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UMaine is now a Sea Grant College Program

The University of Maine has been designated a Sea Grant College Program by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), joining a network of 28 official Sea Grant College programs that conduct marine education, training, and research.

The Sea Grant College Program links marine and coastal researchers and educators at the university, in particular at the school of marine sciences, with NOAA's vast databases of environmental and resource information, and provides access to NOAA ships, laboratories, and computing capabilities.

While Maine Sea Grant has been at the university for nearly 30 years, the campus was not previously designated as an actual "college" in the program. It means UMaine will now be equal in status to other major universities that conduct marine science.

University cited as a "Best Bargain"

In its annual guide, *The 357 Best Colleges*, the 2004 *Princeton Review* lists the University of Maine as 20th in its "Best Bargain-Public" category. The publication determines academic ratings for institutions, then compares those rankings with tuition costs to create a list of the top 20 American public colleges and universities in the category.



Alumni Association staff member, Shannon Coiley '93, welcomes the new Bananas to campus. (Photo by Kathy Snow Rice '83.)

Meet the New Bananas

After 20 years of faithful service, UMaine mascot Bananas T. Bear has retired. This summer Bananas trained his replacement (above), who made his first appearance at the September 11 Black Bear football game. This is the fourth variation of Bananas since 1969 when the university's chapter of Alpha Phi Omega fraternity began sponsoring and maintaining the UMaine mascot.

A Hearty "Maine Hello"

Nearly 500 University of Maine employees, students, and alumni welcomed 1,763 new University of Maine students to campus on August 27 as part of the university's modern version of the "Maine Hello." Students and their parents received directions to the right dorm, and once there, help in unloading their bags and boxes into their new residences.

It was all part of a weekend of activities to welcome and acclimate new students to campus. One highlight was the convocation speech by UMaine alumnus Doug Hall '81, who used the lessons he learned on his 1999 trek to the North Pole as examples for the new students to follow as they begin their own journey through college. Hall is a well known inventor and public speaker whose Eureka! Ranch advises some of the largest corporations.



Engineers Help With New Army Supercomputer

University of Maine computer engineers, along with employees of Applied Thermal Sciences of Sanford, will be involved in what may be the second most powerful computer in the world for the United States Army. The Army's decision to build the machine known as MACH 5 is based in part on UMaine research funded by the Army to develop more powerful and less expensive computer technology for military research.

"The goal of our work is to learn how to build bigger, better, and cheaper supercomputer technology for the Army," says Eric Wages '01, an engineer at UMaine's department of industrial cooperation. He is working with a team that includes engineers from UMaine and Applied Thermal Sciences as well as graduate students.

Cohen Center Receives \$3 Million Gift

The University of Maine Foundation has received a gift of approximately \$2.85 million to support UMaine's William S. Cohen Center for International Policy and Commerce. The donor of the gift wishes to remain anonymous.

The center was established in 1997 when the former senator and secretary of defense donated his papers along with a \$100,000 gift to the university.

Ted Woodward Replaces John Giannini as Men's Hoop Coach

There was good reason to feel a bit uneasy after UMaine's highly respected men's basketball coach, John Giannini, unexpectedly resigned in late August to take a lucrative offer at La Salle in Philadelphia. It's not the time of year you want to lose your head coach. With the beginning of practice only weeks away, there would be precious little time to mount a comprehensive search.

But UMaine's athletic director, Patrick Nero, had a gut feeling about a certain potential candidate for the job—a candidate who could take over immediately and who could make a smooth and seamless transition into the job.

Just 10 days later, on August 31, Nero announced that longtime Black Bear assistant and associate coach Ted Woodward was his choice to become UMaine's



Ted Woodward (Photo by Michael York.)

20th head basketball coach.

"I started with that gut instinct, but in this day and age, with the profile and importance of this position, you want to make sure you've done your homework," Nero said. "I don't know if we've ever had a coach hired in 10 days at UMaine, but it just reconfirmed the quality of the man we have here."

Woodward has served as Coach Giannini's assistant (last year he was promoted to associate head coach) and top recruiter for eight years at UMaine. Prior to that,

he was an assistant at Central Connecticut State, Harvard, and the University of Connecticut. At UConn he helped head coach John Calhoun rebuild the Huskies into a national power.

It's the first head coaching job for Woodward, who lives in Orono with his wife Linda and two children.

He will take over a program that has enjoyed a string of successful seasons under Giannini. With 125 victories and 111 losses, the former Black Bear coach had the best winning percentage in school history at .530. The team also achieved its only two 20-plus win seasons under Giannini's leadership. In 2002 and 2004, the Black Bears advanced to the America East championship game and are the only school to reach the conference semifinals in five of the last six seasons.

Nero has confirmed that UMaine has received a \$110,000 buyout from La Salle to release Giannini from his contract. He was receiving a \$105,000 salary at UMaine.

University of Maine System Modifies Reorganization Plans

Following substantial criticism of a sweeping plan to restructure the University of Maine System, Chancellor Joseph Westphal presented a modified proposal to System trustees in late August.

The original proposal called for the Fort Kent, Presque Isle, and Machias campuses to combine into one comprehensive institution, under the name of the University of Northern Maine. It also proposed that the University of Maine at Augusta become part of the University of Southern Maine.

Under the modified plan, Fort Kent, Presque Isle, and Machias would not be merged, but rather would form a consortium and operate under one budget in an effort to save on administrative costs. Each of the three campuses would retain its own identity and continue to have its own president. The plan also calls for minimizing duplication of majors.

Following the System trustees meeting, Westphal said he listened to the public's comments and "understood the concern



about identity and leadership."

Other changes from the original plan include allowing System campuses to continue offering two-year associate degrees until "a seamless transition can occur over time."

One change that affects the University of Maine campus concerns the status of

University College of Bangor (UCB). UCB would be run by UMaine, most likely through the Division of Lifelong Learning. It was also proposed that frontline services such as admissions and financial aid would not be centralized.

As with the original proposal, the new plan would have the University of Maine at Augusta become part of the University of Southern Maine.

Overall, the chancellor's office estimates that the revised plan would save about \$12 million per year as compared with the \$15 million with the original proposal.

The trustees were scheduled to vote on the recommended changes at a meeting in late September.

Tops in Electrical Engineering

Most folks who spend time with Farmington native Matt Rodrigue '04 come away shaking their heads in amazement at how he could have achieved so much in four years at the University of Maine.

This summer Rodrigue completed two degrees—a bachelor of science in computer engineering with a minor in business administration, and a second in electrical engineering with a minor in mathematics.

He completed those degrees with a near perfect 3.9 grade point average.

But that's just the beginning. Rodrigue also ran varsity cross-country his freshman year, then opted to coach Orono's high school cross-country for the next three years.

He served as a student senator and a full year as student government president. In addition, he was appointed by Governor Angus King to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees and he also served as president of UMaine's chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

For all his service and achievement, Rodrigue was named outstanding graduate in the college of engineering. He was also a Rhodes Scholar finalist and Student Leader of the Year.

But Rodrigue's most recent honor is far and away the most impressive. In May he was named the top electrical engineering student in the United States by Eta Kappa Nu, the national electrical engineering honor society.

Rodrigue plans to take a much-deserved year off before enrolling in law school.



Photo by Kathy Snow Rice '83

New Center Will Respond to the "Brain Drain"

The University of Maine has plans for a new center where students can learn about entrepreneurship.

The proposed Student Innovation Center, still in the early stages of development, will be "a resource for students who want to develop a business as part of their work," according to Jake Ward, executive director of resources and planning at the university.

The new center is in many ways a direct response to Maine's "brain drain," a term used to describe the trend of many of the best trained and brightest graduates leaving the state in pursuit of jobs.

"It's our hope that through the innovation center students will gain skills, knowledge, and resources to build businesses here in Maine," noted Renee Kelly, the university's business and economic development liaison.

Ward said the center will be about "people using their minds to create their jobs...." He pointed to other programs at the university, such as the New Media program, as examples of the state's desire to create new job markets and move beyond its shrinking manufacturing and agricultural base.

"The new center is not just about commercializing science and engineering," Ward said. "It's about everything. It's about building a creative economy."

(From a *Bangor Daily News* story by Josh Keefe.)

Humans as Earth Movers

Highway interchanges, coal mines, Boston's Big Dig: According to UMaine scientist Roger LeBaron Hooke, such large scale earth-moving activities have propelled humans into becoming perhaps the most potent force in shaping the planet—surpassing rivers, wind, storms, and other natural phenomena. He finds the achievement troubling and other scientists are taking note. Hooke estimates that on a worldwide basis, humans move more of the planet around, about 45 gigatons (billion tons) annually than do any combination of natural forces including glaciers, oceans, rivers, and wind.

Foundation Celebrates 70 Years

On June 9, 1934, the University of Maine Class of 1909 presented a check for \$1,000 to the newly formed University of Maine Foundation. On June 9, 2004, the Foundation celebrated its 70th anniversary as an organization with more than \$120 million in total assets.

At the anniversary dinner at the Buchanan Alumni House, seven individuals, representing each decade of the Foundation's existence, were honored. Those seven people were: Stephen Wheatland (1934-44), Raymond H. Fogler '15 (1944-54), Mark R. Shibles (1954-64), Vincent A. Hartgen (1964-74), Alice R. Stewart '37 (1974-84), Harold Alfond (1984-94), and George L. Jacobson (1994-2004).

The keynote speaker was Rajendra Singh '73G, chair of the board at LCC International and Telcom Ventures—companies he and his wife, Neera, cofounded. Their work at these technology firms has helped revolutionize communications.



Neera and Rajendra Singh



Olympia Snowe '69 Recognized for Outstanding Political Career

It was as a student at the University of Maine that Olympia Snowe '69 was first drawn to politics. She even dreamed of someday being the first female president. Although she hasn't attained that high office yet, she has become one of the most influential members of the United States Senate.

For her outstanding political achievements and her more than 30 years of public service to the people of Maine, Snowe received the Alumni Career Award at Reunion 2004 in June.

The Senator was unable to attend the ceremony, but in a video presentation she expressed how much the award and the university meant to her.

"I know the outstanding people who have received this honor," she said. "And I'm humbled to be recognized by the alma mater I treasure and love. UMaine prepared me to fulfill my aspirations. It planted the seed for a bright future, and my life will be forever rooted in the rich soil of this outstanding institution. It fills me with pride to be a graduate of the University of Maine."

Snowe's 30-year-career includes service in the state legislature, the state senate, and the U.S. Congress before her election to the U.S. Senate in 1994. With that election she became the first UMaine graduate to represent Maine in the Senate. In 1997 she was chosen as counsel to the assistant majority leader. Later she became the first woman to secure a full-term seat on the powerful Senate Finance Committee. Throughout her political life, she has led efforts to benefit the people of Maine, including helping to secure federal disaster funds in response to the 1998 ice storm, increasing funding for Togus Veteran's Hospital, reauthorizing of the Northeast Dairy Compact to help Maine dairy farmers, and opposing a federal rule that would have devastated the state's lobster industry.

She is also a well-known champion for women's issues, particularly women's health. In addition, her life and her achievements serve as an inspiration for girls and women in Maine and around the nation.

Orono Bog Boardwalk Offered \$50,000 Challenge Grant

The popular Orono Bog Boardwalk was recently offered \$50,000 by an anonymous donor. To receive the funds, the boardwalk must raise \$50,000 in matching funds from other sources.

According to boardwalk director and UMaine professor emeritus, Ron Davis, the funds are to help build a boardwalk endowment, whose earnings will be used to maintain the facility and continue its educational programs.

The boardwalk, which is jointly managed by the university, the Orono Land Trust, and the City of Bangor, opened to the public in June 2003. In its first year 15,650 people visited the facility.

Anyone interested in helping the boardwalk obtain the challenge grant funds can contact the University of Maine Foundation at Two Alumni Place, University of Maine, Orono, Maine 04469.

Site Chosen for New Student Recreation Center

The site for the much-anticipated new student recreation and fitness center will be on the perimeter of campus near the Hill-top Quad. It will be constructed on the field where the annual student music festival, Bumstock, is held.

Architectural proposals for the 86,000 square-foot center are currently being reviewed. Last year the University of Maine System trustees approved \$25 million for the facility, which will be funded by a combination of user fees and student fees.

A recent survey of almost 3,000 UMaine students indicated an overwhelming majority thought a new fitness center was a priority for the campus.

The new facility is expected to be completed in 2006.

Leaving the Job You Love

It wasn't quite the way that UMaine's 17th president envisioned ending his term. But Peter Hoff can look back on seven successful years of growth and achievement that moved the university forward.

By *Jim Frick*

Photographs by Mike Mardosa '73

Peter Hoff loved being a university president—really loved it. He says that from the first day he entered his office in Alumni Hall in 1997, “I’d found what I wanted to do when I grew up.” It wasn’t any one thing, but more the variety and comprehensiveness of the job—being responsible for everything from academics and athletics to making sure the snow was plowed.

And by most measures he was pretty darn good at it, too. During Hoff’s seven-year tenure, the longest for a UMaine president since 1965, the university grew from just under 9,000 students, to its current level of more than 11,000—a growth that came with no lowering of academic standards. And with the help of a group of high-profile faculty members, he was able to gain support for university research and a new appreciation for the importance of that research in the state of Maine’s growth and development.

On campus, the success of the Hoff presidency is clearly visible in the more than

\$175 million worth of new and renovated buildings.

“We took this beautiful traditional 19th century campus and turned it into a 21st century educational facility,” he says proudly.

So if he was a success as president, and loved the job, why did the System chancellor ask him to step down?

Hoff himself seems to be a bit mystified about the reasons. Being a sports fan, he uses a baseball analogy to explain his confusion.

“You’re a major league pitcher,” Hoff begins. “You’ve played for several teams and find yourself going to the Red Sox. Now, the Sox have had a bit of a short losing streak and you’re asked to start the game and turn things around for the team.

“You’re pitching great and you have a comfortable lead. But in the third inning, the manager decides to resign. The board has a quick meeting and hires a new manager, who isn’t a baseball person—the board wants to shake things up. You stay in as pitcher, still doing really well. In the

seventh inning, the new manager comes out and says, ‘I think we need to replace you.’ You say, ‘But I’m not tired. I’m doing well, we have a good lead, why would you want me out—my fastball is still 94 MPH.’ He says, ‘Well, yes, you’re doing a great job, but I just feel we need a different kind of pitcher in here now.’ Finally I ask who the new pitcher is and he says he hasn’t hired him yet—that they are going to start a search. In the meantime he’s going to bring in a temporary replacement until they decide who the new pitcher will be.

“So you leave the mound scratching your head, saying, ‘Well I pitched a darn good seven innings, what the heck.’”

Although no definitive reason for his departure was offered, there has been a good deal of speculation about why Peter Hoff worked without a contract for more than a year, and why he was ultimately asked to resign and was offered a faculty position at the university.

As *Bangor Daily News* editorial editor Todd Benoit observed, it seems that Chancellor Joseph Westphal and the System



trustees think the time has come to modify the president's job description for its flagship's campus. That new job description would tie into the System's strategic plan, putting more emphasis on external relationships—in particular, developing closer alliances with the private sector, raising more money, and bringing more national attention to the campus.

Hoff is well aware of the revised job description and the fact that, across the nation, university presidents are being asked to play much more of a role in external affairs—public relations, alliance building, and fundraising.

But he thinks he fits that new description rather well.

"I would put my external and political record up against anyone," he says. "I really think I embraced that part of the president's role. That included visiting every high school in the state and meeting with members of the business community and the legislature. I would say that my record indicates that I am exactly the kind of president the chancellor is looking for."

While there is obvious disappointment in UMaine's former president, Hoff seems ready to embrace his new role as a research professor who will look into higher education issues in the state.

"My head is already into it," Hoff says. "I'm excited about my new position, even though I regret not being able to finish my agenda as president—an agenda that would have involved moving UMaine to a new level."

And although he would still like to be the person to lead it to that "new level," Hoff says the University of Maine has more than enough talent on campus to complete the goals of his administration.

In reflecting on his accomplishments, Hoff points first to bringing graduate education and research into its own at UMaine.

"Those programs have always been good," he explains. "But with the help of the Faculty Five, our emergence as a bonafide, top-level research institution really came into its own."

The Faculty Five were five prominent

UMaine professors, led by George Jacobson and Stephen Norton, who took the initiative to begin meeting with legislators and other groups around the state to promote the importance of research at the university.

"I'm really proud that I was around when that happened," Hoff says. "I think we helped bring a brighter future to Maine as the state's research institution. And the remarkable thing was that we were able to help people understand why that's important—how much it benefits the state economy. Sometimes the public and legislatures don't 'get' research—they think it competes with the real mission of teaching."

Hoff is pleased that many more people now understand that providing a top-quality undergraduate education goes hand in hand with the university's research mission.

"Research is critical to the development of the Maine economy," he says. "And unless we have a strong state, economically, where well-educated graduates can get jobs and live quality lives, then all you're

doing is educating students for export.”

While convincing Maine politicians and the public of the importance of supporting UMaine research ranks highest on the list of accomplishments, it's not necessarily what brought Hoff the most personal satisfaction. That came, he says, on the first and last days of the academic year.

“If I had to single out one thing, it would be seeing the satisfaction in people's eyes,” he says. “For example, on move-in or ‘Maine Hello’ day, when of all things, the university president and his wife greet new students at their dormitory and help carry their boxes upstairs. The parents were dumbfounded to see that. People were so happy to see the way this community welcomed them to campus.”

At the other end of the university cycle, Hoff says nothing meant more to him than maintaining the tradition of shaking every single graduate's hand at commencement.

“That was my favorite day. I loved seeing the pride on their faces,” he says.

While Hoff believes he is leaving the university strong and poised for an even brighter future, he does see some major challenges ahead for the next UMaine president. They are ones that have been around for a while.

“There are two difficulties that are really built into this university and are actually problems at many institutions. One is the fact that the flagship campus is in Orono and the majority of people are in Southern Maine and, with that fact, the perceived pressure to have the flagship somewhere else. This isn't unique to Maine.”

Hoff points to a study he did which found that if you take public higher education in all 50 states, the average distance from the flagship campus to the largest population center of each state is 137 miles. That's almost the exact distance from Orono to Portland.

“So we're really average in that regard,” Hoff notes. “It's a dynamic that is playing out in lots of places. Perhaps too much is made of the Orono versus Portland thing. On the other hand, it's something that



shouldn't be ignored.”

The other big difficulty Hoff sees ahead is also one that is shared by many public higher education systems—the dynamic between Maine's flagship campus and the System office.

“It's been a point of friction since the system was born in 1968,” Hoff says. “It's something that every UMaine president has to work with, but it certainly isn't unique to Maine.”

As far as an ideal relationship between a university president and a System chancellor, Hoff believes it's important for the flagship president to “play out” its campus' role as the state's university.

“That's the piece that is different and somewhat missing in Maine,” he says. “There is not quite the acceptance that this university is as great as it is, including its statewide service to the public.”

Hoff believes that good chancellors recognize that the best way for them to be effective is to deal with statewide issues, especially in the legislature, in selling public higher education. In addition, they need to surround themselves with talented presidents and give them a lot of leeway to do their jobs. Finally, he says, System leaders need to provide clear mission differentiation among the campuses.

“The best Systems heads have all worked that way,” Hoff says. “Differentiating missions and making sure that the various units in the System don't overlap too much or get in a situation where they are stepping on each others' toes. Otherwise, chancellors should work closely with the campus presidents, but trust them to do their jobs well.”

As for the System's latest reorganization plan (see page 5), Hoff says the plan's vision for the University of Maine campus is very encouraging, but that it leaves most of its substance to implementation.

“It has a great vision for Orono—that it will continue its route to greatness and achieve all the things we want for this university,” he says. “There is nothing wrong with it in that respect. But it has been said many times, ‘The devil is in the details.’”

What the former UMaine president worries about most is a move toward more System centralization.

“It looks as though that may happen, with or without the plan being adopted,” Hoff says. “I don't think the System office should see itself as a ‘super university’ that runs a bunch of campuses around the state. I think the centralization issue is really the most significant, not the reorganization, which is getting all the press.”

With a five-year, fairly lucrative appointment as a research professor, Hoff has no immediate plans to seek another presidency or a chancellorship. He and Dianne Hoff, who has a thriving career as a professor in the UMaine college of education, recently purchased a home in Bangor.

But having been a finalist for leadership positions at several other prominent universities in recent years, Hoff is likely to have such opportunities arise again. He says he will continue to keep his career options open.

“If the right opportunity came along, I would have to embrace it,” Hoff admits. “But it would have to be the right opportunity, and it's not going to break my heart if that opportunity never comes along. Moving into a new phase of what has been a very rewarding career is something that makes me feel good.”

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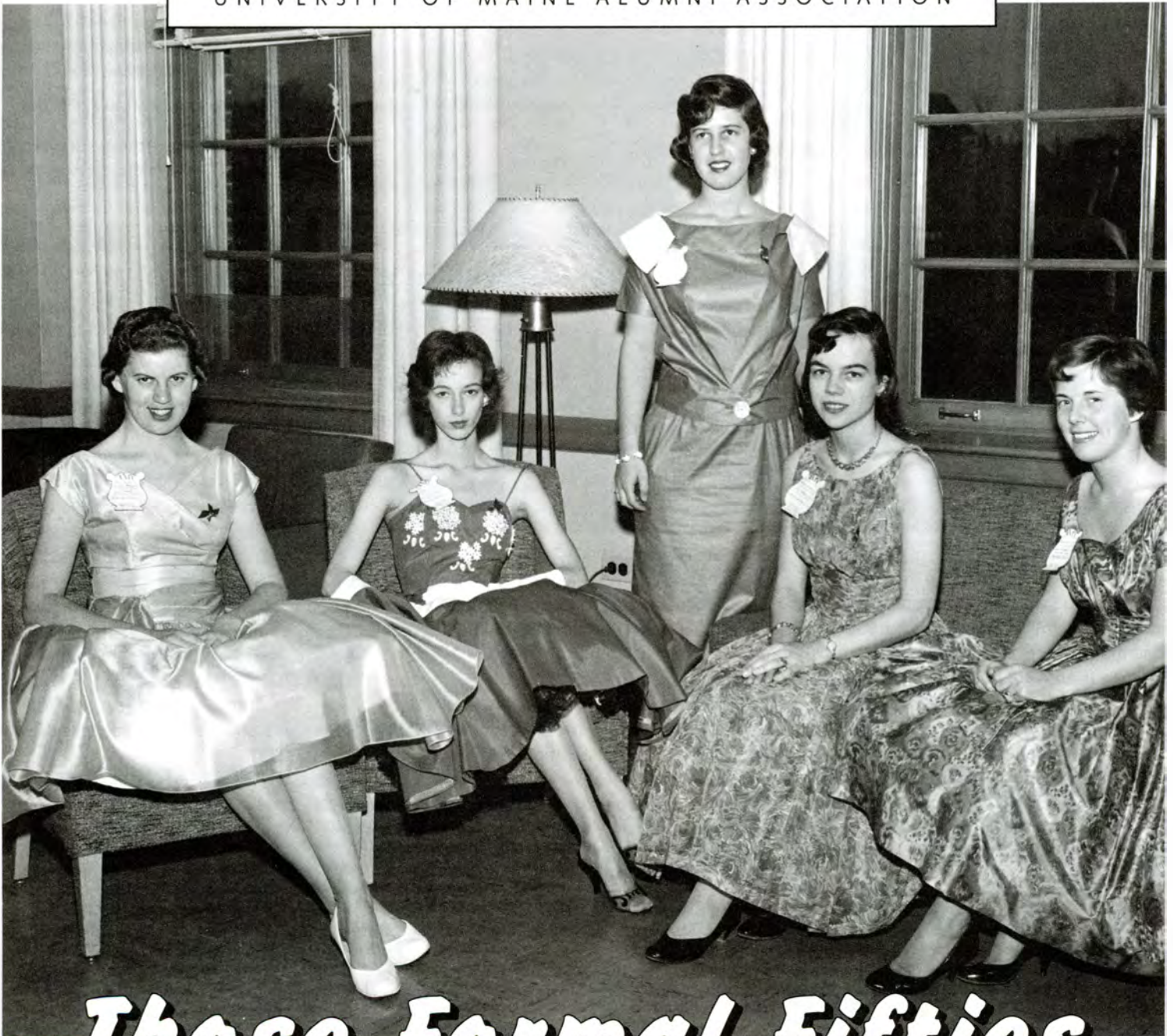
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Alumni News and Events



Alumni Association Brings "Capital Steps" to the MCA

An entirely new venture for the UMaine Alumni Association turned out to be a highly successful one. On September 8, a packed house at the Maine Center for the Arts (MCA) enjoyed the political satire of the Capital Steps—a show presented by the alumni association with sponsorship from the University of Maine Credit Union and the *Bangor Daily News*.

"In the midst of the focus on the American political scene this fall, we thought it might be fun to bring the Capital Steps back to Maine to tackle topical issues and turn them into an hour-and-a half of pure laughter and fun for the community," noted UMAA staff member Danny Williams '91, '94G. Williams and fellow staff member Todd Saucier '93, '97G were the event's primary coordinators.

Williams believes the MCA presentation was such a positive thing for the alumni association that it's likely to end up being an annual undertaking.

About the Cover

The first pledges to UMaine's Delta Theta chapter of Alpha Chi Omega. Left to right are: Nancy Morse Dysart '60, Dorothy Dettloff Bourassa '60, Jane Wilson Sturgis '61, Carolyn Hainer Blanchard '60, and Barbara Sullivan Moyer '61. All were students in the late 1950s and early 60s, which Nancy Dysart calls "a lovely, formal time on campus."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, October 7, 2004

Portland Alumnae Dinner

5:00 p.m. social, 5:30 p.m. dinner

North Deering Congregational Church

1364 Washington Avenue, Portland

Contact Marion Libby Broaddus '42 (207) 854-4648 or Ginny Merchant Hoy '46 (207) 642-4138.

Friday, October 15 – Sunday, October 17, 2004

Family & Friends Weekend

For more information go to: umaine.edu/familyandfriends/

Friday, October 22 – Sunday, October 24, 2004

Homecoming Weekend 2004 – GO BLUE

Join us for an exciting weekend packed with old and new friends and plenty of UMaine spirit!

Highlights include the Homecoming football game against Northeastern and the alumni association Craft Fair. For more information go to: mainealumni.com

Sunday, November 21, 2004

Men's ice hockey in Portland, UM vs Providence at 2:00 p.m.

Group tickets available for CCAC members, family, and friends by calling (207) 828-2327.

Or call (207) 581-BEAR or 1-800-756-TEAM.

Monday, November 22, 2004

Men's basketball in Portland, UM vs Bethune-Cookman at 7:00 p.m.

Group tickets available for CCAC members, family, and friends by calling (207) 828-2327.

Or call (207) 581-BEAR or 1-800-756-TEAM.

Sunday, December 12, 2004

"Magic of Christmas"

Merrill Auditorium, Portland, Maine, at 2:00 p.m. Block seats and discount prices available for CCAC members, family, and friends by calling (207) 828-2327.

Tuesday, December 28 & Wednesday, December 29, 2004

Men's ice hockey 4th Annual Florida Everblades College Classic

Teco Arena, Estero, Florida

UMaine, Boston College, Cornell, St. Cloud

Rallies, game times, golf tourney, and more details to be announced.

Contact goblackbears.collegesports.com/ for further information.

Friday, January 7, 2005

Men's ice hockey in Portland, UM vs USA U-18 Team at 7:00 p.m.

Group tickets available for CCAC members, family, and friends by calling (207) 828-2327.

Or call (207) 581-BEAR or 1-800-756-TEAM.

Saturday, January 15, 2005

Women's basketball in Portland, UM vs Albany at 2:00 p.m.

Group tickets available for CCAC members, family, and friends by calling (207) 828-2327.

Or call (207) 581-BEAR or 1-800-756-TEAM.

Skowhegan Resident Wins 2004 Tuition Raffle

Adam J. Whittemore, a University of Maine sophomore majoring in finance, is the winner of the alumni association's annual tuition raffle for 2004. He is the son of James and Gale Whittemore of Skowhegan. As the raffle winner, Adam will receive two free semesters of tuition at the university.

New Lifetime Membership Discounts for Senior Alumni

Quite a few UMaine graduates have approached the alumni association in recent years about offering a reduced price on lifetime memberships to older alumni. Well, we were listening!

In a new pricing structure announced in September, the alumni association will now give significant discounts on lifetime memberships to UMaine alumni 60 years old and older. Alumni 60 to 69 will now pay \$500 for a lifetime membership, and alumni over 70 will now pay just \$300. The lifetime membership fee for alumni under 60 will remain at \$600.

UMaine Clothing On-Line



Fleece vest—add your own UMaine emblem.

Great Black Bear clothing from the University of Maine Alumni Association on-line store is now available at: mainealumni.com. Jackets, sweaters, fleeces, tees, polo shirts, kids' clothes, tote bags, blankets, and more can be ordered via our secure web site. And we'll ship

directly to your door. Just pick your item and choose your UMaine emblem.



Celebrating Buchanan Alumni House

Among the guests attending a reception to celebrate the second anniversary of the opening of Buchanan Alumni House were alumni association board members (left to right): Virginia "Ginny" Gibson '72, '76G, Stan Allain '61, and Suzanne Hart '68. The event was held in early June at the beautiful Bangor home of John '68 and Lynda Martin Rohman '81. John, whose architectural/engineering firm designed Alumni House, is also an alumni association board member.

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Bill Bodwell '50

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Alumni Enterprises

A Journey Toward Clarity and Insight

Barbara and Doug Babkirk '73 combine their talents and passions to create a retreat for women set in the beauty of Southern France.

In 1987 Doug and Barbara Sirois Babkirk '73 were traveling in France when they discovered the 14th century village of Biot set in the beautiful foothills of the southern Alps near the Mediterranean Sea. They fell in love with the area, as well as the villa where they stayed, and began to return to Biot on an annual basis. Little did they know that this artisan village, known for its glass blowing and pottery, would become the location for a business venture some 12 years later.

The idea surfaced after their daughter, Kate, went off to college in 1998, and both Barbara and Doug felt the void that comes with an empty nest.

One thing they knew they shared was a love of France. He is a lifelong Francophile, and she majored in French at UMaine.

One day at breakfast, Doug asked Barbara, a licensed counselor who has a private practice focusing on career and work issues, if she would consider running an annual women's retreat in Southern France.

"We started brainstorming, and he said, 'I'll do the cooking for you.' Now Doug is a wonderful cook, and it's something he loves to do, so that made the idea even more appealing," she says.

Cooking is indeed a serious hobby for Doug. His full-time job is with the UMaine Cooperative Extension, where he has served as a faculty member and department chair for 25 years.

To prepare for the first retreat in 1999, he



Barbara Sirois Babkirk '73

met with French friends who helped him come up with what Barbara calls a "fabulous menu of Provençale cooking."

Of course, great food from the region was only part of the concept for the retreat. Barbara and Doug's vision was to offer a unique blend of touring and sightseeing coupled with structured reflective time to a small group of women, primarily focused on gaining insight and clarity—often involving transitions in work.



Home of the Babkirks' women's retreat in Biot, France.

"The group is limited to no more than seven women," explains Barbara. "Each woman comes with her own agenda. It doesn't have to be about work or career, but every year there are participants who come for that reason—women who are in transition in their work life."

For about two hours each day she guides discussions and exercises "to elicit your inner knowing and insights."

And every day includes a specially planned outing to the areas of the region that are not often revealed to the casual tourist. Those destinations can include a traditional Provençale market in the nearby city of Antibes, the magnificent gardens of the Rothschild Estate, the distinctive shops in the village of Vence, or Matisse's masterpiece: the Chapelle du Rosaire.

And when they return, they can relax in their rooms at the retreat's 18th century stucco house and await one of Doug's gourmet meals served on the terrace.

"His culinary selections always receive rave reviews," Barbara says.

Barbara and Doug first met in a freshman English class at UMaine, but didn't start dating until shortly before their graduation in 1973. A year later they were married. At the university they often crossed paths; she was an All Maine Woman, and he was a Sophomore Owl and a Senior Skull.

And after 30 years of marriage, they now look forward to expanding their working relationship at the women's retreat.

"This is our fifth year, and the feedback we've received is very positive," Barbara says. "We definitely see it continuing and expanding. We may offer a second retreat and also offer individual intensive retreats. A man or woman might come and meet with me over the course of several days rather than an entire week. Eventually Doug and I would like to stay for part of the year."

To find out more about the retreat, or other programs and services offered by Barbara, check out her web site: barbarababkirk.com.

Classnotes

Senior Alumni

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Welcome to your revitalized Senior Alumni column. Your Senior Alumni Council has set as one of its priorities an objective to promote communications among our senior alumni. There are a number of recent items with this issue that will interest our seniors.

The Senior Alumni Council met during Reunion 2004 and covered a wide range of items. **Jayne Hanson Bartley '49** was elevated to the presidency of our association when **Fred Knight '49** decided that being away a good part of the year was not appropriate for him to assume that position. **Ruth Fogler Goff '48** assumed the 1st vice president position. **Bill Currie '52** will continue as 2nd vice president and chair the scholarship committee. **Mary-Jane Hoyt Pierce '46** will take over the secretary's reins and **Thelma Crossland Robie '49** will become the new treasurer. **Preston Rand '43** becomes the new auditor, ex officio. **Dick Noyes '51** remains on the council as past president, ex officio.

Barbara Sullivan Knowlton '48 and Dr. **Henry Woodbrey '53** were elected to first term (five years). **Jean Grindle Carville '54** and **H. Allen Fernald '54** were elected to the council as representatives of the 50th Reunion Class of 1954. **Shirley Hathaway Sibley '46** was specially recognized for her years of contribution to the Senior Alumni. Her term expired this year.

Several other notable items were addressed: **Dick Sprague '50** chair, and his finance and allocation committee were given recognition for their fine efforts to achieve their goal of \$80,500 which was necessary to meet our commitment to support our scholarship goal. It was a job well done. The committee recommended that the goal be increased to \$82,620 for the 2004-2005 academic year. The council approved the committee's recommendation unanimously. The total of scholarship

Austin Wilkins '26 Honored for Forestry Work

One of the great men in the history of Maine forestry recently became the first recipient of a new award named in his honor.

The Austin H. Wilkins Forest Stewardship Award was presented to Austin on June 8 at a ceremony at the Blaine House in Augusta.

Austin's career in the Maine Forest Service spanned 44 years, and reached its pinnacle in 1958 when he was appointed commissioner by Governor Edmund Muskie. Altogether, he served in forest service under 13 governors, including his close friend Percival Baxter. Austin was instrumental in the creation of Baxter State Park, and served as chairman of the Baxter State Park Authority. He is also recognized for the development of the northeast forest-fire compact following the devastating fires that occurred in Maine in 1947. The compact was the first of its kind in the United States.

At the ceremony, Austin told those in attendance that having the award named in his honor was one of the highlights of his life. And that's saying something considering the fact that Austin turned 101 in July.



support since its inception will exceed \$900,000. In one more year, your Senior Alumni dollar support will pass the one million dollar mark in financial aid to students. This could only happen with your generous and continued support. We thank you.

The council felt it was essential that we undertake a major effort to keep in touch with our Senior Alumni. To that end, it was agreed that we have an expanded column in future issues of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. Bill Currie '52 was appointed to head up this task and to get it underway.

The council also felt it was important that we undertake more activities to promote good fellowship among senior membership. At Homecoming last year, we held for the first time a Senior Alumni luncheon in the McIntire Room at the Buchanan House. Over 75 attended

this first luncheon. Our second luncheon will be held again at this year's Homecoming. Our new president, Jayne Hanson Bartley '49 will spearhead the new activities committee and will be ably supported by Jean Grindle Carville '54 and Thelma Crossland Robie '49. Please pass along to Jayne, Jean, or Thelma your thoughts on activities that we should consider.

At the awards breakfast on Sunday, June 6th, several Senior Alumni were recognized for their outstanding support to their class, the alumni, and to the university.

Bill Bodwell '50 was presented with the prestigious Pine Tree Emblem Service Award. The award is presented annually in recognition and appreciation of leadership and service to the University of Maine alumni body.

The 2004 Black Bear Award was presented posthumously to **Jean**

Hufnagel '44. This award is given annually in appreciation of outstanding service to the University through multiple endeavors and for devotion and loyalty to the highest traditions of the University of Maine.

The Hilda A. Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award is presented annually in recognition of exemplary service to the class as class correspondent. This year **Nancy Schott Plaisted '53** was presented this award for her dedication and exemplary contribution.

Also, this year five of our Senior Alumni were recognized in appreciation of outstanding leadership and constructive participation in alumni events and class activities. The Block "M" Awards were presented to **Al Ehrenfried '44**, **Chuck '54** and **Beth Leighton Furlong '52**, Jayne Hanson Bartley '49, our new Senior Alumni president and the president of the Class of 1949, and posthumously to **Ralph Barnett '49**.

This year the 2004 Golden "M" Award was presented to **Mary MacKinnon Nelson '54**. This award is presented to a member of the 50th Reunion class to recognize the individual "who has done the most to unify and strengthen the class since graduation."

Congratulations to all for their loyal support to their class, and to the University.

There are also newspaper clippings regarding Senior Alumni. **Frank Knight '30** was the subject of a story about his forestry career and his volunteer work as tree warden in Yarmouth. For almost 50 years, Frank has worked to keep the majestic elms in Yarmouth healthy. He monitors them, as well as other trees, for pests and disease, helps treat them, and even grows nurseries of trees for future plantings. He recently began training an assistant to continue the work that has kept the trees in his hometown so beautiful and healthy.

Finally, congratulations to **Worth L. Noyes '29**, who received the Boston Post Cane last fall. At 99-years-old, Worth is the oldest resident of Orrington. He was a farmer as well as a teacher and was head of the math department at Bangor High School.

Homecoming 2004
October 22-24

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Dear Classmates,

It is a bit difficult to write a news column when there is no news forthcoming. I am quite sure that something is happening or about to happen to many of our group that would be of interest to the other members. The big question is how to get you to relay that information to me. I am open to any and all suggestions from you as to how to remedy this situation.

There is a glimmer of light on the horizon. Our 70th Reunion is scheduled for June 2005 which is now less than a year away. Our vice president, **George Carlisle**, has agreed to be our contact person with the university. Since this may be our last formal get together, I am suggesting that each and every one of you seriously consider attending. I am asking that each of you drop me a note telling me whether or not you plan to attend and if you are not planning to attend, give me the reasons. A letter from each of you should give me material for several columns.

In order to make our upcoming Reunion the best ever, we need suggestions from you as to what you would like to see on the program. George and I will be watching our mail.

As you know, the summer issue of the magazine was scratched. Since writing and submitting my column, there has been some news (not good) which is now being added to my earlier efforts.

It is with much sadness that I recently learned of the passing of **Paul Knight**. There were two Paul Knights in our class. Since they had different middle initials, they were referred to as PI and PK. I do not recall much about PK, but PI was born and grew up in my home town of Eliot. His father was my mother's grade school teacher and later became principal of York High School. PI and I were in the class of 1931 in Eliot High School. Of the 10 students graduating, Paul was the valedictorian and I was relegated to second place salutatorian. We played baseball together and as I recall we did not win any games. I was a poor ball player and he was not much better.



Basil Staples '35, '36G (left) receiving the Black Bear Award in 1991 from former alumni association president Max Burry '57.

Basil Staples '35 Honored by AGR Fraternity

Class of 1935 member (and class correspondent) Basil Staples was recently chosen for the Alpha Gamma Rho Brothers of the Century Award as part of the 100th anniversary celebration of that fraternity. Basil is one of 700 AGR brothers chosen for their distinguished service to AGR and the agriculture industry.

PI selected chemical engineering as his major and I, because of limited (non existent) funds, chose agriculture so that I could work on the university farm to pay for my education.

In the fall of 1931 we traveled together by train from Dover to Bangor to become University of Maine students. He was assigned a room on the first floor of Oak Hall and I was given #204 on the second floor. Both of us spent our careers in the chemical industry. He retired as vice president of Bird Roofing Company. Over the years we met at reunions, the last one being our 61st high school reunion in 1992. He promised to attend our 60th in Orono but did not make it. There are happenings in life that we enjoy and long remember. One of my such happenings is my life-long association with Paul Irving Knight.

We lost two other classmates in December.

Frederick W. King lived in Augusta and was the owner of Allagash River Canoe Trips.

Roy H. Monroe of Milo, Maine, served in the Air Corps, taught secondary school, and was involved in numerous civic activities. My heartfelt sympathies are offered to

those they left behind.

I feel obliged to add a footnote to this column. My bride of 69 years, **Jean**, passed away on June 5. She was a graduate of the University of Maine at Machias and an honorary member of our class.

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Gerry and **Viola Beverage** sent me a Christmas card saying that they were spending Christmas in Menlo Park, California, with their daughter **Clare** and her husband **Tim** along with grandchildren **Anne** and **Daniel**. They did not plan to stop at the dude ranch near Tucson. I know just how they feel. I have not had any desire to go horseback riding for the past 10 years.

Mildred Sawyer Connors wrote that she has one son, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, all of whom live in California. They

have tried to get **Mildred** to move out there, but she does not want to be so far away from her sister who lives in New Jersey. Another drawback might be leaving the Patriots football team which has won the Superbowl game in two of the last three years.

George Northrup enclosed with his Christmas card the notice that **Jo Ann "Jodie,"** his wife of 54 years, had died on 26 November 2003. We extend our sympathy to George and his family—all of Norcross, Georgia.

Margaret Hall Hook sent me a newsletter of the activities of her extended family during the past year. The most interesting to me was the publishing of *Spruce Head Centennial* written by Margaret's son **Len** and his wife **Cindy**. It contains stories and pictures of the Hall family since **Captain Charles Emery Hall** and **Margi Dickson Hall** built the cottage 100 years ago.

I passed a milestone on the 10th of March 2004 by "shooting my age" on the local golf course. I had almost given up hope of doing this as my game has deteriorated during these past few years.

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Selectman in his home town of **Corinna** for 11 years, State Representative for four years, State Senator for 14 years, and now historian. But we don't know for how long. This is a new position for **Jerome Emerson** and he began it by collecting and displaying 60 pictures of people who have served as selectmen and town managers of **Corinna** since 1819. Retire? Why?

We can't resist applauding a good neighbor from the Class of 1938, **Walter Staples**. **Walter** has just published a book called *Blueberryland: Taming the Maine Low-bush Blueberry*. He hopes that as the blueberry industry grows and becomes more mechanized there will still be a place for the small grower. Last year he raked more than 400 quarts of blueberries. Obviously **Walter** doesn't know the meaning of the word "retirement." **Hope Wing Weston** settled in **East Winthrop** to enjoy a Maine summer.



Edna Louise "Squeeze" Harrison Dempsey '39 sent in this photograph from the wedding of UMaine classmate Eleanor "Ellie" Crockett and John William Hutchinson in 1941. Louise was in the bridal party along with Marge Moulton Murphy '33, Virginia Maguire Doherty Drew '39, and Adrienne Thorne.

1939

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Lew '43 and Fran Emery surprised me, end of May, with a great letter. Lew began his days at Maine in the fall of '39, so we have the year in common. He also has the distinction of having two grandsons at the naval academy. One is an upper-classman, and the other had just begun his plebe year. He read my column and thought that I deserved some mail! How kind of you, Lew, to be so thoughtful. Perhaps our paths will cross one day here in Annapolis. I do hope so. Lew and Fran now live in Sarasota, Florida, but their hearts will always be in Maine.

Due to some changes in schedule, the summer issue of *Mainely People* was eliminated. Consequently, some of my news will appear to be of museum piece quality. It is important, however, to pass it on.

