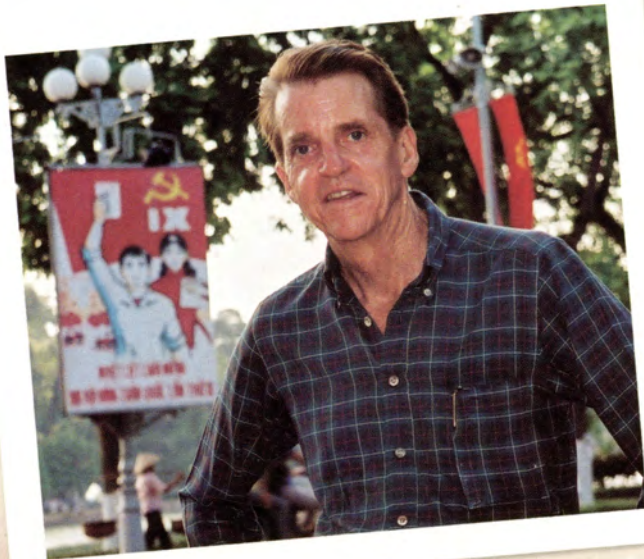
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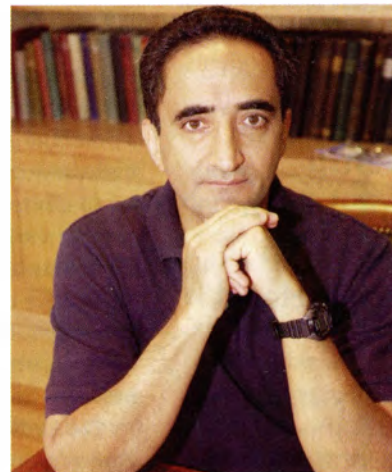
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In the late 1960s, David Lamb '62 covered the war as a combat reporter. In 1997 he returned to Vietnam to discover a country he realized he never knew.



Ibrahim Parvanta '76—story on page 14

Over 1,800 first-year students start classes at UMaine

The largest entering class in more than a decade (1,810) began classes at the University of Maine this fall. Coupled with 522 transfers, the total number of UMaine students rose to 11,200, up from 10,700 last year. It was the fifth consecutive increase in enrollment.

Seventy-nine percent of the new students are from Maine. Twenty-three percent of all first-year students were in the top 10 percent of their high school class, a two percent increase from last year. The average SAT score was 1087, one point higher than last year.

The increase in students did cause some housing problems as classes began. Many students had to share rooms with resident assistants while others temporarily stayed at the University Inn in Orono. The situation should be eased considerably with the completion of Doris Twitchell Allen Village 2 in December. The new dorm will house about 200 students.

Partnership developed with universities in Northern Ireland

The University of Maine recently solidified partnerships with Northern Ireland's University of Ulster and Queen's University.

Noting that UMaine is committed to expanding its role in



August 30 was moving in day for the members of the Class of 2006.

economic growth and development, university president Peter Hoff said that cultural and economic similarities between Maine and Northern Ireland made for a natural partnership.

Like Maine, Northern Ireland has an economy in transition. The country is moving from a natural, resource-based manufacturing and ship building economy to a knowledge-based, value-added economy. Northern Ireland sees itself as a potential gateway for companies seeking entry into European markets. Through its universities and public agencies, it's interested in working with UMaine to develop Maine as a gateway for Irish and European companies looking to do business in U.S. markets.

The University of Ulster and Queen's University are central to Northern Ireland's economic strategy. They are seen as the major drivers for knowledge-based technology transfer as

well as economic and community development.

"We too, have had success with our research and development programs, so there is much that our facilities can learn from each other," Hoff explained. "Their successes can help us build a model for our state and university and we hope to do the same for Northern Ireland universities."

With memorandums of understanding signed, UMaine will begin work with its new partners to identify areas of focus and sources of funding. Hoff said he hopes that businesses in Maine and abroad will see the value of this collaboration and invest in it.

"These partnerships will broaden the number of economic development tools that UMaine has at its disposal," Hoff said, "moving the university closer to its goal of playing a more prominent role in Maine's economic growth."

Workplace accident claims life of UMaine employee

A July 29 accident at the University of Maine Center for Cooperative Aquaculture Research in Franklin resulted in the death of UMaine employee William O'Coin.

O'Coin died after being overcome by hydrogen sulfide fumes in a concrete aquaculture tank. He had entered the tank to rescue a fellow worker, 16-year-old George Schaefer, who was overwhelmed by fumes while cleaning the bottom of the tank. O'Coin was able to save Schaefer before succumbing to the fumes himself. Schaefer, who following the accident was treated at Children's Hospital, is continuing his recovery at home and has returned to school.

The Maine Bureau of Labor Standards cited the university for safety violations at the Franklin lab and failure to implement its written employee policy. The state also fined UMaine a total of \$111,000.

Since the incident, all the safety issues have been corrected. UMaine president, Peter Hoff has committed the university to "taking whatever steps are necessary to prevent a similar accident from occurring in the future."

The university has received high marks for quick and forthright response to the accident.

According to University of Maine records, the Franklin lab incident was the first fatal workplace accident in the institution's history.

UMaine fraternity earns honor

The University of Maine's Beta Theta Pi chapter won the Virginia Tech Award at the fraternity's annual convention in Kansas City, Missouri, in August.

The Virginia Tech Award honors the chapter with the highest GPA in each of 14 Beta Theta Pi regions, relative to each university's grade point average. UMaine's Beta Theta Pi posted a 2.75 GPA for the reporting year.

Wood composite bridge receives recognition

An innovative wood composite bridge deck in Maine has been recognized nationally for making a significant contribution to the wood construction industry. The award was given by the Engineered Wood Association of Tacoma, Washington, for design of an innovative bridge deck on the Skidmore Road linking the towns of Washington and Union east of Augusta.

UMaine civil engineer Roberto Lopez-Anido designed the wood composite bridge deck that can be installed in far less time than it takes to build a standard concrete deck. Lopez-Anido worked with professors Douglas Gardner '80 and Barry Goodell of UMaine's Advanced Engineered Wood Composite Center (AEWCC) to develop durable adhesive bonds between fiber reinforced



Officer Deb Mitchell '84 is one of the members of UMaine's new horse-mounted division of public safety. The division will eventually have two horses.

polymer composite materials and wood laminations treated with preservatives.

According to Lopez-Anido the bridge makes significant contributions in the areas of deck structure and materials.

He estimates that with refined construction techniques, the new bridge decks can be installed in a day or less. A typical reinforced concrete deck might need six to eight weeks to complete.

UMaine faculty asked to focus on teacher preparation

At its July meeting, the University of Maine Board of Visitors approved a task force report recommendation calling for substantial changes in the way the university trains and sup-

ports Maine's K-12 teachers.

"The University of Maine has always educated more teachers for the state than any other college or university," UMaine president Hoff said. "But right now we need to do more. We will always play a supporting role to the teachers and leaders in Maine's schools. We want to play that role well by helping provide the kinds of support that will best help the schools, the principals, the teachers, and the students."

Hoff went on to describe a multifaceted plan, which included the appointment of Sue Huseman to fill the vacant position in UMaine's Center for Teaching Excellence. Huseman is a former president of the University of Maine at Farmington and a former vice chancellor for the UMaine System. She will lead a campus-wide effort which will encourage the entire UMaine faculty to focus more on the preparation of

teachers and the support of Maine's schools.

As part of its effort, the university is developing a new master of science program. Currently UMaine offers a master of arts in teaching. The new degree is part of an effort to make the education of math and science teachers and education a priority at the university. UMaine professor Stephen Norton, who chaired the task force, noted that Maine is not producing enough math and science teachers to replace those who are retiring. He added that in the past there have been few science courses geared toward the training of teachers.

"We need a cultural change that says the whole campus must be involved in the preparation of teachers and the professional development of these teachers," Norton said. "We have tended to become very focused in our disciplines and some of us have lost sight of the very important role we can all play."

Board of visitors chair Trish Riley '73, '78G stressed the importance improving K-12 education has for the Maine economy.

"Higher education means higher income," she said. "All our studies show that Maine needs more highly educated citizens to compete. And that begins in K-12 where a solid foundation for lifelong learning must be laid. Through improved teacher preparation, programs, and activities to support teachers, advocacy efforts, and direct connections with schools, UMaine can make a difference."

Sigma Chi time capsule to be opened at Homecoming 2002

Fifty years ago, on its 50th anniversary celebration, a group of Sigma Chi brothers decided to bury a time capsule under the front lawn of their fraternity house. They proclaimed that, "In 50 years for the 100th anniversary, we will come back and dig it up."

On Homecoming 2002 weekend in October, the current Sigma Chi brothers, along with several brothers from the 1950s will be digging into the lawn in front of what is now Heritage House on College Avenue to see just what relics from 1952 are there. University officials and members of Sigma Chi's national organization and magazine will be on hand.

Arsenic in Maine's bedrock

High levels of arsenic have been found in groundwater that is used by homeowners in several areas in Maine. While researchers know that under some circumstances, arsenic bearing bedrock may be the source of the toxic metal, they don't know what factors contribute to the range of arsenic concentrations from one part of a watershed to another. With a \$163,037 grant from the Maine Geological Survey and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Andrew Reeve of UMaine's department of



Jazz great Wynton Marsalis kicked off the Maine Center for the Arts season with his Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra on September 28.

geological sciences and Gail Lipfert, '97, '99G, a Ph.D. graduate student, will identify geological conditions that foster contamination from bedrock. The goal is to be able to predict where high levels of arsenic might be located in a watershed. Collaborators include Robert Marvinney of the Maine Geological Survey and William Sidle of the EPA.

New publication will help environmental groups

A new publication from the University of Maine is available to help local environmental monitoring groups. A *Coordinator's Manual for Volunteer Monitoring* was published in

the summer by UMaine Cooperative Extension and the Maine Coastal Program of the State Planning Office.

The 90-page manual is designed for environmental monitoring groups to develop and evaluate their own organizational structure. While coastal water quality monitoring has been used as the primary example in this document, the organizational and planning information is relevant to any community-based environmental monitoring initiative or group conservation work. Topics include program planning, study design, fundraising, outreach and education, and sustaining volunteers.

The publication is available for \$20 from the Knox-Lincoln Counties Cooperative Extension office at 1-800-244-2104 (in Maine) or 207-832-0343, or e-mail: esp@umext.maine.edu.

Maine Center for the Arts opens an exciting season

Jazz, pop, Broadway shows, comedy—it's a lineup that has people scurrying to the Maine Center for the Arts (MCA) box office.

The 2002-03 season is one of the most exciting in its history and, according to MCA director John Patches, that's being reflected in record ticket sales.

The new season opened September 28 with a gala featuring one of the MCA's most requested artists, Grammy Award winning jazz musician Wynton Marsalis. The master trumpeter performed with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra (which he directs).

Another jazz performance will take place on November 8 when young Canadian piano sensation Michael Kaeshammer takes the MCA stage.

Other highlights for the season include: pianist/composer Marvin Hamlisch on October 18; the all-female Eroica Trio on October 27; Patty Larkin and Janis Ian on November 15; the Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats on November 16; Ballet National du Senegal on November 21; the Broadway hit "SWING!" on November 26; Schooner Fare on November 30; pianist Emanuel Ax on December 13; *The Odd Couple* on January 7; The Boys Choir of Harlem on January 25; *Il Trovatore* on February 8; *Tango Buenos Aires* on February 21; Alvin Ailey II junior dance company on March 19; and the Ethos Percussion Group on April 26.

\$1 million home given to UMaine Foundation

Frank and Helene Crohn of New York and Florida have donated their \$1 million Perry mansion to the University of Maine Foundation. The large two-story structure was built in 1997.

The building, now named the Crohn Family Conference Center, will be run by the UMaine Division of Lifelong Learning and will be available for retreats, meetings, and small conferences.

Brad Coffey, planned giving officer for the Foundation, noted that Frank Crohn, a graduate of Purdue University, has gotten to know some University of Maine people through his Purdue connections.

"We would like to market it for Maine groups and businesses outside of Maine," Coffey said. "But primarily we would like to see it benefit Washington County and the University of Maine." (Courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.)

New Sea Grant director chosen

University of Maine alumnus Paul Anderson '83 is the new director of the Maine Sea Grant Program. Anderson has been the associate director and Marine Extension team leader since 1999, and had been serving as interim director of the Sea Grant Program since November 2001.

America and the Arab World Conference comes to UMaine

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and the United States response to them, have raised some profound questions regarding American foreign policy toward the Arab world. As we watch tensions increase between Israelis and Palestinians and between the U.S. and Iraq, finding answers to those questions becomes even more pressing.

On October 18-20 The University of Maine will host a conference, The United States and the Arab World, which will address the changing environment in the Arab world and the viability of United States strategy in the Middle East. The conference is being sponsored by the William S. Cohen Center for International Policy and Commerce, the UMaine International Affairs Program, and the U.S. Army War College. It is being coordinated by University of Maine professors Diana Lawson and Bahman Baktiari. Participants will include internationally known scholars from universities and institutes as far away as Kuwait and California, military strategists, state department officials, and independent Middle East experts.

Lawson and Baktiari note that the emphasis of the conference will be on systemic approaches to Middle East strategy. A great effort has been made to ensure that a variety of informed perspectives are represented in order to foster constructive debate.

Among the speakers at the conference will be University of Maine System Chancellor, Joseph Westphal, who has held several prominent U.S. government positions including a stint as Assistant Secretary of the Army. Also speaking will be former foreign service officer, research anthropologist, and writer Whitney Azoy. In the past year Azoy has been writing a series of highly acclaimed columns on Afghanistan for the *Bangor Daily News*.

Numerous panel discussions will address topics such as the Arab world's perception of the United States, security dimensions of U.S./ Arab relations, scenarios for post-Saddam Iraq, the costs of U.S. military involvement in the Middle East, America's new preemptive strike policies, and the viability of the current American strategic posture in the Arab world.

"We will examine developing new policies toward the Arab world," Baktiari says. "In formulating those policies, the most demanding challenge is how to navigate between the pursuit of vital U.S. interests and the need to promote reforms that can diminish the appeal of violent extremism."

All panel discussions will be held in Minsky Auditorium. Alumni interested in attending can call 207-581-1960 or e-mail: Usconference@umit.maine.edu.



Professor Bahman Baktiari

Why Does It Take So Long to Grow Up?

After years of research on the people of the island of Mer and the deserts of Western Australia, UMaine anthropologists Douglas and Rebecca Bird have strengthened the argument that prolonged dependency is determined more by children's rate of physical growth than by how fast they learn.

By Dick Broom

More than one set of weary parents has wondered why it takes so long for kids to grow up. Children typically remain dependent on their parents through their teenage years, and sometimes considerably longer.

Does it really have to take that long? And, if not, then how soon can children start taking on adult responsibilities?

The answer might be: As soon as society needs or allows them to do so.

Research by two UMaine anthropologists suggests that children can very quickly master the knowledge and skills needed to successfully engage in productive, "adult" activities. The tasks at which children aren't as good, they say, are primarily those requiring size and strength.

The husband-and-wife team of Douglas Bird, Ph.D., and Rebecca Bliege Bird,



UMaine researchers Rebecca and Douglas Bird.

Ph.D., made this observation while studying the foraging activities of people on the small island of Mer, an outcropping of the Great Barrier Reef between Australia and New Guinea. The Meriam people get much of their food from the ocean, by

Photo by Toby Hollis

spear-fishing, hand-line fishing, and collecting shellfish. Children start playing with hookless lines on the beach when they are toddlers, and they are usually fishing by age six.

"Between six and nine, they become just as good at it as adults," Rebecca Bird said. "They catch just as much fish for the amount of time they're out there as the adults do."

Successful hand-line fishing requires knowledge of where certain types of fish are going to be at various times and what they are likely to bite on. It also takes skill and concentration, but almost no physical strength.

The children of Mer also rival their elders at spearing fish, using bamboo spears with iron tips.

"When they go out on the reef, both boys and girls will often take spears and hunt fish," Doug Bird said. "And as with



hand-line fishing, they can quickly become just as efficient as the adults.”

Meriam children aren’t as good at collecting shellfish, however, even though it requires very little knowledge or skill. Adults are better at it simply because their size enables them to cover more ground.

“In many places around the world, there are activities that take a lot of skill and also a lot of strength, so it tends to take kids a long time before they’re good at them,” Rebecca Bird said. “One school of thought has argued that differences in efficiency between adults and kids is the result of kids not knowing how to do things properly and needing a lot of time to learn. Researchers are just now starting to disaggregate the effects of body size and strength from the effects of gaining experience and learning skills.”

The Birds’ work has added weight to the theory that the length of dependency on adults is determined more by children’s rate of physical growth than by the rate at

which they develop brain power.

“What our data hint at and what others suggest is that the primary constraint on something like children’s success at foraging is not how much they can learn, but simply how big they are,” Doug Bird said.

The Birds believe that children in general have the potential to become as successful as adults at all sorts of activities that don’t require much size and strength. For supporting evidence in the Western world, the Birds point to the typical preschooler who, though small in stature, is better at learning computer skills than are many adults.

If it’s true, then, that the length of childhood dependency is tied mainly to the rate of physical growth, then the next question is: Why does it take humans as long as it does to finish growing?

Many scientists believe that the period of growth for primates, including humans, is determined by two factors—the benefits of attaining maximum size and the

A young child works with his mother gathering food on the Island of Mer. (Photo courtesy of Rebecca and Douglas Bird.)

risks of dying young.

“If you grow for longer and get bigger, you can reproduce better,” Doug Bird said. “But the longer it takes to reach maturity, the less likely you are to get to that point, simply because of the risk of extrinsic mortality.”

If your life expectancy is relatively short and your risk of an early death is high, then you need to grow up fast. Humans may have longer childhoods than other primates because we have a longer life span and a lower risk of dying young. Therefore, humans have more time before adulthood in which to gain knowledge and skills.

“Our argument is that all of the learning that occurs as we grow up is not the cause of our long childhoods, but a result of it,” Doug Bird said. “We can actually

learn very quickly if we have the need or incentive to do so.”

For example, in many places around the world, children begin taking on adult responsibilities at a much younger age because that’s what their societies need. In this country, there have been times and places where that was true, as well.

Rebecca Bird pointed out that, in east-coast American cities in the mid 1800s, “people had the Victorian idea that children should be protected from adult concerns and responsibilities.” But at the same time, families that were part of the great western expansion relied heavily on children to be productive.

“There were many accounts from that period of children being resourceful and keeping the family going,” Rebecca Bird said. “A lot of times, it was the kids who were the fastest to learn how to survive in the new environment.”

Because of many such historical accounts, as well as their own research, the Birds disagree with the notion held by some in their field that “childhood is all about practicing to be a good adult,” as Doug Bird put it. They believe that, since children can learn so much and develop skills so quickly, they can be just as successful as adults in many endeavors that don’t require an adult’s size.

The Birds published some of the findings of their Meriam studies in two articles in the Summer 2002 issue of the journal *Human Nature*. One article was titled “Constraints of knowing or constraints on growing? Fishing and collecting among the children of Mer.” The companion article was “Children on the reef: slow learning or strategic foraging?”

In that article, the Birds wrote, “Problems with assumptions about the helplessness of human children are especially evident in even the most cursory review of coastal economies.”

The Birds’ research findings, and their interpretations of them, were part of a July 2 *New York Times* article with the intriguing headline: “Why Childhood Lasts, and Lasts and Lasts.”

Doug and Rebecca Bird lived among the

native people on the island of Mer for 26 months over five years, beginning in 1994 and including all of 1998. Since 2000, their research has focused mainly on the aboriginal Mardu people of Western Australia’s Great Sandy Desert.

While the Meriam and Mardu cultures are very different in many ways including parenting styles, “it’s interesting to see how independent the kids in both places are from a very early age,” Doug Bird said. “Mardu kids are left entirely on their own while the adults are out hunting. They go out and forage for themselves.”

The kids learn to hunt, and by the age of six they become very good at it. Because of their relative lack of size and strength, they hunt lizards that are smaller than the animals the adults go after, and the small lizards live in a more concentrated area. So, as with the Meriam people, it seems that physical size is more important than knowledge and skill in determining children’s roles.

Of course, knowledge/skill and size/strength are not the only measures of human growth and maturation. There’s also emotional and psychological development. The relative importance of these factors is the subject of other studies.

“But one of the striking things about the two communities where we work, among the Meriam and the Mardu,” Doug Bird said, “is how little attention there is to concerns about how children are developing psychologically.”

On their most recent working visit with the Mardu, earlier this year, the Birds were accompanied by a small group of undergraduate students from UMaine and the University of Utah, where the Birds taught before joining the UMaine faculty in 2001. Both are assistant research professors of anthropology, and Doug Bird is a research associate in anthropology and human biology at the University of Western Australia.

As a scientist, Doug Bird is primarily interested in the factors that influence children’s foraging decisions and the material

consequences of those decisions. Rebecca Bird’s research focuses largely on the influence of ecology on the sexual division of labor among foragers.

“We typically think of men as hunters and women collecting plant food,” she said, “but it’s not like that everywhere.”

On Mer, both men and women garden and fish. In the Mardu culture, both men and women hunt. They hunt the same prey or different prey, depending on the season, and women use different hunting methods. In exploring the reasons for these differences, Rebecca Bird hopes to gain insight into the origins of the division of labor between men and women.

Already, her work is challenging what might be called the “Father Knows Best” model of who does what. According to this school of thought, “the man goes out, and all his work effort goes toward provisioning the household, while the woman stays home and takes care of the kids,” Rebecca Bird said.

Many academics still regard that model as the natural division of labor, but her husband thinks Rebecca’s work has really undercut that position.

An article about Rebecca Bird’s research among the Mardu was on the cover of the Spring 2002 issue of the Leakey Foundation newsletter. In the article, a member of the Leakey Foundation’s Scientific Executive Committee said Bird “represents the very best in current evolutionary anthropology.”

The Birds have received substantial funding for their work from the Leakey Foundation and the National Science Foundation, plus support from the Australian Research Council.

While continuing to analyze and publish findings from their research on Mer and in the Australian desert, the Birds will be writing books. Rebecca Bird and a Mardu woman are working on a book about desert women.

Doug Bird plans to collaborate with both Meriam and Mardu people on a comparative book about childhood.

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October 19	Miami	UMaine football vs Florida International University. Pregame rally time and location TBA.
October 25-27	Orono	Homecoming 2002.
November 26	Orono	Broadway production of "Swing" at the Maine Center for the Arts. Alumni preshow party at the Bodwell Lounge (5:30 p.m.). Show begins at 7 p.m. For tickets call 207-581-1755. For information on the preshow event call or e-mail the alumni association.
December 5	Portland	Portland Alumnae meeting and luncheon—location TBA.
December 15	Portland	Black Bear hockey vs Harvard 2 p.m., Cumberland County Civic Center. For tickets call 207-581-BEAR.
December 28-29	Naples, FL	Florida Everblades College Hockey Classic at TECO Arena featuring UMaine, Cornell, Massachusetts, and Ohio State.

Area mailings will be sent prior to each event. Call 800-934-2586 or log on to: www.mainealumni.com for more information and complete listing of events.

On the Cover

This photograph of UMaine mascot, Bananas, and his trainer, George Stackpole '24, was taken sometime in the early/mid 1920s. The black bear became the official mascot for all sports in 1914 after a cub was donated to the university. Bananas developed such a reputation for good luck that the U.S. Naval Academy asked to borrow him for an Army/Navy game. The university kept a live black bear as a mascot until 1963.



Outstanding Humanitarian

Alumni association president Jeff Mills '82 presented the Bernard Lown '42 Alumni Humanitarian Award to Christine B. Hastedt '68 at Reunion 2002. Christine has devoted her career to advocating for Maine's poor. For 30 years she has been at the forefront of the welfare reform effort. Among her many accomplishments are helping establish the right to fair hearings for the poor, helping create laws that protect workers who lose jobs due to plant closures, and helping to expand health care to children.



Joining the Staff

Danny Williams '91, '94G is the new director of annual and reunion giving at the alumni association. Danny formerly worked for the UMaine admissions office. He also recently served as a representative in the Maine Legislature.

New Board Members Elected

The University of Maine Alumni Association elected four new members to its board of directors during the June 2 annual meeting. The new members are:

- Former UMaine basketball great Rachel Bouchard '91. Rachel played two years of professional basketball in France before returning to her home state to earn her law degree from the University of Maine School of Law. She has worked as a practicing attorney and in higher education. Currently she serves as director of athletics at Yarmouth High School.

- Jonathan LaBonte '02 of Norwood, Massachusetts. Jonathan is currently an engineering consultant for FM Global Insurance Company. He graduated cum laude from UMaine, earning the President's Academic Achievement Award. A member of Phi Kappa Sigma, he was named the UMaine Student Leader of the Year in 2002.

- David Townsend '74, '81G of Orono. David is the recently appointed director of the school of marine sciences at the University of Maine. In addition to his bachelor's degree, he also earned his Ph.D. in oceanography from UMaine.

- Brooke D. Wagner '86 of Andover, Massachusetts. Brooke earned an MBA from Santa Clara University and is currently employed as a vice president for the Aspect Communications Corporation in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

Ending their terms on the board were: James Mullen '72, '75G, Joseph Herbert '58, Rita Sullivan '95, Virginia Barnes Grogean '63, Susan Johnson '85, '87G, and Elizabeth Hitchcock Locke '77. Bion Foster '68, '70G was elected as the new alumni association chair. He will take over from Greg Jamison '72, '98G who served two outstanding terms in that office.



Joe Herbert '58 (left) received an engraved pewter plate at the alumni association board's June meeting from chair Greg Jamison '72, '98G. The plate was given in recognition of Joe's service on the board.



Another successful CCAC golf tournament

Enjoying the third annual Cumberland County Alumni Chapter (CCAC) Golf Classic at Spring Meadows Golf Course in Gray are (left to right): UMaine president Peter Hoff, Judy Knaub, alumni association board member Kurt Marston '74, '79G, and Mary Michaud. Judy, Kurt, and Mary are all employees of Woodard and Curran, the naming sponsor of the Classic. The August 12 event drew a record number of teams. All proceeds go to support the CCAC Scholarship Fund.



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Black Bear Loyalty

Greg Jamison '72, '98G gives back to his alma mater, whether providing leadership for the alumni association or selling 50-50 raffle tickets at the Alford Arena.



If you've gone to any University of Maine athletic or alumni events in the past 10 years, then you've probably run into Gregory Jamison '72, '98G. Greg is almost always in attendance, and he's usually working. He serves on the boards of the Friends of Maine Hockey and the Friends of Maine Football. He runs the 50-50 raffle programs for both of those groups as well as for the Friends of Maine Basketball. And on any given game night you'll see him walking through the stands, selling those 50-50 tickets.

That seems like quite a commitment of time and energy. But it's only part of the story of Greg's loyalty to his alma mater. He has also served on the alumni association board since 1996, including a term as cochair of fundraising and two terms as chair (which he just completed).

As the board chair he helped lead the Association through a series of major staff changes. He also presided over the most successful private fundraising campaign in the university's history (Buchanan Alumni House), and was instrumental in negotiating one of the most significant agreements in the alumni association's history—one which fosters more cooperative efforts with the university without sacrificing the Association's independence. The agreement also created a bold new joint leadership arrangement, in which alumni association executive director Jeff Mills '82 now also

serves as vice president for university advancement.

"Greg was instrumental in making this agreement viable and valuable to both parties," Mills says. "He was committed to keeping the alumni association strong and independent, but he also had the vision to support changes that would foster the cooperation and consolidation that would help the university's efforts."

Interestingly, Greg doesn't look back at the building of Alumni House or the new partnership with the university as the most significant accomplishment of his years as Association chair.

"To me the most significant thing is that even through a lot of transition, we have found better ways to serve our alumni and the university," he says. "I think we really have a better organization now than we have ever had."

Greg's loyalty to UMaine began to take hold back when he was a zoology student in the late '60s and early '70s. He was very involved with his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, serving in a number of leadership capacities for that organization, including vice president.

After graduation Greg opted to continue his education in Massachusetts with the goal of getting a degree in pharmacy. But it didn't take this Gardiner native long to return to Maine. Soon after graduation he took a job with Wellby Drug Stores in Bangor. His job took him all over the state, much of the time centered

in the Portland area.

When Wellby sold its operations in 1992, Greg and his wife Elizabeth McElwain Jamison '74 were living in Holden and they made a conscious decision to stay there. Without having to travel, Greg knew he wanted to get more involved in the community, especially the University of Maine.

That opportunity came after his longtime friend, classmate, and fraternity brother, Jim Mullen '72, '75G, got Greg involved in the Bangor Breakfast Rotary Club where he introduced him to then alumni association president, Max Burry '57.

"I expressed an interest in getting involved in the university and the next thing I knew I was serving on the Association board," he says.

At about the same time Greg began his involvement with the athletic friends groups. He didn't realize at the time just how deep that involvement would become and the athletic teams didn't realize what a great asset they were acquiring.

"He is the quintessential volunteer and every group on campus—academic, athletic or otherwise—would benefit from having a Greg Jamison," says Nonni Hilchey Daly '59, who after 20 years of volunteer work for the university, know what she's talking about.

"He's not just a friend of hockey, football, basketball—he's a Friend of Maine Athletics. No matter what needs to be done, Greg is either asking what he can do or sees a need and jumps in and gets the job done."

Greg, who now works as managing director at NCS Healthcare, realizes that not everyone can make his level of commitment to the university. Still, he often wonders why more alumni don't try to stay connected.

"I truly believe that the University of Maine is the most important asset that the state has," he says. "And those who have an affinity to it, specifically alumni, need to support it. It always distresses me that more people don't belong to the alumni association—especially since it costs so little and means so much. I think if most alumni looked in their heart of hearts, they would realize how important the university was in helping them get their start."

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Call for Nominations— 2003 Alumni Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the following alumni association awards. Please include as much specific information as possible as to how the nominee's service or achievements match the criteria for a particular award. Also, please include your name, address, and phone number. Nominations should be sent to: Diana Richardson, One Alumni Place, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469-5792 or e-mailed to: diana_richardson@umit.maine.edu.

Alumni Career Award

Presented once a year to a UMaine graduate whose life's work is marked by outstanding achievement and dedication.

The Pine Tree Emblem Service Award

Presented in recognition and appreciation of leadership and service to the University of Maine alumni body.

The Spirit of Maine Award

Presented to an individual who has graduated in the last 15 years and has shown outstanding initiative and achievement in the business, professional, or public arena.



Alumni association president Jeff Mills '82 (right) presents the 2002 Alumni Career Award to Governor John Reed '42.

The Black Bear Award

Presented in recognition of outstanding service to the University of Maine through multiple endeavors.

The Bernard Lown '42 Alumni Humanitarian Award

Recognizing UMaine graduates who distinguish themselves in outstanding and devoted service to humanity.

The Hilda A. Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award

Presented for exemplary service to a UMaine class as class correspondent.

The Block "M" Award

Recognizing outstanding leadership and constructive participation in local alumni events, class activities, and alumni programs.

Classnotes

Golden Bears

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We'd like to suggest a hearty round of applause for **Clarine Coffin Grenfell '32**, who so ably tapped out this column on her computer for the past several years. Clarine did a wonderful job tying in news of Golden Bears far and wide. Clarine was honored this spring with an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the University of Maine. As a teacher, minister, writer, and publisher, Clarine has inspired students, friends, professional collaborators, and family members. Clarine continues to edit and publish books from the Grenfell Reading Center.

Bernard "Doc" Mann '33 was the subject of a *Bangor Daily News* article and a letter to the editor. Doc teaches chess and even learned sign language a few years ago in order to instruct a deaf chess student.

Another honorary degree recipient this spring was **Austin Wilkins '26**, the state's former commissioner of the Maine Forest Service. Austin received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the University of Maine at Augusta. Austin had a distinguished career in forestry and is the author of: *In the Public Interest: The Civilian Conservation Corps in Maine* and *Ten Million Acres of Timber: The Remarkable Story of Fire Protection in the Maine Forestry District*.

1935

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Our alma mater has a new building. It was not possible for me to attend



Some former neighbors got together during Reunion 2002 in early June. Left to right are: Bill Saydah, Smith McIntire '32, Charlene McIntire '32H, and Marilyn Harmon Saydah '52, '60G.

the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Buchanan Alumni House but our class was ably represented by vice president **George Carlisle** who graciously sent me a program. Our class can be justly proud of the contributions, both individually and collectively, that helped to make this project a success. May both present and future alumni use and enjoy the place we can call home.

The news from our classmates has not been up to expectations and we have promised to make corrections. One idea that we are planning to investigate is to make personal contacts to find out what our members are doing. We will then publish those things that we believe will be of interest to the other members. The suggested information we would like to receive includes volunteer work, family, (especially those bright great-grandchildren) and any other information that you think would be of interest to other '35ers. We hope this endeavor will be voluntary, but if it does not happen that way, be prepared to be contacted.

To get this program underway I am volunteering to be the first guinea pig. Some time ago, I acquired a 90-acre farm in upstate New York. It was not intended to be profitable and has proved to be just that. I receive plenty of exercise and we grow all our needed fresh vegeta-

bles and wood to heat our residence. I still do some volunteer work being a member of an ASTM committee and also help my son in his business. We have two grandsons but no great ones yet. Wife Jean and I celebrated our 67th wedding anniversary on June 10th. If there are any other classmates who are gardening, I would appreciate comparing notes.

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As I have not heard from any classmates for the past few months, I am writing about a mysterious meeting with one of you.

In early June of 1968 I found myself standing in a long line waiting to register for my daughter Ellen's graduation at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York.

All at once I spied a familiar face near the end of this line. We ran to meet, and she gave me the biggest Maine bear hug ever. She was there

also for the graduation of her daughter.

Later on, the four of us had dinner together. Our spouses just sat there while we talked about old times in Orono and Maine in general. She talked about the great fire in Ellsworth, her home town. I mentioned the fire of 1947 at Goose Rocks Beach, Kennebunkport, which completely burned down our family house, leaving only the tall chimney standing. She described the view from the top of Mount Cadillac in Bar Harbor on a clear day, the many islands in the bay, and the ski mountain behind Camden. It came as a revelation to me, as the only time I drove to the summit it was quite foggy.

I never saw her again. For years I associated the name **Kay Wormwood Sawyer** with her. When I became correspondent for our class, I wrote her about our meeting at Skidmore. To my surprise, Kay wrote back that she was not the one.

Maybe one of you can solve the mystery. All I can remember is that she came from Ellsworth, her father was the manager of one of the large estates in Bar Harbor, her husband was with the telephone company somewhere in the midwest, and her daughter took the nursing course at Skidmore. At Orono she majored in home economics, and she was in my course of biochemistry. She was quite tall, and she had the brightest blue eyes. Please write me if you know her name.

1937

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The big news this time is the reunion in June. Four of us attended: **Hope Wing Weston, Audrey Bishop Thibodeau, Ernie Dinsmore, and Don Kilgour**. While this small number may not be impressive, the excitement was.

Hope Weston, in her description of the events, couldn't find enough

superlatives. Everything from the bus service to the ribbon cutting at the new Alumni House was well arranged and went off handsomely. All speakers were excellent and the program memorable.

I agree with the decision made by our four in attendance to turn over our funds to the Senior Alumni Scholarship Fund. Hope the rest of you feel the same way.

1938

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We'd love to have some news of the Class of '38. Please write and tell everyone what is happening with you.

1939

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Eleanor "Ellie" Crockett Hutchinson writes of the exciting Figwai sailing race which takes place annually on Memorial Day weekend on Cape Cod. Her younger son, Tom, a dentist in Falmouth, Massachusetts, is a dedicated sailor and skier. Along with his son, Rob, and friends, he sails in this race yearly. Last year, he came in first in his class. His boat is anchored at Boothbay Harbor for six weeks during the summer. He and his wife, Sue, both graduates of Bates College, spend time in Maine whenever humanly possible.