Winter greetings were fewer in number, but still cherished. **Lucille Bell Grange** wrote that she and George '37 had a healthy and enjoyable '03, with their 23rd family reunion held on the Outer Banks being the very best time of all. Five of their

12 grandchildren are married and they have two great-grandchildren. They are happy in their abode at Freedom Plaza, an independent living facility built on 140 acres with assisted living and skilled nursing buildings nearby. Also, a golf course circles the place. They are in their 12th year there, and like the place very much. Their golf game has gone "downhill," but there are many on and off campus activities to keep them busy and active.

Virginia "Ginny" Maguire Drew writes that she and Dana had a busy holiday time in Connecticut. Gin's granddaughter, Abby, graduated cum laude from Providence College and is engaged to a summa cum laude graduate. Her twin brother, Justin, is enrolled in the Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City. (His father was a graduate.) Gin and Dana have given up their Pinehurst winters and now are golfing in Chatham on Cape Cod. Dana is still playing nine holes of golf to keep in shape.

This is ancient history now, but I choose to mention it because it was a very special adventure for me! Just before the first of the year, I was fortunate enough to travel first class to Denver for a two-week stay. Visiting two of my children, I was able to connect with my new Chinese granddaughter, Nicole. New Year's Eve, along with hundreds of others, I enjoyed the thousands of lights at the Denver Zoo. It is most interesting that the animals slept

through the excitement and noise. The "mile high city" is stimulating, but left me somewhat breathless. I truly love it there but decided, once and for all, that I belong in the east where I can be near the Chesapeake Bay.

A letter from **Charlotte King Pierce** included the sad news of the passing of her husband, Edward Pierce '38. Our sincere and heartfelt sympathy goes out to her.

Subject: Reunion! Our two '39ers present, **Ralph Higgins** and **Evangeline "Vangie" Anderson Jackson**, received special recognition as the oldest classmates. Ralph kindly e-mailed me with info about his trip to Orono and back with his daughter. All in all, Ralph called it a "fun and loquacious time." His travels back and forth were adventures too, including some side trips to take in roller coasters! Really sounds like he is in pretty good shape to enjoy that activity. I am so sorry to have missed the special camaraderie one finds only at Maine. Thanks again, Ralph, for filling me in on your travels to and from Orono and the sights and sounds of Reunion.

Nancy Schott Plaisted '53 also attended Reunion and wrote this about meeting Ralph and Vangie: "One night at dinner, I sat with Ralph Higgins of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, Class of '39 (pre med major) and '42 (speech and education). Before long, a '39 classmate of his came to our table and he got up,

gave her a big kiss (or was it a hug?) and they twirled around. Her name? Evangeline 'Vangie' Anderson Jackson of Whispering Pines, North Carolina. However, she soon took off to join her friends at another table. But the next night she sat at Ralph's table and he said when they got up to sing the 'Stein Song,' she was behind him dancing to the words the whole time! He said he couldn't get along without music, particularly Latin American and waltzes. 'Period stuff from my time—the Dark Ages,' he said. I guess Vangie couldn't either.

"Ralph, who retired from Western Electric at 65, came with his daughter, Barbara Lynn Higgins of Norristown, New Jersey, and the two kept us laughing all dinner long that first night. 'I'm a hugger,' he said, and you better believe it. I called him soon after I got home, but he wasn't there. He was great and called me back. His daughter, he said, belongs to a roller coaster club (I didn't know there was such a club.) Anyway, they took five different side trips to go on a few. Some were closed during the week, but they did ride on two, one at Six Flags, outside of Springfield, Massachusetts. He said they had two nice roller coasters and one was big. 'It realigned your spine,' he said laughing. The other was in Saco, Maine. 'Two of them, too,' he said. He only went on the second one, but his daughter stayed on for four rides. 'She's my daughter, but she's

still another piece of work!' he said. Barbara, a nurse, is a 'virus wrangler,' he said. She works for a computer company called Cybersoft where people send in viruses that are bothering them and she finds ways to kill them. Ralph also has another daughter, Eloise, 'just like my wife's name,' he said. (His wife, of 44 years, died about 11 years ago.)

"Ralph reminds me of the actor Hume Cronyn. Remember the movie *Cocoon*, where a group of senior citizens proved that you're never too old for a little adventure—where people live forever, on the planet Antarea, free from sickness and pain? As to reunions, Ralph said he went to his 60th five years ago (13 or 14 classmates came) and they're 'getting better and better,' he said, even if they were the only two at this one. 'I'm gregarious and there's no-thing better than social gatherings.' He remembers the college being 'so small. The campus was wide open, from the Ram (it was ice cold up there) in the frat house (Phi Kappa Sigma). You could see up across the campus, you could see the moon glinting off the snow.' Ralph, a '35 Cony High grad in Augusta, said: 'Every day is a good day as long as I'm looking at the green side of the sod. At the end of life,' he said, 'I want to be sitting up with a drink in my hand.' Thanks, Barbara, for getting Ralph to Reunion. He said he couldn't have gotten there without you. They did stay a night with a UMaine grad, Ron Sheay '55, and his wife, Ginny, who summer in Southport, Maine, and live in Trenton, New Jersey, winters.'

All for now. ELD

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Earle D. Bessey, Jr. sent the following news:

"When I receive the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* I look to see what my classmates have to say, and it is disappointing not to see any news at all. To be perfectly honest I have been a poor contributor all those years when **Ginny Pease Dogherly** was asking for responses. The last

issue had no news under Class of 1940. I'll try to change that.

"In 2001 we down-sized from a garrison type home where we used three floors daily to a one-story ranch with no attic or cellar at 20 Eustis Parkway in Waterville. It suits me fine because I avoid stairs when possible. Where I used to play golf for exercise I now work out at a nearby fitness center. Still have an office which I visit almost daily when we are in Waterville.

"For the past nine winters we have escaped the snow and ice of Maine by coming to Green Valley, Arizona. This retirement area has a fairly large contingent of Maine folk; in fact it seems to have the largest of any of the New England states.

"There are many interesting day trips from the Tucson area and a favorite of our family is the Kartchner Caverns. They were discovered by two University of Arizona students who were cavers in 1974. The cave's existence became public knowledge in 1988 when its purchase was approved as an Arizona state park. The cavern has only recently been open to the public with over 2.4 miles of underground trails showing a stunning amount of stalactites, stalagmites, and other speleothems in a multitude of shapes. Kartchner Cavern is a 'living' cave; the formations are still growing.

"The only classmate I see regularly is **Barbara Welch Wilson** in church, and she is just as attractive and cheerful as always.

"Calling all 1940 classmates, let's hear from you!"

And **Margaret Steinmetz Moshier** of Auburn, New York, sent the following update, "Having had successful knee replacement surgery in 2003 I'm now looking forward to a time in Maine this summer. I'll visit a daughter in Brunswick and plan to see the Buchanan Alumni House in Orono and drive on to Baxter State Park and the Moosehead Lake area.

"**Marjorie Deering Roberts** had successful hip replacement in 2003, and continues to live in Alfred, Maine.

"**Marjorie Coffee Latus**, New Hartford, New York, and I discuss the state of the world—and our families—via e-mail these days. Had a recent visit from her."

Please send your news to the alumni association or to Senior Alumni correspondent, Bill Currie '52, whose address is at the top of his column.

Go Blue!

1941

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A Maine Hello to all '41ers! I hope you fared well this winter and enjoyed the summer season. My traumatic move is behind me but in November I had an in-house move which I had expected because I had taken whatever was available in August, thus I down-sized from a two bedroom to a one bedroom; my new apartment number is K322.

Joyce Ramsay Carter and John '42 attended a St. Patrick's Day reception here and then were my dinner guests; they are on a waiting list for admission. We saw Priscilla Thomas Perry '40 who moved to Piper Shores in November. **Alma Hansen Langlois'** new career is on the right track. Mirror on Manchester, a monthly column in the *New Hampshire Sunday News* with her picture and byline, has been well received with complimentary letters to the editor and also to Alma. Alma is enjoying the research, writing, and contacts; at a banquet honoring the first amendment, sponsored by the newspaper, she saw several of her Manchester Central High School students who now hold prestigious positions: in particular, one, assistant to Manchester's mayor, and another, legal adviser to former governor, Jeanne Shaheen. (Both the governor and mayor were present at the event.)

The Cracker Barrel, the newsletter published by the Page Farm and Home Museum, had several accounts about our classmates in the winter issue. (Incidentally this publication always has interesting reading.) There was a collage for the dedication of the **Winston E. Pullen Carriage House** which took place October 4, 2003. Win's wife, Mary, and all five of the Pullen children were present and Janet Pullen Searles read the following original poem for the opening:

What a great day this is a dream come true.
 We celebrate this building thanks to all of you.
 You have labored long and given your best.
 To see that this carriage house joined the rest.

Strong and proud it stands, doors

flung wide
 Inviting family and visitors to come inside.
 Touch the rough posts, drink deeply of the wood
 Hold on to the memory of where once Dad stood.

He would be proud, pleased beyond measure.
 Maine history will be saved for others to treasure.
 Generations will visit, many young and some old
 Holding the past in their hands, sharing stories untold.

This great state was founded by the farmers' toil,
 Clearing and plowing and turning the soil.
 Hands dug in deep, scooping up rich earth,
 Watching for sprouts and praying for birth.

Dad's farming past grounded him with strong and sure roots.
 A sense of pride and wonder, and a work ethic to boot.
 Never afraid to pound nails, haul wood, or find money,
 He'd work alongside, his disposition always sunny.

This is what he hoped. A place to learn from the past.
 To understand the sacrifices, hold their memories fast.
 You took up the challenge and carried the torch,
 Explaining his vision on byways and porch.

From his early plans for the Barn, this structure has sprung.
 To house artifacts and catalogue the old for the young.
 This carriage house fittingly honors memory and dreams.
 We can't thank you enough or express what it means
 To know Dad's hopes for this history will be forever saved.
 Please accept humblest thanks from the Pullen enclave.

A fourth building has been added to the Page Farm and Home Complex—a blacksmith shop or "smithy," donated by none other than **Charles** and **Alice Smith**. In 2002 the board of directors of the Page Museum established the Henry H. Page Award whose purpose is "to recognize distinguished accomplishment in agriculture, and as agriculture relates to education, history, or Maine culture." The 2003 recipients were Win and Mary Pullen and

Charles and Alice Smith. I understand that Alice and Charlie supply the baked beans and all the "fixins" for the annual meeting and the meal is served in the upstairs of the barn. (Remember we had our class luncheon at our 60th Reunion there.) There was also an informative article on "Music in Rural Maine" accompanied by a picture of Alice, her father, and her siblings. Alice's father had made the musical instruments out of everyday farm objects which the family members played; what a memorable piece of family history!

Nancy Schott Plaisted '53 wrote the following description of meeting Charlie and Alice at Reunion. "I sat with Charlie Smith '41, '53G and his wife, Alice '41, at dinner one night. They're from Orono and have been married 62 years (plus three years of dating). She said when people ask them about their marriage, she replies: 'We think it's going to work.' I think so, don't you?"

"Charlie started out in animal husbandry with the cows, but said he liked the chicken hours better than the cows', so he switched to poultry and education. Alice was in home ec, and they both became teachers. How did they meet? She said she literally 'fell for him.' How? Well, she said she tended to be a bit clumsy and when she and a friend walked into class, books piled up in their arms, big ones on the bottom, pencils and pens on top, she didn't look where she was going. She was too busy talking. Well, there sat Charlie in the front row, with his size 12 shoes sticking out in front of him and of course you know what happened next. She fell flat on her face with her books spewing down the aisle. Did Charlie get up to help her? Oh, no! He just laughed, she said. And that was the beginning of their life together.

"They're such amiable people. My daughters, Carol Mower, and I saw them again at the Page Farm and Home Museum on campus. They were sitting on the bench inside and over to one side stood their old Model T Ford truck they had donated to the museum. Maybe it was a 1921 model, wood, with shiny black paint and an open back where once they had transported vegetables and such. I wish them many more happy years together."

Constance Philbrook Leger reported a busy holiday schedule at Philbrook Farm Inn with local groups having auctions, spaghetti suppers, banquets, etc. **Ruth White Wight** attended an annual event there held



Presidents Dick and Jayne

Dick Noyes '51 handed the Senior Alumni president's gavel over to Jayne Hanson Bartley '49 at the Senior Alumni lunch during Reunion 2004. Others elected to office at the meeting were:

First vice president: Ruth Fogler Goff '48

Second vice president: William D. Currie '52

Secretary: Mary-Jane Hoyt Pierce '46

Treasurer: Thelma Crossland Robie '49

Auditor: Preston B. Rand '43

Executive Committee Members: Jean Grindle Carville '54, Linwood "Woody" Carville '53, Kenneth C. Dickey '51, H. Allen Fernald '54, '02H, Fred B. Knight '49, Barbara Sullivan Knowlton '48, Margaret Mollison McIntosh '50, '52G, Robert H. Patten '47, Frank E. Pickering '53, J. Alice Smith '41, Richard W. Sprague '50, Jean McIntire White '52, and Hank Woodbrey '53.

Senior Alumni represents all University of Maine classes that have celebrated a 50th reunion. One of the group's most important undertakings is raising money for UMaine student scholarships. This past year Senior Alumni raised more than \$80,000 in scholarship money.

by her Bethel church. (Yet now it is with great sadness that we learn that Ruth died on Easter Sunday. Our heartfelt sympathy to her family!) **George Ellis's** collage of pictures on his Christmas card helped to relate his activities in 2003; a wonderful family picture taken in Orono when he received the Alumni Career Award, a snapshot of his granddaughter who finished the New York Marathon and also raised funds for cancer research, and one of the coat racks which George and his son had built for the church sanctuary. George spent two weeks last fall traveling in Ireland and was

planning to spend the winter in Nokomis, Florida.

George and Dorothy Wing Nystrom enjoyed North Carolina most of 2003; their residence at Carolina Village in Hendersonville, where their three sons visited at different times, and twice to the coast at Ocean Isle Beach. One festive occasion out-of-state for the whole family was a grandson's wedding in Texas.

Walter "Al" Hook was recently interviewed for an article for the Library of Congress on his participation in World War II, in particular D-Day. He and his wife are going on a

river cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow but in the meantime they play weekly golf at a country club with scenic views of New York City. Walter still has the wanderlust; at our 60th Reunion he was the person who had traveled to the most countries in the last five years.

Our class extends its deepest sympathy to **Joanna Evans Bardo** and family in the loss of Clinton '42. **David W. Warren** died in January; after graduation he served in the U.S. Navy, primarily in the South Pacific during World War II. David earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Boston University and set up a law practice in Rockland. After moving to Washington, D.C. in 1950, he served as an attorney with the Federal Communications Commission, retiring in 1980. He returned to Maine and was active in community affairs in the Rockland area; we extend our condolences to his wife and family.

Many, many thanks to you classmates who wrote personal notes or who used the "what's new" form in the alumni magazine. Our fondest wish is that we would hear from more of you!

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Greetings to you all. Just think 62 years ago we were going down the road to graduation. Remember the date? May 25, 1942. **Shirley Ashman Yih** was valedictorian. On class day, May 22, 1942, **Miles Mank** gave the prayer, **Francis "Andy" Andrews**, the oration, and **Laurence Downes**, the history.

Our class extends sympathy to classmate **Howard Merrill** on the death of his wife, Edith Huntley Merrill '43 on January 6, 2004, and also to **Florence Cousins Weeks** on the death of her husband William Weeks on January 6, 2004. Howard, Edith, Florence, and myself all grew up together in Old Town and followed the path to UMaine. A note from Andy Andrews's wife, D.J., told about the death of Robert "Bob" Small in Seattle, Washington, on January 20, 2004. Bob retired after a career with Boeing. We send our sympathy to his family.

As we were going to press, we

learned of the June death of Andy Andrews. We extend our sincere sympathy to D.J. and their family.

Received an updated Taverner-gram from Gil and **Bette Barker Taverner**. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with daughter, Nancy, husband Cliff, and grandsons Jonathan and Nicholas last August. Bette is busy updating a new computer and still finding ancestors to add to the family tree. She also is volunteering her skills and experience to the Deaconess Associated fund raising material.

Gil received a Harvard University Graduate School of Education Honor a Teacher Award in 2003. Congratulations! Daughter Nancy and Cliff live in Kensington, Maryland. Grandson Jonathan completed his M.A. in filmmaking at American University in May 2004. Grandson Nicholas completed his M.A. in computer science in May. How wonderful you were all together for the 50th.

I went to Baltimore in February for a family funeral and had a lovely visit with **Cherrie Thorne Kaifer** and her family. I went by train for the first time since the war years; it was very comfortable and I saw all the sights as I passed through the cities and countryside. Beats driving and flying these days.

The Black Bears play five games here during the season, one each of football, basketball, baseball, and hockey. What good times we have and the alumni really turn out. We are very fortunate to be able to enjoy such wonderful games here in the Portland area.

I am saddened to report the death of my dear friend **Virginia Stevens Laris** on April 28, 2004, at her home in Mexico City, Mexico. Jinny loved the University of Maine and always tried to be at Three Gates, her home on Center Street in Old Town, for alumni reunion time. She missed very few reunions.

Each year we say good-bye to so many classmates but we are so fortunate that each and every one was a part of our lives.

If anyone has lost touch with classmates and needs to find addresses just let me know or call the alumni office.

Send me your news. You are all at least still having birthdays.

Enjoy each and every day.

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It's a real pleasure to congratulate, belatedly, **Clifford "Bruz" West** and **Patricia "Pat" Ramsdell West** on the 60th anniversary of their wedding on October 9, 1943, in Quantico, Virginia.

On October 4, 2003, Clifford and Patricia were honored with a surprise party held at the Pine Tree State Arboretum in Augusta. Guests attended from Winthrop, Manchester, Augusta, Bangor, Portland, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York. Guests knew they were going to a celebration but they didn't know where; they were directed to meet at Sears parking lot. Two buses were there to take guests to the administration building at the Arboretum. Instead of the usual gift giving, guests made a monetary donation to the Arboretum in honor of the Wests. Guests were to dress in keeping with a specific decade of the '30s or '40s. The four daughters of Pat and Bruz donned gowns from Pat's vintage collection and circulated among the guests. A disc jockey provided music for dancing and he also read facts and figures per decade interval. Despite pouring rain, spirits remained high. May the Wests enjoy many more memorable anniversaries!

Bruz West will be remembered as a cheerleader while at the University of Maine. Upon matriculation, he spent the next 27 years in the U.S. Marine Corps from which he retired with the rank of colonel. Along the way, Pat and Bruz spent 10 years at Marine Headquarters at Arlington, Virginia, plus assignments in New Orleans, Kansas City, Missouri, and Twenty-nine Palms, California. Retirement from the Marine Corps found him employed by the University of Maine at Augusta as an administrative assistant from 1968-1984. Upon "retiring" from UMA, he became the first executive director of the Pine Tree State Arboretum as a volunteer; then a director was hired. Bruz is past president of the Arboretum Association and a hard working member since its inception. A conference room has been named for him in recognition of his many contributions over the years.

He has also given considerable time and energy to the AARP, serv-

ing as state president and as a member of the national board and also serving on various local committees. He was a member of the Winthrop water district. As a volunteer driver for the Disabled Veterans Association, Augusta area, he brought many veterans requiring dialysis to Togus Veterans Hospital for treatment.

Pat entered the university in the Class of 1943 and completed her first two years there as a business administration major. Then she transferred to Husson College from which she graduated.

Pat West has also been engaged in volunteer efforts over the years. She is a former member of the Kennebec Valley University of Maine Alumni Association and is a member of AARP. She is a trustee of the Charles Bailey Library in Winthrop and is very active in her church. She serves as chairman of the membership committee and is a trustee of the parish board of United Methodist Women. With her husband, she is a member of the Salvation Army Board in Augusta. Pat has been a volunteer at the Kennebec Valley Hospital for 15 years.

Clifford and Patricia West have four daughters, Nancy West of Mount Vernon, Marjorie Evans of Belgrade Lakes, Rebecca Dick of Winthrop, and Patricia West of Sidney. Patricia West is a 1975 graduate of the University of Maine; she recently retired from her position at Key Bank.

Congratulations are also extended to Dr. **Eugene Hussey** as recipient of the Profile Award by the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation. Dr. Hussey is the 42nd recipient of this annual award. The Profile Award is based upon distinguished service to agriculture and rural life which Eugene Hussey has provided over the years. "Gene" Hussey owned and operated the Hussey Veterinary Hospital and the Eastern Slope Animal Welfare League in North Conway for 52 years. The animal hospital was sold last year. The Animal Welfare League deals mainly with dogs and cats. At one time, up to 100 dogs and cats were boarded at this complex. Eugene Hussey was a large animal vet which was welcome news for dairy farmers and owners of horses.

For many years throughout his career he also owned and operated farms in the Mount Washington Valley. His first farm was purchased the year he began his veterinary practice and is known as Eastern Slope Farm Number 1 where he

built a herd of Holstein cows. At one point the herd numbered 660 Holsteins; of these 300 were milked twice a day. He raised 560 acres of corn silage and 200 acres of hay to feed the cows. His dairy career ended in the 1980s when he participated in the Whole Herd Buy-Out program. Throughout his career he purchased and operated Eastern Slope Farms Number 1, Number 2, and Number 3.

Eugene Hussey enjoyed the passion and challenge of raising and showing draft horses, especially his team of Percherons. The team is known for the eight or six horse hitch which means that there is a rein for each horse and that there are four reins in each hand and "each rein is connected to a one-ton animal." The horses are entered in a number of shows each year all along the East Coast and West to Detroit, Michigan, where the Great Lake International is held. The Percheron originated in France; with luck they can live for 20 years. The horses are shown at Fryeburg Fair each year. Gene Hussey is a trustee for the Fryeburg Fair and he is "one-third of its finance committee."

He has been a Rotarian for 52 years and has held various offices during that period. He has also been active in his church.

From the time he was 10 years old, Gene Hussey wanted to be a veterinarian. As a teenager, he raised beef cattle which he showed at the Fryeburg Fair. It was logical, then, that he would choose to major in animal husbandry at the university. Intramural sports proved to be a great interest for him and he played on volleyball, baseball, and touch football teams and is remembered for being a fine varsity basketball team member. He served on the intramural board for three years. He was honored in college by election to Alpha Zeta honorary society and to the Senior Skulls.

Following matriculation at the University of Maine, he immediately left for a tour of duty in the U.S. Army, beginning at Fort Benning, Georgia, and on to Germany. He returned to Maine to work for the Cooperative Extension Service for a year and then left to attend Michigan State University to earn advanced degrees in animal husbandry and veterinary medicine.

He describes his university days as "the best four years!" He served on the reunion committee for the 60th Reunion and faithfully attended annual and "summer reunions" over the years.

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Eugene Hussey had two children. One son, who graduated from the University of New Hampshire with honors, met an untimely death last summer. Belatedly, we extend our sympathy.

Several Maine alums were gathered one evening in early February, and were in disbelief at the rumor that **Marcia McCarthy Brown** was dead. The rumor proved true a day later when her obituary appeared in the *Portland Press Herald*. Marcia began networking as soon as she arrived in Orono in 1939 and maintained an active correspondence with classmates until her death. She was an anchor on the top floor of The Maples dormitory and early on began a lifelong devotion to Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She majored in business administration.

Following matriculation at the University of Maine she worked for the *Portland Press Herald* and was "the first woman sports reporter to cover Maine's harness racing industry."

Marcia married Bremner Howard Brown of Bradford, Massachusetts, where they eventually settled and raised three daughters. Marcia later earned a master of education degree at Salem State College and then began a 20-year career as a teacher in Bradford, Massachusetts.

She moved back to Maine in 1987 to live in Falmouth to be near her daughter and their families—Marcia Brown and her husband Nathaniel Clifford of Cape Elizabeth and Nancy and Mark LaBrie of Yarmouth plus grandchildren Sean and Katherine "Katie" LaBrie. Marcia had been active in community service since returning to Maine. She was active in the First Parish Church of Yarmouth, which church she represented on the Tri-Community Interfaith Council. She was also a member of the church bell choir and Women Together.

When Marcia's granddaughter Katie was a little girl she would spend one day a week with her "Mimi." This was Katie's day and Marcia would allow nothing to interfere. Good grandmother! —and doesn't Katie have fond memories to carry forward all of her life! Because of her devotion to her grandchildren and their school activities, she volunteered one day a week in the library at Harrison Middle School, Yarmouth. Ironically it was after she had completed her tour of duty at the library on February 8 and was driving home that her car veered off the road into a snowbank, yet her car was not damaged! However,



Class of '44 members Pete Farnum (left) and Don Bail volunteer their services during the winter at biweekly church-sponsored luncheons in South Freeport.

Marcia was taken to Maine Medical Center where a heart attack claimed her life.

Lastly, Marcia was dedicated to the Wavus Camps in Jefferson, Maine, which she attended as a little girl to teenage years and which her children and grandchildren also attended. She volunteered at the Wavus Foundation one day a week. The camp was readily identified by her car license plate WAVUS! How's that for loyalty!

Marcia served on the 60th Reunion committee last year as she had on many previous years. She loved the Class of 1943. She was a loyal member of the Portland Alumnae club.

Several members of the 1940s classes attended her funeral. We learned then that Marcia had been known as "The Source" attesting to her ability to recount detailed information readily. This was traced to her first day as camper, where at dinner each child was to identify herself and home address. Each succeeding child would have all the previous named to recall; there were 70 in all and Marcia was at the end recalling every name and address correctly. "The Source" indeed. She will be missed. We extend our sympathy to her daughters.

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1944

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Our dear friend and loyal classmate, **Jean Hufnagel**, passed away shortly after the Christmas holiday. Jean was recently our class president and over the years had given generously his time and financial support to many successful projects for which the Class of '44 is recognized. He will be sadly missed. Our condolences go out to Ginny and all of Jean's family.

On May 8th, the Hufnagel family held a memorial service recalling the life of Jean. **Al McNeilly** spoke on behalf of the Class of '44 and remembered college days and World War II experiences he had shared with Huff. Bob Clark, a longtime business associate of Jean's at Texaco, reminisced about their days together in Brussels and in the states. Members of Jean's family; sons, daughters, and granddaughter all shared their thoughts about life at home with Jean and Ginny. Luncheon was served and enjoyed by the many guests. Attending the service from our class were **Charlie Stickney** and Anita, **Don Bail**, **Pete Farnum**, **Al McNeilly**, **Pat Cummings '44H**, **Joe**, and me. The day was a wonderful tribute to Huff.

Frank Gilley, our class president in earlier years, also passed away in late November. Frank was always

an active member of our class and gave generously to support scholarships at UMaine. He practiced dentistry in Bangor, his lifetime career. Frank was an ardent fisherman and outdoorsman, activities he shared with his wife and family. Our sincere condolences to Mary Ellen and their family.

Three years after it closed, the Bear's Den is making a comeback thanks to the awesome Class of '44 whose members graduated before the student hangout was created. Tucked away in the basement of the Memorial Union, the Bear's Den had been a hallmark of the Orono campus for almost 50 years before it was eliminated due to renovations. **Al McNeilly** got the ball rolling about a year and a half ago and has spearheaded the project all the way. A large portion of the money has been raised or pledged by the Class of '44 but donations are still needed and will be gratefully received. The official opening of the new Bear's Den was in June when the class held its 60th Reunion.

Via the grapevine we heard that **Al McNeilly** had back surgery at the Maine Medical Center in Portland during January. Al, when you're in Portland there are many of us around here who would like to visit with you and wish you well—bring you cookies and brownies, etc. Perhaps that's why you kept this event quiet? Al also was among the 10 new members inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame at its annual banquet and ceremony last July. Al pitched for UMaine in the early 1940s and later for the St. Johnsbury Yankees of the semipro Northern League.

An e-mail letter from **Link Jewett** tells of a trip he and his wife, Truda, took to Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia, last September. Link was impressed by the changes in the economic scene in that corner of the world between 1988-91 and today. "Now in these two cities there seem to be as many Mercedes and BMWs as there are in New York City. Bentley dealers are open for business." A side trip to Helsinki—"A beautiful harbor with hundreds of islands and slips for some 10,000 boats."

Fred Hale, Jr. is the son of Fred Hale who has the distinction of being the oldest living man in our country. His 113th birthday was celebrated in December with four generations of descendants at his side. The senior Hale became a celebrity in 1995 when the Guinness Book of Records named him the oldest licensed automobile driver at

107. Hale is listed as the world's ninth oldest human and the second oldest man. When asked why he thinks he has lived so long, the elder Hale shoots back: "Oh I don't know, punishment, I guess."

A brief letter from Allan Freedman '73 advises us of the passing of **Herb Freedman** on May 18, 2003, in Toronto, Canada. Herb was a World War II veteran and enjoyed a long career in the pulp and paper industry before his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Miriam, two children, and four grandchildren. We extend our sympathy to Herb's family.

Christmas card news:

Kate McCurdy Warren wrote from Florida that she and Jim didn't go to Florida until December 4th this year because they spent the Thanksgiving holiday with Kate's two sisters and families in Portland.

Mary Billings Orsenigo wrote that she enjoys her four teenage grandchildren. She planned to be in Maine this summer.

A Christmas letter from **Midi Wooster Roberts**: She and Ernie were in Florida for the winter. Midi celebrated her 80th birthday at Sugarloaf Resort on the golf course and in Franklin, Maine. Son Jon put on the dinner for 25 family and friends in Franklin, not only buying the food but preparing the dinner. Midi and Ernie's daughter, Jean, follows in her parents' footsteps on the golf course—she may even be a little better player. They tell about her long drive 282 yards—yes, 282!

Al Ehrenfried and Jo-ann sent greetings at Christmas. Al McNeilly's card pictured him with a huge lobster, probably caught off the shore near Owls Head.

Rhoda Tolford Stone wrote that she had traveled a bit this past year to California, Alaska, and back to Peaks Island and Casco Bay where she enjoyed family events with children and grandchildren. Rhoda was not able to be with us at Reunion in Orono. We missed you, Rhoda, but there will be another time.

At the civic center hockey game, Maine vs. Vermont, we had a chance to say a brief hello to **Al Crockett**. It was good to see you, Al.

I've mentioned before that Pete Farnum and Don Bail are regular volunteers at church-sponsored fish chowder luncheons in South Freeport. They cook and serve and their wives assist. It's a wonderful bi-weekly social event for the guests throughout the long winter months.

Joe and I celebrated our 60th anniversary at Christmas time. Our four great kids put on a super party for family and friends in our honor at Terry's house in Portland. Everyone in the immediate family was there except Bobby Peterson who was skiing cross-country in a race at Lake Placid. A great time was had by all.

And now our 60th Reunion in Orono on June 4, 5, and 6th has come and gone and what a very special occasion it was. In attendance were **Ray Amsden**, Don Bail, **Russ Bodwell**, **Fran Sheehy Brown**, **Robert Buchanan**, **Sam Collins**, Al Ehrenfried, Pete Farnum, **Dick Fuller**, **Larry Graham**, **Richard Hale**, **Esther Holden Hopkins**, **Al Hutchinson**, Joe Ingalls, **Joy Iveney Ingalls**, Al McNeilly, **Debbie Drinkwater Rand**, **Cal Richardson**, Midi Wooster Roberts, **Elizabeth Price Salter**, **Earland Sleight**, **Dodie Kilburn Spach**, Charles Stickney, **Corinne Davis Sturgeon**, and **Gerald Tabenken**.

After registering on Friday, most '44ers checked into their rooms and proceeded to the Senior Alumni luncheon and business meeting where we were welcomed by Daniel Williams '91, '94G, director of annual and reunion giving for the alumni association. Richard Noyes '51, president, inducted the Class of '54 into Senior Alumni. It was great to see so many of our classmates back with husbands and wives, sons and daughters.

Many activities were offered for the afternoon including Mars astronomy at the Jordan Planetarium, dedication of the restored Fogler Library steps, and the groundbreaking ceremony of the new visual arts building project outside Lord Hall.

On Friday evening, the Class of '44 dinner was held at Dirigo Pines hosted by Russ and Barbara Higgins Bodwell '45. This party included a tour of this new and elegant facility: living area, dining room, apartments, cottages, assisted living, etc. A wonderful evening and a delicious dinner. Thanks to Russ and Barb from all of us.

We began the day Saturday at the Buchanan Alumni House—a breakfast with the dedication of the Class of '44 Bear's Den at the Memorial Union. The Bear's Den is a great addition to the campus and in keeping with historical background and tradition of old English pubs, as president Al explained in his remarks. At the dedication Daniel Williams of the UMAA was master of ceremonies. Speakers included:

President Peter Hoff, Cortlynn Heppler from the student body, and Anita Wihry '79, director of facilities management at UMaine. Al McNeilly, the leader behind the new Bear's Den project, expressed his appreciation to all who had worked with him and had given toward the success of the new Bear's Den. The keynote address, "Interpreting the Impact of September 11," was given by Professor Bahman Baktiari of the department of international affairs and political science.

Dinner Saturday night was the all alumni reunion reception and banquet held at the Wells Conference Center. After the banquet our class headed back to Buchanan Alumni House where our president had organized an evening of entertainment including videos of class events over the years. The highlight of the evening was a private concert by The Memphis Belles and The Bellhops led by our honorary classmate Pat Cummings. It was just great fun for all of us to hear songs from the '40s and '50s beautifully sung by Pat and her group. They sound like the Andrews Sisters, very different from the combos we hear nowadays on the "Today Show."

Sunday morning we all returned to Wells Conference Center for a buffet breakfast and awards ceremony. Receiving well-deserved Black Bear Awards from our class were Al Ehrenfried, who incidentally will lead our class for another term, and Jean Hufnagel. Ginny Hufnagel accepted the award for Jean. So ended a Reunion which was, in the popular expression of the times—awesome!

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Norma MacKenney Peterson and Bob are enjoying North Carolina and other parts of the South, but I guess the highlight of last summer was their trip to British Columbia where they boarded the *Vendam* in Vancouver and cruised to Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, and arrived in Cartagena, Colombia. The last two ports were Jamaica and Grand Cayman and they disembarked in Tampa. In addition to this wonderful trip they attended the

North Carolina Opera Company. Their granddaughter, Ali, graduated with high honors and now attends UNC-Chapel Hill as a vocal performance major. Another granddaughter is working on her master's degree at Washington University. A Peterson family reunion convened in Las Vegas in March with 22 present! Friends from Connecticut visited as well as their family who gave them four days in August at the North Carolina shore. They already are booked for visits in November to South Carolina and in North Carolina for the Wright brothers' thought-provoking series on the relevance of flight to modern art at the North Carolina Art Museum. We thank you, Norma, for including us in your travels.

Al Barmby sent his usual interesting experiences re traveling, etc. He was honored, he said, to receive honorable mention in the *MAINE Alumni Magazine!* I wish more would share their interests. Al seems to be into sending his travel pictures without using digital. He's planning to use his camera and put some special pictures on the computer. He and Thelma had been to their time-share in Cashiers, North Carolina. Al keeps in touch with cousins and friends in England, his father's birthplace. Al says he enjoys writing to all he can via e-mail. He told us to have fun in the snow this winter. I suppose Alabama doesn't get much!

Sally Lockett Taylor came through again with a long biographical story of her interest and study in botany. I hope I can write this without making too many errors and omissions. Sally is a Connecticut College professor emeritus of botany. She pursued an undergraduate degree in zoology from UMaine, going on to the University of Indiana for graduate work in zoology. She returned to the East taking a job testing drug potency for Pfizer in Brooklyn where she met her husband, Roy. They married in 1946. She left Pfizer after that company moved their pilot plant to Groton, Connecticut. She joined Connecticut College in 1965 as a zoology professor. She had found a work environment until her retirement in 1990.

Sally traveled to Turkey often where her sister taught English and writing at the University of Istanbul. She fell in love with the country and people, but her interest was largely a botanical one. She is fascinated by the similarity of plants found on different continents. I can't include them all, but Sally has written books, has visited Antarctica several

times (I wrote about this) and she says she's eccentric for her views on a range of issues from over-fishing to traditional landscaping. She gets "exercised" about shopping malls! She doesn't allow her guests to eat squid or sea bass in her presence. "They are giving out too many fishing licenses," she says soberly. Even in Antarctica, the factory-type ships have been eating up the krill that live in caps, taking away the penguin's food supply. Having circumnavigated Newfoundland, Sally said, "The codfish are gone. Gone!" Sally has slowed up on trying to save the world as she used to, but she has had a profound influence on her three children and eight grandchildren. Once after cleaning up a top floor of New London Hall on the college campus, she came across a dried up bat—perfectly preserved. She wrapped it in cotton and sent the mummified animal to her grandchild. Her daughter remarked, "I don't know many grandmothers who would send their grandchild a dried up bat."

Sally used to concentrate her studies under an electron microscope but now she finds herself fascinated by ecosystems. She is secretary of the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority, an advisory board representing 20 towns. To help others see the big picture in Sally's various roles, she has concentrated her efforts toward education. She plays an education role on the 105-year-old Connecticut State Park Association, which manages the state's Blue Trails. She plays a similar role at the arboretum, holding lectures on everything from lawn maintenance to the origin of groceries! Her lectures draw an average of 50 guests anxious to hear the famous Taylor's advice and wisdom. Sally said one of the best feelings is watching her former students grow into themselves.

Along with my roommate, **Gerry MacBurnie Roley**, Sally Lockett's cumulative average was all A's. Thanks, Sally, and we hope you can make it to our 60th Reunion in 2005!

Please write so we can have a full column next time.

I'm closing with a poem that Norma MacKenney Peterson wrote.

The Cricket—Not the Hearth!

In August, crickets droned at dusk's ephemeral light. As nature's clock-like rhythm started summer on its flight.

Class of '44 Celebrates its 60th



Al McNeilly addresses classmates at the dedication of the Bear's Den on June 5th. Al spearheaded the fundraising effort for the renovation.

The Class of 1944 celebrated its 60th Reunion in style on June 4th weekend. It all started off with a class dinner Friday night at Dirigo Pines hosted by Russ and Barbara Higgins Bodwell. On Saturday the classmates gathered for a grand dedication of the new Bear's Den which the class donated \$160,000 to renovate. Saturday evening, classmates got together at Buchanan Alumni House for a performance by The Memphis Belles and The Bellhops.



Midi Wooster Roberts (left) and **Jo-ann Ehrenfried** join in the cheering during Saturday's Reunion banquet.

Class president Al Ehrenfried performs for classmates at Saturday's class lunch in the Bear's Den. On Sunday Al received a Block "M" Award for his outstanding service to his class.

Also honored with a Black Bear Award on Sunday was recently deceased '44 classmate **Jean Hufnagel**.

Right: Enjoying the Sunday awards breakfast at Reunion 2004 are: Robert D. Buchanan '44 (second from left) and his wife, **Pearlee** (far left). With the Buchanans are **Howard '54** and **Janice Ainsworth**.



We missed their mirthful cadence when autumn cooled the air, until one night a "chirp" was heard, guest room was its lair.

Yet no sign of an elusive cricket from our searching was revealed. After a spray from a liquid assassin, the door to the room was sealed.

Still every sixteen seconds with stop-watch precision our noisemaker continued to sound.

'Til at last with relief from our "sleepless" nights, sleep, the elusive culprit was found.

Now we sleep through the night Till the dawn's early light the chirping "cricket" effaced. Our spirits sing, We're rid of the "ding."
—The smoke alarm battery's replaced!

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How about sending a note telling us what you are doing? Surely you enjoyed some summer visits with friends and family or have heard from a classmate. Please send in your news!

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Happy fall, everyone! I hope you had a wonderful summer. Please take a moment to send in some news. We'd love to hear from the Class of '47!

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Dick '48 and Middie Cohen Giesberg '47 Honored for Humanitarian Work

Dick '48 and Middie Cohen Giesberg '47 were recently presented with the International Humanitarian Award by the World Union for Progressive Judaism. The award ceremony took place in December 2003 in Los Angeles. Middie and Dick were honored for their lifelong work in the field of civil rights and community relations.

Most recently the Giesbergs have been involved in the effort to save Ethiopian Jews. They led the first fact-finding mission to Ethiopia in 1981, with lay and professional Jewish leaders from around the United States and Canada. Having fallen in love with the proud Jewish community they found, they have fought to keep Ethiopian Jews alive and to enable them to emigrate to Israel. In 1982, the Giesbergs were among the founders of the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry. Today that organization has helped 90,000 Jews emigrate to Israel. About 20,000 Jews remain in Ethiopia.

When not traveling for their humanitarian work, Dick and Middie live in Los Angeles where Dick has been in business for 56 years, and where both are community activists.

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Greetings to all you '48ers.

An article in the *Morning Sentinel* caught my eye recently, regarding a dispute that **Alan Johnson** and two

other blueberry growers won against three Down East blueberry processors. The lawsuit about price fixing by the processors had been initiated three years ago. Under the agreement, the processors will combine to make a cash payment, and to adopt more transparent pricing methods. The state mediator, David Bustin, made the remark that, "You'd have to look at it as a good thing that the two largest blueberry processors have come to this agreement." Way to go, Alan.

We've received a wonderful letter from **Paul Clifford** telling of his vocation and location! It is as follows: "Retired in 1977 to our farm in

Atlantic, Virginia, on the eastern shore. We are now raising Boer goats and Katahdin sheep for the meat market. Boer goats were developed in South Africa for meat. Katahdin sheep were developed in Maine by Michael Riel. They produce excellent meat and require no shearing, hence are referred to as 'hair sheep.' My wife, Barbara Gammell Clifford '49, and I are enjoying this project." What great retirement years you two are having. Great hearing from you, Paul. Your correspondent, **Barbara**, had lunch with **Judy Dennison MacKenzie** and caught up with her news. She has sold her home in Florida and is going to be living in South Portland.

Sadly, we report the deaths of three of our classmates. We send our sympathy to the families of **Joseph Tufts, Jr.**, **Paul Dowe, Sr.**, and **Robert Hill**. They will be greatly missed by all their fellow classmates.

Before the next issue of this magazine, how about filling our mailbox with news of your doings! Also, when you pay your UMaine alumni dues, could you add a little something for the class gift? We still owe on our pledge for the steps at Fogler Library and we need your help to pay it off! The UMaine "Luncheon Gals" met at Auburn in the spring, and just to jumpstart the debt's discharge, kicked in \$130. We're trying, classmates! Give us a hand. Thanks!

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Hope you are all enjoying your retirement years as much as I am. I spent five weeks in St. Augustine, Florida, this past winter and it is such an interesting historical place to visit. I was very happy to miss the coldest weather we had here in Maine (below zero) during the months of January and February. Recently the *Houlton Pioneer Times* chose **Margaret Hanks Coffin** for their Salute to Seniors presentation. "Margaret is a born storyteller. She can take the mundane and turn it into a funny story. Margaret enjoys life, and spinning a story for everyone's delight is just part of her charm," the article stated. Margaret

had a desire to be in radio from the time she was 10 years old or younger. She used to play at radio and at Cony High School she was involved with the monthly radio show. At the University of Maine she got involved with the Radio Guild Club where she wrote scripts, performed music, and was a jack-of-all-trades. After graduation, Margaret's love of music brought her to Presque Isle to work at WAGM-Radio. Several years later she worked for WRKD-Radio in Rockland where she married Ted Coffin and had two daughters. After 10 years of marriage, Ted passed away, leaving Margaret to raise her children alone. Her work in radio, and by then television, ended with Ted's death. She taught English for a short time; then from the mid '60s until 1996 when she retired, Margaret served as head librarian at Northern Maine Technical College. She is now active in the Presque Isle Community Players and in November she directed their dinner theater production of *The Silver Spoon Saloon*.