Our faithful New Jersey correspondent, **Ralph Higgins**, recently attended a concert at the Lawrenceville High School given by the University of Maine Singers. Ralph talked with the director and his wife, inviting them to the University of Maine annual Lobster Mania in September. The annual Lobster Mania in mid-September will be feeding at least 60 hungry alums at



Class of '39 correspondent Edna "Squeeze" Harrison Dempsey celebrated her 85th birthday on March 16 at the Annapolis Yacht Club with her six grandsons. She also has a granddaughter who could not attend.

about the time you are reading this column. Ralph also reports that Lawrenceville has two New Jersey scholarship recipients, which makes them very proud.

My family, coming from far and near, outdid themselves last spring. I was given a spectacular dinner party to celebrate my 85th birthday at the Annapolis Yacht Club. Twenty-one persons attended, with my only granddaughter and one daughter-in-law unable to be there. It all went too fast! I wish I could replay the great food, flowers, balloons, special ambiance, and a surprise visit from my pastor at the very end of the evening—a perfect finale for such a memorable event!

Family notes: my oldest grandson, Matthew McGill, is just beginning a year-long fellowship in the office of the solicitor general of the United States. A Stanford Law School graduate, after completing a clerkship with an appellate judge in New York City, he began a position in appellate law in D.C.

On September 8, 2001, just before our world changed forever, my family and I gave my youngest daughter, Catherine, a Ph.D. party at my home on the shores of Chesapeake Bay. After nearly six years, she earned her degree in health and behavioral science at the University of Colorado. It was a carefree day with no inkling of the terrible tragedy about to occur on September 11. Please send me your news! All for now, ELD

1940

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First of all, we can be very proud of our classmate, **Bill Treat**, who played such a major role in building the Buchanan Alumni House. It is indeed a credit to our alma mater. Thank you, Bill.

Another thank you goes to **Peg Steinmetz Mosher** for sending on some bits of information regarding our class. The one sad note in the message was the notice of the death of **Jane Holmes Kinsley** in May. Jane, who lived in Baldwinsville, New York, met frequently with the 1940ers Peg and **Marjorie Coffee Latus**, all of whom lived within easy travel for get-togethers. Jane was very active in her community and was awarded Woman of the Year by the chamber of commerce in her city. It seems that Peg, Jane, and Marjorie Coffee Latus got together as the result of a "round robin" letter writing group that started after our 45th Reunion. Let's try to revive that and plan on meeting at our next reunion!

Peg had a busy winter spending three weeks in Hawaii, two weeks in

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Honolulu visiting her son, and topped it off with an Elderhostel program in Kauai!

I went to Orono during Reunion weekend hoping to find some of our classmates, but since we were not a reunion class we did not have a special spot for a hangout so I never located any of the class. I did get lost, though, in my effort to find the building where lunch was being served! Even the campus police had trouble getting from here to there! Since our class did not have any particular place at the Buchanan ceremony, I did not stay for the dedication, but the little bit I saw of the building, it is indeed handsome.

From time to time **Lucille Maddocks Sprague** and I keep in touch either by telephone or by a brief visit by me when I am in the neighborhood. She is quite lame now so does not get out much. Her two grandchildren are doing well in school. Her granddaughter is an honor student at UMaine and her grandson was not only president of his high school class but also an honor student. He is headed for Harvard!

As for me, I am now a resident in part of what used to be Freese's store! I am in the side that overlooks Pickering Square (you remember Pickering surely!). It is interesting, to say the least. I keep busy doing what most of us "old folks" do, volunteer when and where needed!

Now how about sending me some of your doings?

1941

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A big Maine hello to all! I am writing this on a perfect June day, and I sincerely hope good health and good spirits are with all of you at this beautiful time of year.

Among '41ers signed up as present at the last reunion were co-writer of this column, **Agnes Walsh, Charlie and Alice Smith, Paul Townsend**, and **Jean Peirce**. Up until Friday, however, Jean's name did not have a paw print beside it signifying she was actually on campus.

The dedication and ribbon-cutting of the new Buchanan Alumni House

was a highlight of the Reunion. It is a beautiful and most utilitarian building, according to Agnes. Two rooms in it have special meaning for the Class of '41. One is the Agnes Ann Walsh phonathon training center. This room is diagonally across from the Class of '41 sponsored Student Alumni Association office. What a wonderful gesture, Agnes. You have always been such a loyal Maine alumna!

An impressive ceremony opened the ribbon-cutting of the Buchanan building with a processional of distinguished guests and dignitaries followed by the Presentation of Colors by the University of Maine ROTC. Trumpeter Brian Nadeau played the "Star Spangled Banner," followed by remarks from Greg Jamison '72, '98G, chair of the UMaine Alumni Association, and Barry Hobbins '73, chair of the University of Maine Foundation. The blessing of the house was by Father Joe Koury of the Newman Center. Dr. Peter Hoff, University of Maine president, and the Honorable Angus King, Governor of Maine, spoke briefly. Dr. Dianne Hoff and P. James Dowe '72 gave donor recognition.

Other speakers included Dr. Jeff Mills '82, president of the UMAA and vice president for university advancement, and Amos Orcutt '64, president and CEO of the University of Maine Foundation, Judge William Treat '40, and Dr. Robert D. Buchanan '44. Following the ribbon-cutting by honored guests, Brian Nadeau played the "Maine Stein Song." A small black bear was given to all attendees as a memento of the event. All in all, a very impressive ceremony to open a very impressive Alumni House.

And now for some news of our classmates. **Ruth White Wight** writes that she has retired from her busy life as the town "Gramma" and is now enjoying being able to linger over the morning paper and breakfast coffee and being able to say "yes" to any opportunity for fun, such as bridge, which comes along.

Vernon Johnson writes that he is "still hanging on at 85 years old." He's in good health and spends the winters in Florida. He has six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren with another two on the way.

Martha Hutchings Schelling has returned from her fabulous trip around the world and is now at her condo in Bridgton for the summer.

Grandsons of Boke '42 and **Joyce Ramsey Carter** appear on the cover of the L. L. Bean Outdoor



Enjoying their 60th Reunion in June were Class of 1942 officers. Left to right are: Flossie Cousins Weeks (vice president), Mike Roy (president), Marion Libby Broaddus (secretary and class correspondent), and Harold Blood (treasurer).

Living Catalog for summer 2002. This is the fifth time the boys, Liam and Ian, have appeared in L.L. Bean's publicity. From the looks of the cover it certainly seems as if they are having a lot of summer fun. When their mother happened to stop to shop at the Mall of Columbia in Columbia, Maryland, she was greeted by a big, blown-up picture of the cover with her sons on it.

Hugh Murphy, professor emeritus of agronomy, was a faculty member at Orono from 1948 to 1995. He also was the longtime editor for the *American Potato Journal* of the Potato Association of America located in Coburn Hall. He is now a manuscript reviewer for three technical journals.

Agnes Walsh retired in May as president of the College Club of Portland after a term of two years. In appreciation for her excellent job, the College Club board presented her with a microwave oven, a potted plant, and a lot of accolades.

In addition to all her many other honors, Sarah Marshall, granddaughter of the late **Helen Wormwood Pierce**, was just selected a state MVP in girls' basketball. A McAuley High School junior point guard, Sarah led her team to an undefeated Class A championship season. Sarah is also an all-state soccer player and distance runner in the spring. Congratulations, Sarah—how proud your grandmother would be of your many achievements.

A few tidbits from the alumni office. **Robert Lundbert**, a retired surgeon, writes, "Maine gave me a good start on what I look back on as a happy and rewarding life." That's a sentiment many of us share, Robert. He served in World War II and Korea.

Active in town and church committees, **Joanna Evans Bardo** is enjoying her retirement. Quilting is one of her many hobbies. Mother of four, Joanna has three grandchildren.

A resident of Sun City, Arizona, **Anna Verrill DeMunn** spends summers in Harpswell, Maine. She enjoys gardening, golf, and bridge.

Harry and Claralyn Preble Trask reside in South Paris, Maine. Both are retired.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **J. Burleigh Crane**, who passed away in Milbridge, on May 16, 2002. Burleigh, a mechanical engineer, was a captain in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving on the battlefields of Casa Blanca, southern France, Anzio, and Germany. After the war he worked as a general manager, vice president, and member of the board of directors for several companies and also operated a 75-acre wild blueberry lease in Township 16 from 1978 until his death. Very active in community affairs, he is survived by his wife of 60 years, Dottie Warren Crane '42, two children, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a

brother, and two sisters.

A cairn has been erected in honor of this "blueberry baron of the barrens" at Sand Hill at the entrance to the blueberry barrens in Cherryfield, honoring his many contributions to the blueberry industry in Maine.

Our deepest sympathy also to **Don Devoe** and his family on the loss of Don's wife.

That's it for this time, classmates. Please drop a line to Agnes or to me to keep us posted on what's going on in your lives. We'd really appreciate it!

1942

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Dear Classmates,

What a wonderful 60th Reunion weekend. Campus looked lovely as it always did in the springtime. The alumni gathered at the south end of campus for their activities while the sports complex on the north end was filled with high school championship play-offs. Bring back memories, folks? We had a great turn-

out—the following were registered: **Ed Arbo, Andy Andrews, Jo Blake Bail, Janice Woodward Beedy, Paul Beegel, Hal Blood, Arthur and Doris Bradeen Boyd, Marion Libby Broaddus, Nat Crowley, Earl Hodgkins, Elizabeth Honan, Marion Lundgren Kelly, Virginia Stevens Laris, Larry and Mary Cowin Leavitt, Lois Stone McMurray, Ed Pitts, Darrell Pratt, John Reed, Helen Thorndike Remick, Gwil Roberts, Mike Roy, Lois Long Stone, Bette Barker Taverner, Florence Cousins Weeks, Elizabeth Caldwell Wilson, and Stephen Woodbury.**

Friday afternoon was the Buchanan Alumni House ribbon cutting. A sunny afternoon made the event most enjoyable with remarks from many alumni and Governor Angus King. Our class sponsored two rooms on the second level for UMAA offices. The Andrews Leadership Hall, a gift from Francis (Andy) and Dorothy Andrews was highlighted by a very lovely portrait of Andy and D.J., making the room so very special. Our class hosted Friday's "Evening of Dining with Distinction," featuring the University of Maine's Distinguished Maine Professors. Each table had as its guest a previous D.M.P. This year's Distinguished Maine Professor was James Warhola, Ph.D.

The class meeting was held Saturday noon at the University Club/Fogler Library. Officers for the next five years are: president Mike Roy; vice president Florence Cousins Weeks; treasurer Hal Blood; secretary/class correspondent Marion Libby Broaddus.

The class voted to increase our endowment to \$4200 a year for the Distinguished Maine Professor Award. Class also voted to award \$250, if funds were available, to each nominee, with the exception of the actual winner, to encourage all colleges to participate in the selection process. We all had a chance to visit each other, gather family news and events, remember those not with us, and soundly declare we were "the greatest class of the greatest generation." Virginia Stevens Laris came the greatest distance, and Nat Crowley had the most children and grandchildren who attended UMaine. We all turned our best side forward as we posed for the class picture.

Saturday night was the All Alumni Black Bear Country 2002 Reunion Reception and Banquet. All reunion classes and other classes were having such a good time renewing



Elizabeth Caldwell Wilson '42 and Betty Brown Blood '45 at the Reunion 2002 banquet on June 1.

friendships and gathering news of classmates. A few rain drops did not stop us from continuing on to the Buchanan Alumni House's McIntire Room for the evening with the Memphis Belles, a joyful musical trio who performed music of the 1940s, '50s, and '60s.

Sunday morning was the All Alumni Black Bear Country 2002 Reunion Buffet and Awards Breakfast at Wells Commons. The Class

of 1942 was honored when the 2002 Alumni Career Award was presented to John H. Reed. This award is the alumni association's most prestigious honor. It is presented annually to a University of Maine graduate whose life's work is marked by outstanding achievement and dedication. John also received an honorary doctor of law degree in 1960 from his alma mater. As a class we are now honored with three Alumni

Career Award recipients, Dr. Bernard Lown in 1993, Francis "Andy" Andrews in 2000, and John Reed in 2002.

John Reed served as governor from 1959 to 1966. He was appointed to the National Transportation Board by President Johnson in 1967. In 1976 he was appointed ambassador to Sri Lanka by President Ford. After returning to the private sector he returned once again to Sri Lanka in 1981 by appointment of President Reagan. John is now retired from government service and keeps close ties with Maine and especially Aroostook County. I want to include a small side note of interest. In April and June of 1983 our son, Sam, a urologist, and his wife, Sandi, were in Sri Lanka on a medical mission. John and his staff were most gracious and kind to them. As Sam reported at the time, it was "great to hear a Maine accent so far from home."

President Mike Roy has kept classmates well informed with his letters. Thanks for a good job—well done. Friends, you have my mailing address, my phone number, and my e-mail address. Please make use of them with news, news, news.

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Members of the Class of 1944 and their spouses got together with honored classmate Dr. Robert D. Buchanan at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Buchanan Alumni House on May 31. Assembled left to right are: Al Ehrenfried, Ernie Roberts, Anita Stickney, Jo-ann Ehrenfried, Joe and Joy Iveny Ingalls, Charlie Stickney, Pearlee Buchanan, Midi Wooster Roberts, and Robert Buchanan. The Buchanans made the naming gift to the Alumni House and the Class of '44 also funded the building's beautiful state of Maine seal set in the floor of the entry rotunda.

1943

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Reunions come and reunions go; some are more memorable than others and that is true of Reunion 2002. It is remembered not because it immediately precedes Reunion 2003, but because it was a landmark event in the history of the University of Maine with the dedication of a new alumni center. The Buchanan House was paid completely from private funds—52 different reunion classes and friends. An impressive program of speakers marked the dedication of Buchanan Alumni House. President **Preston Rand** eloquently explained that the largest class gift was presented by the Class of 1943—\$268,491. This paid for the parlor/music room and chandelier. Tom '70 and Bonnie Prince Sawyer '70 donated the piano, and the Class of 1970 presented the couches and side tables. W. Tom Sawyer, Jr. is the son of **Nonie Cole Sawyer**.

It is my understanding that this project got underway in 1988 when **Frances Donovan**, on behalf of the class executive committee, recommended that funding for an alumni center become our class project—and we got right to work.

The Class of 1943 has been well represented on the University of Maine Senior Alumni Association board for the past two years. **Preston Rand** served as secretary and was a member of the scholarship selection committee. **Helen Deering Piper** and **Jeanne Patten Whitten** also served on this committee. **Ed Piper** was the auditor. **Preston Rand** will continue to serve on the board for two more years with a new lot—treasurer.

Thirteen members of the Class of '43 left their black paw prints as evidence of attending Reunion 2002: **Dorothy Hodgkins Anderson**, **Esther Whitman Crowley**, **Gordon Erikson**, **Dot Randall Gaddis**, **Betty Bearce Harrison**, **Helena Jensen**, **Ann Dowling Mawhinney**, **Ginny Conant Miner**, **Ed Piper**, **Helen Deering Piper**, **Bert Pratt**, **Preston Rand**, and **Jeanne Patten Whitten**. A full schedule of events kept people on the move but **Dot Randall Gaddis** commented that whereas her family went East that day, she targeted Orono as her



Outgoing Senior Alumni president Bob Patten '47 with his wife Stella Borkowski Patten '47 at the group's annual luncheon during Reunion 2002. At the luncheon Bob handed the Senior Alumni gavel over to Dick Noyes '51.

destination. **Dottie Hodgkins Anderson** from Walla Walla, Washington, was with her brother, **Earl '42**, whom she will visit for a while at Winter Harbor.

A reunion planning workshop was held at the Buchanan Alumni House on June 21 with members of the classes 1943, 1948, 1954, 1958, 1963, and 1968 attending. **Pat Cummings '89, '44H**, former director of reunion giving; **Paula Sheehan Paradis '71**, director of events and alumni relations; and **Anita Wihry '79**, executive director of institutional and facilities planning, informed us of proposed additions, renovating, and upgrading of campus buildings, and of the importance of class giving.

Our sympathy is extended to the families of **Robert Thompson Dodge** and **Vernon Elsemore**. **Vernon** entered the University of Maine as a member of the Class of 1943 and graduated in 1947. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army in Okinawa and Korea. He was with the housing administration at the university for 38 years. **Vernon** was active in church, community, and professional affairs.

Bob Dodge served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, assigned to the Manhattan Project, working mainly at Oakridge, Tennessee. Following this he worked for the **Beaun Corporation** of Southern California designing and constructing oil refineries. He also served as

assistant engineer in the construction of the first atomic power site at Idaho Falls, Idaho, and was head engineer responsible for construction and personnel for the Utah Atomic Power Site.

Betty Bearce Harrison relates that she spent a busy spring keeping up with the musical activities of her grandchildren in Cape Elizabeth. **Leslie Harrison** played in the high school jazz band and also played flute in the Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra. In May, she played first flute in the orchestra at the Maine State High School Music Festival. Brother **Kevin**

played trumpet in the junior high school jazz band and in the youth symphony orchestra. Congratulations, **Betty!** It's rewarding to see talent and hard work paid off in this manner.

Congratulations are also extended to **Jean Deering Piper '88** and **Donald Meakin** of Round Pond on their marriage on April 20, 2002. **Jean** is the daughter of **Helen** and **Ed Piper** and is director of purchasing at the university.

Remember, Reunion 2003!

1944

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On May 31, 2002, the Buchanan Alumni House opened its doors to generations of University of Maine alumni and friends. The University of Maine Foundation and the University of Maine Alumni Association worked toward the goal of contributing a building to serve as a gateway to the campus and to showcase its outstanding alumni.

The Senior Alumni luncheon and the ribbon-cutting ceremony were both well attended by members of the Class of 1944. It was an exciting

event and touring the rooms of the handsome building was pure pleasure. The main entrance floor to the Buchanan Alumni House features an exquisite mosaic of the university seal given by our class.

Dr. Robert Buchanan and his wife **Pearlee** gave the naming gift, which defined a turning point in the fund raising campaign, according to **Judy Collier** of **Beers Associates**. In his remarks at the ceremony, **Bob** said his gift came from a sense of gratitude for the education he received at the University of Maine. **Joe** wants me not to forget to say that **Bob** also mentioned his **Beta** brothers in his remarks as well.

May 31 was a very special day beginning to the end. Class of 1944 alumni attending were: **Don Bail**, **Russ Bodwell**, **Bob Buchanan**, **Al Ehrenfried**, **Frank Gilley**, **Jean Hufnagel**, **Joy Iveney Ingalls**, **Joe Ingalls**, **Al McNeilly**, **Deborah Drinkwater Rand**, **Earland Sleight**, **Charlie Stickney**, and **Midi Wooster Roberts**.

I picked up a few bits of news to pass along as I talked to these classmates:

Bob and **Pearlee Buchanan** had driven across the country in their motor home to be present and were joined by several members of their family at the ceremony.

Al McNeilly was moving around very smoothly and in fine spirits after his hip surgery last winter.

Earland Sleight is still living comfortably in Orono though he's looking at retirement villages nearby with the possibility of downsizing.

Charlie and **Anita Stickney** rode with us to Orono and we returned to have dinner at **China Rose** in Freeport. We learned that **Stick** has an 80th birthday coming up very soon. **Midi** and **Ernie Roberts** have returned to Franklin from Florida for the summer.

Jean Hufnagel's wife was not with him as she had recently had surgery. Here's to a quick recovery, **Ginny**.

Frank and **Mary Ellen Gilley** are still going strong with all kinds of interests and activities.

A nice letter from **Julia Robbins Shambach** just missed the last column. **Julia** had her 80th birthday on February 21, 2002. **Julia's** husband, **Arthur Y. Shambach**, a long-time employee of General Motors, died in December after a brief illness in Lockport. He was probably best known for his tennis throughout the Lockport area, a medalist in the New York Senior Olympics.

I chat with my UMaine roommate

Dolly Lamoreau Reed frequently and all is well with Dolly. She still lives in the lovely Reed family home in Fort Fairfield. A card from **Rhoda Tolford Stone** gave me the dates that she spent at Peaks Island this summer in July and early August.

In April we were all pleased to receive Al Ehrenfried's and **Esther Holden Hopkins's** class letter giving us up to the minute news items from the campus and outlining a suggested agenda for a summer reunion, which was held on campus at the new Buchanan Alumni House on Thursday, August 15, 2002. This gave us all a chance to see the new "gateway to the campus" and to visit the proposed Bear's Dean.

1945

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With this issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*, only a few notes from classmates will be included because that's all that were received! What can we do about this?

President **Jim Donovan, M.D.** sent me information about the recipients of the Class of 1945 Scholarship for the 2001-2002 academic year. Last year there were only four and this year there were six! They were all from Maine: Brittaney Astbury of Orland, Melissa Bill of Berwick, Marian Cooke of Camden, George Dumont from Holden, Christopher Lynch from Mapleton, and Erin Young of North Ellsworth.

Scholarship assistance is critically important, and ours can make a difference by taking the load off a bit. On behalf of the university, the recipients, and the class, I thank you for your continuing generosity to our class treasury. Jim is still living in Kennebunk and enjoying retirement.

In the winter edition of *Mainely People*, I enclosed bits and pieces about **Al Barmby's** trip across the country to New Mexico. He needed repair to the car and stopped at a Sears store where he was helped by the crew and someone named Bob Krause. I asked, "Ours?" In a letter from Bob Krause came this reply, "No, Jo, that was not our Bob



Eugene Mawhinney '47, '49G received the Pine Tree Emblem Service Award from alumni association chair **Greg Jamison '72, '98G** at Reunion 2002. Gene, a former Distinguished Maine Professor in political science, served on the alumni association board, as president of Senior Alumni, and as an outstanding leader of his class.

Krause. I don't work for Sears in Santa Fe and I don't do batteries. Still, I guess I do appreciate Al's compliment. Ironically, I was in Santa Fe a couple of years ago but I didn't go near Sears." Bob tells us he stays in contact with **Bob** and **Evie Tarr Smyth**. He said Evie is doing rather well and Smyth weighs 300 pounds—his left hand that is! Bob writes a column-a-month for a weekly newspaper and his former company has him "covering" two reunions a year—and they're paying him! He says "Hi" to all! Watch out—perhaps I'll find something to say about some of you that will elicit a reply!

I received Christmas greetings from **Romaine Littlefield Kupfer** and we enjoyed the picture of her in *Mainely People*. Romaine makes the trip to Maine every fall to visit family and attends Homecoming at the university. Red '44 and **Gerry MacBurnie Roley** have bought a condo near the Augusta, Maine, golf course and plan to spend a good part of their summers there. It will be a bit cooler than Texas. Marty '48 and **Mary Hurley Rissel** from South Carolina spend the summer in Mount Vernon, Maine. Bob and **Jennie Manson Hermanson** are in Paso Robles, California, and **Doris Emery Spencer** in Peabody, Massachusetts. There was no card from **Carolyn "Charlie" Chaplin Grant** at Christmas time, but I did receive a nice long letter the first of May.

She and Ralph '54 have moved to a retirement home with independent living. Arthritis has attacked Carolyn, and Ralph's COPD has reduced his energy. They would like to come to Maine and visit everyone but must stay in a sustained temperature over 60 degrees. That means where it's



Margaret Spaulding Brooks '47 received a Block "M" Award at Reunion 2002 for her loyal service to her class and fellow alumni.

warm! Members of Pi Phi sorority helped them move. **Connie Carter Lamprell** came for two weeks and they all enjoyed their annual Maine alumni luncheon and reunion. They would like to see any of us at their new address: 36 Barclay Circle Apt. 316, Fort Myers, Florida, 33907, phone (239) 482-0487.

We also enjoyed the very nice picture of Connie and Doris taken in Paris on the last night of their "Great Trains of Europe" trip last June. The last edition of *Mainely People* included a short synopsis of the trip.

Thanks for keeping in touch. You are all on my personal prayer list.

Mike DiRenzo was one of four new members inducted by Maine Sports Legends into its hall of honors. Mike continued his athletic endeavors from high school through college and beyond—coaching basketball and then officiating. He was one of the best known basketball officials in the state of Maine working over 1800 high school and college games in his 28-year career. He was a member of the undefeated 1941 Edward Little basketball team—our congratulations and best cheers—rah, Mike!

Now, please let us know what's going on in your lives.

If anyone would like a position on the new *MAINE Alumni Magazine* without pay, let me know. I think almost 25 years of reading the same approach might possibly be boring. I'm serious!

1946

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Please send in your news so we can have a column for the Class of '46. We want to hear from you!

Don't miss a single issue of your *MAINE Alumni Magazine!* Renew your alumni association membership promptly.

1947

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Reunion weekend in Orono was extraordinary. Weather perfect, campus beautiful, and alumni association staff, volunteers, student guides, and campus police—all were as helpful, willing, and cheerful as they could be. And the Maine Hello is still as big as ever.

The Buchanan Alumni House ribbon-cutting on Friday, May 31 was a special event—standing room only. We can be proud of our "front door" on College Avenue. It has everything! Conference rooms, galleries, office space galore, and my favorite place—the grand foyer. Our thanks go to all those responsible—the planners, fund raisers, donors (big and small), and the workmen.

Our class luncheon and business meeting was held at the Page Farm and Home Museum so we had a chance to check out the "old barn." Perfect setting and a great lunch. We had a real class meeting—reports, discussions, motions, votes. All you class members will be receiving a letter/survey so that we may know which way the wind blows in order to "vote your voice" at our next meeting in 2003. Those present at this reunion were: **Bob and Stella Borkowski Patten, Margaret Spaulding Brooks, Barbara McNeil Marsanskis, Phyllis Pendleton Bragg, Evie Foster Adams, Eleanor Webb, Eric '48 and Phyllis Jordan Hanson, Elmer and Nora Chipman Schaible, Charles and Betty Carpenter, Joan Ambrose Shaw, and me, "Chickie."** Although few in number, we had lots of spirit and made our share of noise with "Mairzy Doats" and "Beer Barrel Polka" accompanied by Phyllis Bragg who made music on the old fashioned organ.

Joanie Shaw and I had not registered for the Sunday morning black bear country 2002 Reunion buffet and awards breakfast, but we decided we had to be there as two of our classmates were getting awards. Margaret Spaulding Brooks received the Block "M" Award and **Eugene A. Mawhinney** was awarded the Pine Tree Emblem Service Award. Rah rah rah!

The buffet was superb and the



Joyce and Arnie Davis '49 got to chat with their favorite UMaine women's basketball player, Kizzy Lopez '02 (center) at Reunion 2002. Kizzy was working on the catering staff for the reunion event.

awards program excellent. We really enjoyed it, learned a lot, ate too much—and did I mention the music?! We had been escorted to the '47 table and quickly decided WOW!—right by the band playing our kind of music! "Besame Mucho" and "I Could Have Danced All Night." I'm signing up for next year.

Joanie and I were back on campus in the afternoon for a surprise reception that Peg Spaulding Brooks's family had set up in the Bodwell Lounge. Such a lovely way to honor her—and was she ever surprised! Family, neighbors, friends (from school, church, and all the organizations which she has served)—and not a soul spoiled the secret. What fun and what a crowd. Did see Rob '49 and **Betty Higgins Speirs** and Rick '49 and **B.J. Durgin Banton**. The Bantons have sold their home in Newport and settled in Florida but are back in Maine for the summer.

I'm still hoping to hear something from the rest of the class—postcard? telephone? Don't forget to return the survey request.

1948

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Greetings.
The most exciting recent news for

our class is that preparations are well underway for our 55th Reunion. Several members of the '48 executive board and other interested classmates attended a preparation workshop on June 21 at the new Buchanan Alumni House. The dates for this reunion gathering are May 30th, 31st, and June 1, 2003. The reservation date is May 9th.

All the classes scheduled for reunions in 2003 were represented for the workshop—those class years ending in three or eight.

Attending from our class were: **Alan Burgess** and his wife Mary Marble Burgess '46, **Lancy Carter Bradshaw, Ruth Fogler Goff, Pauline Parent Jenness, Barbara Sullivan Knowlton, Marguerite Sullivan Powers, Margaret Watson Savignano, Barbara Andrews Stager** and her husband Hank, and **Helen Noyes Taylor**.

The group was treated to a bus tour of the campus which surely has grown since our time there. Several interesting bits of information were forthcoming during the ride: Colvin Hall is slated to house honor students soon with classrooms as well as dorm facilities, Balentine will undergo much needed renovations next spring, and Merrill will house the education department when the "foods" (home economics department) leaves. The Fogler Library Terrace will be reconstructed and additions are underway at Doris Twitchell Allen Village.

Following the campus tour a buffet was held at the President's House with Mrs. Dianne Hoff greeting the alumni. Sitting in small

groups around the living area, everyone enjoyed the delicious beef and chicken entrées accompanied by veggies and salads topped by delightful petite desserts and beverages—a very enjoyable get-together.

An afternoon of meetings and lectures followed. Our class has 362 living members—a real achievement! The calendar of reunion activities is already well organized. We know, for example, that the Memphis Belles are scheduled to entertain us on Saturday evening.

Some time was spent explaining the class fund. A letter with Reunion details should be arriving at your home soon. Perhaps you have already received one. If we decide to have a pre- or post-Reunion activity, a separate mailing should come to you in February. That's the preliminary news about our 55th!

The usual summer luncheon will be August 21st at the Village Inn in Belgrade. Details about it will appear in the winter magazine.

I learned from the alumni office recently that **Dr. Leland A. White** and his wife, Carol, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this last winter. Married in Brewer, February 5, 1952, the couple had four girls. Dr. White practiced medicine in Caribou for 33 years before retiring to Warner, New Hampshire. Belated congratulations to the Whites.

Marjorie Bragdon Eisenberg and her husband, Jerry, also celebrated 50 years together this spring, coming to the famous Harraseeket Inn in Freeport all the way from Palo Alto, California, for a family get-together! Marjorie graduated from Westbrook High School with my husband, Bob, in 1942!

Miriam Hepburn Mosley and Bud '49 went to Ireland in May with a Y.W.C.A. group. They toured the Republic of Ireland and saw many interesting sites. Bud even kissed the Blarney Stone! They continue attending Elderhostels. The latest was at St. Simon's Island, one of the barrier islands off the coast of Georgia—a great experience!

I heard from **Margaret-Jane Gorham Murray** that her youngest son, James, received his doctorate from the University of Knoxville in August. Following that celebration, the boys (Bob, Alan, and James) joined their mom in Maine at the family cottage at Ocean Point in the Boothbay area.

In conclusion I want to extend our sincere sympathy and loving thoughts to **Jessie Cowie Ramsay**, whose husband, Bill, passed away

in late June of cancer. Bill was always there for our class events, though he graduated in '49. We'll surely miss his quiet, caring presence.

My best to you all—please won't you drop me a note?

1949

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At Reunion weekend in June, I attended the opening ceremonies of the new Buchanan Alumni House at the University of Maine. The building is fabulous, built with quality materials and beautifully designed. The Class of '49 sponsored a room on the lower level, which will be used as office space for the All Maine Women. During the open house I spoke with our former Class of '49 president, **Fred Knight**, and his wife Jane, **Bill Barron** and Polly Clement Barron '89, **Vance** and **Evelyn Ellsworth Dearborn**, and **Thelma Crossland Robie** and husband, Fred Robie '53. Those of you who missed the open house will just have to come back and see for yourselves what a great addition the Alumni House is to the Orono campus.

A recent article in the *Kennebec Journal* describes **William "Bill" Scott Rollins, Jr.** of Augusta as "engineer unmatched for length of service." At age 74, he is employed full time by the Maine Department of Transportation in Winthrop. He has been an engineer with the DOT for more than 54 years. That makes him the state's longest serving employee according to the Bureau of Human Resources in Augusta. "Retirement, I think I'm still getting close to it," he said. "You know you've been employed a long time if you're still on the job and your younger brother retired 10 years ahead of you." Bill's younger brother, Donald Rollins '55, was still in high school when Bill graduated from the University of Maine in 1949. Bill has three sons who also graduated from the University of Maine, William S. Rollins III '77, David N. Rollins '81, and Patrick M. Rollins '88.

The '49ers and friends ladies



A group from the Class of 1950 toasting the opening of Buchanan Alumni House on May 31. Left to right are: Alton Hopkins, Maggie Mollison McIntosh, University of Maine president, Peter Hoff (an honorary class member), Dorothy Lord Hopkins, and Sherman Cole.

luncheon group was held on April 23rd at John Martin's Manor in Waterville with 20 people attending. I was spending that week with **Colleen "Sparky" Richardson Coates** at her timeshare at the Samoset in Rockport, Maine. On the way to the luncheon in Waterville, we stopped in Augusta to visit with old friends **Beverly Green McGary** and Carleton McGary '48. Others attending the luncheon were: Jennie Hilton '50, **Janice Crockett Fuller**, Frances Coughlin '50, **Marian Stanley Burns**, **Mary-Abbie Pulsifer Kilgore**, **Louise Hilton Varnam**, Shirley Jackson Hilton '50, **Eugenia Melzar Shepard**, Caroline Strong '50, **Alice Raymond Coughlin**, Bea Wilbur Hanson '50, **Lois Nicholson Healey**, **Barbara Haney McKay**, **Marion "Lexey" Carter**, **Betty Harlow Letourneau**, **Mary Zelenkewich Maroon**, Rosie Zelenkewich Hymers '57, and Thelma Crossland Robie.

A memorial service was held on April 17th for our classmate, **Joanne Lindgren Noyes**, of Derry Road in Chester, New Hampshire. Lindy grew up in Malden, Massachusetts, and received her B.S. in home economics from the University of Maine. While at the university she was introduced to **Leroy C. Noyes** by his sister. They were married on June 23, 1949. After their marriage they lived in Guilford, Maine, and Malden, Reading, Topsfield, and Wrentham, Massachusetts, before moving to Chester, New Hampshire, in 1977. Lindy was a member of

Delta Zeta sorority. She was a member of several local organizations and a member of the Chester Historical Society. Although she struggled with health problems most of her life, she thoroughly enjoyed living and doing for others. Anyone who knew her will remember her delightful sense of humor, her perpetual smile, and listening heart. Her husband, two daughters, one son, and six grandchildren survive her. Lindy said she wanted her epitaph to read, "She loved all her family and friends and they all loved her." And we all say "Amen" to that, dear Lindy.

Your humble correspondent is begging once again for your news. Won't you share a bit of your doings with your classmates? If you don't like to write, send me e-mail at: dorothyannhawkes@aol.com.

1950

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Prexy **Maggie Mollison McIntosh** headed the Class of '50 delegation at the gala ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Buchanan Alumni House on Friday, the 31st of May. **Al** and **Dottie Lord Hopkins**, **Sherm** and **Edie Cole**, **Henry** and **Marg Saun-**

ders, **George Gray** and **Norma Mooers Gray '52**, **George Gonyar**, **Ellie Hansen Brockway**, **Polly Clement Barron**, and **Caroline Strong** were in attendance at the opening of our fine new center. Hoppy and Maggie said that as we toasted the class in the alumni office suites (named for our class) on the second level, we were joined by President Peter Hoff, our distinguished honorary member. Mary Jane McBrady (**Jim's** widow) and several members of the family were also there to view the furnishings in the spacious Treat Room on the first floor, just off the main lobby. These furnishings are named for the McBrady children—and how proud we are of them as well as Jim's loyalty to our class and to our alma mater. I hope we all can soon see this fine addition to our campus in Orono!