From Johannesburg, South Africa, I received a letter from **Judith Newton Crompton**. She writes, "Yesterday I received the U of M newsletter for our Class of '49 to tell of the plans for our 55th Reunion. Hard to believe as we're all so young! On the strength of the letter I dug out an old photo album of the 'good old days' and what a wonderful collection of pictures they are. Room 20 at Colvin Hall features very prominently in the album—**'Lexey' Carter, Jackie Howell Lazareth, Nancy Carter Bishop**, and there are snaps of other friends from those days—**Jeanne Deroza Clay, Val Esty, Joan Heselton Lockhart, Barbara Hines Spear**, and others I don't seem able to put names to—but they couldn't probably remember my name either. I do hope you have a good turnout for the '49ers Reunion. It would be great if I could be there, but as you can imagine, it's more than a bit out of the question. We have, the last few years, had a yearly trip to the states. The main reason is, of course, to see our family. Our two daughters, Jenny (46) and Suzanne (44), both live in Seattle where, by the way, my brother, Dave Newton '50, also lives. We have four grandchildren there, two in each family, so it is always a very special time for us to see them. While there we always try to have a little trip around that part of the world which we always enjoy. On our annual trips we try to include a side trip somewhere en

route. My favorite stopover is still the U.K. I love to revisit London where I spent two-and-a-half years at the American Embassy. This past year, on our return to South Africa, we had a couple of weeks in France, including an eight-day trip on a barge on one of the canals—my idea of smooth sailing! My life here continues to be a very pleasant one. We do of course have our problems, but I feel South Africa is the shining example of this continent. The rest of Africa is a mess. Jake, my husband of 48 years, is now retired—an electrical engineer having worked for English companies. We are now in a position to have the time to do the pleasant things in life. He is an enthusiastic golfer, which takes us around the country. I belong to a couple of clubs, which keep me going. We have friends elsewhere in S.A., Jake having gone to school in Cape Town, so we do a fair bit of traveling in S.A. Sadly, we have no family here in S.A. (my sister is in Baltimore and Jake's brother is in Boston), but we have many wonderful friends. I do hope your Reunion is a success. Have a great time."

In November, the end of the Great American Smoke-Out, **Rosemarie Gagnon Hallsey** was hard at work at the Eastern Maine Healthcare pulmonary rehab center in Bangor. A former pack-and-a-half-a-day smoker, Rosemarie did a brisk turn on the stationary bike, 80 repetitions on the lateral pull-down machine, and 60 leg curls. Along with 60,000 other Mainers she has been diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Her gumption and stick-to-itiveness qualify her for poster girl status in a growing campaign to improve the management of chronic illnesses such as COPD. Rosemarie's fitness regimen and abstinence from smoking have helped her counteract COPD. Retired from a career of teaching foreign languages in high schools, Rosemarie enjoys verbal banter and an active social life.

A group of '49ers met in February at DiMillo's Restaurant in Portland, Maine. Among those attending were **Priscilla Thomas Rines, Colleen Richardson Coates**, Holly McCuin Parker, **Barbara Thompson York, Kay Kennedy Nickless, Paulyn Cheny Howard, Verna Wallace Andrews, Frances Foster Addor, and Libby Tufts Goodrich**. It was interesting—they said that six of the nine who attended were housemates at Sigma Chi their freshman year.

I received a letter from Libby

Tufts Goodrich in January informing me of the death of **Martha Coles Wills** in Mount Holly, New Jersey. Libby went on to say that she had called Martha on January 2 to chat and wish her a good New Year, only to find that the funeral was that day. Martha was house-bound with oxygen due to years of smoking. Libby said that Martha was a successful businesswoman, taking over her husband's business when he died in 1981 of heart trouble. Two of her daughters helped her run the business, which was bus sales and rentals. She was very active in her community, hospital association, and church. She was prominent in the Colonial Dames of America and attended meetings at their national headquarters and various state gatherings. Martha's daughter by her first husband, Joe Murray, is married to a Tulane professor and lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Martha is survived by her four daughters. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

We were saddened to hear in April of the death of **Earl I. Mullen** of Waterville, Maine. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Maine and graduated from Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University in 1959. His 40-year banking career began with the Eastern Trust and Banking Company in Bangor in 1949 where he became a senior officer. In 1970 he joined the Federal Trust Company in Waterville as president and CEO and was, at the time of his retirement, executive vice president and director of the Merrill Bankshares Company. He was a past member of the University of Maine Foundation. He also served as a member, director, or trustee of a number of other businesses, civic and charitable organizations. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, a son, a daughter, and four grandchildren. We offer our sincere condolences to Earl's family.

In May the Class of '49 Ladies Luncheon Group was invited by **Marion Stanley Burns** to an overnight retreat at her beautiful Victorian Mira Monte Inn in Bar Harbor. This is the second year she has invited us to the inn. This year we had the pleasure of three gentlemen joining our group. Those attending were: **Thelma Crossland Robie** and husband, Fred '53; **Alice Raymond Coughlin** and husband **Tom**; **Babs Pulsifer Kilgore** and husband Ken; **Jayne Hanson Bartley, Dorothy Averill Hawkes**, Colleen "Sparky" Richardson Coates, **Evelyn Ellsworth Dearborn**, Rosema-

rie "Jinx" Gagnon Hallsey, **Shirley Doten Oliver, Mary Hatt Frazier, Mary Wiswell Libby**, and Joan Wiswell Beach '51. A grand time was had by all.

I want to thank all of you who returned your Class of '49 Reunion update forms. I will pass on the information in this column and subsequent columns as the forms are received.

Clyde Adams of Tucson, Arizona, writes that after he received his B.A. and M.S. degrees in agriculture at Maine, he earned 40 semester hours towards his Ph.D. at the University of Arizona. His career included service in the U.S. Navy in World War II, Korean War (eight major battles), agriculturist, cooperative extension agent, and foreign service with the U.S. State Department (Middle East, East Africa, and subcontinent). Clyde has five children and 13 grandchildren. While at UMaine he was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, engaged in intramural sports, and was proctor of North Dorms for two years. His wife died last year after 54 years of marriage and he moved to smaller quarters in June. He is now living at 2936 Venice Avenue in Tucson, Arizona.

Verna Wallace Andrews of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, majored in home economics while at UMaine. She is married to Frederic P. Andrews '50 and has three children and five grandchildren. She is now retired from her position as library assistant at Cape Elizabeth High School. She keeps busy with her church activities and is an antique map colorist. Her favorite memory of her college days was Maine Day.

Marian Stanley Burns graduated with a degree in chemistry. With three children, her career started as a homemaker and then she became a teacher for 20 years. For the past 24 years she has developed and operated Mira Monte Inn in Bar Harbor, Maine. She has also owned the Atlantean Inn for the past four years. She designed and oversaw the construction of Bar Harbor's Living Laboratories on the Emerson Conners School grounds. She was active in the development of the Wild Gardens of Acadia (a botanical garden of Acadia's native wild plants) and served as its first paid horticulturist. Mira Monte's gardens were named as one of the top 15 bed and breakfasts in the country. Marion served as president of the Maine Innkeepers Association and in 1992 was named Innkeeper of the Year for the state of Maine. The

most remarkable change in her life since graduation, she writes, is turning from a shy student into a successful businesswoman in a "man's world."

After graduating from UMaine with a degree in education, Colleen "Sparky" Richardson Coates was a teacher in S.A.D. 55. She has one son and one grandson. After 31 years of teaching, she is now retired and spends many hours in community service to the Sacopee Valley Health Center, the 21 Club, and piano playing at nursing homes and civic organizations. Her hobbies include art, music, knitting, and reading. Sparky is also a member of the Red Hat Society. While at Maine she was a member of Phi Mu sorority, "M" Club, and was captain of the varsity field hockey team.

Paulyn Cheney Howard of Westboro, Massachusetts, majored in home economics while at Maine. Married to Harold W. Howard '50 they have four children and four grandchildren. Polly taught home ec for 20 years and was named Teacher of the Year. She then worked part-time as a clerk in a jewelry store for eight years. She was trustee of her church and also served on many other church and town committees.

Jay Cole, now retired as a sales manager, summers in Moody, Maine, and winters in Delray Beach, Florida. He graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering after having served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. Jay and his wife, Annette, have two children and one grandchild. At Maine he was a member of TQE and participated in track. His fondest memories of his university days were his freshman year roommates and his track mates. As a salesman and manager of moveable walls, Jay has made three installations at University of Maine campuses in Orono and Portland.

Robert H. Eddy, M.D. majored in premed at UMaine and then went on to receive his M.D. degree from P & S Columbia University, New York City. He is married to Mary Spangler Eddy '46 and they have five children and eight grandchildren. Bob served in World War II as a first lieutenant in the 37th Infantry Division in the South Pacific. He is now retired as an internal medicine physician from the staff of Pen Bay Medical Center, Rockport, Maine. He has worked for Habitat for Humanity for nine years and is a past commodore and director of the Camden Yacht Club. His leisure

activities include carpentry, travel, hiking, skiing, sailing, and cruising the Maine coast and elsewhere.

Bruce D. Folsom, Alfred, Maine, graduated with a degree in engineering physics and went to work for Eastman Kodak. He retired after 35 years in color film manufacturing. Married to Mary Hastings Dumas '51, they have combined five children and eight grandchildren. Bruce's volunteer work includes finance chairman of his church, Rotary Club, and Literacy Volunteers. In his leisure time he enjoys skiing and golf. While at Maine he was active in Lambda Chi Alpha, Owls, Skulls, MCA, and Tau Beta Phi. Bruce remembers UMaine as being a great part of his life.

Leon Gray, also retired, winters in Pittsboro, North Carolina, and summers in Liberty, Maine. He received a degree in electrical engineering at Maine and his MBA from NYU. He has three children and four grandchildren. While at the University of Maine he participated in the debating team where he was the only engineering student on the varsity team all four years. He still has fond memories of living in the South Apartments after World War II. When asked to share an interesting fact about himself, he replied, "Hey, I'm still alive and kicking."

Ben D. Harrington, Amherst, Massachusetts, was a pilot in World War II. After receiving his degree in history at Maine, he went to work at H. P. Cummings Construction Company. Now retired, he enjoys his camp at Moosehead Lake in Rockwood, Maine, and golfing. He is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and the fondest memory of his days at Maine was living in the trailer colony. The greatest change in his life since graduation came with the loss of his wife, Donna Graves Harrington '48, due to an auto accident. For the last 18 years he has been living in Englewood, Florida, six months of the year.

Lois Nicholson Healey, Lexington, Massachusetts, majored in sociology and became a special education teacher. Now retired, she sings with her church choir and is a soloist. (I remember her beautiful voice as she sang at our Class of '49 memorial service during our 50th Reunion.) She prides herself on being a good friend and neighbor. While at Maine, she was a member of AOII sorority, All Maine Women, Sophomore Eagles, Mu Alpha Epsilon, Newman Club, Der Deutche Vereign, International Relations Club, chorus, Madrigal Singers,

Varsity Singers, and church choir. Lois finds that she has too many favorite memories of her university days to make one selection. For her it was a time of great happiness, she had wonderful friends, and the university staff treated her wonderfully. The most remarkable change in her life since graduation is the great strength that comes with God's help, as the demands of life increase.

Botany was the major of **Barbara Hastings Honkala** of Bethel, Maine. She is now retired as a botanist after 20 years with the U.S. Forest Service at Intermountain Foresters Experiment Station in Montana and then in forest management research in Washington, D.C. At the present time she is a volunteer researcher at the Bethel Historical Society Regional History Center. She is a member of the Cross Country Quilters, part of the Pine Tree Quilters Guild of Maine. She is a charter member of the Kentele Consort of Maine. They play five, 10, 15, and 36-string kenteles (the Finnish national folk instrument) and have done concerts in Boston, Burlington, and many towns in Maine. Barb and husband, Rudy, are active in the Finnish American Heritage Society of Maine. During college she was a member of the Maine Outing Club, All Maine Field Hockey team, and the Aggie Club. Her favorite memories of those days were skiing at the MOC hill across the river, helping to build the Outing Club cabin, and MOC climbs of Mount Katahdin. She considers it quite remarkable to have had a career with the U.S. Forest Service, since the University of Maine refused to let her major in forestry when she attended.

Lawrence Stanley Jenness is retired and living in Laguna Niguel, California. He majored in speech at the University of Maine and received his master's and doctorate at Northwestern University. Larry and wife, Nancy, have 10 stepchildren and 13 grandchildren. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946. After graduation he taught high school, became a principal, administrator, and assistant superintendent in Illinois. He was Rotary president in both Illinois and California and homeowners association president in California. While at Maine he was editor of the *Campus* and participated on the debate team. He has many fond memories of his college days. Larry writes that he has had three wives, life in California is good, and he just enjoyed his 80th

birthday party.

Arolyn Roberta Johnson majored in sociology at Maine. She is now retired, having formerly been YMCA professional director for 28 years, including positions as branch executive and corporate vice president in Baltimore, Maryland. She was local, regional, or national officer in the YMCA professional society throughout those years and conference center administrator for the Sisters of Mercy for the United Methodist Church. Presently, Bobb is active in the leadership of the United Church of Christ congregation and an active participant in the Sisters of Mercy associate program regionally and formerly nationally. She volunteers in a nursing home and is copresident of Trenton Women's Club. She is a member of two YMCA retirees' professional society chapters and is former chair of the international conference of MCDA retirees. She traveled between 1997 and 2002 to Russia, China (twice), Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, and the National Parks of Utah. During her college days, she was a member of Delta Zeta sorority, Penhellenic Council, and a Sophomore Eagle. Her favorite memory of her days at Maine was living and working at the Elms cooperative dormitories. Bobby says she put herself through college and worked until age 62 and therefore finds it very remarkable that she has been able to travel to 49 states and 27 countries since retirement and is alive and active in the 21st century.

After **Evan R. Johnson** graduated from UMaine, he went on and received a master's degree from Columbia University, a bachelor of divinity from Hartford Seminary, and a doctorate from Andover Newton Seminary. He is married to June Swanton Johnson '48 and they have two children and two grandchildren. Although he is retired from the clergy, he is still actively engaged in social justice causes. He has served on committees too numerous to list since his retirement. He is presently a teacher at the Second Half (retirement institute connected to UMass Dartmouth). During college he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, student conductor of the band, and president of the orchestra. Musical activities and courting his spouse were his favorite memories of his UMaine days. Going from teaching music into the ministry at age 30 was the most remarkable change in his life since graduation.

Mary-Abbie Pulsifer Kilgore, Norway, Maine, majored in home

economics at Maine. She is married to Kenneth Kilgore and they have two children and three grandchildren. Her leisure activities these days include volunteering and gardening. During college she was a member of Delta Zeta sorority and she describes her favorite memory of those days as living at Kappa Sig house during her freshman year.

After graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering, **Richard M. Meserve** of Harrington, Maine, and Plant City, Florida, worked for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft for four years before moving back to Maine in 1956. He spent the greater part of his working years in health care in an administrative position at Down East Community Hospital in Machias, Maine. For many years he has been active in the Rotary Club, serving two years as president and also has been very active in his Masonic Lodge, serving as master for two years. He and his wife, Joan Frye Meserve '48, have been playing golf for many years and still enjoy it. He was a member of Phi Eta Kappa fraternity during college. He says the fraternity life and the friends he made will always be with him. He also remembers all the returning servicemen starting in 1946 who were dedicated to getting an education. He feels they did a lot to raise the academic bar at UMaine.

Paul J. Mitchell majored in education while at Maine, then went on to get his master's degree from Columbia University in 1950. Before entering UMaine, he served two years in the U.S. Navy (1944-1946). Following graduation from Columbia, he became an insurance agent and agency owner (president of G-H-M Agency) from 1951 to date. His community service includes the Waterville city council, planning board, member and chairman of Kennebec Sanitary District, and Waterville Housing Authority. He is president of the Maine Independent Insurance Association. In his leisure time he enjoys golfing and playing tennis. During college he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and the "M" Club. He played varsity baseball in 1947 and 1948. Paul's favorite memory of his university days was that every day was a great day and he remembers the wonderful friends he met there. The most remarkable change in his life since graduation was the discovery that he could compete successfully in every endeavor he attempted and to have led successfully the largest redevelopment effort (in money and



Class of 1949 officers at Reunion 2004. Sitting (left to right) are: Arnold Davis (class agent), Jayne Hanson Bartley (president), and Marion "Lexey" Carter (vice president). Standing are: Dorothy Averill Hawkes (secretary) and Evelyn Ellsworth Dearborn (treasurer).

At Sunday's reunion awards ceremony, Jayne was presented with a Block "M" Award for her outstanding service to her class and Senior Alumni. Also receiving a Block "M," posthumously, was '49 class member Ralph Barnett.

scope of work) in the history of the city of Waterville.

Randolph E. Moores, Berlin, New Hampshire, and Ormond Beach, Florida, majored in civil engineering and is retired as vice president of operations, Berlin-Gorham Group, James River Corporation. Randy and wife, Marie, have four children and seven grandchildren. In his leisure time he enjoys golf, fishing, and his computer. During college he was a member of Tau Beta Pi and participated in cross-country.

After graduating from UMaine with a degree in sociology, **Lois Ann Small Peterson**, Ocean Park, Maine, worked as a field director for the Girl Scouts of America. Her leisure activities include being a Laubach Literary Tutor, working with agoraphobics, and teaching workshops on Ukrainian Easter eggs. She is an organist and piano accompanist in the community theater. During her college days, she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She participated in the Maine Masque Theater and modern dance. The most remarkable change in Lois Ann's life since graduation was her recovery from agoraphobia in 1978. This changed her whole life.

Paul A. Praderio, Clinton, Massachusetts, is a retired civil engineer

from the U.S. Army Signal Corps. He and his wife, Jeannette, have six children and 13 grandchildren. He is on several building committees in his community and enjoys traveling and playing golf. In collaboration with other volunteers, he has written a book paying tribute to veterans of World War II from his town of Clinton, Massachusetts. During college he was a charter member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Paul believes that UMaine prepared him well to succeed in his profession as a civil engineer. Five of his six children graduated from UMaine and UMaine prepared them to achieve their goals as well. He has been retired for 16 years and has traveled extensively with his wife and is enjoying every minute of it.

Eugenia Melzar Shepard, Boothbay Harbor, Maine, was a chemistry major at UMaine. She and her husband, Robert, have three children and six grandchildren. Genie had a career as a homemaker and presently enjoys singing in the choir and community chorus. They also enjoy sailing—cruising the coast of Maine. She is a member of the P.E.O. sisterhood, having been president of the Massachusetts state chapter from 1974 to 1975. During college she was a member of Phi Mu sorority.

Lois Deering Starbird, of Solon, Maine, majored in home economics at UMaine. Married to **Albert Starbird**, they have four children and seven grandchildren. Lois was home economics cluster chair (department head four times) at the Greater Lowell Regional Vocational Technical High School in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts. She is now retired and keeps busy as Somerset County nutrition leader for Cooperative Extension homemakers, vice chair of the Coolidge Library (Solon) trustees, chair of the Solon Historical Society, and a Literacy Volunteer. She also enjoys gardening and reading. During college she was vice chair and chair of the Home Economics Club and a member of Omicron Nu honor society. Lois wrote, "It amazes me that I progressed from a two-room, two teacher high school to...graduating from UMaine, to retiring from teaching at the largest independent vocation school east of the Mississippi."

John W. Steves and Virginia Dolan Steves '50, Hampstead, North Carolina, have three children and six grandchildren. After a stint in the U.S. Navy during World War II, John graduated from UMaine with a degree in electrical engineering and worked for Sperry Rand and Textron. Virginia was a homemaker. John retired in 1986 and now enjoys bowling and does environmental work. They both enjoy playing golf. During college, Jon was a member of Beta Theta Pi and he fondly remembers the Beta House activities. The most remarkable change in his life since graduation, he writes, is the fact that he was able to settle down and successfully pursue an engineering career.

Joseph I. Volpe, Weymouth, Massachusetts, is a retired engineer. He and his wife, Dorothy, have two children and two grandchildren. They enjoy traveling and are presently down-sizing in preparation for a move to senior housing in about a year.

Charles W. Wood is now retired from a career in civil engineering and resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Betty Allan Wright, Ridge Manor, Florida, majored in business at UMaine and is now retired. She enjoys church, golf, and bridge. During college she was a member of AOII sorority. She exclaimed that the greatest change in her life after graduation was "marriage after 50!"

Once again, thanks for sending in your Reunion update bios. All of you who have not done so, please

fill them in and send them to me in care of the alumni office. I would love to hear from you and include your news in my next column.

Libby Tufts Goodrich wrote to me in April informing me that **John Wentworth's** wife, Dorothy, had died in March. John moved to a retirement community in Falmouth from Kezar Lake where his wife needed to be put in a nursing home specializing in Alzheimer's care. John's father was a Methodist minister in Orono. Libby also wrote, "I am sorry that I missed both Marion's house party and our 55th Reunion. We had tickets to fly to Marquette, Michigan, for a week (April 28 to May 5). Our oldest grandchild, Andrew, graduated from Northern Michigan University. We also committed ourselves to be at our daughter Susan's home from May 21 to June 7 while she and her husband were in Europe. I missed attending Reunion but family needs come first. I met Barbara Thompson York yesterday and she was just back from Seattle and planned to be in Italy over the period of the Bar Harbor gathering. Kay Kennedy Nickless has been having severe arthritic shoulder problems for the last two weeks and doubted she could attend our two class events. We are getting old! Please give our greetings to all."

Our 55th Reunion weekend began on Friday, June 4th, with the Senior Alumni luncheon and annual meeting. All classes are members of the Senior Alumni after their 50th Reunion. The Senior Alumni provide many scholarships for deserving University of Maine students. At the business meeting Jayne Hanson Bartley was elected president and Thelma Crossland Robie was elected treasurer of the Senior Alumni for the coming year. In the afternoon we attended the dedication of the new Fogler Library steps. The Class of '49 dinner was held on Friday evening. We were entertained by the Landlords, an a cappella men's group whose singing was fabulous. After dinner, several of the class returned to the class lounge at the Doris Twitchell Allen Village to reminisce and look over the posters and books of class history. "Sparky" played the piano for us and how could we keep from singing? On Saturday morning some of us attended the dedication of the Class of 1944 Bear's Den in the Memorial Union. At noon the class gathered for our 1949 Class memorial service, luncheon, and business meeting. At the memorial service for

classmates who have gone before us, we were called to worship by Thelma Robie. The Reverend Dr. Henry Wyman gave the prayers and meditation and the benediction was given by Reverend Fred Robie. Priscilla Thomas Rines provided the music. It was a very moving service. We have lost so many. In attendance were: **Cecil Lewis Alieff**, Warren Alieff '51, **Daniel Andrews**, **William Barron**, Jayne Hanson Bartley, **Nancy Carter Bishop**, Marion "Lexey" Carter, Colleen "Sparky" Coates, **Jason Cole**, Annette Cole, **Donald Collins**, **Patricia McGuigan Collins**, **Arnold Davis**, Joyce Davis, Evelyn Ellsworth Dearborn, **Vance Dearborn**, Bruce Folsom, Mary Hastings Dumas Folsom '51, Leon Gray, Rosemarie Gagnon Hallsey, **Dorothy Averill Hawkes**, **George Higgins**, **Fred Knight**, **Barbara Haney McKay**, **Margaret Hurd Merrow**, Paul Mitchell, **Harold Moulton**, Karin Moulton, **Robert Ramsdell**, **Priscilla Thomas Rines**, Fred Robie '53, Thelma Crossland Robie, **William Skolfield**, Ellen Skolfield, **Harry Treworgy**, **Charlotte Harris Treworgy**, **Walter Verrill**, Gloria Verrill, **Henry Wyman**, **Lorraine Littlefield Wyman**, and **Walter Zinchuk**. At the business meeting it was voted to give the following from our class funds; \$5,000 to the Buchanan Alumni House for maintenance, \$3,000 for scholarships, and \$2,000 to the president's discretionary fund. On Saturday evening we gathered at the all-alumni Reunion reception and banquet where we were entertained by the Brian Nadeau Quartet. After dinner many went to the Maine Center for the Arts to hear the music of the Coasters, Drifters, and The Platters. The Sunday morning alumni awards breakfast was a special event as two of our classmates received the 2004 Block "M" Awards. The Block "M" Award is presented annually in appreciation of outstanding service to the university through multiple endeavors. For his leadership, loyal service to the University of Maine, and his never-ending Maine spirit, a 2004 Block "M" Award was presented posthumously to **Ralph Elbridge Barnett**. The award was accepted by Ralph's daughter Jane. In recognition of her enthusiastic support and faithfulness to her class, the alumni association, and the university, a Block "M" Award was presented to Jayne Hanson Bartley.

Congratulations! The awards are well deserved.

Have a great fall and winter, everyone, and add me to your Christmas list.

1950

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The flags of the United States of America, the state of Maine, and the University of Maine fly proudly at the entrance to the Orono campus. I hope you have had a chance to see our gift to the University—for it is indeed awesome!

I no sooner put the column for the winter 2004 edition of *Mainely People* into the hands of the U.S. Postal Service than I received a letter from **Joseph Oppenheim** (341 West Claridge Street, Melbourne, Florida 32937-5216) who reported that after World War II he was a student in our class for two years, and then transferred to MIT where he graduated in 1950 with a B.S. in electrical engineering. Though he has officially retired, Joe does some writing and has published a science-fiction book called *Mind Wanderer*. Check it out at your closest public library! **Arnold Buschena** wrote that he and Anna are living in a great retirement community called Bayview Gardens in Clearwater, Florida. Though they are both feeling very well, they don't travel too far afield anymore, for they are busy with activities in their immediate area. They also attend alumni and class activities in and around Clearwater.

I received a letter from John Fenlau (Class of 1982) whose dad **Yngurd Fehlau** (who died in 1988) and uncle **Martin Fehlau** (who died in 1998) were members of our class. He said that he always reads our column to learn of our comings and goings. He recalled that Yngurd and Martin lived their four undergraduate years in Room 132 Corbett Hall on campus. Then 35 years later he was assigned to Room 123 in Corbett during his freshman year. What a feeling of déjà vu to be using the same sinks, phones, and lounges as they did to those many years earlier. John has two good friends whose dads also were on campus with us—George Ayers '51 and **Clyde Grant**. Small world!

We are still on a quest for some numbers of classmates who are "lost." We have been trying to locate our own—in hopes that our 55th Reunion in 2005 will have a packed house! In any case, we are delighted that **Isabelle Sands Sampson** met with success and located **Ralph Wharff** who lives at 11 Essex Hill, English Village, Dover, Delaware 19904. After graduating from Maine, he attended Babson College and then accepted an administrative position at International Playtex in Dover, Delaware, where he worked for 27 years. After leaving Playtex, he became a promotional sales representative with Avis Rent-A-Car in the Delaware/Maryland area. Though he has retired, Ralph continues with Dover Downs, the sponsor of NASCAR races. He works on a part-time basis as supervisor of the admissions people who greet attendees at the gates. I hope that Ralph has a chance to enjoy the races in the process! Though we are pleased to have located Ralph, we are hoping that you may have knowledge of other missing classmates. Does anyone know where we might find **Philip R. Burns** (whose last address was 87 Hicks Street, Portland, Maine 04103), **John L. Carlton** (67 Old Ferry Road, Wiscasset, Maine 04578), or **Allison G. Catheron** (RR 2, Box 440, Franklin, Maine 04634-9647)?

Dave McClure (46 Quarry Road, Bridgewater, Connecticut 06752-1116) sent a spellbinding account of experiences both during the 1947 fire in Bar Harbor and during the Korean Conflict—and I feel compelled to share some of his story with you. With regard to the fire he wrote, "First of all, as a member of the Naval Reserve in Bangor, our unit was called to active duty to help in fighting the Bar Harbor fire. I did miss a few classes at the university, but we all felt a sense of duty and took pride in participating in such a good cause. We worked hard for two or three days with little, if any, sleep and a diet of cold sandwiches; assigned to work along one of the fire fronts, digging trenches, lighting back fires, beating out flames, etc. in an effort to contain the advancement. It may appear ironic, but it was a very cold assignment, rather dirty too. At the same time, we were all anxious for news on the total picture. Certainly, there were anxious moments as we learned of town residents, leaving their homes and belongings, to gather on the high school's football field. From there, groups were moved to the town

dock where the Coast Guard, along with volunteers in their recreational boats, had organized an evacuation. Fortunately, it was unnecessary to complete this plan as the fire was finally brought under control. Unfortunately, thousands of beautiful acres were burned over and many of the great summer mansions were burned to the ground—never to be rebuilt in the same grand splendor. Certainly, Acadia National Park is one of the most beautiful places in the world and a very popular tourist destination; but for those of us who knew its grandeur before 1947, it will never be quite the same." Wow!

Shortly after we received Dave's description of the fire, we were saddened to learn that Dave died the first part of March. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his family.

I remember **Mary Whitcomb Stover's** grief that the only thing left of their family's home was the bathtub—midst rubble and ashes. Please put together your reminiscences of the fire and/or World War II/Korea and send them on to: Prexy **Maggie Mollison McIntosh** at Box 476, York Harbor, Maine 03911.

There was a very interesting article in the Lewiston newspaper toward the end of 2003 speaking to the distinguished career of our classmate **Dick Hewes**—trial attorney plus holder of many elective offices including his local school board, serving as county commissioner, and in the Maine House of Representatives as well as the Maine Senate. He is the only living Republican to have "wielded the Speaker's gavel in the Maine House of Representatives" during the 1973-1974 Legislature and we are so proud of him! Dick is said to have observed, "I prefer to be remembered as the Listener of the House rather than the Speaker of the House." Author Paul Mills noted that "someone took note of Will Rogers' observation that 'Politics ain't worrying this country one tenth as much as where to find a parking space'"—and that someone was Dick who listened to the people and then heeded the concern that parking in and around the legislature in Augusta was sorely lacking! Everyone was delighted that there came to be a three-level parking garage right behind the state house that quite adequately accommodates workers and citizens of the state of Maine (interesting to know that the building's reinforcements have sufficient strength to accommodate two or more decks above the three that are already there).



William "Brother Bill" Bodwell '50 (left) receives the 2004 Pine Tree Emblem Service Award from alumni association chair Bion Foster '68, '70G during Reunion in June. Bill was honored for having served his class, the alumni association, and the university for more than 50 years. A successful car dealer, Bill has, for years, supplied cars to both the association and to the athletic department. He's also a generous supporter of the annual fund and the Black Bear Marching Band. Bill was also the long-time class agent for his class and a former president of the Merrymeeting Bay Alumni Chapter.

Dick saw a need for adequate parking and made it happen! Mr. Mills added that, "Future access to our state leaders will thus be assured, much befitting the image of one of the more accommodating and farsighted public officials of the last generation in Maine." That's our Dick!

Earle R. "Trapper" and Polly Curtis Clifford sent greetings from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at Christmas time including a great family picture—and a handsome family it is! Polly said that they are fine; Trapper walks an hour plus a day and Polly continues to be able to step out of their home and onto the golf course close at hand. **George and Norma Mooers Gray's** '52 holiday note was from Vero Beach, Florida, where they are happy "snow birds." George continues his work with Meals on Wheels and plays golf as often as he can. They noted that golf and going to dinner with friends are their "two favorite sports!"

Prexy Maggie had hip replacement surgery in December and was off and running shortly thereafter. She came down to Mystic and environs the end of January to join us for Burns Night, sponsored by the Mystic Scottish Country

Dancers. We put her right to work selling tickets for our great raffle baskets, and then she joined in the fun of "toasting the future amid the swirl of bagpipes and plains, plus Highland and Scottish country dancing, Burns poetry, and the impressive (and fun) ceremony accompanying Ode To The Haggis." We had a gala evening of all things Scottish and were so glad that Maggie could join us. Baxter, the Scottie, and Bonny, my West Highland Terrier, (with their "moms") are back on the parade circuit with the Mystic Highland Pipe Band—thoroughly enjoying the pipes and drums. The enthusiasm of the crowds is infectious—and we have a ball!

I went on a cruise to Bermuda the middle of May with the Mystic Highland Pipe Band. We had a wonderful time at sea, savoring those days for sitting in deck chairs while looking at the tranquil sea, taking advantage of the various pools, eating when the spirit moved, and generally being very laid back. We docked right on Front Street in Hamilton, utilizing the ship as our hotel and restaurant and ventured out to view the history and beauty of that fine island. The band and Scottish Country Dancers joined the

Bermuda Pipe Band in the Bermuda Day Parade on the 24th, which was a thrill and a half, despite the fact that the parade route took us two-plus miles up hills—gradually but very steadily. Bermuda Day is a celebration of the excellence that is the beautiful island: costumed children's groups, church groups, civic groups, dancers, and singers, all with magnificent floats made of local flowers. Many units danced along the route, with on-lookers joining in the fun. There were so many people lining the sidewalks smiling, waving, thanking us for coming to help celebrate "their" day that we could hardly have cared about the temperatures hovering in the mid 80's with a dash of humidity thrown in! What a wonderful experience for us all! Later, we swam in the crystal clear turquoise water, explored several forts on either tip of the islands, exclaimed at the beauty and friendliness everywhere that we went, and made a few purchases to help the local economy, all the time wishing that we could have stayed on for a few more days!

While my cruise was winding down, classmates were in Orono to join in the Reunion festivities. On that Friday night, members and friends of our class met at Miller's in Bangor for a great reunion of their own while enjoying the unique and wonderful buffet. **Polly Clement Barron**, Justin '48 and **Louise Litchfield McIntire**, **Bob Elliott**, **George** and **Sharon Gonyar**, **Len** and **René Minsky**, **Don Waring**, **Bill** and **Janet Marston Bodwell** '55, **Dick Marston**, **Hoppy** and **Dottie Lord Hopkins**, **Maggie Mollison McIntosh**, and **Elbert** and **Phyllis Prince** ate and talked away—enjoying the get-together—while thinking ahead to our 55th Reunion in 2005 (next year!). Saturday morning was spent in trips down memory lane: viewing the newly renovated Bear's Den at the Memorial Union, checking out the "old" campus, viewing Buchanan Alumni House, and joining in the fun of banquets and luncheons. Sunday morning at the awards banquet, we were absolutely elated when "Brother" Bill Bodwell was awarded the annual Pine Tree Emblem Service Award in recognition and appreciation of his leadership and service to the University of Maine alumni body. Bill has served the university and his community so well through the years, and we are so proud of him and for him! Congratulations, Bill!

The Salmon Falls group met in early August to conduct the business of the group, chat away, and plan activities for our 55th next year. (Note: am writing this prior to the actual meeting—so will keep you posted as to what special activities were planned—such as having a separate get-together prior to the actual Reunion on campus for a time of our own such as we did in Bar Harbor in 2000, a ceremony at the Flag Plaza to honor our class, or whatever—and more!) We shall keep you posted as to the who, what, when, where, and/or why with regard to Reunion festivities. If you have any thoughts with regard to our 55th, please be in touch with Maggie at P.O. Box 476 in York Harbor, Maine 03911-0476, telephone 1-207-363-5510. Her e-mail is: mmcintosh46@hotmail.com.

We shall keep you posted.
Love and hugs, Ruthie

1951

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Bill and **Barbara Foster Duplisea** write that they moved to Center Point, Texas, 11 years ago. They spend summers in Kinnear, Wyoming. Their son Rick owns Audio Alternative Stereo Store in Fort Collins, Colorado. Their daughter Karen is assistant professor of dance at Ryerson University, Toronto; and their daughter Pam teaches school in Pavilion, Wyoming. Bill urges anyone who has been diagnosed with the rare cancer, Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia, to contact him as he has information about a very helpful web site run by very caring people.

Lucy Poli teaches English as a second language at Biddeford Primary School. She formerly taught in Rhode Island and Connecticut before returning to her home town of Biddeford in 1978.

As I write this, we are looking forward to our summer class picnic at the cottage of **Mary Hastings Dumas** and **Bruce Folsom '49**. News of this event will appear in the next class column.

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Class of 1950 correspondent Ruth Holland Walsh (left) and president Maggie Mollison McIntosh celebrated their Scottish heritage at Burns Night in Mystic, Connecticut, at the end of January. The event was sponsored by the Mystic Scottish Country Dancers. According to Ruth, it was a "gala evening of all things Scottish." This photo was taken at a post Burns brunch at the home of Mary Ruddles Len on February 1.

1952

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From the cupola to the Class of '52 members, greetings! Thankfully we

have kept those home fires burning. That cupola was gleaming last night when I drove by, both picturesque and heart warming.

I hope by now we are all basking in sunshine wherever we live. We who spend our winters here in Maine need to absorb some of those rays to make up for the natural Vitamin D that we miss out on.

Belated congratulations to

Lawrence Stanchfield and his wife Kay, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 5, 2003. The *Bangor Daily News* announced the celebration on November 22. Larry and Kay both grew up in the Milo area where they began dating while they were both students at Milo High School. The couple has five children; Amy Peabody lives in Old Town, Bethany Stanchfield in Dedham, Lawrence Douglas Stanchfield '91 in Hermon, Dorothy Baker in Orland, and Kristin Watson in Wiscasset. Larry and Kay also have 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Their children treated them to a vacation in the New Hampshire White Mountains to celebrate the 50 years.

On November 28, 2003, Lewiston's *Sun-Journal* published a piece about **Donald Gouin** and Arthur Gouin '53 entitled "Mirror Images." These brothers are certainly like each other. The piece explained that the boys were born in the same living room in Norway, Maine, and were delivered by the same doctor. That was when Route 26 was concrete and bread was 12 cents a loaf as Donald told it. He also said the nearest hospital was in Lewiston, and that was an all-day trip back then. The boys went to the same schools from elementary school through college. They both joined Phi Mu Delta. Donald got his master's degree in 1967 in physical education. He became a Mason in 1953, and the newspaper article



Class of 1952 members gather at the Peter A. McKernan Hospitality Center at Southern Maine Community College for a mini-reunion earlier this summer.

was to honor both him and his brother, Art, when Art was awarded his 50-year pin. Donald was given his the year before. Donald said that he values the friendships he has made while a Mason and he espouses the same moral principles as the organization does: brotherly love, helping those in need, and truth. Donald retired from Oxford Hills High School in 1986, where he was assistant principal. He was then elected to the school board.

Class co-president **Alton Cole** e-mailed to say their children, Debbie and two sons, and families would be with them for a part of the holiday season following Christmas. Al had heard from **Patricia Brown Gray** that she and her husband Dick '54 and their son Mike had all finished the San Diego Marathon last January. Wow! That certainly deserves a pat on the back. They also mentioned that they found the San Diego run quite a challenge after training in the cool Maryland weather. Dick and Pat live in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The UMaine directory lists Pat as a special education teacher retired from the Montgomery County Public School System. They were both at Dick's 50th Reunion in Orono in June.

Class copresident **William "Bill" Currie** wrote that many of our class were in Portland to watch the UMaine men versus Vermont hockey game on January 4th along with him and **Harriet Johnson Currie**. Some of those going were: **Joan Vachon Victor** and Milton Victor '51, **Beth Leighton Furlong** and husband Chuck '54, **John LaFlamme**, **Ken Castner**, **Gladys Baker Stais**, **William Whited**, **Eleanor Mahaney Zdanowicz**, and husband Paul Zdanowicz '53. The Cumberland County Civic Center, with 7,000 seats, had been sold out. There was to be a big pre-game reception, and now that we know that Maine was the big winner, don't you bet the post-game party was pretty big also?

Clarence Neal e-mailed Bill Currie to say that a group of Friends of Women's Basketball went to Hawaii the week before Thanksgiving to see the Maine Women lose to Washington State, and soundly trounce the University of Hawaii. Maine supporters took up one whole section and outnumbered any other group by a large margin. Clarence said the Maine group made themselves heard loud and clear. The Neals also spent a week touring and exploring the islands. Sure sounds like a super trip. Also, Clarence, I



Charles '54 and Elizabeth Leighton Furlong '52 were presented with a Block "M" Award at Reunion 2004 in early June. Elizabeth is serving her second five-year term as Class of '52 vice president and was the class reunion chair for her 50th Reunion. Charles was active both in raising funds for the Class of '54 and for helping make this year's 50th Reunion a success.

want to thank you for e-mailing me to say that a flag holder would be placed at the Maxfield Cemetery for Hub Trefts when the ground thawed.

Copresident Bill Currie reported that the next mini-class reunion for small pockets of '52ers would be Wednesday, June 23, at the Peter McKernan Hospitality Center on the Southern Maine Community College campus. A buffet luncheon was served in the porch area overlooking Casco Bay. The Senior Alumni luncheon that is part of Reunion 2004 was held at Buchanan Alumni House on June 5. There was a good group in attendance.

Alan Pease and Margaret Murray Pease spent Thanksgiving in Fraser, Colorado, with their son Daniel '82, and his family. Marnie said that was the only cross-country skiing they did all winter. On Christmas they flew to Key West with their daughter, Kathryn Pease Foss '79, and her family. They all enjoyed biking around the island where the sun was shining every day. At the end of March, Marnie and Al went to Victoria, British Columbia, for 10 days where they met friends and cycled and hiked on Vancouver Island. They recently had breakfast with **Jeanne Frye Begley** and Chuck. Marnie also told me that **Mary Snyder Dow's** companion, Stewart Coffin, has written a book that is available on the Internet: www.naturalheritagebooks.com. I

ordered the book in February, but had not received it by mid March. Mary and Stewart were on a cruise in January, but I haven't heard in which direction.

William and Adelaide "Gump" Grant Ruby spent the holidays and a few weeks besides in Superior, Colorado, visiting son Stephen and family. Then they were off to be with daughter Anne's family in Oxnard, California. They were to meet **Ruth Drysdale Frazier** and husband Vernon in Pasadena for the Rose Bowl Parade. Ruthie had given Gump Vern's sister, Marie's, Pasadena phone number, where Gump would contact her. One digit in the number was incorrect, so each group watched the parade without seeing the other. Gump said the floats were amazing. She and Bill enjoyed being with both sets of grandchildren. Even though the flight from Newark had been delayed because of snow and de-icing on the 14th of December, Steve, Kevin, and Laura Adelaide (Gump and Bill's fan club) met them in shirt sleeves in Denver. Gump flew back to Colorado at the end of March for Steve's oldest daughter, Erin's, first communion.

Many thanks to those who sent news and remember there will always be a next issue. Happy fall. Fran Trefts

Go Blue!

1953

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Thanks to Kennebunk Optical, I can see once again. I fell flat on my glasses the other day and really wrecked them. But as it turned out, they were fixable. So lucky me and \$5 later, here I am!

In March, I took a Caribbean cruise on Celebrity's two-year-old *Constellation*. It was a gain-a-pound-a-day delightful sunny vacation to Casa de Campo, Barbados, Grenada, Antigua, and St. Thomas. I wasn't going to go, the price was way too high for a single person, but then my niece and friend couldn't make it at the last minute. So I hurriedly packed my bags and climbed aboard a Delta flight to San Juan. My sister and friend also went along. It was my second cruise (the first, a Mediterranean with my father) and I definitely would go on another.

First, let me tell you about a very special book: *Wasn't That Fun: Jim Butterfield, A Coaching Life*. **Ted Tocci**, our classmate from Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, sent me a hard cover copy last month, totally unexpected. Thanks so much, Ted. It was written by Lois Butterfield, wife of our late classmate **Jim**, an Ithaca College football coach who earned a place in the College Football Hall of Fame. She self-published the book last year. The cover, with Jim on the football field smiling, his gloved hands held high, made you want to open the book right away. I went to the photos first, then to the front and the back of the book, and the middle, not reading it in the usual way. But it's the kind of book you can read that way.