I was sorry to have to miss the day, but was in Frederick, Maryland, for the high school graduation of grandson, Ryan. I came home on the 4th of June and finished preparations for an upcoming cruise with my chum, Jan Page from Illinois. At that point the challenge was to get all my clothing items into the two suitcases allotted! We started our adventure with a few days in Copenhagen, Denmark, walking around that beautiful city with its many canals and then boarded the Holland-American Line *Noordam* for a Gems of the Baltic 10-day cruise. Our itinerary was hefty and we thoroughly enjoyed the side trips including a day excursion to Berlin via train, and a plane trip to Lapland, where we went by open boat to a fascinating and expansive reindeer farm on the Arctic Circle. We decided we needed to take a vacation from our vacation to get rested up!

Ray and **Gerry Lamb Kenneally** had planned to be in Orono for the dedication, but their return from Florida was delayed because of surgery that Ray had. Am happy to report that he is doing very well. They are safely back in the Biddeford area and hosted our annual Class of 1950 gathering at the Salmon Falls Country Club on Thursday, the 8th of August at 10:00 a.m. There were 30 classmates and spouses who met at 10 for coffee. Our veep Ray Kenneally chaired the meeting as prexy Maggie was in Canada for a family wedding. He extended a warm welcome to all including three members of the alumni association who drove down from Orono to be with us: Paula Sheehan Paradis '71, Pat Cum-

mings '89, and Danny Williams '91. There were several items of business that we wanted you to know about: 1. Last year we established the mechanism for a Class of 1950 scholarship which would be awarded annually to students who are descendants of members of our class. This year six students have been named as recipients of this scholarship that had \$5,750 available for the awards. We would note again that it is the responsibility of the descendent scholarship applicant to make his/her relationship to a classmate known to the Office of Student Financial Aid.

2. Hoppy spoke with regard to the Buchanan Alumni House that is an elegant addition to the campus at the corner of Munson and College Avenues. It signals the entrance to our beautiful university, a true gateway to the excellence that is the University of Maine. A fitting addition to this new showcase alumni house, the culmination of the vision and contributions of many, would be the addition of a set of three flag poles near the entrance of the house that would announce to all their entry to the campus. Discussion ensued and several classmates said that they would be able to access sets of flags for the poles (for flags of the United States, the University of Maine, and the state of Maine.) It is a given that there should be a feasibility study conducted to determine cost, location, and placement of the poles, electrical and landscaping considerations with regard to this three flagpole addition to the Buchanan Alumni Center, and the like. The following motion was passed unanimously: "The Class of 1950 set aside up to \$25,000 from the class fund to fund the erection of a set of three flagpoles outside the Buchanan Alumni House." We will keep you informed!

I will report further about the meeting in the next column, but wanted to get this out to you right away. We shared a delicious buffet luncheon at the conclusion of the meeting and then the golfers went out for nine holes of golf on a simply magnificent afternoon. Mark your calendars now for Thursday, the 7th of August 2003, when we will meet again at 10:00 at the Salmon Falls Country Club for a meeting, lots of conversation, luncheon, and golf. It won't be long before we set plans in motion for our 55th Reunion in 2005.

I went up to **Betty Friedler Wexler's** home in Storrs in May when **Jackie French Gatcomb** and Don '49 and **Martha Fogler Hobbs**

were visiting. We had a great time chirping away and catching up on the year. Martha and Don (their new address is 2 Reef Point, Bar Harbor—same home, different street name) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking the entire family on a cruise to the eastern Caribbean. They had a joyous time and look forward to another trip—perhaps to Alaska. They both look just wonderful, and thoroughly enjoyed the special ice cream produced at the UConn Dairy Barns. Jackie is happily ensconced in Delaware but often travels to Texas and Maine as well as Homer and Anchorage, Alaska, to visit children and grandchildren. Betty reported that Caroline Strong continues her work with ski training for the Handicapped Ski Program and was still shaking her head over the week in the late fall when she raked leaves, leaves, and more leaves—and then seven days later she had to be plowed out of her driveway three times. It was a winter to be remembered just about everywhere. We had a winter of no winter here in southeastern Connecticut.

Betty Arnold Smith flew east in the fall of '01 to attend a graduation at the School of International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont, and then attended an Arnold Reunion in the Bath/Brunswick area. Betty continues to enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of Washington state and can be reached at P. O. Box 523, Tracyton, Washington, 98393. Dick and **Tessie Freese Tardy** have moved from Contoocook, New Hampshire, to The Lodge at Ocean View, Apt. 223, 20 Blueberry Lane, Falmouth, Maine.

Irv and Dottie Butler Marsden (winter address is 920 Jacinto Ave. W, Venice, Florida, 34292) are doing very well. Dottie continues "on the road" working on an Infant Assessment program through the University of Michigan as the program is field-tested. They hoped to have the assessment ready for the publisher by late summer. Perhaps then they can take that long awaited second Elderhostel trip overseas. **Ellie Hansen Brockway** heard from **Bob White** recently saying that he had been in the paradise of our 50th state in Hawaii—and had a magnificent time of it.

Brother **Bill Bodwell** sent a clipping from the *Coastal Journal* entitled "The Best in the Business, Brother." Bill has been in business with the Bodwell Motors in the Bath-Brunswick area for some 47 years. He attributes his success to the

longevity of his employees (25+ years) and the loyalty of his customers. Bill continues to be very active in the Bath Municipal Band, serving about 40 years as the keeper of its mobile bandshell. Bill is an avid Maine sports booster, is active in our association, and with our class. Brother Bill is a class act!

Norman Powell, a retired educator, is very involved with the Born to Read program—a senior component of a reading program carried out by the United Way's Retired Senior Volunteer Program. He heads for the Kid's Patch Day Care in Carmel each Thursday and reads to children ages 2 to 7. Norm not only thoroughly enjoys the interaction with the children, but also is delighted to witness children wanting to learn to read. He is so pleased that through his efforts, youngsters are developing a tremendous love for books! There was a great article in the *Kennebec Journal* about **Joe Lupsha**, a retired state forester from Hallowell, who has been a philatelist for some 65 years. His dad thought that the hobby would be a great way to introduce him to history, geography, and politics—and so it has. The primary focus of his collection has been on Brazilian stamps, the first of which was printed in 1843, and his favorite stamp from the country is one that celebrates the botanical gardens in Rio de Janeiro. Joe has long been a member of the Kennebec Valley Stamp Club.

Jack Williams recently donated 80 acres of land in Searsmont to Sweetser Child Services, a behavioral and mental health organization. The land will enable the group to expand its services throughout the mid-coast region. Jack is a supporter of the Camden Snow Bowl and has a hiking trail named for him on Megunticook Mountain. He is author of the *History of Camden 1907-1950* and was founder and partner of the Knox Semi-Conductor Company.

I am saddened to report the death of **Bob Avery** of Groton, Connecticut, in June. He worked at Electric Boat in Groton and retired in '89 as a supervisor in material control. He was an avid tennis player and belonged to the EB Athletic Club where he won the men's singles title seven years running—and was named their Athlete of the Year in 1966. Margaret, his wife, and I volunteered at the flu shot clinics sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut for several years and in-between signing people up for the immunizations, we used those

opportunities to get caught up on each other's activities!

Please keep me informed of your comings and goings! Take good care of yourselves! Ruthie

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In June, members of our class attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Buchanan Alumni House and met afterward for a planning session. Attending were **Joan Wiswell Beach** and her husband, **Elwood Beach**, **Frances Pratt Caswell** and her husband **Forrest**, **Emma-Lou Ingraham Czarnecki** and her husband **Herman**, **Kenneth Dickey** and his wife **Prudy**, **Mary Hastings Dumas** and her husband **Bruce Folsom '49**, **James E. Elliott**, **Jack Farrar**, **Penny Guptill Higgins**, **Marian Waterman Meyer**, **Richard Noyes**, **Gerald Robbins** and his wife **Maxine Gray Robbins '52**, **John** and **Joyce McGouldrick Ryder**, and **Milton Victor**. It was decided to hold a class meeting in the summer of 2003 in the Portland area. Class president **Jack Ryder** will make the arrangements and notify class members. **Ruth Gilcrest Addison** and her husband **Douglas** joined us in the evening for Dining with Distinction, a dinner for Senior Alumni hosted by the Class of '42.

Richard Noyes was elected president of the Senior Alumni at the Senior Alumni meeting held at a luncheon at York Commons before the ribbon cutting ceremony. Dick, who served as class agent for our 50th Reunion, was vice president of Great Northern Paper company before his retirement and lives in Rockland.

Kenneth Dickey was elected to the 2002 Senior Alumni executive committee. Ken was employed before retirement at the family business, **Haskell and Corthell**, in Camden, and served as vice chairman of the Camden National Bank for 27 years.

Gerry and **Maxine Robbins** live in East Vassalboro, Maine. Gerry is retired after a career with **Keyes**

The Class of '52 is Golden

114 classmates return to the UMaine campus for their 50th Reunion.



Class of 1952 officers and committee members get together outside of York Hall during Reunion 2002.



Class of '52 president Bill Currie (right) receives a Black Bear Award from alumni association chair Greg Jamison '72, '98G. Bill also received the Golden "M" Award for service to his class.



Dorothy "Mingie" McCann led everyone in singing the "Stein Song" at the class banquet on Friday night.



Ellen and Herbert Valdsaar hit the dance floor at the Class of '52 dinner at Reunion 2002.



(Photo at left) Enjoying the Class of '52 reception at the President's House are (left to right): Adelaide Grant Ruby '52, Peter Drivas '53, Dolores Amergian Drivas '52, Milton Victor '51, and Joan Vachon Victor '52.

Fibre Company, where he was employed as a mechanical engineer and project manager. He is a board member of the Oak Grove Foundation and a trustee of the Kennebec Water District.

Jack Farrar is retired after serving as director of counseling for continuing education at the University of Southern Maine. For eight years he was director of advising and transfer affairs. He serves on the steering and fund raising committee for Baxter Memorial Library in Gorham, which recently raised \$1.2 million for expansion and renovation. He is also on the board of directors of Birch Lane Properties. He continues his interest in music by singing in the Gorham Community Chorus and his church choir. In the summer while he and his wife Barbara Downs Farrar '53 are at the family cottage at Green Lake, he participates in the Ellsworth Municipal Concert Band. His son David, a UNH grad, is a lawyer in Gorham and served as a judge for free style skiing in the 2002 Olympics. His son Robert '79 is Bangor assistant city manager; and his daughter Bonnie '78 is a teacher in the Bangor school system.

Mary Hastings Dumas and Bruce Folsum '49 recently attended Mary's grandson, John Dumas's, graduation from Providence College, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. The dress blues that he wore were previously worn by his grandfather, John Duman '50 and his father, Arthur Dumas. Mary altered the uniform twice to continue the family tradition. Recently, Mary and Bruce, accompanied by **Ellen Stratton Turner** and Virginia Stickney Cooper '50, widow of **Doug Cooper**, cruised from San Diego through the Panama Canal with stops along the way in Cabo, Acapulco, Costa Rica, and Aruba.

Roy Farmer was honored in April by the Maine House of Representatives. The National Republican Congressional Committee's Business Advisory Council named him the 2001 Maine Businessman of the Year. The award recognizes the top U.S. business leaders who have integrated business and financial success. Roy founded the Roy Farmer Real Estate Agency in Wiscasset in 1954. In 1963 he went into partnership with David Soule to form the Carl M. P. Larrabee Agency, where he now serves as president. He also served in the

98th Legislature and was a selectman in Wiscasset from 1954 to 1959. He was a member of the Wiscasset School District board of trustees for 25 years, registrar of probate for 28 years, county treasurer for two years, and bail commissioner for 30 years. He and his wife, Joanne, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December 2001. They have one daughter, Kim, and two grandsons.

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Ollie Cline Elliott** of Standish, whose husband James A. Elliott died recently. Jim was a well known watercolorist and art teacher.

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Thanks to all for a great 50th Reunion! Some 114 classmates returned to Orono for the big event and it was a smashing success. Special thanks to **Bill Currie** and the reunion committee members for their expert planning. Be sure to check out the reunion photographs on page 15.

A big thank you also goes to **Gladyce Baker Stais** who wrote the '52 column for several years. She recently resigned her post and we welcome new correspondent, **Frances Smart Trefts**. Please send her your news!

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Welcome to the second time our class notes (numbering some 60-plus columns—it's amazing how many) have appeared in the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. Now you can read all about your alma mater and your classmates four times a year instead of three. I guess I've just got to keep on writing.

First: write down these 2003 very

important dates for our 50th Reunion: May 28 and May 29 (Wednesday and Thursday) in Bar Harbor for our pre-reunion festivities/activities/fun; and May 30, 31, and June 1 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) for our big Reunion on campus in Orono. I'd love to see hundreds (there are almost 700 of us) plus spouses, etc. (so make that 1,000 plus) at Reunion time. Let's really try to make it the biggest Reunion class ever in the UMaine history! We can do it. I know we can. And your reunion committee of a dozen or so people (please join us) is really trying to make it the best. Please let us know what you'd like to do, both in Bar Harbor and Orono. You'll be getting all kinds of Reunion information. If not, give us a call. We do have some 118 of you lost out there somewhere because of wrong addresses.

Well, I've been on my telephone again (late as usual) calling classmates to see what they've been up to, and to see if they're coming to Reunion next year. Most people said they hope/plan to come. A good sign.

My first call went to a true Down Mainer, a real honest-to-goodness one in Sedgwick, just below Blue Hill. I got his answering machine, which said if I really wanted to reach him I had better call before 8 a.m., at noon sharp, or call at night. Well, I didn't have to call him back because he came in during the afternoon to boil potatoes for a potato salad that night. Oh, he is something else! I've written about this "chief cook and bottle washer" clapboard guy before, and now you and I can read all about him in the Sunday, September 22 edition of the *Boston Globe*. (I'm writing this in July and who knows when you'll be reading this, but do get a copy of the *Globe* as your classmate, **William R. Donnell**, is featured.) It was just the day before I called that a *Globe* photographer, David Henderson, was there taking photos of Bill throwing the 35-pound weight hammer. Bill said the photographer was a Maine boy from Skowhegan who threw the shot put in high school. (Bill threw the hammer at UMaine.) About four years ago, *Mainely People* had a photo of Bill throwing the hammer, he said. Some time before Henderson came, he was interviewed by the *Globe*'s Ed Beem for the September article.

Oh yes, Bill was in the Senior Olympics, the National Championships in August (at UMaine) "when they dig us all up from the 'nursery

homes," as he put it. "It's a big event. Bring your own crutches," and he laughed and said he doesn't go to all the senior games.

Bill was on a roll when we talked because of the *Globe*. "I heave the bull quite a bit. I'm a great babblar." He does and he is. He's also witty. Bill said he takes care of all the Martha Stewart activity and had to turn down a clapboard order for Martha. However, he said he'll help Martha later on. "My dance card (his customers' orders) is pretty full," he said. "I don't want to get an ulcer," and he added, "The good Lord doesn't seem to be done with me yet. I work seven days a week."

Throwing the hammer keeps Bill limber, he said. It allows him to handle the big logs. And guess how he commutes to one of his two sawmills, some 700-800 feet from the first one? On a kid's bicycle with his weights. He works barehanded on a collection of old machinery at one of his mills which has to be run that way, but works outdoors (not barehanded) at the other sawmill.

Bill said he'll be 71 on October 7 and I said I'll be the same on October 10. He replied, "I guess we're going to make it. My warranty is pretty slim. According to insurance policies, we're running under expired warranty."

Bill, who served in the Korean War and who's "got far more fame than I've got fortune," lives the life of semi-retirement at Donnell's Clapboard Mill, "the best-known little sawmill in North America," he said. Maine Public Broadcasting on its "Made in Maine" program did a special on Hancock County and he was on that, he said. We were talking about time and Bill mentioned he doesn't carry a watch—"Time is man's conceit." What insight. I like that.

Bill said he's virtually unemployed. "I'm busy all the time. I'm not very ambitious, but I am industrious." I asked him if he worked alone and his reply: "I can't work for people or people work for me, but I can work (and he told me to underline this) with people."

Bill has this old 1940 Ford pickup of about 100 horsepower (he wasn't sure), which he's getting ready to paint black again. He hasn't the "foggiest idea" of the mileage. "My dad and I bought it second hand," he said. "That little Ford and I have been together 45-plus years. We've been all over the place." He said some friends of his would bet that he's driven the same commercial vehicle the longest in the state.

Another longtime companion of Bill's is his pipe. I should say pipes (plural) as he makes his own out of suitable branches—apple, plum, or even lilac or hydrangea. And he's smoked for more than 50 years—"Tobacco, the old-fashioned Granger with the dog on the blue can, molasses-cured Kentucky burley, the kind the old-timers smoke."

Bill, who logged and fished with his father, talked of his college days and Sigma Chi. An off-and-on-again student who started out with the Class of 1953 and graduated in 1959, he said, "If it hadn't been for Sigma Chi I don't think I'd ever graduated. It beckoned me back." And he talked of a recent birthday get-together with classmate **George Weatherbee** and Rita Yardumian Weatherbee '54, his wife, and Bob Weatherbee '54 and his wife Jean Wyman Weatherbee '54 (it was Jean's birthday) and their families, and John Knowles '55, "from around Deer Isle." He said, "Sigma Chi was the tie that bound us together."

Bill said he thanks the Lord for his blessings of which he has three main ones: 1) Many good friends; 2) Good health and a reasonable amount of common sense to maintain it; and 3) Joy of heart which means long life. You know, Bill, I could write a book about you.

With 60 cruises to her name and recently off again on *The Silver Sea* in August for 35 days on three consecutive cruises is one of my third-year college roommates in Colvin Hall, **Barby Girard Dorman**, of Irvine, California (near Newport Beach). Of course, her husband, Dwight, has been on the 60, too, for he teaches bridge on board and Barby helps him out. He gives a lecture in the morning, and bridge in the afternoon. They leave from Monte Carlo and sail to Italy, the Greek Isles, Croatia, Turkey, Kudus (tour to Ephesus), Barcelona, Malta, Venice, and who knows where else. And guess what this couple of 47 years, with four agents, does in between cruises? You guessed it. They play bridge.

Barby, who retired from teaching 15 years ago (she taught Latin for 32 years and took early retirement), just might get back into the field, "college without walls," homeschoolers, teaching Latin, she said. She and Dwight have a son, Chip, and a granddaughter, Hope, 8, who live five minutes away. My goodness, Barby hasn't been to one reunion! What have we got to do to get her back to Orono? Keep trying, I guess.



Bill and Dorrie Mayne Lindquist '52 got to meet with their grandson William Fuller at a reception at the President's House during Reunion 2002. William, who is a member of the UMaine class of 2005, was serving as a student host for the event.

This gal from Waldoboro is "still around" as she put it. She was another one of my third-year college roommates, along with **M. Joan Hall**, of Bryant Pond. Those were the days. Remember the red light in the front window, girls? Well, her name is **Dotty Booth** and she's married to our classmate **Larry Dimitre**, a Lambda Chi Alpha man. Dotty's the one who said she and Barby exchange Christmas cards every year and that's what led me to call Barby.

Larry, who worked at S.D. Warren for 38 years, is now retired, and he and Dotty, who quilts, knits, reads, etc., travel in their small RV out west to see their daughters. It seems their six children, ages 32 to 48 (and eight grandchildren) are somewhat scattered: California, Idaho, Indiana, Winterport, and Portland, but one does live right next door and at the time I called the first time, Priscilla, their 11-year-old granddaughter, answered the phone.

Dottie said Priscilla, who spends part of the summer with them, made brownies for supper. "She's a big help." Dotty and Larry, who moved from Buxton eight years ago to be near their daughter, also have a pool, so that's a plus. I hope we can convince them to come to the 50th.

I called our classmate **Fred Tarr** in Framingham, Massachusetts, and talked a minute to his wife, Jackie, who was on her way out the door. She said Fred "has been in the hospital a couple of months for spinal surgery, but he's doing well

and expected home in a few days." Fred, we all wish you a speedy recovery and hope you both will make it to our 2003 Reunion.

I also talked for a minute to this Phi Kappa Sigma guy of Wells who had chop suey for supper and is still working. He's **Donald Larochelle**, clerk of the works of the new Wells Elementary School, set to be completed in July 2003. He and his wife, Anne, a quilter, came to our 40th and plan to come to our 50th. Parents of six (grandparents of how many?) they were having a family reunion a few days after I called. I won an award at work (to a restaurant), so Anne and I plan to have lunch one day soon. The three of us were classmates at Lewiston High.

Here's another Phi Kappa Sigma guy of Jacksonville, Florida, also a Lewiston High classmate of mine, who does a little part-time insurance business. He's **David Anderson** who said he and his wife, Marylou, have had a lot of fun on cruises to Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, and Europe, some 20-30 couples. Pretty good at bridge, with a very active group in Florida, Dave said he sees a lot of familiar names in the class notes of '51, '52, '53, and '54. When Dave was in Burlington, Vermont, he said he saw classmate and fraternity brother **Jack Curry**, but he said he hadn't seen **Paul Remick**, **Hank Woodbrey**, **Woody Carville**, and he named others. Well, you will, Dave, at our 50th and he and Marylou, who went to our 25th, plan to come.

Just how did he meet Marylou,

Canadian-born of the Hamilton area? It was the late Dave Carey '56, a few classes behind us, who introduced them in the village in New York City. Dave and Marylou had two children: Carol, who has a daughter, Kristen; and a son, Bill, of Hampton, New Hampshire, who's a waiter at York Harbor Inn.

Dave and I reminisced about our high school reunions and classmates and had a great time talking. He mentioned my writing about our high school/college classmate, **Nancy Kelley Littlefield**, and her husband, Fred '52 in my last class notes column and said Fred and he, Phi Kappa Sigma guys, were roommates the last two years. Dave said he's gone to two of Marylou's large high school reunions and had a great time. I know you will at our 50th too.

When I called this classmate in Portland, her daughter had just walked in the door with chewy toys for the new puppy, so I called back a few hours later. **Dr. Bertha "Beth" Norris Holmes** is the proud owner of Quoddy, a West Highland Terrier, not quite two months old. "She's pure white and just full of the Old Nick," Beth said. Chewing most of the time, she said.

Just how did Quoddy's name come about? Well, Beth and a dear friend of hers, who had lost her husband recently, went to Campobello Island (Roosevelt's cottage) on Passamaquoddy Bay, and coming back they went across the international bridge to Lubec and West Quoddy Head. "She looks like Quoddy West," said Beth, and thus the name Quoddy came to be. I like it. So different.

Beth, a Chi Omega sister, said that due to the Panhellenic Council which included all sororities, that women paid close attention to achievement. "There was a tremendous sense of oneness," she said. She was also a cheerleader and was Colvin Hall roommates with **Ellie Newhook Butler** and Nancy Leach McIntosh '55. "I just loved the University of Maine," she said and was pleased to see the university looking so well a couple of months ago when she went to see her brother, Chet Norris '51, receive an award. Chet, a retired ambassador to Equatorial Guinea on the west coast of Africa, was one of the recipients of the Stillwater Award for his accomplishments.

Beth talked of her college days and how she and **Carol Prentiss Mower** would travel together for debating on the East Coast. She

said the late Dr. Wofford Gardner, head of the speech department, drove the car during vacations, even as far as Kalamazoo, Michigan. Mrs. Gardner also went along.

After graduation, thanks to Dr. Gardner who told her about scholarship availability, Beth went on to Columbia University, where she earned her master's in teaching the deaf, teaching speech. "A very interesting career," Beth said. She then came back to Maine (Portland) and taught deaf children for two years, and earned her doctorate at Vanderbilt University. She's now retired and stays busy with her family and volunteer work.

Beth talked of her late husband, John Porter Holmes and his son, Porter, who is working in Long Island, New York, at an electric plant. Porter's daughter Ashley, "a delightful granddaughter," Beth said, is a junior at Wheelock College in Boston. She said she had three children (her son died of a heart attack in 1990) and her two daughters are married and living in Portland. Betsy has a son, Robert Thomas (6) and Sarah has a daughter, Sarah Alicia "Allie" (14). Beth said she has a blended family. Jack, Beth's husband, a graduate of Maine and father and grandfather of two, died in 2000. We've got to get Beth to our 50th as she's never been to a reunion.

This Sigma Phi Epsilon classmate and his wife race small sailboats on Lake Ontario. They race their Ideal 18 (18-footer), named *Black Jack*, twice during the racing season. Their names? Classmate **Howard Low** and **Lynne Love Low** of Rochester, New York. Howard, who worked in Kodak's research lab, retired 15 years ago. How did these two meet? Playing duplicate bridge at Balentine Hall on a blind date. He said Lynne never knew him when he had hair and he robbed Lynne, a psychology major, from her studies when he left college to go out to Ohio for a year before he went into the Army for two years.

They ski locally at Bristol Mountain and usually spend one week skiing in Québec at Mt. Tremblant and usually one week in Western Canada. Howard and Lynne have three children: Duncan works at Eastman Kodak in Rochester and has one daughter; Wendy of Rochester is director of education for Writers and Books Group and has one son; and Ricky of Austin, Texas, is a contractor and has one daughter.

Howard and Lynne have not

been to any reunions, due to the racing season, but they do go to the local get-togethers. It will be their 50th anniversary in June at the time of our 50th Reunion at UMaine, so perhaps we'll see them then. He spoke of **Fred Hutchinson**, a Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brother, but said he himself is not doing too well in keeping up with classmates. He did drop in at **Art Hathaway's** in St. Petersburg, Florida. The secret to a happy marriage? "Love and tolerance," Howard said.

This fraternity brother hopes the other SAEs will come to our 50th Reunion. **Richard Searles** of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, said he, **Ray Cox** (of the Seattle area) and Ted Pocci, who lives in New Hampshire, plan to come.

I found Richard by way of his daughter, who e-mailed him at this year-round condo in Old Orchard Beach, Maine, where they go a week here and there. He went two years to UMaine and then transferred to the University of Pennsylvania where he majored in finance. Richard did go to our 45th he said, but only to the Bar Harbor part of it. Richard and his wife, Joan, have three children: Denny, married, who lives next door and is an estate manager; Rebecca, an actuary in Boston; and Mary Elizabeth, a lawyer in Denver, Colorado. At the time I called, their first grandchild, Ella Searles McNally, was coming up that week.

Richard, 22 years as a stockbroker with PaineWebber in Philadelphia, retired in 1989. Before that he was with Dupont for 12 years in Wilmington, Delaware.

Taking two trips a year, Richard and Joan like to travel and recently went to all seven continents: Antarctica, Australia, Asia, Europe, Africa, and North and South America.

We'll see all you SAEs in May 2003!

Here's one who gets things by Pony Express out there in North Hollywood, California, over the Hollywood Hills. He's **Robert Ehrlich**, a zoology major and Tau Kappa Epsilon guy at UMaine. He said he's been in California permanently since 1964. He and his wife, Patricia (who died in 2000) have three children—two sons and a daughter. Jason, the oldest son, a computer fella into telecommunications, lives in Pleasanton, California. He has two boys. David, the next son, who lives in San Diego, is a division manager of a company that sells specialty gadgets (any mixtures, gases, for the aircraft industry and hospitals). He has one son. And Lesli, of Simi Valley, near

the Ronald Reagan Library, is a computer specialist and works for a consulting firm that coordinates business systems. She has a daughter and a son.

Bob retired from General Foods in 1986, but has been a consultant ever since, working for Citrico. He gives them advice on how to make products from citrus peel for the food industry. He talked of dry lemon peel and pectin plants in Mexico, South Africa, and a new one in Germany. He said he's been to Germany, Argentina, and does a lot of things on the computer, such as reports. "I like to keep active," he said. In his spare time he travels.

Bob spoke of playing football at UMaine and being on the undefeated team in 1951. He said he went to Maine last October to celebrate the team's 50th and saw Hal Westerman, Harry Richardson '52, Bob Whytock '52, "Red" Leggett '51, and quite a few more from the undefeated '60 team.

Bob also said he gets together once in a while with Sharon Clark '55 of Pasadena, California, and Alan Wing '50 of North Hollywood, but has not seen either for about a year. He hopes to get to our 50th—a little less hair, a touch of gray, with a bald spot in the middle like a monk, and a few pounds less than in college. He's never been to a reunion but has "every intention" of coming to our 50th. He said he went back this past May to see friends and '52 reunion guys met in Kennebunk Beach at the home of John LaFlamme '52. (John was a fraternity brother.)

He said Jack Merry '52 was there and Ray Couture '51. He said things have changed at UMaine and he was driving "right down the walkways. Roads looked the same as walkways," he said.

This retired engineer of Pittsford, New York, by the name of **Raymond Robbins** sent me a nicely typed letter before I got him on the phone. So I'm going to quote from his letter.

"I was pleased to see so much Class of '53 information in the summer '02 issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. That was a very special issue and a very special time. My spring trip to Maine was from 14 May through 8 June.

"On 29 May I drove from my old home in West Tremont to the University of Maine in Orono to find out where the Buchanan Alumni House actually was and to get a few pictures of it without a lot of people in the way. (From there I went on to Old Town to look at canoes!) On 29

May I picked up a cousin in Ellsworth and went back to Orono, parked at the Newman Center, and walked across the road to the Alumni House. What a beautiful building it is! Someone chose the proper architects and building contractors. If ever a building looks as if it "belongs," that one does!

"We were there before 10 a.m. and were able to take the special tour through the building with Dr. Buchanan, his family, and friends. In fact, my cousin, Bob Lakin, and his wife, Maxine, are in the picture on page 14 (next to Jeff Mills), and his sister, Ferne Lakin Cottle, and I are standing at the edge of the state seal in the photo on page 15. We all had a delicious dinner in the dining room and then had front row seats for the speeches and ribbon cutting later.

"I had a chance to meet Marion Waterman Meyer '51, briefly before and after the festivities. Marion was a teacher at Pemetic High School during my school days there and has been a friend for 'lo these many years!

"I was also very surprised and pleased to see old friends Mike '52 and Arvene Yakemore and Ralph '52 and Guyida Martin just before the speeches began. Both Mike and Ralph were in the Class of '52. Later I found out that **Pete Douglas**, my Corbett Hall roommate for two years, was there too, and he was walking around looking for me. I must have aged a lot, because he didn't see me, although he walked right by the front row where I was sitting. I didn't recognize him, either, so what does that mean? I was Pete's best man at his wedding and he was best man at my first wedding. Mike Yakemore was one of my ushers. Strangely enough, I recognized no one there from our Class of 1953." (Oh yes, Ray, I was there, along with Carol Prentiss Mower, Fred Hutchinson and his wife Dione '54, Woody Carville, Hank and Dawn Miller Woodbrey, Frank Pickering and his wife, Clara, Helen Strong Hamilton, and I don't remember who else.)

"It was good to read something about **Al Card**, **Charlie Foote**, **Orin Lowe**, and **Dave Beppler**. Dave and I were both in North Dorm Nine as freshmen. I do hope to see quite a few classmates at our 50th Reunion next spring, if all goes well." (Note: Dr. Robert Buchanan, for whom the Buchanan Alumni House was named, is Ray's cousin. Thanks, Ray, for writing.)

This classmate of ours, from

outside of Richmond, Virginia, used to work milking cows for my late father-in-law, Leigh Plaisted. After graduation, **Bob Rich** of Manakin Sabot, Virginia, went to New York State and managed a small dairy farm for two years. He then got drafted into the Army's counter intelligence (1955-1957) and in 1957 he went into the agricultural chemical business at American Cyanamid in Ohio for 10 years. He then moved to Princeton, New Jersey, in corporate management for Cyanamid, and from there he went to Rhone Poulence (1970-1977) as director of marketing for the U.S. market.

In 1977, Bob returned to Cyanamid and ended up with the company as global new product director. In 1988 he retired from all his private sector business. Then he saw an ad in *The Wall Street Journal*. The Virginia Department of Agriculture was looking for an international marketing director. So he applied and stayed with them almost 12 years. But he said enough was enough so he "hung it up."

Bob "returned to the farm" and has a small farm with horses and cows out west where his second wife, Dorothy Erlanger, runs a marketing consulting company. Bob's the father of three (one in Rochester, New York, one in Holland, Michigan, and one in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania), and grandfather of seven. He's never been to a reunion but hopes to be at our 50th. See you both, then!

Our classmate **Peggy Given White**, of Reading, Massachusetts, on our 2003 Reunion committee, heard from two of our classmates, **Bob White** of Emerado, North Dakota, and **Faith Taylor Diehl** of Annapolis, Maryland. I couldn't reach Faith, but the note she sent Peggy said she and her husband are planning a Maine vacation in June of 2003 and that she'd been in touch with Helen Strong Hamilton (another Reunion committee member) and has volunteered for "whatever" during our 50th Reunion. So we'll see you then, Faith!

I also talked with Bob for a minute to see what I could glean from his letter to Peggy and he gave his OK. Bob won't be back to Reunion, but this will give you an update of his life since UMaine.

Bob, Beta Theta Pi, left UMaine after three years (and a summer session) "with a grade point average that was going in the wrong direction." He joined the Air Force, "spent a year in pilot training, cessation of the Korean War coupled with my



Class of '53 correspondent Nancy Schott Plaisted sent in this photo of classmates lining up for graduation outside of the Memorial Gym.

'dangerous tendencies in formation flying' persuaded them to let me finish my first four years on the ground as an enlisted man."

Bob was commissioned about a year later, served half of his 21 years overseas, and retired in 1974 as a major. It was while he was in the Air Force that he attended the University of Omaha where he received a bachelor's in July of '64. Since he retired, he's picked up a master's in political science and another master's in education administration at the University of North Dakota ("Nights, weekends, and summers! Ugh!")

Bob taught school for a few years, was a principal of a small elementary school for a few more, and became superintendent of a school district in North Dakota, retiring once again in 1995. His wife is a retired teacher with "many more years in the classroom than I." He wrote that his children have "grown and gone." One daughter lives in San Antonio, another in Scottsdale, Arizona, and his son is a veterinarian in central Virginia. He has five grandchildren. Thanks, Bob, for writing to Peggy!

And classmate **Zeke Mavodones's** e-mail of June 8 said that he had cataract surgery on both eyes and is doing very well. "I now can drive pretty well in the day without glasses, but the doctor says no to driving the hay wagon at night." He mentioned that they had a family gathering that weekend that they hadn't had for four years. Their three daughters and their husbands spent the weekend for his wife's birthday; his brother-in-law from Buffalo, New York; daughter one,

etc., from Albany, New York; daughter two, etc., from Douglas, Massachusetts; and daughter three, etc., from Brussels, Belgium, "all in one house, nice time."

And in his July 22 e-mail, Zeke, of Poughkeepsie, New York, wrote that he was arriving in Maine and wanted to stop by and say a quick hello. They were going to be "up the road apiece at Higgins Beach" in Scarborough. Goodness, I must e-mail Zeke and tell him when I'll be free.

Now, on to what the university sent me for my last column which never made it in (due to my lateness). I'll be brief. Classmate Carol Prentiss Mower (of Orono, another Reunion committee member) was pictured in the January 3, 2002 issue of *The Weekly*. She and five others from eastern and northern Maine were honored for volunteerism at a statewide luncheon sponsored by AARP in Freeport. Carol, organizer of the Women It's Time program, a series of financial seminars in eastern Maine, will serve as an advocate for issues at the state and federal levels, Atta girl, Carol!

A clipping from the October 27, 2001 *Courier-Gazette* of Rockland, Maine, had a photo of another classmate of ours, **Leroy Peasley, Sr.**, a longtime educator, who "believes that the welfare of children precedes their success." He sees a "need for parents to get home visits from teachers." So he "decided to run for an open slot on the S.A.D. board, representing Rockland for a three-year term." Well, when I called Leroy in Rockland, his nephew, Elmer Peasley, got on the phone and said Leroy, father of six, went back to

Rochester, New York, in June where his children live. Elmer said he'd get Leroy's number and he or Leroy would get back to me. Next column, Leroy!

And finally, the last clipping UMaine sent me: the November 1, 2001, issue of the *Bangor Daily News* in which it said that the Bar Harbor board of appeals "unanimously granted" **Thomas Walsh** (our classmate) "a permanent certificate of occupancy that gives him the right to operate his inn." Misty Edgecomb '99 of the *News* staff wrote:

"The Golden Anchor:

"These three words carry a weighty load of baggage for Bar Harbor residents who have watched and waited through years of in-fighting over developer Thomas Walsh's plan to rehabilitate and expand a motel located on the waterfront in downtown Bar Harbor."

Owner of the \$5 million Gold Anchor, Walsh is also owner of the neighboring Bar Harbor Club property, also slated for development. Well, it's over and Walsh now has his inn. Congratulations, Tom!

That's the news for now and on this note may I say that the Buchanan Alumni House—"A Place to Call Home"—is just beautiful. But you do need roller skates! It's huge! I just settled in on one of the couches and didn't want to move. I've always wanted a brick house, and now I've got one at UMaine (and not at a nursing home!). It's great. Wait till you see it. We're all so privileged.

Meanwhile, I hope your summer's been the greatest and I hope to see all of you next May. Note: Please don't toss those reunion letters to one side. Open them up and keep up with the latest news of our 50th. And call our class president Frank Pickering, of Danvers, Massachusetts, at (978) 774-9524 or e-mail him at: FEPSplace@aol.com if you can help in any way to make our 50th the best. He'll be so glad to hear from you. Also, why not join the Reunion committee? See you in my next column. So long for now.

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1954

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When was the last time you were actually on campus? It was a great treat for me last June when our 50th Reunion committee joined reunion committees from several other classes for a planning session at the beautiful Buchanan Alumni House. Our class had a great turnout. Class president **Tim McManus, Chuck Furlong, Jr., Bob and Martha Jean Wyman Weatherbee, Harmon and Jane Stevens Harvey, Jean Grindle Carville, John DeWilde, Peg Thompson Homans, Mary MacKinnon Nelson, Bud and Val Kewley Weiland, Pauli and Jerry Hallee**, and yours truly all enjoyed hearing lots of campus news, took a campus tour in a large air-conditioned bus, and had a delicious luncheon at the President's House.

One stop on the tour was at Colvin Hall to see the great rehab job that has been done there. Colvin has been made into a center for honors students and will have space for living quarters, seminar rooms, and extensive computer equipment. While everyone else was looking over Colvin, Mac MacKinnon Nelson, Peg Thompson Homans, and I (**Bev Heal Balise**) beat it over to South Estabrooke to check it out and share memories of the three years we all lived there.

The reunion committee planned to meet at the Moosehead Marine Museum near Moosehead Lake in Greenville in September. Classmate **Lou Hilton** generously offered to treat us to a cruise on the lake aboard the *S.S. Katahdin*.

Once again, the Class of 1954 Scholarship has been awarded. The recipient last spring was a senior majoring in secondary education. He is Kevin Jarvis from Bangor. Kevin graduated in May 2002.

We received a nice note from **Jim Holland**. He and wife Claudette, who live in Delmar, New York, spent a fun weekend in Mystic with Jim's sister, Ruth Holland Walsh '50, attending University of Maine-Providence College hockey games. Friday, Maine won 1-0, but Saturday, after a 3-3 tie, Jim says, "Providence got a cheap goal." Jim feels that coach Tim Whitehead '92G and his staff have done a great job. He

sends his congratulations to them all.

Last winter **Fern Crossland Stearns** and her husband Bill '58 spent 10 days on an Elderhostel trip to Finland cross-country skiing. Skiing above the tree line was "like skiing on cumulus clouds," says Fern, who skied with a group of 19 plus a Finnish guide. Because there is no sunrise for weeks the ski trails are illuminated for several miles at a time. The group was 180 miles north of the Arctic Circle with temperatures falling near zero with wind gusts near 30 m.p.h. Combine all this with a daily fear of avalanche, it made for an exciting, challenging, and unforgettable adventure.

The town of Gardiner has an active group of citizens interested in the preservation of historic buildings. The *Kennebec Journal* ran a story about Gardiner properties on the National Register of Historic Places. Our classmate **Joanne "Jody" Daley Clark** has been working as a member of the Friends of Gardiner Heritage raising money to build a 1920s version of the Gardiner Commons bandstand remodeled in the 1950s. Many historic houses and the public library are receiving attention and support from this preservation group.

Skip and Rosemary Carlin Hall had a trip to Houston, Texas, to attend the high school graduation of their oldest grandchild last spring. On the way home they got to visit with Rosemary's roommate—one of the South Estabrooke crowd—**Anne Austin Plaster** who lives in the Virginia hills.

My only grandchild, Colin, who turned six in April, surprised us all by performing on stage at the Wang Center in Boston in the role of Sorros, son of Madam Butterfly and Pinkerton. The call for him to audition came out of the blue from Boston Ballet. He's been having lessons for a couple of years. We don't know who recommended that he try out. It certainly made for an exciting six weeks with long rehearsals and exhilarating performances.

Don't hesitate sending your news. We'd all enjoy reading about you and yours. Bev

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1955

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As you can see from this new format for *Mainely People*, we shall be receiving this publication four times a year from now on which means that all the class correspondents will have to compile their columns four times instead of three. So, unless you want to hear about news from the same people, I suggest that you put pen in hand right now and send me news of yourself or other 1955ers about whom you may have information. No news is not good news (I think I have said that before).

Liz Pierce Cross is exploring Bar Harbor for a pre-get-together for our 50th Reunion. She participated in a walking tour of Tuscany in Italy and vacationed with her three boys and their families in Michigan. I was fascinated to learn that she was a bridge hostess on a Panama Canal cruise. She didn't indicate which cruise line it was, but what a neat way to do what you enjoy doing and on a cruise at that.

Did you know that **Pat Gill Chick** was named Citizen of the Year by the East Bay Chamber of Commerce in Rhode Island? Pat said that she did not expect an award for the work she does because for her, it's not work—it's a labor of love. She is an employee services representative for the Department of Labor and Training and NetworkRI in the East Bay and East Providence areas and has reached out to hundreds of East Bay businesses. Pat received many praises in an article in the *Times-Gazette* of Warren, Rhode Island, and according to the chairperson of the New East Bay Chamber of Commerce, Pat "...is a wonderful volunteer for the chamber. She's articulate and enthusiastic. She has her heart in the right place. She's a fine lady. She's the kind of citizen we like to acknowledge." Among her many areas of volunteerism are as a member of the board of directors of the Dorcas Place Literacy Center in Providence and ambassador of the East Providence Chamber of Commerce from 1998 to 2001. She was president of the St. Luke's Women's Guild for three years, delivered Meals on Wheels for two years, and served as a loaned executive for the

state employees charitable appeal campaign for five years. Congratulations, Pat, on your expertise in the area of volunteerism.

We all remember when Burton M. Cross, **Nancy Cross Worthing's** father, was elected governor of the state of Maine in 1952. Planning for the construction of a building which stands in the shadow of the capitol, housing 750 state workers and recently revamped at a cost of \$24 million, began during Cross's administration. It has been known as the state office building for nearly 50 years and Nancy was at the dedication ceremony which named this building the Burton M. Cross Building.

Congratulations to **Tom Golden** of Augusta who was inducted in the Maine Sports Hall of Fame on June 9 in Portland. As we all remember, Tom was an outstanding football player. While in college, he was named Little All-American for football, as well as serving as captain of the UMaine Gold Team and Maine Intercollegiate Golf Champion.

Long-time baseball and football coach, **Wally Covell** has been named baseball coach at Lawrence High School in Fairfield, Maine. Wally resurrected the football programs at Bucksport and Madison High Schools in the 1950s. He returned to coach the Orono High School football team in 2001 after leading the Orono teams to two state and five conference crowns in eight seasons during the 1960s. Wally, who also served as baseball coach and athletic director at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield, was the head baseball and assistant football coach at Colby College from 1970 to 1984 and Warren Wilson College in North Carolina in the 1980s. He has no intention of giving up his coaching in Orono, so Wally is going to be one busy person coaching football in the fall at Orono High School and coaching baseball at Lawrence High School in the spring. Good luck to you in your very busy career.

We have a new addition to our family. Benjamin Paul White was born on April 17, 2002. Parents are our daughter Gail and our son-in-law Alan. Of course, **Paul** isn't too excited! Benjamin may have a hard time surviving when his sister, Kelsey, and his two cousins, Grace and Caroline, are around.

I am all out of news and hope that you will hear my plea to correspond with me in any manner that you wish. You have my address, telephone number, and e-mail address, so there is no excuse for not

getting in touch with me. See you next time!

1956

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The 50th Reunion committee of 1956 met at Betsy Ruff's house in Freeport for a planning session on June 5th. There were 12 of us there: **Bill Johnson, Doc and Betty Brockway Nevers, Dana Devoe, Betsy Harvey Ruff, Jane Wiseman Johnson, Joan Fuller Russell, Art and Fritzie Page Thompson, Ed Plissey, Carolyn Bull Dahlgren,** and myself. We discussed many things at the meeting most of them concerning what we should do to make our 50th Reunion successful.

We started out with Betsy reporting on the progress of our fund raising. The goal set for between now and 2006 is \$150,000. Several projects have been suggested by the university that would enhance Fogler Library. The committee would like to focus on one specific and tangible project. Dana will be coordinating with the alumni office to this goal. He would appreciate it if any of you have an idea for us to develop and to get in touch with him about it.

We will have a web page on the alumni association's web site, www.mainealumni.com, so check there for more info from us as soon as we get the page set up. We hope first of all, however, that one of you out there will help to create this page. The person to contact at Orono is Bob Potts.

We also need a creative person to help design a letterhead for our class. The university will help with the printing of the stationery and envelopes. We do need a design though.

Our 45th Reunion gift to the university was furnishings for the new Buchanan Alumni House. Bill Johnson was present for the dedication ribbon cutting. Bill reported that our gifts were the 16 chairs in the board room plus cabinets and a new oriental rug which had not yet been delivered. There is a plaque identifying our gifts in the room, plus another one in the Leadership Hall on the first floor.

Betsy Harvey Ruff is in charge of fund raising and a letter will be



Edward McManus '54 (right) receives a Block "M" Award from alumni association chair Greg Jamison '72, '98G at Reunion 2002. Ed has been a loyal supporter of his class, including serving as its president and being a leader in organizing class reunions.

coming out soon giving you more information on this. Remember that any gifts will count toward our class and also your level of giving. If anyone would be willing to help Betsy with this, please get in touch with her.

Art reported on speaking with **Edric Starbird** on having a pre-reunion get-together at Bar Harbor on Friday. We might have a social gathering, then bus tours, or charter a boat and then a class dinner that night. This all needs to be ironed out more, but we will be letting you

know as our plans progress.

The program on Saturday will begin with a memorial service at the Newman Center, then that night will be the banquet. We will have a room of our own at the Alumni House, so make plans to drop in there when you arrive on campus.

I think that is about all that I have to tell you at this time, but if you are so inclined, please do not hesitate to give one of the above requests some thought. **Faith Wixson Varney** has taken on the task of collecting history and facts of our class.

That is another way to help. Perhaps you have some old photos or other information for her to include.

We have had a total of 34 people say that they will help us plan this grand event, but since there are about 400+ of us out there we can also use any new thoughts. Remember, we are now labeled as "Senior Alumni" and we "old" folk need to keep our minds active and healthy.

Arthur H. Thompson celebrated the 40th anniversary of his business at the end of June and held an open house at Thompson Associates in Presque Isle.

Dick and Betty Nevers sent me an e-mail: "We have returned to Webster Lake, Massachusetts, for the summer (May to November). Our two Florida grandchildren come to Massachusetts for eight-week summer camps, so we stay home during that time, as we are the designated 'contact relatives' while they are around. That doesn't mean we don't keep busy in the summer, as our six New England grandchildren are all active in sports programs, so we are always attending T-ball, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, or basketball events and swim meets. We also go to Gorham, Maine, every two weeks to visit with Betty's Mom, Muriel Freeman Brockway '32, who is in a nursing facility. She is very frail but most alert and interested in all family activities.

"During the fall and winter we are more free to come and go. We



Fort Fairfield natives were out in force to congratulate Governor John Reed '42 at the awards breakfast during Reunion 2002. Left to right are: Reg Bowden '55, Karlene Graham Mahaney '55, Ed Johnston '53, John Reed, and Keith Mahaney '57.

return from Florida for Christmas, but always back to Florida for New Year's where the best parties are held—no snow or slippery roads! Last February, we flew to Boston to join a theater group from Sturbridge, Massachusetts, for a two-week trip to London. We saw several shows, did a few touristy things, and took a number of London Walks—highly recommended! You meet a guide at a Tube station and walk for about two hours in most interesting out-of-the-way places. This fall we are planning a trip to Alaska after attending a wedding in Seattle. We will cruise the Inland Passage, then by combination of train and motor coach travel inland up to Anchorage with a couple of days at Denali Park. The last week in October will find us back in Fort Pierce, Florida.”

All for now. Let me know your news at any time and I will save it for the next column. Send any info to my e-mail address. Jody

1957

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“Jiggs” Cecchini started the ball rolling with a letter in early 2000, trying to get us moving on all fronts. The 45th and Reunion '02 was kicked off by the Shotgun Scramble at Bangor Municipal Golf Course at 9:00 a.m. Friday. From all reports it was much enjoyed by the participants.

Wes English is looking great and his group provided vigorous music before the ceremony for the Buchanan Alumni House ribbon cutting with the sun shining. Those touring the facility that afternoon were offered champagne and pastry in the Class of '57 Room by some of the class officers. Wes's band also played music to sing along with at the black bear jamboree Saturday afternoon. He is happily filling in at Eastern Maine Medical Center for a few months while it is warm in Florida. Max Burry and Shirley came from Williamsburg, Virginia, to participate in the realization of the Buchanan Alumni House.

At the Black Bear Inn, “Mingie” McCann had seen that the banquet room was comfortably set up and



Dr. Wes English '57 made Reunion 2002 more festive with his Dixieland Band performances at the Fogler Library reception and at the Alumni House ribbon-cutting.

greeted us with **Pat Wade Fraker** and her husband Robert. **Aram Garabedian** was held up in the Rhode Island Legislature and was unable to enjoy the guidance of **Lois Whitcomb** who remains president. **Connie Doe Leslie** is the new vice president, I continue as secretary, and **Carl Beaulieu** steps over as treasurer. **Keith Mahaney**, attend-

ing with wife **Karlene '55**, spoke on the benefit of moving our Class of '57 Scholarship Fund from the UMaine system endowment into the UMaine Foundation, where it can be read about each year in the report, and we so voted. The class picture was then taken in the same room before the delicious buffet started. Music played during the entire

evening with some lively dancing going on after dinner.

My failing ears missed some of the prize presentations at the meeting, but I did catch a few. Coming the furthest distance was **David Ward** from Washington state, though he didn't actually drive his “oldest car” to Maine. Having the most children included five for **Carl Beaulieu**, who still enjoys going on cruises when he is not doing consulting work on the Big Dig in Boston; **Bruce** and **Barbara Coy Thaxter**, who left the Warren Barrel Company closed for the weekend; and **Robert W. Hastings** and his wife **Bettyann** who left the family dairy farm in East Bethel to join us at Reunion. Happily at the table also were **Bob Cruickshank** and his wife **Sharon** from Cape Cod, **Les Smith '63**, and I.

Leaving Apple Acres on the hill, **Marilyn Pennell Johnson** was glad to come with husband **Bill '55** to meet **Ann Dingwell Knowles** and husband **Dr. John '55**. These roommates who married roommates each had four children and are both still involved in family business. Mooring the boat on Sebago for the weekend only, **Mary Lou Hughes Richardson** and **Carl** joined the group.

Gil '56 and **Connie Doe Leslie** joined **John “Bud”** and **Janet Higgins Nolan**, **Claudia Halle**



Teeing off at the Class of '57 45th Reunion Golf Scramble at Bangor Municipal Golf Course are (left to right): **Bob Dragoon**, **Carl Beaulieu**, **Marty Pineau '58**, **Dave Wiggin '54**, **Thurlow Cooper**, **Gene Higgins** (not a UMaine alum), **Claudia Halle Higgins**, and **R.J. “Jiggs” Cecchini**.

Higgins, and Gene.

Bob Dragoon and his wife joined **Bob and Frannie Blackwood Nadeau**, who gets my vote for looking the most like her yearbook picture, but she claims she was younger when she started. **Norm Gosline** and Shirlene Heath Gosline '61 came up from Gardiner.

Thurlow Cooper claims he can't retire from the yearbook and class ring business, but he does not seem to let it cramp his golf game. **Dick Bastow** still enjoys teaching and heading up the civil engineering department at SMVTI. **Donald Bryant** came up from Portland, **Bob Curran** from Manchester, Maine, and **Earle Fletcher** was up from Florida.

John Heyer received a Block "M" Award, but did not seem to be registered, and **John Charles** did not seem to have checked in.

A bag lunch was served on Saturday in the old Colvin living room and excited comments abounded as we were able to traipse through the entire place, some of us for the very first time! A large percentage of former inhabitants had come, and the second portion of the business meeting voted to rehabilitate half a quad residence unit with our '02 class gift as moved by **James Varner**, who hopes to be presenting a course there. We were given an overview of the expectations for the future of the Colvin Honors Center, in part by **Walter Macdougall**, and are very pleased to have a part in it.

Doug and **Frannie Roderick Soderberg** were up from Massachusetts. **Dave and Janet Griffin Maxcey** came down from Mapleton, Maine. **Ellie Small Williams** was able to come from Belgrade Lakes, Maine. **Cynthia Hawkes Meehan** is ready to travel whenever **George Meehan** can take time off from his volunteer driving position which has developed into more than he intended. **Bill Earle** enjoyed seeing old friends and having a break in the process of running the legislature. **Chris and Joyce Lyon Fuller** happily caught up with **Judy Dale Macdougall** and Walter.

Checking up on the changes since she had retired from the university were **Sally Bransford Irons** and her husband Fred. My own big surprise was an attempt to enter the old Bears Den—what a shock! Those of you who will be coming for the 50th after years away will have some eye-opening experiences all over the campus.

Gordon Stuart once again had



Getting ready to dance at the Reunion 2002 banquet in June are (left to right): Wayne Kerchner, Jo Drivas Latti '57, Fran Dresser Kerchner '57, and Michael Latti '56. Jo and Fran were roommates when they were UMaine students.

traveled the country, stopping at bases and casinos. David Ward is cleaning up the Columbia River and hunting down older shotguns.

Embarking from the Bailey Island marina in a car **Janet Malcolm Logan** left the floats to be put in another weekend and came with



UMaine Professor emeritus **Melvin McClure '57** received a **Black Bear Award** at Reunion 2002 in June. He was recognized for his support of UMaine fraternities and student organizations as well as for his generous assistance in helping students through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

Carolyn F. Skolfield from Harpswell, who was glad to see **Judi Smith Davis** 45 years after they set out to see the world beyond Maine. **Mary Ella Ginn Averill**, **Frannie Rich Secord**, and **Janie Farwell Russell** made a good-looking familiar trio. No doubt reminiscing at some point about that summer on Isle Au Haut were **Sally Cosseboom Webster** who came with Al '59 and **Barbara Swann Pineau** who came with Marty '58. **Bob Provencher** was there with **Mary Glidden Provencher '58**. Contentedly living in her mother's house in Bangor, eating the asparagus planted on their return a couple of years ago are **Judy White Boothby** and **Charles**. It is preferred to "the Beltway" at this point in life.

Jane Barker has retired from mentoring budding scientists at the Jackson Lab, though she is still called in on occasion. **Sandra Noyes Warner** didn't have to travel far from Forest Avenue. **Mary Louise "Cookie" Cook Abell** retired from banking in Connecticut and brought her husband to see Colvin and the campus, and **Theresa Vangeli Wheaton** finally came up from Lewiston.

I'm happy to report that the "Frannie and Jo Act" has not lost its zest even if it does date back to '53. **Frannie Dresser Kerchner** and **Jo Drivas Latti** vividly made an entrance as the business meeting was underway Friday night. At the jamboree auction Saturday afternoon,

the "ladies in yellow" ebulliently bid on quilts and pillows, putting the room into numerous gales of laughter and helping the cause along. Frannie reports that she is now president and CEO of Senior Care Alternatives, specialists in geriatric care management, in Wellesley, Massachusetts. Also in that group, urging them on, were **Louise Jenny Rouvalis** and the husbands who came in after kayaking the Stillwater—**Jim Rouvalis '56**, **Wayne Kerchner**, and **Mike Latti '56**. Wes English drew the name of **Jane Quimby Biscoe '58** for the black bear quilt, so **Mark Biscoe** can enjoy it.

I think there were 65 people registered. There was no announcement declaring just who painted the '57 on the Stevens Hall cupola that foggy spell in the spring of 1954. There was, however, a note left on the picture posted at registration—"This is a good weekend to do it again!"—and my eyes strayed over to that dome on the Buchanan, but on Sunday morning nothing had shown up.

1958

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As I write this column, the officers and executive committee of our class are meeting at the Buchanan Alumni House in Orono to make some of the final plans for our 45th class Reunion to be held on May 30, 31, and June 1, 2003. Mark your calendars now and start making those plane and train reservations so that we can make this the biggest and best Reunion ever. You will be getting all the details for Friday night's event in the near future.

Running for election to public office in the state of Maine seems to be on the minds of several members of the Class of '58. **Wayne H. Ross** is asking to represent District 24 (includes part of South Portland and Cape Elizabeth) as a Republican in the House; **Richard "Spike" Carey** is running for the senate seat for District 14 that term limits caused him to relinquish two years ago. Dick is a former town manager for Belgrade and has served 12 years in the house and eight years in the senate.

Arthur F. Mayo III is running for the senate seat for District 19 which covers much of Sagadahoc County. Art has served as District 54's representative in the house for the past four years, and Richard F. Barter is asking to be the representative in the house for District 42 (Gray and New Gloucester). **Robert J. Desjardins** has been selected as vice president of the Confederation of International Contractor's Association. Bob is currently vice chairman of Cianbro. This past June was the end of a 43-year career as a guidance and vocational education counselor for **Henry Lunn**. Hank, who served in the Navy during the Korean War and received his teaching degree in '58, began his career at Camden High School. He earned a master's in administration and guidance counseling in 1962 and for the next 25 years he served as a guidance director at Rockland High. In 1987 the Department of Education's Bureau of Vocational Education requested that he work as a consultant for them. This he did for the next two years. He started his own consulting firm in Camden working with his wife to counsel students on North Haven, Monhegan, and Vinalhaven. Enjoying his work with elementary and middle school students, Hank continued to add schools including Hope Elementary where he has worked with this year's graduates since kindergarten. Hank says he and his wife will continue their consulting work and voicing his feelings relative to the importance of combining both traditional and vocational education to meet today's needs.

"Like skiing on cumulus clouds" were the words used by Fern Crossland Stearns '54 to describe the cross-country ski trip that she and hubby, **Bill Stearns**, took with Elderhostel in Finnish Lapland. There are many well groomed ski trails (about 600) in the northwest arm of Lapland. The trails, complete with overnight shelters, are available for year-round treks and are maintained by the Finnish Park Service. During the time of the midnight sun, these trails are illuminated for use. The parklands are open to the public while the concept of "everyman's right" allows public use of private lands without needing permission as long as no damage is done to the environment and others are not disturbed. Although it was April, Fern writes that as they skied the Saana fell (a treeless rounded mountain). "The temperature was near zero with wind gusts of per-



Retired alumni association president Max Burry '57 (left) accepts the Block "M" Award on behalf of his good friend and classmate John Heyer '57. The award was presented at Reunion 2002 by alumni association chair Greg Jamison '72, '98G. John, who could not make Reunion because of a family commitment, was recognized for his outstanding service on the alumni association board and the Alumni House steering committee as well as for his generous financial support to the university.

haps 30 mph. We were, after all 180 miles north of the Arctic Circle, with winter determined to let us know quite emphatically that it was not yet over." Visitors are urged to be very careful during the winter and this was brought home to the Stearns when they learned of an avalanche that had killed members of a Finnish group who were skiing only 40 miles from them and in an area that they would have passed through except for the foresight of their guide.

Again, remember our 45th in 2003, and make your plans now. Be sure to pay your alumni membership dues to continue to receive the new magazine, learn about what the university is doing, and receive the varying discounts and promotions that are given to the membership. Hope your summer was happy and healthy!

1959

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Hi, '59ers! The major news this column is that during alumni weekend, May 31-June 2, I was present-

ed with the Hilda A. Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award. The award is given for fostering class loyalty through alumni publications. Well, I have been writing this column for 33 years which is hard to believe so I guess I have tried! The awards ceremony was very impressive and well done. I am really thrilled to receive this award and I thank whoever nominated me and all of you who have supported me and the column during all this time. Reunion weekend was wonderful beginning with the dedication of Buchanan Alumni House on Friday. The building is awesome and I urge you to plan a trip to campus sometime to see it. It is something all alumni and the campus can be proud of. Since this was not a reunion year for our class we unfortunately did not see any other '59ers with the exception of **Dick Collins**, whose wife, Ann Adams Collins '61, was a chairperson for the dedication ceremony. The Collinses have donated a room in alumni house and the class of '59 has funded the furnishings.

More news: an exhibit of photography by **Judy Ward Marshall** has been featured at the G.A.R. Memorial Library, West Newbury, Massachusetts. The photographs feature scenes of Sebec Lake, Maine, where Judy and her family have had a home for over 60 years. Judy and husband Dave have lived in West Newbury since 1965 and owned and run Knapp's Florist, now Knapp's

Greenhouses, ever since.

Will Farnham has been named to the Ice Industry Hall of Fame. Will, chairman of the board of Getchell Brothers in Brewer, becomes the 35th member of the hall. He was selected for his long-standing efforts to improve and expand the ice industry. He joined the ice business in 1967 and became president of Getchell Brothers in 1979. He has served on many local, regional, and state associations for the industry.

Tyler Carlisle of Manchester, New Hampshire, has been named New Hampshire Engineer of the Year by the joint committee of the New Hampshire Engineering Societies. Tyler has worked for the Public Service Company of New Hampshire, John J. Reilly, and is now the owner of C&M Engineering, a consulting electrical engineering firm providing design and construction administration services. He has been responsible for the design of many major building construction projects in New Hampshire and has served on various boards and committees of engineering associations. In addition, Tyler has been active in community theater as an actor and has appeared in theater productions throughout the area.

Gary Allen of Wilton, Maine, has joined the staff of Wiles Funeral Homes of Farmington, Jay, and Dixfield as a licensed funeral service attendant. He formerly was a farm equipment dealer most recently with R. S. Osgood, East Dixfield. In addition he serves as a member of the Masonic order, Anah Temple Shrine in Bangor, and Lions Club.

Bob Duckworth has recently retired as a pilot from United Airline and also as lieutenant, colonel from the U.S. Army Reserve. He reports he still does some flying in gliders and small airplanes.

Howard Libby (M.Ed.'59) has been presented with the Boston Post Cane symbolizing his status as the oldest resident of the town of Burnham. Howard is 91 years old. He had an extensive career in education as teacher and superintendent of School Districts 17 and 48.

That's all for now. It's great to have lots of news this time. Thank you all again for your support.

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Please send in your news! Did you go on vacation this summer? See some classmates? Have a new pet? What about grandchildren? Please write so we can share your news in the winter *MAINE Alumni Magazine!*

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Not a lot of news for this column but here's what I have. **Meg Thompson Villarreal** sent me the news that she is the cofounder and owner of U.S. Independents, an international television consulting company that works with producers and distributors in international TV markets. The company provides guidance and information on breaking into the U.S. market. She was instrumental in having some recent footage from Afghanistan purchased by a major U.S. network. Meg writes that she gets to travel and enjoys watching her projects develop.

Lois Hamilton Tourangeau spent June in Salt Lake City and Breckenridge, Colorado. When home in Florida, Lois volunteers at the hospital and is publicity chairman for the chorale in Venice called Excultate. In August, Lois visited friends and family in New Hampshire and Maine.

Pete Gammons donated a CD of his Norbert Twitchell-Yankee Humor to the Maine State Society for a door prize at the lobster dinner. Pete is enjoying retirement from the insurance company but busy with his performing. His e-mail is norbert@pexar.com if your group is looking for a delightful evening of Downeast laughter. **Shirlene Heath Gosline** was recently selected chairman of the Maine State Museum Commission. She also was recognized as a volunteer researcher for the documentation of Twelve Thousand Years in Maine, an exhibit about American Indians in Maine. Shirlene keeps up her attachment to



Nancy Roberts Munson '59 received **The Hilda A. Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award** during Reunion 2002 in June. Nancy has loyally written her class's column for more than 33 years.

the university by serving as vice chairman of the Southern Kennebec Maine Alum chapter.

Paul McGuire gave an interesting presentation, "The Androscoggin River Valley: a Historical Sketch," in Bethel. The focus was to trace the evolution of economic activity in the river valley. Paul retired from Gould Academy in 2001. **Dick Dearborn** was featured in the *Bangor Daily News* in an article concerning the effect of the drought on the mosquito population. Dick claims that mosquito eggs can lie in suspended state for months or even years so once the rains come, so will the mosquitoes.

I saw **Mary Irving Fantucchio** at the Capital Area Maine State Society meeting in June. David Lamb '62, foreign reporter for the *Los Angeles Times*, gave a fascinating talk on the situation in the Middle East. Dave's latest book is called *Vietnam Now*. He lived in Hanoi for four years and documents his impression of the changes in Vietnam since he covered it as a war correspondent. Mary, Dave, and I had a few minutes to flashback to our days in journalism class.

My e-mail is at the top of this column and I know you are all linked in cyberspace so please let me hear from you today, you hear?

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What a fantastic reunion weekend our class enjoyed. More than 40 of our classmates and their spouses joined together to witness the opening of the university's beautiful new alumni center, celebrate accomplishments, eat, dance, and laugh. On Friday afternoon, president **Dick Leonard** led us in a toast to officially open room 207 of the Buchanan Alumni House, our gift to the university.

On Saturday, the class meeting and auction was held during a trip to Bar Harbor. Through generous donations and the auctioning skills of our own **Tom Patrick** we raised over \$2,000 to kick off our next class project. The funds raised by our class during the next five years will help to furnish and maintain Buchanan Alumni House. Located on College Avenue at the entrance to the campus, this alumni center is truly a source of pride to all Maine alums. Be sure to visit it the next time you are in the area.

Of course, the best part of any reunion is the opportunity to catch up with old friends. It will take two columns to fill you all in on what your classmates are doing. First of all, a big thank you to **Dick** and **Rosemary Rich Leonard** for 10 years of service as our class presidents. They were instrumental in planning the weekend and keeping the spirit of '62 alive. **Dick** and **Rosemary** assure us that they will stay actively involved, but want to devote a bit more time to their wonderful grandchildren.

Nancy Nichols Hogan agreed to take over as president. **Nancy** and **Gary Cran**, who will continue as our class agent, have worked very hard over the past few years at the university as part of the president's committee to plan and build Buchanan Alumni House. Once again our class is fortunate to have officers committed to making sure that the Class of '62 is a vital part of the university today. **Sue McNeary Billings**, treasurer, and I have both consented to keep our positions.

On Sunday, June 2nd, two of our classmates were honored. **Dwight Rideout** was given the 2002 Black Bear Award in appreciation of out-

standing service to UMaine. **Dwight** has served as assistant vice president and dean of students at Orono for the past 18 years. He was cited for establishing the Center for Student and Community Life, chairing the National Council on Alcoholism in Maine, being on the boards of the United Way and the Old Town Y.M.C.A., but most especially, for his "service to thousands of individual students as a caring mentor, advisor, and advocate."

Lin Billings received the 2002 Block M Award given in recognition of outstanding leadership in alumni activities and programs. **Lin** truly earned this award through his tireless work over the years as our class president, reunion committee chair, University Alumni Ambassador, and Maine Mentor. On a more personal note, **Lin** and **Sue** recently had a new home built in Brunswick and are looking forward to spending much of the summer landscaping. **Sue** is still working as a sales representative at L.L. Bean. **Lin** retired four years ago.

Once again, **Chubb '63** and **Val Raymond Michaud** came the greatest distance to be with us. **Val** and **Chubb** manage two or three trips back East every year to visit family and friends. **Val** retired from the public school system in California and is now an educational consultant for the Heuer Corporation out of New York. The **Michauds** have stayed in California to be close to their children. Traveling the farthest north was **Wallace Witham**. **Wally** lives in Florida with wife, **Ellen**. This February **Wally** retired after 40 years of teaching at both the high school and college levels. Says he still loves to "hang out" and watch the comings and goings of mankind.

Tom and **Linda Gillies Patrick**, also very active alums, settled in Maine in '99 and are living year-round in Boothbay. The **Patricks** are on campus most every month attending development meetings, sporting events, or art performances. This summer **Linda** and **Tom** will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with a cruise to the fjords of Norway. They are the proud grandparents of five. Daughter **Kim** lives in Scarborough with her three children and son, **Tom**, is in the Boston area with his two girls. **Sally** and **Gary Cran** are enjoying retirement in Owls Head. Their summers are spent sailing Penobscot Bay on their boat, *Black Bear*. They also have five grandchildren, including two-year-old twin boys adopted in Russia on Thanksgiving of 2001.

Also enjoying time on the coast of Maine are **Eli and Ann Crichton Karter '63**. Eli retired from Mead in December of 2000 and they now spend part of the year at their home in Dayton and the rest in Phippsburg, where fishing and boating add great pleasure to the summer. The Karters have five grown children and three grandchildren as of this writing. Twins are due in the fall.

Millie Simpson Stewart is still incredibly busy as the director of volunteer service for the Mid Coast Hospital in Brunswick. At the present time she says she has no plans to retire. She does enjoy traveling whenever possible. One of her favorite trips was one she took with daughter, Ellen, and **Brenda Freeman Kuich** and her daughter, Cammie, to Alaska in '99. **Everett Drake** and his wife, Gail, once again joined the class for the weekend. They are enjoying retirement although Everett has spent a lot of time recently organizing improvement projects on the ATV and snowmobile trails in the Albion area. The Drakes also love to travel. Their latest trips were to Alaska and the Panama Canal.

Donald Ouellette and his wife, Betty, came to Maine from their home on Cape Cod. Retired, they spend a great deal of time cycling and kayaking. Don is also taking computer courses. Travel is another joy for the Ouellettes. Most recently they visited Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji. The class traveling "champs," however, have to be **Ann Adjutant and Barbara Williams Gee**. Last year they traveled together to Egypt, Antarctica, Myanmar, and Yellowstone. In July they went to Peru and in November, they will be in Florence. Ann takes about 800 photos on each trip and gives slide shows at many schools in her area. She is currently a science test developer for Measured Progress in Dover, New Hampshire. When Barbara is not traveling with Ann, she is visiting her children around the country or relaxing in her cabin in Maine.

There is obviously more reunion news to come. I would, however, like to leave you with this: During our class meeting we started compiling a class list of e-mail addresses. If you would like yours added, please contact me. We are hoping to get people involved in some activities between reunions and we'd like you to join us. Let's not wait another five years to get together!



Tom Patrick served as auctioneer at the Class of 1962 luncheon at the Jordan Pond House during Reunion 2002 in June. The auction raised money for the University of Maine.

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If I were a creative writer, I could invent some wonderful life stories for my classmates. I am not creative and you are not filling in the blanks with your stories. Therefore, we are thankful for the few people who have contributed! Like **Elaine Farashian**, who is taking flying lessons! She flies a Cessna 152, but says she is a long way from flying solo. She is really enjoying it.