They say there's a book in every person and Lois proved that. Thank you, Lois. I just had to call her. "Why the title?" I asked her. "Jim said that a lot, 'wasn't that fun,'" she said. She had hoped to have it done while he was still alive, but Jim died on Nov. 26, 2002, before his 75th birthday, a victim of "Dr. Alzheimer's dreaded disease" as Lois called it.

It was Blaise Faggiano, a former Ithaca College football player and football coach, who visited Lois one day because he had an idea: "He thought the story of Jim Butterfield and Ithaca College football should

be told" (as quoted on the book's inside cover). She replied: "I always wanted to write about my husband, the coach. This desire increased following his retirement. I began to realize more fully what his career really meant. I knew he was good at what he did. I knew he was respected. But to me, he was husband, father, provider, and the guy who took out the garbage."

So, Lois "began to read many of the letters he received and saved over the years and had tucked away in the basement. If nothing else, this is a simple story about a pretty good guy." And that it is, with stories and anecdotes told and written by former players and associates, colleagues and friends, including Howard Cosell (ABC television sports), and many others, interspersed throughout this 313-page story of Jim's life. At the end, there's a section, with diagrams, "meant to be a historical review that spans Jim Butterfield's coaching life: The Xs and Os 1943-1993." There are game records and players' names, and more. It covers his coaching career from Arms Academy in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, (where he met Lois), 1954-1956; to the University of Maine 1956-1960; on to Colgate 1960-1967; and finally to Ithaca 1967-1993.

Lois, who "can't type, types with two fingers," said, "Typing that way gives you a lot of time to think." She said once she finished writing it and realized someone would read it, "It was a very intimidating task. You want to do it right. I wanted it to have enough breadth that not only football players but others would read it. I figured if I pleased my family and his former football players and associates that was good enough for me."

She said, "I'm not a writer, I don't do it every day, but I absolutely enjoyed every bit of the writing. It didn't feel difficult. I enjoyed the process." I know you'll enjoy her "work of art," printed by Maple-Vail Book Manufacturing Group, York, Pennsylvania (\$21).

Do give Lois, who summers in Cape Cod, a call. (She said I could say that.) Her telephone number is: (607) 273-0744. There's also a web site (where you can download the order blank): <http://www.thebutterfieldbook.com>.

And in Ted's letter he sent to me: "The book brought back some fond memories of our years at Maine and the outstanding football teams we had and the state championships won playing Bates, Colby, and

Bowdoin. I knew Jim, because he played along two of my fraternity brothers Ray Cox and Dick Breen, and I was on the baseball team with **Jack Butterfield**, Jim's brother. Jack went to become an executive with the New York Yankees, and died tragically in a car accident in 1979."

Ted went on to say he "caught up with Jim at Ithaca, as my daughter Leslee was a student there from 1981-1985. She captained the women's varsity crew team and kept me up-to-date on all the activities in the athletic department and Jim's successes with the football team. She thought he was a great leader and outstanding person."

Good luck, Lois, with your book. Thank you for letting us see a part of Jim's life.

Well, our first Senior Alumni Reunion was held (together with all the other seniors and milestone reunion classes) June 4-6 in Orono. I went, of course. They said it was the largest reunion UMaine has ever had and the Class of 1954 (their 50th) was huge with more than 200 classmates returning! The weather was just beautiful all three days, and as one award recipient put it when he went up to the mike (and I'm paraphrasing), "It's a great day—even the black flies carried out my luggage!" (Yes, there were a few of those pesky things here and there, but we survived.)

I, too, was awarded and received the 2004 Hilda Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award (I'm trying not to brag). I want to thank the alumni association, its board of directors, and the awards committee for that special honor. I received a lovely black marble pen and clock set. Thanks so much. I really love to be honored, don't you? And those photos shown on the big screen as recipients received their awards on Sunday morning were really great (even if I was pictured in my grass skirt and coconut shells!)

I was so glad to see a number of '53 classmates attending. I ate Friday's lunch with **Frank Pickering** and his wife, Clara, **Doug Kneeland** and his wife, Barbara, **Woody Carville** and his wife, Jean '54 (and I can't remember who else, because it was always someone different at each meal, or event). Anyway, over the weekend I saw: **Dave Hale** and his wife, Marion '54; **Carol Prentiss Mower**; **Cynthia Cowan Dunlap** and her husband, **Robert**; **Pete Shumway**; **Fred Hutchinson** and his wife, Dione '54; and **Helen Strong Hamilton** and her sister,

Caroline Strong '50. (If I forgot anyone, please excuse me.) I did see Sandy Cameron's name on the sign-in board (he had registered), but never saw the bear sticker next to his name that he had arrived or him. Where were you, Sandy?

My two daughters, their husbands, and seven children came and stayed in a 40-foot motor home at Pushaw Pond. I remember as a student going there for a swim or two, in my black bathing suit, now long gone. How about you? It also was great going to all the wonderful different events—the days were certainly full of them! I also enjoyed showing my family around campus Sunday morning, the dorms, the Page Farm and Home Museum, fraternities, and especially the Buchanan Alumni House, while the grandchildren had the football field all to themselves. And then we all went to Pat's Pizza for lunch. Even Carol Prentiss Mower went with us. Hey, Carol, are you still with us, between all the spilled drinks, the crying, fussing, and a lot of noise? But that's life, I guess.

Meanwhile, I've heard from only a few classmates (thank you), so back to the phones I went. I talked with Helen Strong Hamilton, our class president, and she's still working as executive director for Kids Voting New Hampshire, a non-profit, non-partisan education program with a curriculum in civics for school systems K-12. She's also still laughing, she said, because in February she went to a conference in Las Vegas and "came home with more money than I went with. I'm not a gambler, but I was shocked on a nickel machine or I shocked the nickel machine." Lucky you, Helen!

Also, before I forget it, make a note of **Susan Mitchell's** new e-mail address:

Sheephil@lynxconnect.com.

Thanks, Susan, for your e-mail.

Oh, yes. **Ray Robbins**, of Pittsford, New York, is also good at sending e-mails. He wrote that he planned to get up to Mount Desert Island (Maine) in early May and he's "looking forward to using the canoes this year!"

And then there's **Zinas "Zeke" Mavodones** who's quite prolific at e-mails. Here's part of one, dated March 4: "This January all the family went to celebrate our new granddaughter's first birthday—the entire families were there—little Maia (named after one of the seven stars in the Pleiades constellation) even danced away to the music. Again I was re-elected as president of the

School District Credit Union—we have about 250 members but the board is the group that elects the officers.

"About two years ago I received a surprise award from the Grand Master of the Worlds Tae-Kwondo Karate Association. He made me an honorary first degree black belt holder in the association. I now have a black belt with my name embroidered in Korean and I am entered in the Roll Book. The Grand Master Duk Sun Son has only presented about a dozen of these over a 30-year span including one to a U.S. president. I have worked with them in continuing education with their program for over 30 continuous years. Also, this last December I was installed as Master (president) of the American Lodge of Research in New York state (this is a Masonic organization). There are others in the nation but this is the oldest and referred to as the Premier Lodge since it was the first such in the nation. This group of Freemasons is interested in applying scholarship and historical investigations into the oldest fraternity in the world. Besides all the above, I still chair the county-wide continuing education consortium in this area.

"I now also sport a new license plate holder, a shiny metal frame, indicating I am an alumnus of the University of Maine as a result of my daughter's recent trip to Orono. I asked her to give **Woody Carville** a call but he was apparently away—who knows, Aruba swimming. I asked her to give him a cryptic message from our Old Oak Hall days—if he was there he would give the correct response—Oh yes, the message given was 'Orono is on fire!'"

The next day Zeke sent me a brief e-mail with things he forgot to include the day before:

"My youngest daughter, living in Belgium, has had some of her artwork in an exhibit which has been in Brussels, Amsterdam, Dublin, and now Athens—she is what you call a budding artist and very dedicated to her work. Also, I received the other day a large certificate of appreciation from the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation for the design I submitted last year for the World Trade Center Memorial. I was one of the 5,200 world-wide who sent in their designs. Here in our Dutchess County of 225,000 people I was the only one who made a submission—that surprised me somewhat. Speaking of Maine people, I have the use of Vassar College Library and from time to

time I meet students from Maine! I guess they want to get closer to the big city (New York City)."

Then Zeke sent another e-mail, March 15, when I e-mailed him about Lois Butterfield's book. "Yes, I do remember Jack Butterfield—our paths to classes often crossed—he always had a hello with a smile when someone greeted him, even if he did not know you personally. As you know, he was in line to be manager of the New York Yankees after Billy Martin when he died tragically on a foggy highway running into a large loader of some kind. Jim became an outstanding football coach at Ithaca garnering all kinds of awards. He also was a pleasant person to meet on the paths at campus. Both of the brothers were veterans." Thanks, Zeke!

Then came a phone call one night (February 12) from Carol Prentiss Mower, of Orono. She called to tell me Barbie and Ken were separating after 43 years. Of course I was thinking classmates, one of my roommates perhaps, but she was thinking dolls. Oh, Carol, you're such a devil! She heard it on the news with Dan Rather.

Carol also called me a month later to tell me that our classmate, the Reverend **Joanne Howland Hunter** of Mapleton, Maine, had died March 8 at a Bangor hospital. Joanne was a math major and taught high school mathematics at Bridgewater and Meredith, New Hampshire, prior to her marriage to James Hunter in 1955. (I gleaned the latter and the following from the March 10 obituary which appeared in the *Bangor Daily News* March 10. Thanks, Carol, for sending it to me.) Joanne began teaching again in 1966 at Easton High School and retired in 1989 after teaching there for 23 years. At Easton she coached girls basketball and advised the Bible Club. Joanne was ordained a minister of the gospel at the State Road Advent Christian Church in 1984. After her retirement in 1989, she was pastor at the Castle Hill Advent Christian Church and had served as senior pastor since that time. The class sends its condolences to her husband, four children, four grandchildren, her twin sisters, and her brother.

And, again, I don't like to be the bearer of sad news, but another classmate, **Nancy Kelley Littlefield** of Olmsted Falls, Ohio, died March 5 of lymphoma. I admired Nancy in high school and at Orono where she majored in home economics. I'm sure a lot of others did, too. She



Nancy Schott Plaisted (center) is congratulated by some 1953 classmates after receiving the Hilda A. Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award at Reunion 2004 in June. To Nancy's right are Helen Strong Hamilton and former UMaine president Fred Hutchinson. To her left are Carol Prentiss Mower and Doug Kneeland. The Hilda Sterling Award is presented to class correspondents who have consistently produced high quality communications to their University of Maine class.

was the principal's daughter but you never would have known it. Voted the most popular girl at Lewiston High, Nan was into everything including class president, Winter Carnival Queen, drum majorette and cheerleader, senior play, sports, editorial staffs, and much more. Her photo was on so many pages of the high school *Folio*. She always had a smile and as a quote in the yearbook stated: "So like a queen for grace." She truly was. She was a Grace Kelly. And up at Orono, she was a member of Chi Omega, Modern Dance Club, Glee Club, and assuredly more (since I left the end of my junior year for med tech studies in Lewiston).

I called her husband Fred '52 last week to offer the class condolences and at the end of the conversation he said, "We have six wonderful children." Children are wonderful. Nancy, we'll miss you at LHS's 55th in August. Fred, please try and make it, and also to Orono.

And yet another death, that of our classmate **Gordon Cram** of West Baldwin, Maine, who died February 9 at the Fryeburg Health Care Center. A biochemistry major, he played baseball in high school, college, and at the semi professional level in Nova Scotia as well as here. This I gleaned from the February 11 edition of the *Portland Press Herald*. It also stated that he even made it for a lengthy period of time with the

Boston Red Sox farm team organization. He was a member of the All State semipro baseball team in Portland in 1946 and a military policeman in the U.S. Army in New York from 1953-1955. He also worked for many years as an assistant professor of biochemistry at UMaine in Orono. The class extends its sympathy to all his relatives and friends.

Also, in the April 12 edition of the *Portland Press Herald*, I noticed that **Barbara Elizabeth Roach**, another of our classmates, died "following a lengthy battle with cancer." A 1948 graduate of Ricker Classical Institute, she became a registered nurse, graduating from Eastern Maine General Hospital School of Nursing in 1952, and the University of Maine in 1953. From 1953-1968 she worked as a nurse and then a nursing instructor at Eastern Maine General and in 1968 as a nursing instructor at Central Maine Technical Institute in Auburn. She soon was promoted to the program's director and held that title for 10 years until her retirement in 1990. The class's condolences go out to her family, relatives, and friends.

So far, we have lost 184 classmates (possibly more). Way too many. Then, again, we can't find 113 classmates—they're lost out there somewhere with bad addresses. But I'm happy to report there are some 529 classmates we can find. Do

keep the university informed of any changes. I now have an updated list, as of March 18, from the university so if you're looking for someone, the university or I should be able to help you.

I noticed when I was looking through the mailable addresses that just a handful of classmates lived out of the country: Four live in Canada: **Richard Cutting**, **Dr. Duncan Cameron**, **Peter Hamilton** and **Dr. Robert Kellogg**; one in Honolulu, **Louise Goodspeed**; one in Mexico, **Salvador Quintanal**; one in Australia, **Lincoln Abbott**; and one in Germany, **Artur Schoedel**. I can't believe there aren't more. And where is Otter Creek, Maine? Sounds like one of those Westerns to me. That's where **Dorothy Leonard Richardson** and her husband, Paul, live. I also didn't know there was a Long Island, Maine, where **Warren Brayley** lives. I must call these people. And did you know that some 216 classmates out of 529 mailable ones live in Maine? Why, we ought to be able to get them back to reunion! Let's also try for those 40 in Massachusetts, 17 in Connecticut, 14 in New Hampshire, seven in Vermont, and three in Rhode Island. That's 297, more than half of our classmates (with mailable addresses) who live in New England alone!

I just talked with **Fred Tarr** who has moved to 43 Piccadilly Way in Westborough, Massachusetts 01581-2208. Fred said he's in remission. That's wonderful news, Fred. Father of six and grandfather of 14, he said he's on a schedule and that Jackie was on her way back from Maine picking up a son. Fred said he reads some and Jackie works with the grandchildren and has various interests, including church.

I usually leave what the university sends me until the end of the column, but here it is. A photo of classmate **Arthur Guoin** and his brother, Donald '52 of Norway appeared in the November 28, 2003, edition of Lewiston's *Sun-Journal*. Art received his 50-year Masons medal at that time, while Donald received his six months earlier. As the headline stated: "Mirror Images." That they are. Art and Donald were born in the same living room and delivered by the same doctor. They went to the same schools (elementary through college) and were Phi Mu Delta brothers. Both have master's degrees; Donald in phys ed in 1967 and Art in educational administration in 1962. (Donald, two years

younger, would have graduated in 1952 but had spinal surgery in May.)

"Donald retired in 1986 as assistant principal at the then Oxford Hills High School and then was elected to the school board," stated the paper, which had Art quoting: "I'm on my fourth career. I taught and was principal in Mechanic Falls; was the original director for Community Concepts; an agent in community development for the UMaine Extension service, and bought L. F. Pike & Son in 1980." Congratulations to you both!

A copy of the third newspaper clipping with photos the university sent me from *The Times*, dated June 29, 2003, had the headline: "Foundation Purse Loses its Jingle," with the subhead, "Johnson Atelier Technical Institute searches for ways to stay afloat." It talked of **J. Seward Johnson, Jr.**, our classmate, "a famed artist and heir to the Johnson & Johnson pharmaceutical fortune," whose Johnson Atelier Technical Institute of Sculpture in Hamilton, New York, was having a problem, that as many as 30 artists at the institute were notified that they would have to "vacate their free studio space by the fall."

On the bright side, the article said Johnson "boasts of Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute (HBOI), which sent a bathyscaphe last summer to participate in the recovery efforts of a 120-ton turret from the USS *Monitor*, a Civil War naval ship. Let's hope by now that all is well with Johnson's art center. Johnson, who is also involved with Rat's, a restaurant near the atelier, and HBOI, stated: "When I build organizations, I try to build them so they take care of themselves."

Now on to Canada where four of our classmates live. First, Dr. Robert Kellogg of West Vancouver, British Columbia. Bob doesn't get to reunions. Too far, he said, and I said he's on the wrong part of the world. His reply? "On the contrary, I think I'm on the right part of the world, on the Pacific. We enjoy the Japanese current. It hardly ever snows, except in the mountains." When I called, he was looking out over his garden with all the flowers blooming and he had even started planting his vegetable garden. Lucky! Bob and his wife, Betty, moved to Canada in 1967 and are now Canadian citizens.

Originally from Millington, New Jersey, he picked UMaine because of its forestry program. He belonged to Theta Chi and was a member of the Forestry Club. After graduation he taught forestry at Yale for eight

years and when the department of wood science closed he moved to Canada. There he worked at the Western Forest Products Lab, part of the Canadian Forestry Service. The lab became privatized and became Forintek Canada Corporation in 1979. Bob retired in 1990 and Betty retired shortly after.

Bob said he did get back to Maine a long time ago and spent the night with **Don Higgins** and his wife, Ethel, in Boothbay. He said it was fall and they went up to Bangor and through the campus at that time.

Father of three daughters and five grandchildren (three girls, two boys), he met Betty in New Jersey during his sophomore year at a party at Christmas time. She was a student at Mount Holyoke in South Hadley, Massachusetts. Now Bob does a lot of reading and carves wood for his own fun/satisfaction in the Northwest Coast tradition. However, no totem poles.

I asked the familiar, "What is the most remarkable change in your life since graduation?" There was a long pause. Why? Because he said he was "trying to think of a one-liner. There have been so many of them." His favorite memory? "It seems like a million years ago!" he laughed. Great guy! Note: I just received a photo of Betty and Bob with a note, part of which said: "I might also have included ocean kayaking and adventure travel. We try to get off for a two-week-long kayaking trip somewhere along the coast of British Columbia each summer and in our recent travels have had some great rafting trips on the Tatshenshini, Firth, and Colorado rivers as well as two spectacular camping safaris in Southern Africa." Thanks, Bob.

Third time never fails (the line was busy) and I finally reached classmate **Peter Hamilton** of Truro, Nova Scotia. An Alpha Gamma Rho man, he said the fraternity guys were a "great bunch of boys. I remember best the good times there." He also played a little golf on his own but wasn't into sports. And he's never been to reunions. Boy, have we got a job on our hands to get some of these people back to reunions! Peter, who turned 80 on July 23 (Happy Birthday!), said he retired in 1986 to enjoy life. He and his wife, Margaret, a 1950 home economics graduate of Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, are the parents of four (three girls and a boy) and grandparents of seven.

Peter said he got his master's in animal industry, as he called it, at

UMaine. He did all his work on animal nutrition, on the rumen of the steer. He said the animals create their own vitamins. For 10 years he taught at MacDonal College of McGill University. Then to Montreal where he worked in livestock (beef, cattle, sheep) and then back home to Nova Scotia to the agricultural college in Truro.

Peter, who said he was a great skater and skated up until two years ago, talked of skating on the pond north of the football field. "I remember very well the paid music."

The most remarkable change in Peter's life? "I found a fine wife." I guess she is fine as he's been married to her since 1955. "I met her through work," he said. "We both worked in the same department of the provincial government. She was working with rural families and I was doing extension work with the livestock farmers." What does Peter do in his spare time? "I work with the Nova Scotia Salmon Association," he said. "Our main work is on the streams in the province—restoration of streams to improve the habitat for salmon and trout." Peter and Margaret also spend a lot of time at their "nice cottage" on the Northumberland Strait. Margaret is involved, quite heavily, in church and a women's organization called IODE, which originally stood for Independent Order, Daughters of the Empire, a group which Margaret said, "works with education in the school, social work helping the poor, and supports different scholarships to universities. We try to do good in the community," she said. She also belongs to the Eastern Star. "We're getting old," Peter said and I said, "No, your wife is only 76. You're only 80 and I want to live to be 100!"

I know I've written about Duncan "Sandy" Cameron of Thornhill, Ontario, but since I was trying to reach all four classmates in Canada, I gave him a call. He said he'd be at Reunion this year, needed to book a room when he heard Reunion details, and everything was the same except he's one year older. "Ever since our 50th I've led a very dull life," and he laughed.

And our last classmate from Canada? He's **Richard Cutting** of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Originally from St. Johnsbury, Vermont, Dick majored in wildlife conservation. In 1968 he moved to Canada and worked in Newfoundland for five years, 1968-1973, as chief fisheries biologist with the Canadian Department of Fisheries & Ocean. In 1973 he transferred to Halifax, Nova

Scotia, and retired in 1996.

Father of four (three boys and a girl) and grandfather of seven, he said his wife, Patricia, is still working—"her choice," he said—as a receptionist at a medical clinic. He said he spends time with the grandchildren (the oldest of whom just turned 10), surfs the Internet, and gardens. And somewhere along the way he mentioned someone in the family was interested in genealogy and doing family roots. He hasn't been to any reunions at Orono but he said he went to his 40th St. Johnsbury Academy one. We laughed a lot and we had a nice time talking. (Did you know that talking on the phone increases your immune system—according to John Tesh on WHOM, 94.9, one of my favorite radio stations. Tesh is always giving bits of great information from different sources at 7 at night. I'm always driving when I hear him, but here's another thing he said. The worst drivers? Students, doctors, lawyers, architects, and real estate agents. Are you one of them? And here's another. Women live six years longer than men. I guess we've all heard that, but he said Johns Hopkins did a study and found that shopping is the answer. It's the "fountain of youth"—that the mind and body are at work when you go shopping. Great! I love to shop!

Next, Rhode Island. Only three of our classmates live there, so of course I had to call them, just like I did the four in Canada: **Elaine Smart Johnston** of North Kingstown, **Constance Lawley LaRue** of Block Island, and **Walter Ellis** of Tiverton.

Luckily the first one I called was home. Now mother of four sons, Elaine went two years to UMaine, 1949-1950, and 1950-1951. A native of Lincoln, she said it was a "natural thing to do, to go to Maine." When asked if she was in a sorority or sport, she mentioned being in one of the Maine Masque productions with a classmate by the name of Donn Walters '54. And before that she attended Oberlin Conservatory for a year.

Here's a woman who started playing for church services around the age of 14 and still plays the organ at two local churches. "I'll never retire," she said. "I'll probably die on the organ bench!"

Elaine was a library technician in the North Kingstown School Library System and also a piano and voice teacher. She married Sergeant Major Gordon Johnston (now de-

ceased) who served in the Marines for more than 30 years, last serving at Quonset Point, Rhode Island. She said tours of duty took them to many places—one tour of two years was spent, family and all, in Burma. “We were there when the government became revolutionary,” she said.

I said tell me more, and she replied: “I’m in the middle of a shower.” Well, good-bye, Elaine!

Next I called Constance Lawley LaRue. She wasn’t home, but this very lively voice came over the answering machine. She called me back the next morning.

Connie said she majored in political science but really wanted to be a veterinarian. However she knew the expense would have been too great, and she didn’t want to teach, so she ended up in Schenectady, New York, in a “tracer” program, technical illustrating before computers. Then off to Chicago where she worked at a bank for two years. Next it was back to Schenectady where she set up her own illustrating business and worked at a breakaway group from GE, once again illustrating.

Next off to Reston, Virginia, where she did “nothing” she said. Not to stay anywhere too long, Connie went off to Wayland, Massachusetts, where she worked for the town doing data entry (computers now). Finally, in 1980, she ended up on Block Island, “three miles wide and seven miles long, off the coast of Rhode Island, where the year-round population is 800 or 900 and swells to about 35,000 in the summertime, definitely tourist,” Connie said. She mentioned there was a good grocery store on the island, an excellent library, and K-12 in one school and that nine people graduated last year. And it was there that she and her husband, George, bought a house (her mother was living there at the time).

George died the next year and at that time she became executive director of the chamber of commerce, a position she held for 10 years. By then she was also working for Block Island Cable as office manager which she is still doing. She’s also a public safety police dispatcher, working the midnight-8 shift (“because I’m a night person”) two nights a week and fills in at other times, which could amount to 48 hours a week. Not to stay idle, since 1984, she’s also been involved with Double Ender Celebrations and in 1995 she became its chairman. “We do the Fourth of July stuff,” she said.

“An only child of an only child, those were the Lawleys, boat builders.” Connie said. She told me how her mother “hadn’t been in touch with her sister since her teens” and that after she died and George died, she met all six of her relatives and, “They’re just great,” she said. “It has been a delight.”

I felt a little crazy asking her what she did in her spare time (as if she had any). She’s busy all right! She’s active with the volunteers for animals and does some odd cooking for churches mostly. She also has two dogs and a young cat “who seems to think it’s a dog.”

We went on to talk about college days and Connie said she roomed in East Hall with **Susie Tasker** and then went over to Colvin Hall where she shared a room with three other gals (**Trudy Harriman** was one). In the spring of ’51 she got married and lived in South Apartments. Connie, who grew up in Quincy, Massachusetts, was also a Phi Mu gal and an officer one year (she couldn’t recall what kind of officer) and was involved with the senior dance. She said they had the 12-piece Brad Kent Orchestra from Boston playing.

As to the most remarkable change? “It seems like every 10 years I start something new,” she said. “I like where I am and what I do.” Her favorite memory? “Oh, boy, being away from home and having freedom.”

I never was able to reach **Walter Ellis**, so I’ll save him for next time.

Now, here’s one happy gal living right in the middle of Waikiki Beach in Honolulu, Hawaii. Her name? Louise Goodspeed. She went to UMaine her freshman and sophomore years, majoring in liberal arts and roomed with **Claire Adams**. The two then went into the Air Force together, four years as secretaries stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. Then they took off for Boston, still roommates, Claire to Boston University where she got her degree and Louise working as a legal secretary. Then off to Los Angeles Louise went, where she spent 30 years in the motion picture



Betty and Bob Kellogg '53 have lived in West Vancouver, British Columbia, since 1967 and are now Canadian citizens. Before the move, Bob, who has a Ph.D. in forestry, taught at Yale. In Canada he worked for the Western Forest Products Lab (it later became the Forintek Canada Corporation). He and Betty retired in the early 1990s.

industry, first as a secretary, then production assistant, and last of all as Sally Field’s personal assistant for seven years. “She’s a doll,” Louise said of Sally. “I adore her.”

Retirement came in 1993, she was 62, and she got a one-way ticket to Honolulu, “not knowing a soul. I had just loved it as a tourist. It’s great,” she said. “It’s a perfect place for retirees, easy to make friends and lots of opportunities.” What does she do in her spare time?

She takes adult piano lessons, audits classes at the University of Hawaii, is involved in church, and plays—tennis, golf, etc. “with a capital P.” College days were “happy days and I have fond memories of them,” she said.

Dr. **Richard McCrum** recently moved from Florida to The Woods at Canco in Portland. Dick, a Deering High grad, now 81, said he met his wife, Arlene, while he was in the Navy. She was a WAVE and he was an aviation chief electrician’s mate. He served the Navy for seven years, and was at Pearl Harbor when it was attacked (he went back to Pearl

every five years until ’96). He and Arlene both got out of the service in ’47 and both graduated from the University of Arizona in 1951. In ’53 he received his master’s at UMaine while Arlene “helped me out.” In ’57 he became an assistant professor at the university, where he did research work on plant disease. Retiring in ’69 or ’70, he did graduate work at Cornell and received his Ph.D. from the University of New Hampshire.

Arlene died four years ago, and now Dick is doing watercolors, mostly scenery. He said he tries to do a few paintings off and on and he mentioned giving some 140 of them to the university which he said they sell. He spoke of the late Dr. Cooper, a university professor, and how his wife had sent him a booklet which he said is “all about me, my birth date, service, everything.” Thanks, Dick, for the nice long talk.

“It came to me right out of the blue and my doctor is a heart specialist!” said classmate **Philip Haskell** (a.k.a. Haskell Philip) of Brooklyn, New York. Phil called me recently to tell me of his life since cardiac surgery Christmas Eve of last year.

“I was working in a film with Queen Latifa, came home and due to go back a couple of days later. I got up, couldn’t walk down to the lobby,” Phil said. He went to a specialist, the lab, had x-rays, then off to Long Island College Hospital, and then Beth Israel for a triple by-pass and pig aortic valve. He came home January 13 with severe heart damage. As if that wasn’t enough, he said: “All Hell broke loose, a staph infection, last rites from the Catholic church, a rabbi, and an Evangelical minister and his assistant came by. I went back on January 15th and got out March 18!”

The thing that was debilitating he said was, “When I got home and asked the visiting nurse service for assistance, no one came. I live in Brooklyn—the New York service had nothing to do with the Brooklyn service and vice versa.” However, he “persevered by myself, being a very stubborn Maineiac.” Living in a fourth-floor apartment, he said, “Thank heaven the elevator was working. It hadn’t been working six months prior. There’re 78 steps and I was 74 at the time. I’m the last of the dinosaurs, I have no one left.”

Finally he did get through to the Long Island Hospital to get someone to come take blood. He said he lost 115 pounds in the hospital. He went in weighing 265 and came home at

150 (he now weighs 160). "Your clothes just fall off you," he said, having lost 8-10 inches in his waist. That's where suspenders came in. He told of the bills so far, \$8,500 for anesthesia, \$117,800 for the hospital, and \$53,000 for the surgeon. "I can't work now, particularly until June/July in commercials/films. I have time to cultivate," he said. "You know the value of friends, not because of the dollars." He said he got called time and time again after he got out of the hospital and how he could have been doing several cameo roles and that he also had to give up three national commercials and a film which are more profitable. "I'm just waiting until I can get back to work," he said. "Agencies can quickly forget you. You need an administrative assistant and a small dog to help you keep straight with things!"

Phil laughed when he said: "They say you're in the banquet of life. I thought I was still on the main course and I now find I'm on the after dinner coffee, waiting for the call (upstairs or downstairs)." Oh, we had such a great conversation, didn't we, Phil? Thank goodness he's on the mend now and takes 19 different kinds of medicine. "I've saved for a rainy day and I guess it's been pouring." That it has, Phil!

He told me he'd love to hear from classmates and others. Here is his address and unlisted phone number which he asked me to print: Philip Haskell, 82 Pierrepont Street, Apartment 4B, Brooklyn, New York 11201-2406. Telephone: 718-852-7498. Good luck, Phil!

Frances Willett Foster of Vestal, New York, called me the other night to say how much she enjoyed our 50th Reunion last year. She said she was sending me a letter about the Reunion. I asked her if I could use it in my class notes column and she said she didn't mind, so here it is. Thanks, Frances, for calling and writing.

"It has been nearly a year since our 50th Reunion, and what a well-planned, thoroughly enjoyable event it was! Sorry I am so late in congratulating the Reunion committee.

"I have thought often of that Reunion over this past year. May I relate some of those thoughts?"

"The red hair is gone, replaced by white, no sign of the freckles of 50 years ago—who is this man? Then a remembered twinkle in blue eyes, a familiar grin, a quick hug, also remembered, as he said, 'For the good old times,' then he hurried back across the room to his wife.

"Another classmate at a nearby table I recognized immediately—perhaps it was the eyebrows, or that thespian air he had, and still has. Hi, Phil! You proved to a group of us that you certainly can hold an audience!"

"It was a delightful trip. Memories came flooding back. Some of my classmates I could identify immediately, others I could remember after listening to and observing a familiar chuckle, an attitude, stance, or voice, until suddenly—click! The years rolled away and he or she became Faith, Honey, Jim, Fred, Helen, Jane, Al, Tom, and on and on! After 50 years, we are all different, and yet the same.

"I had not been back for a Reunion until then. I hope I can be there for the 55th. May we all live for it."

I do want to add that there was a Reunion committee meeting in April, and quite a few classmates showed up. Besides talk of our Senior Reunion the first weekend in June, we talked about Homecoming and a tailgate party on October 23 (1 p.m. Saturday) vs. Northeastern. Woody Carville said he'll see if he can get a space (perhaps with his sailboat)—You know? "Sail on to Victory!" **Dot Ramsay Smith** brought her usual delicious dessert—last time it was carrot cake, this time whoopie pies. Thanks, Dot. I was sitting next to "**Izzie**" **Stearns Foss** of Temple, Maine, who is a member of the Red Hat Society. She's also taking a six-week course in German at the University of Farmington with the Gold Leaf, which is connected with Elderhostel but everything is local. It's a senior college. She's also taking an aging class at night with university students once a week.

Also, classmates **Nancy Moulton Gerry** and her husband, **John**, were at the meeting. They're moving to Maine soon to their winterized cottage and of course I forgot where. Somewhere west of Portland on a lake, not too far from Raymond, I think.

Whom should I meet the other day but Marietta, Ted Tocci's wife of Hampton Falls, New Hampshire! I was shopping at the Kittery (Maine) outlet malls, looking for just the right dress for reunions, and walked into the Dana Buchman store in the Tanger Outlet. Marietta walked up to me, smiling. She recognized me, but I couldn't say the same for myself. Luckily she introduced herself right away and then it all came back. Of course, I had seen her at our 50th in Bar Harbor and Orono and had

taken their photo dancing (and it appeared in one of my columns), and I should have known who she was! She works at the store part-time and has been there since the store opened five years ago. She looks great! In case I haven't mentioned this, I'm now the grandmother of twin girls (not identical), born April 22: Noelle Grace and Rachael Elizabeth, of Kennebunk, who join their three-year-old sister, Julia Leigh. There's a nanny in the house so all are doing well. That makes 13 grandchildren—another was born in California in June.

Well, "Chin up, cheerio, carry on," as was said in a Judy Garland/Mickey Rooney movie.

1954

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Well, it certainly lived up to expectations! The 50th Reunion was great. We had the largest turnout of any 50-year class in University of Maine history. Including quite a few spouses who were not classmates, we counted 231 attendees. A good number of us stayed in suites at the Doris Twitchell Allen Village—and had a chance to hang out in the Russell Woolley lounge swapping memories of campus days and sharing stories of our lives since graduation. The alumni office kept us supplied with morning coffee, cold drinks, and even an ice cream social on Saturday night.

The first evening the Golden Reunion celebration was held at the Buchanan Alumni House. We gathered for cocktails about 6 p.m., having the chance to meet and mingle with all 200 plus. **Mark Cohen**, as master of ceremonies, gave a toast and welcome and later, at dinner, we had remarks from **Tim McManus**, class president; greetings from University of Maine president Dr. Peter Hoff, and president of the alumni association, Jeff Mills '82.

After a delicious meal, we were entertained by pianist/classmate **Henry Sheng** who also teaches engineering students at the University of California-Riverside. Henry's contribution was followed by a lively singing group called the Memphis

Belles and The Bellhops. Toward the end of the evening we had the presentation of the Golden "M" Award which is given to the member of the class who has done the most to help assure that we all turn up on campus. The 1954 recipient, because of her tireless efforts at reaching classmates and keeping everyone informed of our plans and progress, is **Mary MacKinnon Nelson**. Very much deserved, Mac. You did a great job!

Saturday morning my suitemates at the DTAV, **Peggy Thompson Homans**, husband Harrison "Lefty" Homans '52, and Mary MacKinnon Nelson went to the new Bear's Den for breakfast while another suitemate **Sarah "Amsie" Ames Lombard** and I met **Rosemary Carlin Hall** at the deans' breakfast back at the Buchanan Alumni House. It was wonderful to learn about the growth and breadth of the many programs now available to students. Of course lots can happen in 50 years and it has. It makes you proud to be associated with such a strong and dedicated group of educators.

After breakfast we gathered for a memorial service at the Newman Center, which is a lovely, modern, small white chapel on College Avenue right across the street from the Buchanan Alumni House. The Reverend **Richard K. Bailey** had arranged for several classmates to participate as readers. Elwood "Woody" Beach '51 played a prelude on the bagpipes; Tim McManus welcomed everyone to the memorial service; and the name of each deceased classmate was read in chronological order interspersed by the hymns "America the Beautiful" and "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." A meditation and lighting of a memorial candle was offered by Reverend Richard K. Bailey and we ended a very quiet and reflective service with Woody Beach playing "Amazing Grace" on his bagpipes. The readers were: **Edward S. Coffin**, **Llewellyn E. Clark**, Margaret McCarthy Anderson, **Beverly Heal Balise**, **Preston W. Hall**, **Dione Williams Hutchinson**, **Jerome P. Hallee**, **Jane Stevens Harvey**, **Richard G. Gray**, Marg MacKinnon Nelson, **James R. Holland**, **Valerie Kewley Weiland**, **Paul J. Royte**, **Barbara McGowen**, Timothy McManus, and **Christine Danes Edwards**.

Soon after this memorial service the buses took us all to the class business meeting and luncheon which was held in a large tent next to Lord Hall. Again, we were wel-

Go Blue!

comed by class president Tim McManus who took great pleasure in presenting a crystal vase inscribed "Thanks for the Memories" to **Allen Fernald** for the especially fine job on the class *Prism* update which we all received by mail, about six weeks before Reunion.

For his tireless efforts on behalf of the class Tim McManus received a silver Black Bear statue. Margaret Thompson Homans presented the treasurer's report and **Chan Coddington** as coclass agent reported that our class exceeded all other classes with our 50th Reunion gift.

Mark Cohen, as chairman of our business meeting, presented the new slate of class officers. Copresidents, Jane Stevens Harvey and **Harmon Harvey**; vice president, **Martha Jean Wyman Weatherbee**; secretary, Mary MacKinnon Nelson; and treasurer, Jerry Hallee.

We adjourned looking forward to the cocktail hour at President Hoff's and then an all-alumni banquet at Wells Commons.

Just picture a large banquet room with over 400 people seated at tables with large screens set up in two corners of the room and a speaker's platform between them. When the appropriate time arrived the focus changed from talk of University of Maine information and slides showing campus scenes to the TV coverage of the Belmont Race. It was Saturday night and Smarty Jones was looking for the Triple Crown. You'd have thought we all had money placed on the win the way the room was filled with Reunion 2004 clappers going to beat the band. It was over very quickly. Smarty lost and we all settled in for another good meal and more socializing. We were probably the only 50-year group to have a horse race in the middle of a banquet. Soon after, many of us went to the Maine Center for the Arts to see the Coasters, Drifters, and the Platters. This was a public event. Our class had a block of seats but most of the crowd was quite a bit younger. (At this point I find there are lots of groups much younger.) The energy level was high and so was the volume. The DTAV crowd and others retired to the lounge for an ice cream social.

Sunday morning at the all-alumni breakfast buffet classmate **Chuck Furlong** was honored for his fine efforts on behalf of the university, as coclass agent. To give you some idea of the distances classmates traveled to come back to campus I'll list a few examples. **Harry Yates** from Georgia, **Peter Zinchuk** from

Class of '54 Celebrates its 50th

In nearly perfect early June weather more than 250 Class of 1954 members, spouses, and guests celebrated their golden anniversary with style and spirit at Reunion 2004. Everyone had a grand time, dining, touring the campus, and rekindling old friendships with classmates. The class also raised \$150,000 as a gift to the Buchanan Alumni House endowment.



Looking over photographs together at the class luncheon on June 6 are '54 members (left to right): Mark Getchell, Gerry Smith, and Elaine Smith.



Joan Yates and Bill Vanidestine at the '54 luncheon. Joan and her husband, Class of '54 member Harry Yates, traveled all the way from Athens, Georgia, to attend Reunion.



Rod Harrington (right) visits with college of natural sciences, forestry, and agriculture dean Bruce Wiersma '64 after the deans' breakfast at Alumni House.



Getting together at the president's house reception during Reunion are (left to right): Danny and Ann Vamvakias, Chan Coddington, and Tim McManus.

New Jersey, **Margie Woodman Miller** from Wisconsin and Arizona, **Walter Rule** from Colorado, **Mark Lieberman** from Illinois, **Ed Lyon** and wife Jackie from Florida, Dick '56 and **Norma Jose Griswold** from Connecticut, **Sterling Pomeroy** from Delaware, **Neil** and Val Bickterman Murphy from New York, and **Hale Reed** from New Hampshire, just to name a few.

Once many good-byes said and promises to do a better job to keep in touch made, about 90 of us headed to Rockland to check in to the Samoset Hotel for two more fun-filled days.

We enjoyed drinks and hors d'oeuvres Sunday evening at a spectacular site owned by MBNA. With the help of classmates **Ed Coffin**, whose company built the roads winding up the mountain, and **Al Bancroft**, who helped construct the cabins used for retreats, MBNA has a fabulous conference center called the ROC at the very top of this small mountain. There is a panoramic view of the entire Penobscot Bay—you can see all the way to Cadillac Mountain! The furnishings and beautiful rugs, paintings, sculpture, and furniture reminded me of a possible setting for a James Bond movie.

Al Philbrick, who had volunteered to take people out on his boat on Monday, arrived to let us know he was having problems with the electrical system on his boat so no boat ride. Just as well as it turned out—Monday morning was fogged in and drizzly. Trips to the Farnsworth Museum in Rockland and the transportation museum in Owls Head kept us all well occupied. After a lobster dinner and strawberry shortcake we gathered in our lounge for a lively sing-a-long. Val Kewley Weiland did a great job at the piano. Many of us remember song times with Val in the basement of South Estabrook. She is amazing—just mention a song and she's ready. We went from one oldie to the next, hardly skipping a beat. Some of the words might escape a few but the rest could fill them in. For me it was the best memory of the whole Reunion.

It had been so much fun having the chance to spend time with classmates that everyone lingered over breakfast the next morning before check-out. Someone reminded us that now that we have had our 50th Reunion we move into a new category called Senior Alumni. What this means is that we can do this over and over again as often as we like—

so if you didn't make it back this year, contact a few old classmates and get back to campus next year. It's a super place!

As the owner of the department store in the British comedy show "Are You Being Served?" always says, "You are all doing very well!" We have heard from nearly 250 classmates through the reunion information forms. It's been so interesting for me to read all the responses, especially to learn how active our classmates continue to be.

Joanne "Jody"

Daly Clark who lives in Gardiner has been a member of the Gardiner Bicentennial Committee and helped with the production of *Gardiner Reflections*, a publication which highlights the history of the city. In addition, Jody teaches an adult education history class and prepares organ music for services at Christ Church Episcopal.

Paul Marcoux wrote from Cummings, California, that he gave up golf and tennis for sailing and sailboat racing including time spent as skipper of former America's Cup 12-meter yacht team racing out of Newport, Rhode Island. Paul says that he has settled down to cruising now on the Chesapeake, in New England, and the Bahamas.

In response to the request to describe favorite college memories, **Annette "Honey" Mann Spivak** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, remembers the friendliness of the campus and appreciating having some classmates from Maine Central Institute continue their friendships as classmates at UMaine. Honey and husband, Maurice, enjoy traveling, having just returned from Italy before sending back her news.

Still an avid golfer with her handicap going up, **Jane Ingraham Diplock** writes from Manchester, Maine. She's retired after nearly 35 years of teaching in schools in Bangor, Gardiner, and Augusta.

After military service in World War II and the Korean War, studying for a master's in mathematics at UMaine, and many years spent on electrical engineering projects, **Jean**



Class of '54 member Henry Sheng with college of engineering dean Larryl Matthews at the deans' breakfast at Reunion 2004. Henry traveled all the way from California where he is a professor at California Polytechnic State University. As an inventor, he holds numerous patents relating to resources recovery and phase separation. Henry, an accomplished concert pianist, performed for his '54 classmates at the class Reunion dinner on June 5.

Paul Dulac of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, retired in 1994. Now he plays tennis, skis, and is an H and R Block tax preparer.

Reconditioning a 1972 Starcraft motor home with the goal of spending the winter in Texas, **Howard K. Ainsworth** hoped to bring it to Orono for Reunion in June. Howard and wife Janice live in DePere, Wisconsin. He is a volunteer driver for Red Cross Transportation in the Green Bay area. Leisure time includes sailing their 27-foot Catalina on Green Bay and Lake Michigan. Howard says he doesn't know how he ever found time to work for a living.