Irv Marsters writes that he has been editing the *Friends of UMaine Hockey* newsletter this past year. He sent me several of this year's newsletters and I must say, I enjoyed reading them. He says he can now appreciate the importance of contributions from members. He also writes that his "printing and mailing business has been very busy in this political year. After 22 years in business, we're still having fun. Son Joel is vice president of the Bangor Letter Shop, and things go well now when I do what he tells me to!" Irv is co-chairing the PrintImage International Conference in Chicago during early October.

Coston and McIsaac, CPAs, announce that **Thomas McCor-**

mack, C.P.A., MBA, M.Q.M. has joined the firm. He and his wife, Shirley, live in Bar Harbor.

Dick Murphy writes from Duck, North Carolina, that he is enjoying seaside living and no snow. He plays lots of golf with Craig Hurd '66 and occasionally sees Dave Lamb '62.

That's it for this time! Need I say more?



University of Maine dean of students, Dwight Rideout '62, '65G, was presented with a Black Bear Award at Reunion 2002 in June. Dwight was recognized for his 36 years of outstanding service to students as a UMaine administrator and a mentor.

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William Browne has announced his candidacy for the Maine House of Representatives in District 94. He has been a high school chemistry teacher for 36 years and is planning to retire at the end of this school year. He has spent the last 30 years at Waterville High School where he has also coached high school football and golf for over 20 years.

Aileen Bamford Wescott has become the newest salesperson for the *Town Line* newspaper. Aileen is married and has two grown children, a son and his family, who live in Fayetteville, and a daughter and her husband, who live in Maryland. She spent 32 years working for the state of Maine as a daycare and foster care licensing worker. Aileen and her husband have lived in South China, Maine, for 12 years.

There was an article in the *Salem, Massachusetts, Salem Evening News* about **Phillip Morse**. It was recently announced that Phil is the Red Sox's newest limited partner. Phil will be serving on an internal committee studying the issue of whether to renovate Fenway Park or build a new stadium. He and his wife, Susan Keene Morse '64, reside in Glens Falls, New York. Phil founded North American Instrument Corporation soon after graduation which grew to over 800 employees under his leadership. After he retired from North American Instrument, he founded Heritage Creations which provides products and services to golf courses all over the world. He also cofounded a merchant bank and private equity investment firm. He and Susan have three adult daughters.

Del Merrill of Ellsworth, who, in addition to being a member of our class is also a survivor of Iwo Jima, is helping to tell the story in a new historical film produced by Steven Spielberg's studio and historian Stephen Ambrose. Del served for years as president of Husson College and is now president of Merrill's Blueberry Farms in Hancock.

The Morning Sentinel recently reported that **Lionel A. Cabana** was reelected as chairman of the Waterville board of education. Lionel

taught business for 36 years at Waterville Senior High School prior to retiring. He also served in the Air Naval Reserve for 17 years as a flight communicator on patrol planes.

In February there was a lengthy article in the *Maine Times* about **Sanford Phippen** and his many literary accomplishments. Congratulations, Sandy!

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As I write, we are in the midst of a hot and very humid summer, which appears to be happening most everywhere. Hopefully, I'll get to our family cottage on the ocean in Maine in August to cool off and relax.

To date I have not received a copy of the inaugural issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*, but I am interested in hearing any comments you might have once you receive this new publication.

Bruce '66 and **Caroline Fuller Hutchinson** are proud first-time grandparents. Their son Rob and his wife Amy became parents of Maeve Althea on May 25. A most welcome first grandson for Judith E. and **Daniel Smith** was Antonio E. Smith, born on February 22.

Since the fall of 1994, **Dana Connors** has been president of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, which means he is executive leader of a 1,200-member business association. The primary focus of his presentation at a spring business seminar was issues facing small businesses in the recent economic downturn and projections moving forward in 2002. Dana and his wife, Patricia, live in East Winthrop and have two adult sons, Gregory and Christopher.

Roger Moody retired in June after serving for 11 years as town manager of Camden, his native town. He has had 33 years in public service of various kinds, but expects to still stay busy in other directions.

Peter Duncan received a degree in chemical engineering and spent many years working in the pulp and paper industry. However, he has



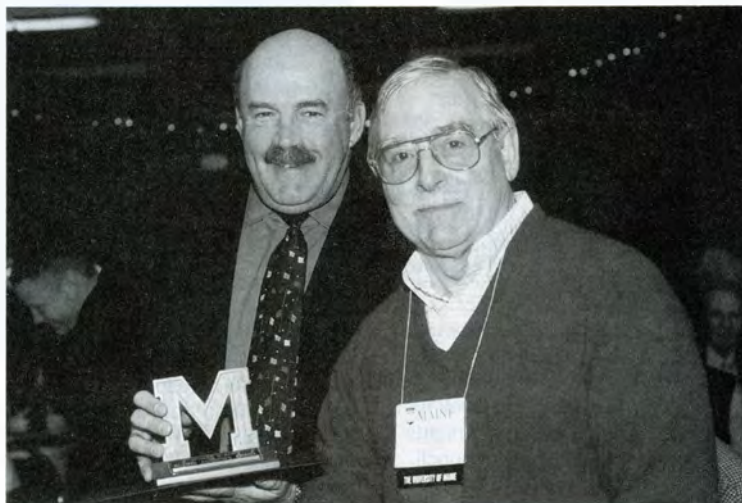
Amos Orcutt '64 (right) was awarded the Alpha Gamma Rho Lifetime Achievement Award by one of the fraternity's current members, **Jamie Mason**, at Reunion 2002 in June. Amos is president and CEO of the University of Maine Foundation.

said his most rewarding moments were spent not in the office but in the classroom. While working in New York City, over a span of six years he spent time with inner city youth to raise aspirations for professional careers. Peter was recently made the new executive director of the Pulp and Paper Foundation at the University of Maine, where he will focus full time on education. He has stated that the UMaine engineering school is one of the best engineering schools in the world. In 1992, he and his wife, Linda, established the Duncan Family Scholarship Fund. It is part of a cumulative portfolio, that, in 2000, enabled the foundation to offer \$525,000 in

scholarships to UMaine chemical engineering students.

James Poulin was recently hired as plant manager of Correct Building Products of Biddeford.

Charlie Murphy is employed at Advance Transit in Wilder, Vermont. An article on his wife, Loretta Tobin Murphy '71G, who received a master's degree in counseling from UMaine, was featured in a spring issue of the *Vermont Catholic Tribune*. She is director of Rutland Dismas House, a uniquely supportive, family-like home for men and women leaving prison. Charlie and Loretta both served with the Franciscan Mission Service and he worked on construction projects



Linwood Billings '62, '69G (right) was presented with a Block "M" Award for his loyal service to his class and the alumni association.

while they were in Bolivia. They have three adult sons.

Gary E. Whitney and Susan S. Whitney of Gray, married in Portland on October 23, 1971, are now divorced.

Hope to hear from more of you before the next publication deadline!

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As I sit here getting ready to write this next installment, I can't help but reminisce a bit about the good old days. They were, indeed, good, and I find it almost impossible to believe that our student days in Orono ended 36 years ago! My dad was right all along when he kept saying that life is like a dream...

And speaking of dreams, one came true for **Steve Godsoe**, math department chairperson for Bangor High School. A \$1.65 million grant from the National Science Foundation will fund a three-year partnership between the University of Maine's College of Engineering and Bangor High School. Starting in the fall, the program, called GK-12: Sensors!, will place UMaine student engineers in high school classrooms for 10 hours a week. Meanwhile Bangor High's teachers will be able to spend time at the university's labs learning about sensor technologies and developing new curriculum. "I have so many ideas in my head about what we could do right now, it scares me. The possibilities are endless," says Steve. Meanwhile, the Bangor school district is preparing for yet another exciting and innovative program. This one is a three-year partnership with Primary Source, a Boston-based organization, to develop curriculum on China for students in kindergarten through grade 12, to begin this September. During the next three years, 20 teachers will travel to China to gain first-hand knowledge about the country. Among the first is **Junita Lawrence Drisko**.

Meanwhile, I've learned that **Robert J. Stolt**, an Augusta attorney, serves on the Committee on Media and Courts whose purpose is "to facilitate and improve communications between the judiciary and

the media and to enhance the accuracy and flow of information made available to the public concerning the courts of Maine." Also making news is **Stump Merrill**, who got his first managerial job 24 years ago, winning his 1,200th game last June. He's doing well and continues to thrive and perform. As he says, "My fun is finding the kids who others didn't think could make it and helping them realize they can."

Finally, I have learned from **Jan Rogers** of the death of **Sally Allen Crandell**, who, on April 15th, succumbed to Cushing's disease and adrenal cancer. She leaves behind her husband and two sons, with their first grandchild expected in September. My sympathies are with them.

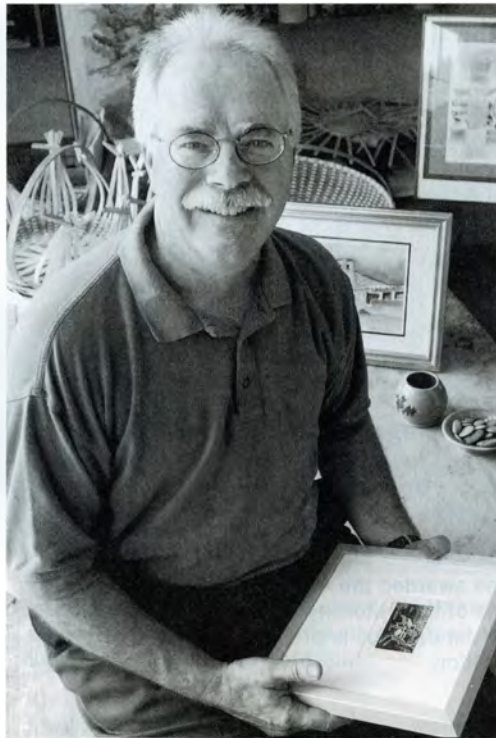
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Reunion '02 has come and gone. We had fair attendance for our 35th. Even **Sim Oyetunji** came from Nigeria with his wife Bola. They have seven children, among them current UMaine students. Sim is an electrical engineer and contractor in Lagos. Aside from that it was the regular old faithfuls that chose to reunite. Our slate of class officers had a good showing. Faces aren't familiar after all these years and we all need bifocals to read the nametags! **Sue Chadbourne** drove to Maine with her sister Ann (her second reunion with '67) and they talked **Bill Pasquill** into coming along. It was good to visit with **Carol Snyder Drummond**, **Patty Cochran**, and **Edie McVay King** and her husband. **Pam Vaccaro O'Brien** barely made it to the Friday night dinner.

This is coming to you from the new Buchanan Alumni House and in our new format. The class managed the \$25,000 for the alumni association records office. Awesome effort! Thank you all very much. Works for me!

A number of us have retired, it seems, to start "running" (for office). **Robert Holt** gave Michael Richardson a run for his money over the selectperson seat in Windsor—Robert was defeated by three votes.



John Rohman '68 was recently profiled in the *Bangor Daily News* for his work chairing the National Folk Festival which took place in Bangor in August. In addition to his dedicated volunteer work for the arts, John also serves on the UMaine Alumni Association board of directors. His firm, **WBRC Architects/Engineers**, designed the beautiful new Buchanan Alumni House. (*Bangor Daily News* photo)

Linda Barnes Meehan ran for budget committee out of the Sandown school system in New Hampshire. She has directed a child care center for 14 years and been a county 4-H agent for four years.

Sawin Millett is seeking the republican nomination for House District 68 (Greenwood, Norway, Waterford, West Paris) on a solid quality of life platform. He has a 30-year career in public education and formerly served as Maine's commissioner of education. The Bangor Historical Society is a cultural organization on the move with plans for expansion in programming and location under the guidance of president-elect **Joyce Demkowicz Henckler**. **Robert Gilbert** of Lewiston is overseeing the renovation of Saints Peter and Paul Parish. Why not? He must be there seven nights a week anyway with parish council and finance commission, reader, eucharistic minister, French and funeral choirs, and Sacred Heart school board member! Harold Al-

fond has gifted \$1 million for Husson College to update and expand their baseball field with a unique artificial, all-weather surface. The hope is to attract a minor league baseball franchise. Enter Northeast Turf Hue, **John Huard's** artificial turf company. John will oversee installation of the turf and drainage system of the 135,000 square foot field.

John McElwee of Bryant Pond was re-nominated by Governor Angus King as district court judge. Northeast COMBAT, our local consumer watchdog agency, is celebrating 30 years under the watchful eye of **John Supranovich, Jr.** of Bangor. He has been monitoring while scams have increased sharply and funding is hard pressed to keep pace with thievery. COMBAT boasts 300,000 on the list of individuals and companies they've assisted over the years.

Scott-Craig Newell of Greenwood executive director. She will act as a consultant in membership services and staff development. She is the director of adult education for S.A.D. 44 in Bethel.

James Doughty, dean of education at Husson College in Bangor, asked Jonathan "Gabby" Price '73, former Bangor High School coach, to coach the football team at Husson. Price accepted the position. James Doughty is the former superintendent of schools in Bangor.

David Crook, longtime district attorney for Kennebec and Somerset counties, has decided not to seek re-election. David began his career as a prosecutor in Brooklyn, New York, in 1972. He returned to Maine in 1975 and served as assistant district attorney under Joseph Jabar of Waterville. He ran for district attorney in 1978 and has served in this capacity since then. He says he and his wife Barbara plan to do some traveling once he retires.

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The Orono campus continues to grow and the newest addition is the Buchanan Alumni House which opened May 31. Class of '69 donations provided one area in the building. Go see the Alumni House and find our area. Think about our original class graduation gift and there is a connection. Reminder: our next reunion will be in May 2004.

A. Carman Clark has been having great fun running around New England promoting her new book, *The Maine Mulch Murders*, and participating in innovative library programs titled "Death and Dessert" "Soup and Suspense," and "Soup and Sleuth." **Gerald Parmenter**, manager of Washington County's capital project management division in Oregon, has been named Urban County Engineer of the Year for the United States by the National Association of County Engineers. Jerry runs the county's Major Streets Transportation Improvement program, one of the largest locally funded road construction plans in the nation. He has worked for the county department of land use and

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Joe Dahl, principal of the Fairmount School in Bangor, spent two weeks earlier this year visiting the country of China. The purpose of the trip was to learn about China, its people, customs, and environment, on a first hand basis in order to return to Bangor to teach a program on it in the public schools.

Ken Roberts ended a long, distinguished career in education when he retired from the Yarmouth school district in June. He taught his first year in Bath and spent the next 39 in Yarmouth as teacher, coach, and athletic administrator.

The Maine Adult Education Association has named **Catherine**

transportation since 1984.

Robert Harnum's new book, *Exile in the Kingdom*, has been called "a haunting novel of alienation and youth in a culture bred on casual violence." Robert currently teaches at Brewer High School.

Donald Siviski of Wiscasset is now superintendent of S.A.D. 16 schools. Before coming to this post, Donald was superintendent of S.A.D. 68. **John Barlow**, professor at Maine Maritime Academy since 1970, has been named vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. John was the first head of MMA's Corning School of Ocean Studies.

Al Ross of Bangor has written seven books on naval vessels and has developed a number of model boat kits for Bluejackets in Searsport. Al also builds models of naval vessels on commission. His customers live throughout the United States.

Bill and I have had a busy spring as proud parents of two graduates. Ben, who will attend the University of Maine in the fall, graduated from Marshwood High School, South Berwick, and Samantha '02 graduated from the University of Maine.

Enjoy your vacations and keep in touch with the alumni association and us.

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Most of my news for this column indicates that some of our fellow classmates are dabbling or jumping right into the political arena. **Robert D. Stone** has thrown his hat in for the Maine State Senate seat in District 21, which is most of Lewiston. He and his wife, Susan, have three grown children. Robert is a banker with over 32 years in management. **Tom Winsor** is leaving his seat in the Maine Legislature because of term limitations. He and his wife, Pat, live on Norway Lake, Maine, and have spent several summers hiking the Appalachian Trail. **Steven Juskewitch** ran for district attorney for Hancock County. He has been a prosecutor with the district attorney's office for 12 years



Among the Class of '67 members who returned to campus for Reunion 2002 were: Asimiyu "Sim" Oyetunji (center) and Carol Snyder Drummond (right). On the left is Sim's wife, Bola. The Oyetunjis live in Nigeria and have children enrolled at UMaine.

and went into private practice in January 2001. Steven and his wife, Andrea Allen, live in Dedham and have five children between them.

Glenn Ross is hoping to become the sheriff of Penobscot County. He lives in Exeter, Maine, with his wife, Christine.

Richard D. Kelly, Jr. is doing some interesting work making maps of the South Island of New Zealand. Although he has never been there, he is able to work from aerial photos taken from 25,000 feet. **Eugene Benner** was inducted into the Maine

Sports Hall of Fame for his football and track accomplishments at UMaine as well as Edward Little High School in Auburn, Maine. He now makes his home in South Paris.

W. Tom Sawyer was bestowed the honorific "trustee emeritus" by a unanimous vote of the board of Maine Maritime Academy. **Prudence Grant** is attempting to become the president of the Maine Education Association. She is an English teacher at Lisbon High School, Lisbon, Maine.

That seems to be all the news that's fit to print at this time—hope to have more for you at our next meeting. Be sure that you make a stop at the new Buchanan Alumni House part of your next visit to the campus. It is quite spectacular!



Robert Anderson '64 received a Block "M" Award at Reunion 2002 for his service to his fellow UMaine alumni. Bob has been the organizing force behind the annual Rochester alumni lobster picnic.

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Hope everyone had a great summer. Please send in news of your doings for this column. We'd like to hear from you!

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If you live in the Bangor area, you may be familiar with the folk duo Castlebay. **Fred Gosbee** and **Julia Land** are vocalists who also play Celtic harp, 12-string guitar, violin, and woodwinds. According to their web site, "Castlebay weaves together the timeless traditions of Maine's nautical legacy and its poignant Scottish and Irish heritage, blending traditional and contemporary musical styles." During the past 15 years, Castlebay has made recordings and toured the eastern United States, Ireland, England, and Scotland playing at festivals, folk clubs, and arts centers. They also maintain a commitment to cultural education, providing folklore and music programs for schools, museums, libraries, and Elderhostels. Check the web site (castlebay.net) for their performing schedule.

Ellen Pope is vice president of the Maine Community Foundation. Earlier this year the foundation won a Gold Seal Award, presented by Governor Angus King, for promoting social capital in Maine.

Dr. Karl B. Colbath, an optometrist in Augusta, Maine, has installed a state-of-the-art retinal image screening system, one of the first models in use in the United States. An imaging camera takes high-resolution, digital pictures of a patient's eye, which then appear on a nearby computer screen for instant review. Full color photos can be printed in the office, or pictures can be e-mailed to other eye-care specialists.

Maine poet laureate, **Baron Wormser**, a Hallowell resident, held poetry workshops last spring at Gardiner Area High School. A long-time teacher and librarian in Madison, Baron has published six collections of poems. His most recent work, *Teaching the Art of Poetry*, is aimed at helping high school teachers teach poetry.

Ronald P. Stephens has been named senior vice president at Banknorth Investment Management Group in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. In his new position, Ron serves as regional manager, overseeing investment management, sales, public relations, and relationship management statewide. He has

28 years in financial services and investment management. Before joining Banknorth, he served as vice president and director of recruiting at ADVEST and as a corporate vice president at Paine Webber. Ron lives in Marblehead, Massachusetts.

Earlier this year, Old Fort Western in Augusta, Maine, sponsored a weekly lecture series called *Re-searching the Past: The World and Work of the Maine Historian*. The series featured historians from a variety of disciplines discussing the many ways of recalling and writing about the past. **Michael Alpert**, University of Maine Press director, spoke on history and literature. He used the recently published Maine history, *Finding Katahdin*, as a backdrop against which to discuss the writing of history from a publisher's point of view. Michael is the author of several books of literature as well as a visual artist.

Paul James Dowe is the president of Bangor Savings Bank, which celebrated its 150th year last February.

Lance A. Smith has joined the board of directors of Maine Public Service. A fifth-generation farmer, Lance is currently president and coowner of Smith's Farm. The farm produces 2,500 acres of broccoli and approximately 3,000 acres of barley, wheat, and soybeans in northern Maine, as well as 1,000 acres of broccoli in Florida. Lance is also a salmon fisherman and hunter. He and his wife, Dorothy, live in Fort Fairfield, Maine, and have three grown children—Shamus, Tara, and Emily.

Sue Percival Speers—was that you I passed in a contra line in the lower hall of Natick High School at the New England Folk Festival last April? If so, I'll look for you next year!

That's all for now. Drop me a line if you have news you'd like me to include in the next column.

1973

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I received a letter from **Frances Dick** a few months ago. She has a 20-year-old daughter, Daniel, and works at the NEA in D.C. **Edward**



Alumni association chair Greg Jamison '72, '98G presented an engraved pewter plate to classmate Jim Mullen '72, '75G at the association's annual meeting in June. Jim served on the alumni association board in different capacities for 14 years (that might be a record!) including a term as chair. He currently serves as chair of the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

Pinkham owns and operates The Inn at Long Lake in Naples. You can have a look at: www.innatlonglake.com. **Richard Hunt** is now associate professor in the division of arts and sciences at Champlain College. **John O'Connell** was named interim town manager of Wiscasset. **Tom Goulette** is Guilford's new town manager. **Frank Susi** is Cianbro Corporation's regional manager for northern New England.

Larry Morrissette is enjoying his job as music director at Maranacook High. He transferred there from S.A.D. 49 in Fairfield two years ago. **Tom Shina** received the 2001 Technical Writing Award from the Forest Resources Association. **Gabby Price** will head Husson College's reborn football program. Husson plans to play its first game since World War II in 2003. **Jack Cashman's** son, Dan '00, hosts "The Nite Show" on WCKD-TV in Bangor. Dan is the youngest person to host a local talk show.

Is it possible? Can it be true? The Class of 1973 plans for our 30th Reunion are in the works. Copresidents **Allen** and **Patty Meyer Morrell**, vice president **Carolyn Bean Stiff**, secretary **Brenda Bridges Cook**, treasurer **Larry LaPlante**, and I have been in touch via phones, computers, and in person to begin working with the university on

the festivities. A big topic of discussion is how our gifts to the university can be best used. Want to help? Have ideas? You may get in touch with me, **Allen** and **Patty** (amorell@erols.com), or the university. Mark your calendars now for an early June trip back to Fill the Steins.

1974

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By the time you read this column, my annual vacation in Maine will be behind me. This year it included my husband Don's family reunion and lots of quiet reading time on the camp porch at Sabbathday Lake and listening to the loons and the bells from the Shaker Village. For the rest of you, like me, who only get our small doses of home, remember to savor every second because Maine is a little piece of heaven on earth.

Now to the news. Congratulations to **Robert E. Baldacci, Jr.** on his move to the Portland consulting

firm of Pierce Atwood. He will specialize in economic development. He joins '74 classmate **Ted O'Meara**, the firm's vice president. Both have been named managing directors of Pierce Atwood Consulting.

Down in Providence, Rhode Island, **Greg Gerritt** is running for mayor on the Green Party ticket. Greg started the Green Party in Maine in 1985 and ran for state office. One of his platforms is to reduce gas emissions in Providence. Let's all wish him luck on his bid for mayor.

Wilton has a new town manager and it's Maine's own **Peter Nielsen**. His previous experience as a town manager included Wayne and Clinton. Peter's wife, **Mary Richards Nielsen**, works at the Wayne Elementary School. Peter and Mary have been married for 26 years and will continue to reside in Winthrop.

Manchester resident, **Shirrin Lauder Blaisdell**, ran for the board of selectmen back in March. She came in second. Hopefully, she will try again.

Nancy Garland, staff writer for the *Bangor Daily News*, wrote a column on her 50th birthday excursion to Mickey Land with her 11-year-old daughter, Eliza. They had wonderful mid-January escape and hit all the high spots. In the wise words of an 11-year-old, "Life can be fun even if you're 50."

Final thoughts: Thanks to the Maine Black Bears for keeping the University of Maine in the sports news. And thanks to www.goblackbears.com for being the only place I can find out how the teams are doing.

Most of us have had our 50th birthday by now. Like Nancy, I decided that Orlando was a great place to recapture one's youth. My fifty-something husband, Don, was great sport as we rode on The Tower of Terror and the Arrowsmitt limousine roller coaster at MGM. What a rush! There are a lot worse places to be than 50—consider the alternative!

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How about a postcard from a vaca-

tion spot? Or a quick e-mail? Whatever you send would help fill this space with news of our class.

1976

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Hello, everyone. Have you seen the new Buchanan Alumni House? It's beautiful, and a wonderful facility to have for all alumni.

Robert Welch of the Bangor Police Department was honored in May with a "2 Those Who Care" award from the United Way of Eastern Maine and WLBZ.

Leigh Ingalls Saufley was honored by the Greater Portland Y.W.C.A. at their 15th annual Women of Achievement banquet. Leigh is the chief justice of the Maine Supreme Court.

David Theoharides was featured in part of the Maine PBS documentary, "School Zones," about educators in the state of Maine. **Ed Flaherty**, coach of the University of Southern Maine baseball program, recently earned his 500th victory as the Huskies' head coach. **Barbara Bannin Kelley** was a featured speaker at an education summit hosted by first lady Laura Bush in the best ways to improve public schools. **Jeffrey Murch** was featured in an article in the *Kennebec Journal* about his new career as a nurse. **Norman Gridley** has re-joined Wright-Pierce of Topsham as a senior project manager in the special projects division.

Please send me a note or an e-mail telling me what you've been up to. I'll include it in our next column.

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Many thanks to all of you who returned your class reunion update forms. I'm happy to share with you some of the information that I have received from the alumni office.

Patricia Stearns Schmidt is living in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, where she owns and manages Shelburne Farm and Garden. **Robert Partridge** currently divides his time between teaching sixth through eighth grade science and serving as assistant principal in Barton, Vermont. He also coaches high school basketball, enjoys many outdoor activities, and has four children. **Richard Carvill** is advertising manager for the U.S. industrial division of Gates Rubber Company in Denver, Colorado. He and his wife have two children.

Neena Sodhi, M.D. wrote that she is an allergist/immunologist working at the Pinehurst Medical Clinic in Pinehurst, North Carolina. **Ann Garrison Korschgen, Ph.D.** and her husband, Carl '76, live in Columbia, Missouri. Within the last year Ann assumed the role of vice provost at the University of Missouri-Columbia. **Diane Kreizinger Ross** is currently working on her doctorate in organizational leadership. She is president of New Insights in Yorktown, Virginia.

Meredith Goodwin is director of Student Support Services at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho. And last, but certainly not least, **Father Robert Vaillancourt** has been named pastor of St. Thomas Parish in Madawaska.

That's it for now. Keep the notes coming. I look forward to hearing from more of you soon.

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Greetings, classmates. Hope everyone had a warm, wonderful summer and perhaps thought about dropping me a line with your latest escapades. We have slim pickings in the news department this time so I may have to resort to fiction!

Our own **Jack Cosgrove**, UMaine football coach, received another honor after the Bears' outstanding 2001 season. He was



Joanne Bodwell Ferreira '73 received a Block "M" Award at Reunion 2002 for her outstanding service to the University of Maine Alumni Chapter of New Jersey. Joanne has assisted in over 35 events since the chapter began including helping start the highly successful annual Lobster Maine-ia gatherings. She also helped establish the New Jersey Scholarship Fund and has hosted the UMaine singers during their spring tours. Joanne is the daughter of Russ '44 and Barbara Higgins Bodwell '45.

named *American Football Monthly* magazine's 2001 Schutt Sports Coach of the Year for Division I-AA. Good luck this season, Jack, we're hoping for a repeat performance.

Another one of our classmates won't be coaching this year. **Wally Russell**, of Milo, has resigned his girls' basketball coaching position at Penquis Valley High School after eight years. He compiled a 126-34 record and led the Patriots to an Eastern Maine Class C runner-up finish this last season. Wally hopes to spend more time with his family and more time in the gym, playing!

The Good Samaritan Agency in Bangor, Maine, has named **Deborah A. Giguere** executive director.

Burgess Advertising in Portland, Maine, received eight 2002 Communicator Awards. **Meredith Strang Burgess**, our class president, is also the agency's president! These awards came from an international competition in which there were 3,660 entries. The Burgess team won a prestigious Crystal Award of Excellence, five awards of distinction, and two honorable mention awards. Congratulations, Meri.

Congratulations are also in order for **Michael Brennan** of Portland, who won a seat in the Maine senate after a special election in March.

I had the pleasure of attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Buchanan Alumni House on May 31st. If you are visiting the campus do stop in because it is beautiful.

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"The college of our hearts always" has a new gathering spot for alums. Many of us assembled at the end of May to dedicate the new Buchanan Alumni House at UMaine, located on College Avenue where the old police station was located. It's a very impressive building which will serve as the new "front door" for the campus, and provide working and meeting space for alumni activities as well as the University of Maine Foundation (more on the foundation in our next column). Make sure you stop by on your next trip to Orono!

The dedication came two weeks after spring commencement, during which my stepson became the third generation on both sides of his family to hold UMaine degrees. Governor Angus King offered timely advice to the grads during the ceremony, held in two sessions at Alford Arena due to rainy weather.

Now for some alumni news: **Roxane Cole**, a principal in the real estate firm of Ram Harnden, was one of six women honored as a "Woman of Achievement" by the Y.M.C.A. of Greater Portland. **Troy Gagnon** has been promoted to senior vice president at Bangor Savings Bank. Previously, he served as the bank's chief information officer.

Doreen Hodgkin has been appointed senior associate of administration at Northeastern University. Doreen joined Northeastern in 1982 and was most recently associate dean of career services and divisional operations. **Arthur Benner**, superintendent of the Caribou School District, resigned his position to seek a term in the state legislature. He and his wife Virginia have lived in Caribou since 1969, and he

has been in the school system for 27 years as teacher, principal, and superintendent.

William Tymoczko has relocated his firm of Fellows, Kee, Tymoczko, and Pierson to a larger location on Route 1 in Bucksport. He has been joined in practice by Bronwen Pierson, a UMaine Law School grad.

Hope you'll take time during your summer or fall vacation to drop me a postcard (or e-mail at kraftymac@adelphia.net) with your news.

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Thank you to all who have written and e-mailed me.

We have some great news: **Bonnie Spenard Marckoon** has recently joined the First National Bank of Bar Harbor as a personal banking officer for Blue Hill. **Teresa Davis** travels throughout the state, primarily working along the Hancock and Washington County coastlines, as a private consultant in forestry and soils.

Patricia Smus Harris has been named assistant vice president at Banknorth Investment Management Group, Massachusetts, the money management subsidiary of Banknorth Group in Portland. As a financial advisor, she handles account administration for institutional clients such as: state agencies, towns, hospitals, churches, and libraries.

And some happy news—congratulations to **David Melville** and his wife, Lisa, on the recent birth of Aidan Charles!

To all of you, send your news along. Keep in touch with your classmates. Each moment is unique—share them with us!

Your classmates would like to hear from you. Write or e-mail your class correspondent.

1981

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Ah, summertime in Maine! As I write this column, we're in the middle of our first vacation week and the mosquitoes are pretty darn vicious at camp. Nothing beats a day on the lake in Maine, though, so I'll spray on some more bug repellent and stop complaining. This summer brings more than bugs; it's our 25th high school reunion year for most of us who graduated from UMaine in '81. How did we get to be that old? I was busy helping to plan my Calais High School reunion, which took place in August. Drop me a note and let me know about yours!

Just a few clippings in the mail bag this time around. Congratulations to Leigh-Paige and **Owen Smith** on the birth of their daughter, Kendall Elizabeth, last November. They live in Gorham. **Mark DiGiovanni** was recently appointed to the board of directors of the West Suburban Y.M.C.A. in Newton, Massachusetts. Mark is president of Renaissance Services, a property management and real estate consulting company based in Belmont.

Ellen Donahue Fitzsimmons successfully completed the required examinations to become an associate of the Casualty Actuarial Society. Ellen is an actuary at Maine Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Presque Isle. **Wilton Jones** teaches world history at Mount Desert Island High School and received a grant that will allow him to travel to Italy to study the Roman Empire and the Italian Renaissance. **Carolyn Whipps Leick** is the principal of Glenburn Elementary School. And the final educator to report on this time is **Edward McDonough**, who was named superintendent of the Wells-Ogunquit Community School district. **Roy Warren** was inducted into the Maine Swimming Hall of Fame this past spring. Roy was a standout swimmer at Maine, and later coached in both Old Town and Bangor. And finally, congratulations to **Ed "Skippy" Miller** on being named assistant vice president, financial consultant of Citizens' Financial Services in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Do you think he's still called Skippy in the banking



Lt. Robert Welch '76 recently retired from the Bangor Police Department after a 25-year career. For the past four years Bob has served as second-in-command of the department. (Photo and information courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.)

world?

That's all for now, folks! Next time I'll be writing you from the same house at a different address! Yes, our house is actually moving about 150 feet to make way for a road and eight-lot residential subdivision. A year ago, we purchased the property behind us and started on this very interesting real estate development venture. After the move, we'll be doing some renovations to this house and then will start on a new home just down the new street. As if my life wasn't crazy enough! And guess what our new street will be named? Black Bear Drive! Stay tuned for a progress report and our new address!

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*Reunion at Homecoming
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Our class column begins with much sadness as we give notice of the passing of **Joe Mayo**, who died May 23 of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). We were honored to have had Joe as a classmate. How well we re-

member watching his leadership skills develop while we were in school, only to continue to blossom in his role as house clerk in the Maine State Legislature where he was known as "The Conscience of the House." Our deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences go to Joe's wife, Rebecca Wyke '84, and to their three children.

Correspondence continues to arrive in response to our 20th Reunion questionnaire! Here's what's going on with the Class of '82!

Laura Duprat Carleu (biology) lives in Boston with her husband, Greg, and their two children. She earned a M.S. degree from Pace University and a M.P.H. from Columbia University. She is the associate director of Millennium Pharmaceuticals.

Diane Desrosier Callahan (natural resources) lives in Norton, Massachusetts, with her husband, John, and their three children. She is a registered nurse and works at the Rhode Island Hospital as a research nurse. Diane has traveled to Honduras with a medical team to give care in rural areas.

David Colburn (biology) lives in Merrimack, New Hampshire, with his wife, Doreen, and their child. He earned a MBA degree from Southern New Hampshire College Graduate School and works in medical sales for the Eli Lilly Company. Dave volunteers with the Y.M.C.A., lifts weights, and follows UMaine hockey.

Eleanor Gross Collinsworth (mechanical engineering) lives in Spencerport, New York, with her husband, Mark, and their daughter. She earned a MBA degree from Simon Business College (University of Rochester). She has been employed with Eastman Kodak Company for 20 years and is currently serving as paper testing operations manager. She and her husband hold several leadership roles in their church, including youth group work. She writes that, "Life is a joyful balancing act of career, family, hobbies, and service to the Lord!"

SSGT Raymond Cooke serves as the chief of airfield management for the Maine Air National Guard in Bangor. Raymond earned his master's in education from UMaine in 2002. He is the former president of the Northern Maine Chapter of the March of Dimes. He will retire in the fall of 2002 having served 27 years in the military.

Pete "Pistol" Cyr (economics) lives in Niceville, Florida, where he is a flight instructor in the United

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Kathleen Buchanan, who has taught for 22 years, ran for the vacant school committee seat in Boylston, Massachusetts. She and her husband have two children. Kathleen is pursuing a certificate of advanced study in educational administration.

Jeffrey Musich has been elected to the board of directors of Wright-Pierce, a consulting engineering firm. He is manager of the water division and resides in Monmouth. Also at Wright-Pierce, **Jeffrey**

D. Preble is a senior project manager in the civil division. He has design experience in street and parking lot reconstruction, wastewater systems, and recycling development.