I was so glad that Sarah Ames Lombard made it to Orono for part of our Reunion. She had a granddaughter graduating from high school the same weekend. "Amesie" and husband John do lots of golfing in Maine in the summer and in Florida in the winter.

As far as I can tell, Valerie Bickterman Murphy gets the prize for the most grandchildren. Her six children have 14 offspring. Val writes that she and husband Neil Murphy live in Webster, New York, and are active in community work and some golf

but travel quite a bit to visit their children who live in New Hampshire, Rhode Island, California, Virginia, and New York. They came to Reunion and enjoyed the time to renew friendships and reminisce.

Serving as operations officer for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, a member of the Scarborough, Maine, town committee, and the Centerboard Yacht Club, **Allen J. Bingham** and wife Joanne Owen Bingham '56 joined classmates in June on campus. Bing has retired after many years with GE where he was an engineer in the international projects department working with governments of developing countries including Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Trinidad, Saudi Arabia, and Zaire. Skiing at Sunday River, participating in Coast Guard Auxiliary winter activities, Elderhotel trips, and a couple of cruises have kept Bing and Jody busy during retirement. Bing has started a new hobby, building a model railroad to represent the Boston and Maine and Maine Central railroads that existed in southern Maine in the 1940s and 1950s.

An FAA licensed pilot, former district director of the Farmers Home Administration, U.S.D.A., and currently a partner in Halldale Builders, **L. Robert Couturier** with his son Glenn is still in the construction business building large dairy complexes in the central Maine area. Bob and wife, Patricia Cole Couturier '97, planned to join classmates in Orono. Bob says the most important change in his life since graduation is getting older and smarter.

I hope you enjoyed the Reunion on campus. It was great to see you!

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As you are reading this edition of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*, it will be less than nine months before our glorious Class of 1955 50th Reunion. I can hardly wait and hope that your plans will include returning to the campus for a wonderful weekend. **Liz Pierce Cross** has advised me that she has already reserved 40 rooms in Bar Harbor preceding our festivities in Orono. So when you

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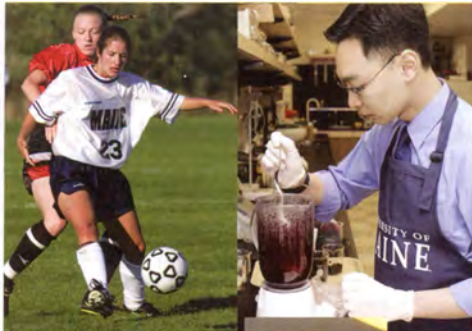
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receive information and reservation forms (which you probably won't be receiving for a few months yet), fill them out pronto in order for a space to be reserved for you in Bar Harbor as well as in Orono. More information will be forthcoming, as your reunion committee will be meeting again in a couple of months.

Liz continues to live in Vero Beach, Florida, eight months of the year and spends four months in Maine. She still plays tennis and bridge regularly and takes advantage of the opportunity to be a bridge hostess on a cruise once a year. Liz visits her family which is now located in Racine, Wisconsin; Michigan, and Charleston, South Carolina; at least two or three times a year.

Paul and I had an extremely nice visit with John '54 and **Nancy Cameron DeWilde** in Sun City, Florida, on our way to a month's stay in Venice, Florida. The DeWildes served the most delicious onion soup that I have ever had. It was quite a cool day when we visited them, so the onion soup was a real treat for us. John and Nancy gave us a grand tour of Sun City which we thoroughly enjoyed. They love it in Sun City, and both keep very busy in the many activities that are offered there, and we agree that it is a great place to be.

It is always nice to receive a Christmas card and pictures from **Ted and Ruth Dow Durst** who live in Walnut Creek, California. Would love to see you both in June of 2005 if you could possibly travel the miles to Orono.

Congratulations again to Peggy Libby Standley '53 and **Peter Standley** on the birth of a new grandson, Aaron Peter Standley who joins his brother Caleb. Peter and Peggy make many visits to family in Kentucky and Texas and enjoy antique shows, flea markets, scout events, timeshares, etc. Peggy returned to Orono last year for her 50th Class Reunion.

Good news for **Sylvia Farris Keene**. She retired on June 30 and was looking forward to enjoying her daughter and her family, and son and his family, who were all going to visit in July.

Bill and Connie Lewis Calkin enjoy their annual visit to Mexico where they spend a couple of months. Bill now has his own real estate business and works from home. Connie is still the "ever busy person." She did some consulting work for a research project and interviewed innovative mental health

Hallowell's Citizen of the Year

Jane Stevens Harvey '54 was recently honored as Hallowell Citizen of the Year. It's the second year in a row that a Harvey received the award—Jane's husband Harmon '54 was last year's recipient.

Jane was recognized for organizing and leading the Hallowell tree board after the devastation of the 1998 ice storm. With a grant from the state, her group planted over 300 new trees along the streets of the city.

Jane's volunteer efforts also include her alma mater. She and Harmon served as cochairs of the Class of '54's highly successful 50th Reunion in June. She is also a former member of the alumni association board.



programs serving parents who have children with significant emotional problems for Promising Practices, a national group that writes up monographs. The two sites that Connie visited were in Yonkers, New York, and Concord, California. It sounds like very interesting work and with all of Connie's expertise in the social work area, they were certainly very fortunate to have such a gifted person as Connie to assist them.

Bill and Marion Bugbee Mannheim and Forest and Nancy Littlefield Greenier joined Bruce and Carol Langlois Corwin on St. Simons Island in March for a nice get-together. It was somewhat difficult for Bill and Marion to get out of Rock Hill, South Carolina, after getting 20 inches of snow. Marion said that Aroostook County would know how to take care of 20 inches of snow, but Rock Hill was overwhelmed with all the white stuff.

When I started doing this column for the class, I originally had a great idea and was highly motivated to the extent that I said I would contact

every member of the class within a two-year-period. Well, that never happened! I did write to about 75 of you and then got delayed in trying to



Amy Brown Hicks '54 (left) was recently presented with the 2004 Pathfinder Award by **Dr. Diane Smith**, president of the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. Amy has spent over 50 years as an advocate and pioneer for women's sports. Most recently she has been promoting, organizing, and competing in synchronized swimming, a new sport in the Massachusetts Senior Games.

reach every member of our class (for various and sundry reasons). So now, won't you please write or e-mail me so that other Class of 1955 members can learn about what you are doing.

No news is not good news.

1956

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Here I am writing your column on the day that it is due. I have been delaying writing it in the hopes I would have more material to write about. All in vain. What are you doing, people?

In my last column I mentioned that Bing had his boat up for sale. **Maud Lucie** (she was named for my paternal grandmother) is now a resident of Connecticut, and we are without a boat for the first time since 1973. Well, there are two dinghies and a rowboat, but you can't go cruising on them.

The university sent me a note on **Robert O. Hawes**. Bob was recognized by the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy as a leader who has contributed significantly and graciously to the conservation of heritage turkeys. His professional career included working at McGill University, HY-Line International, and most recently, as professor and poultry scientist at UMaine.

I saw in a recent issue of the *Portland Press Herald* where **James P. Moore** was a special guest on the Community Television Network program "Law on the Line." The program dealt with the Dennis Deschaine case that Jim has been very interested in.

Your reunion committee had a meeting at **Betsy Harvey Ruff's** house in Freeport on May 12, 2004. I hope all of you have been contacted by a member of the committee in regard to creating interest in the 50th Reunion coming up in 2006.

I received an invitation from the Portland Alumnae Club to attend a potluck dinner last April 1, 2004, to hear **Mazie Hough '90G**, associate director of Women in the Curriculum at UMaine. **Faith Wixson Varney** and **Carolyn Bull Dahlgren** are both on the committee.

That is all the news I have—remember to contact me by mail or e-mail. Jody.

1957

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We have all kinds of news and none of it came in that "dreaded brown envelope!" Last thing first is that our 50th is coming up and the reunion committee is forming and looking for willing participants. The first meeting was held in mid-April at The Muddy Rudder in Falmouth (this is doable in a day trip from the Boston area), but there will be others that you can attend. Please contact Pat Wade Fraker, 204 Beath Road, Boothbay, Maine 04537-4929, rpfrafer@clinic.net, if you would like to be in at the planning stage.

Joe Yovino wrote, "Been a busy year. Completed a move to Tucson. Sold the Maine house and had remainder of our household goods moved in July. Betty's teaching first grade in a parochial school and enjoying it, hoping to get fall '04 semester off for some extensive travel. Wally Pereyra '58 paid us a brief visit in December."

In holiday greetings from western Maryland, **Phil and Sylvia MacKenzie Emery** said, "We're in the midst of finalizing plans for a new home in Glenwood, Maryland, at Cattail Creek in a '55 and over' development. This will, of course, entail packing and selling this home as well. Last year ('02-'03) we received 256 inches of snow in Garrett County. At the new development we will have all yard work and snow removal (right up to our front door) done for us as well. The children are all delighted although they will miss their 'lake boating and ski vacations.' We will be only 20 miles from two of the children. We'd also like to see more of the grandchildren (their parents too). They are trying to be diplomatic about our being nearer to them because we are getting older. We will also be nearer to convenient shopping and good medical facilities. I selflessly told Phil I would take care of the former. The most difficult part will be leaving the close friends we've made here, however we can still visit as we did before."

From **Eliseos Paul Taiganides'** closely spaced newsletter, I have gleaned the following: He comes from a centuries-long line of clerics in the Trapezon mountains of what is now Turkey, from which the family



Stuart Haskell '56 (right) receives a Black Bear Award from alumni association president Bion Foster '68, '70G during the awards breakfast at Reunion 2004. Stu served the university as a member of the athletic department for 30 years, including a stint as athletic director. For his outstanding service he was elected to the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame in 1998. In recent years, Stu has dedicated countless hours to researching Black Bear sports history and compiling a complete list of varsity letter winners.

was forcibly expelled in 1922. Paul's father started to build a church in their ancestral home of Polymylos during the Nazi occupation of Greece, where he was the village priest until World War II when he was transferred to the Cathedral of Veroia "thus we got the chance to go

to secondary school and I to come to the USA on a scholarship and 10 years later got a Ph.D. at Iowa State U." His wife, Maro, had come to Ames in 1961 to be in the wedding of a friend and married Paul at the end of that year. "Happiness is nine grandchildren in nine years," five

Sally Baker '55 recognized by Media Group

Sally Allen Baker '55 recently won the Maine Media Women's 2003-04 Mini-Grant competition.

Sally is the author of *Family Violence & The Chemical Connection*, numerous professional articles, the award-winning newspaper column "Recovery Works," and creator of a cartoon series. She is a clinical consultant, clinical supervisor, educator/trainer in the fields of substance use disorders and mental health, and also acts as a forensic consultant in her areas of expertise. Her newest book project, *Are You the Queen of Denial?* will be a cartoon peek at women in denial and the issues that put them there. Sally says she firmly believes that humor is hard work and high art, which can help us all through life.



from son Paul, a general surgeon near them in Ohio, and four from Katerina in Mexico City, while son Tasos lives in Greece. Everyone was home to Ohio for the winter holidays in 2003, first time since 1995. Happiness is also playing tennis every month of the year and traveling extensively from Ohio to Singapore, Mexico, Cuba (it is legal), Germany, Holland, and their base in Greece.

"The Olympics have returned home to Greece where they were started 2780 years ago; let the games begin and wars cease for the duration of the games."

Thought I would bring you up-to-date on five of the class: **Dr. Robert Smith** is now retired and living the good life in Brentwood, Tennessee, enjoying traveling, writing, reading, and pursuing his varied hobbies. "After practicing cardiology for 37 years I retired to middle Tennessee and do not miss the winters in the Northeast—although I sure miss New York food."

Richard Alin has retired from teaching, living in Hartsdale, New York, assistant basketball coach at Mamaroneck High School and recently returned from a three-week trip to Italy and Spain with his wife Sue. **Bob Margolin** lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and retired from the administrative aspect of special education for the state of Connecticut. He and his wife spend a lot of time visiting their children and grandchildren and have recently returned from a two-week trip to the interior of Alaska. Bob is pursuing his hobby of architectural design. **Lew and Marge Livingstone Janicola** split their time between their homes in Commack, Long Island, and Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. They spend a lot of time with their children and grandchildren and are planning a trip this summer to Hawaii. "Hope this missive finds you well, keep up the good work." I really appreciate input like this—unexpected e-mail. Thanks!

On the coldest evening in January we went to the Joshua Chamberlain Round Table in Brunswick and found others had ventured out also: Lois Blanchard Widmer '58, **Melvin Tukey**, and **Jonathan Robinson**, who said he spent his college years at South Apartments. In my pursuit relieving cabin fever at the local Y, I bumped into **Norma Bradbury Ludwig** one morning when it was going to snow.

Just as I was about to put this in the envelope, a small white envelope arrived with the news that

BridgeCorp of Augusta had been sold to Pike of Belmont, New Hampshire. This ends 128 years and four generations of family ownership. **John Bridge** will remain with the company full-time for the next two years and as a consultant for three years after that. No BridgeCorp employees will lose their jobs and the name will continue to be used and displayed on equipment.

1958

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Governor John Baldacci '86 attended the Lincoln County democratic dinner last November that honored **William Blodgett**. Now in his third term as Lincoln County commissioner, Bill is the first democrat elected as commissioner since the Civil War. Bill was a member of the state legislature for three terms and for 10 years he led the Waldoboro board of selectmen. Retired from teaching history and government in Castine and Waldoboro for the past 35 years, Bill holds both his B.S. and master's in education from UMaine. In his spare time Bill has served as president of the Maine County Commissioners Association and the Waldoboro Historical Society.

He has served on the state boards of comprehensive planning and environmental protection, and the boards of the Waldoboro Public Library and the town's bicentennial celebration. Bill and his wife, Carole, have four children.

Named President Emeritus of Southern Maine Community College was **Wayne Ross**. Wayne served as president of Southern Maine from 1979 to 2002.

Those of you who have access to the *Bangor Daily News* have probably seen the letter from **David C. Smith** with his proposal to get the university back to its real purpose in this time of budget cuts. David, who has been both a student and a professor (now retired) at the university, feels that those sports fully accredited by the National Collegiate Athletic Association should take a semester or year off (teams to be picked by lottery) and the monies saved put to the educational budget. A possibility but I have a feeling that the athletic department would not go for it. **Larry Thurrell** writes that he has taken a contract



Joining in the cheer at Reunion 2004 in early June is Class of '59 member **Woody Hodgkins** and wife, **Methyl**.

job with ConocoPhillips in Linden, New Jersey. It makes for a long week away, but he says he is really enjoying the start-up phase of the polypropylene plant and the people. Following a major illness scare for his wife, Helen, and its successful conclusion, the Thurrells took a cruise and land tour of Alaska. They began in Vancouver, traveled the inland passage, touring Ketchikan, Scagway, Juneau, Liarsville (75 feet of snow each year), Mendenhall Glacier, the Hubbard Glacier which is six miles long, Valdez, and Seward. Then they took the domed train ride past Mount McKinley, toured Denali National Park, and on to the last stop in Fairbanks before home to Hockessin. Once home, they welcomed grandchild number 11, Tom and **Barbara Hasey Andrews** are on the go again with the trip to Cancun, Mexico, for a continuing education psychology conference. They spent the winter in Florida and headed to Maine for the summer with a short stop in Pennsylvania. Last summer they took a trip to the Gaspé Peninsula in Canada. Barb says one word "breathtaking." They also spent some time in Nashville, Tennessee, watching granddaughter, Abbe, perform in *Les Miserables*. She now is a student at the Berkley School of Music in Boston, majoring in vocal jazz performance, minor in music business management. Their oldest granddaughter is an opera major at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

John and **Ann Dunne Snow** welcomed a new grandson, Calvin S. May, in 2003. A sad note to report is the death of Ann's brother, Edward. Ann says she is taking it easy

these days but that people have found out about her hubby's financial talents and he is busier than ever. The Snows will be in Rockland again this winter.

I received a long letter from **Dick Barter** catching me, and therefore you, up on his doings. He is still an educational consultant with the Klingenstein Foundation and is heavily involved with the new school at Columbia University which is to serve the children of Columbia's faculty as well as neighborhood kids. It is taking a different approach to teaching and learning as an independent school. Dick is still a trustee for the Good Hope School in St. Croix, which necessitates two visits per year (poor Dick). Entering his second term as a member of Gray town council, Dick is the council liaison to the town library and solid waste committees. He says he is a "happy cheerleader" for the library seeing the growth in both the children's library and the senior citizens' usage as well as the on-line technology.

As far as the solid waste committee is concerned, it is a far cry from the town dump of Dick's memory with the sea gulls, endless smoke from the burning trash, and the gathering place for the "macho males" in town. While they have sold much of the rental property they owned, they have retained some of the commercial ones. The auto business is mainly reconditioned Toyota factory cars and trucks that are now available for local resale. The biggest growing segment is self-storage units and Dick says they plan to expand into climate controlled units in the near future.

While each of his businesses have independent managers, they count on Dick for free labor and he says they do keep him "laboring." In his spare time, he is using his sailboat *Moby Dick* as part of a new youth sailing program for handicapped, troubled, and terminally ill children in southern Maine. He and Pat continue their annual trips to London and Greece while Pat still commutes three days per week to Marymount High in New York City as a consultant. The day may come when the Barthers slow down, but I for one am not holding my breath.

Edward L. Davis dropped a note to say that he is now residing in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, where it is warmer with no snow to shovel after 33 years of teaching in Glens Falls, New York. His four children are living in Nashville, Boston, and New York City, and his twin, Barbara, is running the Arundel Summer Barn, so Ed says he is getting plenty of frequent flyer miles these days. He also wanted us to know that his nephew, Eric Smith, is now on the Orono campus and Ed is really pleased that he chose Maine.

Leo and I welcomed our third grandchild (second granddaughter) last October, and in December said good-bye to our son Michael as he left with his guard unit for a tour in Iraq. It is a medical transport company, so our fingers are crossed that they will not have many injured to transport during the next several months.

Keep your cards, letters, etc. coming in! Remember to pay your alumni dues, and be sure to mark your calendars for our 50th. Hope you had a great summer and that your fall will be magnificent.

1959

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Hi '59ers—Our 45th Reunion was just wonderful as I'm sure those who attended will agree. For those who didn't attend we missed you and urge you to definitely attend our 50th. This year's 50th Reunion class had over 200 classmates attending. We all agreed it would be great to break their record!

We started Friday night with a

great buffet dinner with music by our own classmate **Hal Wheeler** and his group. Everyone attending shared news of their lives and it was fascinating. Saturday was our class meeting and delicious lobster roll lunch and at night the elegant banquet for all attendees, over 600, a new record!

There were 30 at the class meeting which was led by president **Torrey Sylvester**. After much discussion re the disposition of our class gift, a motion was made by **Lee Gagnon** and seconded by **Cal Bickford** to give \$25,000 to the Buchanan Alumni House endowment, \$25,000 to our class scholarship fund, and \$10,000 to the Shawn Walsh Hockey Center. The motion was passed. New officers were elected as follows: president, **Dick Collins**; treasurer and class agent, **Paul Desmond**; secretary, **Joyce Marie Crockett Ashmanskas**; class correspondent, **Nancy Roberts Munson**; and then we have a myriad of vice presidents—**Will Farnham**, **Woody Hodgkins**, **Don Cookson** (class web site), **Nonni Hilchey Daly** (assistant on web site), **Torrey Sylvester** (fund raising), and **Pete Hannah** (special gifts). This gives us a larger committee to plan for our next reunion and create a communication system for the class. We are all very excited about it.

I received copies of the many 1959 reunion update forms that were returned to the alumni office. I am pleased that so many responded and will pass along the news. As space is limited I will try to be brief and include highlights for all. I am writing them in the order received. I will use all the news that I receive on the reunion forms you sent. If you don't see it this time it will be in a future column.

Will Farnham spends part of the year in Naples, Florida, and part enjoying the skiing and winter in Carrabassett Valley. He's the retired president of Getchell Brothers.

Torrey Sylvester lives in New Limerick where he also has a law office. He served in the U.S. Navy to rank of captain. **Torrey** is a world traveler and mountain climber, has traveled to seven continents, and climbed two of the seven summits, Elbrus and Kilimanjaro, after age 60!

Mary Weston Hartnett resides in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, and has served as a hospice and hospital volunteer besides raising her family.

Joyce Marie Crockett Ashmanskas lives in Beaverton, Oregon. She



Getting together at their 45th Reunion in early June are Class of '59 members (left to right): Joyce Crockett Ashmanskas, Nonni Hilchey Daly, "Scrimp" Lewis, and Carol Stevenson Abbott.

has continued her involvement in theater and the arts, started at UMaine, and has been involved in the Oregon Cultural Trust, Beaverton Arts Commission, and Profile Theater Project as well as other volunteer work.

Carolyn Anderson McLeod is enjoying retirement in Tolland, Connecticut.

Robert Kratz, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, served in the USAF, was a teacher, and is the retired superintendent of Elizabethtown area schools. Currently he is an adjunct faculty member at Temple University.

Roger Pellerin lives in Freeville, New York. He served in the U.S. Army and was a research associate at Cornell University. He has served as a school board member and enjoys flying and skiing.

Ralph "Woody" Hodgkins spends part of the year on Duck Key, Florida, and the remainder on Westport Island. He spent 35 years in banking and currently enjoys boating and fishing and has served as a docent at Crane Point Museum in Marathon, Florida.

Paul Hanson resides in Standish where he is involved in restoring antique cars and is president of MOALS (Maine Obsolete Auto League). He retired from Hamilton Standard Division of United Technologies.

Robert Solari is in Concord, California. He retired after 30 years with the U.S. Forest Service and is currently consulting part-time. He has been active in the Society of American Foresters having been elected to "Fellow" for his service to

the organization and community. He carves and paints birds which he enters in competitions and is also an avid golfer.

Phil Haskell lives in Fulton, Maryland, where he is retired after 30 years in the manufacturing industry. He enjoys sailing on Chesapeake Bay.

Jolean Flint Quimby lives in Boise, Idaho, where she is involved in the Junior League, Boise Art Museum, skiing, golf, and tennis.

Antonio Vazquez is an M.D. residing in Weston, Florida. His office is in Pembroke Pines where he is a pediatrician.

Barrie Lovejoy spends winters in Clermont, Florida, and summers in Old Orchard Beach. He was a history teacher, guidance counselor, and chair of the Lockport, New York, high school guidance department for 33 years. In retirement he has written the *Lovejoy Family History 800-2004* which entailed much research and travel to communities where his ancestors lived. He also is a champion table tennis player winning several state tournaments.

Charlie Stansel lives in Selah, Washington, and retired from the U.S. Forest Service after 37 years. He is active in various forestry organizations as well as Lions Club and church.

Dr. Gerald Gordon is retired in Sullivan. He served in the U.S.A.F. and taught college history for 35 years. He has served on school boards and as president of the Sullivan-Sorrento Historical Society.

Dean Mayhew, living in Orland, is a retired history professor.

Daniel Center lives in Milford,

Connecticut, and is a retired superintendent of schools.

Rodric Johnson resides in Bradford and taught high school math and science in Maine for 34 years.

Bob Bauer is retired and living in Petersburg, Virginia.

Dr. Beatrice Reynolds retired to Sidney, Maine. She was a university professor teaching at UConn Hartford branch, Penn State, Rider College, Brooklyn College, City University of New York, University of Houston-Victor, University of Maine Orono, University of Southern Maine and UMaine-Augusta. She is a member of many genealogical organizations including Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, NSDAR, National Society of Daughters of the American Colonists, and the Colonial Society Americans of Royal Descent.

Sally Springer Josiassen lives in North Billerica, Massachusetts, and teaches in the Lexington public schools.

Joe and Pat Stiles Cuccaro are enjoying retirement in Freeport. Joe retired from the U.S. Army as a colonel. Pat worked as a school food service director for 20 years and supported the family through 21 moves.

Joan Wales Carroll lives in Brunswick. She taught history and English at Brunswick and Yarmouth high schools and Brunswick's St. John's School for 25 years. For 13 years she was a customer service rep for L.L. Bean. Joan has completed her families' genealogical research 1500-2003 and is active in gardening which resulted in her gardens being on the Brunswick Garden Tour.

Jackie Perry lives in Scarborough and is a former teacher and camp director. She has served as chair of the Scarborough board of education and as president of the Kiwanis Club.

Lamont "Bud" Curtis resides in Newport News, Virginia. His career has been as a civil and consulting engineer with URS where he became senior vice president and president of the TAF group. He then started his own firm Curtis Consulting. In addition he has also taught at the University of Dayton and Old Dominion University. Currently he is chair of the water resources management committee.

Joan Burgess Hodgdon lives in Marble Falls, Texas, where she moved after a 15-year teaching career and 10 years as a realtor. Her activities include Eastern Star,

church, and tutoring English to Spanish speaking adults.

Anne Christiansen Sleeper lives in Hermon. She was a teacher for 23 years as well as Girl Scout leader and receptionist in husband Dave's real estate office. She is a quilter and doll collector.

Evie Stevens Smith is retired and living in Carmel. She taught for 15 years and spent seven years as a principal. She is copresident of Friends of Maine Women's Basketball, is an honorary "M" Club member, and currently is on the Black Bear board of advisors.

That's all for now.

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I received a nice letter from Ed '62 and **Doris Paradis Hallee**, who are now living in Phoenix, Arizona. They attended an alumni dinner in Scottsdale, Arizona, where Doris and **Harold Violette** were the only Class of 1960 alums there. President Peter Hoff and his wife, Dianne Hoff, sat at the Hallee's table. Also attending were Richard Collins '59 and Anne Adams Collins '61.

Doris and Ed love living in Arizona and are so happy they made the move from New York state. They enjoy volunteering at the nursing home where Doris's mother resides. They ballroom dance on special holidays for all the residents of the nursing home. This gives Doris and Ed great satisfaction to do something to brighten the residents' days.

In March 2004, my husband, Gil Roderick '59, and I were vacationing on Anna Maria Island, Florida, when we heard that **Diane Wiseman Linscott** would be performing at the Island's End Bistro on Anna Maria.

This was Diane's sixth season playing at Island's End. She and her trio bring an understated interpretation to favorite jazz standards and popular tunes every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night.

As a 50th birthday gift, her husband offered to send her to the "Jazz in July" program at the University of Massachusetts. But Diane never made it that year—sadly, Bill Linscott passed away of cardiac arrest on the day she was scheduled to leave. But the next year Diane fulfilled her dream of becoming

Larry Schiner '61 Honored as AD of the Year

Larry Schiner '61, '62G was recently selected as the 2003-04 Division III Southeast Region Athletic Director of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.

This is Larry's second major honor in the past year. Last fall he was selected as the 2003 ECAC Jostens Administrator of the Year.

He is now in his 37th year at New Jersey City University and his 27th as athletic director. During that time, he's been the chief architect for the school's unprecedented growth and improvement in intercollegiate sports.

Larry is a member of the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame.



ing a professional jazz singer.

Diane has recorded five compact disks, one for the Jazzology label and four others, which are self published. Three of them are available on her web site at: www.cbaby.com.

In addition to Island's End, Diane plays private parties and special occasions. She's sung in the Jazz Caravan for the Sarasota Jazz Festival and during the summer months she lives in Maine, working resort venues with her music and at home in her art studio.

Long time Dexter, Maine, high school wrestling coach **Frank "Spook" Spizuoco** is among four members of the Maine Amateur Wrestling Alliance Hall of Fame Class of 2004. Frank has been associated with the Dexter program since 1958. He also coached the UMaine wrestling team for its final two seasons.

1961

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Lois Hamilton Tourangeau writes that she and her roommate, now retired, are focusing on folk music in Venice, Florida. Lois plays the ham-

mered dulcimer and the fiddle and her roommate plays the mountain dulcimer and tin whistle. Lois's fiddle is really her dad's violin that is more than 100 years old. This summer the pair will attend folk music camps on Cape Cod and in Washington, Maine.

Gingee Buckley Franco is happy to report that her daughter, Elizabeth, has completed her second year in dental school at Tufts. Gingee is still teaching elementary school but "thinking" about retirement. Also teaching with retirement in sight is **Etta Libby Davenport**. Last summer Etta spent three weeks in Montana where she attended her first sheep judging contest. Also on this trip, Etta visited the Bee Hive geyser in Yellowstone. Another one of our class travelers, **Dick Dawson**, sent news from the Australian Tennis Open. Aside from tennis, he and his wife enjoyed fine food, cold beer, and great wines—not all at one time, I hope!

Nancy Woods Rearick wrote that she and Danny '58 enjoyed the winter wonderland that was New Brunswick this winter. **Mary Irving Fantucchio** and husband John had a busy late summer and fall with trips to Maine and Massachusetts. Mary and John make their home in Arlington, Virginia. **Fred Stubbert**, who was on the staff of the *Campus* newspaper with Mary and me, sent news that he was elected to a three-year term on the Waterville city

council and also serves on the boards for the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Maine, including one on the Penobscot Indian Reservation. Although Fred is no longer playing in a basketball league, he still runs a couple of miles a day. Fred's son, Rick, is a detective in Oakland and solved a high profile murder case last fall.

Bruce Babb presented an interesting program on the art of marquetry in Bristol. Bruce is self-taught in marquetry and has been developing his art for 20 years. Marquetry involves the careful and intricate placement of small pieces of veneers to form patterns. The woods are from all over the world and yield an astonishing array of colors, grains, and textures. Bruce's wife, Julie, is also an artist.

On the baby front, **Artie Zalkan** welcomed new grandson Matthew, **Marcia Sayward Blake** hugged a new grandson in January, and **Regina Murphy Ruhlin** said hi to a grand new granddaughter—her eighth grandchild.

I offer the class's condolences to the family of **Ormand Wade** who passed away in January. Ormand was a man of many accomplishments and much success. His loss will be felt by all of us who knew him.

We are sorry to report that **Bruce Platt** died in December while visiting family in Tennessee. Bruce was the father of three children. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 30 years, most recently in Rolla, Missouri. We extend our sympathy to his wife, **Jean Ramsay Platt**, and their family.

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Hi folks. Hope all of you are enjoying the last bit of summer and are ready to write to us about your adventures.

A big thank you to **Tom** and **Linda Gillies Patrick** for e-mailing me some of their news. This spring they hosted a table at the New England Board of Higher Education's annual dinner. This event honored merit award winners. Dr. Habib Dagher was the recipient for

the state of Maine. Dr. Dagher is the director of the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center. Guests who joined Tom and Linda in celebrating included the chancellor of the UMaine System, several Maine state senators, and U.S. Representative Mike Michaud. The Patricks, among our most active alums, attended many hockey games this year and had the opportunity to keep in touch with **Gary Cran** and **Manch Wheeler**. Manch celebrated his birthday this year at the UMaine/BC game. Linda and Tom also were participants in the Stillwater Society dinner in April, an event they look forward to each spring.

The Cows Are Out! This book by **Trudy Chambers Price** has hit the shelves and the reviews are in. Trudy's account of the more than 20 years she and Ron spent on the farm is both funny and poignant. As the reviewer for the *Maine Sunday Telegram* puts it, "For a 23-year odyssey, 30 chapters barely suffice, leaving us wanting more, so charming is Trudy Price's take on every aspect of rural farm living, even when things are far from perfect." As for me, I simply say, "Go get it. You'll love every minute." Congratulations, Trudy.

Bill Smullen is making news again. In April he was the featured speaker at an ROTC event held at the Buchanan Alumni House. Bill's topic for the lecture and question and answer session was, "A Time of Peril or a Moment of Promise." This timely message was centered around the impact of the United States' policies in Iraq on our relations with the rest of the world.

There were almost 100 guests in attendance including students, alumni, staff, and alumni. Among the alumni present were **Elizabeth Ames Moran** and **Gary Cran**. Thirty-two ROTC cadets met privately with Bill, following the event. Later, a reception was held at Leadership Hall. In May, Bill, who is the director of National Security Studies at Syracuse, was appointed by Secretary of State Colin Powell to a seat on the Department of State Advisory Committee on Cultural Diplomacy. This committee's charge is to create strategies for increasing public-private partnerships to sponsor cultural exchange programs that can help change minds, attitudes, and opinions to win the peace. Bill says that he can think of no greater foreign policy challenge for the U.S. than public diplomacy.

Philip McCarthy retired as Kittery town manager this spring.

Fifteen years ago, Phil came to Kittery with a wealth of experience. Right out of college, he taught high school math in New Jersey and then he returned to Maine to take over as dean of students at UMO. Later Phil moved to Chicago to work with the American Medical Association and in 1981 he returned again, this time to his home town of Houlton to become town manager there. When he took over as town manager of Kittery in 1989, he inherited a town that was "effectively broke." Phil says that he goes away from this job with the knowledge that he has left the town in better shape.

After 38 years in teaching, I retired in June. I will not just be resting and playing, however, as I have taken a part-time position with the University of New Hampshire as a supervisor of teaching interns. Along with that I hope to be even more active in politics than I have been in the past. More about that later. I am also very excited to have more time to spend with my one-year-old granddaughter and to travel.

Hope all is well with you. Keep me in mind. I need your news.

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Again, my mailbox is empty. Apparently, retirement is so good for everyone that they don't have time to write any news!

While in Fort Myers, Florida, during January and February, I had the pleasure of entertaining several classmates. **Marcia Roak Fitzgerald** joined me the last week of January and stayed through February. **Judy Shaw Furlotte** drove over from Palm Beach Gardens for an overnight visit, and Cynthia Huston



Class of '64 members Phillip and Susan Keene Morse were presented with a Black Bear Award during the Sunday awards breakfast at Reunion 2004. Phil and Susan have been generous donors to UMaine athletics including a multimillion-dollar gift that created Morse Field at Harold Alfond Stadium. Their daughter Katherine is a Class of 1994 UMaine graduate.

Srebnick '64 joined us for lunch twice. Cynthia lives in Exeter, New Hampshire, during the summer months, and has built a home in Fort Myers for the colder months.

While in Florida, I learned that **Marge Bowen Roberts** had had a major stroke last November. She is now at home, receiving physical therapy and speech therapy. Marcia and I were able to talk to her on the phone the end of February. Knowing Margie's determination, I am sure she will make great progress toward living a normal life again. I look forward to seeing her in 2005.

Lee Bingham is finishing up building a tissue mill for SCA's tissue division in Barton, Alabama. His wife, Glenna Renegar Bingham '65, writes that his next project will likely take him to South America or Mexico. They have bought a second home in Scottsdale, Arizona, and Glenna is having a grand time furnishing it.

Tom Austin has stepped down as head football coach at Colby College. He plans to stay on with new duties in the athletic department. **Rob Shea** has been named board chair of Mount Desert Island Hospital's board of trustees. Until his retirement in 1999, Rob was an administrator responsible for education programs at Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor.

In November, **Jim Goff** remarried. His wife, Kim, is a grant writer for the college of engineering at Orono. During the week they are living in Veazie, and weekends are spent in the Hancock, Maine, home that Jim remodeled. As your vacation around the country this summer, look up some of your classmates and then let me know how everyone is doing. Until next time, stay healthy!

1964

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Tom Harvey is an English teacher in South Paris, Maine. At one time he was owner and editor of the *Fort Fairfield Review*, a newspaper in Central Aroostook County.

Richard A. Grotton is president and chief executive officer of the Maine Restaurant Association. He assumed leadership of the association in 1995. In addition, he is on the board of the International Society of Restaurant Association Executives and the Maine Society of Association Executives.

Sara-Jane Poli has been named superintendent of Biddeford, Maine's, public school system. She has been a teacher in the Biddeford school system since 1965.

Maury Webb is living in Orleans, Massachusetts, and is retired from a career as financial vice president of Saint-Gobain Abrasives. He and his wife, Diana, have two children and three grandchildren.

David S. Humphries and his wife, Jean Louise Wildes Humphries '67, are living in Citrus Springs, Florida. David is a retired attorney and Jean is a high school math teacher.

Adriann M. Tucker is living in Turner, Maine, and has retired from a teaching career at Leavitt Area High School.

Robert M. August resides in Whately, Massachusetts, and is retired from a career of involvement with public and private organizations engaged in natural resources issues and policies, including legislative action. He is a former owner of Nasama Farm.

Gordon W. Tennett is living in Gainesville, Georgia, is retired, and enjoying leisurely activities such as

hiking, biking, and volunteering.

David. B. Thompson has retired from a career as a professional forester for Diamond International, Diamond Occidental, and also was a sawmill manager. He now lives in Orono where he is still doing some consulting and landscaping as well.

On a personal note, we are happy to be back in the Northeast again, in closer proximity to our children and other family.

I have enjoyed being your class correspondent for the last several years, but it is time for someone else to take over the reins (or the pen). Please let the alumni association know if you would like to give it a whirl—we need someone to report the news of our classmates.

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Since it was decided to eliminate the summer 2004 magazine, you will now be reading this column sometime in the fall. I hope you had a fun and relaxing summer.

My dear friend and UMaine college roommate, **Caroline Fuller Hutchinson**, drove down from Maine in May and spent a long weekend. One afternoon we took the scenic route to the Mt. Kisco, New York, area and had dinner and a nice visit with Bill and **Sanna Crossley Purcell**. Anticipating retirement, they have recently put their beautiful home in Chappaqua on the market.

I have been corresponding by e-mail with **Sylvia Sawyer**, now married to Robert Sebelist. My friend **Marney McLean Pineda** was Sylvia's freshman year roommate at UMaine. I think the last time I talked with Sylvia was in front of the store she owned in Castine years ago, when I was with my sister Jean '69. Sylvia and I have been working on our family genealogies for many years and both can trace our ancestries to the Mayflower group. I am a direct descendent of Priscilla Mullins, who was married to Captain Myles Standish, and John Alden. Sylvia provides a genealogy research service to others, which she works at when they are at home in



Class of '64 member William Brewer and his wife, Sandra, get ready for the '64 class trip to Bar Harbor during Reunion 2004 in June.

Waterford, where she has lived since age two months.

Sylvia and Bob have been work camping, last summer in Pennsylvania and this winter in Arizona. Sylvia has climbed Picacho Peak, which was harder than Katahdin and Mount Washington. When friends from Castine were visiting for two weeks, they went to the Sonoran Desert Museum—where in the mineral section there was a talk about Maine gems, now in the Smithsonian, which originally came from Oxford County. A man standing next to Sylvia said they were found on Bisbeetown Road in Waterford (which is about five miles from where Sylvia and Bob reside). Then they learned that he lives in Blue Hill and is connected in some way with the mines that have been there. He was also related to many early settlers in Waterford. Small world, isn't it!

Owen Wells has been honored again. He has been on the board of trustees of Maine Health for 16 years and the Maine Medical Center for 20 years. Upon his retirement as a MMC trustee, the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at MMC named its annual pediatric conference for Owen W. Wells. As president of the Libra Foundation, Owen directs its assets to improve the lives of Maine residents through literacy, youth development, the environment, and health care.

Lee '63 and **Glenna Renegar Bingham** have become grandparents for the first time to Hannah Lee Bingham, born on February 25, to their son Jonathan and his wife Nola. They flew to Bethesda, Maryland, over Palm Sunday weekend for her baptism. They were joined by Jonathan's twin brother, Bradford, and his wife, Buffy, for the festivities. Glenna wrote that she planned to leave their winter home in Scottsdale, Arizona, in mid-May for Surry, Maine. She and Lee would love it if anyone on the Maine coast this summer would stop by. Their number is (207) 667-6916.

In March, I personally became very aware of how the loss of a car can compromise the independence of an active wheelchair user. My faithful 1985 Buick Century was "totaled" after catching on fire in early March on the Merritt Parkway in nearby Milford, Connecticut. By the grace of God I was not driving nor was I a passenger. The car had been picked up at my home the day before and driven up to Hamden for routine maintenance on its hand controls and chair topper. Over the years, I have always gone there myself and waited a few hours for the work to be done. Even my pastor got calls from church members who recognized my car as they were driving by. Those of you who have seen my car at UMaine reunions, know it was "one of a kind"—very

unique, because of its wheelchair carrier (similar to a small cargo carrier) on the top that probably had 40 bumper stickers attached to its four sides. These reflected my thoughts on social/political issues—disability rights, freedom, justice, peace, living etc. such as "Build ramps, not bombs," "I'm straight but not narrow," "Celebrate Diversity," "God fits into every religion," "Fight Aids, Not People with Aids," "Attitudes are the Real Disability," "Reduce, Re-use, Recycle," and "Live Simply, that other may Simply Live." My car was a real eye catcher and drew many people to me, always with positive comments and stories. I will miss it! People are good about giving me rides but I cannot get into a lot of cars, even with my sliding board.

Finding the right match in a new car is not easy. There are many features to consider—the type of entry and seats, the location of the ignition, transmission, controls and shifter, the style of locks, and windows. Hopefully, I will have found a new/newer car by the fall.

Can't find the time to write? Why not share some news by e-mailing me.

We want to hear from you!

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As you read this, you've gone from heating to air conditioning and are now again contemplating yet another winter.

And with that seasonal thought in mind, I will begin with one of my all-time favorite people, **Sarge Means**. He wrote last November, mentioning that Uncle Sam will ask him to retire in about 18 months. As he says, "Damn! I'll have to play more golf!" He's absolutely irrepressible! Meanwhile, he also sent me an article about **Bill Libby**. Actually, I should say Brigadier General John "Bill" Libby, who was named Maine's adjutant general, putting him in command of National Guard troops, while also making him responsible for veterans' benefits and emergency management. He is well qualified. After 10 years of active military duty, including a tour in Germany and a

combat tour in Vietnam, he joined the Maine Army National Guard in 1978. His resumé also includes service as deputy commissioner of the Maine Department of Defense, Veterans, and Emergency Management. No one could be better suited to assume these duties, and I wish him every success.

Meanwhile, **Brian Bicknell** is in the news with his election to serve on Yarmouth's town council, completing the term of councilor Warren Turner. He, too, is well qualified for the task at hand, having served on the school committee from 1974-1980, and from 1990-1994. He was also a town councilor for several years in the 1980s. Kudos, Brian! Also earning our congratulations is **Rachel Heath**, who was among a group of outstanding volunteers who were honored at the Those Who Care Awards ceremony at the G. Pierce Webber Campus Center at Husson College. Rachel has been a volunteer with Literacy Volunteers in Bangor for more than 15 years. She branched out from her early role as a tutor to include work as a board member, training tutors, organizing special events, and developing additional programs. In a word, wow!

I'd also like to mention **Marvin Glazier's** appointment by the Supreme Judicial Court as the vice chair of the board of overseers of the bar. An experienced attorney, he's a partner in the Bangor law firm of Vafiades, Broutas, and Kominisky and is certainly well suited for such a position. Congratulations are in order! Meanwhile **Doug Avery** recently wrote a letter to the editor of *Down East Magazine*, explaining that he'd played cornerback for Maine in the Tangerine Bowl—and I remember it well, since **Ursula Pickart Nelmes** and I drove down with friends for the game. Yes, we were nuts, but back to my story. Doug, an alumnus of Skowhegan Area High School, explained that, after graduating, he fulfilled his dream by coaching at Bridgton Academy for the next 30 years and credits his devotion to football to his family's involvement in the game, and, of course, "Skowtown."

And I wish I could end right there, but I must tell you that **Peter Paiton** passed away last September, and we are all diminished by his loss. I found in him a spirit that I envied, and he will forever remain a model of how I would like to be in the world. Despite all that he had to endure, Peter was always quick to smile and reassure the rest of us.



Edie McVay King '67 receives a Block "M" Award from alumni association chair **Bion Foster '68, '70G** at Reunion 2004. Edie is one of the association's most valued volunteers, driving from her home in Waterville at least two full days a month to work at Buchanan Alumni House. She also comes to campus to help at Reunion, Homecoming, and other special events.

We have lost the dearest of friends, and I ask you to please keep his dear Barbara in your thoughts and prayers, as I surely will.

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Retirement becomes you: **Gerald Perkins** taught and coached for 34 years in Rumford's school system and now heez back. Born and raised in the Brewer/Orrington area, he now enjoys everything his dad's King's Mountain acreage has to offer. He's building on Brewer Lake between ice skating, ice fishing, and ye olde party boat. He has a daughter and a son (at the Beijing Embassy). Thanks for calling, Gerry. It's north to Alaska for **Rick Ladd**—Homer, Alaska, where Rick is on the city council. He and wife Margaret Hodsdon Ladd '68 retired to outdoor adventures in the Yukon Territory including a 250-mile journey on the Yukon River last summer.

Hey, how does **James Lindsay** rate getting in under the headline, "new faces" in the *Portland Press Herald*? He joined Maine Bank and Trust as vice president and trust

officer. Good choice after his 35 years of trust and investment experience at Maine National Bank and Fleet. What do former governor Angus S. King, Jr.; Paul "P.D." Merrill, chairman of Merrill Transport Company, and Merrill Industries; founder of Watson financial, Richard



Laurence Richards '68 is now the vice chancellor for academic affairs at Indiana University East. Before his selection for the vice chancellor position, he was acting vice president for academic affairs at Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts.

In addition to earning two master's degrees, he holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

A. Watson; and our own **Toby Hammond** have in common? They all joined the board of directors of Hancock Lumber and Hancock Land. Toby was president and chief operating officer there.

In this corner of the state, resident of Bryant Pond, beginning his fourth year in the Paris and Rumford District Court, I give you **John McEwee**. You probably remember him from his Houlton/Aroostook County days. A stickler for courtroom decorum, he has also experimented with methods to deal with substance abusers—special drug courts for the complex problems. He has recently restructured the scheduling of court sessions by nature of court business (arraignments one day, criminal trials another, etc.). He is most proud of daughter, Darcie, who is an assistant U.S. attorney in Portland and is a former Penobscot County assistant district attorney.

I spoke with **Edie McVay King** to thank her for her recent donation to the UMaine stein collection. Stop and admire them at the new Buchanan Alumni House if you're on campus for reunions or homecoming.

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Larry Richards and **Jane Huard Richards** have moved to Richmond, Indiana, where Larry is now vice chancellor for academic affairs at Indiana University East, one of the eight campuses of Indiana University. They had been living in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, since 1997, when Larry became founding dean of the school of management and aviation science at Bridgewater State College. Jane had been a mathematics instructor at the college, and will continue to teach in Indiana.

Greg and **Joy Jewett Johnson** intended to leave Naples, Italy, this summer and Greg planned to retire from the Navy. **Polly Jordan Black** and **Carolyn Dresser Fox** came to visit Joy last year in Naples and they expected to return this past May. It was a great Reunion as they had not seen each other in 40 years.

Bion Foster continues to be very involved with the UMaine Alumni

Association. He encourages us all to make use of the Buchanan Alumni House. In January Bion was elected chairman of the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce for 2004. In this position, Bion hopes to coordinate the efforts of the chamber, the Bangor Region Development Alliance where he serves as vice chairman, and the UMaine Alumni Association in promoting economic development opportunities in Maine and the Bangor region. **Richard D. Fox**, CDM president from Andover, Massachusetts, has received the John I. Parcel-Leif Sverdrup Civil Engineering Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers. The Parcel-Sverdrup award is given annually to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding engineering management leadership, exemplary character, and professional integrity. Richard holds a bachelor's and master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Maine and a juris doctorate from Suffolk University.

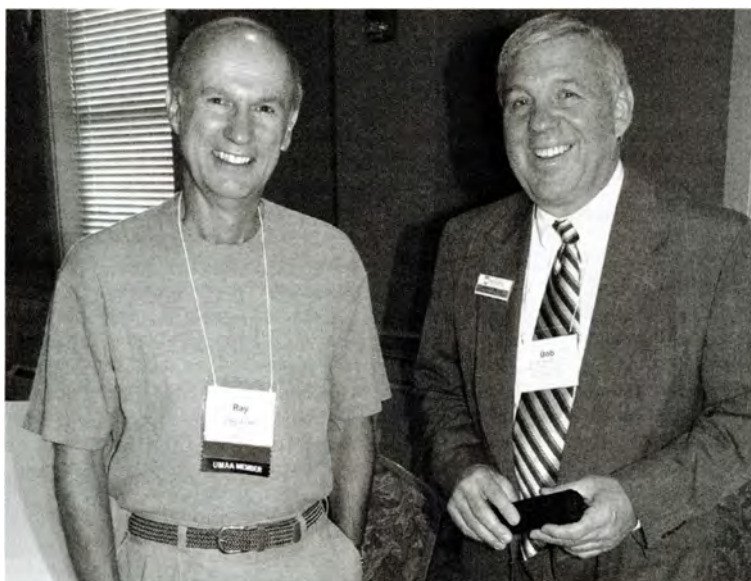
Marilyn Collins Kenyon is a director at St. Joseph Hospital's laboratory. Please send me your e-mail address so we can keep in touch and I can share your news with our classmates.

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Thanks to everyone who attended the Reunion, returned class questionnaires to the alumni office, and contributed to the class fund. Here is some news from classmates. Keep looking for more news later in the year. In order to jog some memories, current news is blended with activities from '65-'69.

Donna Manganello Sawyer of Waterville, principal of Windsor Elementary School, is pursuing her second master's degree. Donna is working at UMaine on a master's in guidance counseling of children. Her youngest son, Joe, graduated from UMaine in 2000. Donna is still an enthusiastic trumpet player who plays at church services and weddings. Classmates will remember Donna as president of Alpha Delta Pi, president of Penobscot Hall, and an All Maine Woman. **Richard J. Cohen**, Ph.D. is president and CEO of Philadelphia Health Management



Retired Colonel Ray O'Keefe '69 (left) with college of education dean **Robert Cobb** following the deans' breakfast at Reunion 2004 in June. Ray now lives in Naples, Florida, with his wife, Nancy McKeone O'Keefe '70. Ray, a native of Winslow, was presented with the Distinguished Service Medal when he retired from the Army in 1995. During his service in Vietnam, he was awarded the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. In his last eight years in the Army, Ray was stationed at the Pentagon where he worked directly for the secretary of the Army and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Corporation, a large, urban non-profit public health organization serving a three-state region. Some of Dick's campus activities included Sophomore Owls, Tau Epsilon Phi, and Student Senate. **Valerie Day Bellomy Paquette**, now a homemaker in South Portland, remembers working full-time at the Bear's Den for \$1 an hour and ironing shirts for twenty-five cents a piece. In 1992 Valerie received a Maxwell House National Hero Award for community service. **Calvin E. True** of Clifton is an attorney in Bangor.

Catherine Wheeler Robjent is a physical education teacher, grades 1 to 5 in Kearsarge Regional School District in New Hampshire. She lives in New London, New Hampshire. Cathy was an RA in Kennebec Hall, played varsity field hockey for four years, and organized Playday for state of Maine high school students. **Richard J. Curry, Jr.** of Cape Elizabeth works in information technology at Anthem Blue Cross /Blue Shield in South Portland. He is a member of the board of trustees of Thomas College and is a board member of the Maine Telecommunication Users Group. Dick participated in baseball and indoor track at Orono.

Elaine R. Cohen Siegel is lead teacher at Chabad Center Nursery School in Lexington, Massachusetts.

During her four years at UMaine, Elaine participated in orchestra, commuting students groups, Hillel, and the interfaith student group.

Alan E. Hitchcock, general manager of the Caribou utilities district, is the father of two UMaine grads. His son graduated in 1998, and his daughter graduated in 2002. Before joining the Caribou utilities district in 1998, Alan was a consulting engineer for 25 years. He is active in the Rotary Club and on the Boy Scout committee. On campus, Alan was a member of Theta Chi, Tau Beta Pi, and ROTC. **Barbara J. Amazeen Levine** remembers all the campus-wide events that unified us—even freshman beanies. Her daughter who graduated from UMaine in 2000 considers the '69 beanies as a form of hazing. Barb, an oncology certified nurse, works at Lahey Clinic Northshore in Peabody, Massachusetts. **Richard Lincoln Turner** of Melbourne, Florida, is an associate professor of biological sciences at Florida Institute of Technology. **Golda Michelson** is a psychotherapist in private practice. She lives in Fairfax, California, and remembers hanging out at the Bear's Den, studying at the library, and going to fraternity parties.

George Stanton is dean of science at Columbus State Universi-

ty, Columbus, Georgia. **Janice Ciampa-Bauer** of Vail, Colorado, is a real estate broker who specializes in exclusive resort homes, ranches, and development. She writes, "It is a gift to call Colorado home." Janice's favorite campus memories include the bells ringing on campus, nights at the library, trips to Bar Harbor, Pat's, and tutoring on Indian Island.

Paul Dailey is head golf professional at Castine Golf Club. **Judith Bowie Rowan**, Ph.D. is a psychologist in Exeter, New Hampshire. She serves on the Exeter Historic District Commission. Judy was on Judicial Board, presidential commission on student conduct, and a member of the International Club. **Constance Merrifield Perry**, a reunion committee member, lives in Orono and is a professor in the college of education and human development at the University of Maine.

Our 35th Reunion was a joyful experience. The group was small, but we rekindled old friendships, met new people, saw the changes on campus (several were not happy with the present bear statue in front of the men's gym), meandered on the bog walk where we were thankful for the kindness of a stranger who let us use his insect repellent, and visited the favorite off-campus sites from our youth. **Pat Kusnierczyk Keir** and husband Jim '70 came from Wisconsin, and **Ray O'Keefe** arrived from Florida. Many of the rest of us had much smaller journeys from our homes to Orono. Others in attendance included: **Lorna Mitchell Hills, Jane Fitzpatrick Johnson, Ginny Smith Marriner, Madeline Martin, Sandy Murphy Nadeau, Linda Pellegrini, Connie Merrifield Perry, Pam Waterman Taylor, Mike Umphrey, Dan Willett**, and us.

Look for more news from classmates in future class notes and definitely plan to attend our 40th Reunion in 2009. What better way is there to connect with so many of your college friends? Thank you to all of our classmates who sent reunion news forms to us and to those who donated to the class fund. If you did not have the opportunity to send a gift before the Reunion, you can still send your class donation to the alumni office and indicate it is for the Class of '69 fund. Unfortunately we have not yet met our goal of \$35,000 for 35 years.

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1970

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A few of the Class of 1970 are making news. I wish there was more to report but here goes.

George Pozzuto, who has been the ranger at the 250,000-acre Androscoggin ranger district in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, has retired after a 33-plus-year career with the U.S. Forest Service. In his "retirement," George has volunteered to be the interim executive director at the Northern Forest Heritage Park in Berlin, New Hampshire. George and his wife, Gail, live in nearby Milan, New Hampshire.

Robert Stone briefly considered challenging Representative Mike Michaud (D-Maine) for his seat in November but has since ended his bid. Robert has worked 30 years in the banking industry and now works as a consultant. He and his wife, Susan, have three children and two grandchildren. **Stephen King** has certainly been busy. He was hospitalized for nearly a month at the end of 2003 with pneumonia and complications from his 1999 accident. His "Kingdom Hospital" was aired on ABC this past spring and his book, *The Dark Tower V: Wolves of the Calla*, hit the bookstores before Christmas. *Song of Susannah* was later released. Penobscot County Maine sheriff **Glenn Ross** made the big time when his photo appeared on the cover of *Newsweek*. The feature story of that issue concerned how frivolous lawsuits affect professionals, such as clergy, medical, and law enforcement personnel.

Karen Thode O'Neill teaches science at Pioneer Valley Regional School in Northfield, Massachusetts, and she was one of three nominees from Massachusetts for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching. **Wayne Mayo** has joined Northeast Planning Associates in Hampden, Maine, as a financial planner. He has more than 23 years experience in the financial services industry. Here is an update on **Janis Poirier Ackendorf**—she is very busy with a new grandson and also setting up a home-based business. She hopes to do image consultation in conjunction with sewing and alterations. She and her husband, Gary, live in Winslow, Maine.



Retired Hermon Middle School teacher **David Richardson '71, '90G** participated in the National Multiple Sclerosis Society bike tour June 5-6 in Virginia. His former students and fellow teachers at Hermon raised \$300 in pledges to help him reach his pledge goal of \$500.

1971

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Happy fall, and how about an e-mail

to tell me about your summer vacation and what you're doing. Please? I have very little news, all of it from newspaper clippings. Could you please spend a minute letting us know where you are and what you're doing?

In December, Philip Roy, father of classmate **Joanne Roy Kimball**, received the Army's Bronze Star for

Steve Orlofsky '74 Hits a High Note as Band Director

Steve Orlofsky '74 has had a lot of successful years leading school bands in his long career in music education, but 2004 might just top them all. In March, his George Stevens Academy (GSA) jazz combo placed third in the Berklee College of Music High School Jazz Festival in Boston, earning the school a \$1,000 scholarship. GSA finished just behind some pretty impressive competition—the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts won top honors with Boston Arts Academy taking second place. Steve also had one of his students, bassist Ross Gallagher, chosen as one of the top four musicians in the competition.

Later in the spring, GSA's jazz combo placed first in the Maine State Jazz Festival.

Steve lives in Surry with his wife, Carol, and daughter, Kate. He continues to perform on saxophone as a member of several Maine big bands as well as with the jazz quintet, "A" Train.



providing vital intelligence to his company during World War II. Mr. Roy, a Quebec native, was in France, and was able to speak French and befriend a teenager who gave him invaluable information about where the Germans had established a "killing field" ambush. He was able to reunite in 1994 with the young Frenchman who had helped him. What a story of bravery and selflessness, and what a Dad Joanne has!

Patricia Kane Bradbury is now the principal of Harrison Elementary School. She has 32 years of teaching and administrative experience. **Robert Daigle** is president of Camden National Corporation in Camden, and **Glenn Turner**, a 30-year veteran of the *Morning Sentinel* in Waterville, has been named city editor of the newspaper.

All the "news" comes from newspaper clippings because you haven't sent me any news. Please, an e-mail? A postcard? Something? Don't forget to wear University of Maine T-shirts so we can recognize each other!

1972

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I have only two bits of news this time from the alumni association.

Last fall, **Thomas A. Jordan** joined Corporate Environmental Advisors (CEA) as senior project manager. CEA is a leading New England environmental professional services and contracting firm based in West Boylston, Massachusetts. Tom manages projects in the southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island area. He has more than 30 years of project experience, including hazardous waste site remedial investigations, feasibility studies, remedial designs, and construction. He was previously the Boston regional operations manager for Parsons. Prior to that he was employed by O'Brien & Gere Engineers for 25 years. Tom and his wife live in Hanover, Massachusetts.

Also last fall, **Ron Stephens** joined the board of directors of The Housing Partnership, a nonprofit agency based in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, that strengthens communities by providing quality affordable housing and related services to

the greater seacoast region of New Hampshire and Maine. Ron is currently regional manager in the trust department of Banknorth. He has worked for more than 25 years in senior management positions in the securities industry.

I'd love to hear directly from more of you! Drop me a line!

1973

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Steve Wood has retired from his forest management office in Sullivan County, New Hampshire. He and Sharon plan on spending more time portraying Abe and Mary Todd Lincoln. The *Bangor Daily News* had a very nice piece about **Connie Conquest Russell** and the over 40-year tradition of a Christmas neighborhood coffee in the home now owned by Steve '70 and Tabby Spruce King '71. **Jack Cashman** is the new Maine commissioner of economic development. **Bart** and **Stephanie Bubar Knight's** daughter, Meg, is in her second year as a Peace Corps volunteer in Benin, West Africa.

This must be the shortest column in history for us. Drop me a line or an e-mail.

1974

*30th Reunion at
Homecoming
October 22-24, 2004*

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Where did the summer go? Oh silly me, it was July 1st! Just kidding. Hope you all had a grand summer.

Just a few class notes this time. **Ginny Fall Howard** is the president and CEO of Skowhegan Savings Bank. What makes that significant is she is the only female head of a Maine-based bank. With a B.S. in education from UMO, she became a teller at the bank in 1975. Talk about

David Mallett '73 Chosen as Folk Artist of the Year

Well-known Maine song writer and folksinger David Mallett '73 has garnered yet another honor in his impressive career. David was recently selected as Artist of the Year by the members of Folkwax, an Internet-based folk music group. His latest CD, "Artist in Me," was also selected as the Album of the Year.

"Artist in Me" was produced entirely in Maine and recorded at a farmhouse in Sebec (where he currently lives) and features a subtle blending of guitars, bass, drums, and violin. The songs also reflect the people, places, flavor, and emotions of small-town Maine. As his web site biography states:

"He knows about the people who shouldn't have stayed but did, and those who shouldn't have left, but did. He knows the factory work, the field work, the memories of summer dances, the loves and losses, and the stunning incidents of courage and despair."

David was raised in a musical family and began his solo career in his early twenties. He has toured internationally, and his most famous composition, "Garden Song," has been translated into several languages and is one of America's most popular folk songs.



working your way to the top—way to go, Ginny.

It seems that **Norm Buck** of Old Town has found a special niche in his life. He is the northern Maine coordinator for the Prison Fellowship Ministries. This organization works with churches to provide gifts to children whose parents are inmates in jails and prisons throughout the country. Norm works with any denomination of church willing to sponsor a child or family of children.

Potato vodka in Maine? It can be done according to some creative individuals. **Bob Harkins**, now living in Paris, Maine, is the president of Maine Distilleries and is working with Don Thibodeau, a Fryeburg potato farmer; Don's brother, Lee, a Portland surgeon and investor; and Chris Dowe, a master brewer from New Gloucester. Lots of research and development is going into the product, and they are confident their product will find a market niche. Good luck, gentlemen, and cheers!

Happy 25th anniversary to Cyndi '75 and **Dana Hall** of Winthrop. The renewal of their vows was held at

Winthrop Congregational Church.

Last, but not least, don't forget Homecoming weekend. I can't drop any hints, but we are working on something unique. You may have gotten a sneak preview around the end of May or June. Looking forward to seeing classmates this fall.

1975

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Greetings, Class of 1975. I hope this finds you well and enjoying the weather. Put Homecoming on your calendars—October 22-24—and return to campus for the game, craft fair, friends, and other festivities. And don't forget to send in your news—we want to hear from you!

Go Blue!

1976

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Hey '76ers—drop me an e-mail and let your classmates know what you have been up to. Hope your summer was great, and enjoy the fall.

1977

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Hope you had a good summer. For now I only have a couple of items to report, so here goes.

Laurel Johnston Bouchard is the new chief administrative officer for Camden National Corporation. **Jeffrey R. Dow** owns an accounting firm in Ellsworth and is currently chair of the Maine Coast Memorial Hospital board of trustees. He and his wife live in Ellsworth with their two children.

And that's all I have, folks! Do write when you get a chance. Send me a postcard, or a simple e-mail message will do. Photos are always welcome, too, so let's keep in touch.

1978

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Hello, fellow '78ers. At our 25th Reunion, **Cathy Brown Lemin** was busy recruiting a replacement class correspondent, and I, caught up in the UMaine spirit that emerges at such events, volunteered. I only hope that I can do justice to Cathy's legacy.

A great time was had by all at the Reunion last October. Even the torrential rains didn't put a damper on everyone's enthusiasm at seeing old pals and rekindling friendships. I

must say that everyone looked great! We are all aging gracefully.

Cheryl Norton Gwadosky of Fairfield has been named as a director of the Good Will-Hinckley Homes for Boys and Girls. She has been employed as controller at Sappi Fine Paper's Somerset operations in Skowhegan since 1999, and previously she was manager of manufacturing accounting at the same plant.

Durell Buzzini Fenderson has recently earned the designation of Certified Financial Planner Practitioner, and is employed by RBC Dain Rauscher in Bangor. Congratulations!

Key Bank's northern and eastern Maine banking team has promoted **Steven L. Gagnon** of Caribou to team sales leader. In his new position, Steve is responsible for leading Key's business banking efforts in the Presque Isle and Bangor markets.

A name that is frequently in the media is that of **Brenda Nasberg-Jepson**, who lives on scenic Madawaska Lake. Brenda is the unofficial spokesperson for the Maine Swedish colony, which has received worldwide attention for last spring's tragic arsenic poisoning. She has been interviewed on a number of different domestic and international news outlets, and was the Swedish colony's spokesperson in a "Date-line" interview. She has also been actively involved in lobbying for an alternative route for the planned limited-access highway, whose current design calls for it to go through the middle of the Maine Swedish colony and, in her *Maine Sunday Telegram* interview, "physically dividing an already emotionally drained community." She and her husband, Alan '76, were invited to participate in the opening and closing ceremonies of the biathlon world cup event held in Fort Kent.

William A. Peabody of Brunswick was recently named the director of the Maine Bureau of Labor Standards, the agency responsible for enforcing state labor laws regarding wages and conditions of employment as well as the enforcement of public sector workplace safety and health regulations.

The Catholic diocese of Maine has recently appointed **Kathleen Mahoney** as their director of human resources. Kathleen has just reentered the work force after a year-long sabbatical, something that we could all probably enjoy at this point in our lives.

Diana Rothstein, my roommate



John M. Toole '75 (left) returned to Orono recently to celebrate the 80th birthday of his father, **John W. Toole '46, '48G** (right). John W. is a retired UMaine faculty member who was honored as a Distinguished Maine Professor while at the university. John M. is a senior scientist at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts where he is currently engaged in important research on the currents of the North Atlantic—work which will help scientists better understand how the oceans may be influencing the global climate. He was recently inducted as a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union.

for three semesters, lives on the south island of New Zealand in the city of Dunedin. She works for the University of Otago in their business consulting group. Diana wanted me to spread the word that if any UMainers are planning a trip to New Zealand to please stop by her home and say "ayuh" and "wicked good"—it helps her feel closer to her beloved state of Maine.

Our class president, **Meredith Strang Burgess**, was a recipient of a 2003 Jefferson Award for outstanding community service. Meredith was honored as the founder of the Ronald McDonald houses in Bangor and Portland, as well as for her recent work in the field of cancer advocacy. She is also the vice chairman of the Board of Visitors, the organization which deals with issues pertaining to the Orono campus.

I will also give you the brief update on my life. My husband, Bill, and I live in Cape Elizabeth and are the very proud parents of two boys, William, 10, and Ross, 5. My husband was previously married and I am also the stepmother to two great

teenagers, Sam, a sophomore at the University of South Carolina; and Ellie, who will be a freshman at the University of North Carolina in September. In late 2001, I took an early retirement package from Avaya Communication where I worked as a senior marketing rep and national account manager. I am currently a stay-at-home mom, something that took me a long time to adjust to. My younger son is starting first grade this fall and I will then try to figure out what I really want to do when I grow up. We are a family of hockey fans, and although Bill played four years of hockey at BU, my sons are avid Black Bear fans. Obviously I have taught them where their loyalties should reside!

Please send me any news you may have, no matter how trivial you might think it to be. This column is a great way to stay connected and I need your input to make it happen! So—please call, write, or e-mail. I would love to hear from you!

Be sure to plan now for Homecoming 2004 October 22-24

1979

25th Reunion at Homecoming October 22-24, 2004

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Is our 25th class Reunion on your calendar? If not, please reserve October 22-24 and plan to attend. You'll be receiving information in the mail, and updates on the alumni web site as we finalize plans for activities and for the class gift.

Meanwhile, news from class members is sparse. **Michelle Earltinez** recently moved to Florida after 16 years of clinical practice in Bangor. She is with the veterinary technology program at Breward Community College, president of the Florida Veterinary Technician Association, and an "active equine enthusiast." She and husband, Nick, a registered nurse, reside in Cocoa Beach with their three cats.

Clif Bemis reports he is "happily married for 45 years" and still living in Old Town. He's in his 14th year of teaching at the New England School of Communication, and enjoys his four children and four grandchildren.

1980

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Hi everyone, how was your summer? How about sending some news for this column? There must be something you can tell us about your job, home, family, pet, or extra-curricular activities!

Stay in Touch!

Your classmates want to hear from you! Write or e-mail your class correspondent soon.

1981

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If you live in eastern or northern Maine, I hope you caught the article on our magazine's editor, Jim Frick, on the front page of the *Bangor Daily News* this past March. He really does a wonderful job with this magazine, with an extremely small staff. The one important point that was left out of the article was that the magazine subscription is a benefit of membership. If you're reading this—chances are you are a member! Do us a favor and spread the word to your friends who may not be receiving the magazine and consequently are missing out on all this wonderful gossip (as well as Jim's interesting articles!). I'm always running into people who say, "Oh, I don't get the magazine anymore." Then I go into my speech about the importance of paying your annual dues to help fund this and the many other worthwhile functions of the alumni association. So get this message out to all of the contacts in your e-mail address book who are alums!

I must personally thank Jim and particularly Abby Zelz, who has the pleasure of editing these class columns, for bearing with me, as I tend to violate every deadline by at least a few days. I think I've only missed one column in the last 23 years though! I'd also like to point out that we usually have to write these columns two or three months in advance of their actual publication. My challenge this time around was that we were one week away from the Frozen Four and I was supposed to write as if it was over. It was one spectacular season for Maine hockey!

It is worthy of mention that I ran into three classmates at the Hockey East finals in Boston in mid-March.

Bruce McKay caught up with me at the pre-game rally. I didn't have my notebook with me, so I'm going to have to ask him to send me his personal update, as the noise in the bar made it a little difficult to really get all the details! Then, as we were filing out of the Fleet Center close to midnight, after the triple overtime win in the finals, I ran into **Barb Beem Tiernan** and **Ed Miller**. Again, not much time to get caught

Laura Campbell '79G in Charge of Strategic Initiatives for Library of Congress

In her most recent appointment at the Library of Congress, Laura Campbell '79G is now responsible for the overall strategic planning for the library, which includes development of a national strategy for the collection, access, and preservation of digital materials. The formal name for the program is the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program.

Laura's new title is associate librarian for strategic initiatives, but she will also keep her title as director of the national digital library program.

Before earning her master's degree from UMaine, Laura received her undergraduate degree from Penn State. She also has an M.S. in accounting from Georgetown University.



up on details so let this be their cue to send their updates as well. We had such a good time on that weekend, hob-nobbing with Maine alums from many decades. Friday evening, we ventured into the North End after the game with my husband's old pal from Orono High, Bob Rourke '78, '80G and his wife, Elaine Zonfrelli Rourke '80. What a dinner we had—and the company wasn't bad either!

Not much in the mailbag but **Buddy Spaulding** will get top billing for sending the only e-mail this time around. Buddy writes that he received his master's in public administration in 2003 and is still working for the Maine DOT where he's been since 1984. He keeps busy with two kids in college, one in high school, and lots of involvement in baseball. He serves as an assistant baseball coach at Mount View High School, has been involved with Babe Ruth baseball, has a son playing for Springfield College, and catches as many UMaine games as he can! (E-mail tip: If you e-mail me, don't forget to include your snail mail address so we can tell people what town you live in, and please let me know if you mind me giving out your e-mail address.)

Hey, animal lovers! Classmate **John Linehan** is president and CEO of Zoo New England, which operates the Franklin Park Zoo in Boston and the Stone Zoo in Stone-

ham. He started work there as a part-time laborer in 1980 and has worked his way up through the ranks. Last fall, he had the interesting task of helping to corral an escaped gorilla on the streets of Boston. John and his wife, Julie, live in Stoughton, Massachusetts, with their four children and many animals.

Classmate **Michael Crowley** chaired the National Folk Festival this August. The three-day musical and cultural event on the Bangor waterfront was in Bangor for its third year. Michael is vice president for development at Eastern Maine Charities and is also a former mayor of Bangor.

And finally, I received a nice thank you from Michael Mayo of Scarborough, who was a recipient of our class scholarship this year. Mike is an economics major and hopes to pursue his master's degree at UMaine, too! He didn't mention if he was a descendant of a Class of '81 graduate, but I hope someone might clarify that for me. Remember that our descendants do get priority in the awarding of the scholarship. Your donations are always appreciated and do greatly help ease the financial burden for these students.

I'd love to hear what you are up to these days! Why not send me an e-mail update right now while you're thinking of it!

1982

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I've moved! After spending five terrific years in Aroostook County as pastor of St. Mark's Parish and Missions in Ashland, I've been assigned to St. Joseph's Parish in Ellsworth. If you're headed to Acadia National Park you most likely will pass right by me—I'm at the Catholic church on that incredibly busy intersection in Ellsworth! Please stop in any time! As always, I look forward to hearing from classmates wherever you may be!

Kim Stanfille-McMillan (wood technology) writes to us from Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, where she notes that a University of Maine sticker on a car is seen every other year. She is still happily married to **Jim McMillan** and they have three children: Alex, age 8 (adopted from Korea); Terry, age 7 (biological), and Margie, age 5 (adopted from Vietnam). Jim works for the state of Wisconsin as an environmental engineer and Kim is a stay-at-home Mom and also has a pottery business. They make it back to Maine each summer.

Richard W. Mulhern (journalism) is now serving as the managing member of the newly established Portland branch of Sulloway and Hollis, a law firm specializing in health care representation and medical negligence defense, based in Concord, New Hampshire. Richard has served two terms on the Falmouth town council and is currently serving on the Falmouth planning board.

Robbin Addams Stover (journalism) recently launched an exciting new concept into the Bangor social scene called "Eight Minute Dating." This service provides a structured event at local restaurants to which single men and women agree to participate for a modest fee. The idea is to have eight conversations with eight different people in a single night. The service provides suggested topics of conversations which are then timed for eight minutes. A bell rings, notes are made to be entered on the company's web site, and the participants move on to the next "date." Quite an innovative way to meet new people in this busy world we all live in!

Go Blue!

1983

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Karen Kattermann Konisky is a self-employed clinical research consultant in Georgetown, Massachusetts. She and her husband, Raymond '78, have two children.

John Nadeau is the port director for Customs and Border Protection in Tacoma, Washington. He and his wife, Darnel, have three children. John says he fondly recalls living in a UMaine dormitory with more fellow students than there were in his entire hometown of Jackman!

My dear friend **Heidi Anderson Kasle** lives with her husband, Rob, and their three daughters in North Reading, Massachusetts. After leaving her teaching profession to raise her girls in 1990, she is now in the process of returning to her career. She also volunteers in her daughters' schools. Two of her girls are teenagers and are starting to talk about college. Heidi says it seems like just yesterday that she was the one making all the plans!

Athena Chase-Miller is an attorney in Wilton, California. She and her husband, Christopher, have two children.

Jean Sylvester Patch works in the office of the special assistant to the president at Salem State College. She has one child and lives in Marblehead, Massachusetts.

Nancy Storey DeFrancesco, one of my *Maine Campus* pals, is one of only three women nationwide to run a men's golf association. She is executive director of the Maine State Golf Association, and she also keeps busy officiating basketball, track, and golf, and coaching track. She and her husband, Mark, live in Saco and have one son.

Sandra Jo Kingsbury Sanzaro owns Top Hat II Dance Studio in Holden. She and husband, Dave '85, have one child.

Blaine Boudreau is senior vice president for commercial lending at Sanford Institution for Savings. He previously spent 19 years at Peoples Bank. Blaine is active in his community, having served as president of the area United Way board and as a board member for the York County Technical College Foundation. Blaine and his wife, Jana, live in Arundel and have two daughters.

Rhea Cote Robbins Honored by UM Farmington

Rhea Cote Robbins '85, '97G, the founder and director of the Franco-American Women's Institute, was awarded an honorary degree from the University of Maine at Farmington in May. Rhea was also chosen to be the commencement speaker for the college's graduation.

The Franco-American Women's Institute chronicles and promotes the contributions of Franco-American women to society. In 1995 Rhea coedited and designed a collection of women's writings titled *I Am Franco American and Proud of It*. She is also the author of *Wednesday's Child*, a memoir about growing up and living in a bilingual Franco-American community in the "South-end" portion of Waterville. Her book is being used in classes at several Maine colleges.

Rhea is currently an assistant professor for the Franco-American Center on the University of Maine campus. For many years she edited *Le Forum*, a bilingual, sociocultural journal published by the center.



Jean Thaxter-Mehlhorn lives in Nobleboro with her husband, Peter '82, and four children.

Gregory McKernan is a family physician in Independence, Iowa, where he lives with his wife, Michelle, and their six children. Gregory earned his medical degree at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He enjoys teaching medical students and is a trustee of the American College of Family Physicians. He is active in his parish, where he serves on the parish council and teaches religion class.

Kelli Ackley DuBose is an English and world history teacher at H. B. Woodlawn High School in Arlington, Virginia, where she lives with her husband, Michael, and two children.

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1984

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Hello, Class of 1984! Can you believe it has been 20 years since we graduated? We will be celebrating at Homecoming this year. Keep your eyes out for Homecoming information and make plans to attend. It should be a fun weekend!

By the time you read this, we will have gone on our big (20 hours each way in the car) trip to Michigan for my niece's wedding. Our daughter will be the flower girl and our son the ring bearer. We are excited to see my husband's family. We plan to take our time driving back and stop in Ottawa or Toronto for a few days. It should be tons of fun! How did you spend your summer? Drop me a line or send me a postcard!

John Ayers recently published a textbook, *Digital Integrated Circuits, Analysis and Design*. He is an associate professor in the electrical and

systems engineering department at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, where he has been on the faculty since 1990. He lives in Ashford, Connecticut, with his wife, Kimberly, and their three children, Jacob, Sarah, and Rachel.

Jeff Andle is a principal executive at Biode in Westbrook, Maine. The company makes viscometers and hopes to become one of the leading-edge high tech companies in Maine.

Merlene Philbrook Sanborn has joined the Piscataquis County committee of the Maine Community Foundation. The committee will work with the foundation to review grant proposals for local projects and assist in building charitable funds to benefit the community. Merlene is director of the Penquis Higher Education Center in Dover-Foxcroft.

If you live in Maine, you may have read about the Martin family. **Jaja Watts Martin** and her husband David have spent the better part of the last 15 years sailing around the world. During that time, they have had three children, Chris, Holly, and Tiega, who have sailed with them. The family has now settled in Bremen where the children are completing their education. I have read several articles about their travels, which are fascinating!

Peter Stewart has been named a lieutenant in the Maine State Police and assigned as the commanding officer for Troop J in East Machias. He grew up in Bucksport, where he lives with his wife, Andrea, and their two sons, Jacob and Matthew.

Amanda Hidu Bost has been elected to the Brewer school committee. She is the wife of Brewer city manager Steve Bost.

Robert Beauchesne has accepted a position with the Maine Human Rights Commission. He has been a practicing lawyer in Lewiston since 1989 and had been the sole proprietor of his own general law practice since 1997. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1989 with a concentration in employment law and discrimination. He is married to Sandra Beauchesne and has two children, Loren and Kirsty.

Army Major **Mark Parent** is an intelligence officer assigned to the Training and Doctrine Command. He has 16 years of military service.

Barry Dana was recently featured as one of the "10 Most Intriguing People in Maine" in *Portland* magazine. He is busy as chief of the Penobscot Nation and a spokesper-

son for Native American causes. Among his many interests is the effort to save the vanishing Penobscot language.

Pat Dunn sent the following message to me:

"First off, let me tell you what a great job you are doing with the class notes. I simply ran out of time to do them and I am glad to see that you picked up the ball and ran with it.

"And now for my own news. After being laid off twice in the past 18 months I have started my own consulting company where I can hopefully have better luck. My company is called PLC Business Continuity Professional Services. I specialize in providing companies with disaster recovery and business continuity solutions on a national and local level. So far my clients have included Best Buy, and Ernst and Young. At Ernst and Young I am designing their global financial information services disaster recovery plan. In a nutshell what I do is help companies prepare for continued business operations in the event of disaster (such as 9/11).

"I hope all is well with everyone. Keep up the good work! Go Bananas!"

It is so much fun to share news of our classmates with you. Please send me your news and I will put it into my next column. Until then, enjoy this beautiful fall season!

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Hope that you enjoyed some summer fun! Please drop me an e-mail or a postcard. News is getting pretty skimpy—

Rory Strunk and Rufus Frost formed Aura360, an adventure sports marketing firm, in January 2003 in Portland, Maine. Their clients include Rossignol, Teton Gravity Research, and a French company named RAID. They are currently in production for a "Wide World of Sports"-type television program for NBC to highlight alternative sporting events such as snowboarding and big-wave surfing. Jeep and Columbia Sportswear are sponsoring this television project.

Maureen Duggan is the new

A Rising Star in New England High-Tech

Julie LeMoine '86 was recently recognized as one of the Top Ten Women to Watch in Technology and Science in New England for 2004 by the publication *Mass High Tech*. She was nominated for the honor by The Commonwealth Institute. All the "top ten" women are considered leaders and innovators in their fields.

"The whole thing was a very big honor, considering the concentration of high technology in New England," Julie said. "The women who share this honor with me are amazing, and I love that this award is forward looking."

Julie is currently the president and CEO of U C How—the second company she has cofounded in her career. She is credited with inventing some of the original Internet security technology at the dawn of the world-wide web.

Julie started U C How to bring "an industrial strength, highly secure, real-time collaboration software environment to the commercial marketplace."

U C How's flagship product, SDEserver, en-



ables secure and confidential exchanges via chat, presentations, documents, audio/video, and applications, within the organization and across the globe. SDEserver was designed to answer the need for secure on-line communication, collaboration, and access to tools in business environments.

Julie's 18 years of experience designing and deploying information security and Internet-based business solutions includes work for the military, intelligence agencies, and numerous Fortune 500 companies.

marketing coordinator for MaineToday.com. She was formerly with Maine Public Broadcasting as a promotions manager.

Rhea Cote Robbins was the 1997 winner of the Maine Chapbook Award for her work of creative non-fiction, *Wednesday's Child*, which is now in its third printing. Rhea's work focuses on what it means to be Franco-American and female in the U.S. She leads writing workshops and was recently at the University of Maine at Fort Kent sponsored by the UMFK's French Heritage Council.

Deirdre O'Callaghan has been elected president of the Maine Women's Network. Deirdre is a practicing attorney at Preti Flaherty in Portland, concentrating in environmental, energy, and business law groups.

Happy fall! We'd love to know what you're up to!

Go Blue!

1986

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Dear Classmates,

I hope you had a great summer.

The Katahdin Area Council, Boy Scouts of America awarded Governor **John Baldacci** the 2003 Distinguished Citizen Award; stating, "In business, in Congress, and in the Blaine House he has proven himself an exemplary individual and all-around good scout."

Eric Wicklund is the new sports editor of *The Journal Tribune*, Biddeford, Maine. He has been with the newspaper for 17 years, starting as a reporter and serving most recently as weekend and features editor. He

is involved with the community as a vice president in the Alfred-Lyman Little League and in the Massabesic United Soccer League. He is very involved with events associated with juvenile diabetes, including the Maine Diabetes Association's "Tour de Cure" bike-a-thon. Eric and his family live in Lyman, Maine.

Gary Groves won the Ward 3 seat on the Westbrook, Maine, city council.

William Cassidy, a Calais, Maine, native, has returned home to serve as president of Washington County Community College. Bill has had extensive experience in the education sector; including teaching at the middle, high, and college levels and serving in various positions within the Maine Community College System, the Regional Vocational System, and with the Department of Education. MCCS president John Fitzsimmons's nomination said, "He is highly regarded through-

out the education community for his dedication, his integrity, and his compassion." After earning a Certificate of Advanced Studies from the University of Maine, he is currently pursuing his doctorate in higher education at Nova Southeastern University. Bill and wife Susan live in Standish.

Congrats and best of luck on all, guys!

Last November, the *Portland Press Herald* ran a series in which Maine veterans recounted their best and worst experiences serving in the military. **Donna Loring** was a communications specialist in the Vietnam War and was one of only six women in the country to work in a combat situation. She says that her service experience taught her "...that people fought and died for people to do and say what they want. I didn't understand that until I lived it. I appreciate every day now that people are defending our right to be who we are." Donna represents the Penobscot Nation in the Maine House of Representatives and currently resides in Richmond, Maine.

This past January, classmate **Stanislas Pauwels** was the featured writer for the *Maine Sunday Telegram's* "Maine Observer" column, a column that includes personal and original essays on Maine life. Stan writes that he spent seven wonderful years at the University of Maine, earning two advanced biology degrees and allowing Maine to "seep deep into my bones ..." This meant lots of hiking, skiing, whale watching, ice fishing, bass fishing, camping, rafting, and canoeing. I should write Stan and ask when he studied, ha! After a wonderful job at an environmental consulting firm in Portland was lost when his employer went bankrupt, he has been able to stay close working in Massachusetts and part-time telecommuting. Stan says, "I fought hard and sacrificed much to make it possible to return to a place that so stirs my emotions. I will not let Maine slip through my fingers once again."

Our classmates are amazing and interesting people!

We didn't get much response to our gift certificate/class challenge last time, but I am trying again. Anyone who writes/e-mails us with news, until eight weeks after this column appears, is automatically in a drawing for a small university certificate! Come on, it'll be fun! Let us all know what you are doing, who you've seen, who you're looking for, etc.

Bagh-Daddy

It was anything but easy. But in the end, the birth of healthy twin daughters to Army Major Ed Radgowski '89, '90G and his wife Nicole Clovis on April 14 was a joyous event.

To start with, Ed, a Reservist, was deployed to Iraq last December. Adding to that difficult situation was the fact that Nicole's pregnancy was considered high-risk by doctors.

But all the adversity was forgotten when newborns Madeline and Carol Radgowski entered the world. And thanks to a cell phone connection and an e-mail link, Ed got to hear and later see a video clip of the birth from his station in Baghdad.

"Thanks to the effort of everyone at the hospital, I felt as if I was there with Nicole and the twins," Radgowski told the *Washington Post*. "I could hear Nicole, the doctor, and her team."

Ed recently returned home (Vienna, Virginia), and he says the twins are "doing well and are beautiful!" He looks forward to soon being back in his civilian job with Avaya.

In Baghdad, Ed's unit served as a liaison in management and finance between the Coalition Provisional Authority, the Iraqi Ministries, and the Iraqi banking system. "It was both rewarding and challenging," he says. While in Baghdad, Ed also watched the Maine hockey team play for the national championship via the Internet.

In addition to his undergraduate degree in business and public administration, Ed earned an MBA from UMaine in 1990.



Julie-Ann Baumer is the first potential winner for her note. She and her 235 Androscoggin Hall roommate, **Sherry Stevens Kessler**, are organizing an '80s Andro Reunion at Homecoming 2004. They would like to hear from Class of '86 members who might fit the description and she says, "You know who you are!" Contact Julie-Ann at: jbaumer2003@yahoo.com and Sherry at: thanksw@gwi.net.

Sounds like fun! By the way, I hope I have not missed any e-mails that classmates have sent us! If you didn't see your note here, please don't give up on us! I am always on such an anti-SPAM patrol, that if the subject doesn't say something like Class of '86 or university notes, etc. and I don't recognize the name, I may have "auto deleted" it! Sorry! Have a great fall!
Donny

1987

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Hello Class of '87. I hope everyone is healthy and enjoying the summer. I mostly have career news this time around.

Dan Tremble was elected chairman of the Bangor city council. This position also carries the ceremonial title of mayor. Dan has been on the council for five years and owns Fairmount Market in Bangor. **Samantha Langley-Turnbaugh** is associate professor and chair of the environmental science and policy program at University of Southern Maine. She has been conducting

experiments in the Parkside neighborhood in Portland which has high concentrations of lead. Her experiments use spinach to extract lead from the soil and preliminary results have been positive, with one location seeing lead levels cut in half.