James Bigl, a Bucksport native, has been named the CEO and member of the board of directors of National Medical Health Card Systems in Port Washington, New York. James, his wife, Jennifer, and their three daughters, live aboard a boat berthed on Long Island, New York.

Interviewed for his knowledge of those pesky mosquitoes last spring was **Clay Kirby**, who works as an entomologist at the University of Maine. Maine's drought has resulted in a reduction in the number of mosquitoes—did you notice?

Maine is the only state in the nation to have Indian delegates serve in the legislature and other states are looking to us as a model to improve communication with Indian tribes. One of these delegates is representative **Donna Loring** of the Penobscot Indian Nation.

Julie Vaillancourt Harrington is director of rehabilitative and administrative programs at the juvenile correction facility in Charleston, Maine.

Heading up the physical program at the Old Town-Orono Y.M.C.A. is



Orono Middle School teacher Richard Glueck '78 leads a mock musket loading demonstration with students Harry Wells (right) and Jonathon D'Haiti. He was one of 25 teachers recently recognized for innovation and dedication by USA Today and will be featured as a member of the ALL-USA Teacher Team in that newspaper on October 11. (Photo and information courtesy of The Weekly.)

1983

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Greetings, Class of '83! I hope you're enjoying the new *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. Here's your opportunity to see your name in print: jot down any news about your career or family or other pastimes and send it to me via e-mail or U.S. mail. I want to hear from you!

A quick update on our classmates:

Kathryn L. Ruth, (public administration), who has served as town manager in Bowdoinham, Hermon, and Topsham, is the new town manager in Pittsfield.

The International Technology Education Association has named **Irvin Krupke** (education) Maine's Technology Teacher of the Year. He heads the technology education department at Bangor High School, where he has taught for 33 years.

Richard R. Veinotte (civil engineering technology) has been promoted to manager of engineering at

Madison Paper Industries. He joined the company in 1991.

Kimberly Lowell Nason (business administration) has been promoted to vice president of the residential real estate loan department at Camden National Corporation. She has 10 years of mortgage lending experience.

Leo A. Soucy (business administration) is vice president and senior investment advisor with Androscoggin Bank's financial services division. He manages investment portfolios and provides client service to individuals and institutions.

Peter Hedrich (forest engineering) is the senior engineer in the transportation group at Gorrill-Palmer Consulting Engineers in Portland. He has 17 years of traffic, highway, and site engineering experience.

David Cloutier (animal and veterinary science) is among a group of Bangor area veterinarians who teamed up to open the area's first after-hours emergency clinic for pets. He works at the Veazie Veterinary Clinic and is the president of the limited liability corporation formed to establish the emergency facility.

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States Air Force Reserve. Pete earned an MBS from Husson College. A lieutenant colonel, he has been an Air Force officer since 1983 and has flown the KC-135 air refueling tanker for active duty, Air Guard, and Air Force Reserves. He has just recently returned from actions in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Michael Doiron (mechanical engineering) lives in East Wilton with his wife, Bryn Hamblin Doiron '83, and their three children. He has been employed by Madison Paper Industries in Madison, Maine, since 1984. He was just recently promoted to the position of manager of paper operations.

Dawn Ewing (recreation and park management) lives in Nyack, New York. She is the executive director of Morry's Camp, a youth development organization that works with children from New York City.

Steve Kenney (accounting) lives in Scarborough, Maine, with his wife, Paula, and two children. He earned a MBA in finance from the University of Maine. Steve has worked at all seven of the University of Maine campuses as a financial officer and was instrumental in helping to establish American University in Bulgaria. He is founder and principal of SFK Associates, a consulting firm that provides accounting software solutions, CFO assistance, international finance, project management, recruiting, temporary staffing, and strategic planning services to Maine and northern New England.

Dr. Stephen Lauritsen (zoology) is an optometrist living in Falmouth. He began running three years ago and in October of 2000 ran and finished the Maine Marathon.

Dr. Jeffery Mills (education) lives in Orono with his wife, Tammy, and their two children. He earned a master's and doctorate from Arizona State University. Jeff is now not only the president of the University of Maine Alumni Association, but also the vice president for University Advancement.

Stephen Woodworth (engineering physics) lives in Woodstock, Georgia, where he is a registered professional engineer and partner/owner of Feedforward. He is active with the Boy Scouts and with St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church.

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Lester Cowan. Lester previously worked in Maine schools and at the Bangor Y.M.C.A.

Jan Smith, news director of WVII-TV, has been appointed to the Committee on Media and Courts by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. The committee makes recommendations to the supreme judicial court on matters relating to media coverage of court proceedings.

Honored last spring by Bowdoin College with a teaching award was **Chris Johnson,** a history teacher at Calais High School. Bowdoin annually recognizes outstanding high school teachers who have made a lasting effect on the lives of their students. Chris was nominated for the award by former students.

Your next column will be written by 1984's new class correspondent, **Louise Soucy,** of Southwest Harbor. Please make her job easier and more fun by sending in your news. Why not add her to your Christmas card list so she can share your news with the class?

Finally, congratulations to Stephen Von Vogt and **Clare Hannan** of Portland on the birth of their son Augustus Joseph, who was born last February.

1985

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The air has that certain feel to it! I close my eyes and can drift back to my wonderful memories of UMaine. Please write and share your news. Someone is remembering you as Homecoming approaches!

Tracie Littlefield Martin is the athletic director at Narraguagus High School in Harrington, Maine. She is a registered Maine Guide and basketball, softball, and soccer official. Tracie was recently given a Distinguished Active Official Award, one of eight awarded across the U.S.

Dan Maloney is president of Knowles Industrial Services Corporation of Gorham, Maine, and has been named president of the Associated Constructors of Maine (ACM) in Augusta. ACM represents the interests of more than 270 construction firms throughout Maine.

Tony Plante is the town manager of Windham, Maine. He lives in Windham with his wife Sharon and three daughters. In his spare time he enjoys golf, hiking, and a good book.

Donald Soctomah represents the Passamaquoddy Tribe in the Maine House of Representatives. Maine is the only state in the nation with American Indian delegates serving as members of its legislature.

Dr. Kimberly Bailey, D.C. graduated from Parker College of Chiropractic in 1989 and has been practicing in Winslow, Maine, since 1995.

Mary-Louise Goodwin Hassan and her husband live in City Harbor, Washington, and recently celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. They met while Mary-Louise was participating in the UMaine-Canadian Exchange Program and attended the University of British Columbia her junior year. She is curious to know if any other classmates met their spouses on exchange!

Congratulations to **Dr. Thomas** and **Karen Buehler Gordon** of South Casco, Maine, on the birth of William Carl Gordon in March.

And congratulations to **Paula Quatromoni,** her husband Steven Borkan, and big sisters Mimi and Elise on the birth of Michael Garret in April. He's beautiful!

Here's hoping your kids get off to a good start to the school year, your lawnmower has done its job and is ready for a rest, and the early darkness brings a slower pace to your daily routine. Enjoy!

1986

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Hi, everyone!

It looks like summer has arrived like a breath of "hot" air to paraphrase an old saying. Summer has kicked off with above average temperature with days in the mid-eighties so far. April showers in Maine continued into June and look like they may stay around even longer in the form of thunder showers. I wish we could send some of the showers out to the southwest to help them.

Well the rain has been good for fishing. Fly fishing was good this spring with **George** logging in salmon, browns, and the occasional alewife!

Ever wonder what book Mira Sorvino or Haley Joel Osment would recommend for reading? **Glenna Nowell** has compiled the answers to these questions and many other celebrity choices in her 2002 book *Who Reads What?* This is not the first time Glenna has done this. Previous lists have also included presidents. Glenna has retired as librarian in Gardiner, Maine.

Sarah "Sally" Stockwell is the director of conservation at Maine Audubon. Sally has been on the road introducing people to the life within a vernal pool. She made a presentation on this subject this April at Gould Academy as a final program in the 2001-2002 Local Knowledge Series.

Pamela Ward Edgcomb, manager of outpatient rehabilitation services at Central Maine Medical Center, has been elected chairwoman of the Child Development Services Advisory Committee. She has served on this board since its inception in March 2001. The committee's function is to advise the Maine Department of Education concerning the state's early child development intervention system. This system identifies and serves children under five who have disabilities.

U.S. Representative **John Baldacci** has received the 2002 Community Health Super Hero Award from the National Association of Community Health Centers. This award was presented in Washington to acknowledge John's "leadership in Congress in expanding primary health care in the second congressional district of Maine and throughout the country."

Marc Lamontagne has joined the Saco and Biddeford Savings Institute as assistant vice president/loan officer. Previous to this move Marc was with Peoples Heritage Bank for 13 years.

Peter D. Skillin has recently joined AIS in Yarmouth, Maine, as the business development manager. Peter has 14 years of experience with several major corporations.

The Monmouth Museum has received a grant to preserve and provide better access to its archival materials. **Ms. Dori Burnham** and **Ms. Bobbie M. Bowler** are in charge of this project which will focus on the museum's photographic collection. This collection includes a large number of glass negatives from the

early 1900s.

Michael Martin and the New Vocal Collective have made a new CD entitled *Beginnings*. They have been promoting this new CD in concerts such as the one held in Moultonborough, New Hampshire, at the United Methodist Church last February. Michael is the director of this 27-person ensemble focused on the 20th century choral art form.

Patricia McCormick Scully has achieved national board certification from the National Board of Teaching Standards. Patty, a Waterville resident and teacher in Palermo Consolidated School with 16 years of teaching experience, has just finished the rigorous year-long process that it takes to become certified. The certification demonstrates a teacher's sincere and strong commitment to improve skills and knowledge of his or her subject.

Michael T. LaBonty has been named as the new mill manager of Eastern Fine Paper in Brewer. Michael has held numerous positions in the paper industry.

Fire lieutenant **Edmund Walker** has been elected Weston's new fire chief. Edmund, a Weston native, is an '82 graduate of Weston High School who started as a volunteer fire fighter while attending UMaine and has been a firefighter ever since. He said when asked how he felt, "I am very excited to be coming in as chief. I couldn't imagine being in a town other than Weston."

Joyce Noel has just been named as the assistant division engineer for Division Four for the Maine Department of Transportation. Previous to this promotion, Joyce worked as the construction support manager with George (Design Support Engineer) in the MDOT Urban and Arterial Highway Program.

Births: Danielle Ann Hall was born on November 27, 2001, to **Stewart** and Erika Theariault '92 **Hall**. Ethan Lee Goodman was born on April 4, 2002, to **Joseph** and Hilary **Goodman**.

Take care! Hope to hear from you soon.
George

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Scott Ballard resigned his job as Lawrence High School baseball coach to pursue a master's degree. He has two children.

There must be lots of other news out there. With our reunion fast approaching at Homecoming, please make an effort to stay in touch. Hope to see you there!

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Hello, hello, hello. Summer is upon us now and before we know it the foliage will turn from green to golden yellows, crimson reds, and sunset orange.

As many of you may remember, the University of Maine offered several study abroad programs. I was fortunate to attend the one in Salzburg, Austria, during the 1986-87 school year. Needless to say it was an incredible experience, bar none, where lifelong relationships were forged. In this past year alone, our small group has gotten together three times. **Tricia Young Carson** traveled from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with her husband, Christopher, and three daughters, Sophie (5 1/2), Maria (3 1/2), and Julia (2) to my house on Cape Cod. It was the first time we had gotten together with Tricia in 13 years and did we have a lot of catching up to do! **Martha Paul Hamlin** traveled from Portland, Maine, while **Anny Cromer** and **Nicholas Weidemann** each drove to the Cape from Boston. With all of us going in different directions, it has become increasingly challenging to see one another without someone having a scheduling conflict.

Many of our former classmates

have growing families. Welcome to the world, little ones. Nicole Grace Young, was born to Craig and **Rebecca Leonard Young**, of Scarborough, Maine, on December 10, 2001, at Mercy Hospital.

Several of our former classmates have changed careers, received awards, and participated in sports:

Pam Bertschy is the assistant head of school at Hyde School, a boarding school in Woodstock, Connecticut. Pam is a second generation Hyde faculty member, having begun teaching at Hyde School in Bath, Maine, in 1987. She distinguished herself as a social studies teacher, and was later promoted to athletic director at the school. She also served as director of performing arts and director of student life.

Randy D. Charette is the manager of pulping and technical operations at Madison Paper Industries. Randy joined Madison in 1988 as a process engineer and in 1994 was promoted to manager of the technical department. He has his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Maine.

Despite two successful playoff seasons for Maine Central Institute's football team, head coach **Bill Cowan** has resigned. Bill accepted a U.S. history and American literature teaching job in Bucksport when the position unexpectedly became available.

By now, Searport's lovely old restaurant, Nickerson Tavern, should have reopened to much fanfare and success. Its new owner is none other than celebrity chef, **Matthew Kenney**, who is native to



Dan Warren '79 took this photo after meeting with Baltimore Orioles' shortstop **Mike Bordick '88** during a visit to Fenway Park on July 28. Mike set a major league record for shortstops this summer—handling the most consecutive fielding chances without an error. The previous record, 428, was held by **Cal Ripkin, Jr.**

Searsport. Matthew now owns several restaurants located in New York City (Commissary, Canteen, Mezze), and Atlanta, Georgia. Good luck to you, Matthew.

Robert J. McKay II is an investment executive with Acadia Financial Consultants, a newly formed full-service brokerage division of Camden National Corporation. Prior to this position, Rob worked for Fleet

Bank for seven years as a vice president and as a senior financial consultant. Rob has a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Maine.

Rev. Dr. Jerry D. Mick is the pastor of Bangor Baptist Church.

Congratulations to chief warrant officer 2 **John A. Robinson** who received the Meritorious Service Medal from the U.S. Army. He is a division targeting officer with headquarters and headquarters battery, 25th division artillery, Schofield Barracks, on the island of Oahu in Hawaii.

Patrick M. Rollins owns and operates Rollins Technical Recruiting in Canandaigua, New York.

Jean Haskell Sigler of Brewer, the popular local music educator and chorale director, is retiring after 34 years from one of her many pursuits—director of the Youth Chorale of the Bangor Area Children's Choir. In spite of her retirement, she will continue with her church work and some other musical projects.

Amy Allen Sussman lives in Eldersburg, Maryland. Amy grew up in Bar Harbor. She was also a member of the swim team during her four years at the university.

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Hello, eightyniners!

I hope you are all enjoying the new look of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*, and that reading this issue will inspire more of you to write or e-mail me so that you can see your name in print right here in the next issue!

News is somewhat sparse for this column, so don't be shy and write! If you haven't done so before, just drop a line updating us on the highlights of your life since graduation.

Starting locally (to me), **Eric Redard** is the new associate pastor at the First Congregational Church in Reading, Massachusetts, where his focus will be youth ministry. Eric worked in sales, telemarketing, writing, and customer service before entering the Andover Newton Theological School in 1991. He graduat-

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ed in 1996 with a master's of divinity degree, and was ordained by the Metropolitan Boston Association of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ in 2000. Eric also lives in Reading, with his wife Julie and their children Kaylee who is six, and Eric Christian who is three.

Eric Weinrich, defenseman for the Philadelphia Flyers NHL team, saw some playoff action this season. Eric has been in the NHL for 24 years, having formerly played with the Boston Bruins, the Montreal Canadiens, and the Chicago Blackhawks.

Doug Kennedy was the guest director of the 2002 All-Aroostook High School Chorus, comprised of the top students in the county. Doug's teaching career includes M.S.A.D. #25, director of high school choral music at Stearns High School, director of instrumental/choral music at Bangor High School, and is currently teaching choral/general and instrumental music for M.S.A.D. #5. He is continuing his own education at Hart College of Music, studying with Edwin Gordon.

Congratulations to **Frances Neubauer**, who was recently elected to the Orono Town Council for a three-year term.

And congratulations to the following new arrivals:

Cameon Footer, Jr., son of Traci Lyn and **Robert J. Footer, Jr.**, born on December 11 at Mercy Hospital; Maxwell Harper Gillogly, son of Susan Homer '93 and **Michael Gillogly**, born on February 28 at Mercy Hospital; Lily Marie Jennings, born on February 24 to Pamela and **Ted Jennings** of Scarborough.

That's all the news for this issue. Fill the steins!

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Hello, everyone! As I am writing this column it is almost July. Where has the year gone? Our big news is that my husband, Kevin '91, and I had a baby girl, Kayla Rose, in April. We love being parents! Kevin completed his MBA from the University of

Richmond in August. It was a day to celebrate.

Baby news! Joel and **Tracy Lanigan Cote** had a baby girl, Madelyn Cecelia in January. Brian and **MaryBeth Doherty Hodgkins** had a baby girl, Molly Beth, in February. Neallie and **John Budway** had a son, Cameron Christopher, in January. Danielle DeLong Kennedy '92 and **Shawn Kennedy** had a son, Daniel Raymond, in October. Congratulations to the new parents!

News! **Michael Cook** was honored by Bowdoin College with a distinguished teaching award. He was one of 14 high school teachers honored by Bowdoin. These teachers were chosen in part because their former students wrote on their college applications about the positive influence these teachers had on their lives. This past winter **Helena Bosse** had her art work displayed at the Old Town Public Library. She teaches art at the Dr. Lewis Libby School in Milford. In addition, she teaches adults in the adult education program in Old Town.

Kirk Winters is the pastor of Christian Family Fellowship in South Portland. The church, a non-denominational Christian church, recently purchased a building on Braeburn Avenue. **Phil Harmon** is the vice president of finance at Saint-Gobain BTI, which is located in Brunswick. After receiving his degree at UMaine, Phil went on to receive his MBA from the University of Connecticut.

Bruce McLean is the executive director for the Millinocket Area Investment and Growth Council. Bruce is a certified consultant in business retention and expansion. Bruce also has a master's degree in management information systems from Lesley College. He is married and has two children. **Noreen Coisman Copp** is the director of the Capital Riverfront Improvement District. This group is in charge of overseeing the revitalization of the riverfront region of Augusta.

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Hello, everyone! I hope you are experiencing a wonderful autumn, wherever you are. Of course, those of us far from home will have to be content with the glorious memories and the occasional fall visits to Maine. Memories of our days at UMaine and old friends (or rather, dear friends—we aren't old yet), are always so vivid at this time of year.

So many of our classmates are making a difference in the education field. **Daniel Lee**, the principal of Fruit Street School in Bangor, spent two weeks in April traveling in China with a group of Bangor educators. The trip was part of a three-year partnership with Primary Source, a Boston-based organization that helps schools develop curriculum on China.

Cheryl Pike is the new principal for the Cape Cod Hill School in New Sharon. She had been teaching at the Mallett School in Farmington as a third grade teacher since 1991. **Rachel Bouchard** has been named the athletic director at Yarmouth High School.

Mary Whitten received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. She traveled to Washington, D.C., in March to accept her award. **Mary** teaches chemistry and integrated science at Gardiner High School, where she has taught since 1994. She was also a finalist for Maine Teacher of the Year.

Mark Sweeney is back playing baseball on the West Coast. He was traded from the New York Mets in March when the San Diego Padres purchased his contract.

Katherine Smith has been spending time planning her wedding to Louis DiFrederico. Katherine is employed by Community Health and Counseling Services in Houlton.

A few of the other classmates we heard from, but who were unable to attend the last reunion include **Stephen White**. Steve and his wife **Mary Beal White** '90 live in Surry. He is the director and owner of Coastal Counseling Services. **David Derosby** is living in Waterville and has two children. He is a financial

advisor with MBNA America. **Dean Scontras** and his wife Dawn are living in Reston, Virginia. At the time of our last homecoming, they were expecting their first child. **Jane Libbey Dostie** is a lab technician and lab manager in Salt Lake City, Utah. She lives there with her husband Kevin and one child. **Julie Baxter Bogart** and her husband Matt are living in Wells, Maine. Julie works in advertising sales at Brown and Company in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

There are a number of proud parents to congratulate this time. **Maureen Healy Rothbacher** and her husband Richard welcomed a new baby daughter. Rose Healy Rothbacher was born on January 11, 2002, and the Rothbachers are now living in South Berwick. Kelly and **Peter Economy** of Brewer are the proud parents of a son, Samuel James, born December 27, 2001. Janet and **Glenn Davis** of Windham gave birth to a daughter, Emma Louise, on December 15, 2001. On the same day, Mark and **Karen Dandeneau Redlon**, also living in Windham, welcomed a son, Noel Thomas, into their family. Sarah Coombs Scott '92 and **Jonathan Scott** are the proud parents of a son, Ethan Spencer, born December 7, 2001. The Scotts live in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. On February 10th, Paul and **Allison Giustra Stratis** welcomed a son, Thomas Pavlos, into their Scarborough home. Other classmates living in Scarborough, Ted '89 and **Pamela Begin Jennings**, had a daughter, Lily Marie, who was born on February 24th.

Congratulations and best wishes to everyone. We'd love to hear from more of you. Send me a postcard (or e-mail) in Kansas or to the new Alumni House on campus. I'd love to share your news in the next column. Fill the Steins!

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10th Reunion at Homecoming October 25-27, 2002

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As I was sitting down to write this

column, I just realized that it's been 10 years since our graduation! Can you believe how quickly time has gone by? I hope everyone is planning to visit Maine this fall for our reunion. Please send me any pictures and notes about what happened and who you saw. Hope everyone is having a great summer. On to the news—

Mark Paradis and **Basant Dime** were married on June 22, 2002, in Orland, Maine.

New arrivals include: Meredith Anne Kelley, born to **Daniel** and Jennifer **Kelley** on February 1 in Falmouth. Matthew '96 and **Heather Black Ward** welcomed Julia Elizabeth on January 26. Katelyn Frost was born to Steven and **Beth Romano Arsenault** on January 16 in South Portland. Shawn '90 and **Danielle Delong Kennedy** celebrated the birth of Daniel Raymond on October 29. Calum Domhnaal was born on December 3 to Robert Murray and **Carina Clay-Murray**. Jonathan '91 and **Sarah Coombs Scott** welcomed home Ethan Spencer on December 7 in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. A new little girl, Danielle Ann, was welcomed home on November 27 by Stewart '86 and **Erika Theriault Hall**. **Andrew** and Donna Fortin **McCullough** celebrated the birth of their child, Nolan Spear, on March 11. Lucas Joseph was born March 14 to **Frank** and Merrie Sue **Spurr** in Lewiston.

Georgette Bubar Ireland was honored this past spring as a National Presidential Award Winner for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. She is currently teaching at Presque Isle High School. In other teaching awards, **James Freyenhagen** was nominated for the 2003 Maine Teacher of the Year award. He teaches at Prescott Memorial School in Washington, Maine. **Judith Meagher** has joined Nobis Engineering and was named project hydrogeologist. **Shelly Lizotte** has recently joined The Ames Corporation as a civil engineer. Lastly, **Tamara Clark Campbell** has been promoted to the position of mental health children's services manager at Aroostook Mental Health Center.

That's all for this edition. As always, keep the e-mails and letters coming. Hope to see you at Homecoming!

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Los Angeles Times correspondent **David Lamb '62** recently spoke to the Capital Area Maine State Society. Among the UMaine alums in attendance were, standing (left to right): **Yolanda Sly '97**, **David**, **Beth Watson Heinold '94**, **Forrest Meader '60**, **Brent Littlefield '93**, and **Lew Pearson '63**. In front are: **Stacey Stump '94** and **Joan Sutton Dollarhite '87**. **David**, who has reported on stories in over 100 countries, talked about his experiences covering many of the world's major conflicts including those in the Middle East and Vietnam.

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I hope you have all had a fun summer and are looking forward to the beautiful New England autumn. We have some exciting news once again, so I will get right to it.

Rick and **Sharon Moore Kampersal** welcomed a daughter, Dana Katherine, on April 4th. She weighed six pounds, 11 ounces. **Susan Homer** and Michael Gillogly '89 are new parents to Maxwell Harper, who was born on February 28th at Mercy Hospital. Congratulations. **Kristen Cutter Piela** and Steven Piela '97 welcomed twins, Jacob Anthony and Zachary Steven, on February 14th.

Eric and **Elaine Young Bartlett** had a son, Colby Adam, on December 18th. Thomas '97 and **Katherine Biscoe Turlo** welcomed a son, Jonathan August, on October 27th. Sharon and **Adam Jones** had a daughter, Danielle Marie, born on January 31st. Barbara and **Robert Lewis** had a son, Andrew Justin, born on February 5th. **Scott** and **Karen Cyr Cummings** had a daughter, Sarah Mackenzie, on

January 9th.

Congratulations to **Tisha Berube** and **Scott Feyler** who recently became engaged and are planning a fall/winter wedding in Maine.

Congratulations to **Sergeant Brian Gray** of Presque Isle who earned the Distinguished Supervisor's Award, an honor given by the Maine Warden Service. This award was given to him by his fellow officers in recognition of his leadership and community involvement. **Timothy Woodhouse** has joined Wakelin, Hallock, and Donovan LLP, in Portland, as an attorney with his practice focused on estate planning and employee benefits.

Looking forward to hearing more from you all soon.

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Hello, fellow alumni! There's not much news to report (again) this time, so we are renewing our plea that you send us some juicy tidbits about your lives. It's been eight long years since graduation—something must have happened. Do tell! In the meantime, we'll keep up our end of the bargain and will continue to fill you in on any information that comes our way.

Speaking of news, we have confirmed that **Brent Littlefield** (who actually affiliates with the Class of '93) is getting married. Sorry, ladies—he's off the market! But if we do say so ourselves, we love the girl in question and we're very happy for them both. Your class correspondents dined with them at a Maine State Society brunch recently at the Capitol Hill Club (where Brent is a dues-paying member) in Washington, D.C. **Yolanda Sly '97** also attended the brunch. Now on to the rest of your news.

Lisa Bartley, a nurse practitioner, joined Corinna Family practice earlier this year. **Ellen Holmes**, a fourth-grade teacher at Fairmount School in Bangor, was honored by NASA by being named as the educator facilitator for Kennedy Space Center in Florida. She was also invited to join the board of directors for the Challenger Learning Center of Maine, where she has been working to bring a NASA Educator Resource Center to Maine. **Daniel Cobb** has joined

Vortechnics in Portland as technical and new product development manager. He was previously with Steag HamaTech in Saco.

Jonathan Johnson was hired by Mechanics Savings Bank as information systems manager. He has recently returned to Maine after five years in Nashville, Tennessee, where he worked in design and management of computer system networks. **Tom Bertrand** is returning to his high school alma mater, Maine Central Institute, to serve as varsity football coach. Tom was previously the head coach at Stearns High School in Millinocket.

Connie Elliott has been promoted to director of medical records at St. Joseph Healthcare in Bangor. **Fritz Marseille** joined Pfizer as a regional sales representative. Fritz, who played basketball at UMaine, was formerly the athletic director at Hermon High School. **Sharon Peltier** has signed on for another term as a news anchor at WABI-TV5 in Bangor. **Mark Dubois** was promoted to project geologist 2 at Woodward and Curran in Portland.

A few of you have new additions to your families. **Erin Cassidy Rent** and her husband Jack welcomed a son, Andrew Drinkwater, on January 11, 2002. **Kendra Warner Raymond** and her husband, Brian, had a daughter, Neily Kate on January 3, 2002. **Ann Hawley Thompson** and her husband, Michael, had a son, Grady Michael, on December 31, 2001. **Ross Myles** and his wife Kate welcomed a son, Cameron Maxwell, on March 27, 2002.

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Hello, all! I trust your summer was full of wonderful time with family and friends and that you are all looking forward to the fall. As always, please keep in touch so that I can pass on your goings-on to your classmates.

Now, let's get down to business! In March, Governor Angus King and J. Duke Albanese, the commissioner of the state department of education, recognized the 23 teachers nominated for the Maine Teacher of the Year award in the Hall of

Flags in the State House. Our classmate, **Jane Paxton**, an English teacher at Cony High School, was one of the nominees. In New Hampshire, **A. Robert Dionne** is the artistic director and founder of West Manchester's Majestic Theatre in the old St. Marie school building on Cartier Street. He also keeps busy as the music director at Sacred Heart Parish for the past six years.

Several Bangor teachers are touring China this year to prepare for a new program on China studies that began at Bangor schools in September. **Ron Provencher** of the Vine Street School is one of them. The trips are subsidized in part by a Boston-based organization, Primary Source, which helps schools develop curriculum on China. **Rhonda Abbott Shirland's** fifth grade science class at the Lewis Libby School in Milford was taught by UMaine doctoral student, Melissa Borden, as part of a program at the university to enrich science education as well as develop cooperation between the university and area school teachers, among other goals. The three-year program will place 10 graduate students and two seniors in local area science classes to teach approximately once a week.

Wright-Pierce of Portland is the new professional home of **Bethany Leavitt**, who was recently hired as an environmental engineer in the water division. **Michael Diamantopoulos** has joined The Proctor Group Insurance Agency of Worcester, Massachusetts, as an account executive for commercial lines. When she finishes up her work as a registered vascular technologist for Vascular Surgery in Bangor, **Lisa Brown** of Orland will head to Yale Medical School in New Haven, Connecticut, to be enrolled in the physician assistant program.

There are some weddings to report. **Shane Duigan** wed Katherine Lane in September. Shane is completing a master of forestry degree at Yale University; Katherine is a science teacher at the Mead School in Stamford, Connecticut, and is completing a master of science degree at Lesley College. In October, Meaghan Smith '01 will wed **Oliver McAvoy** in Bar Harbor. Both are employed in Bangor, she at Child Development Services and he by Prexar. Oliver is also pursuing a second degree in computer networking at Eastern Maine Technical College.

And, now on to the births! Robina and **William Hartt** of Carmel are the proud parents of twin sons,

William Allen, Jr. and Benjamin Neal, born on January 14 at Eastern Maine Medical Center. James Fairfield Heffernan was born to John Heffernan and **Heather Fairfield** of South Portland on January 22 at Maine Medical Center. Blue Hill Memorial Hospital was the place of birth for Michael Gregory, son of Michael '94 and **Sarah Domareki Kazmierczak** of Penobscot on December 12. Kathy and **Mark Hamblen** of Gorham welcomed a son, Kyle Gerard, who was born on November 30 at Maine Medical Center. March 7 was the arrival day for Samuel Foster, son of Jeff and **Sarah Thompson Morrill** of Falmouth, at Mercy Hospital. And, on April 1, Michaela Burke was born to **Christopher** and **Michele Brimmer Hersey** of Fairfield.

That's about all from your classmates for this update. You know where to find me to report on your most recent happenings!

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Hey, everyone, what's happening? Maybe you were too busy enjoying the glorious summer to write, but with the crisp fall air and a new school year beginning, how about a postcard or an e-mail message?

Whether you've got a new or old job, car, address, pet, or UMaine sweatshirt, we want to hear from you! Any news is good to share with your class.

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Greetings, Class of '97. It is hard to believe that another fall season is upon us. Crisp evenings, UMaine athletic games, Rush, Homecoming, and end of season's toasts on outdoor patios mark another turn of our calendar. As new students arrive to our beautiful campus, it is easy to reminisce about the first semester of college.

Our classmates have been busy! **Andrew Begin** has joined Wright-Pierce in Portland as an environmental engineer in the water division. **Heidi Chambers Walker**, CPA, has joined the Runyon, Kersteen, and Ouellette firm as senior valuation consultant in their tax department. **Eric Pronovost** has joined McDonald Investments as first vice president investment consultant. **Marie Hansen**, Esq. is with Willey law offices in Bangor. **Tamara Greenlaw** has been promoted to engineer 3 status from engineer 2 at Woodward & Curran in Portland.

Congratulations are in order for several classmates who are now engaged. Congratulations to **Desiree Littlefield** who is engaged to Allen Carlson. Desiree is a visual merchandiser at Footlocker in Farmington, Connecticut. **Curtis Bridges** is engaged to Pam Lyons. Curtis earned his master's degree in 2000 from Boston University and is employed as a computer software engineer by Confluence Networks in Nashua, New Hampshire.

Congratulations also are in order for several births: to **Amy Polvinen Samson** and Scott Samson on the birth of their son Benjamin Scott; and to Kristen Cutter Piela '93 and **Steven Piela** on the birth of their twin sons, Jacob Anthony and Zachary Steven.

As always, your classmates would love to hear what you have been up to. Don't hesitate to drop me an e-mail and fill me in on your happenings. I would be glad to include your info in our next column.



Navy Captain Jeff Miller '93, an Alton native, got to enjoy some duty close to home in June. The ship he commands, the *Tempest*, spent a week docked in Bucksport. The 170-foot vessel is used to insert and extract Navy SEAL teams. Following September 11, it has been used to patrol the East Coast, checking civilian ships and escorting vessels in and out of port. At a top speed of 35 knots, it is one of the fastest ships in the Navy. Jeff, one of the youngest ship commanders in the Navy, heads a crew of 35, including the eight-member SEAL team. (Photograph and information courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.)

Let us know about your travels, careers, spouses or partners, children, pets, or whatever else you would like to share. I am sure some of you could share some interesting Homecoming stories. Cheers!

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Rob Curry sent the following e-mail:

"I wanted to update our class notes with my latest news. In April, I got engaged to Jennifer Fecteau, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. We currently live in Portsmouth and will be married in June of 2003.

"My best friend, also a 1998 graduate of the forestry department, **Jason Todd**, married Christina Miller, of Ipswich, Massachusetts, on May 11th, 2002. The couple had their wedding at Bellevue State Park in Wilmington, Delaware, and took a honeymoon to Cozumel. Congratulations!"

And a new baby black bear has arrived! Isabella Simi Sea Squires was born on July 19 to Glenn and **Kelsea Carr Squires**.

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With summer just past that means our column is filled with weddings. **Eben Henderson** and Amy King of Ellsworth recently tied the knot, as did **Jen Emery** and **Ben Roeder**.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Roeder live in Connecticut where she is a second grade teacher and he is a district chemical sales representative for ONDEO Nalco. Last spring, **Amy Bishop** and Barry Poulin announced their engagement. Amy is employed as a laboratory technician by the state of Maine in Augusta. The couple will have exchanged vows by the time this column is published!

Matthew Cierie, who received his doctorate in 1999, gave a lecture on the American eel in May at the Friends Meeting House. Matthew works for the department of marine resources in Boothbay. **Nicole Jacques** of Scarborough recently completed her master of arts degree in nonfiction writing at the University

of New Hampshire. The town of Lincoln named **Chris Ware** the director of cemeteries, parks, and recreation in December.

Craig Weaver joined the Falmouth office of T.Y. Lin International as a structural engineer after completing his master of science degree at UMaine. **Philip Doucette** of Falmouth recently became a certified public accountant. Philip is employed by Austin Associates, P.A. **Elizabeth Beaulieu** starts graduate school in creative writing at Maine's rival, U.N.H., in September. Don't become a Wildcat, Liz! Amazingly, it's been three years since we left UMaine. What has changed in your life since 1999? How many classmates have you been able to keep in touch with? Please drop us a note and share your news!

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As the leaves start to change color and the signs of fall appear we know that means it is Homecoming time at UMaine and time to remember your friends and memories of your time in Orono. I know for many of us it is getting harder and harder to make it back for Homecoming or to just stay in touch with friends as all of our lives go in different directions. If you can't make it to Homecoming or if you can and you want to stay in touch with friends drop me a line at: hdommy1@aol.com or you can drop me a letter addressed to Heidi Dombrock, 1223 Kirby Circle, Bel Air, Maryland, 21015. I will gladly keep the classmates in touch with each other in this column.

As for our classmates **Dan Cashman** holds a full-time position as program director for Z-107 radio station in Bangor. He is also still airing "The Nite Show" on WCKD Bangor Channel 30. Check it out if you are still in the UMaine area. It airs at 10:30 p.m. on Saturday nights. **Sharon Kenney** has been hired by CES in Brewer, Maine, as a marketing specialist. Her responsibilities include publication design, media relations, web development, and project racking for the company.