Gary Lapiere has been promoted to vice president and loan officer at Kennebec Savings Bank. Gary has been with the bank for two years and in banking for 18 years. He lives in Augusta with his wife Tamera and their two children, Corey and Lindsay. **William B. Gartley** and James A. Dorsky '88 have opened Gartley and Dorsky Engineering and Surveying in Camden. They acquired the office of Coffin Engineering and Surveying where they had previously been employed. **Kyle Webb** is the assistant principal and elementary athletic director at Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School. **Dan Higgins** is principal at Surry School. For the previous two years he had been the principal at Cave Hill School. **Scott Wardwell** is the manager at Northern Maine Regional Airport in Presque Isle. Scott has his pilot's license and has been in engineering and consulting over the years. **Miles Greenacre** has joined Advanced Payroll Plus, a subsidiary of Bangor Savings Bank. Miles has an MBA from UMaine and is a CPA.

I heard from a Class of '86 friend, Julie-Ann Baumer. She and her 235 Androscoggin Hall roommate, Sherry Stevens Kessler '86, are organizing an '80s Andro Reunion at Homecoming 2004. They would like to hear from Class of '87 members who might fit the description and she says, "You know who you are!" Contact Julie-Ann at jbaumer2003@yahoo.com and Sherry at thanksw@gwi.net.

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Crisp air, apples ripening, foliage, and children heading back to school all are signs of fall. How about adding another one—writing to me—so that we can have some news for this column? Looking forward to hearing from you! And have a great autumn.

1989

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Hello, classmates!

News is very scare this time around. Let's get in practice for Homecoming on October 22-24. Let us know what you've been doing since our last get-together in Orono. Who can believe how fast time flies!

Robert Scott Atherley is the women's soccer coach at UMaine—a team which earned a spot in the America East Championship, with a 13-3-3 record for the season. Congrats to the Lady Black Bears and their coach!

James Hodgkin continues his job as S.A.D. 43 superintendent in Rumford, Maine. James earned his bachelor's degree in secondary education from UMF, his master's in administration from Orono, and then completed his Certificate of Advanced Studies and obtained his superintendent certification five years ago. He has been a teacher, principal, and athletic director at various schools prior to this position.

Wesley Kalloch, who lives in the same town as I do (Malden, Massachusetts) has taken classes at the Massachusetts College of Art and The Museum School, and has been showing his paintings and art installations in the greater Boston area recently. Wesley has lived in Malden for six years.

Jim Child has joined ProBatter Sports of Milford, Maine, as its general sales manager. Jim has extensive background in corporate sales. While at UMaine, Jim played baseball and basketball.

Start making your plans now to see classmates at Homecoming on October 22-24.

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Summer is one of my favorite seasons in Maine. We planned a few mini trips with our two children so that we could relax and enjoy the summer weather.



Teacher/Soldier

Lt. Colonel Jack Mosher '89 was the subject of a feature article in the *Bangor Daily News* last May. Jack has been fighting the war on terror in Afghanistan as a member of the 52nd Troop Command of the Maine Army National Guard since November 2003. A teacher in civilian life, Jack used those skills to help train members of Afghanistan's fledgling army when he first arrived. But in recent months his, like other guard units, has taken on the role of combat advisers.

Jack is a resident of Vassalboro, Maine, where he lives with his wife Carol and his two young sons.

Our family welcomed baby Michael Joseph into our lives in February. He arrived six minutes after we arrived at the hospital! He joins big sister Kayla who turned two in April.

Chris Celtruda writes that he and his wife, Dawn, had twin baby girls in December: Gabrielle and Adrianna. They were born in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Christopher Condon was elect-

Weight Loss Earns '86 Grad an Oprah Appearance



Photo by James Straub, courtesy of the *Ellsworth American*.

A dramatic weight loss of 480 pounds has earned UMaine alumnus Peter Loisel '86 an appearance on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" in November. But he recently stated in an *Ellsworth American* article that the thrill of appearing on national television pales in comparison to the joy the weight loss has given to his life.

Peter, who stands six feet, six inches tall, went from 763 pounds to 283 pounds after two-and-one-half years of diet and exercise. He says the greatest reward is the mobility that allows him to be a much greater part of his family.

ed to the board of directors of the Maine Insurance Agents Association (MIAA). He is the president of Hayden/Perry Agency and is the president of the Presque Isle Rotary Club. He previously received his master's degree at Bentley College in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Please contact me if you have any news that you would like me to include in the alumni column.

Have a great fall!

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Hope you all found some time to relax and enjoy family and friends this summer. Some of our classmates have been busy lately.

Gregory King has been named head coach of the Hyannis Mets for the 2004 Cape Cod Baseball League season. Greg has been the Thomas College baseball coach for the past eight seasons and served as the skipper for the Cotuit Kettlers of the CCBL in 2003. He led the Thomas College team to NAIA New England titles in 2001 and 2003 and was the Maine Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 1999 and 2000.

Joan Fortin, of Portland, has been named a shareholder at the law firm of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, one of northern New England's largest firms. Joan, an attorney in the municipal department at the firm, practices in all areas of municipal and education law.

U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander **Jeffery Mason** was deployed to Kirkuk, Iraq, from November 2003 until April 2004, where he served as the director of contracting for the northern Kirkuk region. When I last heard from Jeff he was in Qatar on his way home to Patuxent River, Maryland, to return to his previous assignment at the Naval Air Systems Command. His friends, family, and wife Kristin were anxiously awaiting his safe return.

John O'Dea has been named the executive director of the Irish Heritage Center. John previously represented Penobscot County in the Maine House and Maine Senate and is a co-founder of Northern Dynamics. He also serves on the board of directors of the Portland Regional Chamber.

Teaching at Oak Hill High School may be his day job, but **Jeffrey Mertz** spends much of his time officiating at high school and college sporting events. Within the last four years he has officiated at state high school championship games in baseball, basketball, and football. This past year, Jeff worked his first state championship football game as a line judge and was joined on the field by his father, Joe, who served as a back judge. His father has been a football official for the past 37 years.

Students at John Bapst Memorial High School in Bangor are getting the opportunity to experience Swedish culture thanks to **Mark Tasker**. This summer he traveled with 10 Bapst students to the mountainous province of Jamtland, Sweden, for an eight to 10-day expedition. Mark, who is the chairman of the social studies department, hopes the summer expedition will become part of a long-term research project in which students return to Sweden annually. He has also arranged for visiting teachers from Sweden to spend time at Bapst. This exchange program came about with the help from Mark's former Swedish teacher at UMaine, who is now an international programs coordinator at a school in Umea, Sweden.

It was wonderful to receive e-mail updates from a few classmates. I heard from **Susan Kelley Hahn** and Jonathan Hahn who are living in Norwell, Massachusetts, with their nearly two-year-old daughter, Gillian. Susan is working at Yahoo in Boston, and Jonathan is working at Vertex Engineering Services. They are looking forward to getting together with other classmates soon.

On January 28, **Robert Shaw** and **Andrea "Andi" Schneider Shaw** were thrilled to welcome a daughter, Amanda Taylor, to their Morgantown, West Virginia, home. She was greeted by her brother Patrick, who is four-and-a-half years old, and a sister, two-year-old Megan. Rob is the mill manager at American Fiber Resources in Fairmont, West Virginia. Andi is on maternity leave from Monongalia County 911 dispatching center.

I am sad to mention the death of our classmate, **John-Henry Williams**. He died at the UCLA Medical Center on March 7. John-Henry had been battling leukemia for months. It is particularly tragic that this disease claimed his life, for his father, Red Sox Hall of Famer Ted Williams, was a pioneer in the development of the Jimmy Fund which made significant

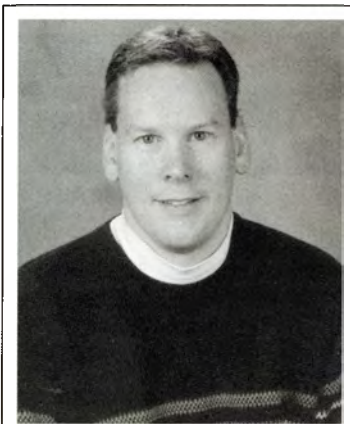
progress in the fight against cancer. John-Henry made an attempt to follow in his father's footsteps, playing for some low-level minor league and independent baseball teams. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family and friends.

Have a wonderful time creating new summer memories and reliving the old ones. A reminder that I will have a UMaine prize to give to the person who sends me a postcard from the farthest distance, with the funniest picture, or most reflective of a UMaine experience, by the end of the year. Fill the Steins!

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Hello, everyone! I hope everyone had a great summer. I have just a few things to report this time, so please try to get your news in so I can keep busy!



Richard Huard '91 is now a vice president in the marketing department at Banknorth Group in West Falmouth. In addition to his UMaine degree, he has an MBA from the University of Southern Maine. Richard now lives in Saco, Maine.



Joe Hanley '92 finished 32nd in the Nantucket Olympic Distance Triathlon. He is an attorney at the Boston law firm of McDermott, Quilty & Miller. (See '92 classnotes.)

Joe Hanley reports that he competed in the Nantucket Olympic Distance Triathlon and finished 32nd overall. He also placed in the top 20 percent in the West Kennebunk Fire Company Triathlon and raised over \$2,500 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Joe is an attorney at the Boston law firm of McDermott, Quilty & Miller, where he specializes in licensing, zoning, and permitting for developers, restaurants, night clubs, and sports and entertainment venues. He is also a member of the Wheelworks Multisport Triathlon Team of Boston, which is a sponsored team that competes in regional and national events.

Tamra Sawyer Philbrook has an interesting job custom making flatware. Under the label Artful Wares, she uses granite scraps and seashells or lobster shells which she crushes and suspends in layers of jeweler's resin, then polishes them to a glossy sheen. You can look at and purchase the flatware on the website: artfulwares.com. Everyone take a look and support a fellow Black Bear—they are beautiful! I

looked myself and think they would make a great wedding gift.

Jody Benner and wife, Christine, had another child, Luke, on November 7. Big sister Kate was very excited too. Congratulations!

Lastly, my pal **Rachel Bonenfant Zehner** has moved with her husband to Australia. They had been living in New York City until he finished school and now they will return to his native Australia to live. I am so jealous! Good luck, Rachel and David!

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I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is enjoying the beautiful fall season.

Thank you for all the e-mails. I heard from **Kristen Emerson Brooks**. She and her husband Eric are expecting their second child this September. Their daughter, Alyssa, was two in July. They are currently living in Windham, New Hampshire, and began construction on a new house last spring. I had an e-mail from **Barbi Orlando**, who has recently moved to Brookline, Massachusetts. Barbi has been working for Value Options in Brookline for the past four years.

Of course we have baby news to share. Scott and **Tisha Berube Feyler** welcomed their first baby, Nolan Michael, on February 15, 2004. Nolan was born weighing five pounds, 12 ounces. Doug and **Karen Tomberlin Doyle** celebrated the birth of Sean Robert on December 12th, 2003. Sean is a little brother to two-year-old Timothy. Karen is currently the director of accounting for the state of Maine's Department of Human Services in Augusta. Congratulations to **Kendrick** and **Bethany Austin Light** who had a little girl, Alexandra "Allie" Rose, born on January 19th, 2004. Allie has a big brother, Thomas, who is about two. I also heard from **Darcy Fletcher Messineo**. She and her husband Steve welcomed a son, Zachary, on November 13th, 2003. Zachary has a big brother, Nicholas, who is three. Darcy is working as a speech language pathologist in the Shrewsbury public schools and is also living in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. If any of you are interest-

ed, she has a home-based business with Discovery Toys (which I highly recommend). Check out her website at: www.discoverytoyslink.com/darcymessineo.

Congratulations to **Paul Dumoulin** and Melissa Barbeau, who have announced their engagement and plan to be married this coming October. Paul is employed as a project manager by Kenway Corporation in Augusta. Congratulations to **Aynne Brown Ames** who has been named artistic director of the Belfast Maskers. She has named eight plays which will be presented in 2004, so if you are anywhere near Belfast make plans to attend—they are sure to be great.

Olivia Chayer wrote of her upcoming participation in the 25th annual Dublin Marathon in October. Olivia has run in many 5K, 10K, and half marathons over the past few years, but this will be her first marathon. The 26.2-mile marathon will raise money towards finding a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's, and myeloma. Anyone can make a tax-deductible contribution by going to her personal page on the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society website at: www.teamintraining.org/participant/chayer-191278. All contributions, regardless of amount or when they are received, are greatly appreciated.

Thanks again for all the e-mails and notes. I look forward to hearing from more of you soon.

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Hello, fellow classmates! By the time you are reading this column we will be preparing to attend Homecoming, 10 years after graduating. Hope to see you all there. We don't have any particularly "hot" news for you this time around, but as of press time, **Stacey** was still engaged (there's always the possibility that the groom may yet come to his senses)—and **Beth** is the proud new owner of a lovely new home. We're also making plans to head north to Orono in

Melissa Reynolds O'Dea '92

Holding Tobacco Manufacturers Accountable

Melissa Reynolds O'Dea '92 has never forgotten something her mother stressed to her when she was growing up.

"My mother always said, 'You're here to make a difference in someone else's life, and if you do that, you've been successful,'" Melissa says. "To me that's what success is about, making the world a little bit better place..."

By that measure, Melissa has already been a huge success in life. As a Maine assistant attorney general for the past six years, she has taken a leading role, nationally, in enforcing the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement between 47 states and the major tobacco manufacturers. Under that agreement, the manufacturers are giving large sums to states for use in health related issues.

For her dedication and leadership, Melissa was recently presented with the 2004 Loveland Tobacco Award by the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG). The award is given annually and is named for the late Laurie Loveland, who played an active role in negotiating the Master Settlement Agreement.

Maine Attorney General Steven Rowe had nothing but praise for his assistant after she received the honor.

"This award is extremely well-deserved,"



Rowe said. "No one in the nation has worked harder than Melissa to ensure that tobacco manufacturers are living up to their legal obligations."

Melissa's work in tobacco health issues is extensive. For the past two years she served as chair of the NAAG's tobacco enforcement working group where she led the states in enforcing the public health provisions of the Master Settlement Agreement. She's also a leader in the efforts to enforce the economic provisions of that agreement.

Melissa was one of the primary drafters of the Master Settlement Agreement model for legislation used by the states. She has also kept Maine on the forefront of various types of litigation related to the settlement.

In addition, Melissa has led the successful negotiation with manufacturers over advertisements in news publications that are used in schools. Currently she is the lead attorney in a federal court action in Maine defending the new state law that closely regulates the delivery of tobacco products sold on the Internet and by telephone.

Melissa received her JD degree from the University of Maine School of Law. She now lives in Augusta with her husband, UMaine alumnus John O'Dea '91.

October for Homecoming—have all of you made your plans? Hmmm? What are you waiting for? Speaking of waiting for things—here's what's been going on with others in the Class of 1994:

Shannon Hodgdon has earned a certificate of clinical competence in speech pathology. She is a speech pathologist at Manchester Elementary School in Readfield. **Ryan Ellsworth** was promoted to assistant vice president and commercial services officer at Katahdin Trust Company. Ryan first joined Katahdin Trust Company in 1996.

Loyal readers will recall that a past compilation of news clips was inadvertently misplaced last year.

Well, in a fit of organizing, Beth found the clips in a pile of "important" papers. So, here is some slightly stale, but still interesting news regarding a number of classmates. **Andrew Gilmore** was hired to serve as director of economic and community development in Wiscasset. **Dale Morris** was promoted to assistant town manager in Ashland. **Benjamin Vail** was hired as principal at A.D. Gray Middle School in S.A.D. 40. Benjamin was previously the assistant principal and athletic director at Georges Valley High School in Thomaston. "Altitude" **Lou McNally**, former Channel 8 weatherman, is the host of a new series on New England Sports Network called

"Let's Go Boating." **Kerry Twitchell-Les** has joined Schoeller and Curran, a gynecology practice in Portland. Kerry is a women's health nurse practitioner. **Dean Clark** was hired by First Citizens Bank to work in their Houlton office.

In non-work related news, **Mary Colleen Johnson** married Andrew Ward in August 2003. Colley is an advertising web manager for the *Congressional Quarterly* in Washington, D.C. and lives in Vienna, Virginia. **Conrad Shaw** and his wife Jennifer Zwart-Shaw had a son, Aaron Conrad, on May 13, 2003. **Jonathan Becker** and his wife, Johanna, had a son, Colby Reed, on February 21, 2003.

1995

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Summertime—what's not to love! I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to be outdoors when the weather suits it, and otherwise perhaps staying indoors near the air conditioner!

I don't seem to have too much to say this time around. Please feel free to drop me a line or an e-mail, so I can pass along your information. I was very pleased to receive an e-mail from **John Wills**. John has been busy advancing his career by recently receiving a master's degree from Persons School of Marlboro College in systems integration management. He was soon after promoted to information services manager at the community mental health center in Keene, New Hampshire, where he has been employed for the last eight years. Congratulations to John and thanks for the note!

Also receiving an advanced degree recently is **Jeff Bearden**. After a bachelor of science degree from the University of Maine at Presque Isle and a master of education degree from UMaine, Jeff finished his doctorate in educational leadership last fall in a unique way. Jeff traveled one to two weekends a month to Boston for a regional "cluster" of on-line courses through Nova Southeastern University in North Miami Beach, Florida. Jeff has served as business manager for S.A.D. 1 in Presque Isle for almost four years. He currently lives in Presque Isle, my hometown, with his wife Kathy and their children. Congratulations, Jeff!

According to the *Bucksport Enterprise*, **Tom Goodman** has set up a large aquarium at his business, Financial Solutions, on Main Street in Bucksport. After a difficult move for the large aquarium, the large saltwater fish and sea life have settled in nicely. Tom invites people to stop by and take a look, or, for small groups, please call ahead and Tom will make the visit extra special.

Christopher Cowan was promoted from deputy to sergeant at the Kennebec sheriff's office. Chris calls Belgrade home and is also an instructor at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro and is a field officer for the department.



Paul Bisulca after flying into the Oxford Airport from his base in Florida in July 2002 to help celebrate his father's birthday.

Rescuing Wounded Marines in Iraq

Marine First Lieutenant Paul Bisulca '96 was recently the subject of feature articles in two Maine newspapers for his courageous work rescuing fellow Marines in Iraq.

Paul has been stationed at the Al Taqaddam Airbase, 35 miles west of Baghdad—right between the volatile towns of Ramadi and Fallujah. There, as a copilot on a CH-46E helicopter, he and his crew are frequently called upon to evacuate wounded troops. More than 20 times he has flown into enemy fire to get out a wounded Marine. When things are quieter, his missions are troop transport and resupply.

Although Paul comes from a military family, he didn't join the Marines until he was 28. For several years after graduating from UMaine, he worked as a Maine Guide and a bartender. (Information courtesy of the *Advertiser Democrat*.)

In addition, Chris is also a Marine Corps Reservist and served one year in the Middle East after the September 11th attacks.

One of our fellow alums has been traveling with the Tony Award-winning Broadway show *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, **Darin Stillman**. Darin is an audio engineer with the production, and one of the producers of the show is Whoopi Goldberg. Prior to his run with *Millie*, Darin was working for the city of Phoenix, Arizona, at their performance venues doing performance audio and providing technical support for the many sound systems.

That's all I have for this column. I hope this finds you well and that we hear from you soon. Take care!

Go Blue!

1996

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Greetings, classmates! We only heard from a few of you this time around, and we hope to hear from more of you for the next issue.

Please send us an update about what you've been up to. Your classmates would love to hear from you!

Jennifer Nadeau has returned to Maine after spending five years in New York working as an actress. Jennifer now runs her own business in Brunswick, Jai Yoga. Best of luck to Jennifer with her new business!

That's all for now. Remember to mark your calendars for Homecoming 2006. That will be our 10th Reunion. Can you believe it? All the best to you and your families!

1997

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Greetings, Class of '97.

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. It is never too early to begin making your fall Homecoming plans—fall will be upon us soon. Make a point to stop by and visit our beautiful campus. There is not much to report this time around, so please send your info and happenings to me and I will be sure to include them in the next column. Congratulations to **James Hancock** who is the new town manager of Milford. Also, congratulations to **Lynn Samson Brann** who has joined the college of human services and health professions at Syracuse University as an assistant professor of nutrition and hospitality management. Lynn received both her master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee.

That's all for now. On a side note, due to increased commitments and responsibility, our next column will be my last column. If any of you are interested in becoming our class correspondent, I encourage you to contact myself or Abigail Zelz at abigail_zelz@umit.maine.edu.

Feel free to drop us a line. In the meantime—Cheers and enjoy the rest of your summer!

1998

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Greetings from Germany! I finally returned to Germany in July after my deployment to Iraq was extended a couple months. It was good to see family, friends, and classmates back in the states while on leave after being gone for over a year.

Congrats on the birth of Maxwell Patrick Burns to Aaron '96 and Lisa

Greening Burns on February 11.

Samantha Hodson is engaged to Dana Buron. They will marry this October on Cape Cod. She is currently teaching elementary physical education for the Bridgewater-Raynham School District. She is also currently working on a master's of physical education degree at Bridgewater State College. **Eden Smith Hindley** called to announce her engagement to William Walter Spierdowis. They plan a June 12, 2005, wedding in Falmouth, Massachusetts. Eden is enrolled at the University of Tennessee where she is working on a master's in education. She plans to teach middle school social studies.

Eric Simonds continues to excel at The Long Creek Youth Development Center; he was promoted to staff development coordinator. Eric and **Adam "Hoagie" Fisher** will compete in a barbershop quartet competition in September. They will also appear at various political fundraisers and stumps around New England this campaign season.

Marybeth Judy was hired as the nutrition services coordinator at Mount Desert Island Hospital in October. As a registered and licensed dietician, she is responsible for administrative oversight of the hospital's nutrition services, provides nutrition counseling, and works closely with the diabetes education program.

The Foxcroft Academy Ponies won the 2003 Maine Class C Football Championship under the leadership of head coach **Paul Withee**. He has 103 victories and two state titles in his 14 years in this position. His son, Josh, was a quarterback and defensive back on the team.

I hope to see as many people as possible this fall at Homecoming. I will be there when Beta Theta Pi celebrates its 125th year at the University of Maine! Until then, continue to send in your pictures, updates, and stories from your summer and fall activities.

1999

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The class is a little short on news this time around, but I did hear from a few classmates.

Congratulations to Ron '98 and **April Lyons Coombs** of Hermon, who welcomed a daughter, Faith Victoria, on December 3, 2003. **Jaret M. Rowe** is engaged to Susan Peterson. Jaret is a field engineer for General Electric. The couple lives in Orono and is busy planning a fall wedding.

U.S. Army Captain **Gregory W. Napoli** is currently serving in Afghanistan. **Andy Forst** is working for Sordoni Skanska in New Jersey. **Dave Triggiani** works for Neill and Gunter in Scarborough and **Cooper Holmes** is employed by Lane Construction. **Amy Hamilton** and Charlene Chesley '00 spent a week in Cancun in April.

As I write this, my family is in the process of relocating to Pepperell, Massachusetts. We are all very excited to be moving out of the tiny apartment we've lived in for the past three years. Make sure you make note of my new contact information and forward your news to my new address! You can also submit information online to the alumni association at: <http://www.mainealumni.org/records.htm>.

Don't forget to mark Homecoming on your calendar for October 22-24. It's already been five years since we graduated!

2000

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As fall approaches, it reminds us of our days of UMaine football games and our time at Orono. I hope these notes find you all in good spirits after a great relaxing summer. I know I always enjoy the summer months. This summer I made my annual summer trip back up to Maine and the Orono campus. I hope some of you were able to do so also. Maine is such a beautiful place. On campus some things have changed, but some things remain the same since we were there.

Four classmates have made



Ricky Jones '97 captured his second consecutive Maine Amateur Golf Championship in mid-July at Sanford Country Club. Just a few weeks earlier he won the Whited Ford Paul Bunyan Amateur Golf Championship. He also won the Paul Bunyan in 2001. **Ricky** now lives in Thomaston. (Photo by **Bob Delong**, courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.)

strides in their professional development in the realm of education.

Sharon Knopp works in the Maranacook school district at Wayne Elementary School and Maranacook Community Middle School as a speech pathologist. She recently earned certification of clinical competence from the American Speech-Hearing-Language Association. **Ann Holland** of Jefferson, Maine, teaches in S.A.D. 40 and received her national board certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. **Karen "Kit" Thomas** is the director of the new Winthrop Performing Arts Center at Winthrop High School in Maine. Kit teaches four drama classes and directs the performing arts center.

Ruth Fitzpatrick of Winterport, Maine, is the new interim director of the Maine Center for Sport and Coaching, formerly the Maine Center for Coaching Education, that is headquartered at the University of Maine.

In the area of athletics, two standout athletes at UMaine are still involved in the sports they loved as

Black Bears. Basketball player, **Jamie Cassidy**, is coaching basketball at her former high school in Methuen, Massachusetts. She coached the Rangers in the 2003-04 season, replacing her former high school coach Mimi Hydes. Hockey player, **Brendan Walsh**, is still playing hockey in the AHL for the Providence Bruins that is tied to the NHL Boston Bruins. He has two former Black Bear teammates on his team and they are Peter Metcalf '02 and Brian White.

The wedding bells will be ringing on September 25, 2004, in East Orrington, Maine, for classmate **Caleb Hall** of St. George, Maine. Caleb is marrying Angela Curtis of Cherryfield, Maine. Caleb is the owner of Hall Landscaping. Best wishes as you start your lives together.

Matt Perkins, a communications manager, recently started working at WCYY in Portland as a disc jockey.

Michelle L. Young wrote, "I received a master's of science in health education from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse in May of 2003. I now live in Boston and work at a corporate fitness center at Sun Microsystems as a fitness specialist. For anyone to get in touch, my address is: 8 Avon Road #2, Watertown, Massachusetts, 02470 or e-mail me at: michelleyoung13@hotmail.com.

"Would absolutely love to get back in touch with everyone—write me!"

Keep me posted on your news that you want to share with your classmates. Make a note that I have changed addresses. My new address is 2519 Cool Spring Road, Bel Air, Maryland, 21015 and my e-mail address is hdommy1@comcast.net.

2001

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Hello, Class of 2001! As we approach our three-year anniversary of graduation, take a moment to remember some of your favorite college memories. What was your favorite place to eat? What was your favorite thing to do on a Friday night? Did you go to every hockey game? Do you still keep in touch

with your roommates? Do you remember any classes? The answers to all of these questions are what made our time at the University of Maine so special and so memorable to so many of us. However, we have all graduated and moved on to many diverse and exciting life opportunities. Read on to find out what your classmates have been doing.

Danielle Pelletier recently made a career move by becoming part of the Giraffe Events team located in Falmouth. She is a logistical producer. This marks a move all the way from Bangor where she previously was with WBRC Architects. **Chris Frank** recently offered advice to a legislative panel designed to help Maine's students in their college and career aspirations. The panel also discussed ways in which to encourage graduates to remain in Maine once they have received their degree. Chris noted that he stayed because the university assisted him in opening his own business, Intelligent Spatial Technologies, located in Orono. Chris's business produces software for hand-held devices.

Many graduates of the Class of 2001 are dedicating their lives to the education of America's youth by teaching, working as administrators, or assisting a school department's endeavors. Here is what some of us are doing to help education. **Christopher Strange** received his bachelor's in music education and went on to receive a master's degree from the University of Kentucky. He was recently hired as an elementary district-wide band instructor in S.A.D. 61. S.A.D. 8 has named **Susan Pratt** their new assistant superintendent. Susan, a Farmington native, will be returning home to fill the position after 18 years as a teacher in S.A.D. 58. A teacher at Old Town's Stillwater Montessori School, **Joanne DeFilipp Alex** has won the school a \$500 grant from the National Geographic Society Education Foundation. The grant will be used to allow all students, grades one through six, to become what they are calling "Habitat Heroes." They will complete such projects as a butterfly garden and volunteering hours. Joanne's application was selected from a pool of national applications.

A graduate of the business administration program, **Brandi Pomeroy** will wed Dr. Carlos Cunha in a fall 2004 wedding. Brandi is currently obtaining her master's degree from Emerson College in Boston. Congratulations and good luck to the happy couple!

This magazine is our way of keeping in touch and sharing in the successes of our fellow alumni. Please write to the alumni association with your news about jobs, babies, engagements, weddings, and anything else that you want to share! We want to hear from you! Thank you to all and have a wonderful fall!

2002

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It's that time of year again to celebrate some of our classmates' accomplishments and news. Nothing says summer better than weddings. **Katherine Williams** is planning an October 2004 wedding to Jasper Hotchkiss. Kate is currently attending UMaine to pursue her graduate degree. **Dawn Canary** and **Ryan Miller** were wed in June 2004. Dawn currently lives in Phoenix, Arizona, and works as a personal fitness trainer at LA Fitness. **Lori Sawlivich** and **Stephen Groves** planned a wedding in May 2004. Dawn is also pursuing her graduate degree in speech-language pathology at UMaine. **Nicholas Look** and **Christine Eaton '03** got married on June 19, 2004. Both are employed at Sunshine Seafood in Stonington.

Some of our most famous athletic classmates who we can remember, **Matt Yates** and **Peter Metcalf**, are trying to make a name for themselves in the hockey world. Matt Yates, former UMaine hockey goalie, is playing for the Portland Pirates. Peter Metcalf played a strong game for the Providence Bruins in the AHL.

Anthony Emerson joined Maine Savings Federal Credit Union in Augusta as vice president of finance, accounting, and operations back in January 2004.

Sarah Nelson is currently a researcher at UMaine's Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Re-



Class of 2003 members Elizabeth Blake (left) and Rachel Waterbury have started a new dance company, R&B Dance, in the Gardiner area. The pair of recent UMaine grads was featured in a story in the *Capital Weekly* in May. Both Rachel and Elizabeth minored in dance at the university and they were also cofounders of the UMaine dance team which now performs regularly with the Black Bear Marching Band. (Photo courtesy of the *Capital Weekly*.)

search. She was awarded a \$78,000 three-year scholarship to analyze winter trends in watershed chemistry at Acadia National Park. Her past research focused on the growing season's trend in watershed chemistry, testing the water for mercury and traces of acid rain.

South Portland has gained a new member on its police force, **Jason Pitcher**. He attended the fifth basic law enforcement training program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro this past winter.

This past school year, **Emily Poppish** was a tutor at Traip Academy, helping kids in pre-algebra, algebra I and II, geometry, pre-calculus, and statistics.

Noah Winslow was hired at United Agri Products Northeast as a technical representative for central and southern Aroostook County.

Chris Loglia just wrapped up his final semester at SUNY-Stony Brook by getting his master's in social work. He also hopes to pursue his goal of achieving his JD degree in the future. **Samantha Lott** also completed her master's degree in art in education at Harvard Universi-

ty this past June.

As always, I would love to hear any news that you would like to share with our classmates.

2003

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It's been a year since we've graduated and our classmates have been busy.

Michael Grenier, who received his degree in business administration, has joined Raymond James Financial Services of Augusta as an assistant to financial advisor Thomas M. Hastings.

Four recent UMaine graduates are teaching. **Holly Anderson** is teaching choral music to students at Winnisquam Regional Middle School and **Ryan Lucey** is the new band instructor at Fort Fairfield Middle School. **Melissa Doyen** has also accepted a teaching position at Fort Fairfield Middle School. The kids are the best part of the job for **Erica Willigar**. She is the newest third grade teacher at Appleton Village School.

Jeffrey Kobrock has been selected as a member of the 2003-2004 Leadership Maine Program. It is an educational initiative of the Maine Development Foundation.

Maria Beal and **Susan Gurney** have both joined the healthcare field. Susan joined the practice of Rosalind Waldron, M.D. in Winslow as a nurse practitioner. Maria works at St. Joseph Hospital in Bangor as a registered nurse.

Dustin Gamache was commissioned into the U.S. Army. After attending the transportation office basic course at Fort Eustis, Virginia, he was stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado. **Heather Smith** is pursuing a life in politics as a staff assistant to Susan Collins, and **Patricia Boucher** has been appointed executive director of the Workforce Investment Act Program for Aroostook/Washington counties.

Jill Hebert and **Ryan Williams** are pursuing their advanced degrees. Jill will attend the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine and Ryan hopes to begin work on his master's at UMaine.

Please let me know of any new or exciting news so it can be included in the next issue!

Weddings

1963

William Everett Kendall to Susan Butler Crossley on April 10, 2004, in Brunswick, Maine. Following a trip to the Chesapeake Bay area, they live in Auburn and Perry, Maine.

1972

Robert Michaud to Claire Laverdiere on August 16, 2003, in Turner, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Barcelona, Spain, and reside in Jay, Maine.

1988

Kevin D. Richards to **Josephine L. Chianciola '00** on April 19, 2004, in Las Vegas. They honeymooned in Las Vegas and reside in Belfast, Maine.

1991

Marci Loren Brier to Bruce Wayne Chandler II on December 23, 2003, in Belfast, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Nassau, Bahamas, and reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Stephen Doe to Bonnie Ann Burns on December 6, 2003. Following a wedding trip to Hawaii, they live in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

1992

Tammy Snyder to Christopher Maseychik on May 16, 2004, in Key West, Florida.

Christopher Paul Foran to Mary Susan Coe on May 22, 2004, in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire. They reside in Nashua, New Hampshire.

1993

William B. Connolly to Lori A. Carter on October 11, 2003. They live in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Jennifer Donohue to Kenneth Lloyd in York, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Hawaii and reside in Dorchester, Massachusetts.

1994

Mary Colleen "Colley" Madelin Johnson to Andrew Christopher Ward on August 23, 2003, in Bangor, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Spain, Disney World, and Bar Harbor, Maine, and reside in Vienna, Virginia.

Kirsten Beth Sweet to Jesse Scott Richardson on November 8, 2003, in Camden, Maine. They honeymooned in Vermont and Mexico, and live in Natick, Massachusetts.

Scott Bois to Marianne Parker on April 24,



Ryan Olberding '00 and **Kristen Harring '02** were married on August 9, 2003, in Orono. The groomsmen were (left to right): **Michael Hussey '00** (best man), **Matthew Falls '01**, and **Paul Harold '00**. The bridesmaids (left to right) were: **Meagan Fluet Pressley '02**, **Megan Stetler '02**, and **Rebecca Dodson Palmateer '02**.

2004, in Gorham, Maine. They reside in Steep Falls, Maine, after a trip to Montreal.

1995

John Brian Barclay to Janet Rice on December 14, 2004, in Bainbridge, Ohio. They live in Durham, New Hampshire.

Leslie L. Corrow to Aaron M. Stevens on September 12, 2003, in Pittsfield, Maine. They honeymooned in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, and reside in Pittsfield, Maine.

Luis Javier Hernandez to Belinda Anne Brady on September 13, 2003, in Meredith, New Hampshire. The couple visited the Hawaiian islands of Oahu and Kauai, and live in Newton, Massachusetts.

1996

Kimberly Beatham Olmstead to **Ryan Shelden Smith '94** on December 6, 2003.

Michael Casey to Christine Barricelli on September 26, 2003, in South Portland, Maine.

Deborah Ann Brown to William E. Young, Jr. After a trip to Mexico, they live in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

1997

Toby Jean Densmore to Cory Jean Dionne on August 23, 2003, at Polar Point, South Gardiner, Maine. They planned a spring cruise and live in Brunswick.

James J. Douglas to Holly A. Tessier in North Oxford, Massachusetts. They took a trip to Aruba and reside in southern Maine.

1998

James Howe to Laura Perkins on October 2, 2003, in Hudson, New Hampshire. They took a wedding trip to Aruba and live in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Weddings

Jessica L. Irish to Adam H. Deane on August 9, 2003, in Hallowell, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Costa Rica and live in Melrose, Massachusetts.

Jenny Mynahan to Bryan Gauvin on September 5, 2003, in Lewiston, Maine. They traveled to Aruba and reside in Boston.

Dean Alden Mello to Kelly Garrett Parker '00 on July 5, 2003, in Ipswich, Massachusetts. After a wedding trip to Tahiti, Moorea, and Bora Bora, they reside in Rexford, New York.

Caroline Bridget Sheffield to John Stephen Hanlon, Jr. in Neponset, Massachusetts. After a honeymoon in California, the couple lives in Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Jennifer Anne Moffitt to Joseph Richard Hellrung on September 27, 2003, in Cape Neddick, Maine. They honeymooned in the Bahamas and live in Cary, North Carolina.

Jason Gregory Hankin to Jennifer Lynn Smith on October 11, 2003, in York, Maine. They took a wedding trip to St. John, Virgin Islands, and live in Columbia, Maryland.

1999

Susan Jane Gilpatric to John William Smart on August 17, 2003, in Kennebunk, Maine. After a honeymoon in Jamaica, they reside in Old Orchard Beach, Maine.

Rebecca Ann Herrick to Jason Adam Dority on August 30, 2003, in Dedham, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Hawaii and reside in Fort Worth, Texas.

Ryan Tierney to Danyelle Rolfe on August 22, 2003, in Wells, Maine. They reside in New York City.

Lisa Young to Tim Riese on December 23, 2003, in Maui, Hawaii. They spent their honeymoon in Maui and reside in Stratham, New Hampshire.

2000

Samuel S. Farrell '00 to Meggin E. Hall '03 on June 26, 2003, in Portland, Maine. They honeymooned in Nova Scotia and reside in Freeport, Maine.

Katrina Bence to Eric Rutherford on August 30, 2003, in Orono, Maine. They honeymooned in Bar Harbor and live in Brewer, Maine.

Jill A. Tobin to Shanon W. Cotta on November 27, 2003, in South China, Maine. They reside in Newcastle, Maine.

Heather Cooke-Corey Jordan to Gerard J. Grondin '02 on February 21, 2004, in



Emily Cain '02 was married to Danny Williams '91, '94G on August 15, 2004, at the Nonantum Resort in Kennebunkport. Danny is annual fund director for the University of Maine Alumni Association. Emily also works at the university and, in addition, is a candidate for the Maine Legislature. They live in Orono. Photo by Desert Island Images/Toby Hollis.

Falmouth, Maine. They live in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Christopher T. Werle to Nichole P. Clark '02 on March 20, 2004. They live in Mississippi.

Lisa Trefts to Jeff Stone on May 29, 2004, in Brewer, Maine. They plan a trip to Salzburg, Austria, and live in Franklin, Maine.

2001

Megan Jean O'Hazo to Mark Stephen Lucier on December 19, 2003, in Providence, Rhode Island. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, they live in Boston.

Jeremy Thombs to Susan Swander on July 19, 2003, in Portland, Maine. They honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Portland.

Antonia Ellen Schmidt to Thomas Daniel Lapiere on August 22, 2003, in Portland, Maine. They live in Old Orchard Beach, Maine.

Benedict Cracolici III to Erin Beth Philbrook on October 11, 2003, in Eliot, Maine. They

honeymooned at Walt Disney World, Florida, and reside in Crossett, Arkansas.

Eric Thomas Hodgkins to Melissa Dawn Vashaw on June 21, 2003, in Colebrook, New Hampshire. They honeymooned in Las Vegas and reside in Auburn, Maine.

2002

Michelle Mansell to Rodney Belanger on August 30, 2003, in Old Town, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in New Hampshire and Massachusetts and live in Bangor.

2003

Gretchen Schaefer to David Gordon on October 31, 2003, in Dedham, Maine. They had their honeymoon in Bar Harbor and live in Bangor.

Rachel Lennon to Gary "Wally" Wenzel on February 6, 2004, in Portland, Maine. They took a trip to Disney World and reside in Portland.

Anh Hoang Tran to David John Bouchard on March 6, 2004, in Richmond, Virginia. They honeymooned in Daytona Beach and live in Richmond.



Jennifer Anne Moffitt '98 was married to Joseph Richard Hellrung on September 27, 2003, in Cape Neddick, Maine. They went to the Bahamas for their honeymoon and now live in Cary, North Carolina.

Deaths

1922

Doris Lillian Lowell Mishio, April 24, 1993, from Buffalo, New York, at 92.

1923

Leo James St. Clair, December 1965, from Queens Village, New York, at 64.

1925

Edith Mills Hanington Moberg, March 18, 2004, from Wallingford, Connecticut, at 101.

1929

Harold Eastman Ellis, April 23, 2004, from Sun City, California, at 95.

Harvard Leighton Sylvester, August 16, 2002, from West Babylon, New York, at 94.

1931

Ellen Wareham Holmer, November 27, 2003, from Exeter, New Hampshire, at 94.

1932

Dr. Merton Newcomb Flanders, April 1, 2004, from Lewiston, Maine, at 94.

Raymond Strout Joy, March 15, 2004, from Addison, Maine, at 95.

1933

Lillian "Eth" Ethne Wooster Farnham, February 18, 2004, from Hermon and Swan Lake, Maine, at 91.

Hollis "Holly" Littlefield Leland, May 6, 2004, from Durham, New Hampshire, at 92.

Roland Lincoln Page, January 15, 2001, from Albany, New York, at 90.

Bernice "Bin" Ruth Willson Wilson, July 31, 1998, from Lakewood, New Jersey, at 89.

1934

Alma "Al" Amanda York Butterfield, March 3, 2004, from Clearwater, Florida, and Medway, Maine, at 91.

Robert William Christensen, September 26, 1992, from Bellevue, Washington, at 80.

Nettie Jane Cooper, April 22, 2002, at 94.

Wallace McLeod Haycock, April 26, 2004, from Calais, Maine, at 94.

Elizabeth "Lib" Myers Kennedy, January 20, 2002, from Wilmington, Delaware, at 88.

Andrew Elwell Watson, January 29, 2004, from Zephyrhills, Florida, at 90.

1935

Stephen "Steve" Samuel Marshall Jr., October 23, 2003, from Miami, Florida, at 89.

Douglas Stewart Raeside, March 15, 2004, from Eliot, Maine, at 92.

1936

Lawrence Frederick Cote, March 5, 2004, from Augusta, Maine, at 89.



Thomas E. Lynch
Class of 1938

Thomas Lynch '38, a prominent figure in the field of underwater acoustics, died on April 2, 2004, at the age of 89.

Tom was one of the principal designers of the early anti-submarine-warfare torpedo and a major contributor to the advancement of underwater sound technology. He held 15 patents on recording and underwater ordnance devices. In addition to his engineering talent, Tom was also an astute businessman. He was chairman of Cleveland Crystal and served on the boards of several other companies.

Tom never forgot his alma mater, returning to UMaine to lead seminars and also to serve on the development council. In 1985 he was honored with UMaine's Distinguished Engineering and Science Award.

Leslie "Les" Reed Seekins, February 12, 2004, from Augusta, Maine, at 90.

1937

William Thomas Conley, February 10, 2004, from Portland, Maine, at 88.

Thomas "Tommy" Edward Houghton, Jr., February 18, 2004, from Fort Fairfield, Maine, at 88.

Marguerite Lillian Avery Rose, August 1976, from Barrington, Rhode Island, at 60.

1938

Theodore Parker Harding, July 17, 1987, from Newburyport, Massachusetts, at 72.

Irving Jefferson Laurin, July 20, 2003, from St. Petersburg, Florida, at 88.

Thomas Elwin Lynch, April 2, 2004, from Gates Mills, Ohio, at 89.

Donald Arlington Smith, May 5, 2004, from Brewer, Maine, at 88.

Frank Arthur Smith, Jr., March 5, 2004, from Peoria, Arizona, at 86.

1939

William Richard Cumerford, August 10, 2001, from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at 84.

Philena "Buddy" Emily Dean Daggett, April 5, 2004, from Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, at 87.

Richard Anderson Monroe, March 19, 2004, from Wakefield, Massachusetts, at 87.

Algird "Al" George Yozukevich, February 7, 2004, from Clearwater, Florida, at 88.

1940

Catherine "Kae" Pauline Rogan Barrett, February 24, 2004, from Bangor, Maine, and Palm Beach, Florida, at 86.

Dorothy "Dot" Lee Love Kaelin, February 10, 2002, from Boynton Beach, Florida, at 83.

Virginia "Tut" Margaret Tuttle Merrill, April 21, 2004, from Solon, Maine, at 85.

Edwin Fossett Penniman, April 6, 2004, from New Harbor, Maine, at 86.

1941

Pauline "Polly" Florence Cushing Clough, June 1, 2004, from Portland, Maine, at 84.

Philip Edson Cummings, July 16, 2000, from Los Angeles, California, at 81.

George Crandlemire Grant, February 9, 2004, from Rutland, Vermont, at 84.

John Michael Hoxtor, April 21, 2004, from Orono, and Bangor, Maine, at 88.

James Lewis Hutcheon, March 29, 2004, from Presque Isle, Maine, at 84.

Edward Elliot Oppenheim, January 7, 2004, from Rockville, Maryland, at 84.

Elizabeth "Betty" Mary McAlary Pease, March 2, 2004, from Owls Head, Maine, at 84.

Alice Gertrude Stillings Robinson, February 9, 2004, from Scarborough, Maine, at 85.

Ruth Elizabeth White Wight, April 11, 2004, from Milford, Connecticut, at 84.

1942

Francis "Andy" Swain Andrews, June 15, 2004, from Lincoln, Massachusetts, at 84.

Deaths

Daniel Prescott Chandler, June 2, 2004, from Industry, Maine, at 83.

Dallas Hunter Edwards, January 2, 2004, from Boothbay, Maine, at 86.

Richard "Dick" Theodore Ramsdell, December 1, 2003, at 84.

Robert Edward Small, January 20, 2004, from Seattle, Washington, at 83.

Harris Goodwin Whited, April 22, 2004, from Fort Fairfield, Maine, at 83.

1943

Marcia Merrow McCarthy Brown, February 8, 2004, from Falmouth, Maine, at 81.

Margaret "Margie" Elizabeth Pearson Byrne, May 12, 2004, from Arundel, Maine, at 82.

David "Bud" Story Caldwell, Jr., March 11, 2004, from Byfield, Massachusetts, at 83.

Harold Leon Cole, February 8, 2004, from Topsham, Maine, at 82.

Donald Campbell Graffam, May 22, 2004, from Bangor, Maine, at 83.

1944

Eleanor Louise Small Berner, February 14, 2004, from Dexter, Maine, at 83.

Herbert Freedman, May 18, 2003, from Toronto, Canada, at 80.

Avis "Andy" Eldora Anderson Grover, February 23, 2004, from Hadley, Massachusetts, at 84.

Patricia Evelyn Cooper Perry, January 8, 2004, from Manchester, New Hampshire, at 80.

1945

Lora Olivia Doble Bates, February 16, 2004, from South Burlington, Vermont, at 82.

1946

Nancy Bailey White, May 25, 2004, from Falmouth, Maine, at 79.

1947

Lee V. Hollowell, February 2, 2004, from Brewer, Maine, at 89.

Alice Elizabeth Robertson Hilton, June 9, 2004, from Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

Nancy "Penny" Pendleton Chase Koeritz, December 27, 2003, from Charlottesville, Virginia, at 78.

Richard "Dick" Willard Lemay, November 9, 2003, from Charleston, South Carolina, at 78.

Clifford "Tink" Perham Tinkham, March 10, 2004, from West Bath, Maine, at 80.

1948

Everett Lewis Beals, March 15, 2004, from East Windsor, Maine, at 83.

Marilyn "Mel" Avis Buckley Coombs, May 24, 2004, from Winter Harbor, Maine, at 80.

Francis "Andy" Andrews Class of 1942

Francis "Andy" Andrews '42, a pioneer in the development of modern fundraising techniques, died on June 15, 2004, at the age of 84.

Andy was born in Norway, Maine. After graduating from UMaine, he served in the Army during World War II. Following the war he earned an MBA degree from Harvard.

In 1947 he founded American Fund Raising Services. As head of that company, he originated many of the techniques now universally used in fundraising such as the personalized letter, the response form, and the picture window envelope. He was also a pioneer in the use of computers in fundraising, utilizing new technologies to keep donor records and to conduct direct mail projects. Out of a desire to share his wealth of ideas and experiences, he wrote *Billions by Mail: Fund Raising in the Computer Age*. That book was published in 1985.

Andy also served in leadership positions in many educational and charitable organizations. He was a generous supporter of the University of Maine and in the 1960s provided a great service to the alumni association by helping to establish the Annual Alumni Fund. He was also a major contributor to the Buchanan Alumni House.

For all his achievements Andy was honored with the Alumni Career Award in 2000.



Paul James Dowe, Sr., April 13, 2004, from Lewiston, Maine, at 82.

Robert William Hill, May 28, 2004, from Scarborough, Maine, at 82.

Warren Elliott Knowles, June 29, 2003, from Wauchula, Florida, at 80.

Francis Joseph Linehan, Jr., February 24, 2004, from Canton, Massachusetts, at 77.

Joseph Albert Tufts, Jr., February 14, 2004, from Ellsworth, Maine, at 81.

1949

Frederick Emerson Bamford, January 19, 2004, from Chelmsford, Massachusetts, at 75.

Leslie Michael Botka, April 4, 2004, from Bellevue, Washington, at 88.

William James Brennan, June 19, 1996, from Boulder, Colorado, at 70.

Earlon Ivory Mullen, April 27, 2004, from Waterville, Maine, at 83.

Carline Wilda Watson Weners, September 28, 2002, from Bangor, Maine, and Dudley, Massachusetts, at 87.

1950

Edward "Ed" James Borges, January 27, 2004, from Needham and Newton, Massachusetts, at 76.

Ernest "Bud" Laurence Larson, February 20,

2004, from Bucksport, Maine, at 79.

Joseph "Joe" Rene LeBlanc, February 22, 2004, from Rocky Hill, Connecticut, at 82.

David "Mac" McClure, March 1, 2004, from Bridgewater, Connecticut, at 76.

Kenneth Eugene McIver, March 12, 2004, from Hammond, Maine, at 74.

Donald Warren Parsons, July 30, 2003, from Sunnyvale, California, at 78.

Fred Anthony Parsons, Jr., February 29, 2004, from Slammer, California, at 81.

Bessie "Bett" Louise Tenan Rush, February 16, 2004, from Portland, Maine, at 74.

Thomas Curtis Sweetser, Jr., April 22, 2004, from Hermon, Maine, at 77.

Foster Lee Treworgy, January 5, 2004, from Harpswell, Maine, at 78.

Richard Boardman Whitney, February 19, 2004, from Deltona, Florida, at 79.

Alan Richard Works, May 9, 2004, from Oakland, Maine, at 75.

Dr. James Braynion Young, January 30, 2004, from Intervale, New Hampshire, at 81.

1951

Frederick "Fred" Widmer Eaton, Jr., February 5, 2004, from Naples, Florida, and Concord, Massachusetts, at 77.

John Edwin Gilmore, February 9, 2004, from Scarborough, Maine, at 85.

Helen Teresa Quinn Mooney, August 11, 2003, from Mystic, Connecticut, at 73.

Clark Edward Scammon, May 16, 2004, from Bourne, Massachusetts, at 81.

Albert Joseph Shaw, September 8, 2003, from Bradenton, Florida, at 74.

1952

Philip "Phip" Henry Dennis, February 29, 2004, from Portland, Maine, at 76.

Harold "Sid" Sidney Folsom, Jr., February 8, 2004, from Milford, Connecticut, at 75.

Vaughan Hathaway, December 8, 2003, from Boothbay Harbor, Maine, at 80.

1953

Gordon Wilbur Cram, February 9, 2004, from West Baldwin, Maine, at 75.

Roger William Fisher, February 3, 2004, from Ontario, Canada, at 72.

Joanne Elizabeth Howland Hunter, March 8, 2004, from Mapleton, Maine, at 72.

1954

George Cyrus Allen, February 9, 2004, from Ellsworth, Maine, at 72.

Richard Gordon Barakat, January 11, 2000, from Wayland, Massachusetts, at 68.

Homer Robert Bishop, July 7, 1998, from Meriden, Connecticut, at 69.

Gloria Ann Palmer Hegan, January 8, 2004, from Winsted, Connecticut, at 71.

Raymond Gordon Storey, November 2, 2003, from Glendale, California, at 75.

1956

Mildred Ruth Johnson Beaulieu, February 25, 2004, from Presque Isle, Maine, at 100.

Robert Augustus Hardy, March 5, 2004, from Blue Hill, Maine, at 69.

Cyrus Chase Miller II, January 19, 2004, from Portland, Connecticut, at 72.

1957

Ruth Eleanor Keirstead Cunningham, February 18, 2004, from Milford, Maine, at 89.

Wayne Latham Jackson, February 17, 2004, from East Baldwin, Maine, at 70.

1958

Helen Louise Carleton Anderson, March 9, 2004, from Monmouth, Maine, at 88.

1959

Philip Lewis Kimball, February 26, 2004, from Gorham, Maine, at 82.

Donald Elmer Parker, March 2, 2004, from Ellsworth, Maine, at 75.

1960



Raymond Storey '54 receiving his Emmy Award in 1981.

Raymond G. Storey Class of 1954

Television art director/production designer Raymond Storey '54 died on November 2, 2003, at age 75.

Ray worked with most of the major television studios in Hollywood and with such well known directors as George Lucas, Freddy Fields, and Mel Brooks. In the early 1980s, he was chosen to design the sets for the ABC mini-series based on John Steinbeck's *East of Eden*. For his work on that series he was awarded an Emmy Award for art direction in 1981.

Stetson Crouse Carter, February 14, 2004, from Bar Harbor, Maine, at 72.

Alexander Gammon, May 20, 2002, from Rochester, New Hampshire, at 63.

Charles "Bud" James Ochmanski, February 24, 2004, from Vero Beach, Florida, at 71.

1961

Robert Churchill Boyd, March 26, 2004, from Kennebunkport, Maine, at 66.

Norman Carroll Fitz-Patrick, Jr., February 15, 2004, from Lucerne-in-Maine, Maine, at 71.

Melvin Richard Lessard, February 17, 2004, from Winslow, Maine, at 71.

John Charles McGlincey, June 21, 2004, from Sanford, Maine, at 65.

Bruce Harry Platt, December 24, 2003, from Rolla, Missouri, at 64.

1962

Linda Lou Blood, May 20, 2004, from Narragansett, Rhode Island, at 64.

Millard Calvin Davis, March 31, 2004, from Columbia Falls, Maine, at 64.

Lorenza Butman Piper, July 2, 2004, from Augusta, Maine, at 82.

Thomas Odber Shields, June 20, 2004, from Bangor, Maine, at 70.

1963

Bernard "Bernie" Albert Cornell, Jr., March 31, 2004, from Orono, Maine, at 69.

Thomas Richard Powers, May 20, 2004, from West Bath, Maine, at 64.

Robert Lawrence Smith, January 31, 2004, from Long Lake, New York, at 64.

1964

Warena Christie Farnham, February 1, 2004, from Brownville Junction, Maine, at 94.

Robert Dana Johnson, January 28, 2004, from Penfield, New York, at 61.

Marion Cluff Porter, April 26, 2004, from Topsham, Maine, at 90.

1965

Frances Phyllis Hawkins Kearney, April 17, 2004, from Winslow, Maine, at 84.

William Carvel Lane, April 29, 2004, from New Sharon, Massachusetts, at 62.

Jane Parmelee Ritter, May 10, 2004, from Ogunquit, Maine, at 90.

John "Jay" Joseph Tolan, April 16, 2004, from Petaluma, California, at 64.

1966

Harold Russell Cox, March 3, 2004, from Brewer, Maine, at 81.

Richard Allan Dodge, April 26, 2004, from Gardiner, Maine, at 59.

Madelyn Pratt Engleman Howes, May 14, 2004, from Patten, Maine, at 90.

Rosealyce Cullen Thayer, February 22, 2004, from Ascutney, Vermont, at 75.

Thomas Merritt Ward, February 5, 2004, from New Gloucester, Maine, at 61.

1967

Janet "Jan" Ann Gooch Fleming, May 11, 2004, from Bangor, Maine, at 68.

William Michael Paradis, January 27, 2004, from Marina Del Rey, California, at 60.

1968

Deaths

George Felix Boyd, January 18, 2004, from Orangeburg, South Carolina, at 79.

Nancy Brown Herlan, March 19, 2004, from Brunswick, Maine, at 72.

Gloria Elaine Korb Marchilli, May 3, 2004, from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and Portland, Maine, at 58.

William Alan Smith, March 10, 2004, from Rockport, Maine, at 56.

1969

Emily Moneda Eames Auclair, June 6, 1995, from Albuquerque, New Mexico, at 73.

Jeffrey William Jowdry, May 4, 2004, from Dexter, Maine, at 64.

1970

Tina Marie Gilbert, June 29, 2002, from Ambler, Pennsylvania, at 51.

Maxine Elizabeth Canty Hathaway, February 9, 2004, from Brewer, Maine, at 90.

Phyllis Gertrude Libby, August 24, 2003, from South Portland, Maine, at 81.

Karen Marie White Plasse, March 6, 2004, from Lexington, Massachusetts, at 56.

William Larry Stedt, March 2, 2004, from Woodland, Maine, at 57.

1971

Nancy Burton Peirce Kelly, February 1, 2004, from Clinton, Connecticut, at 61.

Brenda Jean Laukka, March 8, 2004, from Rockport, Maine, at 54.

Hank Graham van Beever, May 13, 2004, from Antigua, at 65.

Thomas Eugene White, February 11, 2004, from Venice, Florida, and Centerville, Ohio, at 68.

1972

Lyn Eilienne Brackett, from Falls Church, Virginia.

1973

Susan Jane Little Estabrook, April 26, 2004, from Scarborough, Maine, at 52.

Claire Lemoine Formidoni, July 26, 1998, from Yardley, Pennsylvania, at 46.

Lisa Ann Irene Giguere, June 1, 2004, from Auburn, Maine, at 52.

Alice Marie Hanson Hastings, January 6, 2004, from Mount Vernon, Washington, at 89.

Robert "Andy" Andrew Kinney, March 9, 2004, from Portland, Maine, at 50.

Michael Jon Power, September 20, 2003, from Brewer, Maine, at 52.

1975

William Michael McCardell, June 4, 2004, from Dayton, Maine, at 52.

Thomas O. Shields Class of 1962

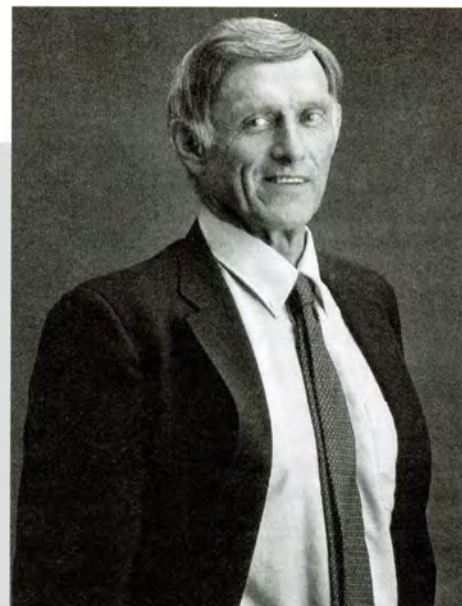
Award winning journalist and loyal UMaine supporter Thomas Shields '62 died on June 20, 2004, at the age of 70.

Tom was born in Bangor and grew up in Winterport. He did a stint in the Army following high school and then enrolled as a journalism major at UMaine. He later earned a master's in journalism from the University of Arizona.

Tom worked at the *Bangor Daily News* and for *United Press International* before taking a job at the *Tucson Citizen*. At that newspaper he earned a widespread reputation for investigative reports that got to the heart of issues affecting Arizona citizens. For a five-part series he did on the high number of airplane crashes over the Grand Canyon he received the Roy W. Howard Award for excellence in journalism. For two years he was runner-up for the Arizona Newsperson of the Year and twice he was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. In his writings, as well as his day-to-day life, Tom always had compassion for those in need (animals as well as people). He also had a strong distaste for injustice and abuse of power of any kind.

Tom loved nature and outdoor activities. He was an avid fisherman, hiker, and golfer. He learned to love the Arizona desert almost as much as the Maine woods, but after a series of health problems, he retired to his native state in the mid-1990s.

Tom was very active in the alumni association, most notably as a highly-valued member of the publications committee. He also had a strong interest in the UMaine Foundation, where he established a scholarship for students from Winterport.



1976

Robert Francis Clukey, May 9, 2004, from Kennebunk, Maine, at 51.

Linda Penny Bates Douglas, March 7, 2004, from Oakland, Maine, at 51.

1977

Ruth Ervilla Bryar Bunker, on January 28, 2004, from Westerly, Rhode Island, at 82.

Angus Houston Mountain, May 4, 2004, from Cumberland, Maine, at 50.

1978

Ronald S. Jepson French, February 29, 2004, from Hampden, Maine, at 71.

1980

Karen Christine Hayes Craig Achorn-Ingalls, February 3, 2004, from Bangor, Maine, at 47.

1981

Jane A. Furlong King, May 21, 2004, from Scarborough, Maine, at 57.

1982

Robert "Bob" Gardner, on March 24, 2004, from New Brunswick, Canada, at 66.

1985

Celina Ann Couture Jodrey, April 6, 2004, from Bethel, Maine, at 42.

1986

Roger David Cooper, June 26, 2004, from Bangor, Maine, at 51.

1988

Kevin Peter Selwood, May 3, 2004, from Winthrop, Maine, at 40.

1991

John-Henry Williams, March 6, 2004, from Boston, Massachusetts, at 35.

1992

Christine Johnson Rivers, May 23, 2004, from Winter Harbor, Maine, at 61.

1999

Cody Michael Tatro, February 16, 2003, from Fairport, New York, at 26.

2000

Maureen McDavitt Dawson, June 30, 2004, from Winthrop, Maine, at 50.

More Than Maintaining the Status Quo

Interim UMaine president Robert Kennedy doesn't see himself as a caretaker.

Robert Kennedy is clearly not looking at his one-year appointment as interim president of the University of Maine as a "caretaker job."

"This is something I've talked over with Chancellor (Joseph) Westphal," Kennedy says, "and he made it very clear that he views me as *the* President of the University of Maine. It's far from a caretaker role. I'm not looking at it as just maintaining the status quo for the year. I want to continue to move the university forward."

Kennedy would seem well prepared for the responsibility of UMaine president. Growing up in rural Minnesota (where he notes the winters are much worse than Maine's), he chose the University of Minnesota for his undergraduate degree and another land-grant university, UC Berkeley for his Ph.D. (plant biochemistry). In fact, with the exception of a stint in the Army, and some time working at the National Science Foundation, virtually his whole career has been spent at land-grant institutions—including faculty positions at Washington State and the University of Iowa.

His transition from science and research to administration began at Ohio State where he served as a department head. And just prior to coming to UMaine as vice president for academic affairs in 2000 (a year later he was promoted to executive vice president and provost), Kennedy was vice president of research and graduate studies at Texas A & M.

A researcher gains satisfaction out of seeing the real results of his/her work—a new discovery, a publication in a journal,



or even a new product or medicine. In administrative work, you have to be satisfied with a much less tangible type of satisfaction.

"A department head at Washington State once told me that if I were going to get into administration work, I would have to get my satisfaction out of helping others," Kennedy says. "I've thought about that many times during my career, and it's completely true. It's a very different kind of satisfaction than comes from research work."

Kennedy also found that his real interest was in working with students. That was his primary motivation to leave Texas A & M and become academic vice president at UMaine.

And even though his training was in science, Kennedy says he enjoys and appreciates a school like UMaine, which has strong programs in the liberal arts.

In his year as UMaine's interim leader,

Kennedy will have some major challenges. The budget outlook is expected to remain grim. And an issue that's sure to take up a good deal of the new president's time is the continuing development of the UMaine System's strategic plan (page 5).

In his first weeks on the job, Kennedy said he's already received a steady flow of questions about the System's plan from alumni and other groups concerned about how the plan will affect UMaine.

"Yes I'm getting those questions a lot," he says. "And I think it speaks well for the loyalty and support we have from alumni and others around the state. People want to be sure we will maintain our position as a comprehensive university and that we won't lose any of our stature. I assure them that the chancellor is extremely supportive in emphasizing his desire, not just to maintain the preeminence of the University of Maine, but to expand upon it."

Kennedy is no stranger to the strategic planning process, having been instrumental in developing UMaine's own strategic plan over the past several years.

That UMaine plan has a major focus on research and graduate studies—something that he thinks will be complementary with the System plan that is eventually approved and implemented.

Whether it's dealing with the System's strategic plan or a host of other topics and issues, Kennedy expects much of his time and energy to be spent on external relations for the university.

"Nationally, university presidents are much more externally focused," he says. "The whole area from legislative relations to fundraising is increasingly important and needs attention. It will be a key goal of mine this year."

And beyond this year? Well, despite an earlier press release indicating he would not be a candidate for the permanent position, Kennedy says he is leaving that option open and will make his decision as the year moves on.

Lobstering Her Way Through College

Christina Rackliff '04 of South Thomaston learned the value of hard work and self-reliance from her father.

Christina Rackliff '04 just graduated from the University of Maine debt-free. The South Thomaston native worked long hours every summer as a fourth-generation lobsterman to earn enough money to pay for her tuition and living expenses.

The motivation to pay her own way comes from her lobsterman father, Dick Rackliff, a 1979 UMaine civil engineering graduate. When she was a sophomore in high school and wanted her own car, he suggested she join him on the lobster boat and earn the money herself.

She found she loved the outdoors and the hard work and has been lobstering every summer since. Her bachelor's degree in elementary education cost her about \$32,000—and it's all paid. She smiles when she realizes that she'll now be able to spend some of her profits on other things.

Christina is now captain of her own boat, the *Lady Bird*, which her dad built for her last year. Fishing comes first for her, and she will be lobstering until well into October this year. She says it's just a case of having fishing in her blood.

"It's that feeling I can't explain," she says. "Being on the water, listening to music, and fishing—it's peaceful and exciting. Of course, it's also pretty tiring. Dad and I are the most happy out in the boat."



Christina Rackliff '04 paid for her UMaine education by working summers as a commercial lobsterman. (Photograph by Gabor Degre, courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.)

Christina's general routine is to fish with her dad (whose boat, the *Christina Marie*, is named for her) for three days and then spend a day hauling her own traps.

"He's got a lot more traps than she does," her mother, Karen, says in explaining why Christina only needs a few days a week to haul her own traps. Occasionally, Karen joins her daughter aboard the *Lady Bird*.

Christina does plan to eventually put her UMaine education degree to use, and is currently looking for an elementary teaching job near her parents' home. If she can't find a permanent job, she says she'll work as a substitute. Christina has also thought about being a presenter in school classrooms—teaching kids about fishing and the sea. She says she would like to get a trailer big enough to haul her boat to schools.

At UMaine, she did her student teaching at the Child Development Center on campus, where she helped kindergarten students learn about the ocean and the occupation of fishing. Her senior project included a complete unit plan on lobsters and other sea life in Maine. She creatively turned a section of the center into "Christina's World," including a sea floor, all sorts of fish, traps, buoys, nets, and a cardboard boat, which the children constructed with her guidance.

Christina has already had other opportunities to combine her interest in the sea with teaching. Last June she was invited to attend the Lobster Literacy Retreat sponsored by the Lobster Conservancy and the Island Institute. Also in June, she was invited to be one of the participating fishermen at the Governor's Youth Migration Summit at the University of Maine.

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From Boardman Hall To The Halls of Justice

By Peggy Dellinger

Franklin Van Antwerpen surprised everyone when he decided to enter law school after earning his engineering degree from UMaine in 1964. But with his recent appointment to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals it proved to be a very wise decision.

In December of his senior year, University of Maine student Franklin Van Antwerpen '64 had a surprising change of mind. Instead of applying to graduate school and continuing his studies in engineering physics, as his professors and family fully expected, he applied to law school. And although it took 23 years of achievement, including a phone call from the President of the United States, and an appointment to the U.S. District Court to convince his father, the record shows that Van Antwerpen's decision to switch paths was the right one.

On May 20 of this year, Van Antwerpen set a new standard for UMaine graduates when the Senate unanimously confirmed his appointment by President George W. Bush to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals—the second highest level (just one step below the Supreme Court) in the federal judiciary. With his confirmation, he ascended to the highest level of the American judicial system ever achieved by a UMaine graduate.

"It's a great honor," Van Antwerpen

acknowledges, "and a marvelous way to round out a career."

Sitting in his office, overlooking the confluence of the Lehigh and Delaware rivers in Easton, Pennsylvania, Van Antwerpen reflects fondly on his adopted home and his journey from engineering honor student at UMaine to his recent appointment to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. He points out that the town square below was one of just three sites where colonists held a public reading of the Declaration of Independence. Inside the office, law books line the walls, interrupted by photos of Van Antwerpen in distinguished company—including several presidents, Supreme Court justices, and cabinet members.

It's in this setting that Van Antwerpen performs his new responsibilities. He is one of 14 judges in the Third Circuit Court of Appeals (one of just 150 court of appeals judges nationwide). At this level, there are no trials or juries. The judges review the decisions of the federal district courts or administrative agencies within their circuit. For the third circuit, these include cases



This photo of Judge Van Antwerpen and friends appeared in a two-page spread at the front of the junior section of the 1964 *Prism*.

from Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and the Virgin Islands.

UNEXPECTED TURNS

From the outset, the path to Van Antwerpen's appointment to the court of appeals took some unexpected turns—some might even say, starting with his choice of college. How was it that a young man from Passaic, New Jersey, chose the University of Maine?

"I was interested in engineering," Van Antwerpen explains. "My dad was an engineer. Our family vacationed in Maine, and my dad knew members of the engineering faculty at the university. He knew the program there was very good." He stops his explanation, smiles, and slowly admits to an attraction that he says is hard to explain.

"There's just something about Maine that called to me then, and still does. There is nothing I enjoy more than going back."

So you can see how a talented young

student with his eye on an engineering degree and a love of the state chose UMaine. But what about that decision to switch from engineering physics to law?

Van Antwerpen credits the influence of his fellow resident counselors at the university during the early 1960s.

"I became a counselor at Cumberland Hall. Owen Wells '65 was the head counselor. He, classmate Hank Schmelzer '65, and other counselors were headed for law school. I talked to them a lot and my curiosity was piqued. I was interested in the whole legal process—how research was done and decisions were made."

That interest was enough for Van Antwerpen to set out, without any course preparation, stocked only with a peanut butter sandwich, to Boston, to take the last law school admission test being given that year. He did well (a pattern he was destined to repeat) and was accepted at Temple Uni-

versity Law School in Philadelphia.

Temple's inner city campus was a striking contrast to life in Orono. But Van Antwerpen adjusted easily and did well in his courses. He got an early taste for judgeship as a justice on the student moot court. And it was through friends at Temple that he first visited Easton, the Lehigh Valley town that was later to become his home.

Out of law school, Van Antwerpen went to work as in-house counsel for Hazeltine Corporation, a defense contractor headquartered in New York City. It was an opportunity to meld his engineering and law training. But after three years, he felt out of the legal mainstream. He wanted to be in the courtroom representing "living clients."

On a visit to friends in the Lehigh Valley, Van Antwerpen learned of an opening for chief counsel with the newly established county Legal Aid Society. He took the job (and a big cut in salary) and moved to Easton, where he's lived ever since. The legal aid work put him where he wanted to be—in the courtroom. As chief counsel, he built the organization, establishing a corps of full-time lawyers to serve clients in need.

In all that was written about Van Antwerpen surrounding his nomination and confirmation to the court of appeals, he was universally acknowledged as a fair-minded and balanced judge. When asked, he credits his experience with the Legal Aid Society in helping him earn that reputation.

"I developed an appreciation that the rights of the 'little guy' are just as important as the rights of the 'big guy,'" he explains. "It also taught me patience."

Private practice followed. In 1971, Van Antwerpen joined the Easton firm of Hemstreet and Smith—later Hemstreet, Smith and Van Antwerpen when he was named partner in 1973. He specialized in municipal law and served as solicitor for Palmer Township, Pennsylvania, where his engineering training proved an asset.

But by the late 1970s, the time came again for a change of direction.

THE BENCH

Van Antwerpen's interest in judgeship, first

realized on the student moot court at Temple, resurfaced. In 1979, he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the Pennsylvania judiciary system, on the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County.

It was a big change from practicing law. There were critical new roles—among them the sobering responsibilities of instructing the jury and sentencing defendants. And there was also a new administrative role. In this, Van Antwerpen again found his engineering training valuable. In his years on the state bench, he is credited with rewriting the domestic relations code. And beyond this, he applied his engineering know-how to streamline and automate the process for calculating and tracking support payments and paperwork. His was among the first of the court offices in the state to computerize.

After eight years in the state court system, Van Antwerpen began thinking about the federal judiciary and set his course again for change. He submitted his application for consideration for appointment to the U.S. District Court and set in motion the events that led ultimately to his recent appointment to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

In 1987, his name was offered to President Ronald Reagan for nomination to the federal district court. In that phone call that finally convinced the judge's father that his son had done right to enter the law, President Reagan told Van Antwerpen of his intent to nominate him. On December 8 of that same year the Senate confirmed Van Antwerpen's appointment to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The process—from application to confirmation—was exhaustive, exhilarating, and at times amusing. As part of the nomination, federal judges go through an extensive vetting process, by both the FBI and the American Bar Association (ABA).

"I was on vacation, floating on an inner tube on Lake Champlain," Van Antwerpen remembers. "My daughter came out of the house and called out across the water, 'Daddy, it's the FBI—they want you!' They

were just looking for my sister's birth certificate, but the message sure caused a stir with the neighbors."

The FBI check was just the beginning. In support of federal court nominations, the ABA conducts its own evaluation, interviewing every lawyer who ever tried a case in the judge's court. The result for Van Antwerpen was a unanimous "well-qualified," the ABA's highest rating.

Judge Van Antwerpen wasn't on the federal district bench long before he was assigned *U.S. versus Scarfo*, the case that came to define his career. The famous case put 17 members of the Philadelphia mob on trial. All were convicted, sentenced, and remain in jail. Testimony from the defendants was later used to prosecute Mafia members in Philadelphia and John Gotti in New York.

The *Scarfo* trial is the subject of three books and several movies, and no wonder. It had more than its share of challenge and drama.

"Consider just the logistic problem of accommodating 17 defendants and their attorneys," Van Antwerpen recalls. "In the end, we had to replace the traditional defendant tables with school desks borrowed from a local high school." Eighty federal marshals were assigned to provide security. The jury was anonymous—their names were never published—and sequestered for the four months of the trial. Court was in session six days a week for those four months.

Van Antwerpen's skillful and courageous handling of the *Scarfo* trial was noticed. In 1991 his name was proposed for promotion from district court to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. But again, the path took an unexpected turn. This first nomination was caught up in Senate politics, and it lapsed without Senate action (making all the more sweet this year's unanimous—96 to 0—confirmation).

As disappointing as the first court of appeals nomination was, the judge looks back fondly on the opportunity it gave him for his second call from the White House. "I got word that the first President Bush

was going to call me at home to tell me about the nomination," Van Antwerpen remembers. "It was important to keep the lines open, and I asked my daughters—who were teenagers at the time—to stay off the phone because I was expecting an important call. 'Who's calling?' they wanted to know. 'The President,' I told them. 'The president of what?' they came back. 'The President of the United States,' I answered."

The girls got a charming story from the first court of appeals nomination. From the second, 13 years later, they (and their brother Franklin, a 1998 UMaine graduate) saw their father elevated to a level of distinction only a very select number of judges achieve. In November of 2003, the White House announced that Van Antwerpen was its nominee for the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. And in May of this year, he was confirmed—again with a unanimous "well-qualified" rating from the ABA—by the U.S. Senate.

"I feel fortunate to get a second chance. That doesn't happen very often. It was a long time coming and it was certainly worth the wait."

THE MAINE CONNECTION

References to his years at UMaine punctuate the narrative as Judge Van Antwerpen tells the story of his ascent to the court of appeals. There are the engineering physics connections—the various ways that his training at UMaine enriched his work ethic and thought process. There is the serendipity that surrounded him in his senior year with the influential friends who were headed for law school. But above all, there is the respect he holds for his teachers, in particular, legendary engineering professor Clarence "Squeaky" Bennett.

"There wasn't a student who didn't look up to Dr. Bennett as a role model," Judge Van Antwerpen explains. "In my toughest case, under the pressures of the *Scarfo* trial, the memory of his integrity and courage kept me going. I knew he would not have shirked from that or any challenge. I simply asked myself, 'What would Dr. Bennett have done?'"



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Bolting to the Top

Former UMaine hockey star John Tortorella coaches the NHL's surprising Tampa Bay Lightning to its first Stanley Cup championship.



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When John Tortorella '81 was a defenseman for the fledgling UMaine ice hockey team from 1978-81 he was known for his grit, his passion, and his total effort. Twenty years later, as head coach of the Tampa Bay Lightning, it was those same qualities that helped him lead his team on the improbable journey to the 2004 Stanley Cup Championship over the Calgary Flames.

"As a coach his style is strictly no-nonsense," says ESPN/ABC sports broadcaster Gary Thorne '70. "It's exactly the same style he exhibited as a player at Maine—complete effort. You just can't prepare for a hockey game better than John, that's just who he is."

Thorne should know. Not only has he closely observed Tortorella's coaching career in the NHL, including calling the play-by-play of the thrilling Stanley Cup finals, he was also the broadcaster for every hockey game that Tortorella played in as a Black Bear.

Like most people who followed UMaine back in those early days of the program, Thorne has fond memories of the Lightning's coach.

"He was the conscience of the team," Thorne explains. "He was the one that everyone looked to in evaluating their own effort. No one on the ice was tougher than John. He wasn't necessarily the most skilled skater. But night after night he stayed in front of the net and got beat up by guys twice his size—but he still outplayed most of them. He'd come into the locker room black and blue and exhausted. And then he came right back the next

night and did it again. He was as hard-nosed as they get."

Thorne believes it was that quality that helped establish the persona of "Maine hockey" that carries on even to today.

"The fans loved the effort they saw," Thorne says. "It was that effort that coalesced the whole bond that exists between Maine players and fans. And John was a major part of establishing that. He was beloved by fans—and it was all about effort."

More than two decades later, that passion and effort is still there. What has changed, Thorne says, is Tortorella's maturity.

"The thing that has happened with John over the years, is this tremendous maturity as an individual and as a leader of men," Thorne says. "It's evident in the way he handles his players as well as his life off the ice."

While Tortorella has a well-earned reputation for toughness, he is also known and respected for his honesty and fairness. Those are qualities that endear him to his players.

"There isn't anything fraudulent about John," Thorne notes. "What you see is what you get. For one thing, he doesn't take credit for success, he always passes it on to the players. That's unusual in today's pro sports world. And it really doesn't matter to John what you're getting paid or what your status is. He would sit Wayne Gretsky if he thought he wasn't performing or putting out the effort. The players respond to that—you can see the respect they have for him."

Sometimes the importance of a coach in pro sports is exaggerated. But in Tampa Bay's case, Thorne believes the team would not have won the Stanley Cup without John Tortorella at the helm. By most accounts they weren't even considered one of the top six teams in terms of talent.

"He clearly defined the roles of the young players and the veterans," Thorne says. "He urged the veterans to teach the young players. Then, as the season went on, he fitted the young players into the flow. He emphasized team play and he



John Tortorella as a player at UMaine.

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made the whole thing come together by having game plans that worked day in and day out. He's a tremendous coach and what he did with that team is just an amazing achievement."

In fact, the speed with which his team rose to the top of the National Hockey League even surprised Tampa Bay's third-year head coach.

"To do it in three years—to get where we are today; who is kidding who?" Tortorella said in an interview after the final

game. "That wasn't the plan. The plan was just to continue to try to build a foundation and try to get better and just learn how to compete. As we went through, we figured all that out."

And just as Gary Thorne says, he was quick to avoid taking too much credit for the team's success.

"The players do it," he said. "We just try to guide them the best we can...."

The Lightning became the first team from the NHL's most recent wave of expansion (1991) to win the Stanley Cup.

Not that the road to a Stanley Cup championship was an easy one. The Calgary Flames gave the Lightning as much as they could handle in the finals. Four of the seven games were won by just one goal—including the nail-biting sixth game which the Lightning won in double overtime to send the series finale back to Tampa.

The surprising achievement by Tampa Bay helped earn Tortorella the Jack Adams Award as the NHL's Coach of the Year. He became the first American to be so honored.

It wasn't Tortorella's first hockey championship as a head coach. In 1995-96 he led the Rochester Americans of the American Hockey League to the Calder Cup. He also put in time as a highly respected assistant for the NHL's New York Rangers, Phoenix Coyotes, and Buffalo Sabres.

As Gary Thorne broadcast the final seconds of that championship game for ABC television on June 7, he couldn't help think back to those early UMaine games at the Alford Arena and that kid from Massachusetts who ignited the Black Bear fans with his passion and effort.

"I had the chance to talk with him about the old times at Maine before the final Cup game," Thorne says. "Those days are still very important to him. Of course, his brother Jim '85 (now Colby's head coach) was the goaltender on that Maine team, but he also stays in close contact with his other Black Bear teammates. They talk on the phone often. I know they called him during the Stanley Cup finals. To stay close after all those years and all his success—I think that says a lot about what kind of person John is."

Remembering President Paul Silverman

By Doug Allen, Ph.D.

Dr. Paul Silverman, who died on July 15, was a remarkable human being. Paul served as president of the University of Maine from 1980-84, but many Mainers, including many people at UMaine, have never fully appreciated what we had, and lost.

Paul was a brilliant scientist. Before coming to Maine, he had engaged in valuable research on malaria, a disease that killed millions. After leaving Maine, he helped establish the first human genome center at the University of California at Berkeley, and was recognized as one of the leaders of the Human Genome Project, one of the most significant scientific and medical breakthroughs of modern times. Very early on, Paul recognized the incredible potential of mapping our entire genetic code and isolating genes responsible for diseases.

Paul Silverman was also a very talented administrator, who held important positions at six state universities. He was especially successful in organizing advanced scientific institutes. I recall his excitement when taking me to the world-famous UC Berkeley Laboratories where Paul was responsible for administering millions of dollars in research grants. With pride, he showed me the wall of portraits of Nobel Prize winners and described the important scientific work he was able to facilitate. Later he administered a similarly impressive research center at UC Irvine.

Beyond his achievements in science and administration, Paul was also a profound humanist and ethicist. He could cite mystics and poets and appreciated that they



Paul Silverman at the unveiling of his presidential portrait in the Fogler Library two years ago.

expressed truths that eluded rational scientific comprehension. He promoted the benefits of biotechnology and served as director of the University of California System Biotechnology Program. But he also recognized that science, detached from humanism, culture, and ethics is narrow, inadequate, and dangerous in its destructive applications.

Paul Silverman was one of those exceptional human beings who manage to integrate the brain and the heart. He had the highest academic and intellectual standards and goals. He had tremendous intellectual curiosity, rigor, and creativity. At the same time, he was a human being of tremendous sensitivity, compassion, and concern for the well-being of others. He deeply cared that we treat each other with dignity and that we make a difference in leaving the world a better place.

When I think of Paul, these words come to mind: admirable ideals, intellect, rationality, kindness, compassion, service, gentleness, dignity, integrity, and vulnerability. In many ways, Paul's remarkable strengths also made him vulnerable. When confronted with mean-spiritedness or dishonesty, he often seemed unwilling and unable to lower himself and respond on that degrading level of human interaction.

Two years ago, Paul and Nancy Silverman finally returned to UMaine for a long overdue recognition—a ceremony at which Paul's presidential portrait was dedicated at the Fogler Library. Just before they left, I was fortunate in being able to spend an evening with the Silvermans. I'd like to share three remarkable topics Paul shared with me.

First, he was deeply touched and appreciative of the effort by former UMaine president Peter Hoff and others in bringing him this much deserved honor. The unveiling of the portrait brought a wonderful sense of closure for him and the university.

Second, he described how he had developed an understanding of the multidimensional and complex aspects of scientific work: how scientists had to become more aware of the social, cultural, and ethical dimensions of their work.

Third, and most surprising for me, Paul described how he had begun the Human Genome Project with a belief in a kind of scientific causal reductionism and complete determinism. What Paul said, in the strongest terms, was that the lesson of human genome research is the exact opposite of what some still believe and others fear: it provides a refutation of strict determinism and a justification for human freedom. It turns out that human phenomena are complex, nuanced, creative, contradictory, multidimensional, and full of unexpected breakthroughs and developments.

Such insights teach us humility—make us appreciate human dignity and responsibility for using our freedom in ethical and life-enhancing ways.

As we begin the process of choosing a new president for the University of Maine, we would do well to think of the legacy of Paul Silverman.

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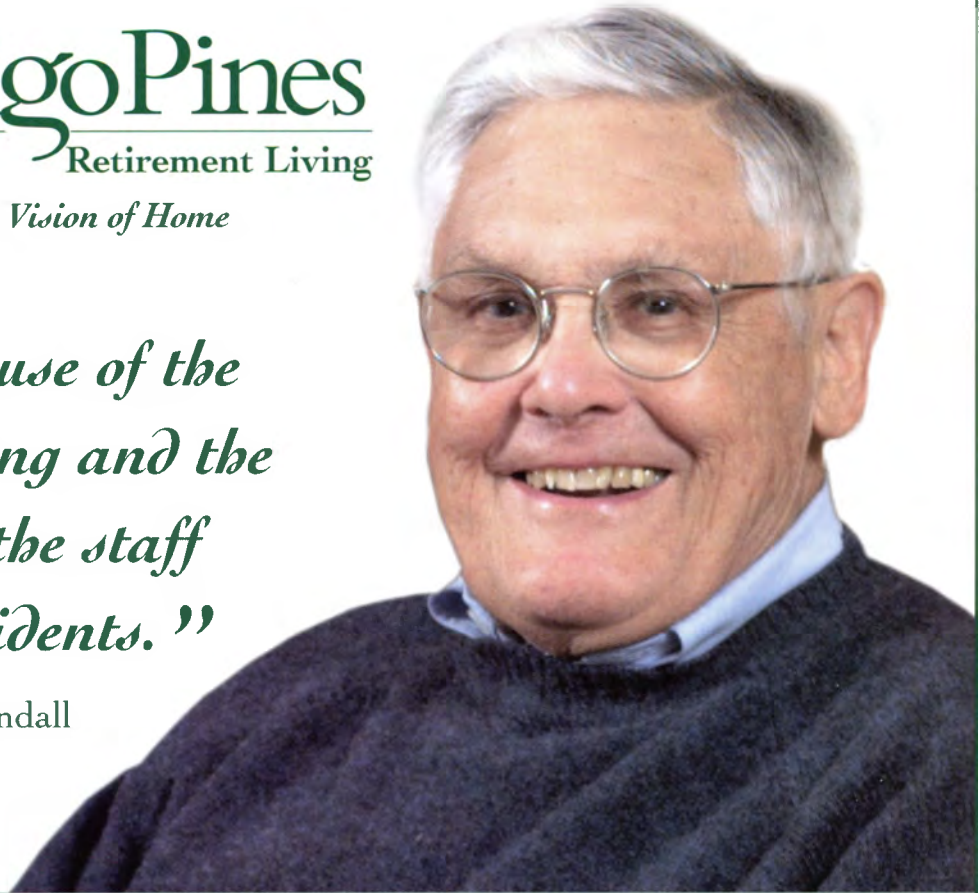
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