Classmate **Aaron Libby** has

joined the United States Army. He will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina, for basic training. **Corporal Jason Moffitt** of the Brewer Police Department may become the chief deputy if Sergeant William Birch is elected sheriff of Brewer in November.

Former Black Bear, **Jamie Cassidy**, has been named a free-agent allocation to the WNBA's Detroit Shock. This past winter she was playing professionally in Germany. **Matthew Coffron**, of West Kennebunk, Maine, has been invited to join the Golden Key and Pi Sigma Alpha international honor society. He is currently serving as an intern for Representative Tom Allen in Washington, D.C. He plans to start his master's degree in international affairs in Spain this fall.

In the area of education, Spurrink School hired **Erica Nappi** as a generalist for Roosevelt School. Classmate **Ryan Bradeen** spent a month touring China with the Bangor school system. He is an Asian history teacher at Bangor High School. **Christine Coles** is teaching health and physical education at Sounderton Area High School in Sounderton, Pennsylvania. She is also engaged to Pete Nenstiel '00 and is planning an April 2003 wedding.

Speaking of engagements and weddings, we have several classmates who are getting ready to tie the knot. **Megan Stevenson** has announced her engagement to John Bourque. An October 5th, 2002, wedding is planned. Megan currently works for MBNA America in Farmington. **Scott Saucier** of Bangor, Maine, married Erin Coombs of Bangor in August. Scott is a graduate student and research assistant in electrical engineering at UMaine. **Nathaniel Clark** of Bangor married Jill Svoboda '01 of Veazie in July. Nat is employed by the Bangor school department. Classmates **Andrea Page** and **Tyler Martin** also got married in June. **Robert Desjardins, Jr.** of Pittsfield, Maine, married Minzette Peterson '98 in August. Robert is employed by Alstom Power and is working in Midlothian Plant near Dallas, Texas. In July, **Gregory Hallowell** married Kristen Page. They live in Colchester, Vermont. He is working on his master's degree at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont. He is employed by Cheese Traders and Wine Cellars of South Burlington, Vermont. **Melissa McAvoy** married Joseph Edwards, Jr. this past spring. She is the owner of Calcula-

tions Accounting in Patten, Maine. In another spring wedding, **Katie Millard** of Orono, Maine, married Matthew Zamejitis-Brown. She is employed by Orono Middle School. In June, **Rachel James** married Christopher Beckwith '93. Rachel teaches sixth grade in Lincoln. Also in June, **Laura Honold** of Bangor married Matthew White. Laura is employed by Families United. Congrats and best wishes to all the happy couples.

2001

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Can you believe it's been over a year since we turned our tassels, marched to "Pomp and Circumstance," and said good-bye to UMaine? We've all gone our different ways to careers, families, and second degrees. But at heart, we're all UMaine alumni.

Many of us are making strides in education. **Sue Pratt**, who earned her master's in educational leadership in 2001, became the principal of the Phillips Middle School in S.A.D. 58. Also in S.A.D. 58, **Brenda Stevens**, who also earned her master's in educational leadership in 2001, became the principal at Kingfield Elementary. These changes took effect this school year.

Melinda Roy is currently living in southern Maine and is working as a third grade teacher. **Leanna Moll** is living in Montana working as a reading teacher on Black Feet Indian Reservation at Hart Butte Elementary School. Her presence is making quite a difference on the youth she teaches, the surrounding community, and herself and her family.

Wedding bells are ringing for many UMaine grads. **Debra L. Hatch** and William W. Bell tied the knot on August 17, 2002. Mr. Bell is still attending UMaine. **Meaghan J. Smith** will marry **Oliver D. McAvoy** on October 5th of this year. She is currently working at Child Development Services and he is working at Prexar while pursuing a second degree from Eastern Maine Technical College. **Stephanie Ann Rhoads Vigue** and **Mark Powers**

McLelan wed on June 29, 2002. Stephanie graduated with a degree in elementary education and he with a degree in civil engineering. In a ceremony that took place August 2, **Kate M. Mailman** wed **Peter E. Phelan**. She is currently a third grade teacher at the Alton Elementary School and he is attending graduate school at UMaine to pursue a degree in microbiology.

Jessica Jarvis has recently joined St. Joseph Healthcare as volunteer coordinator. She was previously employed at the Bangor Y.M.C.A. and she is now responsible for volunteer recruitment, orientation, and placement. She is looking forward to her new position and hopes to show others the importance of volunteerism.

Bangor's own "Nite Show" recently celebrated its five-year anniversary. The "Nite Show" has a cast of local talent behind and in front of the cameras. **Luke Bouchard** is still with the show as its producer.

Riikka Mero conducted a language workshop at the springtime celebration held on March 30 at the Penobscot School. This workshop was part of a day-long fund-raiser to raise money and awareness for the school.

As we all continue on with our own lives, it's important to keep in touch. We received fewer articles and cards for this column and we'd all love to hear what you are up to. Getting married? Having a family? New job? New address? Have any pictures with alumni? Please share them with us! Submissions can be made directly to the alumni association or myself. Thank you!

Attention all Black Bears!

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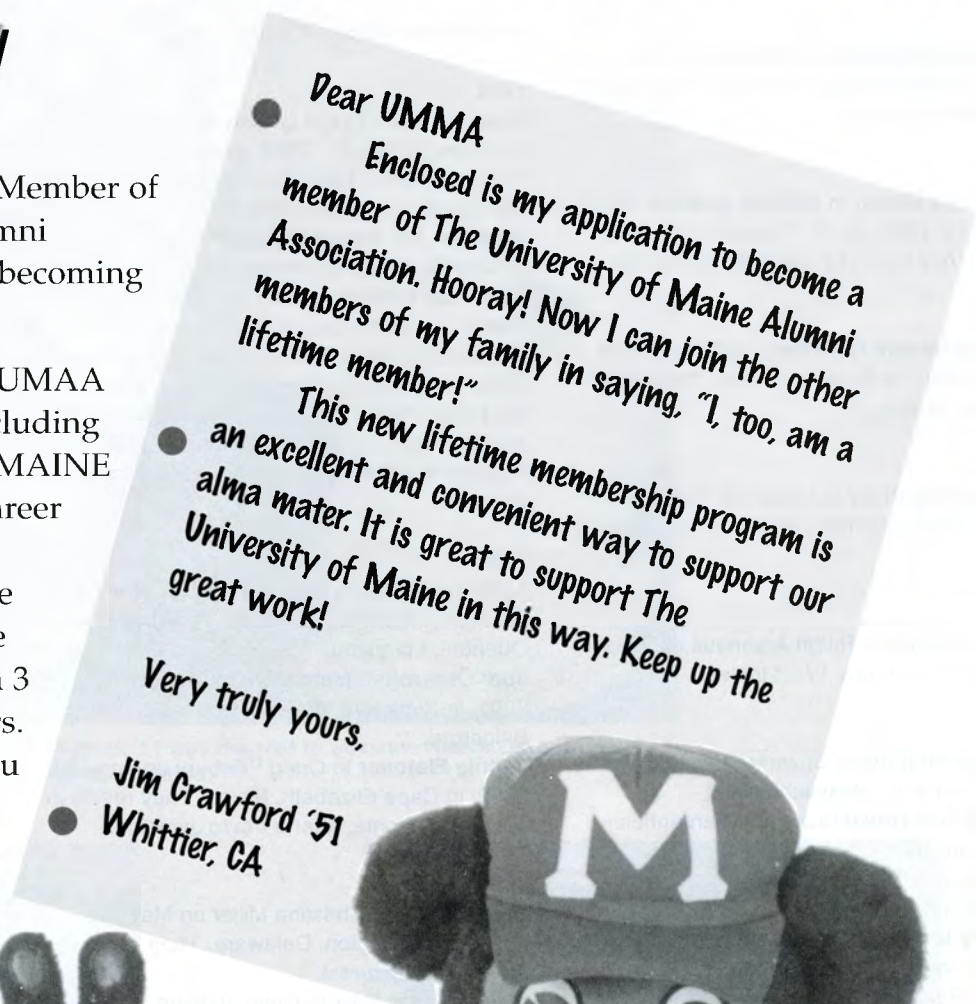
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Weddings

1964

Edgar Guest Higgins to Kelly Briggs on March 17, 2002, in Auburn, Maine. They live in West Poland, Maine.

1984

Tammy Lee Moran to **William Judkins '96** on January 19, 2002, at St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. They live in St. John, Virgin Islands.

1985

June MacDonald to Richard Skillings, Sr. on April 20, 2002, at Blueberry Point. They live in Raymond, Maine.

1988

Jean Deering Piper to Donald B. Meakin on April 20, 2002, in Bristol, Maine. They reside in Orono.

1989

Senneh Malette to Ralph Arsenault on June 15, 2002, in St. Lucia, West Indies.

1991

Robert M. Higgins to Suzanne Nicole Cayer in East Falmouth, Massachusetts.

Suzanne Bea Duval to Joseph Bardenheier Harrison in Dana Point, California. After a honeymoon in Tahiti, the couple resides in Dana Point, California.

Kimberly Blood to Michael Laliberte on May 11, 2002, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. They reside in Portland after a trip to Disney World.

1992

Roger William Stein, Jr. to Lucinda Anne Largey on March 22, 2002, in Fryeburg, Maine. The couple resides in Portland after a trip to St. Lucia.

Benjamin Russell Jordan to Dara Joy Sabolevski on June 1, 2002, in York, Maine. They reside in South Portland after a trip to Ireland.

1995

Kenneth J. Levasseur to Sherri L. Ingalls on September 1, 2001, in Bar Harbor, Maine. They live in Amesbury, Massachusetts.

Karen Smith to Felix LoStracco on April 19, 2002, in Costa Rica. They spent their honeymoon in Belize and reside in Alexandria, Virginia.

Brian Drisko to Helen Marie Hatch on June 22, 2002, in Hampden, Maine. They honeymooned in Hershey, Pennsylvania, and reside

in North Vassalboro, Maine.

1996

Jennifer Rose Cyr to Shawn Michael Landeen on July 27, 2001, in Caribou, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Bar Harbor and reside in New Sweden.

Matthew Jay Rocca to Jennifer Marie Owens on July 26, 2002, in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. UMaine alums Eric Field '94, David Hainer '97, and Randy King '94 were part of the wedding party. Matt and Jenn make their home in Pasadena where Matthew works for the Ondeo Nalco Company as an account manager and Jennifer works for the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory as a senior systems engineer.

1997

Anthony Ianozi to Regina Haag on April 26, 2002, in Annapolis, Maryland. They live in Odenton, Maryland.

Jodi Charron to Marc Mohr on August 11, 2001, in Biddeford, Maine. They reside in Biddeford.

Jennie Fletcher to Craig Pillsbury on June 22, 2002, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. They reside in Tulsa, Oklahoma, after a trip to Jamaica.

1998

Jason Todd to Christina Miller on May 11, 2002, in Wilmington, Delaware. They honeymooned in Cozumel.

Kelsea Gram Carr to Glenn William Squires on September 22, 2001, at Fernald Point,

Southwest Harbor, Maine. They spent a honeymoon in San Miguel De Alendre, Mexico, and reside on Mount Desert Island.

1999

Virginia Patnode to **Adam MacFawn '01** on March 2, 2002, in Rangeley, Maine. They honeymooned in Antigua and live in Charleston, South Carolina.

Gregory M. Dumont to Vicky L. Pelletier on September 22, 2001, in Sanford, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Aruba and reside in North Berwick.

Andrew C. Dorr to Lisa M. Baker on September 21, 2001, in Bangor, Maine. They honeymooned in Québec City, Canada, and reside in Bangor.

Megan M. Sewell to **Charles L. Drillen '01** on May 18, 2002, in Dedham, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Nassau Beach, Bahamas, and reside in Dedham.

Marc Oberacker to Elizabeth O'Leary on May 11, 2002, in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Following a Caribbean cruise honeymoon, they live in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

Joshua Sharron to Dianna Gervais on June 8, 2002, in Portland, Maine. The couple resides in Buxton, Maine, after a trip to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic.

Shannon Leigh Smith to Danson Rice Horton on June 29, 2002, in Swanville, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Jamaica and live in Boston.

2000

Rachel Lee Boyer to Darren Michael Fickett on May 25, 2002, in Scarborough, Maine. They reside in Westbrook after a Caribbean cruise.

Keith Hinds to Jennifer Brill on May 31, 2002, in Bath, Maine. They live in Bath.

2001

Lea Ann Sereyko to Corey Allen Harper on September 15, 2001, in Holden, Maine. They live in Argyle, Maine.

Alyssa Gervais to Michael Corson Jr. on December 22, 2001, in Fairfield, Maine. They reside in Albion, Maine.

Benjamin Bradley Roy to Arinn Frances Wright on February 22, 2002, in Littleton, Vermont. They reside in Pensacola, Florida.

Misty Raymond to Scott Douglass on June 1, 2002, in Westbrook, Maine. They reside in Windham after a trip to Aruba.

Recently Married?

Why not share the news with your fellow UMaine alums in our new wedding section? We especially want to get more photographs with the wedding couple and all the UMaine alums who attended the wedding. Send your photo and information to: Weddings, P.O. Box 550, Orono, ME 04473-0550.



Robert M. Higgins '91 was married to Suzanne Nicole Cayer in East Falmouth, Massachusetts.



Kelsea Gram Carr '98 was married to Glenn Squires on September 22, 2001.



Matthew Jay Rocca '96 was married to Jennifer Marie Owens on July 26, 2002, in Rancho Palos Verdes, California.

Deaths

1928

Wallace Blake, May 30, 2002, from Brownfield, Maine, at 97.

Roger Edward Lewis, May 28, 2002, from Sidney, Maine, at 95.

1930

John William Batchelder, July 14, 2002, from Bangor and Jay, Maine, at 95.

Richard Sylvester Bradford, June 25, 2002, from Orono, Maine, at 92.

Paulene Marguerite Dunn, May 20, 2002, from Englewood, Florida, and Bangor, Maine, at 93.

John Marsh Palmer, May 14, 2002, from Tiverton, Rhode Island, at 95.

1931

Gloria Wadleigh Brigham, July 22, 2002, from St. Petersburg, Florida, at 92.

Hazel Sparrow Russell, June 16, 2002, from Rockland, Maine, at 93.

1932

Helen Stearns Hincks Lester, April 25, 2002, from Scarborough and Millinocket, Maine, at 90.

Orestes Lawrence Rumazza, April 21, 2002, from Dover, New Hampshire, at 93.

1933

Marion Ladner Bailey, July 15, 2002, from Hancock, Maine, at 90.

Lyndon Oscar Mayers, June 27, 2002, from Derby, Connecticut, at 90.

James Albert McLean, May 14, 2002, from Old Town, Maine, at 92.

Cora Rebecca Barton Nicholson, May 18, 2002, from Littleton, Maine, at 94.

John Forbes Wilson, June 30, 2002, from Chagrin Falls, Ohio, at 92.

1934

Harry Colby Boyd, July 22, 2002, from Bangor, Maine, at 90.

Thomas George McGuire, July 29, 2002, from Brewer, Maine, at 90.

1935

James Douglas Crocker, June 17, 2002, from Wethersfield, Connecticut, at 88.

Charles Darius Pressey, July 2, 2002, from Bangor and Trenton, Maine, at 88.

John Albert Ross, April 27, 2002, from Amesbury, Massachusetts, at 89.

1936

Arlene Merrill Bickford, May 29, 2002, from Bangor, Maine, at 85.

Myron Gilbert Collette, June 29, 2002, from Mesa, Arizona, at 88.

Faith Holden Young, June 10, 2002, from Gouldsboro, Maine, at 87.



John Wilson, Class of '33, died on June 30, 2002, in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. John, 92, was a retired vice president of Texas Instruments. He was a loyal UMaine alumnus who served as Class of '33 president. He also served several terms as a member of the alumni association board of directors including a term as chairman. For his many years of outstanding dedication to his alma mater John was awarded the Pine Tree Emblem Service Award in 1981.

1938

Althea Hope Millett Brown, April 16, 2002, from Norway, Maine, at 85.

Azalea Ladner Boyer Cutter, May 24, 2002, from Kittery Point, Maine, at 83.

Reginald Lester Hargreaves, May 30, 2002, from Concord, Massachusetts, at 91.

Miriam Landon Skvirsky, July 4, 2002 from Springfield, Massachusetts, at 86.

1939

Carl Fremont Davis, May 13, 2002, from Rangeley, Maine, at 85.

Albert Orne Dyson, May 14, 2002, from Canaan, Connecticut, at 84.

Louise Rice Ladue, July 9, 2002, from Salisbury, Connecticut, at 87.

Leander "Lee" Mayford Sprowl, May 25, 2002, from Bangor, Maine, at 87.

1940

Philip Joseph Hinkley, April 19, 2002, from

Green Valley, Arizona, at 90.

Jane Holmes Kinsley, May 12, 2002, from Baldwinville, New York, at 82.

1941

Richard Holden Chase, July 29, 2002, from Gray, Maine, at 83.

Judson Burleigh Crane, May 10, 2002, from Milbridge, Maine, at 84.

Kathleen Boyle Harris, July 13, 2002, from Topsham, Maine, at 86.

Angus Edward Humphries, April 25, 2002, from Perry, Maine, at 84.

1942

William Lloyd Irvine, July 21, 2002, from Portland, Maine, at 81.

Erna Davis Wentworth, April 22, 2002, from Orland, Maine, at 83.

1943

Lois Savage Burgess, April 11, 2002, from Bethel, Maine, at 82.

Robert Thompson Dodge, May 14, 2002, from Monterey Park, California, at 81.

1944

Margaret Burrill Hempstead, May 14, 2002, from Sun City Center, Florida, at 79.

1947

Howard Hazen Hunnewell, May 9, 2002, from Topsfield, Maine, at 86.

1949

Richard Fenton Bate, May 23, 2002, from Wenham, Massachusetts, at 81.

Donald Lloyd Card, July 21, 2002, from Bath, Maine, at 78.

Clair Harmon Chamberlain, January 28, 2001, from Clifton Springs, New York, at 83.

Arthur Gilbert Fox, Jr., July 25, 2002, from Freeport, Maine, at 79.

William Sitgreaves Mann, May 11, 2002, from Yarmouth, Maine, at 76.

Joanne Lindgren Noyes, April 13, 2002, from Chester, New Hampshire, at 73.

1950

Robert Frederick Avery, June 3, 2002, from Groton, Connecticut, at 74.

Avis Zippel Blaisdell, April 29, 2002, from Unity, New Hampshire, at 73.

James Anthony Busby, June 16, 2002, from

Danvers, Massachusetts, at 78.
Howard Oliver Hough, Jr., May 14, 2002, from Cumberland, Maine, at 80.
James Terras Law, June 9, 2002, from Rumford, Maine, at 82.
Lowell Harris Osgood, May 1, 2002, from Carroll Plantation, Maine, at 79.
Robert Edward Smith, April 17, 2002, from Easthampton, Massachusetts, and Bangor, Maine, at 83.
Howard Eugene Wagoner, Jr., March 28, 2002 from Hermiston, Oregon, and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at 76.
1951
Henry Smith Carson, June 11, 2002 from Lubec and Oxbow, Maine, at 74.
Leon Warren Haines, Jr., June 7, 2002, from Biddeford, Maine, at 76.
Dodd Edward Roberts, July 26, 2002, from Orono, Maine, at 71.
1952
Winfield Orrin Partridge, May 1, 2002, from Norway, Maine, at 76.
Beth Chick Warren, July 17, 2002, from Avon, Connecticut, at 71.
1953
James Dominic DiBiase, April 22, 2002, from South Portland, Maine, at 72.
Nancy Chandler Whitby, June 5, 2002, from Lower Gwynedd, Pennsylvania, and Bangor, Maine, at 70.
1954
Donald Arthur DeCosta, April 25, 2002, from Lewiston, Maine, at 69.
Howard Nelson Waterhouse, June 22, 2002, from Riverside, California, at 70.
1955
Elvira Birney, July 14, 2002, from Oxford, Maine, at 86.
William Morse Grove, April 19, 2002, from Hermon, Maine, at 69.
1956
Alice Townsend Couture, July 11, 2002, from Readfield, Maine, at 92.
1957
Ralph Leighton Austin, March 19, 2002, from St. George, Utah, at 66.
Louis Xavier Ball, January 28, 2002, from Lincoln, Maine, and San Diego, California, at 72.
Charlotte Pettee Johnson, June 10, 2002, from Waterville, Maine, at 72.
Bruce Aaron Whitney, May 13, 2002, from Anson, Maine, at 67.
1958
Robert Joseph Arsenault, June 3, 2002, from Ledyard, Connecticut, at 65.
David Francis Gould, July 5, 2002, from Bangor, Maine, at 72.
Gordon Erwin Hutchins, June 2, 2002, from Randolph, Maine, at 90.

George Walter Nelson, June 17, 2002, from Bangor, Maine, at 66.
Eleanor Deane Owen, July 17, 2002, from Schaghticoke, New York, at 66.
1959
Edmund Leroy Briggs, May 16, 2002, from Bethlehem, Connecticut, at 66.
Roland Earl Butler, April 29, 2002, from Lewiston, Maine, at 68.
Richard George Farnsworth, July 3, 2002, from York, Maine, at 69.
Harriett Hinckley Price, April 16, 2002, from Hinckley, Maine, and Dumfries, Virginia, at 88.
1960
Bennie Spurling Davis, Jr., June 1, 2002, from Southwest Harbor, Maine, at 67.
Eldon Richard Perkins, May 5, 2002, from Oakdale, Connecticut, at 76.
1962
Irene Boynton Brown, April 20, 2002, from Millinocket, Maine, at 89.
1963
Nathan Joel Diamond, May 30, 2002, from Bangor, Maine, at 81.
Madeline Wormwood Milliken, May 8, 2002, from Biddeford, Maine, at 94.
1964
Pauly Metcalf Eliason, July 3, 2002, from Bath, Maine, at 85.
1965
Eloise Chapin Mosley, August 27, 2001, from Petite Riviere, Nova Scotia, Canada, at 80.
Patricia Coffman Sorrie, May 30, 2002, from Danbury, New Hampshire, at 59.
Richard Lawrence Walker, April 13, 2002, from Cumberland, Maine, at 58.
Florence Andrews Young, May 8, 2002, from Norway, Maine, at 81.
1966
Sarah Allen Crandell, April 15, 2002, from Plymouth, Vermont, at 58.
Alice Laura Hammond, July 12, 2002, from Sidney, Maine, at 90.
Octavia Lund Dowling Norton, July 19, 2002, from Whitneyville, Maine, at 70.
1967
Margaret Esther Hall, July 3, 2002, from Gray, Maine, at 57.
1968
Charles Daniel Devoe, June 21, 2002, from Washington, D.C., at 55.
Janet Elizabeth Burrows Godwin, May 10, 2002, from Mystic, Connecticut, at 58.
Joan Ruth Good, May 18, 2002, from Cromwell, Connecticut, at 56.
Philip Ronald Minctons, April 22, 2002, from Peoria, Arizona, at 69.
Peter Edward White, April 13, 2002, from Hampden, Maine, at 70.
1969
James Lavern Kimball, June 2, 2002, from

West Paris, Maine, at 56.
Marjorie Snell Towle, April 25, 2002, from Winthrop, Maine, at 89.
1970
Janice Emery Clukey, May 30, 2002, from Carmel, Maine, at 71.
Ruth Sprague Roberts, July 10, 2002, from Phippsburg, Maine, at 84.
1971
C. Anne Soucie Bond, June 6, 2002, from Milford, Maine, at 68.
1972
Willard Franklin Bartlett, May 24, 2002, from Lewiston, Maine, at 51.
Marion Evelyn Smith MacDonnell, April 29, 2002, from Washington, Maine, at 51.
1974
Nancy Margaret Cray, July 2, 2002, from Falmouth, Maine, at 50.
Fred Grey Holland, Jr., May 1, 2002, from Ennis, Texas, at 47.
Norene Greenlaw Joyce, April 26, 2002, from Oceanville, Maine, at 49.
1978
Patricia Oakland-Bushnell, June 22, 2002, from Bedford, Massachusetts, at 44.
1979
Martha Wentworth Gracey, July 28, 2002, from Suffield, Connecticut, at 51.
1980
Marie Aston Dixon, May 24, 2002, from Bangor, Maine, at 76.
1981
Nancy Jean Buck, May 7, 2002, from Oxford, Maine, at 41.
1985
Charlotte Hutchinson Conary, June 10, 2002, from Deer Isle, Maine, at 71.
1990
Justin Jeffrey Giordano, April 27, 2002, from Hampden, Maine, at 51.
1996
Wendy Marie Brundage, May 14, 2002, from Bangor, Maine, at 40.
2000
John Edward Burke II, June 9, 2002, from Holden, Maine, at 46.
Christopher Ryan Curtis, April 16, 2002, from Sherman, Maine, at 25.

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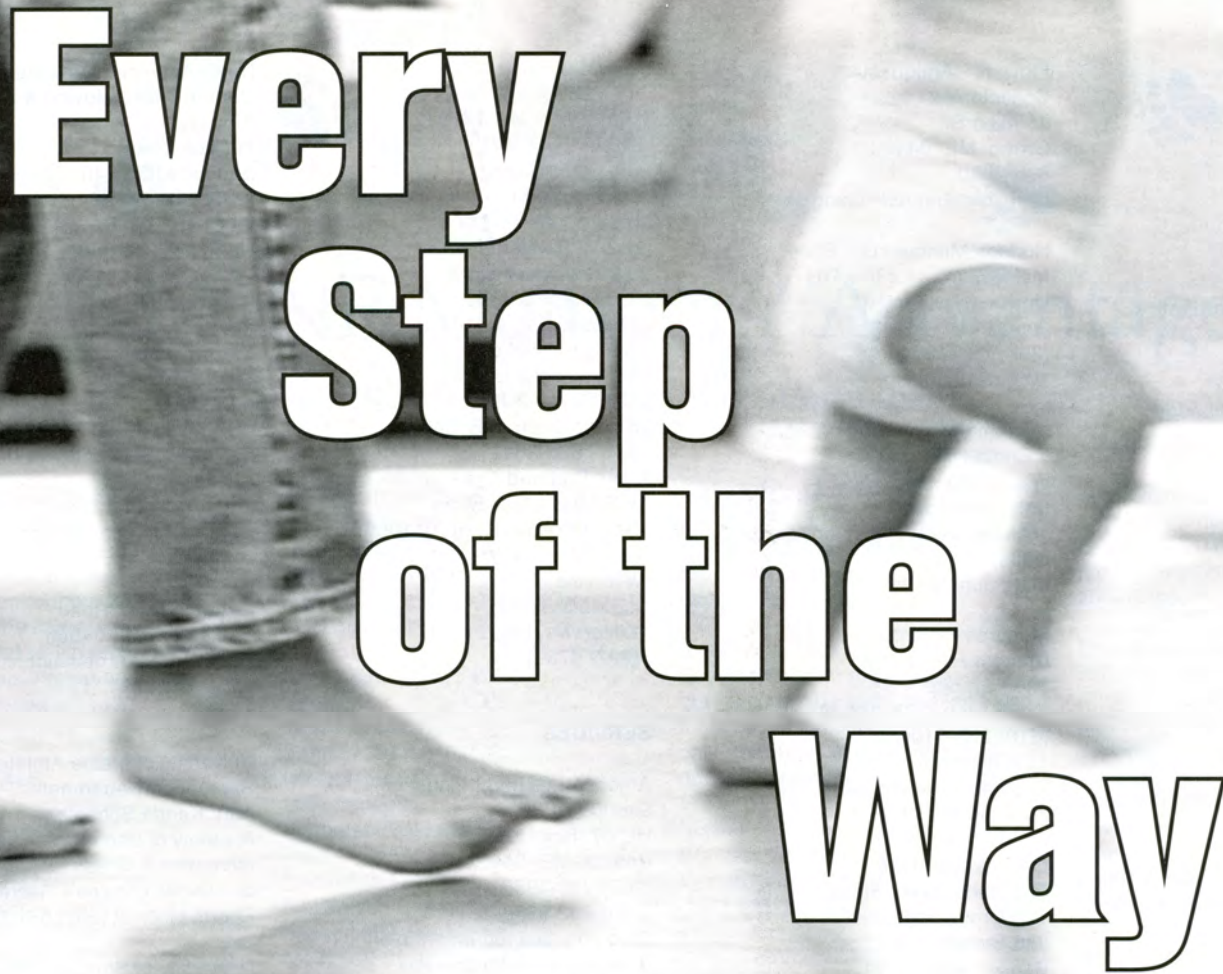
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For the Love of the Sport

Athletes on UMaine's lower-profile teams don't get much fan support, publicity, or scholarship money, but you'd never know it from the level of their dedication.

By Jim Baines '89

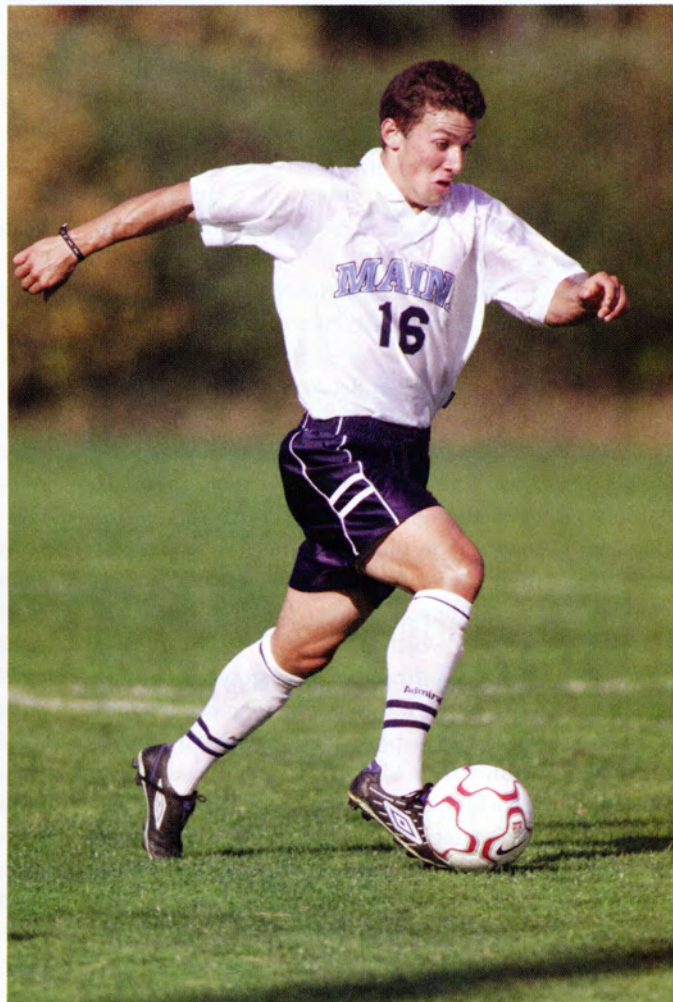
Notoriety in the college sports world is nothing new for the University of Maine. It comes with being the only Division 1 program in the state and having nationally ranked teams in several sports. Thousands flock to the northern end of the UMaine campus for hockey, football, and basketball games, and on occasion, a myriad more of Mainers and Maine alums can watch the action from their own homes. Last season, UMaine athletics saw a concentrated amount of national exposure when three post-season games—two men's ice hockey, one men's basketball — were broadcast on ESPN or ESPN2 within four weeks.

However, for every Paul Kariya '96, Cindy Blodgett '98, Andy Be-dard '00, or Jake Eaton '03, there are countless Black Bears who rarely see their names or photos in Maine's newspapers or on the six o'clock news. They don't experience the rush of playing in an arena or field packed with screaming fans.

And unlike the majority of athletes on the revenue-producing teams, most athletes in the lower profile sports have to pay for at least a good part of their own college education.

But while there may be differences in exposure and support for the various teams, there's one thing that all Division 1 athletes, whether in cross-country or ice hockey share, dedication.

So what motivates young men and wom-



en to devote themselves to grueling physical training and the significant time demands, even when they know there will only be a small contingent of loyal supporters cheering them on when they take the field to play.

"These athletes do it for the pure love of

their sport," says UMaine associate professor Walter Abbott '58. Abbott has worked with UMaine athletes for more than 40 years including stints as football coach and interim athletic director.

"They have to find motivation within themselves," he says. "In some ways they are more motivated than many of the full scholarship athletes who get a lot more publicity. Just think of cross-country runners. They are out there all alone, pushing themselves through pain. And then they come to the finish line and nobody's there to cheer but a few teammates and coaches. It doesn't matter, they still give it everything they've got. They are a special breed and I have great admiration for them."

UMaine field hockey coach Terry Kix agrees that "every student-athlete has to feel passionate about what they do."

"They're going to school full-time and they're putting in at least 20 hours per week (including games, practices, and team meetings) into com-

petition where it's pretty intense."

On top of that, the freshmen athletes have 10 hours per week of mandatory study hall hours.

Simply put, if you don't have dedication and character, you can't make it as a Division I athlete. Fortunately for UMaine

coaches, it's not difficult to tell what Black Bear prospects have the intrinsic values to become full student-athletes, and not just an athlete looking for glory, a ride through college, or preparation for turning pro.

"It's not worth the headache, and it's not worth the time," UMaine women's soccer coach Scott Atherley '91G says about dealing with a great athlete with questionable ethics and dedication.

"In this business, time is everything. It's usually an unproductive effort to have to spend time motivating kids to go to class and work hard. That thing is a product of family values. I don't have the time to spend two or three years to teach somebody that, and then have them for one year with no guarantee of a return."

We often read or hear stories about athletes with those values in the higher profile sports such as ice hockey, football, and basketball. But they are just as entrenched as Black Bear athletes who do not get the publicity. Here are three cases in point:

SUMMER SCHOOL

Sometimes it takes a jolt—the possibility of something you love being eliminated to realize and appreciate what you have. And how you react to that jolt tells a lot about what kind of person you are.

Last season, the UMaine men's soccer team struggled through a 2-14 season. This program had seen a total of just seven victories in the previous three years. This past spring, the men's soccer program—as well as both men's and women's swimming/diving programs—faced the real possibility of elimination as a varsity sport.

After a panel decided to spare these squads, 12 of the 15 returning men's soccer players chose to rededicate themselves to success in their sport—to sacrifice their summer plans at home and stay in Orono to work out as a team.

"That was a new thing for us," says UMaine men's soccer coach Travers Evans '97. "They want to be successful and to move forward in the right direction, and that's a big first step in getting them up,

working out together, and getting them in shape for preseason. After everything they went through last year, they're bound and determined not to be in that situation again. Our kids made a tremendous effort this summer."

The idea was sparked when a player came across newspaper and magazine articles of other teams that had worked together over the summer. Once a few players decided to dedicate the summer to the team, the concept caught on.

"Once we got a few people committed to the idea, others said, 'I guess I can do it, too,'" says midfielder Pat Kelly, a senior from Springfield, Massachusetts. Kelly says everyone appreciated being in Orono in the summer when the campus is so beautiful. And there was an added benefit.

"We all became closer with athletes on other teams that also stayed up here," Kelly said.

Players from Brunswick to Pennsylvania made efforts to find jobs and housing for themselves and their teammates. It wasn't a hard decision for them to make, even though many of the players could have made more summer job money in their respective hometowns.

But they all believe the financial sacrifice was worth it.

"We realized we have good talent this year, and want to prove to everyone that we're here to play," says back Matt Young, a junior from Milford, Massachusetts. "We got a lot more respect from all the coaches and athletes. More than half our team was up here. That's more than any other team. Morale is through the roof now."

That's an impressive commitment considering that 13 of Coach Evans's players share the monetary equivalent of just two-and-a-half full scholarships. The players who spent the summer in Orono were a mixed bag of partial scholarship and non-scholarship players.

Kelly and Young were joined by return players Matthew Bernal, Luke Garner, Andy Halligan, Kyle McMorrow, Keith Moore, Jack Rioux, Luke Rivard, Josh Sjos-

trom, and Jason Souzer. Incoming freshman Cooper Friend also made drives from his home in Ellsworth to be with the team.

NO SUCH THING AS AN OFF-SEASON

A Division I athlete must be in top shape—both athletically and academically—12 months per year. A sterling example of that is the UMaine women's soccer squad. It has the best grade point average among all the women's varsity sports. In addition they must keep their bodies in top condition, year round.

Even though the competition ends in November, the preparation for next soccer season starts just a few weeks later.

"We do 6:00 a.m. practices three times a week," explains midfielder/back Jen Buckley, a junior from Leicester, Massachusetts. "When we come back from Thanksgiving, and it goes on until when we leave school in May."

Summer weightlifting and conditioning programs also contribute to athletic prowess, and make for better-prepared players when they return in August. Pre-season practices are two hours long, and take place twice daily.

While the team's academic awards speak for themselves, so do the numbers of a big part of the preseason drill, Coach Atherley's "Gauntlet."

The Gauntlet consists of several long runs and sprints, all with a one-minute rest between them. Each phase of The Gauntlet has a maximum allowed time which must be met by every member of the team. Much like the academic portion of the players' lives, The Gauntlet has a "don't pass, don't play" rule.

"It can be pretty grueling," says back Allison Kelly (a sophomore from Cambridge, Ontario), "but it pays off in the end."

Kelly chose to play soccer at UMaine over the University of Tennessee, mostly due to the kind Orono spirit and the chance to bring the program to a new level.

"There was such a tight bond with everyone," Kelly notes of her recruiting trip, "which was really nice to see. The girls

and the coaches were very supportive, and the academic support was there.”

Kelly and her teammates were rewarded last season with the 13-year-old program’s first winning season and its highest ever conference finish (fifth). The team earned the respect of America East coaches, who picked UMaine to finish third in this year’s preseason poll.

TWICE DEDICATED

Junior Emily Stevens made it plain when she was recruited to play ice hockey by U.S. colleges. She wanted to go to a college that allowed her to play both ice hockey and soccer.

“That was my selling point,” says the Hamilton, Ontario, native. “Every hockey coach I talked to, the first thing I asked was, ‘Can I play both?’ Some said ‘no,’ so I just said, ‘forget it.’”

While Mercyhurst and Saint Lawrence said “no,” Atherley and women’s ice hockey coach Rick Filighera, who initially and separately contacted Stevens for recruiting on the same weekend, gave the thumbs up to Stevens, earning the chance at becoming a two-letter winner. The sharing of such an athlete pays off for both programs, and it improves Stevens’s performance on both the ice and the field.

“I remember the first year I was in hockey,” grins Stevens, “I came back to soccer, and I was like 20 times better! The sports really complement each other. I feel like I’m in shape for both sports all of the time.”

It’s no mistake that Division I schools have seen a dramatic drop in multi-sport athletes over the decades. The better young athletes are encouraged to focus on excelling in one sport, rather than enjoying the benefits and camaraderie of multiple teams. Stevens, who earns all of her full scholarship from ice hockey and none from soccer, says she would rather have played



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both sports on a nonscholarship basis in Canada than play for an American school that didn’t allow her to play both sports.

The teamwork in Stevens’s case extends beyond individual teams. Coaches Atherley and Filighera work together to balance

her soccer and ice hockey practice time. With classes and other collegiate pressures to worry about, Stevens welcomes someone else making her practice decisions.

“It’s not put on me when I should be going here or there. They decide where and when it’s time for me to go.”

Soccer also has a spring season in which Stevens takes a full part. The only item soccer takes away from ice hockey is the heavy lifting that most ice hockey players do in their off-season. Still, a full stint of Division I soccer is conditioning enough for Stevens, and her dedication is more than notable. When Coach Atherley was asked for someone who personifies dedication, the name of Emily Stevens left Atherley’s lips before the author’s question was even complete.

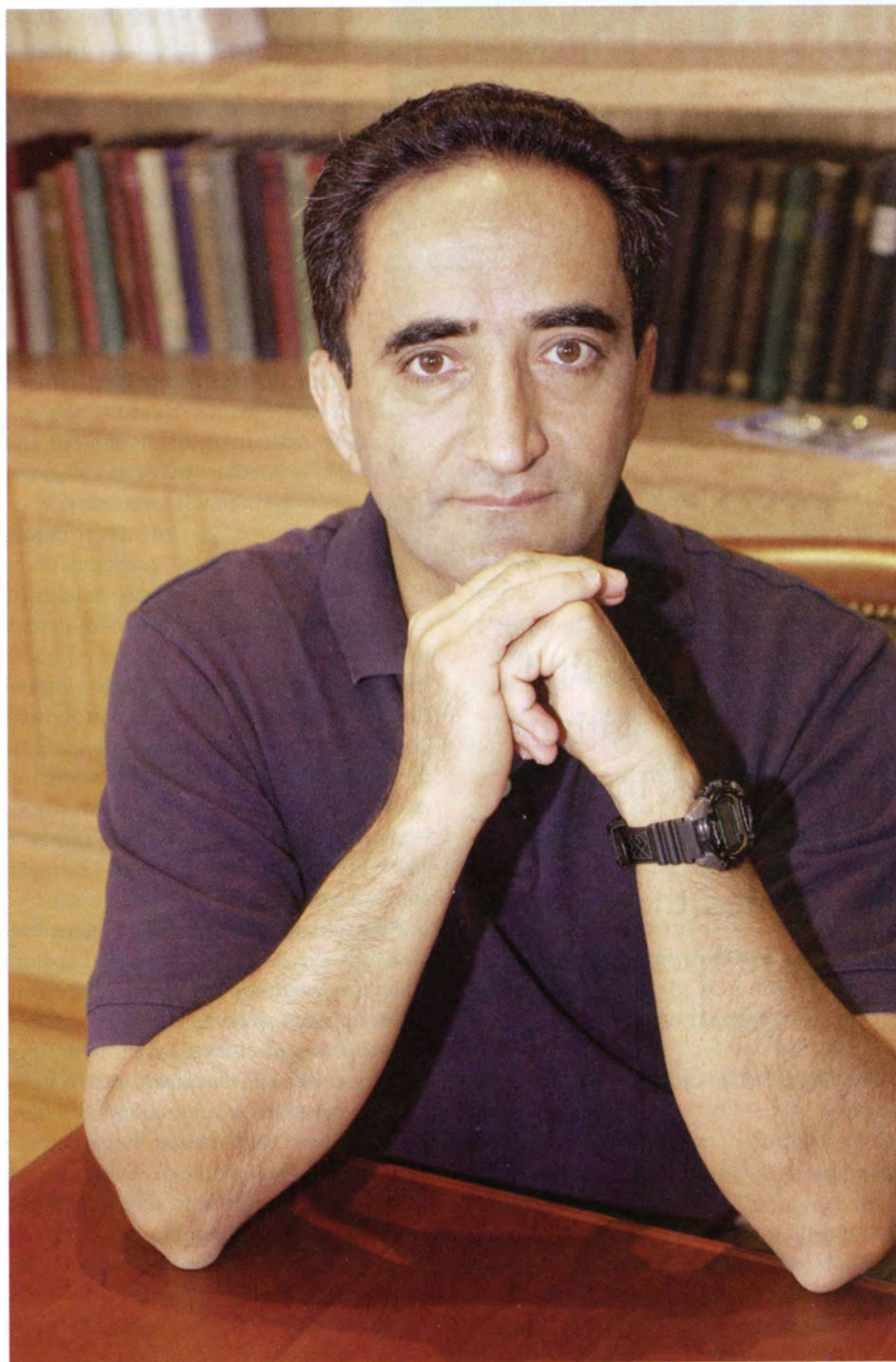
“That means a lot coming from Coach,” says an astonished Stevens, “because his expectations are really high. If you stand out, then it’s something to be proud

of.”

The student-athletes in all UMaine’s lower-profile sports have a lot to be proud of. They are dedicated athletes who, with little fanfare or financial reward, devote themselves to the highest level of achievement. Walt Abbott, for one, would like to see more Black Bear fans give the Olympic sports a look.

“It’s too bad these sports don’t get more fans,” he says. “These are skilled, gifted athletes in tough competition. Go to a swim meet and you can’t help but get caught up in the spirit and enthusiasm. The volleyball games in the Pit are great fun to watch, with highly trained and skilled athletes. These athletes understand the situation. Still, they sometimes look at the other sports and wonder why they don’t get more support. They might not need it for motivation, but believe me, they would love to have it.”

The Long Journey Home



When Ibrahim (Abe) Parvanta '76 started his master's degree program at the University of Maine in 1978, he expected to return to his native Afghanistan in 24 months to begin a career in the Ministry of Health. But a coup, a war, and the Taliban delayed that return for 24 years.

By Chad Finn '94

Photograph by Toby Hollis

There was a time, a more care-free, innocent time, when Ibrahim Parvanta '76, '79, '81G hadn't a clue what his life's work might be. Thirty years ago, the mischievous teenager everyone called "Abe" was a University of Maine undergraduate—a wide-eyed student who chose his electives primarily based on the male/female ratio in the classroom and who assumed being a nutritionist meant slaving over a hot meal as a chef.

Thirty years ago, Abe Parvanta was enjoying his college years, but looking forward to leading a fulfilling life in his homeland of Afghanistan. It seemed like a reasonable assumption. But it turned into an unfulfilled fantasy.

"Back then, I was a naive boy. I told people I had come to Maine by accident," Parvanta says.

Now, 30 years later, and the grown man knows better.

Just listen as Parvanta tells about his life after UMaine. Listen to his personal tale, one of hard work, happenstance, hope, and history that ultimately led him home to Afghanistan 24 years later than he had first planned.

Listen, and a different conclusion becomes clear. If it was an accident, it was an accident of fate.

"My work, my life has included a dose of destiny," Parvanta says. "Looking back, yes, it would seem to be so. How did I, that boy from Afghanistan, find his way all the way up there and back home again? It is a good story to be sure."

He never did become a chef, but Parvanta certainly mastered the science of nutrition. Today, Parvanta—an affable 49-year-old who still answers to his Maine moniker of "Abe"—is a chief of international activities for the Centers for Disease Control's nutrition branch in Atlanta.

There, Parvanta's chief responsibility is monitoring nations' abilities to supply their populations with micronutrients. Those are vitamins and minerals, such as iron and enriched flour, that can cause severe health problems when missing from the diet. It is a relentlessly rewarding way

to make a living. "My job is not a job to me," he says. "It is a passion. I am a very lucky man in that way."

But when he arrived in Orono from Kabul in 1972 on the recommendation of a classmate's father, a former UMaine professor, he was just another college student looking for direction. Almost literally so, if you underestimate his sense of humor.

"Whenever people ask me how I ended up at Maine, I tease them, tell them I ended up on the wrong flight—one that was supposed to go to Portland, Oregon," he says, "That's my joke. Actually, though, Maine was the only school I applied to. It was where I hoped to find my calling."

Four years later and on the cusp of graduation, he hadn't found that calling. Like so many of his peers, he had little idea of how he would make his living. "I was only a so-so student then," he says. "I was learning about the culture, the environment, the social aspect. I was a college boy, you know?"

It was only after he returned home to Kabul and was serving his mandatory eight-month Afghan military commitment in the mountains near Tora Bora that he identified what would be his career. "I saw so many health problems that were solvable with some education," he said. "I thought, if I got a degree in nutrition, I could make a difference in so many peoples' lives."

So Parvanta headed back to Orono with the intent of getting his master's in nutrition, then returning home to a career in the Ministry of Health.

It was supposed to take 24 months. It took 24 years.

While Parvanta was approaching graduation in 1978, a coup overthrew the Af-



ghan government. His father, uncle, and cousin were arrested and disappeared. His mother and siblings escaped, eventually joining Ibrahim in the United States.

"I could have returned, and how I wanted to," he says. "I wanted to get those people, but my mother pleaded with me not to. I could not go against her wishes. I had to stay in the United States. I could not go home."

A quarter-century later, the idealistic plans of a Maine graduate student have become reality. Achieving the goal that history had forced him to put on hold, Parvanta returned to Kabul in May with a UNICEF mission to improve nutrition in the war-ravaged country.

"All along, I have been training to go back," he says. "This is what I was supposed to do."

Parvanta learned to be a scientist at the University of Maine. But it might have been a little bit of human relations that led him to his first nutrition course.

"I did it for the girls," he says with a laugh.

Parvanta arrived at Maine in 1972 with the intention of studying zoology, then perhaps going to medical school. But the

daunting process of fulfilling that goal concerned him.

"In Afghanistan, you graduate from high school, take a very difficult test, then go to medical school," he says. "In the United States, it is much more complicated. I didn't realize there were so many steps, so many tests before you can become a doctor.

"I began to wonder what would happen if I went to college for four years, then didn't get into medical school."

Parvanta literally didn't know which course to take. In the spring of 1974, his sophomore year, destiny showed her face. Parvanta was sitting with a few friends in the reference room at the library, scouring the course book for an elective for the following semester. The search was not going well.

"I was looking for something, in science, but not physics, because I'm bad at that," he says. "I didn't know what to take, and I was getting frustrated and using some four-letter words."

A friend suggested taking FN41. "I said, 'What's that?'" Parvanta recalls.

"She said, 'Food and Nutrition.' I didn't even know that there was such a course. How could she suggest such a thing? I said, 'I don't want to be a cook!'"

But his friend let him in on another detail that piqued his interest. "She said, 'There are a lot of girls in the course.' I said, 'Say that again? Why didn't you say that in the first place?'"

Parvanta signed up for the course. He enjoyed it so much he took another. By the time Parvanta graduated in '76, he had "15 or 18" nutrition credits on top of his zoology degree.

Still, his path wasn't yet leading him toward a career in nutrition. It was leading him home. His undergraduate career ended on a Friday, and he flew home to Kabul the following day.

"That day, I still did not know what I would do or who I would become," Parvanta says.

GROWING UP IN AFGHANISTAN

In Kabul, Parvanta was the oldest child of

an upper-class family with strong roots in politics. His father had been a senator and cabinet minister, while his mother's cousin's husband was the Minister of Health. When the minister heard about Parvanta's course of study, he immediately offered him a job in the newly-formed nutrition branch. "There were no nutrition professionals," he says. "I had more training than anyone."

During his stint in the military near Tora Bora, he realized limited knowledge would only help so much. So after getting approval from the minister, he returned to Maine to get his graduate degree. The plan: he would focus on learning about the nutri-

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tion problems of the developing world and come home. "My goal was to ultimately become nutrition director," he says.

He returned to Maine in January 1978. Two months later the Communist Party took over in Afghanistan. The Civil War began soon thereafter, and the Soviets invaded early in 1979. In April that year came the coup. A late-night knock at the door took away Parvanta's father. The family has never learned his fate.

"I would have been arrested too had I not studied in the U.S.," Parvanta says. "It is

a thought I always carry with me."

With Afghanistan suddenly closed to him, Parvanta got his green card and became a U.S. resident. Meanwhile, Parvanta's mother, younger brother, and two sisters settled in Colorado. Parvanta accepted a job with the Maine Bureau of Health in Augusta. Eight years later, the CDC recruited him and he and his family relocated to Atlanta.

And 13 years later, in March of this year, UNICEF called. The charity was assembling a team to help the new Afghan government build national health programs. They needed a nutritionist who knew the country and spoke Farsi, a local language. In a global search for qualified candidates, they found exactly one. Within two months, Ibrahim Parvanta would go home.

A NEIGHBORHOOD IN RUINS

Twenty-four years later, and would you believe it? He remembered the neighborhood.

There are no street addresses in Kabul, so directions are given by landmarks. Riding in from the airport in a taxi, he described his destination to the driver.

"And the driver starts telling me all the landmarks along the way, and suddenly it hit me. I thought, my God, that's right by my house," Parvanta says, the amazement evident in the retelling. "I should know how to get there." And so he led the way. But after 20 years of relentless war, his old neighborhood was a skeleton of what he remembered.

"It was ruined," he says. "Not to say it was ever so perfect, but psychologically, it was very difficult to be there at first. The pictures you see on TV? They don't do it justice. You need to see it, in person, to understand. The whole countryside was in a state of disrepair.

"There never was much maintenance anywhere, but when the Taliban came to power, they just killed and destroyed more."

Parvanta searched for his old high school, the place where he first learned of Maine. Because of the devastation, he did not recognize it until he was told what he

was looking at. The building was directly in front of him.

"It was very emotional to see the terrible destruction," Parvanta said. "I carried a video camera with me, and as I would see one thing through the lens, I found my other eye would see things just the way they used to be."

None of his relatives remained in the neighborhood, and he did not recognize a single face or neighbor. But amazingly, amid the rubble, his childhood home stood tall. Irony of ironies, it now houses a nongovernmental agency that is

helping with Parvanta's training programs.

"The main office is in my old bedroom," he says proudly. "I had the best room in the house. Lots of windows."

As he walked the streets, Parvanta was treated as a curiosity, as a stranger from a strange land. "Many people assumed I was an American," Parvanta says. "Kabul used to be a cosmopolitan city with the fashions of Paris. But the Taliban banned Western clothing. So of course, there I am in my Western clothing, wearing jeans and a T-shirt and carrying my camera.

"People would say, 'Hello, Mister, how are you?' and I'd start talking Farsi (the local language) and they'd do a double take like you'd never know.

"They were thrilled by the thought that an American had learned their language," he says. "I didn't have the heart to tell them that I was once one of them."

ADING HIS FORMER HOMETOWN

While it was a melancholy visit for Parvanta on a personal level, it was an infinitely productive visit professionally.

He met the health officials whose jobs he once imagined having. He toured the countryside, looking for evidence of malnutrition. It was not a challenging search.



At a salt market in Kabul, Abe Parvanta talks to merchants about iodine malnutrition.

In parts of Afghanistan, 50 percent of residents show signs of iodine deficiency, which eventually causes retardation.

"People are dying from this, retarded from that," Parvanta said. "It's so frustrating, because with the proper programs and some education, it can be avoided altogether."

Preventing iodine malnutrition is as simple as adding the mineral to some basic food, usually salt, so that it will reach an entire population. It sounds so simple. But in this devastated country, little comes easy.

In Kabul, Parvanta spent days talking with merchants in the market where salt is packaged and resold.

"They are illiterate people, but they know how to do their jobs," he says. "They are good businessmen. The first thing they say is, 'How much does it cost?' I tell them, 'It costs one U.S. cent, per person, per year to put iodine in salt,' and they say, 'Sir, that's not even money. I can add it to my salt tomorrow.'"

The cooperation and resolve was encouraging. "The biggest step is to build the infrastructure so they learn to solve their problems on their own," Parvanta says. "Physicians there are trained to treat the

problems of an individual rather than the problems of a country. Most of the trained professionals are on the outside. No one even knows how to fix a computer."

Parvanta will return for an extended visit later this year. The plan is to spend three or four weeks training health professionals. He anticipates teaching some eager students. "Everywhere I went, I encountered enthusiasm," he said. "It is as though people feel this is the one chance to remake and improve Afghanistan,

to move on from here or have it be devastated forever."

He recognizes the irony in the timing of his return. "Oh, professionally it was best that I had to stay here and learn all those years, even when I was sad and mad that I couldn't go home," Parvanta says. "I can train and teach much better than I would have been able to do 20 years ago." Then, he explains it from a uniquely American perspective: "They get much better bang for their buck now."

While doing more than his share to heal the world, Parvanta remains committed to the CDC. He lives in Atlanta with his wife, Claudia, who also works at the center.

But three of their children are currently students at Maine, and Parvanta finds his way back to his first American home more than occasionally.

"Oh yes, I still know my way around the old neighborhood," he says. "So much has changed, but every visit is like a homecoming. Maine is a special place."

Of course his sentiments are sincere. But as far as special homecomings go, you'll understand if a return visit to Maine will always finish a distant second in Ibrahim Parvanta's heart.

Of War and Peace

Thirty years after covering the Vietnam War, veteran journalist David Lamb '62 returned to discover a country he realized he never really knew. The result is his sixth highly-acclaimed book, *Vietnam, Now*.

By Jim Frick

In the late 1960s, David Lamb '62 covered some of the most intense battles of the Vietnam War. He witnessed the siege of the Marines at Khesanh. He reported on the Battle of Hamburger Hill—in fact he gave that battle its name. He even volunteered to return to Saigon in 1975 when the fall of that city was imminent.

But unlike a lot of Americans who were intimately involved with Vietnam, David Lamb says he was never “haunted or hung up” on the war.

“It never got into my psyche,” he says.

That could be because he was too occupied reporting on other trouble spots in the world. After joining the *Los Angeles Times* in the early 1970s, Lamb began an impressive career as a foreign correspondent, covering stories in over 120 countries, including the Iranian Revolution, the landing of Marines in Beirut, the fall of Idi Amin, and the Gulf War.

With all this occupying his time and interest, Lamb just hadn't spent much time reflecting on his days in Southeast Asia. But that changed in 1997 when *Los Angeles Times* editor Shelby Coffey was considering opening an Indochina news bureau in Hanoi. The idea captured David Lamb's interest and imagination.

“I immediately called Shelby and asked to go over and do some of the groundwork for opening the bureau,” Lamb says. “I came back and told him I thought it was doable and what it would cost for a year. Then I told him that if he decided to open it, he absolutely had to let me be the one to do it.”



Combat reporter David Lamb in Vietnam in the late 1960s.

When Lamb returned to Vietnam in 1997, and started what would turn out to be a four-year residency in Hanoi, almost everything he saw and encountered surprised him—right up until the last month he was there.

“When I was in Vietnam from '68 to '70 I was really unaware of the history and culture of the country,” he admits. “I spent almost all my time with American units.

In many ways I, like most correspondents, was in an enclosed cell, sweeping through the country, but not really seeing anything of the native culture.”

But soon after landing in Hanoi, Lamb realized the great depth of the culture and the strong nationalistic pride of the Vietnamese people.

“I made a very conscious decision to overcome my ignorance and learn about the country,” he says.

The very first thing that impressed Lamb was the beauty of Hanoi.

“I had no mental image of the city at all,” he says. “Like all Americans my experiences during the war were exclusively in the South.”

Lamb was especially surprised by the lack of physical evidence from the intense bombing the North had withstood from the American military.

“I was expecting to see damage to buildings and bridges,” he says, “but it simply wasn't there. Certainly there are remnants of the conflict in the country in terms of land mines and Agent Orange, but little actual physical damage. I felt lucky to be able to experience what is really the last surviving gem of an Indochina capital.”

But the thing that made the strongest impression on Lamb was the sincerely warm reception he received by almost every Vietnamese he encountered.

“Yes the very warm reception surprised me, and really, after all they have been through, it defies logic,” he says. “I think it astounds every American who returns. The Vietnamese are an extraordinarily wel-

coming people. My wife and I made friends there that I know will be friends for life."

All this made Lamb realize there was a book in the experience. In fact he knew it before he even set foot back in the country.

"Having been based in Africa and the Middle East, I knew that if you spend four years in a place that is interesting, then there is plenty of material for a book," he says. "I told a friend that if I could get a book out of a 59-day cross-country bicycle ride (*Over the Hills*), I sure as hell could do one after spending four years back in Vietnam."

Since its publication *Vietnam, Now* (published in 2002 by Public Affairs) has received rave reviews from critics as well as from Vietnam veterans.

Lamb's book takes readers inside a postwar Vietnam that had largely dropped off most Americans' radar screen after 1975. He gives us an account of the country's colorful history and culture before exploring the Vietnam of today, just emerging from years of isolation.

Although the book's focus is contemporary Vietnam, the war, which Lamb points out the Vietnamese call the "American War," is never far from the narrative.

The author meets with Mai Van On, the man who pulled the injured U.S. Navy Lieutenant John McCain (now a U.S. Senator) from a lake after his plane was shot down in Truc Bach. He joins a group of former Viet Cong and American combat veterans coming together in a spirit of mutual respect at the fire support base where they once bitterly fought. He interviews Trinh Thi Ngo, the woman who American soldiers once knew as Hanoi Hannah on The Voice of Vietnam radio.

While the entire book is beautifully written and compelling, Lamb might be at his best and most insightful when he's telling the story of one Vietnamese family that was torn apart by the war. It's the kind of story that most Americans haven't heard, and it brings into focus just how little we as Americans understood about the impact of the war on the Vietnamese.

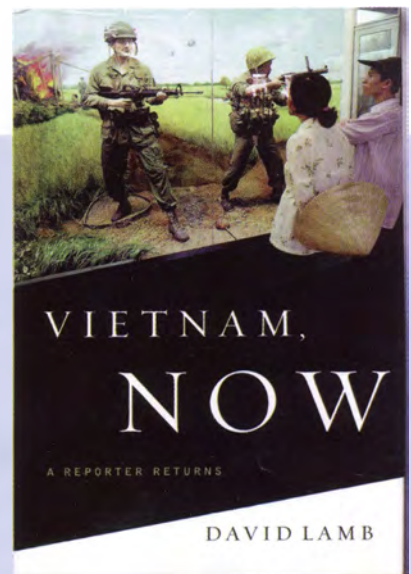
From the Introduction of *Vietnam, Now*

Vietnam was never part of the game plan. It is one of those places that just crept into my life, like a stranger come to call, and I had no aim of ever making it more than a stop in the road. But

Vietnam's seasons drifted into years, nearly six of them in all, and one day when a bartender in Thailand saw me with a plane ticket in hand and asked where I was headed, I replied "Home." "You mean the United States?" he asked. "No," I said. "Hanoi." That was the moment, I think, I realized Indochina had captured the soul of another unwary suspect. Vietnam was no longer just my mail drop. It was where I thought of home as being, and it seemed odd that I could feel so at peace in a land I once disliked so intensely.

The Vietnam I experienced was really two different countries, and neither had much to do with the other. The first was the Vietnam of the American War, as the Vietnamese call it, which I covered for United Press International in the late 1960s. It was the Vietnam of body counts and illusionary lights at the end of the tunnel. It was a Vietnam that, I now realize, I understood shamefully little about, being largely ignorant of the country's history, culture, and people. I encountered Vietnamese people but I did not make Vietnamese friends. I joined homesick GIs singing "Danny Boy" and "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" over beers in lonely outposts cut from the jungle, but I never read a line of Vietnamese poetry or knew what songs the Vietnamese sang when they were melancholy. I left that Vietnam—and the war—without a shred of remorse and cared not if I ever saw the wretched country again. I got on with my life.

The other Vietnam is the one that wove the spell and teased me with the ghosts of bygone Indochina, the one that will forever stir memories of quiet nights dripping with humidity, of golden rice paddies stretching to the mountains, and of an industrious people who have survived, and in some cases even prospered, against all odds. This is the postwar Vietnam, where for the first time in more than 100 years a generation has grown into adulthood not knowing foreign domination or the sound of battle. It is a country that, for me, was born in 1997, when I moved to Hanoi—the "enemy capital" as we used to call it—to open the *Los Angeles Times's* first peacetime bureau in Vietnam. I stayed four years, far longer than I had intended, and during all that time I found that nothing was quite as I had expected it to be.



The chapter begins when Lamb meets a physician in Hanoi, Dr. Nghien Nguyen, who is about to embark on a trip to visit his 93-year-old mother near the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). Nghien's two brothers would also be there. To Lamb's surprise, the doctor invites the American journalist to join the family gathering.

Although the family lived in the South, Nghien's father had sent his son to the communist North when the boy was just 13 with the hope of his getting a good education. And Nghien did just that, eventually graduating from medical school. To get ahead, he joined the Communist Party and spent much of the war caring for North Vietnamese wounded. Through it all he had no communication with his family.

Meanwhile his two brothers were fighting for the other side, as soldiers in the South Vietnamese Army.

"For two decades, when Vietnam was a country divided by the Geneva Accords, the separation and silence between Dr. Nghien and his family was so vast that neither knew if the other were alive or dead," Lamb writes. "But on this morning, Mrs. Nheh's home once again glowed with the warmth of small talk just as it did when the Nguyens gathered to share bonds restored by peace and to consider their good fortune in surviving a war they never voluntarily spoke of anymore....The story of how families like the Nguyens dealt with the division and eventual unification is the story of modern-day Vietnam itself."

Lamb then asks the mother if it was hard, not knowing whether to support the North or the South.

"Oh I never distinguished between North and South," she said after pondering the question a moment. "What was the difference? I wasn't interested in politics. I just wanted my sons back. And peace. I wanted peace."

Throughout *Vietnam, Now*, Lamb's empathy and respect for the Vietnamese is evident. In his case, as with others, the shared, sad experience of war seems to have created a curious bond between former enemies.

But while his genuine affection for the Vietnamese people is obvious, he does not

hold back in his criticism of the "old guard" North Vietnamese communist policies since the Fall of Saigon. In particular Lamb blasts the cumbersome bureaucracy, and the cautious and unenlightened thinking that kept the North and South from a productive reconciliation and entrenched most people in the depths of poverty.

"Yes, I am critical in the book," Lamb says. "The Vietnamese government really missed opportunities after 1975 for true reconciliation within the country. And the sluggish pace of reforms has hindered the country's progress—especially coming so late to embrace a free market system."

He reserves special criticism for the brilliant mastermind of the North Vietnamese victory, General Vo Nguyen Giap—the last living Vietnamese hero, who Lamb feels could have contributed much needed leadership and inspiration to postwar Vietnam. But as Lamb found out first hand when he interviewed the general, he was trapped in the ideology of the past—an ideology that no longer resonates with Vietnam's youthful majority.

Despite his criticisms, Lamb says he has not received negative feedback from any Vietnamese—in Hanoi or Washington.

"No I haven't heard anything from Hanoi," Lamb says. "Certainly no official reaction from the government. I do have friends at the Vietnamese embassy in Washington who have read the book and they seem to think it was fair. Even with my criticisms of the government, the Vietnamese can tell that I have a deep affection for the people and the country. And I think that gives me a lot of points. If the Vietnamese realize that you genuinely respect and like their country, they are more forgiving if you take some shots at them."

Still, Lamb doesn't expect to ever see his book for sale in the stores of Hanoi.

Another reason the Vietnamese might not take offense to *Vietnam, Now* is that Lamb also levels a fair share of criticism against American policies toward Vietnam—both during and following the war.

That criticism is particularly strong in regards to the POW/MIA issue—an issue Lamb believes was manufactured for political reasons, and one which created false

hopes for families of MIAs.

But his criticism of American policies never carries over to the soldiers who Lamb got to know so well.

"I have the greatest respect for the Americans who fought in that war," he says. "And I'm really gratified that I have received good reaction to the book from veterans' groups like Vietnam Veterans of America. Our fighting men in Vietnam were as honorable as in any other war and it's unfortunate and sad that they were treated with such disrespect when they returned."

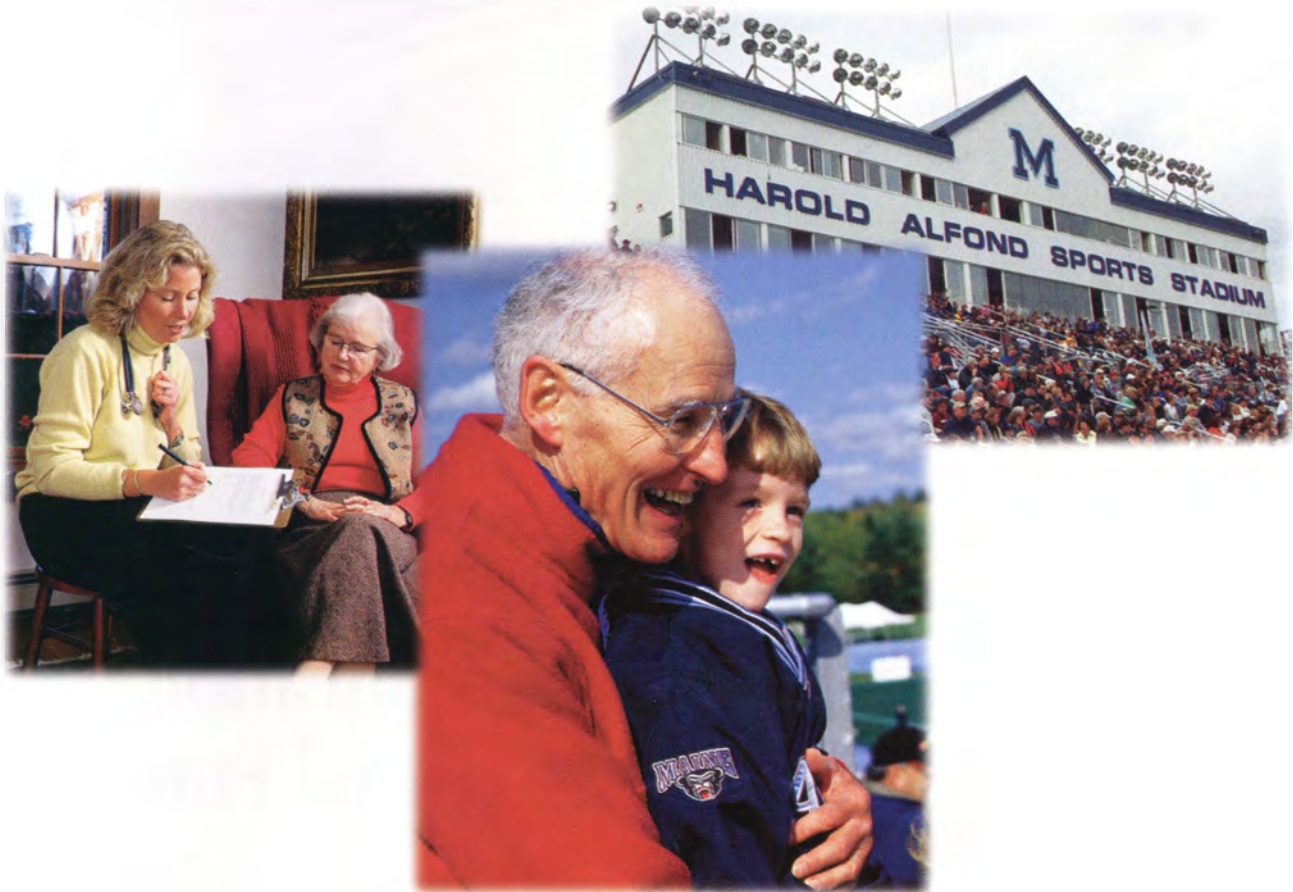
In addition to *Vietnam, Now*, Lamb narrated a documentary film on Vietnam, produced and directed by his wife Sandy, which appeared on PBS last May. With his deep Boston accent and his unassuming, relaxed style, Lamb was an engaging presence in front of the camera. And as with the book, the documentary received glowing reviews.

Soon after David Lamb returned from Vietnam in 2001, he was once again off covering other crises—last fall in Afghanistan, and just recently to Cairo, reporting on the growing tensions between the United States and Iraq.

But now, when he covers those international hot spots, he does so with a much deeper appreciation of the cultures and peoples of the world than he had as a young combat reporter in Vietnam. With his vast experience as a foreign correspondent Lamb now views America's place in the world through a wider lens. And while his love for America has never diminished, Lamb is now very comfortable criticizing what he sees as the U.S. government's current "myopic view of the world and its dangerous sense of unilateralism."

Unlike his first return, this time David Lamb will not be forgetting about Vietnam. This time the place did get into his psyche. And it's fortunate for us that it did. By offering a revealing, balanced, and very human account of this mysterious and misunderstood land, Lamb may help many of us find closure in what has been a prolonged and tragic chapter of American and Vietnamese history.

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